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TWO CENTS

To believe in immortality is one thing—but it is far needful to believe in life.—Stevenson.

Cruelty to Prisoners Described

Witness in Probe of Texas Prisons Declares Convict Was Virtually Starved to Death by Guard.

Another Bleeds to Death

By Associated Press. Austin, Tex., Feb. 9.—Charges that Joe Furey, said to be a noted confidence man, who was captured by Frank Norfleet, was virtually starved to death while in the Texas penitentiary, were made today before the joint legislative prison investigation committee. The witness was Dr. E. A. Boaz of Memphis, Tex., who was sentenced to five years for manslaughter from Dallas. The committee is investigating alleged cruelty to prisoners in Texas institutions and other irregularities charged against the prison administration.

Millionaire to Get \$2,500 From Estate of Stepdughter

Columbus, Neb., Feb. 9.—D. J. Gates of Albion, Boone county millionaire land owner, has been given judgment for \$2,500 against the estate of his stepdaughter, the late Lila May Chapin, by Judge Lightner in district court here. Gates had filed claims of \$8,300 for money advanced his stepdaughter during several years preceding her death. The husband and other heirs to her \$40,000 estate contested the claims, maintaining the money advanced had been intended as gifts and not as loans. Trial of the case before a jury in district court was under way when counsel for Gates offered to settle for \$2,500. The hearing was called off temporarily and settlement was finally agreed upon out of court. Gates is said to own more than 65 quarter sections of Nebraska farm land, much of it in Boone and other central Nebraska counties.

Ringer Defense Makes Attempt to Prove Alibi

Mother of Youth on Trial for Slaying Says She Saw Him Leave Town Day of Crime.

Hastings, Neb., Feb. 9.—Attempts to establish an alibi for Donald Ringer, 19, on trial in district court here for the murder of Carl W. Moore, Hastings automobile salesman, on October 16, the day Moore disappeared, constituted the bulk of defense testimony in the case today. Mrs. Harvey Brechner, Ringer's mother, was called to the witness stand this afternoon, and testified that she saw her accused son leave Hastings on the train on the morning of the day he is alleged to have committed the crime. Ringer's sister, Bonita, 15, another witness, said that her brother and George Bender, charged jointly with Moore's murder, and who has not yet been apprehended, were at her home the day before the salesman's disappearance and that they left the following morning before she went to school. She denied that she had seen the hammer which was found near the thickets where Moore's body was found October 21, and with which the prosecution is attempting to prove Ringer committed the crime. A brother of the accused youth, Donald was with him there on October 17. The prosecution had introduced a letter purported to have been written by Ringer to his mother, from Belleville, Ill., and attempted to show that it had been changed from reading "Just swear that I left Hastings October 20, and was in St. Joseph on October 21" to "Just swear that I left Hastings October 16 and was in St. Joseph on October 17." The jury was permitted to examine the letter. Ringer is expected to take the stand in his own defense when court convenes tomorrow and his fate will likely be in the hands of the jury by night.

MAN IS RUN DOWN; CRITICALLY HURT

Ed Levi, 412 North Twenty-seventh avenue, was injured last night when he was run down by an automobile driven by Phillip Soref, 1611 North Twenty-fourth street, as he alighted from a street car at Twenty-fourth and Chicago streets. Soref told police that he did not see Levi until it was too late and he could not stop because of the slippery condition of the foot. He was arrested on charges of reckless driving and passing a street car while the car gates were open. Later he was released on \$2,500 bond. Levi was taken to Lord Lister hospital where it was discovered that he had suffered a fractured skull, two fractured ribs and possible internal injuries.

Morrill County to Send Exhibit to State Fair

Bridgeport, Feb. 9.—One hundred land owners under the Northport irrigation project here have formed an association to provide means of putting into effect provisions of the new reclamation relief law that was passed by congress last August. The program was the first of the Y. M. C. A. by-come course of four members to be given during February and for the benefit of the local Y. M. C. A. The second program on the evening of Lincoln's birthday, will be a Lincoln day program.

Delta Omicron Trio Opens Lyceum Course at Aurora

Aurora, Feb. 9.—The Christian church was crowded to hear a musical program given by the Delta Omicron trio of Lincoln consisting of Miss Mary Ellen Edgerton, violinist; Miss Mary Creekpaun, cellist; and Miss Harriet Cook, vocalist and pianist. The program was the first of the Y. M. C. A. by-come course of four members to be given during February and for the benefit of the local Y. M. C. A. The second program on the evening of Lincoln's birthday, will be a Lincoln day program.

York Lodge Holds Memorial Rites for Mrs. H. L. Chaplin

York, Feb. 9.—The Royal Neighbor lodge at York held memorial services for Mrs. H. L. Chaplin, whose funeral services were in progress at the family residence at the same hour. Illness in the family made a private service necessary and lodge members took this means of showing their love and esteem for their departed sister. About 75 members were present.

Move Stated to Increase Alfalfa Seed Production

Bridgeport, Feb. 9.—Arrangements are being made for meetings at Alliance, Hemingford and other places in the valley, to devise ways and means for increasing the production of dry land alfalfa seed. Professor Stewart of the agricultural department of the state university will address the meetings.

