

NOT PAYING BACK THE MONEY

Miss Stone's Ransom Too Much for Her to Attempt to Liquidate.

HELP ANY CONTRIBUTOR WHO IS IN NEED

Scouts Bluffs Man Loses a Case by Employing Outside Attorney and Other Party Suffers by Not Plending It Sooner.

(From a Staff Correspondent)

LINCOLN, Oct. 25.—(Special)—Miss Ellen M. Stone, the returned missionary, whose captivity and subsequent ransom formed a theme of newspaper interest not long ago, is an interview here this morning. She made it very plain that she does not intend to pay back any part of the ransom money that is not asked of her, as was intimated when she first took to lecturing. She said:

"It is deemed probable that the government will exact indemnity from Turkey, not for the money paid for the ransom, but for the indignity imposed upon an American. I do not understand whether or not those who contributed to the ransom will be reimbursed out of any funds that may thus be received and as far as the heavier contributors are concerned, I have met most of them and they have been so magnanimous as to disavow any wish for a return of their contributions."

"It has been my determination, with the advice of my friends, that if I should learn of any contributors who had embarrassed themselves financially by their giving, or of any aged people who had subjected themselves to privation, I shall do what I can to repay them."

"I have no plans for the future other than the performance of the duty which lies before me, which is to care for my mother, now over 80 years old, whose home is at Chelsea, Mass. I do not know that I shall ever return to missionary work in another country, although I love my work, and one never knows what duty God's plan may lay before her."

Makes a Mistake in Lawyers.

George Allen and others up in Scotts Bluff county have been given a gentle reminder by the Nebraska supreme court that they committed an aggravated error when they hired a Denver attorney to defend them in a suit for rent brought against them by John H. Hall. The parties are farmers near Gering. According to the opinion filed a few days since in the case defendants are shown to have alleged about everything in the calendar except the one point that would have been a valid defense. The case went against them in the district court and also when carried up to the supreme court on error. It was not until an application for rehearing was presented that the point involving the valid defense was brought out and in its finding vacating its former decision the court takes occasion to point out that this point should have been presented at the first trial, and while it orders a new trial, it taxes up a big share of the costs against Allen and his associates in the defense because they did not properly present their case.

Execution papers were issued from the executive office today for the conveyance to Peoria, Ill., of Frank J. Beaton, who is under arrest at Omaha. He is wanted to answer a charge of "confidence game," involving a master of \$42,40, his victim being T. M. Sinclair & Co. of Peoria.

CROWD IS WITH JUDGE NORRIS

Congressman Shallenberger is Completely Worried in Joint Debate at McCook.

McCOOK, Neb., Oct. 25.—(Special Telegram)—The joint debate between Judge Norris of McCook, republican nominee for congress, from the Fifth district, and his opponent, A. C. Shallenberger, was the first political meeting held in McCook during the present campaign and drew an immense crowd, filling the opera house until standing room was at a premium and many were turned away. The large audience, composed of both workmen and farmers, was evidently in sympathy with Judge Norris, and greeted his remarks with the heartiest applause. The judge riddled every argument advanced by the present congressman and drew vivid pictures of the condition of the country, the farmer and the laboring man, and of the attitude of the president toward labor interests.

Shallenberger professed to be standing on the Kansas City platform, which favors the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, but he refused to answer the question as to whether he would vote for such a measure if it should come before congress. This question has been pronounced to him in each of the joint debates, but he has always avoided giving a direct answer.

If the meeting today is a fair sample of the conditions existing over the district Judge Norris can safely read his title clear to a seat in congress from the Fifth district. The judge not only demonstrated that he was far superior to Mr. Shallenberger as a debater, but he succeeded in convincing the large audience of the correctness of the position of the republican party on all the issues. He had Mr. Shallenberger on the defensive throughout and made a scathing arraignment of his record in congress and the present congressman exhibited extreme nervousness under the fire, frequently consulting his watch and otherwise manifesting the fact that the judge's shafts were finding lodgment. It

is the opinion of all who heard the debate that the present congressman was thoroughly worsted on every point.

LARGE REWARD IS OFFERED

Two Thousand for the Arrest of the Slayer of Harvey Little at David City.

DAVID CITY, Neb., Oct. 25.—(Special)—Excitement over the shooting of Harvey Little by a burglar yesterday morning, is still very great. Two thousand dollars offered yesterday afternoon have been released from custody, there being no evidence against them. The trail which the bloodhounds followed south yesterday morning led to nothing.

Immediately after the death of Mr. Little yesterday afternoon, Coroner Sample empaneled a jury, composed of E. Williams, J. Ira Duncan, W. D. Westover, J. D. Sprague and M. Tillma. They are now taking testimony behind closed doors.

It is now the general suspicion that the crime was committed by a local man, and there is some strong circumstantial evidence to support this theory. Two special detectives are assisting the officers in their work and some startling developments are expected in the next twenty-four hours. The rewards offered for the arrest of the criminal now amounts to about \$2,000. The Nye and Schneider company, Mr. Little's employers, are among the largest subscribers to the fund.

