

CONFESSES WRECKING TRAIN

South Omaha Boy Explains Recent Rock Island Catastrophe.

HIS JAILERS HEAR TOUCHING STORY

Adelbert Preston, Aged 15, Tells How a Disconsolate Laid and Rusty Spike May Innocently Cause Death and Destruction.

In the perpetual shadows of a cheerless cell in the county jail Adelbert Preston, a lad of 15, sits waiting to learn what penalty the law will exact for a boyish error that cost a man's life and thousands of dollars' worth of property.

His is not a criminal fate, but deep lines have been furrowed there by worry, and his eyes are red and swollen from the sleeplessness of nights made awful by horror and fear.

His stepfather, Richard Kinkaid, and his own mother separated last June, he says, the former coming to Omaha and engaging in the grocery business in the north part of the city.

His mother remained with his mother until a month ago, when she went to Sarcoxie, Mo., leaving him to work on the farm of Henry Sliker.

As he sat down at the side of a rail his hand fell upon a rusty, discarded spike and he fell to tapping it on the rail, then to pounding his sharpened end with a small rock to make it bound into his hair.

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CUTS RATE ON DRESSED MEAT

Missouri Pacific Gives Omaha Packers Advantage of Reduction at Kansas City.

Late yesterday afternoon the Missouri Pacific announced a reduction in rates on packing house products from Omaha, South Omaha and Nebraska City to Beat St. Louis to 15¢ cents on consignments billed to points east of the Illinois-Indiana line.

Dandruff

What is it? The beginning of gray hair, falling hair, baldness. Extremely untidy, and annoying, too. The remedy? Ayer's Hair Vigor.

"I am satisfied with Ayer's Hair Vigor. It restores the natural color to my hair, prevents it from falling out, and makes it moist."—Betsey A. Elder, E. Machias, Me.

THE OTHER LINES HAVE SIGNIFIED ANY INTENTION OF MEETING THE CUT, IN FACT IT WAS ANNOUNCED FROM CHICAGO THAT THE WESTERN TRAFFIC ASSOCIATION HAD DETERMINED ON MAINTAINING THE RATES FROM OMAHA.

It may be that the action of the Missouri Pacific will alter this determination, and bring the Chicago lines into the war.

CORNISH IN THE FIRST WARD

He Discusses Police Commission and Contracts It with Park Board.

An impromptu meeting was held in the southern part of the First ward last night for informal discussion of the political situation.

"I am pleased to find that so many people are either consciously or unconsciously arguing in favor of my candidacy. Friends of the new Board of Police Commissioners complain that the old board was too much in politics.

Ante Room Echoes

The Elks have gone to Salt Lake City. The pick of the herd was rounded up Saturday night and sent to the city by the inland sea to bring back to Omaha another supreme officer of a national organization.

From every quarter of the country, by twos, by threes and by dozens, the representatives of the order have been passing through this city during the week, all stopping long enough to become acquainted, be it ever so slightly, with George P. Cronk, whose election by unanimous choice of the order seems to be certain at this time.

The Salt Lake City meeting is the occasion of several summer vacations on the part of prominent Elks and the hills and valleys of Utah will be the scene of many excursions during the week which follows the session of the grand lodge at the capital city.

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While Nebraska Masons are quiescent in the summer months, those of Iowa are doing something to let the world know that they are alive.

Local Redmen Celebrate. The local order of Red Men will give a smoker and supper at the hall, Twenty-fifth and N streets, Monday evening, August 11.

Mostly Remains at Postoffice. It was reported on the streets yesterday that Postmaster Ritter had conferred with his janitors again and that he arrived at the conclusion that Harvey D. Mosely might retain his position as deputy postmaster until the expiration of the regular term of service.

Local Brevities. The National Printing company is suing the Futokor Publishing company for \$200 as the balance due on three notes for \$100 each.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS. John W. Parish has returned from the trials in the southlands of the western part of the state.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

City's Overlap Now Amounts to Nearly Sixty Thousand Dollars.

ANOTHER DRY SUNDAY IS IN PROSPECT

Mayor Koutsky Says that as Far as He is Concerned Orders on Sunday Closing Will Be Adhered To.

In case the city wants to wipe out the overlap which has been carried forward on the books of the clerk and treasurer for years it will be necessary to vote bonds in the sum of \$60,000.

Yesterday City Clerk Shrigley completed his statement prepared for the benefit of the mayor and council. This shows that at this time there is an overlap of \$57,683. In order to take up the outstanding warrants orders have been drawn upon the 1902 levy and the overlap remains the same, as it will have to be carried forward unless some provision is made to take it up.

A city official said last night that there was only one way out of the trouble and that was to ask the people to vote bonds for the taking up of the overlap and then when some changes were made in the charter it might be possible for the city to provide sufficient funds to run the city without going into debt.

Another Dry Sunday.

Mayor Koutsky said yesterday that he had not changed his orders in connection with the closing of saloons on Sunday and that as far as he was concerned the orders given Chief Briggs would be adhered to. The chief asserted that he would do the best he could with the force at his command to keep the places where liquor is sold closed.

"Judge" Wise Dies.

One of the characters in South Omaha died yesterday morning at a shack on Twenty-seventh street. He was attended by City Physician Sapp, who will sign the death certificate.

Delegates Depart for St. Louis.

Stephen Vall, Charles Crawford and Jacob Davis left yesterday for St. Louis to attend the convention of the International Meat Cutters' and Butchers' union. It is understood that at this meeting of the union the first session of which will be held on Monday, a demand will be made on the packers for an increase in the scale of wages.

It was reported here yesterday that the Hammond plant, when it is reopened, will be known as the Hammond Packing company, although the controlling interest has been purchased by the Armour.

More Grief Coming.

From present indications it looks as if there was going to be a big batch of grief in store for August Miller, street foreman on Monday night. Members of the council asserted yesterday that unless the mayor discharged Miller steps would be taken to remove him via another route.

Additional Inspectors Coming.

C. L. Talbot, chief cattle inspector at the stock yards for Wyoming, South Dakota and Nebraska, said last night that on Monday J. D. Long of South Dakota would report here for duty and that an assistant inspector from Wyoming would be here in less than ten days.

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Operational Slaughtering. It takes strong language to describe the terrific price cutting which will obtain on fine dress fabrics Monday morning. The cool summer meant piling up of stocks of thin goods in the hands of manufacturer, jobber and retailer.

Thomas Kilpatrick & Co. FULL TRAINLOAD OF ELKS. Large Contingent from Omaha, Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota. TAKE A BAND AND PLENTY OF ICE ALONG. Prospect that New Exalted Ruler Will Have a Secretary to Look After Clerical Work of His Office.

TALK OF RIFLE COMPETITION. Men at Army Headquarters Discuss Relative Strength of Teams Entered. A discussion as to the relative strength of the departmental teams which will enter the rifle competition of the army at Fort Sheridan this month was held at army headquarters yesterday.

Safe From Summer Complaints. All mammas, and papas too for that matter, dread the heat of summer with it's danger for the little folks, especially the babies. It is simply heart-breaking to read year after year about the great death rate among children caused by the summer's heat.