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You could not get any finer Candies if you paid five times as much as we ask; not even in New York, Boston or Chicago.

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Our special importation of fine Linens has created much interest among linen lovers. Never have Omaha people had a chance to view the best and the most exclusive styles that the old world makes. German and Irish Damasks most abound. Table Linens and lovely sets of the most exquisite patterns are in profusion. We show every design and quality. Buying so largely and direct from manufacturers we can make prices from one-third to one-half less than regular Linen prices.

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Fine gold band china Cups and Saucers, 7c per pair; they make splendid Christmas presents.

Fine imported Water and Lemonade Sets, $1.50 per set.

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A hundred different styles of Moustache Cups from 40c up.

Fine decorated Stand Lamp, with shade to match, 55c.

Spring Extension Hanging Lamps, $1.69 each.

If you are undecided what to buy for a Christmas present take one of our 100-piece Dinner Sets, only $5.95.

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Carving Sets, A No. 1 steel, stag handles, $1.00.

Extra fine Shaving Mugs, 15c.

Fine cut gold lined Crystal Cream Sets, $1.25; worth $5.00.

Fine Crystal Cream Sets, from 20c up.

Fine crystal turned edge Celery Trays, 25c each.

Fine china Oatmeal Bowls, 10c each; worth 25c.

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Men's fancy Laundered Shirts, 50c, 75c and $1.00; new styles.

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Men's Kid Gloves, lined and unlined, 50c, 75c and $1.00.

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SPECIAL SALE BLACK SILK DRESS PATTERNS. AN ELEGANT CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR ANY LADY.

12-yard pattern elegant Black Gro Grain Silks for..... **$5.98**

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Finer qualities from $10.00 to $45.00 per pattern.

Fancy Waist Silks at 59c, 69c, 75c, 98c and $1.25 per yard.

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In the Basement of the Big Store

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Finest Country Butter made goes at 12½c, 15c and..... 17c

This Butter is in rolls and prints and is strictly fresh.

Best Country Eggs..... 17c

Meats and Lard

Salt Pork 5c

Pickle Pork 6c

Corned Beef 3½c

Sugar Cured Bacon 8c

Bologna, Head Cheese, Liver Sausage, Trips and Pigs Feet..... 4c

3-pound pails best Lard..... 24c

5-pound pails best Lard..... 40c

10-pound pails best Lard..... 78c

Secure your supply of meats and lard now while they are cheap.

Mince Meat only 5c package.

Cheese

Full Cream Cheese..... 7½c

Brick Cheese 10c

Limberger Cheese 12½c

Young America Cheese..... 10c

Swiss Cheese 10c

Club House Cheese..... 35c

Hand Cheese, dozen..... 30c

Edam Cheese 35c

Fruits and Nuts

Fancy Seedless California Oranges..... 20c

Lemons 15c

Dates and Figs..... 7½c

Mixed Nuts 12½c

Imported Chestnuts 15c

Imported Walnuts 12½c

Finest soft shell Almonds..... 15c

Come here for Christmas Fruits, where you can buy at half the prices others ask.

Baumer's Bankrupt Watches and Jewelry.

John Baumer's reputation for the finest watches and jewelry was well earned, but it couldn't take the place of cash. The creditors came to us for that. We have the entire magnificent stock now and are selling at one-third jeweler's prices.

Such splendid goods are rarely offered at cut prices, much less at bankrupt sale.

Solid Coin Silver Chatelaine, stem wind and set watch, Baumer's price $8.00 ..... **$2.25**

Ladies' and Gents' gold filled hunting case watches, fine Elgin, Waltham, Springfield or Rockford movement, Baumer's price $18.00, $25.00 and $30.00, At $8.50, $12.50 and..... **$15.00**

Gent's full jeweled hunting case watch 14 kt solid gold U. S. assay Baumer's price $75.00, at **$38.00**

Ladies' 14 kt solid gold hunting case watch, set with diamonds. Baumer's price $60, at **$25.00**

Ladies' elegant solid gold hunting case watch, set in pearls and diamonds, Baumer's price, $100, at **$48.00**

Thousands of Gold Rings at one-third Baumers' prices.

Sterling Silver Novelties, Spoons, Holloware, etc., at one-half what Baumer paid for them.

