

MORE SUITS AT O'NEILL

TEN MORE DEPOSITORS SUE FRED WHITTEMORE.

DAMAGES TO AMOUNT OF \$6,749

There are now suits pending, claiming damages in the amount of \$45,000 from the failed Elkhorn Valley Bank at O'Neill.

O'Neill, Neb., April 20.—Special to The News: Ten more of the 183 depositors of the failed Elkhorn Valley bank have begun suit to recover damages from State Bank Examiner Fred Whittemore and the Fidelity and Guarantee company of Maryland.

The petitions are all the same, charging negligence in checking up the bank in December, 1903. The depositors sue for 60 percent of their deposits, figuring the receiver will be able to pay them the other 40 percent.

The aggregate of damages asked by the eleven depositors is \$6,749.81.

The actual legal claims against the defunct institution amounts to some \$45,000. The examiners report after the failure showed the liabilities to be about \$65,000. About \$10,000 of this has been found not to be legal claims against the bank but claims against McGreevy as city and school treasurer and three other private claims.

Bartley Bond Case Again.

Lincoln, April 20.—The supreme court permitted the filing of a suit on the part of the state against the bondsmen of former State Treasurer Joseph Bartley. The amount is \$550,000, and this is the fifth time the case has been before the courts. It will now be tried on its merits.

NEWS AT O'NEILL.

New Teachers—Cases in Court—Settler Gets Money.

O'Neill, Neb., April 20.—Special to The News: The board of education has made provision for one less teacher for next year and reduced the salaries of four of the grade teachers \$5 per month each. The following teachers have been re-employed:

Prof. J. V. Dwyer, superintendent, Maggie Hurler, Anna Donahoe, Mary Horisky, Nellie O'Fallon, Madge Kay of Broken Bow, Neb., as principal, and Laura Fields of Glen Rock, Neb., are two new teachers.

Perry Miller, an old settler of Holt county, has received word that he gets \$10,000 from an estate left by his brother who recently died in Illinois.

Fred Fuller of Stuart was awarded \$800 by the jury in district court in a suit for \$2,000 against the county for damages alleged to have been sustained on a defective bridge.

M. A. McCafferty of O'Neill was awarded \$200 in a suit for \$2,000 the county for the establishment of a road through the McCafferty ranch.

The Hugh O'Neill ranch on the Niobrara river was reduced 600 acres by the jury finding that the land belonged to Arthur P. Day of Boston, Mass.

After spending two sleepless nights the jury disagreed in a case of Edward B. Eggen of Stuart against the Chicago & Northwestern railway for \$2,000 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained on the railroad near Scribner, Neb.

NEW YORK GAS PLANT.

Only Remedy is for City to Build its Own Plant.

New York, April 20.—Comptroller Grout testified in the lighting case that he was convinced that the city's only remedy was to build its own plant.

SEYMOUR CASE IS ACQUITTED.

Navigating Officer on Baltimore When She Grounded.

Manila, April 20.—Lieutenant Commander Seymour, navigating officer on the cruiser Baltimore when she grounded in the straits of Malacca, has been acquitted by court martial of the neglect of duty with which he was charged.

Huge Consumption of Iron.

New York, April 20.—Statistics just published concerning the country's pig iron consumption for last month show the remarkable total of 2,009,000 tons. The total production was 1,936,000 tons, which exceeds the production of January, the previous high monthly record, by 155,000 tons. In the same period furnace stocks of iron decreased 30,000 tons, and on April 14th the total stock on hand was the smallest since August 1, 1903. The enormous output, as contrasted with previous months, was due largely to the record breaking in some of the great districts like Pittsburgh, the Shenango valley, and the Illinois-Northwest group.

Jack Munroe vs. Doc Payne.

Atlanta, Ga., April 20.—The Atlanta Athletic club has arranged a good card for the entertainment of its patrons at its boxing show tonight. The main event will bring together Jack Munroe of Butte, and Doc Payne of Cleveland, in a fifteen-round bout.

