

FRANK M. DORSEY IS FREE

FORMER CASHIER OF PONCA RELEASED FROM PRISON.

THE STORY OF HIS CRIME

The Bank Went to Pieces and Scores Lost Their Last Cent—Many Had Saved for Years—Dorsey Built a Mammoth Race Track at Ponca.

[From Thursday's Daily.] Frank M. Dorsey, former cashier of the First National bank at Ponca, Neb., has completed his term of six years' imprisonment in the federal penitentiary at St. Louis, Mo., for improper conduct of the bank and a free man once more.

There was a great effort on the part of authorities at the prison to prevent publicity in the fact that Dorsey had been released, but finally the officials admitted it and declared that he had left town on a Milwaukee train. It was stated that Dorsey intended to go to Elkhart, Ind., for a time at least, where his wife has been living.

Loyal friends of the ex-banker had for many years tried to secure a pardon for him from President Roosevelt but each time without success. At the time he was released he was serving as janitor in the prison.

His Crime. The crime with which Frank M. Dorsey was charged was one which caused more suffering among depositors in a small bank than any within years.

The Ponca bank went to pieces and left scores of poor people penniless. Many who had deposited with Dorsey their last cent, lost all that they had saved out of years and years of toiling. Some lost very heavy amounts and none ever got the money back. It was a terrible crash for that little town that nestles among the bluffs of the Missouri river, a little way below Niobrara, and a blow from which to this day many have never recovered. The feeling at Ponca was intensely bitter against Dorsey and he appeared in the town but once, it was thought, after the bank failure—and that in the night.

Dorsey had been heavily interested in a racing track proposition and in fast horses. The track at Ponca, a mile in distance, was reputed to be one of the finest in the west and many Norfolk people took a special train one fourth of July to attend a big meeting. And the depositors who lost felt that it was their money which helped those thoroughbred animals speed about the circle.

SNOWFALL IN THE MOUNTAINS.

Conditions in the Regions that Affect the Flow of Mountain Streams.

Others than those with irrigated farms are interested in the amount of snowfall in the mountains, if, as has been said, the amount of snowfall has an important bearing on the amount of rainfall in the summer. Therefore there is interest in Nebraska in the snowfall bulletins issued by F. H. Brandenburg, section director at Denver, who has the following to say regarding the conditions in January:

During January the snowfall over the different drainage areas, each considered as a whole, was about normal, except in the northwestern part of the state, where a deficiency seems to have been general. A comparison of the current amounts with those reported a year ago shows that on January 31, the average date of the reports, there was about one-third more snow at high elevations on the upper drainage areas of the Grand and the Gunnison, and double the amount of a year ago on the watershed of the Arkansas and the South Platte, while for the Rio Grande there was a marked excess. The warm periods were favorable to solidifying the current fall. In general the stock of snow is well packed, and the outlook is very favorable for a good flow.

Appreciative Firemen.

The officers and members of the Norfolk fire department wish to return their thanks for the liberal cash donations from Mr. A. J. Durland, Mr. Albert Degner, Mrs. J. W. Humphrey, also to the business men who contributed gloves and other essentials to the comfort of the fighting firemen. All these donations are considered as marks of appreciation for the efforts put forth on the occasion of the Sunday morning blaze. The firemen feel in duty bound to save property wherever and whenever threatened, but to know that their efforts are thoroughly appreciated lightens the task immensely.

FRIDAY FACTS.

- J. Wacelle was in the city from Fremont. G. C. Eaton was down from Lynch yesterday. J. Bell was in the city yesterday from Pierce. S. T. Cook of St. James registered in the city yesterday. H. Siemsen was a Norfolk visitor from Leigh yesterday. H. M. Heilig of Leavitt was in the city today on business. Geo. H. Spear leaves Sunday for a trip into the Black Hills. V. W. McDonald of Allen had business in Norfolk yesterday.

Alfred Broberg was in the city yesterday from Newman Grove. Elizabeth Evans was a Norfolk visitor yesterday from Winslow. Sam Fremont of Decatur was in the city yesterday from Decatur. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Riston were in the city yesterday from Amherst. Ernest Martin of Corington was a business visitor to Norfolk yesterday. P. M. Moodie and D. C. Geffert were in the city yesterday from West Point. R. B. Severns and J. W. Roberts of Foster were visitors to Norfolk yesterday.

UGHT TO PREPARE DIKE

HIGH WATER FROM THE NORTH-FORK IS LOOKED FOR.

MIGHT DO GREAT DAMAGE HERE

With Three Feet of Snow on the Level, None of Which Has Been Melted, it May be Expected That Rivers Will Leave Their Banks.

