SHEARS' FRIENDS ALARMED

Mysterious Disappearance of a Prominent Dawes County Citizen.

LAST SEEN WHILE ENROUTE TO OMAHA

Believed to Be Suffering Under Some Extreme Mental Distress—State Board Takes Charge of the Bank of Harrison.

LINCOLN, March 9.—(Special to The Bee.)—Parties from Dawes county are making anxious inquiries as to the whereabouts of A. G. Shears, clerk of the district court for that district. Mr. Shears left his home in Chadron last week and came to Lincoln on Thursday, registering at the Capital hotel. He was here Friday and Saturday, but went away Sunday forenoon. Just before noon on Sunday he called for his grip and informed the clerk that he was going to Omaha. Since that time no trace of him has been discovered, although inquiries have been sent in every direction.

At first it was believed that he went to Omaha When it was discovered that he had not gone to that city the theory was advanced that the missing man had gone to Wilber. He has a sister living at Wilber, a Mrs. Barton, wife of the sheriff of Saline county. On Saturday evening he had telephoned to her. She invited him to visit her at Wilber, but he informed her that he was expecting some important letters and would have to remain in Lincoln until they came. His unaccountable absence from home has created apprehension in the mind of his wife and she has been telegraphing anxiously to friends in Lincoln and to Mrs. Barton at Wilber. Mrs. Barton is in the city in an endeavor to find some trace of her missing brother, but so far all her inquiries have been ineffective.

It is believed that Mr. Shears is laboring under some extreme mental distress. Dr. Simmons of this city, who is an old acquaintance, saw him Saturday evening and noticed that he acted and talked somewhat peculiar, although others who saw him the same evening noticed nothing out of the way in his manner. He also called upon Mr. and Mrs. Gage, living at 245 North Twelfth street. He told them he was in Lincoln attending court and complained of pains in the head. He was severely injured about the head in a runaway accident two years ago. He is a man about five feet nine inches in height, 40 years old, rather slender and wears a light moustache. When in this city he was dressed in a brown suit and wore a black derby hat.

CHADRON, Neb., March 9.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The family and friends of A. G. Shears, clerk of the district court here, are greatly alarmed regarding his present whereabouts. He left here last Thursday for Lincoln, to be gone a few days. From there he wrote his wife that he would be home Wednesday. He then drew on the local banks here for $425, but as he had no funds there the draft went to protest. Just how much money he held belonging to litigants is not definitely know, but a county official who should know states that it is about $1,500. He has been rather hard up for some time. He was one of the highest esteemed men in the county. His friends hope and think he is laboring under some mental disarrangement and will soon return.

ANOTHER BANK IN TROUBLE.

The State Banking Board today took control of the Bank of Harrison, and will wind up its affairs at once. The bank is not in serious trouble, and it may not even be necessary to appoint a receiver. The bank commenced to voluntarily liquidate its liabilities three months ago with a view to going out of business. At that time it had deposits amounting to about $16,000, loans and discounts amounting to about $17,000, and $3,000 in cash in its safe. At the present time it has paid off about $12,000 of its liabilities, and still holds deposits to the amount of $3,286. It holds negotiable paper to the amount of about $8,000. The board does not believe that there is any possibility that the creditors of the bank will suffer any loss, but believes that the liquidation should be carried on under the direction of the board. John A. Lucas of Wisner is president of the bank, A. Castle, vice president, and F. A. Castle, cashier.

CLOSE CALL FOR A COLLEGE.

The Wesleyan university, near this city, had another very narrow escape from serious loss by fire today. About 12:30 flames were discovered in a wooden partition wall in the basement of the main building. There is no fire department at University Place, and the distance is too great to the city department to render the latter available. Fortunately the janitor had a length of small hose, which he attached to the heating boilers. With the water thus obtained the fire was extinguished, but not until after the partition had been entirely destroyed. Nothing but the presence of the garden hose saved the fine building from destruction.

The university suffered the loss of its training school some weeks ago. It cost $50,000, with no insurance. About $10,000 has been raised for the erection of a new building. And in the meantime all the university buildings are without fire protection.

COUNTY FUNDS INVOLVED.

After checking up the accounts of ex-County Treasurer Burnham the county commissioners have declined to give him a receipt in full. The refusal of the commissioners to receipt to the ex-treasurer lies in the fact that the ex-official had deposited some $39,000 in the Capital National bank a few days before its failure. The money was deposited under the depository act, the bond for the safe keeping of the funds being signed by Mosher and Outcalt. Of the money deposited $20,000 had just been received by the treasurer from the state on the semi-annual apportionment. The matter has been turned over to the county attorney, who has been requested to give an opinion as to whether the county shall stand the loss of the money or the ex-treasurer.

LINCOLN IN BRIEF.