Mr. Little was about 38 years old, he was a widower with a daughter, 12 years of age, besides a mother, three brothers and two sisters. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Ancient Order of United Workmen, Modern Woodmen of America and Tribe of Ben Hur. The funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon from St. Luke's Methodist Episcopal church under the auspices of the Odd Fellows. Rev. L. F. Smith of Lincoln will preach the sermon.

STOLEN GOODS IDENTIFIED

Alleged Burglars Arrested at York Are to Be Taken to Friend to Stand Trial.

YORK, Neb., Oct. 25.—(Special)—John Reabiz and A. J. Stromann dealers in shoes at Friend, Neb., are here and identified as those who had been stolen from their store at Friend on last Monday night by the four robbers who were captured here and are now in jail.

The arrested burglars had sold a greater portion of their stolen property before reaching here, disposing of them at McCool and other points. Here only one or two pairs of new shoes were found near their camping place, where also was found hidden skeleton keys, dynamite cartridges with fuse attachment, electric dark lantern and other tools used by burglars and bank robbers.

At first it was thought the men were train robbers. The Lincoln detective who came here does not think they had anything to do with the Burlington train robbery.

Legal steps will be taken to remove the men to Friend, where they will be tried for breaking into the shoe stores.

CAN'T HURT THE SMALL BOY

Switch Engine Passes Over Him and He Gets Up Without a Scratch on His Body.

BEATRICE, Neb., Oct. 25.—(Special Telegram)—A very remarkable escape from a frightful death occurred in the Union Pacific yards here this afternoon. Some small boys were playing about the cars when a lad named Nightengale, 13 years old, attempted to mount the footboard of the switch engine which was doing some switching in the yards. The boy missed his footing and fell in front of the engine, which passed over him. Wonderful as it may seem, the lad escaped without a scratch.

Pickups at Ponca.

TONICA, Neb., Oct. 25.—(Special)—Free rural delivery will begin on Route 2 from Ponca after November 1.

This is a year of great improvements in Ponca and the close of the year will show many permanent additions to the property valuation of the city.

Politically everything here is quiet, notwithstanding which Ponca feels confident of the election of Hon. J. C. McCarthy to congress.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Draeger, their daughter, Miss Nellie Wiggin, was united in marriage to E. D. Stout of Indianapolis, Ind., Rev. George Bray performing the ceremony. About fifty friends and relatives were present. The bride is one of Ponca's prettiest girls and the groom a rising young business man of Indianap-

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Window Cleaner's Narrow Escape.

BEATRICE, Neb., Oct. 25.—(Special)—Joe Barnes, second porter at the Paddock hotel, narrowly escaped being killed yesterday while washing windows on the fourth floor. One of the heavy window screens came out and Mr. Barnes, in trying to catch it, lost his balance, but saved himself from a frightful fall by catching the edge of the window sill.

Hundred Bushels Per Acre.

BEATRICE, Neb., Oct. 25.—(Special)—F. M. Petland, a prominent farmer of Midland township, has corn that averages 100 bushels per acre. The ears are nearly twelve inches long and fully three inches in diameter.

REPORTS ALL SHOW GROWTH

Nebraska Christian Endeavor Convention in Progress at York.

THREE HUNDRED DELEGATES ATTEND

One of the Largest Meetings in the History of the Union-Interest- ing Papers Read—Officers Elected.

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Large amounts turned in by him as county treasurer on account of interest paid on county funds.

It is exactly fair for Mr. Lyman to take on the lawns require to be performed, and then institute comparisons w. h. officers who serve on the same number of

officers. If Mr. Lyman desires to show how able a financier he is, why did he not make comparisons along this line with the members of the state legislature? In office, Broomey, who has outdone Herod in that he has returned even more interest than Mr. Lyman did.

A question Mr. Lyman asks personally and voluntarily opened up this matter: Did you pay over into the treasury of the state more than the interest or earnings you received from all sources derived from the use of the county funds while you had them in charge?

SUES THE COUNTY OFFICIALS

Otoe County Attorney Alleges They Have Drawn Too Much Money.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Oct. 25.—(Special Telegram)—Two suits were filed in the district court this afternoon by County Attorney W. E. Wilson against parties for one hour and was followed by a Tenth Legion conference, led by L. W. Harrington. F. S. Carruthers spoke on "How Does Giving Systematically Benefit the Giver, Spiritually and Temporally?" and Dr. B. M. Long of Lincoln on "In Giving Systematically, Is Money all that Should be Considered in the Gift?" The Christian church a missionary conference was led by Miss Mabel Pruyne, and addresses were given by Dr. J. W. McLean of Siam, Rev. William Hardcastle of Cambridge, and Rev. J. E. Wood of Santa Fe, N. M. This lasted for one hour and was followed by a Tenth Legion conference, led by L. W. Harrington. F. S. Carruthers spoke on "How Does Giving Systematically Benefit the Giver, Spiritually and Temporally?" and Dr. B. M. Long of Lincoln on "In Giving Systematically, Is Money all that Should be Considered in the Gift?" 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