LOEB GOES TO THE CAMP

No News of the President's Hunt Comes Out of the Wilds.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., April 20.—With President Roosevelt and Secretary Loeb in camp twenty miles from the nearest telegraph office, no news of the hunt came out of the woods. When Mr. Loeb returns here today it is expected he will bring information of the luck that has attended the president's hunt for big game. The president keeps a personal diary and consequently the correspondents marooned here await the return of the secretary with much impatience. Storms of snow, hail and rain surged about the mountains in the direction of the East divide nearly all day and Mr. Loeb must have had a rough, uncomfortable trip.

Denver, April 20.—Parson Thomas A. Uzzell of the Tabernacle in this city sent to President Roosevelt a message asking that he be given the carcasses of the bears killed during the president's hunt, for distribution among the poor of Denver. A note endorsing the matter "most heartily" was sent to the president by former Attorney General Sherman M. Bell.

Berge Tells of His Plans.

Lincoln, April 20.—George W. Berge, fusion candidate for governor Nebraska last fall, has purchased the Nebraska Independent, owned by Frank D. Eager and edited by T. H. Tibbles, Populist candidate for vice president in the last campaign. Berge announced that he would reconstruct the paper, make an issue of the free pass and would publish the contributions of Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin, Governor Deneen of Illinois, Governor Folk of Missouri and ex-Governor Larrabee of Iowa. He will take charge of the paper next week. Tibbles will retire from the paper. Berge will be the editor and publisher.

Special Land Agents Laid Off.

Washington, April 20.—On account of the shortage of last year's appropriation Commissioner Richards of the general land office has found it necessary to dispense temporarily with the services of seventeen of the eighty special agents of that bureau. They have been merely furloughed and will be restored to the service when the new appropriation bill becomes available on the 1st of July next. The suspensions have been made in locations where there were more than one agent and it is believed that the service will not be materially crippled.

Secretary Taft to Visit Tokio.

Washington, April 20.—On further consideration of the matter as laid before him by Secretary Hiocki of the Japanese legation, Secretary Taft has concluded to visit Tokio while his ship, the Manchuria, on which he will make his Philippine trip, is coaling at Yokohama. The secretary has made a similar visit on other like detentions at Yokohama and feels that he could scarcely fail to make an official call on this occasion. It has not been decided whether the entire party of sixty accompanying the secretary shall join him in the visit to Tokio.

Says Men Are More Graceful.

New York, April 20.—Women are far less graceful than men, have a poorer anatomical mechanism and skirts are chiefly useful to hide the ugly angles at the female knee, according to the opinion of Dr. E. H. Arnold, director of the New Haven Normal School of Gymnastics, as expressed at the convention of the American Physical Educational association. He advocated the hopping dance, saying that the social dance with its glide or walk is useless hygienically.

Iowa Man as President.

Atlanta, Ga., April 20.—The American Anti-Tuberculosis league decided to hold its next annual meeting at El Paso, Tex., at a date to be selected later. The election of the chief officers of the league resulted in the selection of Dr. R. E. Coniff of Sioux City, Ia., as president and Dr. Walter N. Vilas of El Paso as secretary.

Governor Mickey Off for Texas.

Lincoln, April 20.—Governor Mickey and a small party left for Galveston, Tex., to attend the Northern Settlers' congress. Governor Mickey will be the guest of the governor of Texas during a part of his visit.

Secretary Hay is Better.

Nervi, Italy, April 20.—Secretary of State Hay's physician reports that Mr. Hay has recovered his health. He will leave Nervi today for Genoa.

Man Falls on Circular Saw.

Lead, S. D., April 20.—Charles Thornburg, an employe of the Homestake Mining company, while working around a circular saw in the Highland mill slipped and fell against the saw. His face struck the saw and his lower jaw was completely severed from his head and his right arm cut off. Despite his injuries Mr. Thornburg lived for several hours. He leaves a wife and two children.

Banker Sentenced to Prison.

