

DECIDES THE CREIGHTON CASE

Cloud lifted from the title to a lot of Real Estate.

JUDGE SCOTT RULES AGAINST SHELBY

Court Holds that Joseph Creighton Was Not Insane When He Made the Transfer to His Brother.

Judge Scott has driven off the clouds that for some time hung over the title to Walnut Hill, Creighton Heights and a number of the other northwestern additions to the city.

Years ago and years prior to his death, Joseph Creighton deeded to John A. Creighton, a large tract of land that now includes a number of the additions in the northwestern portion of the city.

On the propositions before him, Judge Scott sustained every contention of the estate, holding that Joseph Creighton, was sane that there was no fraud practiced upon him and that he had full knowledge of the intent and purpose of the transfer.

PAGE CASE BECOMES SENSATIONAL

Proceeding Witness Charged with Testifying to Intentional Murder of the State against Lyman A. Page.

Page is becoming highly sensational, and gives every indication of being as strong a drawing card as the Kastner murder trial that was on in the criminal court for a period of three weeks.

ENDORSES THE LOUD POSTAL BILL

Executive Committee of the Commercial Club Takes Action.

The executive committee of the Commercial club has passed a resolution endorsing the loud congressional bill, which does away with the cheap postal rates on second class matter.

A communication from Secretary E. A. Moseley of the Interstate Commerce commission was read, in which the club was asked to consider a bill introduced in congress by Senator Cullum to amend certain sections of the act to regulate commerce in accordance with the specified recommendations of the commission.

Attorneys Cowlish and Battin conducted the cross-examination along the usual lines for sometime, when, all of a sudden, Attorney Cornish stepped in from the witness stand and put a roll of money in his pocket.

Yager denied ever having seen Tyler, but when the man was asked to stand up for identification, he admitted that he had seen him once or twice.

GOES TO PRISON FOR HIS BROTHER

Chicago Man Confesses to a Crime His Brother Was Convicted Of.

CHICAGO, March 1.—Frank Hill will go to prison to save his brother. His friends have informed the state's attorney that the young man intends to plead guilty to robbery and voluntarily accept punishment in order to keep his brother, Robert J. Hill, out of the penitentiary.

At the trial several witnesses testified positively that Robert J. Hill was the man who shot the victim, said Frank Hill was the man. The brother, however, was not in the room at the time.

FATHERS FIGHT FOR HIS CHILD

Levi Martin Makes a Scene in Judge Baxter's Court.

The Goldie Martin guardianship is monopolizing the time of County Judge Baxter, and at the same time it is bringing to town a goodly number of the rural residents.

The case comes from the fact that Mrs. Martin and her husband, Levi, have attracted considerable attention out there.

The mother, Mrs. Levi Martin, died some months ago since which time the little one, a girl 6 years of age, has been in the hands of the father, Levi Martin.

At this point the court adjourned and the sensational part of the trial began. The father grasped one of the witnesses about the neck and moaned and cried in a manner that brought tears to the eyes of some of the spectators.

After this he dropped the little one and threw himself at full length upon one of the benches and in a few minutes he was on his hands and knees, weeping and wailing.

See the Cudaly Company. Edward Callaghan and Michael O'Day have each sued the Cudaly Packing company, demanding in the aggregate the sum of \$10,000 on account of personal injuries alleged to have been sustained by reason of the negligence of the defendants.

Another Drawing of Jurors. One hundred and fifty jurors have been drawn for the third three weeks of the February term of the district court.

Shelton Family Disappears. In all probability some time will elapse before Arthur and Ella Shelton again take up their residence in Omaha.

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PAVING ON COUNTRY ROADS

Highways Improvement One of the Main Features of the Program.

The county commissioners have determined to extend the pavement on the Center street and the West Dodge street roads and have instructed the county clerk to invite bids for doing the work.

While it is a fact that the commissioners have invited bids on several kinds of material, all things being equal, it is conceded that brick is quite likely to be used.

The commissioners regard asphalt as being a trifle too expensive, and unless some extremely low bids are offered, the men who lay this class of pavement will not be in it.

Macadam has been tried in this county, it being at the present time on West Dodge and Center streets. While it is true that it makes a smooth road, the commissioners contend, or at least some of them say that it lacks the wearing qualities and that it wears out so fast that it is not worth the cost.

Regarding brick for the extension of the two roads, the commissioners state that it is about the cheapest material that can be secured. They say that this country road, if well laid, will wear during a lifetime and still keep in place.

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BONDS FOR MAIL CARRIERS

Uncle Sam Makes a New Deal with His Faithful Employes.