"Norfolk should make some provision soon for the high water which is bound to sweep down the Northfork river this spring and which will, unless the dike along the M. & O. railroad tracks is prepared for the rush, overflow into the business portion of the city and do untold damage to business blocks and I should be in favor of appropriating a few hundred dollars out of the city treasury for immediate work," said a prominent business man and property holder in Norfolk.

The high water problem will undoubtedly be a serious one in Norfolk this spring, if it has ever been, and those who have had to fight the proposition for many years know well that it has ever been. So much snow has fallen all over the state and especially in the northern part of the state that a rush will be inevitable and rivers may well be expected to leave their banks.

There is trouble nearly every spring in the Northfork from Pierce down to this city. At Pierce the mill dam has frequently been taxed and has suffered from the pressure of the water. As the river leaves that point, and flows on down, more streams empty into it and by the time it reaches the channel here it has gone over the boundaries into the meadows adjoining. Even during ordinary springs, the water backs up north of the M. & O. railroad tracks and has, on several occasions in the past, come through the dike and emptied into every cellar in the business section of the city. Once started, there is nothing to stop the flood.

People who have lived in the city for a long time recall the trouble which existed in the spring of 1881 when the immense amount of snow—snow that has been compared to that of the present winter—melted and was transformed into rivers. People were compelled to move about on Norfolk avenue in boats. And but a few years ago the water leaked into the business section and did thousands of dollars worth of damage.

When it is remembered that about three solid feet of snow have fallen over the territory during the season and that many drifts stand very deep all over the country, very little of the snow having been melted or evaporated, it will be readily seen that terrifically swollen streams will result.

Towns along the Elkhorn will no doubt have high water and records may be looked for. It will be a surprise if mill dams do not swim out into the current and a surprise, too, if farmers do not lose scores of acres of their land that borders on the water's edge.

It is estimated that Norfolk could better afford to expend a few hundred dollars in preparing for the water than to allow it to come and bring heavy losses to the business interests individually.

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SIX NEW SUGAR FACTORIES

Leavitt of Ames Says He Has Six Millions to Back Project.

Lincoln, Feb. 18.—H. G. Leavitt, the Ames beet sugar manufacturer says that his plans call for the construction in the state of six new plants to cost an average of \$1,000,000 each, within the next three years. One will be in Lincoln county, possibly at North Platte, while another will be in the Republican valley at some point not yet determined, and the remaining four will be distributed along the Platte valley. One may be established at Kearney.

That at North Platte will be erected first. He stated that the deal for the plant at that place will be closed about July 1, providing 3,000 acres of beets are contracted for. He does not anticipate any difficulty as 1,600 acres have already been signed for. The total production of the plants when completed will give Nebraska high rank as a sugar producing state, and will bring about the disbursement of many millions, according to the magnate's statements. He is one of the pioneers in the sugar industry in the state and claims that the introduction of more scientific methods which he has in view will make the industry very profitable. He said that his plant at Ames has disbursed \$1,500,000 last year and then was not running at its full capacity for the lack of beets.

Mr. Leavitt, after the hearing on his application for water for use in the Union canal had been brought to a close, intimated that he could carry

out the entire Pathfinder project with the capital which he has back of him. He stated that the cost of the new plant which is to be erected at North Platte is more than the aggregate expenditure planned for the Pathfinder reservoir. He cited that fact in order to show that he was able to proceed with the work as expeditiously as the government. The fact that he has under consideration six plants of that size he regards as still stronger evidence that he is able to carry out the entire enterprise.

NEW EVIDENCE IN KOCH CASE.

State Has Possession of Hat Believed to Have Been Lost by Defendant.

New Ulm, Minn., Feb. 17.—What is held to be additional evidence for the state in the case against Dr. George R. Koch has developed in the finding of a brown derby hat on the road he claims to have taken to his home on the evening of Nov. 1.

The hat was picked up by students of the Lutheran college, by the side of the road, near the creamery, the day following the murder and taken home by the boys. It is a comparatively new hat, and when picked up it was dusty and bore no marks of blood, so far as can be learned.

It is now in possession of the state and may be introduced as evidence unless the introduction will materially change the theory of the state, as brought out in the last trial.

The presumption is that in hurrying home that night the hat was blown from the head of the dentist and over the embankment so far that it would have caused him delay to recover it, and it was left there. None of the students at the college has lost a hat bearing that description, and an owner has not been found.

Shortly before the trial, the hat was secured by one of the professors at the college, and taken to his home, and since the trial some words dropped by the boys led the authorities to investigate.

Attorneys for the defense have little faith in the theory connecting the hat with the defendant, and contend that it must have blown from the head of some person who was driving out of the city. What real effect it will have on the case remains to be seen.

