

STEAL MOTHER'S BURIED GOLD

Ekrahl Brothers of Gage County Discovered by Hired Man.

SONS DIG UP THE WIDOW'S SAVINGS

Confess After Detective Disguised as Tramp Finds Out Their Secret—Both Locked Up in Reprise.

BEATRICE, Neb., March 27.—(Special Telegram.)—About two months ago Mrs. Josephine Ekrahl, a widow living five miles northwest of Odell, this county, had a small fortune stolen from her, which was buried under a hen coop on her farm. The exact amount was \$2,320. When it was found that the money was missing suspicion pointed to Mrs. Ekrahl's two sons, Frank and William, the latter married and living on a farm near his mother.

Recently a detective named Moser went to work for William Ekrahl for \$4 a month and board. He was dressed as a tramp and since going to work has kept watch of the Ekrahl brothers. Last evening he succeeded in unearthing \$330 in gold under an old building on William's farm. Both the Ekrahls were arrested and brought here today. They confessed to stealing \$2,700 and say they left \$120 in the stove jar which contained the hidden treasure. They told where the balance of the money could be found, and Sheriff Wadlington left this evening for Odell to recover the remainder of the stolen money. Mrs. Ekrahl wants the sons prosecuted for the theft. Their preliminary hearing will be tomorrow. Both are in jail.

ADMIT GRAND ISLAND CRIMES

John Patterson and Charles Walling Confess to Extortion and to Holding Up Citizens.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., March 27.—(Special.)—John Patterson and Charles Walling, arrested for impersonating detectives and extorting money from Henry Sander and recovering from Henry Sander and the club man, owners of resort managed on the club house, were yesterday afternoon put up to a sweatbox process by County Attorney Horth, with the result that they are well on their way to the penitentiary. The prosecutor not only secured the confession of the men that they were guilty of the crime, but also that they were the masked men who held up Dick Niefeldt one evening about two weeks ago near the Union Pacific shops and relieved him of \$23 in cash and a certificate of deposit for \$200 on the First National bank of this city. When well into the case holding up Sander for \$10, the prosecutor turned to Walling and asked: "And wasn't he (designating Patterson) helping you in the hold up of Dick Niefeldt?" Walling admitted that he did and Patterson also confessed. The men were arraigned in the county court an hour thereafter on the charge of highway robbery and pleaded guilty.

CHARGED WITH BURNING HOUSE

R. M. Ball on Trial on Accusation of Setting Fire to Cladin Dwelling.

RUSHVILLE, Neb., March 27.—(Special.)—District court convened here Monday with 21 civil and four criminal cases, Judge Harrington presiding. The jury was called Tuesday and the first case, the State against R. M. Ball, is now on trial. R. M. Ball is charged with setting fire to the house of Charles W. Cladin, a farm laborer and cowboy, while he was away to bring home his wife. The house and contents were burned to the ground February 4, the place where this occurred being in a sparsely settled district in the northwest corner of the county known as Sheridan Gulch. Robert M. Ball, the accused, is an elderly man and a surveyor, and it is alleged that he had some trouble with Cladin, who is a young man, and wanted to rid the neighborhood of him.

DEEP SNOW IN RUSHVILLE

Weight of White Blanket Carries Down a Barn and Buries Live Stock.

RUSHVILLE, Neb., March 27.—(Special.)—After three days of continuous rain this country went yesterday in the grip of a heavy snowstorm, the worst of its kind this year. The telegraph and telephone wires are down in every direction and the snow, of the heavy, wet variety, clings tenaciously to everything. One hundred and seventeen telegraph poles are reported down between here and Hay Springs. A stable in Rushville collapsed under the weight of snow, burying two cows, a team of horses and two calves. They were all ultimately rescued, being dug out with shovels and the boards being torn up to release them. A heavy hay has since set in, with a strong wind from the north.

