COUNTY PROSECUTOR WARY

Not Sure that Young Kaufmann Acts in Good Faith.

MAY TRY FATHER AND SON TOGETHER

Young Man Has Consultation with the Deputy County Attorney and Reiterates Willingness to Plead Guilty.

After he had listened yesterday to Charles F. Kaufmann's tale of the alleged embezzlement of $2,098.85 due the Traders' Insurance company of Chicago, Deputy County Attorney Abbott was as much as ever at a loss to determine what to do, and told Kaufmann that a consultation with County Attorney Shields would be necessary before anything could be decided upon. He would not agree to dismiss the complaint filed against Charles Kaufmann, the father, and it is intimated that he is not yet fully convinced that the son's offer to plead guilty to the charge is not a ruse, as his promise would not be binding should the action against the senior be dismissed and another against him (the son) be undertaken.

The father appeared in county court Tuesday and pleaded not guilty to the charge of embezzlement preferred against him by E. E. Wells, special agent of the insurance company. While the bond was being discussed the son arose, to the apparent surprise of all present, and asked that the charge be brought against him, instead of his father, saying: "I am the one. Have the complaint made against me. It will save a lot of worry and trouble, and I can stand it better than my father."

Son Calls on Prosecutor.

The court could not so change the proceedings at once, and the son promised to call immediately on the county attorney's deputy and make a statement. He called twice Tuesday at times when the prosecutor was out, and yesterday morning the latter found him waiting at his office.

In the conversation that followed, Kaufmann said that he had worked for his father from January 10, last, until January 23, when the latter's agency for the company was discontinued by Special Agent Wells. He did no collecting, he said, but worked on books. He did not admit literal embezzelement, but said he was willing to plead guilty to the charge and go to the penitentiary for it. The prosecutor sought explanation of this conduct and the young man said he had served in the penitentiary in South Dakota for a crime of a similar nature, wrongfully charged by the express company for which he worked at Deadwood and Lead, and that having once gone through the ordeal he felt he could stand it better than his aged parent, whom he holds morally guiltless.

Only One Bank Account.

From statements of the son and from extraneous evidence Attorney Abbott has found that the senior Mr. Kaufmann kept only one bank account, which was in the name of Charles Kaufmann, agent, in which he deposited his collections for the company, but from which he appears to have checked not only remittances for it, but payments of his personal accounts, even to his laundry bills. The attorney says that while Mr. Kaufmann may have been ignorant of the fact, this in itself constitutes embezzlement.

When the conference between the younger Kaufmann and Attorney Abbott ended the latter allowed the young man to go for the present, but would make no promise until he could see the county attorney. He did not consider the propriety of having the young man plead guilty and then dismiss the case against the senior, because he is not certain that it will not be best to try both of them, and at the same time.

Special Agent Wells has stated that his company holds a $1,000 bond of the senior Kaufmann's and it is known that one of the bondsmen is Phil G. Kunz, a contractor. Another is said to be Charles Metz. Mr. Wells says the company will sue on the bond.

MORE MONEY FOR GORDON

Ordinance Providing for Payment of Sixteen Hundred Dollars in Preparation.

Ex-Police Judge S. I. Gordon has rubbed his magic lamp, and the genii have again flocked to his assistance, this time rendering succor in the shape of an appropriation ordinance for $1,600 of back salary, earned, it is alleged, in 1900. This ordinance is now being drawn up in the office of the city comptroller.

Pursuant to the order of the city council, which was made pursuant to an order of Judge Baxter, City Comptroller Westberg checked up the general fund yesterday morning to see if it contained enough money to cancel the obligation, and found there something over $10,000—the remnant of the city's general revenue. He then directed his assistants to go ahead with the ordinance. It will be introduced at the next meeting of the city council.

Could Fill the Paper with Them.

This paper might be filled with items like the following, and every one be the absolute truth: "I had rheumatism for years and tried almost everything, but got no permanent relief until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm, three bottles of which have cured me. It is the best medicine I ever used." —Philip E. Rhoads, Pennville, Mo.

Shampooing and hair dressing, 25c, at the Bathery, 216-220 Bee Building. Tel. 1716.

MAY DROP EXCHANGE CHARGE

Omaha Clearing House Considering Question of Exchange on Country Checks.

The Omaha Clearing house in a short time will be called upon to again pass upon the question of charging exchange upon out-of-town checks. The question was a mooted one for some time and was once settled by the banks of the city deciding to make a charge varying from 10 cents on a minimum check to one-half of 1 per cent on checks of large value. At the time the rule was adopted the wholesale merchants of the city entered a strong protest, which was disregarded, but later the merchants came to look upon the matter as one which would affect their business but little. The matter comes up again in the clearing house association solely upon the motion of the banks interested and for reasons given by a local banker, as follows:

"The rule is a good one if it were universal. There is no justice in expecting a bank to maintain a collection department and receive no return therefrom. When a check on a country bank is deposited in an Omaha bank the customer depositing the check expects to receive credit for it immediately. The check has to be turned over to the collection department, entered in a book and then sent to the country bank for collection. At that bank it is usually held for a day or two before it is paid, and the Omaha bank is out of the money for that time. It should receive pay for this loss and trouble, and at this time it does.

