

BULLETS THICK AND FAST

Fred Simms Takes Two Shots at Officer Wilson on Street.

DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE ARREST

Officer Gives Him Man Hot Pursuit Despite Storm of Hot Lead—Simms Had to Have Bad Record.

Fred Simms, in an attempt to escape from the officers who had arrested him yesterday afternoon, shot five times at Patrol Driver Wilson at short range.

Simms made his escape at the rear door of the jail, just after he had been taken out of the patrol wagon. Officer Baldwin was holding him, and suddenly Simms jerked loose.

Simms was arrested, in company with William Ryan, as a suspicious character in a car at the Webster street depot by Officer Bloom.

Soon after Simms was locked up Reynolds Blanchard, aged 17 years, identified him as the man who had yesterday afternoon held him up and robbed him of \$1.65.

Blanchard did so, and, he said, Simms grabbed him and took his money. Simms is said to be from Des Moines, and the police believe that he is a pickpocket.

Friday night he became disorderly in a restaurant near the Webster street depot, and was arrested by Officers McCarthy and Plisk.

Patrol Driver Wilson has recently resumed work on the force after having been suspended for seven days for using unnecessary force in making an arrest.

GOVERNOR AND THE BRIBERS

Unsuccessful Attempt to Get Executive to Make His Generalities Specific Charges.

Following is another chapter of correspondence growing out of Governor Savage's appointment of the Mercer-Baldwin police commission for Omaha.

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 16, 1902.—To the Editor of The Bee: I hand you herewith copy of a letter from the governor's secretary, in the matter of disclosing the names of those who attempted to bribe the governor.

The postmarked meeting of the fire department was held last Monday evening, when the question of installing an alarm system was discussed.

Some of the members of the Modern Woodmen of this place went to Valley View, Mo., to attend the annual convention of the Omaha district.

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OMAHA SUBURBS.

Dundee. Rev. H. C. Herring and wife are making a two weeks' visit in Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer of Davenport street returned from their outing in Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Marshall have returned from their trip to the Yellowstone.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Selby have returned from a trip through the Yellowstone park.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Schaefer and wife of Aurora, Neb., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Jensen.

Mrs. Augustus Van Gleason was the guest for a few days last week of Mrs. George W. Hamilton.

Mrs. J. F. Moore, after a trip to Denver and Salt Lake City, is now visiting at Rawlins, Wyo.

J. W. Leach is painting his new home on Forty-ninth and Cass streets and is putting down a cement sidewalk.

Mrs. E. F. Schaefer and daughter Florence returned last week from a visit to Des Moines and Osceola, Ia.

The sons of Messrs. E. A. Benson, Hart, Moore, Allen and Johnson are having a delightful time camping at Lake Manawa.

The excavation is being made and foundations laid for the fine new school building on Fifty-first street between Capitol avenue and Davenport street.

Miss Agnes McIntroy, formerly a teacher in one of the city schools, will act as assistant next year in the Dundee district of the Y. W. C. A.

J. M. Tallero has bought the house on Dodge street near Forty-eighth, recently owned by Mrs. Moriarty.

Dr. Jenkins of Pennsylvania has been the guest of his son, Rev. Mr. Jenkins. He preached last Sunday at both morning and evening services of the Dundee Presbyterian church.

Rev. Joseph J. Lampe and wife are entertaining a household of young people, including their own sons, from college.

Miss Cordelia Willard of Galveston, Tex., and Miss Mary and Miss George W. Cordell, whose parents have been missionaries in Japan for twenty-five years, Miss Moriarty, who graduated the year from Knox college at Gatesburg and will soon sail for her home in Japan.

Miss Frances O'Connor entertained Misses Krone of Omaha last week. Ward Walsh returned last week from a week's visit with relatives in Elkhorst.

Frank Keller left Wednesday for a short visit with relatives in Logan, Ia.

Miss Lillian Herlihy, who has been attending the wine market with the vintage of his native grapes.

John and Mrs. Miller, who left some few weeks ago to join the navy, has been assigned to the battleship Texas.

The lawn social to have been given at the home of Mrs. Miller last week was postponed two weeks.

Prof. Speedy has been busy the last week creating a new assortment of new school supplies which arrived a week ago.

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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Question in Regard to Repairing Pavement of Twenty-Fourth Street.