Children's Knife, Fork and Spoon Sets, from 10c up.

Baumer's $12.00 Clocks at $5.95.
Baumer's $30.00 Tea Sets at $14.50.
Baumer's $20.00 Tea Sets at $9.00.
Baumer's $10.00 Tea Sets at $5.00.
Baumer's $6.00 Rogers' Knives and Forks, $2.50, and hundreds of elegant and suitable presents at one-third jewelers' prices.

A chance in a lifetime.

Gold Eye Glasses and Spectacles fitted by a first class optician. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Everything in fine Jewelry at one-third jewelers' prices.

IT DOES NOT REACH THEM

Parties Accused of Seljan Murder Still Untouched by Testimony.

PROGRESS OF THE TRIAL YESTERDAY

Inquiry About Bukovic's Knife and Beer Book—Nocturnal Trip of a Hand Cart with an Ugly Looking Load.

Two days have been consumed by the state in the Seljan murder trial in introducing testimony, and it has failed as yet to show any evidence which connects the three accused men with the commission of the crime, except in the very remotest degree. Yesterday some of the evidence which is considered the most important was introduced, but it failed to connect the men with the murder except by inference.

The prosecution is very slow and does not appear to be confident. The defense, on the other hand, is active in combating the testimony of the state's witnesses in more ways than by the witnesses themselves. In fact, the attorneys for the defense frequently deliver nothing more or less than arguments to the jury. They object to the evidence introduced and at the same time announce again and again boldly that the state has no case and that its entire evidence from beginning to end can connect the defendants with the crime only by inference. This is allowed by Judge Ferguson and is not very vigorously opposed by the state. Frequently the attorney has said all he wished to say before Assistant County Attorney Day succeeds in finishing his objection.

None of the defendants are worried, judging from their appearance.

Bukovic again appeared in spick and span attire, something of a dandy with his clean black clothes, broad expanse of white shirt bosom, immaculate collar and an extensive neck scarf. Drubnic's wife and children were in court and during a portion of the time he held one of his little boys on his knee.

IDENTIFIED SELJAN'S PROPERTY.

The trial was resumed with L. D. Grier, a reporter, who had been called just before adjournment Thursday night, on the witness stand. He identified the knife and beer account book, the latter containing Bukovic's name, which he had found in Seljan's room in the bed clothes. The knife was more or less spotted with blood. It was enclosed within the leaves of the book when picked up by Grier.

Herman Kessler, the bartender at Kessler's hall at 1214 South Thirteenth street, identified the account book as one belonging to Bukovic. It contained a beer account which Bukovic ran with the Kesslers. On cross-examination the witness said that the last time the book was brought into the saloon, on the last date entered, June 2, was about a month before the alleged crime was committed. The defense then attempted to show that after June 2 the book was not in Bukovic's possession.

"Did you ask Bukovic for the book after June 2?" was asked.

"Yes, two or three times."

"What explanation did he give for not having it?"

This question brought out a decided objection from the state, but the objection was not sustained.

"Bukovic, a day or two after June 2, said that he had lost the book, and told me not to give credit to any one on it. He came into the saloon afteward, but did not get anything on credit," was the answer of the witness.

Kessler stated that he had seen the book next at the police station. Attorney Godwin asked about the contents, and this brought out an objection from the state. Before the point was decided another tiff occurred between the counsel, in the course of which Attorney Godwin remarked:

"What are you afraid of? If you are afraid of anything let me know, and I will not examine the witness on that point."

The next witness called was Thomas D. Kinney of 1350 North Seventeenth street, a locomotive engineer.

THREE MEN AND A PUSH CART.

He testified that at 2:30 o'clock on the morning of July 3 he was on an engine on the Thirteenth street viaduct when he saw a man pushing a vender's cart north on Thirteenth street. There was something on the cart which appeared to Kinney to resemble the shape of a man. The object was covered with what appeared to be a gunny sack or a canvas. Two men were walking on the sidewalk, keeping pace with the cart. The three were walking fast.

The defense objected vigorously to the introduction of this testimony on the ground that it could not be proven that the three men seen by the witness were the defendants. This occasioned another squabble between the counsel, but it ended in the overruling of the objection.