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ACCEPTS SECURITY COMPANY NOW

Arrangements Made Whereby the Carriers All Insure with One Concern and Get a Low Rate of Premium.

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In past years each carrier has been allowed to furnish any kind of a bond he desired, either a real estate, a personal or a security company bond. About two months ago orders were received from the Washington department that in the future all carriers would be required to obtain bonds from some security company.

To conform with this order and as the most economical way of doing so, the mail carriers' association, which includes in its membership nearly all the carriers in the city, entered into a contract with one security company to furnish all the bonds. The carriers secured the very low rate of 50 cents per \$1,000. There are, however, a few carriers in the service and each must furnish a bond of \$1,000.

The carriers themselves are not at all opposed to the new scheme, as they prefer to pay 50 cents a year for a bond than to be under obligations to anyone for signing a personal bond. The department, too, has a new plan which carries more advantage than the old one, because in the past considerable time and labor have been spent in examining into the standing of the bondsmen. Now all the carriers are to investigate the standing of the company.

While the carriers have no objection to the new plan, some of them in this city are actuating a scheme which they consider to be still better. This is nothing more than the formation of a stock security company among themselves. According to this plan an assessment of \$1 is to be levied upon every member in the association, netting some \$15,000 or \$16,000. It is proposed to deposit this amount in the treasury of the United States on a guaranty to make good any possible loss.

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SURVEYING WATERS OF ALASKA

Hope to Find New Entrance to the Yukon River.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Government work in the way of reducing to record the channels, anchorages, harbors, navigable water bodies and other important features of geography in Alaska will be carried on this summer and expedited as rapidly as possible.

Superintendent Pritchett of the Coast and Geodetic survey has completed the plans for the season's work. When the season opens Lieutenant Helm with the coast survey steamer Gedney and a steam launch will begin work in Cook's inlet. As the ice leaves the water will be open and the Yukon river a search will be made for anchorages and harbors south of the delta and for a channel into the Kusliak trough.

That feature of the coast which is of the greatest importance to navigation, as at present vessels entering the Yukon have to follow a channel running in from a point many miles north of the delta. The experienced experts, however, expect to find an easy and direct entrance to the Yukon. If these anchorages and harbors are found as anticipated, the public will be given the advantage of them during the coming season.

Meantime a large launch will be taken in to St. Michaels Island at the mouth of the Yukon, to be set up there in charge of Mr. Pratt, and a survey will be made of the region from Cape Dyer to St. Michaels, extending inland through the various sloughs to the head of the delta. The two launches will make a comprehensive survey of the shoals lying off the river's mouth. Every effort will be made to collect material for such a chart as the growing importance of the great river demands.

The lower portion of the Copper river, now becoming prominent through extensive gold discoveries, will be investigated and the practicability of its navigation definitely determined. Other parties will make detailed examinations of the Chilkoot, Tolva and Sagway passes.

ABANDONS KLONDIKE RELIEF TRIP

Conclusion Reached that It Is Not Necessary.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The War department has decided to abandon its expedition for the relief of the miners in the Klondike country, because the conclusion has been reached that no necessity exists for it. Secretary Alger has written a letter to Senator Fairbank in which he explains the department's position, and asking that congress take action by joint resolution authorizing the withdrawal of the expedition supplies purchased for the expedition, including the remainder which have just arrived from Norway, and to abandon the project.

In his letter Secretary Alger says the conditions on the Yukon have changed so as to render the expedition unnecessary, and that General Miles and his staff have both agreed with him. He is also advised to this effect by the Canadian minister of the interior. Later advice than those received last week, however, will carry sufficient weight to indicate, he says, that the miners are in no danger of suffering, and he thinks the great crowds of prospectors now going in over the trail will carry sufficient supplies to last the winter.

General Alger expresses the opinion that the remainder can be sold at a price sufficient to reimburse the government for their cost. He says he has been offered \$100 each for the supplies of the expedition, and that the price. He also states that the interior department is anxious to take charge of the animals. He also asks for authority to sell the military committee met today, but did not act upon the request.

WORLD CRUSH COSTA RICA ALONE

Greater Republic Too Strong for Its Little Neighbor.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—In the event of a war between Nicaragua and Costa Rica it is said that the alliance known as the Greater Republic would give to Nicaragua the armed strength of Salvador and Honduras. The army of the Greater Republic is estimated at about 8,000 men. Salvador has more than 3,000 soldiers, but Honduras has the best drilled and equipped force in Central America. The military strength of the Greater Republic is estimated at about 10,000 men.