MODERN WOODMEN MEMBERS INDIGNANT

German Lutheran Preacher Shuts Reformer Society Out of Funeral Ceremonies—Another Dry Sunday—Magic City Gossip.

Property owners on Twenty-fourth street are wondering just what the city proposes to do in the line of repairing the pavement.

Two suggestions have been made to the engineer and the members of the street and alley committee.

Another plan is to have the asphalt compacted several thicknesses of asphalt on the depression, and then a drain to be laid in the gutter.

Members of the Modern Woodmen of America lodge No. 1095 are indignant at the action taken by Rev. Adam of the German Lutheran church in declaring that members of the lodge are not permitted to participate in the Ackerman funeral services to be held today.

After being denied the privilege of escorting the remains to the grave the members of the lodge are indignant.

Headquarters Secured. The German-American Democratic club of South Omaha has secured permanent headquarters and clubrooms at 222 Twenty-fourth street.

J. P. Bailey will be the principal speaker at the Young Men's Christian association rooms at the men's meeting to be held this afternoon.

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IS IT AN EPIDEMIC?

Vital Statistics Show an Alarming Increase in an Already Prevailing Disease—Are Any Exempt?

At no time in the history of disease has there been such an alarming increase in the number of cases of any particular malady as in that of kidney and bladder troubles now prevailing upon the people of this country.

Today we see a relative, a friend or an acquaintance apparently well, and in a few days we may be grieved to learn of their sudden illness or sudden death, caused by that fatal type of kidney trouble—Bright's disease.

Kidney trouble often becomes advanced into acute stages before the afflicted is aware of its presence; that is why we read of so many sudden deaths of prominent business and professional men, physicians and others. They have neglected to stop the leak in time.

While scientists are puzzling their brains to find out the cause, each individual can, by a little precaution, avoid the chances of contracting dreaded and dangerous kidney trouble, or, eradicating it completely from their system if already afflicted.

Many precious lives might have been, and many more can yet be saved, by paying attention to the kidneys.

It is the mission of The Omaha Sunday Bee to benefit its readers at every opportunity and therefore we advise all who have any symptoms of kidney or bladder trouble to write today to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a free sample bottle of Swamp-Root, the celebrated specific which has cured a great number of cases.

Don't make any mistake, but remember the name Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

Chief of Police Briggs left last night for Sioux City, to attend to some personal business.

Dana Morrill is arranging for a shooting contest at Jetter park, to commence on Thursday.

Many of the teachers in the public schools are returning from their summer vacations.

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Balmoral and Glangarry Bennett, Tartan and Filibegs Attract Attention.

BIG CROWD SPENDS DAY AT CALHOUN

Aside from Athletic Contests Program Includes Highland Fling, Sword Dance and Bagpipe Playing Competitions.

Three hundred members of Clan Gordon, No. 93, Order of Scottish Clans, left Webster street depot at 9:30 yesterday morning, destined to Calhoun, sixteen miles north of Omaha, where they held their fourteenth annual picnic, and at 2 o'clock in the afternoon another special train of six coaches and a baggage car left the city, carrying an equal number of pleasure seekers.

For half an hour preceding the departure of these trains the depot platforms presented a spectacle such as one might expect to see from "A Window in Thrums."

Flies were all the rage. And then there were Balmoral and Glangarry bonnets, slanted jauntily up from the left temple, the flare held in place with a silver brooch.

The Scottish lion and the Scottish thistle divided honors as ornaments in jewelry, and such quaint articles of apparel as the Gordon tartan and the Highland filibeg served to divert the general traveling public.

It was a good-natured crowd and the "common air blossomed" with Highland humor. Thomas Falconer told James C. Lindsay that his bonnet was on crooked and Lindsay retorted by assuring Falconer that at least his (Lindsay's) knees were free of varicose veins.

Then the public focused its attention upon Mr. Falconer's "prayer notes," about eight inches of which were visible between his knees and, to see if he really did have varicose veins, and Mr. Falconer, who had been embarrassed and wished he had on his less picturesque but more continuous trousers.

At Calhoun park the time was spent in various games and listening to an address by the mayor of Calhoun. The contests were omitted, owing to a heavy rainstorm. The party then went to the city hall, where the time was spent in dancing until time to leave for Omaha. From a financial standpoint, the picnic was a success. Over 1,000 people were in attendance, and all had their share of fun before the rain. The special train arrived at the Webster street depot at 5:30 o'clock, with all on board and without a mishap.

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