On cross-examination Kinney said that he paid no particular attention to the men and did not recognize them. This was all that was obtained from him, although the examination was long and close. He did state, however, that at no other time before or after had he seen banana carts passing along the street at that hour of the morning.

Mrs. Kate Wood, living on Sixth, between Leavenworth and Marcy streets, testified that she was up after 2 o'clock on the morning of July 3, waiting for her husband. She noticed three men standing opposite her house, talking.

The defense objected to this testimony again on the ground that it could not be shown that the three men were the three defendants. The objection was overruled.

The testimony of the witness was considerably weakened on cross-examination, inasmuch as she could not describe the men and stated in addition that it was not unusual to see men in the neighborhood.

HE SAW CART TRACKS.

George L. Thompson of 606 Marcy street testified that while on his way to the electric light works, where he was employed on the morning of July 3, he noticed wheel tracks on a path south of Leavenworth, between Fourth and Fifth streets. They were about three-fourths of an inch wide and two feet and a half apart. They were running toward and were about two blocks from the river.

The next witness called was Mike Urban, the boarder at Mikan's house who had been arrested on suspicion at the time, but had been later released. He was unable to speak English and the services of Dr. Holovtschiner as interpreter were called in.

Urban said that he was employed at the smelting works and was at work on July 2. He had lived at the Mikan house only fourteen days before the death of Seljan and during that time had not seen Seljan. He testified that he slept in the big front room with Drubnic, adjoining the Seljan room. He left the house at 6 o'clock on the morning of July 2 and did not return until 9 o'clock at night. When he got home Drubnic, Mikan and his wife were there, but Bukovic was not there.

The witness later corrected himself by saying that he was at the house for supper at 8 o'clock and that Bukovic was there then. Drubnic was on a bed in the front room, while Mikan and his wife were with him at the table. Mrs. Mikan served him a supper which was larger than usual and Urban asked the reason of it. Mrs. Mikan said that Seljan had had no supper, as he had come home drunk, had locked himself in his room and was asleep at the time. Therefore she had given his supper to Urban.

At this point Judge Ferguson adjourned court until 2 o'clock, at the same time instructing the bailiff to take the jury out for a walk.

TALE OF THE NIGHT.

Urban said that Mrs. Mikan did not say how she knew Seljan was asleep in his room. Mikan made the same statement as his wife. Bukovic said nothing when he came in. Nothing more was said about Seljan during the remainder of the evening. Throughout the evening the door to Seljan's room was closed, but Urban did not know whether it was locked. Urban did not know when he went to bed, but it was after 9 o'clock. His bed was in the big room adjoining Seljan's room. Drubnic went to sleep in another bed, but did not take off his pants or undershirt. Later Urban was awakened, he did not know when, by Burkovic coming into the room. Drubnic and Bukovic talked together in a low tone, but Urban could not hear what was said. He fell asleep before the conversation was completed and therefore did not know whether Bukovic went to bed.

The next morning when Urban arose Bukovic and Drubnic were in bed. Drubnic arose while Urban was washing and the latter did not see him get up. Bukovic, however, remained in bed, a blanket covering him to the chin.

Urban said that Drubnic and Bukovic had always eaten supper with him before July 2, and that the door of Seljan's room was usually ajar.

The three accused men listened with great attention to the questions put by the interpreter, and the answers given by Urban. The difficulties the witnesses encountered in understanding the scope of the questions appeared to especially amuse Bukovic, who frequently smiled. He smiled so broadly at some of the answers which did not respond to the questions put by County Attorney Day that it aroused the suspicion that he understood more English than he pretends to.

Urban was closely cross-examined by the defense, but very little was gained. The fact was brought out, however, that when Bukovic came in while Urban was at supper, he asked the latter for a loan of $2 without stating what he wished the money for. It also developed that during the whole time Urban was boarding at the house, with the exception of two nights, July 1 and 2, Bukovic and Drubin occupied the room during the night which Seljan occupied during the day time. This is the room where the blood was found.

Sergeant Bebout was called to the stand to identify the keys which were taken from Bukovic, but he failed to do so. The keys are alleged to have been Seljan's. One was his smelting works key, No. 59.