Mrs. Helen Peck, wife of the man murdered by A. S. Jones at Sprague two weeks ago, was in Lincoln today to collect $1,000 insurance money which her husband carried.

The city treasurer today levied upon the stock of goods recently sold by J. A. Dorsey to H. R. Krug to enforce payment of taxes due the city to the amount of $150.

The fire department was called to the residence of Dr. Reiter at the corner of Sixteenth and H streets this forenoon. The blaze was started from a hot air pipe leading from the furnace. Damage to the interior of the house is about $200.

The primary election for the selection of delegates to the city republican convention will be held next Monday. The city convention will be made up of 190 delegates.

Tired of Bootleggers.

FAIRFIELD, Neb., March 9.—(Special to The Bee.)—During the past twelve years Fairfield has "gone dry." The bootlegging industry has been carried on in a mild way during all these years, and during the past year the business has flourished beyond precedent. In fact, it has become so open, notorious and scandalous that many people who have always opposed licensing a saloon have come to the conclusion that high license is a lesser evil than prohibition. Thus it is that there are too tickets in the field for the coming city election, and the question will be decided at the polls.

The anti-license ticket is as follows: Mayor, S. H. Lewis; aldermen, D. B. Potter and Z. H. Riggs, while H. A. Lusk, mayor, W. B. Hayden and Joseph Kyne, aldermen, represent the license ticket.

School Teacher Sentenced to the Pen.

BEATRICE, March 9.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Cyrus B. Miller, the school teacher arrested for the theft of a couple of horses, a quantity of lard and other articles, was arraigned in district court today, and in accordance with an agreement of counsel pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary and was sentenced to a term of one year in the penitentiary.

Opposing Hastings Saloons.

HASTINGS, March 9.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—About seventy citizens of Hastings met here this evening to discuss putting a law and order or no-license ticket in the field for the municipal election. A committee, which had been quickly appointed at a previous caucus, reported that the question of license or no license could not be legally submitted at the election. A motion to call a convention to put a no-license ticket in the field was amended to provide for a law and order convention and as amended was carried. The call allows twenty-five delegates from each of the four wards, to be selected at caucuses held Monday night, to select a municipal ticket at the convention on Friday night.

POLISH SETTLERS ARRIVE.

Colony at Neligh Started with an Installment of Ten Families.

NELIGH, Neb., March 9.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—A number of the Polish colony arrived here the first of the week and last evening closed their contracts and purchased land for ten families. The balance of the 100 families will arrive here during the next thirty days.

Farmers are plowing and sowing wheat.

Progress of Irrigation.

LONG PINE, Neb., March 9.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—A large and enthusiastic irrigation meeting was held today under the auspices of the local organization. The meeting was addressed by T. V. Golden, secretary of the North Nebraska Irrigation association, and Mr. A. J. Meals of O'Neill, who made the temporary survey of the proposed canal through the counties of Sheridan, Cherry, Brown, Rock and Holt. The temporary survey has demonstrated the practicability of the project. The estimated cost of the work is $2,000,000, and the number of acres to be irrigated is 1,500,000. The permanent survey will be made this spring, commencing about April 1. The speeches of the gentlemen named were well delivered and received, and aroused the farmers and business men to action. Irrigation is the only subject now discussed.

White is Seriously Ill.

NEBRASKA CITY, March 9.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The Morton effigy case promises to develop in a new light before long. Z. T. White, who is confined in the county jail for hanging a stuffed figure representing the honorable secretary, is seriously ill in his cell. The jail is damp and unhealthy, and the grand jury at its last session condemned it. Judge Chapman has also said the building was unfit for the purposes of confining prisoners. In the light of these facts the county will doubtless be confronted with a damage suit before long.

Impeached the Official.

O'NEILL, Neb., March 9.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The board of supervisors, by a vote of 16 to 11, passed a resolution ousting John Skirving, clerk of the district court, from office. The trial has taken a week and about 200 witnesses were examined. The independents have all the republicans out of the county offices. The board adjourned without appointing a successor to Mr. Skirving and will meet for that purpose tomorrow morning. Mr. Skirving will refuse to give up his office and will fight them to the end.

Confession of a Burglar.

HASTINGS, March 9.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Joseph Miller, who was arrested yesterday charged with having feloniously entered a B. & M. car in the night and having stolen therefrom goods to the value of $45, has made a confession, implicating two of his pals, and an officer was dispatched to McCook tonight with a warrant for their arrest. The Burlington detective who has been working up the case states that he has had not less than twenty-five similar cases to investigate recently.

Eighth District Odd Fellows.

TECUMSEH, Neb., March 9.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The annual meeting of the Order of Odd Fellows from the Eighth Nebraska district was held in this city tonight and was attended by members of the grand lodge and most of the lodges in this part of the state. Grand Master O'Neill and Grand Chaplain Johnson were in attendance and delivered addresses. Supper was served at midnight.

