FENCE FIGHT UP IN COURT

Ritters Face a Charge of Contempt Before Judge Dickinson.

CATHERS BEATS OUT THE CITY AT LAST

Long Drawn-Out Dispute Over a Strip of Land Ends in Favor of the Citizen Claimant.

A concluding chapter to the story of a five-year fight over a fence marking the boundary between two farms in Douglas county is being written by the stenographers in Judge Dickinson's court. John N. Ritter and his sons, Charles, John and Frank, are before his honor for contempt in having violated a restraining order issued in January, 1900, preventing them from destroying or removing a certain fence constructed by Frederick A. Beyers along a boundary marking delineated by the court. The Ritters are charged with having removed the fence on the night of January 11.

A good many years ago the Ritters and Beyers, who own adjoining farms, had a misunderstanding over the boundary line. There was a spring pretty near the line and both wanted it. The men quarreled first over the use of the spring. Then each claimed it, contending that it was on his property. The Ritters built a fence, shutting off the Beyers from the spring and the Beyers promptly tore it down. Beyers brought suit in the district court and secured a favorable decision and an injunction restraining the Ritters from meddling with the fence.

The matter stood for a month with no developments, but on the night mentioned the fence was taken away and the complainant in the present proceedings has filed affidavits to the effect that the Ritter boys have made boasts that they destroyed the fence at their father's bidding. Half a hundred neighbors of the contestants were in the court room during the hearing, many of them being there to testify. At the outset witnesses declared that they had seen a wagon and team belonging to the Ritters leaving the locality of the fence on the night in question. No additional details were brought out at yesterday's session of court.

Cathers' Fence Will Stay.

The old controversy between the city and John T. Cathers over the famous Cathers fence on property at Twentieth and Locust streets has been settled by a decree of the district court confirming Cathers in the ownership of the property. For a good many years the city has contended that across the Cathers property there is a strip which is not included with the rest, but is for the use of the city as a street. On a number of occasions Cathers has built a fence barring the road along the strip in controversy and employes of the city, acting under the advice and instruction of the city legal advisers, have torn it down. Several personal encounters resulted from the quarrel and the courts have been called upon on more than one occasion to determine which set of disputants were in the right. The decree by Judge Fawcett puts an end to the quarrel, as it specifies that the city has been in the wrong in interfering with the fence. A perpetual restraining order forbids the fence being meddled with in the future.

Court Notes.

The jury in the case of the State against John Elliot, charged with having assaulted A. I. Henderson, returned a verdict in favor of the defendant.

John H. Eich, the railway mail clerk who pleaded guilty to embezzling registered letters, has been sentenced to a year and a day in the penitentiary at Sioux Falls, the shorest time permitted by the statute under which he was indicted.

Claus Munster has brought suit in the county court against John McArdle to recover $37 alleged to be due on an agreement by which he drilled a well on the defendant's farm. Judge Vinsonhaler is hearing the testimony in the case.

Charles Ward plead guilty to the charge of breaking and entering in the daytime with intent to steal and was sentenced to six months in the penitentiary by Judge Baker. Ward entered the stables of Christie Bros. in South Omaha and stole a harness.

Lee L. Hassett has commenced suit against the Union Pacific railroad to recover $15,000 damages for injuries received on February 18. Hassett was a switchman in the yards. He suffered the loss of a foot, it is alleged, owing to defective brakes on a freight car.

District Clerk Frank Broadwell and Goodley Brucker spent Wednesday afternoon gunning for quail in the vicinity of Gilmore. They enjoyed a five-mile tramp, but were rewarded by seeing no birds, although other hunters have shot a few in the neighborhood.

Judge Vinsonhaler has fined Otto Burman $50 and costs for having assaulted Morris Morran on November 23. The two men are farmers living in the county. Morran borrowed a shotgun of Burman and neglected to return it, furnishing a ground for a quarrel that resulted in the assault.

