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### BLAIR TO REMAIN IN JAIL

Sentiment Very Strong Against Him in  
Vicinity of Arboville.

NOT SAFE FOR HIM TO RETURN HOME

Girl is Now Said to Have Told a Different Story and Affirmed that She Was Kidnaped by Blair and Held Captive.

YORK, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—At a hearing before County Judge Taylor, John Blair was bound over to the grand jury, which he was not able to furnish, and is now confined in the county jail, and if the reports from Arboville township are true, perhaps it is better for Blair to be confined in the jail here than to be at his home. When the Arboville township farmers learned this morning that officers had arrested John Blair, and at the same time Miss Beulah Thomas had been found in his home, public opinion was so intense that had it not been for the fact that Blair was confined in the jail there might have been an affair that would have been more sensational than the disappearance of Miss Thomas.

On Sunday night, November 19, at about 8 o'clock, Beulah Thomas, the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Thomas, disappeared from her home, and until Monday night no trace of her whereabouts could be found.

Every effort was made by the grief-stricken parents and the entire neighborhood to find Miss Thomas. Neighbors sent out searching parties, bloodhounds were employed, but no trace could be found of the missing girl. Mr. Thomas, from the first, said that he believed his daughter had been abducted by John Blair, and that before his daughter disappeared a party had come to him saying that he had been offered money by John Blair to kidnap Miss Thomas. Miss Thomas was the present witness in a case in which John Blair was charged with criminal assault. The parents watched their daughter and sorely allowed her out of their sight, excepting for the five minutes on that cold Sunday night, when she stepped out of the house without any wraps. Within five minutes the parents were out calling and looking for her, but no trace was found from that time on until Monday night. Mr. Thomas then believed that his daughter had been murdered or else kidnapped and held captive somewhere. A few neighbors watched the Blair house and Monday evening about 8 o'clock, a watcher said he saw Miss Thomas through a window in one of the upper rooms. Immediately word was telegraphed to York, and officers at once went to the Blair home with a warrant for her arrest and a search warrant to search for Miss Thomas.

Deputy Presence in House.

On their arrival Blair was asked if Miss Thomas was held captive in his house. He denied she was in the house and said he did not know where she was. Hearing a commotion below, Miss Thomas realized that officers had come to rescue her and immediately came down stairs. Both were taken to York, where Blair was lodged in jail and Miss Thomas was turned over to her parents.

Miss Thomas is said to have told her parents that the Sunday night she was carried away that she was taken to Blair's house and had been held captive all the time, and that outside of being confined she had been well treated by the Blairs.

John Blair is a married man and the father of three daughters, one of whom is now a mile from Mr. Thomas, where he has lived for over fifteen years, and during that time won the respect of his neighbors. When Blair denied having anything to do with the disappearance of Miss Beulah Thomas the neighbors believed him, and owing to his standing in the community no attempt was made until Monday night to

search his house, although for the last ten days men have been employed to watch his house.

Blair tells a different story of how Miss Thomas was found in his home. He says that at 6 o'clock Monday night Miss Thomas came to his house and Blair at once claimed to have told her that it was not right because if she was found that it would look very bad for him. He claims that Miss Thomas told him that she was afraid to go home, as her parents would punish her and ill treat her. When asked where Miss Thomas had been all the time he said all he knew was what she had told him. He said that she claims to have voluntarily left home and went to York, where for a short time she lived with a family living in North York. Blair said she refused to tell him where she had been since. Miss Thomas had once assisted Mrs. Blair in her housework, and if Blair is infatuated with Miss Thomas it is believed to have been from the time she worked there. For years the Blairs and Thomases have lived within one mile of each other, and until last spring there had never been any real differences.

Seek Director for Deposit.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—A lawsuit out of the ordinary has been the attraction in the district court here this week. Peter Phillips, a farmer who lives in Butler county, has brought suit against Louis Hahn and seeks to recover \$1,000, which he claims he lost in the defunct Platte Valley bank of Belwood. He alleges that Hahn as director of the bank on December 19, 1901, signed the quarterly report of the standing of the bank, which had been prepared by Amos Gould, cashier. That report showed the bank to be solvent, that relying on the report, he (Phillips), during the months of December and January deposited in the bank \$1,000; that on the 28th day of January following the deposits the bank was closed by the state bank examiner. He declares that he relied on the statement signed by Hahn as director.