Buffalo, April 20.—Earl W. Card, former president of the Medina bank of Medina, N. Y., convicted of misappropriating the funds of a national bank and making false returns to the comptroller of the currency in Washington, was sentenced to six years' imprisonment in Auburn prison.

KOCH IS ON TRIAL AGAIN

NEW ULM DENTIST CHARGED WITH MURDER OF GEBHARDT.

JURY IS BEING DRAWN TODAY

More Interest Centers in the Murder Trial of Dr. George R. Koch Than in Any Since the Hayward Case. Looks Dark for Koch.

Mankato, Minn., April 20.—The second trial of Dr. George R. Koch, of New Ulm, for the murder of Dr. Louis A. Gebhardt, his business rival, has begun here before Justice Gray. Both sides have accumulated much important evidence, which was not at hand at the first trial.

Eight attorneys represent the defense, and there are three for the prosecution. Today's session of the court was taken up in an attempt to secure a jury, and it is probable that this will not be completed for three or four days.

Dr. Koch and Dr. Gebhardt were rival dentists at New Ulm. On the evening of November 1, last Gebhardt was found murdered in his office. The murderer was seen through the transom by Asa Brooks, a newspaper man. The evidence pointed to Koch as the murderer, and he was indicted. After a trial lasting nearly four weeks the jury disagreed, and a new trial was ordered.

A change of venue was taken to Blue Earth county. Not since the Hayward murder, several years ago, in Minneapolis, has there been such widespread interest in any criminal case, owing to the prominence of both Gebhardt and Koch and their families.

Feeling Against Koch.

New Ulm, Minn., April 20.—That faction in New Ulm which believes that Dr. Koch is guilty of the murder of Dr. Gebhardt—and it cannot be gainsaid that this faction has increased of late—has maintained that the reason for the state's consenting to the release of Dr. Koch on bail was with the belief that he would, as they express it, "convict himself."

Whether or not the young dentist by anything that he has said or any change that has come about in his demeanor, has fulfilled this belief is a question which the court will determine at the trial which begins today; but those who first expressed this sentiment declare that the defendant has so lived since his first trial as to strengthen materially the case of the state.

It is likely that in the trial much that refers to this point will be brought out and that this, together with the revelations, if any are made, as has been hinted, regarding an alleged crime by one of the defendant's progenitors and the application of the always interestingly mysterious law of heredity, will form the most interesting points in the next Koch trial.

Citizens of Brown County Will Assist in Making up the Fine Imposed upon Philip Liesch, Editor of the Brown County Journal, for Contempt of Court in Publishing an Article Calculated to Influence against Dr. Koch.

Vienna, April 20.—In the presence of many distinguished persons, including diplomatists, cabinet ministers and military and court officers, Emperor Francis Joseph today observed the ancient ceremony of washing the feet of twelve old men in observance of Holy Thursday. The ceremony was performed in the Crystal hall of the royal palace. In accordance with custom each of the old men, at the conclusion of the ceremony, was presented with a silver pipe containing thirty pieces of silver.

Medical Men in Conference.

Chicago, Ill., April 20.—The council on medical education of the American medical association began a meeting in this city today. The council aims to bring about greater uniformity in educational methods and requirements for admission to the medical profession among the various states. There is a large attendance of state medical examiners, representatives of medical colleges and others.

Southern League Begins Season.

Athens, Ga., April 20.—The Southern league is scheduled to open its baseball season today. Weather permitting, the opening games will be played as follows: Nashville in Atlanta, Montgomery in Birmingham, Little Rock in New Orleans, and Shreveport in Memphis. The circuit is regarded as one of the best ever arranged since the introduction of the national game in the south and all indications point to an unusually successful season.

Yale's Southern Trip.

New York, April 20.—The Yale university baseball team left this city today on its annual southern trip. Six games will be played, two with Georgetown university and one each with Richmond college, Norfolk college, University of Virginia and University of Pennsylvania. After the game with Pennsylvania, which is scheduled for next Wednesday, the team will return to New Haven.