PASTOR WITHDRAWS RESIGNATION

Rev. Mr. Gleason of West Point Will Not Leave.

West Point, Neb., Feb. 17.—Special to The News: The members of the Congregational church at this place held a meeting to act on the resignation of Rev. Mr. Gleason. They voted to not accept it and appointed a committee to wait on Mr. Gleason and to induce him to stay. As a result the resignation was withdrawn.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.

Little One Lighted Some Paper and Clothes Became Ignited.

Platte, S. D., Feb. 17.—A very sad and deplorable accident occurred at the home of County Treasurer H. W. Evers Sunday morning, by which his 3-year-old daughter lost her life. The little one was putting some paper into the heating stove when her dress caught fire and before the flames could be extinguished the little one was so badly burned that she was relieved of her suffering next day at about 2 o'clock. There was no one in the room with her at the time except her 5-year-old sister, who tried to put out the flames but was unable to do so.

Miss Johnston Appointed.

Ainsworth, Neb., Feb. 18.—Special to The News: The commissioners have appointed Miss Florence M. Johnston as county superintendent for Brown county to fill vacancy.

Delights of Colorado's Winter Climate

After spending ten days at the Albany, instead of two, as he had originally planned, Dr. R. G. Floyd of Eureka Springs, Ark., left last evening, with his bride for California, where he expects to remain two days instead of ten. This upsetting of Dr. Floyd's plans is due entirely to the delights of Colorado's winter climate.

"I cannot understand why your people have been so slow in coming to a full realization of the possibilities of Colorado as a winter resort," declared the doctor, who is not only president of the commercial club of Eureka Springs, but also at the head of the Odd Fellows of Arkansas. "Why, you simply have all these advertised 'winter resorts' nailed to the mast!"

A Boy.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. D. Harned are the parents today of a brand new baby boy who has just arrived at their home to reside.

In Praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

There is no medicine manufactured that has received more voluntary praise or more expressions of gratitude from people who have been cured by it, than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. From long experience in the use of this preparation, people have found that it not only gives quick relief but effects a permanent cure, and that it can always be relied upon. The fact that it is pleasant to take, also that it contains no harmful drug is of much importance when a medicine is intended for young children. This remedy is for sale by Leonard the druggist.

THE HOSPITAL IS ALL RIGHT

THAT, AT LEAST, IS THE DECLARATION OF THE BUILDER.

EXPLAINS THE KITCHEN GOSSIP

J. C. Mardis, Superintendent of Construction, Says Main Building Kitchen is Just a Butler's Pantry Affair Anyway—Committee Next Week.

[From Friday's Daily.] "There is no foundation whatever for all of this talk about extravagance and investigation of a scandal concerning the building of the new Nebraska state hospital for the insane in this city," said J. C. Mardis, superintendent of construction for the Capital City Brick & Tile company, who have the contract for doing the work.

Work is Practically Done. "Our work on the institution is practically at an end now," said Mr. Mardis. "All that we are doing this week is to install a few slate stair-steps which were delayed in arriving and within a week we shall have completed the whole work."

"The talk of an investigation has been stirred up on account of a few petty jealousies and there is nothing to it. I am not worrying in the least over the affair and in a conversation with me the other day State Architect James Tyler said that there was nothing to it. The work has been well done and done according to plans which were presented to the board of public lands and buildings before the work was done, and which were made known to the public."

"What about that kitchen proposition in the administration building?" was asked.

The Kitchen Gossip. "The kitchen in the main building," said Mr. Mardis, "is, it is true, on the third floor of the structure. That kitchen, however, is not to be used on ordinary occasions as a kitchen. It is more of a butler's pantry. And as to carrying the waste of the kitchen up and down the stairway—that is nonsense. There is a dumb waiter running between this kitchen and the basement below, down which all of the articles of food and the like are to be transported. All of the cooking, for the matter of that, is done in a separate building, so that the so-called kitchen merely serves as a go-between."

Committee Next Week. "I expect that the committee on the investigation will arrive in Norfolk next week to look over the hospital," continued Mr. Mardis. "They will find nothing, however, to substantiate the investigation."

Mr. Mardis arrived in the city from Sioux City last night.

HOME TALENT PLAY AT SPENCER

St. Mary's Dramatic Club to Present, "Noble Outcast."

Spencer, Neb., Feb. 17.—Special to The News: St. Mary's Dramatic club of Spencer are going to give a play on February 22, Washington's birthday, entitled "The Noble Outcast."

Spencer is to have a new paper called, "The Spencer Reporter." Coombs & Willis is the name of the new firm. Mr. Coombs is postmaster. L. E. Angel sold his stock of general merchandise to Braithwait.