"The trouble with this system is that the banks at Kansas City and St. Joseph do not enforce the rule and will not do it. The result is that in towns in competing territory the Kansas City and St. Joseph banks walk away with the business which should come to Omaha. This was illustrated by a letter received by me from a country correspondent a few days ago. He wrote, stating that Kansas City banks not only charged no exchange, upon personal checks collected for customers, but that it charged nothing for collecting checks on other banks sent in by correspondents and added that as long as the present condition prevailed he would be obliged to keep his surplus deposits at Kansas City rather than at Omaha."

M'GIVERN WINS HIS CASE

Judge Vinsonhaler Thinks Williamson's Rental Idea Somewhat Fancy.

Judge Vinsonhaler found for the plaintiff in the suit of James McGivern to recover from Charles E. Williamson $162.79 for labor. The court allowed judgment in full and took occasion to further remark that after personally visiting the premises for which Williamson asked McGivern $35 rent it had concluded that $15 would be quite reasonable.

Williamson is a rental agent and it was told in the petition, that he had given McGivern a contract to do his painting and papering only upon condition that he pay $35 per month for a house of Williamson's at Seventeenth and Davenport streets. There were other charges and also a counter claim for $88, but the judge held that all he was to consider was the prayer of the plaintiff to recover for work done, and this he granted.

DOG POPULATION INCREASES

More Licenses Issued to Date Than Were Sold to April 15 Last Year.

If statistics count for anything there has been a decided increase in the city's canine population within the last year. Records in the office of the city clerk show that on the date of April 15, 1901, 1,000 dog licenses had been issued, whereas the number issued thus far this year is 1,110, and five more days in which to go. There were issued altogether last year 2,891 tags. This year there are in stock 2,900 tags, less than half of which have been disposed of up to date.

The date of the beginning of the impounder's crusade against untagged dogs is the same this year as last, April 15. It is supposed that from now on there will be a great boom in tag sales.

Where can you invest money more profitably than by buying a bottle of Prickly Ash Bitters—you get four for one. A kidney medicine, a liver tonic, stomach strengthener and bowel cleanser. Four medicines for $1.00.

For those who desire to use the Santa Fe California Limited trains for the trip to Los Angeles account Woman's Federated clubs convention May 1 to 8 inclusive, the management has arranged to accept on these trains the special rate round trip tickets on sale for this occasion April 21 to 27 inclusive. $45.00 is the rate from principal points in Nebraska. This is an exceptional opportunity to travel on this celebrated train, as ordinarily only full fare first class tickets are accepted. Applications for accommodations should be made as far in advance as possible. E. L. Palmer of Des Moines is the district passenger agent.

Graphophone at a Bargain.

FOR SALE—Latest model type, A. G. combination graphophone, which plays both large and small records; list price, $90.00. This is especially designed for concert purposes, having a thirty-six-inch horn and stand. It also includes twenty large Edison records and carrying case of twenty-four records. The machine is entirely new and has never been used. Will sell at a bargain. Address X 36, in care of The Bee.

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SLEEPS WITH COLD CORPSE

Soldier Awakes in Morning and Finds His Companion Dead.

BOTTLE OF POISON ON NEARBY TABLE

Ella Nelson of Sioux City Expires in Ninth Street House Either from Poison or Heart Disease.

Ella Nelson of Sioux City, Ia., was found dead in bed at 116 North Ninth street at 6 yesterday morning by Walter B. Marlow, a private in Company F, Twenty-second infantry, with whom she had retired about 12 Tuesday night. On a table in the room was a half-filled eight-ounce bottle of wood alcohol. The body was removed to the morgue and Marlow was locked up until Coroner Brailey could determine the cause of the woman's death.

Marlow collapsed when he discovered the dead body by his side and has made no intelligent statement to the police, other than to say that he and the woman were out drinking together and at a late hour went to the Ninth street house, and that is the last he knew until, awakening in the morning, he discovered the woman was dead, her face having begun to turn blue. After telling the mistress of the house, Lena Wallace, that he thought the woman was sick, Marlow went into a saloon at Ninth street and Capitol avenue and remained until arrested by the officers.

Divorced Only a Week Ago.

The dead woman was the daughter of Martin Sorenson, proprietor of a dye works at Sioux City, and the wife of Ole Nelson of the same place. The two had trouble and she came to Omaha, her husband securing a divorce from her about a week ago. She was about 23 years of age and formerly roomed at 905 Capitol avenue.

With Marlow and the Nelson woman during the early part of the night were Minnie Smith and a soldier from Fort Crook, who the police believe went to the fort yesterday morning. The wood alcohol was bought early Tuesday night by the Smith women. The body of the dead woman showed no marks of violence and from its appearance it is believed that she died of heart disease. The coroner will hold an inquest and in the meantime Marlow will be held and a search made for his companions of Tuesday night.