LONGS UNLOAD MAY WHEAT

Bull Clique Sells Over 2,000,000 Bushels Without Starting Panic.

Chicago, April 20.—When the closing bell struck on 'change, the leading question with the wheat trade was "Did the bull clique get out of two million or three million bushels, through two or three houses, without starting anything like a panic in the pit?" The May price was pushed up to \$1.15 1/2 in the early buying, which was traced to Armour, the brokers thought. While this was going on Counselman brokers were sellers of 500,000 or 750,000 bushels. Later brokers, thought to be acting for the Gates clique, took a hand in the selling, while the May price broke from \$1.15 1/2 to \$1.13 1/2.

There are hints that there was some understanding between the big bull leaders and the big shorts. For this reason many were predicting for the May deal in wheat an early end without any fireworks.

Daughters of Revolution Elect Officers.

Washington, April 20.—At the fourteenth congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution the following officers were elected: Vice president general in charge of chapters, Mrs. Charlotte Emerson Main, District of Columbia; chaplain general, Mrs. T. S. Hamlin, District of Columbia; treasurer general, Mrs. M. E. S. Davis, District of Columbia; historian general, Mrs. Jonathan P. Dolliver, Iowa; librarian general, Miss Albee Solomons, District of Columbia.

CHICAGO STRIKE SPREADS

COAL TEAMSTERS BECOME INVOLVED IN FIGHT.

TEAMING COMPANY AT WORK

New Employers' Trucking Concern Begins Business by Delivering Coal to Ward & Co.—Will Check Violence by Holding Rioters to Grand Jury.

Chicago, April 20.—Although influences are still at work in the hope that an amicable adjustment of the difficulty existing between the teamsters and Montgomery Ward & Co. can be reached, the indications are that the strike of the teamsters will spread to other concerns. One hundred and fifty drivers employed by the D. M. Forbes Teaming company were ordered on a strike because the firm insisted on making deliveries to Montgomery Ward & Co. President Shea of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters declared that he would order all engaged by firms that insist on delivering supplies to the store.

The new employers' teaming company began aggressive action against the striking teamsters by delivering coal to Montgomery Ward & Co. Before a delivery was made by the Forbes company it was necessary for the secretary of the company, who accompanied the driver with the load, to draw his revolver to keep the crowd which congregated around the wagon in abeyance.

The Coal Team Owners' association have arranged for a conference with the employers' association, when another effort to effect a settlement of the strike will be made. The team owners' association will present a proposition to arbitrate everything in dispute. Nothing of a tangible nature is expected to result from this conference, as Montgomery Ward & Co. have steadfastly refused to arbitrate the demands of the garment workers, although offering to accept conciliatory measures with the teamsters. The places of the garment workers who went on strike several months ago have been filled for weeks and Montgomery Ward & Co. assert that there is nothing left to arbitrate.

Acts of violence against policemen detailed on the strike have become so frequent that in the future persons arrested for interfering with the delivery of goods from the store will be taken before the grand jury, instead of being prosecuted in the police courts. State's Attorney Healy said after a conference that the grand jury would be called on to vote indictments in three specific cases where policemen had been assaulted.

Disorders in the Balkans.

Vienna, April 20.—The condition of affairs in the Balkan states is causing much uneasiness in official circles here. The hope of a comparatively peaceful spring, which had previously been expressed, is growing less and it is declared that the reform work has now been conclusively proved without lasting or good results. In Heagorichan, Greeks fell on and killed more than 130 Bulgarians, and in Kumanovo, Turks have killed several Servians. Thus it is shown that all nationalities and Christians and Mohammedans continue fighting each other, while Turkey seems unable or not desirous of affording protection to the people and stopping the disorders.

King Receives J. P. Morgan.