Settlers' One Way Second Class Rates

in effect on the first and third Tuesdays in January, February, March and April, 1905, to Kentucky, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Florida and other southern states. For full information, tickets, etc., inquire of agents to the southeast.

Via the Northwestern line, will be Chicago & Northwestern R'y.

COLLEGE CATALOGUE.

List of Advertising Patrons to the Work.

- The catalogue of the Norfolk Business college which will be issued in a short time is being liberally patronized by business men of the city who believe in helping a worthy cause, at the same time patronizing what will prove a good advertising medium. Five thousand copies of the catalogue are to be issued and distributed where they will attract the attention of possible students for the school. Following is a list of patrons of the catalogue: The Durland Trust company...1 page Sturgeon Music company...1 page Johnson Dry Goods Co.1 page Sol G. Mayer.....1/2 page C. W. Braasch.....1/2 page H. C. Sattler.....1/2 page Dr. Bear1/2 page C. S. Hayes.....1/2 page Salter Coal & Grain Co.....1/2 page Sessions & Bell.....1/2 page A. Bucholz & Co.....1/2 page Blakeman & Hahn.....1/2 page Chicago Lumber Co.....1/2 page Norfolk Shoe Co.....1/2 page The Bargain Store.....1/2 page H. W. Winter.....1/2 page Pacific hotel1/2 page W. J. Gow & Bro.....1/2 page Al Degner1/2 page F. Davenport1/2 page Klesau Drug Co.....1/2 page Edwards Bradford Lumber Co. 1/2 page Norfolk National bank.....1/2 page Citizens National bank.....1/2 page Nebraska National bank.....1/2 page H. E. Hardy.....1/2 page

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EXPLOSION IN LABORATORY

Roy Luikart Received a Burned Face From Explosion of Metal Sodium.

Roy Luikart had his eye-brows and hair singed and the eyeballs scorched Saturday while conducting an experiment in the high school laboratory. He was mixing metal sodium and water but got rather too much water in the mixture and instead of burning slowly an explosion took place. The burns received were very painful but it is considered that no permanent damage was done. The outer coating of the eyeballs appear to have been cooked, but this is peeling off and the student's eyes, it is believed, will not be permanently injured.

DECLAMATORY WINNERS

CONTEST WAS HELD AT SPENCER SATURDAY NIGHT.

ARE PREPARING FOR NORFOLK

An Unique Bohemian Play Will be Given at Spencer on Friday Night, in the Native Language, After Which National Dances Will Prevail.

Spencer, Neb., Feb. 20.—Special to The News: A district declamatory contest was held here Saturday night, the winners being Harry Willis, Miss Julia Dennis and Frank Koomb. The county contest takes place at Spencer February 24, the winners of which go to Norfolk March 30 for the north Nebraska contest. Three strangers were selected as judges so that there could be no objection. Superintendent Manville is working hard to interest everyone.

Unique Bohemian Play.

February 25, Saturday, The Bohemia Dramatic club of Verdigris will present a drama in three acts in the Bohemian language at Spencer. Never before was a Bohemian play put on here. All the Bohemians for forty miles are coming to see the play and all signs point to a success. The company are amateurs but they are reported to be very high class. After the play the Bohemians are going to dance their national dances and one, the Beseda, which they rehearsed, is a figure square dance composed of all dancers at once.

Farmers' Institute.

On February 27-28 farmers' institute will be held at Spencer. Speakers from the experiment station will lecture. Messrs. Marlette and C. D. Mothesead can be heard with interest. Never too much can be learned and even tillers of the soil can get a few good points from men of experience.

W. F. Kloke bought J. K. Sintule's house and will move in on March 1.

C. J. Coffey will build a grand mansion as soon as the weather opens.

The Spencer Reporter made its first appearance Saturday afternoon. Four pages are local and four patent. The first copy is neatly gotten up and full of locals.

February 1 Miss Isaacs and her pupils give a musical. All should turn out. The admission is nominal.

AINSWORTH FARMER FROZE FEET

Man of Impaired Intellect Exposed to the Cold Weather.

Ainsworth, Neb., Feb. 20.—Special to The News: William Sheldon froze his feet so badly last week, at the home of his brother, C. A. Sheldon, thirty miles southeast of Ainsworth, that it is considered doubtful if they can be saved. Sheldon is a single man, about thirty-two years of age and is afflicted with an impaired mind. On one of the cold nights of last week after pumping water for the stock and becoming thoroughly chilled, he went to his room where there was no fire and laid down on his bed without undressing. In the morning his feet were badly frozen and he was brought to town for treatment.

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