W. C. T. U. Must Pay the Cost.

DAVENPORT, Neb., March 9.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The Women's Christian Temperance union of this place had Messrs. White and Bean, restaurant keepers of this place, arrested for violating the Slocum law. The case was dismissed by the presiding judge and the costs, amounting to about $60, assessed against the women.

Could Not Find Dr. Sprague.

NEBRASKA CITY, March 9.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Dr. Sprague, head of the Sprague-James combination, has mysteriously disappeared. The company left this city Sunday, but Sprague did not go with them. Parties have been in the city all week looking for traces of the doctor.

Oxford Merchant Arrested.

OXFORD, Neb., March 9.—(Special Telegrom to The Bee.)—J. G. Preston, manager of the Preston Drug company, was arrested today, charged with the illicit sale of liquor, and placed under bonds pending a preliminary hearing. The complaint alleges eleven specifications.

Organized a New Congregation.

LOUISVILLE, Neb., March 9.—(Special to The Bee.)—Rev. A. J. Fleming, pastor of the Baptist church here, closed a meeting at Manly last night. The result was a church organized with twenty members.

Shot While Handling a Gun.

FULLERTON, Neb., March 9.—(Special to The Bee.)—George Miller, a young farmer from Polk county, Nebraska, was shot today through the right forearm while carelessly handling a shotgun.

Reynolds Saloon Closed.

REYNOLDS, Neb., March 9.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The saloon of William Walkemeyer was closed today on attachment of J. Conrad.

BABY ONE SOLID RED

Literally on Fire with Eczema. Screaming and Clawing all the Time.

Added to this were Abscesses and Suppuration.

Entirely Cured by Cuticura. Now Stout and Hearty.

Our little baby, almost 2½ years old, was taken with some form of Eczema when she was about three months old. Her little body was one solid red from the soles of her feet to the crown of her head, and she seemed to be literally afire, screaming and clawing all the time. When she was about five months old, there was added to her affliction, abscesses and suppuration. We tried the local M. D.'s, and some other remedies without any relief. I had read considerable about the CUTICURA REMEDIES, and one of our neighbors had used them, claiming that they were as good as claimed. I concluded to try them, and after the use of three or four boxes of CUTICURA, and about one and one-half bottles of the CUTICURA RESOLVENT, with the CUTICURA SOAP, our little one is now entirely cured, and is stout and hearty. Your CUTICURA REMEDIES are all and more than you claim them to be. I always have a good word to my friends and neighbors for your excellent remedies.

C. H. WOOD, White Cloud, Mo.

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Nothing can be more encouraging to discouraged parents than the remarkable cures daily effected among infants and children by the CUTICURA REMEDIES. Cures in childhood mean a lifetime of freedom from torturing, disfiguring, humiliating humors.

Sold throughout the world. Price, CUTICURA, 50c.; SOAP, 25c.; RESOLVENT, $1. POTTER DRUG AND CHEM. CORP., Sole Proprietors, Boston.

"How to Cure Skin Diseases," mailed free.

PIMPLES, blackheads, red, rough, chapped, and oily skin cured by CUTICURA SOAP.

IT STOPS THE PAIN.

Back ache, kidney pains, weakness, rheumatism, and muscular pains relieved in one minute by the Cuticura Anti-Pain Plaster. 25c.

AFTER 7:30 P. M.

Best 10c Challis

$3\frac{3}{4}$C

Basement limit 1 dress to a customer.

THESE

Ladies' jersey ribbed union suits, regular price 50c,

At 25c

ARE

Boys' fast black bicycle hose, worth 15c,

At 9c

SAMPLE

Ladies' tan seamless hose, fast colors, worth 20c,

At 12½c

BARGAINS

Children's heavy fast black ribbed hose, regular price 12½c,

At 5c

FROM

Ladies' fine gauge fast black hose, regular 15c goods,

At 5c

OUR

Ladies' gowns and drawers, lace trimmed, regular 65c goods,

At 39c

GREAT

Ladies' muslin drawers, regular price 50c,

At 25c

PURCHASE

Ladies' white silk handkerchiefs, regular value 18c,

At 9c

YOU

Pure linen handkerchiefs, cheap at 25c,

For 16c

CANNOT

One lot of ladies' fine suede and glace Foster hook and four-button kid gloves, regular price $1.50,

At 73c

HELP

Fancy metal buttons, would be cheap at 10c,

For 2c a dozen,

BUYING

45-inch circular pillow case, cotton, regular price 25c,

At 12½c

INVESTIGATE

100-piece dinner set, handsomely decorated, worth $11.50,

At $6.49

FOR

Saturday, from 2 to 4 p. m., any piece of white china for decorating at

25 % Discount.