Overland Mail Train Wrecked.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—As No. 4, the Overland eastbound mail on the Union Pacific, came into the yards here this morning a wheel broke under a mail car and three cars were thrown off the track in a flash. Owing to the fact they were in the yards and the ground was level the cars did not turn over, but the track was torn up for some distance. Fortunately, no one was injured, though the mail clerk had a few passengers were shaken up considerably. The train was in charge of Conductor Porter and Engineer Bay. The mail was transferred and the train continued on after a delay of about two hours. The wrecker is now picking up the wreck and clearing the track.

Caught with the Coat.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Mark Bly, aged 19, and claiming Kearney as his home, was lodged in the city jail last evening, charged with stealing an overcoat valued at \$6 from J. B. Fulton. The garment was found in the young man's possession by Mr. Fulton just as the former was getting ready to board a train at the Burlington depot, and his arrest followed. The police will endeavor to learn from the officials at Kearney if any such person as Bly is a resident of that place.

Injured on First Trip.

EDGAR, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Clem Crosthwaite, son of Rev. A. C. Crosthwaite of this city, who had started out yesterday on his first trip as brakeman for the R. & N., was badly injured yesterday afternoon at Tobias. He was riding on the side of a freight car and was struck on the left side of the head by something and rendered unconscious. It is not known what struck him. He is still in (Wednesday) morning unconscious.

May Men Near Beatrice Block.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The Peck property, located near the bus-

ness portion of the city, was sold yesterday to Dole & Sons, florists, and J. C. Barkhurst, a photographer. They may erect a substantial business block on the property soon.

### QUEER FREAKS OF ELECTRICITY

Burglar Alarms and Telephones Ring, While Electric Lights Go Out.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—What some people are inclined to believe was an unusual electrical phenomenon accompanied the fall of snow yesterday morning. It may have been only coincidence, or perhaps again it so happened that a few telephone and electric light wires got crossed at about the same hour, but whatever the cause the results were sufficient to provoke considerable hustling on the part of the police and some anxiety in other quarters.

The first unusual occurrence was the sounding of some of the burglar alarm bells connected with the First National bank. Nothing has been discovered that would indicate the cause for this incident, though it was believed that something had gone wrong with the clock works.

At 3 o'clock yesterday morning the police noticed that there was no light in the rear room of the Farmers' and Merchants' National bank. An investigation was made, but it could not be ascertained that anything was wrong and the matter was dropped. An hour later the Farmers' and Merchants' National bank number at the Nebraska Telephone company's central office commenced to ring as if someone had reached the receiver at the other end of the line. No response was got from the inquiring "number" of the telephone girl, and so the connection was "plugged" to quiet the disturbing noise. When the plug was removed, it was found that the noise had ceased and the signal light had gone out, indicating that whoever had raised the receiver had replaced it. This occurrence was reported to the police and a second examination of the premises was made.

What was going on, another officer discovered that the light in the Security Savings bank had suddenly extinguished, and it was necessary to conduct an investigation there. As in the other instances it could not be ascertained that anything unusual was going on within.

A little later two or three persons had occasion to visit the court house to ascertain whether the jury in the Smith case had agreed upon a verdict. In two of the offices in this building the telephones were ringing without ceasing. An inquiry from the Nebraska central office brought the information that several telephones, including the one in Mayor Wolf's place of business, were ringing without apparent cause.

During the same hours the electric light globes refused to shed a glow for a period and then suddenly lighted again.

### SHE SUES COLBY TO RECOVER

Mrs. Sarah Ball of Beatrice Alleges Misappropriation of Her Daughter's Money.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—A damage suit for \$204.02 was filed yesterday in district court by Mrs. Sarah Ball against General L. W. Colby. Plaintiff alleges in her petition that while Colby was acting as her attorney he collected the amount above named as part of the estate of her daughter, Mrs. Cynthia Herrin, deceased, and failed to turn it over to her. The case will be called, no doubt, at the next term of district court.