Frank E. Munn testified that he was present in a saloon when Seljan offered to loan Bukovic and Drubnic money to pay a judgment for a board bill.

WHAT CAUSED DEATH.

Dr. J. E. Summers, jr., who held the autopsy on the body after it was taken out of the river, testified that the only wound on the body was a cut in the throat, which severed the larynx. The man could not have lived more than five minutes after he had received it. During this time he would have been choked with his own blood and would not have been able to keep still, but would struggle for air. He could not have run any distance, nor with an object, all the motion being a struggle for air. The witness gave it as his opinion that Seljan was dead before his body was thrown into the river.

The defense closely examined the witness as to the probability of Seljan having committed suicide. He said that it was extremely improbable, although the throat had been cut from left to right, as suicides usually do. He went on to say, however, that the cut was single and clean, whereas suicides usually cut two or three times, and leave a jagged wound. He gave it as his opinion that the wound was made by a sharp pointed knife, and not a razor. However the cut was made, Dr. Summers stated that a stream of blood would have sprayed several feet from the wound.

The testimony of Dr. Summers appears to have knocked out the theory of suicide and he was altogether by far the most important witness the state has had yet on the stand. The state's theory is that Seljan was lying on the bed with his head toward the door, perhaps asleep, when some one of the accused stepped inside the door and drew a knife or razor across Seljan's throat from left to right. As the weapon cut the veins and arteries the blood spurted out upon the wall and hand of the murderer. He thus left his bloody hand print on the door when he closed it.

Before the cross-examination by the defense was completed Judge Ferguson adjourned court until today. The state is nearing the end of its case, but it will still probably take the greater portion of today before it is completed.

STORY OF A PACK PEDDLER.

ELKHORN, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—There is a man in this vicinity who pretends to know something about the Seljan murder, which was committed in Omaha last summer. The man in Jacob Underwriter, a pack peddler. Last night Underwriter was in town, and while the murder was being discussed he said that at the time of Seljan's death he was living at Sixth and Leavenworth streets, in Omaha. Early on the morning of July 2, last, he says that he was aroused from his slumbers, and going to the window, he saw three men going toward the river, pushing a banana cart. An hour later he says that he saw the three men return without the cart. Underwriter says that the cart looked as though it was loaded, but with what he could not tell. He says that he could identify one of the men and could easily pick him out in a crowd. When asked why he had not notified the county attorney of what he saw, Underwriter said that he had kept still for the simple reason that he did not want to be called as a witness.

Result of Duffie's Decision.

The decision in the special tax levy case, which was handed down by Judge Duffie some time ago, is responsible for the beginning of a number of suits in the district court. The most recent was filed Thursday, its title being William G. Chambers and others against the city of Omaha. The plaintiffs are property owners on Burt street between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets. The suit is brought to prevent the city from levying on the property in satisfaction of special taxes levied for the laying of the pavement in 1892. The principal allegation is found in the meat of Judge Duffie's decision that the notice of the meeting of the council as a board of equalization was not sufficient, in so far as it did not specify the property affected.

Affairs of the Citizens' Bank.

W. R. Roberts, who was cashier of the Citizens' bank, has filed an affidavit in the district court in which he seeks to show how Frank C. Johnson received value for two checks, one for $500 and the other for $750, for which the bank is suing Johnson. Roberts says that no money was paid Johnson on them, but that they were received for an indebtedness. It is alleged that last summer Johnson gave the bank two checks, one on the Randolph bank and the other on a Council Bluffs bank. He requested that these checks be held in order that they might not go to protest and this was done. On September 4, as Johnson had not offered before to satisfy the checks, he was requested to do so and he gave the two checks in question.

Minor Court Matters.

W. O. Saunders is suing the Van Cott Jewelry company in the county court to recover a judgment of $597, an alleged balance on salary.

Joseph Cuff has begun a suit of divorce from Mollie Cuff, in the district court. The ground on which the motion is based is infidelity.

N. B. Falconer has confessed to two small judgments in the county court, one for $223 in favor of Houghton, Mifflin & Co. and the other of $97 in favor of John Lippincott & Co.

WAR AGAINST CATALOGUING

Retail Implement Dealers Will Boycott Houses that Do It.