Papers in final settlement of the O. F. Davis estate have been filed with the county judge. The administrators, Thomas A. Creigh and P. A. Perine, ask for discharge. They have turned over to the heirs $2,562 in cash and real estate valued at $10,000. The estate has been running for thirteen years.

The jury in the federal court has been excused until Wednesday, January 2, p. t. at which time the trial of the case of the United States against J. Albert Davis is set for hearing. The case against Charles E. Cotton will be set for hearing next Saturday, at which time the defendant will be arraigned.

Adeline Fair, administratrix in the estate of James B. Fair, has petitioned the district court for damages in the sum of $15,000 from the Union Pacific Railroad company on account of an accident on November 1, when Fair lost his life. Fair was an engineer. While in his cab the engine was struck by another locomotive. It is asserted that the accident was due to a fence that prevented the men in one engine from seeing the other.

Announcements of the Theaters.

The popularity of the Orpheum is being strongly attested this week, right in the face of the absorbing interest of the ante-holiday season, which is looked upon as a kind of off time for theaters. The magnetism of good, high-class vaudeville is drawing big and enthusiastic houses. On Saturday a souvenir matinee will be given and the picture of Jessie Couthoui that will be given to those who attend will be a fine additional attraction to the regular program.

Beginning with a matinee Sunday afternoon and continuing until Christmas night, including a matinee Christmas, the peerless exponents of farce-comedy, Murray and Mack, with a wealth of attractive scenery and electrical novelties and an exceedingly clever company of specialty artists, will inspire genuine Christmas mirth at Boyd's theater.

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DIED.

SANDES—Mrs. Johanna, at family residence, 2802 North Twenty-sixth street. Funeral Saturday morning at 9 a. m. Interment Holy Sepulchre. Cedar Rapids (Ia.) papers please copy.

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Via Rock Island Route.
West of the Missouri river, one fare for the round trip. East of the Missouri river, one and one-third fare for the round trip—to points within a distance of 200 miles. Tickets on sale December 22, 23, 24 25 and 31 and January 1. Good for return until January 2. City ticket office, 1323 Farnam street.

HALF RATES

To Kansas City and Return.
On sale December 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 31st, and January 1st, via Omaha & St. Louis railroad. All information at city ticket office, 1415 Farnam street (Paxton hotel block) or write Harry E. Moores, Omaha, Neb.

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Via Missouri Pacific Ry.
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For further information call at company's office, southeast corner Fourteenth and Douglas streets.

BOSTON STORE REMNANTS.

Our Grand Friday Remnant Sale Will Take Place in Basement Today.
GRANDER BARGAINS THAN EVER.

To avoid the rush on our main floor, all short ends, odd pieces of dress goods, silks, velvets, cloth, etc., will be sold in basement today.

All remnants of dress goods in dress lengths, skirt lengths and waist lengths go on sale in basement today in three lots:
All 50c dress goods and cloths, 15c.
All $1.00 dress goods at 25c.
All $1.50 dress goods at 49c.

All the fancy and plain colored silks in short lengths and small pieces, in fact every piece of silk in our entire establishment under a yard will be closed out today at 2c, 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c for entire piece.

All the imported dress goods sample pieces that match go today at 10c and 25c.

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Wanted, 100 people to buy 100 lbs. of home-made candy. Sale Saturday, December 22, at store of T. B. Norris, 1517 Douglas street, auspices of the young ladies of the First Baptist church.

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$27,000 Jackets, Suits and Furs at ½ Price—Delayed by the R. R. Co.
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To dispose of our immense stock we have taken a big lot of fine toys, mostly in the heavy lines, such as Hobby Horses, Velocipedes, Wagons, Doll Trunks, etc., etc., and cut the prices almost in two for Friday's sale. Fine iron wheel Go Carts, worth 75c, at 39c. Regular $2.00 Crokinole Boards at 95c. Your choice of all Steel Trains, Fire Engines, Hooks and Ladders, worth up to 50c, for 19c. Boys' 35c Sleds at 19c.

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