YOURSELF

AFTER 8:30 A. M.

Men's 50c New Teck Scarfs

25c

10c Linen Collars

4 for 25c

A STRONG COMBINATION

3 IMMENSE STOCKS IN
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3 IMMENSE STOCKS IN **ONE**

The Kellogg Stock Men's Furnishings.
The Wellington Stock Dry Goods, Etc.
The Vodrey Stock Crockery, Etc.

Buying these stocks at amost our own price, we can offer Omaha and vicinity the grandest bargains they ever heard tell of. The sale begins tomorrow morning when we place on sale more bargains than are here given. We can't quote prices on everything because we can't afford to buy the whole paper for space to print them.

Star Bargains in Men's Furnishing Goods.

From the Kellogg stock. Our own stock also goes on the same basis. We'll do the furnishing goods business this week.

$25,000 WORTH OF MEN'S FURNISHINGS to be closed out at about.....	½ Price
MEN'S SUMMER SHIRTS, KELLOGG JOBbed to sell at 25c at	15c
MEN'S BALBRIGGAN SHIRTS AND drawers that Kellogg jobbed to sell at 37½c, our price.....	19c
MEN'S FINE BALBRIGGAN SHIRTS AND drawers that Kellogg jobbed to sell at 50c, our price.....	29c
MEN'S CORDED BALBRIGGAN UNDERwear that Kellogg jobbed to sell at 75c, our price.....	49c
MEN'S OUTING FLANNEL SHIRTS THAT Kellogg jobbed to sell at $1.25, our price..	65c
MEN'S ENGLISH LISLE ½ HOSE THAT Kellogg jobbed to sell at 35c, our price....	19c
MEN'S FINE UNLAUNDERED SHIRTS, best $1.00 goods, our price.....	69c

The same story right through the stock. Surely these are prices which make buying imperative. Stock up now. Never get a better chance.

The problem that all are trying to solve:

How to Make a Dollar do the Service of Two.

We can solve it for you at this sale.

A Choice Lot of GOLDEN NUGGETS

In our Dress Goods Department new choice goods from our great purchase offered for this sale at prices which we can hardly expect to ever duplicate.

BEST 50C ALL WOOL BLACK SERGE....	39c
BEST $1.00 ALL WOOL BLACK SERGE....	68c
FINE 45-INCH BLACK NOVELTIES.....	75c
ALL WOOL BLACK AND WHITE CHECKS worth 50c at.....	25c
FINE WORSTED STORM SERGES, NEVER retailed under 65c, at.....	38½c
ALL WOOL NOVELTY SPRING CHEVIOTS, never retailed under 60c, at.....	39c
A CHOICE LOT OF FANCY WHIPCORDS and diagonals, never retailed under $1.00, at.....	58½c
A LINE OF 50-INCH SPRING CHEVIOTS, new styles of the season, regular 75c goods, at.....	49c
50-INCH TWO-TONED MIXTURES, NOTHing like them ever shown under $1.50, at..	98c

ASK TO SEE THEM, THEY ARE VERY choice.

SPECIAL SALE OF DRESS GOODS IN basement at..... 15c, 19c, 25c and 29c

Buy your Dress Goods at this sale and save money.

The Vodry Crockery Stock Delayed---On Sale Next Week.

The Morse Dry Goods Co.

AFTER 7:30 P. M.

Ladies' Scolloped Border Handkerchiefs,

$2\frac{1}{2}$C EACH

Worth 8c; only 4 to a customer.

WE

Best 8c brown sheeting,

3½c yard.

ARE

One lot plaid surahs, regular $1 goods, at

50c

IN

50 pieces plain satins, regular 75c goods, at

35c

THE

One lot bengalines, evening shades, 40-inches wide, regular price $3.50,

At $1.50

SWIM

1,000 yards new surah silks, regular value 75c,

At 49c

AND

50 pieces of $1.00 silk faced velvets,

At 59c

PURPOSE

Large, heavy crochet bed spreads, regular price $1.50,

At 95c

LEAVING

200 dozen all linen damask napkins, theap at $1.00,

For 69c

NO

Fine hemstitched towels, great value for 20c,

At 19

STONE

Extra turkey red damask, worth 30c,

At 19c

UNTURNED

Best 50c unbleached damask,

At 37½c

TO

66-inch bleached damask, worth 75c,

At 50c

66-inch bleached damask, worth $1.00,

At 75c

DOUBLE

Dress trimmings, worth 10c, 25c and 50c,

At 5c, 15c and 25c

OUR

Ladies' ribbed vests, high neck, long sleeves, regular price 35c,

At 18c

BUSINESS

AFTER 7:30 P. M.

Best Shirting Prints,

1c YARD

Cheap at 5c.