PLAN OF CAMPAIGN DECIDED ON

Sense of the Convention Expressed in Resolutions—Election of Officers—Next Meeting at Council Bluffs.

The Nebraska and Western Iowa Implement Dealers' association resumed the business of the fifth annual convention at the Board of Trade rooms at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The delegates held a meeting Thursday night for members only, and discussed plans for better local organization, and considered some resolutions that had been presented to the committee on resolutions.

When the convention was called to order yesterday by President Grafton, there was a large attendance of delegates and a number of representatives of the jobbing houses of Omaha and Council Bluffs, and the traveling representatives of the big implement manufactories. The first business of the session was to receive the report of the committee on resolutions. These offers were made and adopted without opposition or discussion:

AGAINST CATALOGUED GOODS.

Whereas, We have heretofore joined the other associations for dealers in taking a firm stand against the sale of goods direct to farmers by manufacturers and jobbers, and the joint effort of the several associations along this line has resulted greatly to the benefit of all implement and vehicle dealers.

Whereas, We are now confronted by a most insidious and dangerous evil in the working of the so-called catalogue houses, which sell goods direct to farmers, and it is evident that a determined effort must be made by the members of the several associations to meet the growing evil of the so-called catalogues; therefore be it

Resolved, That this association appoint the president, vice president and secretary as a special committee of three to secure at once the 1895 catalogues of the catalogue houses and ascertain who manufacture the vehicles and bicycles and other articles sold and advertised in such catalogues and to send out to every member a list of such manufacturers, and that we pledge ourselves to buy no goods and make no contracts with said factories for any such goods whatsoever; and be it further

Resolved, That said committee is hereby instructed to visit the conventions of the various western retail implement dealers for the purpose of procuring action upon this subject by those bodies.

Resolved, That the secretary enter into correspondence at once with the officers of all dealers' associations to bring this matter before them for action.

Resolved, That the thanks of this association are due to Henry Trevett, president of the Illinois Implement Dealers' association, for his manly fight upon the catalogue houses and for his ringing words in behalf of the regular retail implement dealers; and be it further

Resolved, That we extend to Farm Machinery of St. Louis our thanks for the responsibility assumed by that paper in behalf of the dealers as against the catalogue houses.

SHOULD WORK TOGETHER.

Whereas, We deem it important that each implement dealers' association should have some knowledge of the working of similar organizations and that said organizations should bear such relations to each other that they may be able to assist each other along the line of obtaining favorable legislation by their respective state legislative bodies and in such other matters on which there may from time to time appear need for concerted action, therefore be it

Resolved, That we favor the organization of a national delegate association, and that our secretary be authorized to forward a copy of this resolution to the other associations, and, if possible, obtain their views on the subject.

G. W. Lininger of the Lininger-Metcalf company of Omaha, Secretary Merriam of David Bradley & Co. of Council Bluffs and Manager Wood of the Henney Buggy company, addressed the convention on some of the evils of the trade, the abuse of the credit system, the catalogue houses and the evils of over buying, and the convention adjourned for the noon recess.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At the afternoon session the election of officers was taken up. The caucusing had evidently been done in advance, and the elections were made by acclamation. The officers chosen were: T. R. Whittaker of Lawton, Neb., president; W. L. Battin of Greenfield, vice president; D. C. Shafer of Corning, Ia., director for three years.

There was a lively rivalry over the selection of the place of holding the next annual convention, and Council Bluffs was selected.

Then the convention took up the discussion of the latter of forming local organizations. It was finally decided that the secretary district the state, and that a committee, consisting of J. J. Trompen, Gus Babson, W. N. Bronson and the secretary, be instructed to devise and report to the next convention a plan for making the local organizations subordinate to the state association.

A resolution of thanks to the Board of Trade for the use of the hall was passed and the convention adjourned sine die.

The new board of directors met after the adjournment of the convention and re-elected J. A. McLaughlin of Craig as the secretary and treasurer of the association for the ensuing year.

TWO FULL WEEKS FOR PLAY.

Fall Term of the Public Schools Closed Yesterday.