Rome, April 20.—King Victor Emmanuel received in private audience J. Pierpont Morgan, who thanked the king warmly for the grand cordon of Saints Maurice and Lazarus, which he wore. The king was most cordial in his manner toward Mr. Morgan and made the American financier sit next to him. He expressed his personal gratification at the generous act of Mr. Morgan in returning to Assoli the cope stolen from the cathedral there and sold to him by an unidentified person. The conversation, which was carried on in English, lasted half an hour.

Kaneen Given Seven Years.

Elyria, O., April 20.—E. P. Kaneen, former cashier of the closed Citizens Savings bank of Lorain, pleaded guilty to embezzling the funds of the bank and was sentenced to serve seven years in the penitentiary. H. B. Walker and Dana Walker, teller and bookkeeper, also pleaded guilty and were each sentenced to two years and six months in the penitentiary. Judge Washburn in sentencing the prisoners said it was the hardest task undertaken by him during his official career, Kaneen being a close and lifelong friend. The judge was almost overcome with emotion.

Mason City Elks Indicted.

Mason City, Ia., April 20.—The grand jury returned an indictment against the official directory of the Elks lodge in this city for selling liquors without the required license. The Elks maintain an Elks' clubhouse and in it had a buffet, which was an issue in a recent municipal campaign. It was raided and liquors seized. The club will pay a \$300 fine and abandon the buffet, in compliance with public sentiment.

TOGO HAS DIFFICULT TASK

WAR CONFERENCE AT TOKIO LASTS FIVE HOURS.

ENGLAND BECOMES EXCITED

British Public Has Ceased Ridiculing Efforts of Russian Squadron—Fleet to Stay in Kamranh Bay—Protest to France From Japan.

London, April 20.—The British public is only now beginning to realize how much depends on Togo's skillful conduct of the approaching naval contest. Until Admiral Rojestvensky actually arrived in the Straits of Malacca there was a disposition to ridicule the efforts of the Russian squadron, but now that there is seen to be a growing likelihood of Vice Admiral Negatoff joining Rojestvensky before the struggle opens, interest is deepening into anxiety. According to a Tokio dispatch a momentous war conference, lasting five hours, was held there on Wednesday, attended by the elder statesmen, the premier and ministers. It is not difficult to conjecture the nature of the council's deliberations.

Tokio correspondents state that Japan has advanced a protest to France on the Russian Pacific squadron's presence in Kamranh bay, but that France has not yet replied. The Telegraph's correspondent at Tokio declares that a Japanese fleet is ready to sail for Kamranh bay.

The Telegraph's Hong Kong correspondent states that two steamers which passed close to the bay on Sunday reported that no Russian vessels were then visible. No news, however, has yet reached London to show that the Russians have left Kamranh bay, and it is assumed that they are still there.

Ships Under False Flags.

London, April 20.—A dispatch to a news agency says that information received here is taken to indicate that the Russian squadron proposes staying at Kamranh bay until May 7, Admiral Rojestvensky meanwhile sending out cruisers to overhaul merchantmen proceeding along the trade route to the straits of Formosa. The transports accompanying the Russian squadron are reported to be plying between Kamranh bay and Saigon under the merchant flag of Russia.

ATTEMPT TO CUT RAILWAY

Reports of Wide Turning Movements by the Japanese.

Harbin, April 20.—There was a determined attempt on the night of April 17 to cut the railroad between Harbin and Vladivostok, a formidable body of Chinese bandits making an attack near the station of Inyampo, 100 miles east of Harbin. After a desperate fight, which lasted several hours, the bandits were driven off and dispersed. There are various reports of wide turning movements at Sushan or eastward of that point, but as yet these rumors are apparently unfounded. The vigor of the skirmishes taking place on the east flank of the Russian army, however, seems to indicate that the Japanese are planning to thrust northward and interpose a force between Harbin and Vladivostok.

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THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-four Hours.

Forecast for Nebraska.
Condition of the weather as recorded for the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. today:
Maximum..... 54
Minimum..... 47
Average..... 50
Precipitation..... .42
Total precipitation for month..... .57
Barometer..... 29.42

Chicago, April 20.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau this morning, gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows:

Threatening, with rain tonight and possibly west portion Friday. Colder tonight.