EDITORS COMING THIS WAY

Northwest Delegation to National Editorial Convention Will Pass Through Omaha.

A party from the northwest, numbering about fifty delegates, to the National Editorial association's annual convention at Hot Springs, Ark., accompanied by their wives, will arrive over the Union Pacific at 4:35 p. m. Sunday, and will leave for the east over the Wabash at 5:15. Albert Tozier, publisher of the Northwestern Farmer, Portland, Ore., president of the national association, will be of the party. The Tri-City Press club will send a committee as far west as Columbus to meet the delegates. While in the city they will be the guests of the club.

Messrs. E. O. Mayfield, A. L. Stonecypher and R. F. Hodgin, who will attend the Hot Springs convention as delegates of the club, have been instructed to use their best endeavors to secure the 1903 convention of the association for Omaha. The invitation extended by the city council at its meeting last night was a preliminary step in this direction. It is expected that there will be between 4,000 and 5,000 delegates at the Hot Springs convention.

WIFE BEATER GOES TO JAIL

James Egan Gets a Thirty Days' Sentence for Abusing His Family.

James Egan, 4620 Izard street, was sentenced to thirty days in jail in police court for beating his wife and abusing his family. Mrs. Egan testified that her husband came home Tuesday night while slightly under the influence of liquor and began to swear at her and their eight children, punctuating his remarks by throwing cups and dishes on the floor and smashing the furniture.

He then started to whip one of the children, and when the mother interfered he knocked her down. By this time several neighbors who had been attracted by the confusion came to the rescue of Mrs. Egan and gave Egan a dose of his own medicine, including a pair of black eyes. He was then held until the arrival of an officer, who locked him up.

Mrs. Egan said her husband had repeatedly whipped her and swore at the children during their seventeen years of married life, even when he was sober. Egan said the trouble began because his wife failed to have his meals ready on time.

SOMETHING NEW TO OMAHA

Combination Curb and Gutter Being Put In Along Hawthorne Avenue.

Hawthorne avenue, which winds its tortuous course through Bemis park, between Thirty-third and Thirty-eighth streets, is being paved with asphalt and a gang of twelve men went to work there this morning putting in a combination curb and gutter, which is something new in Omaha, though used quite extensively in some of the eastern cities. Made of cement and stone, it is said to be beautiful as well as durable. If this artificial curb is found to come up to all the requirements of the specifications it will be put in on several other boulevards and park driveways.

"Haste thee nymph, and bring with thee, Jest and youthful Jollity"—Milton; and a bottle of Cook's Imperial Extra Dry Champagne.

Announcements of the Theaters.

Andrew Mack, the handsome player of Celtic characters, will add a page to history by his presentation of "Tom Moore" at the Boyd Friday night and Saturday matinee and night, which will, it is described, be produced with everything that is correct, the scenery, by Physico; the furniture of a century ago being carried by the company, while the costumes are from designs furnished by Mr. R. A. Ogden and are historically correct.

A Book for Club Women.

The Santa Fe passenger department has issued a pamphlet with the title, "A Book for Club Women," which is of special interest to those who contemplate attending the biennial convention of the Federation of Women's Clubs to be held at Los Angeles May 1 to 8. It describes the California clubs and contains other pertinent matter, and will be mailed free on application to E. L. Palmer, passenger agent, 409 Equitable building, Des Moines.

Omaha Public School Teachers' Lecture Course.

Reserved seats for the special number, the lecture on "Liquid Air," may be had at 508 city hall on and after Monday, April 14.

Reserved seats for Hamilton W. Mabie's lecture may be had at the same time and place, 508 city hall, on and after April 14.

LITTLE WORK ON CITY PARKS

Commissioner Cornish Says Board is Hampered by Delay of Tax Levy.

Park Commissioner Cornish reports that little work is being done in the way of improving city parks at present on account of the absence of a tax levy. The board is now employing only twenty-five laborers, and the pay roll is but little heavier than it was in mid-winter.

"It is a matter of maintenance rather than improvement with us now," said he, "but we hope to be able to do something when the levy ordinance is passed. Meanwhile we are digging up a good many trees and 'heeling' them to prevent budding, so they can be transplanted later in the season. Most of the men employed by the board are at work in Hanscom park.

Prickly Ash Bitters cures disease of the kidneys, cleanses and strengthens the liver, stomach and bowels.

Paderewski at Lincoln.

For the Paderewski concert at Lincoln April 15 the Burlington route has announced a rate of $2.20 for the round trip, each, for parties of ten or more on one ticket.

Tickets, 1502 Farnam street.

DIED.

SOMMER—Paul, aged 59 years. Funeral from residence, 919 Hickory street, Friday, April 11, at 2:30 p. m. Interment, Prospect Hill.