The fall term of the public schools closed yesterday and the pupils are to be treated to a holiday vacation of full two weeks. This is an unusual privilege in Omaha, as it has usually been the custom to close the schools on the day preceding Christmas and open them again on the day after New Year's. But as both holidays come on Wednesday this year, it was not thought advisable to open the schools for two days next week and two days the week after. The Board of Education decided to have a two-week's vacation and give the children the best of the argument.

In all of the kindergartens and in some of the other grades the close of the term was made the occasion for appropriate exercises. At the Lake kindergarten the exercises were held in the forenoon and consisted of songs, recitations and marches by the children. At the Long kindergarten the exercises were held at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Many of the parents were present to hear a very pretty program. The exercises at the other kindergartens were similar in character and in some cases special efforts were made in the decoration of the class room.

The senior class of the High school gave a reception at the High school building last evening, to which a large number of invitations were issued. Music and amateur theatricals occupied the early evening, while the later hours were devoted to dancing and general sociability.

He Was a Gay Old Boy.

Chris Kraft, an old man 50 years of age, started out Thursday night to see the sights of the city. He fell in with A. Lund, a young man of a business turn of mind. Lund took Kraft to a resort of questionable repute and, it is said, attempted to rob him of considerable money which he had in his possession. The police interfered and landed both parties in jail.

John Fell by the Wayside.

John Koptka resembles Francis Schlatter, the Denver healer. Yesterday when he walked into the police court he created a profound sensation and Prosecuting Attorney Shoemaker hastily began searching for the piece of board which he whittled from Alderman Ford's fence during his visit to Denver. Koptka stated that he was robbed Thursday night near Fourteenth and Douglas streets of $30. William Stuart and Alfred Colemen were arrested upon suspicion of having done the work. Koptka identifies Colemen as one of the parties. Koptka was under the influence of liquor when the money was taken from him.

FIELD FULL OF ANXIOUS MEN.

Numerous Candidates for Vacant Seats in City Council.

There is a good deal of curiosity on the part of candidates and others as to which of the two ordinances providing the manner in which vacancies in the city government shall be filled will be reported to the council for passage by the judiciary committee. The only difference between the two ordinances is that one provides that the appointment shall come from the mayor, while the other leaves the whole matter with the council. Naturally the numerous candidates for the two vacancies in the First ward delegation are anxious to have the appointing power established with one authority or the other, so that they will know where to direct their siege. The general impression is that the ordinance will be passed which deprives the mayor of any voice in the matter and candidates are working their pull accordingly.

Major D. H. Wheeler is the latest acquisition to the list of candidates. He is not a resident of the ward, but, as DuBois was elected as a councilman-at-large, he believes that he may properly aspire to fill the vacant shoes. Major Wheeler has been calling on the various members of the council during the past day or two, endeavoring to secure their support. He has served several terms in former councils and bases his claim to recognition on his familiarity with the city business. Hascall to succeed Gordon and Wheeler to follow DuBois is said to be the slate that is now favored by the councilmanic combine.

Another aspirant is mentioned in the person of Lee Yates of the Seventh ward. He was one of the defeated republican candidates at the recent election. Both Yates and Wheeler, however, are meeting with some opposition on account of a sentiment that the vacancy should go to one of the First ward men.

WERE OUT FOR A WILD TIME.

Two Young Men from the Interior Come to Grief.

After husking their corn, John and Oral Jones, two youths of Wayne county, laid in a supply of revolvers, brass knuckles and bowie knived and started for this city Thursday, arriving that night. John had heard of Queen Lil's "hula hula" dance, so both young men immediately started for the bad lands and wound up at the place presided over by Ray Cameron. They drew their revolvers and pointing them at the feet of Ray and another dusky maiden, Mary Brown, demanded that the dance go on. Ray danced, while Mary shouted for a policeman, and a few minutes later the "wild rangers from the west" had been surrounded and taken to the station. Oral and John were fined $15 and costs each yesterday and their weapons of war confiscated.

She Sent Worthing to Jail.

B. Worthing, a clerk in a grocery store near Twenty-fifth and Davenport streets, has been arrested on complaint of Clara McKee, charging that he failed to comply with the terms of a marriage contract. Clara is the party who attempted to suicide a week ago by taking a dose of laudanum, giving as a reason that her escort had gone home in company with another girl and left her to return alone