Allows Will to Stand.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—John C. Knabe, Jr., died at Nebraska, in this county, on October 13 last, leaving real estate valued at \$20,000 and personal property valued at \$20,000. He will bequeathed to John C. Knabe, Jr., all the real estate and to his son, Henry, and to his daughter, Margaret Bherne, and a grandchild, Alfred Brant, the personal property, to be evenly divided. Objections were filed in county court as to the legality of the will, but Judge Douglas overruled the objections.

Wanted in Missouri.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Eugene Benton, colored, who has been making his home in this city for some time, was arrested at the home of "Uncle" Ned Baker upon information from the authorities at Macon, Mo., where he is wanted on the charge of assault with intent to kill. The Missouri authorities have been notified, but the prisoner says he will not return to that state without requisition papers.

### PERMANENT FUND IS SHORT

Fees of County Treasurers May Have Been Paid from Wrong Fund.

FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS INVOLVED

State Treasurer Certifies to Superintendent the Amount in Temporary Fund Available for Distribution.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—As a result of a practice apparently in direct violation of the state constitution the permanent school fund of the state has been deprived of thousands of dollars. The practice which has been in vogue for years is that of paying to county treasurers acting as agents for the state 1 per cent of the proceeds of the sale of school lands and leases of school lands, the money to be deducted from the purchase price or lease money and the remainder to be remitted to the state treasurer to become a part of the permanent school fund. For instance, if a county treasurer sells school lands for \$1,000 he takes out his 1 per cent commission of \$10 and remits \$990 to the treasurer. According to the constitution, it is argued, he should have remitted the entire \$1,000. Section 8, article viii, of the constitution says:

Permanent School Fund—The following are hereby declared to be perpetual funds for common school purposes, of which the interest or income or proceeds of any and all lands or other property, whether purchased, granted, or otherwise acquired, shall be and shall remain a part of the permanent school fund. The same shall not be otherwise appropriated. Fourth, the net proceeds of lands and other property, whether purchased, granted, or otherwise acquired, shall be and shall remain a part of the permanent school fund.

Section reads as follows: Temporary School Fund—All other grants, gifts and devises that have been or may hereafter be made to this state and not otherwise appropriated by the legislature shall be and shall remain a part of the permanent school fund, together with all the proceeds of the unsold school lands and such other moneys as may be received for the support and maintenance of common schools in each school district in the state.

Ask for Opinion.

The matter was brought before the Board of Educational Lands and Funds yesterday afternoon by Land Commissioner Folmer, and Deputy Commissioner Eaton was authorized to draw up a resolution to be presented to the board by the county treasurer and to ask for a general committee to select an executive committee of seven. The committee met after the afternoon session and organized by selecting Mr. Walton of Lancaster as chairman and Mr. Folmer as secretary. On motion the chairman was authorized to select a general committee and took the appointment of the same under advisement temporarily.

Lincoln was chosen as the place for holding the next convention. A question box was installed and this afternoon various questions pertaining to county affairs, such as the care of paupers, the filling of vacancies, house roll 112, the matter of commissioners' salaries, the difference between the old and new revenue law, the road laws, were taken up and discussed. The insufficiency of the levy for bridge work in some counties, principally the river counties, as compared with the more western or northern, was largely discussed and the matter of legislation as to road and bridge improvement appeared to be giving the commissioners the greatest concern.

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Under the law enacted by the late legislature governing the requirements of a student to become a practicing physician, L. B. Pillsbury of Fremont is the first to attach M. D. to his name. According to the secretaries who conducted the examination, Dr. Pillsbury has set a pace that will not soon be lowered by other applicants. He received an average grade of 84 and in some of the branches he was perfect. Since the enactment of the new law there has been a marked falling off of applicants to practice medicine, in August under the old law there being 161 and at the last sitting of the board there being one.

One More M. D.

Contemplated improvements in the switch yards of the Burlington at Lincoln, or their removal to Havlock and the installation of large and modern yards at a cost of perhaps over \$30,000 are being considered at present. Surveyors in the employ of the company are now running their lines over the 20 acres of land owned north of the machine shops, laying out tracks and making an estimate of the cost of the work. When this is figured out and the estimate sent to headquarters, the matter of larger and more extensive facilities for handling freight trains here will likely take form.

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### DISCUSS COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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