THE DAY'S BASE BALL SCORES

Results of the League Contests Played Throughout the Land.

National League—Chicago, 5; Cincinnati, 1. Boston, 2-1; Brooklyn, 1-0; Pittsburg, 8; St. Louis, 4. New York, 6; Philadelphia, 5.
American League—Philadelphia, 7; New York, 6. Washington, 3; Boston, 2. Detroit, 3; Chicago, 0. St. Louis, 2; Cleveland, 0.
American Association—Louisville, 10; St. Paul, 3. Columbus, 6; Minneapolis, 1. Toledo, 3; Kansas City, 8. Indianapolis, 4; Milwaukee, 5.

THROWS GIRL FROM BRIDGE

Cocaine Fiend Tosses Child From Viaduct to Ground 83 Feet Below.

Cincinnati, April 20.—Charles Finch was arrested, charged with throwing Loretta Krekeler, aged nine years, from the Liberty street viaduct to the ground below, a distance of eighty-three feet. The girl is in a dying condition. Finch was identified by both the girl and her six-year-old brother, who was a witness to the crime. When arrested Finch was stupefied with cocaine and a large box of the drug was found in his pocket. According to the story of the boy the children were on their way to school when they were suddenly stopped by a man in the middle of the viaduct. The man grabbed at the boy's hat and the girl told him not to touch it. The man then declared, "I'll throw you over the bridge," and seizing her, tossed her over the viaduct rail.

Chinese Assault Dowlette.

Shanghai, April 20.—A Dowlette missionary named Kennedy recently rented for mission work a native building in the village of Taungli. At midnight on April 12 100 Chinese, armed with swords and wearing blouses marked "The People's Volunteers," attacked the house, wounding several Chinese, striking Kennedy on the head and leaving him apparently dead and looting all his goods. A messenger who left the scene the next morning reported that Kennedy was still breathing and later advised gave hopes of his recovery.

Bessie Davis May Recover.

Philadelphia, April 20.—Bessie Helen Davis, a member of the chorus of "The School Girl" company, who was shot by Edward Smedes, a member of the same chorus, is much improved and the physicians believe she will recover. She informed the police that she forgave Smedes because she knew he loved her and that she reciprocated the affection. The police believe that if the young woman recovers she will not appear against Smedes.

Patterson Jury Completed.

New York, April 20.—The jury which is to decide the fate of Nau Patterson, on trial for the third time on the charge of murdering Caesar Young, a bookmaker, was completed when Recorder Goff adjourned court until next Monday morning. Miss Patterson is again to face a jury composed almost entirely of married men, only two of the accepted panel of twelve being single, one a bachelor, the other a widower.

Business Houses at Persis Burn.

Persis, Ia., April 20.—Fire destroyed practically every business house in Persis, excepting the bank building and one meat market. The loss is \$45,000, with little insurance. The principal losers are: M. Matson, hardware, in whose place the fire originated, \$2,500; T. J. McCabe & Co., hardware, \$3,500; Willard Bros., general merchandise, \$9,000; C. B. McCool drugs, \$5,000; Odd Fellows' hall, \$1,200.

Garfield Has Busy Day.

Independence, Kan., April 20.—James R. Garfield, commissioner of corporations, made a busy day of this, his last one for the present in the southwestern oil fields. He went to Hartsville early in the day and after spending several active hours there looking into the situation left for Kansas City. However, all of his assistants remained here to continue the investigation in the local field.

Girl Killed in Opium Den.

Havre, Mont., April 20.—The dead body of Lizzie Booth, an eighteen-year-old girl, the stepdaughter of George Cards, was found in a Chinese opium den. The body was covered with bruises and Coroner Gray believes the girl met a violent death. Toy, a Chinese gambler, has been arrested on suspicion. The affair has created much indignation.