STANTON REWARDS FAITHFUL PRINCIPAL

STANTON, Neb., March 27.—(Special.)—At the annual meeting of the Board of Education of this place last night for the election of teachers the present teachers were retained with but two exceptions, and these two were not applicants. Those retained are: Prof. H. E. Mason, superintendent; Miss L. Belle Rice, assistant; Miss Carrie Ley, F. J. Tereghern, Miss Eunice Chapman, Mrs. Sarah Crane. Vacancies exist in the grammar and third rooms, caused by the resignations of Miss Campbell and Miss Beebe, two valued teachers. These will be filled later. The election of F. F. Mason as superintendent for the fourth year. The Stanton schools under his management are in excellent condition and doing good work.

ASHLAND FARMERS GET TELEPHONES

ASHLAND, Neb., March 27.—(Special.)—Farmers in the vicinity of Ashland are soon to be supplied with telephone service. C. E. McClean of Louisville has been here this week in the interest of the Independent Telephone company of Plattsmouth. A line will be run ten miles south and within four

NEW ISSUE TO BE RAISED

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(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Thomas H. Bain of Topeka spoke in St. Paul's church tonight on the success of prohibition in that city. He said that so far as known by the police and the public there are no saloons or joints in Topeka and he thought the same condition would prevail in Lincoln under prohibition.

The city council will hold another special meeting tomorrow to consider the liquor ordinance, but there is slight prospect that the measure will pass. An order will soon be issued by the adjutant general for the inspection of the battery of artillery at Wymore. It was said at the military headquarters this afternoon that the inspecting officer would examine not only the general condition of the organization, but would also investigate charges that have been preferred against several of its members. This accounts for the dispute that occurred several months ago over the election of a captain. Date of the inspection will be announced later.

NORTH LOUP GLAD FOR RAIN

NORTH LOUP, Neb., March 27.—(Special.)—After nearly a week of cloudy threatening weather with several light, misty showers it commenced raining in earnest Tuesday afternoon and for four hours it rained steadily, followed in the evening by several good thunder showers. Nearly two inches of water fell. Winter wheat and rye came through the winter in fine shape. Farmers in this part of the country will sow little spring wheat on account of the damage done last season by chinch bugs, fearing a repetition of the same this year.

Settles Bill of Exceptions.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., March 27.—(Special.)—Hon. John C. Watson of Nebraska City was in district court today and settled the bill of exceptions before Judge Paul Jensen in the case of Jones against the Duff Grain company. This case was tried in district court here last November and the plaintiff received a judgment of \$1,200. Judge Jensen required the plaintiff to remit \$300, leaving a verdict for \$750, and from this decision the defendant appealed to the supreme court.

Two Inches of Rain at Shelton.

SHELTON, Neb., March 27.—(Special.)—This part of Nebraska was visited by the heaviest fall of rain since early last fall. More than two inches of water came down, the ditches are full, great ponds are in the fields and the ground is thoroughly soaked. No spring for a number of years has opened up so early and promises well for small grain. Pastures are already coming with grass. Some fields of oats are now sown and farmers are ready to push spring work rapidly.

Funeral of Mrs. French.

TRENTON, Neb., March 27.—(Special Telegram.)—The funeral of Mrs. Florence French, wife of Prof. French of Orleans, was held here today. Rev. Bascom of Cozad, Neb., officiated. The body was brought here from Orleans. She was the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Jones, who resided at this place. She married Prof. French about a year ago, he being principal of the Trenton school. They then moved to Orleans.

St. Paul Seak and Rejoicing.

ST. PAUL, Neb., March 27.—(Special.)—The dark, cloudy weather prevailing for the last five days terminated in an old-fashioned thunder storm, accompanied by a fine rain. The rainfall amounted to 1.40 inches and is a blessing for fall grain and puts the ground in fine condition for spring work.

Firemen Want Walker for Chief.

BEATRICE, Neb., March 27.—(Special Telegram.)—At a special meeting of the fire department tonight a resolution was adopted, asking the mayor to appoint John F. Walker chief of the department. The mayor refused to make this appointment at the council meeting Monday night.