Men after the fireman's job will be required to take the examination for the position. In addition applicants will be graded upon their experience and character as workers. Attention is called to the fact that the practice of the department to appoint only persons who are residents of the place where the vacancy exists. Applications for this examination must also be filed.

Today is the last day upon which applications for the general civil service examinations in the internal revenue department, the customs house, the postoffice and the big departments can be filed with Miss Coffin, the secretary. Over 100 applicants have already been handed in and these will be forwarded at once to the chief clerk of the postoffice. It has been noticeable that the number of applicants for positions in the South Omaha postoffice have been comparatively few.

Secretary Coffin has not yet been notified of the date upon which the examination will take place. From the fact, however, that the special examination for the position of deputy collector are to take place on April 6, it is believed that the other will occur on the same date, unless the Washington authorities decide that the number of applicants are too numerous to be accommodated. In such case other dates may be named.

There is some doubt, also, just where the examination will be held. There is no room at present in the new postoffice and, therefore, the old postoffice will probably be used. Miss Coffin has recommended the big workroom which has just been vacated by the Postoffice department.

United States Marshal Thummel is preparing to go to Washington on an official trip. People who frequent the new postoffice are commencing to wonder whether the corridors are to be kept as dirty as those in the old building were. There are five janitors employed to keep the floor clean, but it is said that the corridors have not been scrubbed since the new building was occupied. They are covered with dirt.

February 28th is the latest month the customs port at this point has ever encountered. Articles upon which duty could be collected were far between. The number of articles was in the amount of metal it received. Ordinarily it goes from forty to sixty carloads a month, but last month it received only about sixteen. This is due to the storms which have prevailed in British Columbia.

Work upon the interior finish in the upper three stories of the new postoffice building will be completed in about a week. At least the Angus McCloud company of Minneapolis, which has the contract, has so notified Superintendent Latenser. The contract is for \$50,000, of which is available. Contractor McCloud was backward in commencing his work, and Superintendent Latenser called him to account a few days ago.

ACQUITS THE INDIAN BANGERS

Men Must Have Broken Jail and Hung Themselves.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 1.—A special to the News from Dilworth, Ind., says Justice Craig at Cross Plains this morning rendered a verdict acquitting these bangers. Mrs. Ida B. Wells-Barnett of the anti-lynching cause was charged in an affidavit filed by Governor Mount with complicity in the Versailles lynching. Attorney General Critchfield is enroute for Indianapolis. It is stated that it is evident from all the evidence obtainable that the five men broke jail and hung themselves.

Earbuckle in Kentucky

PADUCAH, Ky., March 1.—A distinct but light earthquake shock was felt here and was very perceptible in the southern end of the city.

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Ed Sutton is under arrest accused of burglary. It is charged that last Sunday night, together with a pal known to the police as "Doc" Hays, he broke into the residence of Mrs. Brown, 106 South Seventh street, during her absence from home, and stole a fine clock. Mrs. Brown's two little boys are said to have witnessed the burglary and they have identified Sutton, very positively, as one of the robbers. Hays has not yet been located.

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SPECIAL YELLOW KID WAR NEWS

Not to be believed. Printed on sell papers.

SPECIAL NOON EDITION

WAR ACTUALLY UPON US

The President Declares That We Are Now at War by the Act of Spain

HE CALLS FOR A \$500,000,000 APPROPRIATION WITH AUTHORITY TO ISSUE A LOAN FOR THAT AMOUNT

Special Telegram to the Times.

WASHINGTON, February 23.

An unusually respectable-looking tramp, who received a cold breakfast at the rear of the White House this morning, has given the startling information that he was informed by the waitress who served him with the breakfast of a chicken and a piece of mince pie that she had heard the maid of Mrs. McKinley say that the president had been engaged most of the night in preparing a message to congress declaring that we are already at war by the act of Spain and calling for an appropriation of \$500,000,000, with authority to issue a loan for that amount, and also asking prompt authority to call 500,000 men to the field.

Thus all the many rumors which have so thickly crowded the disturbed atmosphere of the capital have finally crystallized into actual war, and we are now not only apprehending war, but war is upon us, and by the act of Spain. The message of the president will go to congress on Monday morning.

Later Information Leaves Some Doubt as to the President's Message

Special Telegram to the Times.

WASHINGTON, February 23.

Careful analysis of the information received from the White House this morning from the waitress who served the tramp with breakfast at the rear of the executive mansion throws a shade of doubt as to the extreme position reported to have been assumed by the president. It is possible that he may not in his message go to the extent of declaring that we are already at war by the act of Spain and that the appropriation he calls for may not be so large as \$500,000,000.

THE LATEST INFORMATION AS TO THE ACTION OF THE PRESIDENT