Dog Poisoner Sought

Chadron, Feb. 9.—Chadron residents are watching for the person who has killed several dogs with poisoned meat and candy. Parents of small children fear that their children might eat some of the poisoned sweets planted for dog.

Military to Probe Cave Situation

Formal Inquiry, Work and Circumstances Surrounding Plight Will Be Made Today. Tests Show He Is Alive

Negligence in Maintenance of Roads Charged

Federal Official Tells House Committee Funds Will Be Withdrawn If State Does Not Supervise.

Seeks Adequate Laws

Under the state supervision as outlined by Boyken today to the committee, counties may continue employing men to maintain federal roads providing maintenance complies with federal specifications. However, under the law as it stands today, it is not the county commissioners or supervisors who shall decide on proper maintenance, but the state engineer. In event men employed by the county do not maintain highways built with aid of federal appropriations, the state has the power to dismiss these men and employ regular road maintenance men from outside the counties.

Liquor Bill Passes House

The house today passed a bill on thinning out of state liquor, which is the western newspaper we hear most about in New York.

Gov. Joins "Yellow Dogs"

Lincoln, Feb. 9.—A joint initiation ceremony was staged in the boiler room at the agricultural college Monday evening, a number of members of Bull Terrier kennel No. 606, Omaha, coming here to assist Cornhusker kennel No. 237, Ancient and Honorable Order of Yellow Dogs. The degree team of Cornhusker kennel had charge of the work.

Boys Facing Charges in Court Disappears

Pawnee City, Feb. 9.—Judge J. B. Rapier of the district court, sitting in juvenile court here today, continued the case of Nell Johnson of this city against whom complaints had been lodged for forging checks and truancy, to give the youngster a chance to regain his standing at school and make good on his checks. When the case was again called, James Johnson appeared and informed the judge his son had left home and his whereabouts were unknown.

Guy Rosenberry Arrested; Liquor Found at His Home

York, Feb. 9.—Guy Rosenberry, of York, was arrested and charged with illegal possession of liquor. The complaint was filed following a raid at Rosenberry's home, where a small quantity of liquor was found. Rosenberry pleaded not guilty. He was released on \$200 bond and a hearing set for February 18.

Two Franklin Streams Stocked With Brook Trout

Franklin, Feb. 9.—Franklin chapter of the Isaak Walton League received a shipment of 20,000 brook trout which were used to stock Lovely and Simmonds creeks near here. This is the third shipment of game fish received, the total being 75,000. The Isaak Walton plan to build a large fish pond north of town and stock it with game fish next spring.

Strain and Jar Burst Small Blood Vessels in Auto Driver's Arm

Bridgeport, Feb. 9.—R. V. Brown, 441 1/2 N. 11th, is suffering from a strain of his arm having and because of strain and jar of a trip to Madrid in a car. He is not familiar with the machine burst several small veins in his arm.

Heen Keller Real Marvel of Century

Story of Her Education More Wonderful Than Development of Radio and Airplanes. Here to Work for Blind

By WILL M. MAUPIN.

Don't talk to me about the wonders of telephony, or airplanes, or even the radio. Wonderful they are, but not nearly so wonderful as the story of Helen Keller.

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Farmer Boy Arrested as Bank Bandit

Son of Wealthy Merrick County Resident Captured Two Hours After He Holds Up Bank.

Entire Loot Recovered

Chapman, Neb., Feb. 9.—Arthur Klingbeil, son of a wealthy Merrick county farmer, today went in search of excitement and a quick road to wealth. His search was but partially successful. He found the excitement, but the road to wealth was blocked by two policemen. Klingbeil borrowed his father's automobile, went to Chapman, where he robbed the Farmers' State bank of \$750 in currency, escaped toward Grand Island and then fell an easy victim to Chief of Police Campbell of Grand Island and a plain clothesman. The young bandit had traveled 20 miles over muddy rutted roads before he was captured near St. Libory. All of the loot from the bank was recovered.

Locks Up Cashier

Klingbeil, unknown to Vernon Rice, cashier of the Farmers' State bank at Chapman, entered the institution and asked permission to work at a desk. As Rice stepped from the vault Klingbeil pushed a revolver against his side and ordered him to "get back inside." Klingbeil then locked the vault door, scooped up what currency was in evidence, ran from the building, leaped into the automobile which he left parked nearby and escaped.

Two Poses Formed

David Magnusson was standing across the street at the time and his suspicions were aroused by the actions of the youth as he escaped. Magnusson went into the bank, but by that time Rice had released himself from his prison by means of an inside combination lock. The alarm was given and posse were formed. Two of the posess left Chapman and a third left Grand Island. Chief of Police Campbell did not accompany either of the posess, but proceeded along a back road in company with the plain clothesman. They met the fugitive, ordered him to surrender and then took him back to Grand Island. Klingbeil offered no resistance.

Legion Card Identifies Him

When the chief examined the revolver which Klingbeil carried he discovered one exploded shell. A further investigation convinced him, he said, that the shell had not been fired today. Identification of the bandit was established by an American Legion card which he carried in his pocket. He did not deny the identification.

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The Weather

Table with weather forecasts for various locations including Omaha, Lincoln, and other regional cities, listing temperature, precipitation, and wind conditions.