Kearney High School Contest.

KEARNEY, Neb., March 27.—(Special Telegram.)—At the annual High school declamatory contest for the selection of a candidate to represent the school at the district contest at York last night, first honors were won by Miss Lela Haskell and second by Miss Nichols.

Roseland Has Wet Leaves.

ROSELAND, Neb., March 27.—(Special.)—This vicinity was visited by an old-fashioned soaker yesterday afternoon and evening. The rain gauge shows that 7 1/4 inches of moisture fell. Fall wheat looks fine, especially the late sowing.

Heavy Snow in Black Hills.

DEADWOOD, March 27.—(Special.)—Sixteen inches of snow fell in the northern Black Hills in sixteen hours and traffic is nearly all at a standstill again. It is the heaviest snow of the year and falling with no wind, it remained where it fell instead of being blown into drifts, as it does ordinarily. There were numerous cases in Deadwood where thirteen to fourteen inches of snow were measured on four-inch scantling. The people of Deadwood are fearful that a rain may follow the snow and produce a flood.

Rev. McClennan for Yankton.

YANKTON, S. D., March 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Roy McClennan of Madison, S. D., won first place in the Yankton college oratorical contest last night and will represent the college in the state contest. His subject was "Ruling Motives in History." He secured first from all the judges on thought and composition. There were five in the contest.

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The fact that the governor will take this step and that he has decided to do so after the manner in which he has the railroad property to a small circle of his closest friends and the manager of the railroads for a week or two. It is known that the precise method of procedure down to the details of the plan is to be kept secret. The fact that the republican state treasurer and the state auditor will cooperate in the republican practices of thirty years and levy taxes on the railroads for the state in proportion to that put on other property.

Proposes to Raise Values.

When the state board meets on May 15 to consider the railroads of the state for the purpose of raising the value of the property of all the railroads in the state to be raised. The state auditor and the state treasurer and is created by an act of the legislature.

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Unheard-of Action of Savage.

The unheard-of action of Savage, a republican governor, has created a great deal of concern among the few politicians of that party who are aware of his determination. The method he has adopted in the pursuit of his policy is a square deal. He will not be met first by the two republican members of the board, but by the two republican members of the board.

May Secure Positive Action.

The prospect of the manner in which Governor Savage intends to cut off all railroad into these bypaths that lead round the state is a most favorable condition. It is doubtful if they will be made to non-compliance when it comes up in the proposition to vote for it would be to endorse Savage's reform measure and to bind him to take his measure and reject the man himself. To vote against the proposition would be to cut loose from all republican anti-monopolists. It is a hard problem.

Adoption of Savage's Platform.

The adoption of Savage's platform will gain the support of the old-time farmers' alliance and the anti-monopolists, but what will the railroads do? That is the question the republican politicians are asking themselves. Success without the support of their anti-monopoly contingent is impossible. Governor Savage has been a candidate for nomination in the state and he succeeded to the office upon the election of Governor Dierker in 1898.

Anti-Savage Men Active.

The enemies of Savage scored at the recent meeting of the state central committee when they fixed the date of the nomination for Governor. It is never before so the politicians are so active. Nebraska is largely a farming community and this is the middle of one of the busiest times on the farms. The obvious fact is that it will be inconvenient for farmers to attend many will not. Savage wanted a late convention and his opponents wanted more time so as to prevent this sort of tactics and to discourage Savage from entering

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Excess for the day... 11.

Total excess since March 1... 11.

Normal precipitation... 06 inch.

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Deficiency since March 1... 06 inch.

Excess for the year, per cent... 41 inch.

Deficiency of year, per cent... 120 inch.

Reports from stations at 7 p. m.

Omaha, cloudy... 51 60 39.

Valentine, clear... 46 53 30.

North Platte, clear... 50 54 30.

Cherryvale, partly cloudy... 46 49 29.

Salt Lake, cloudy... 49 47 27.

Huron, cloudy... 42 45 27.

Williston, clear... 34 38 28.

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