FEES MAY ALL BE ILLEGAL

Right of Treasurer to Take Toll from School Fund is Questioned.

SUPREME COURT PASSES ON QUESTION

State Treasurer Issues Call for Redemption of Ninety Thousand Dollars of Outstanding General Fund Warrants.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—While the attorney general is preparing his opinion in the matter of the constitutionality of the practice of county treasurers to deduct 1 per cent of the proceeds derived from the sale and lease of school lands and remitting the remainder to the state treasurer, the question has come up by what authority do they deduct their 1 per cent for this work or secure 1 per cent fee from any fund. Years ago it was customary for the legislature to appropriate money to pay the fees of county treasurers and warrants were drawn for that purpose by the auditor. In recent years the appropriations were cut off, since which time the deductions began. From a reading of the statutes and opinions in such cases it is argued that there is no authority for the county treasurers receiving the 1 per cent. Section 20, chapter xxviii, says:

Each county treasurer shall receive for his services the following fees: On all moneys collected by him and on poll tax and road receipts received by him in lieu of cash for each fiscal year, under $6,000, 10 per cent; for all sums over $6,000 and under $10,000, 5 per cent; on all sums over $10,000, 2 per cent. On all sums collected percentage shall be allowed but once, and in computing the amount collected for the purpose of charging percentage, all sums, from whatever fund derived, shall be included together, except the school fund. The treasurer shall be paid in the same proratа from the respective funds of the state collected by him, whether the same be in money or state warrants. All fees on collections of county funds shall be deducted from the county general fund. On school moneys by him collected, he shall receive a commission of but 1 per cent and in all cases where persons outside of the state apply to the treasurer to pay taxes, the treasurer is authorized to charge a fee of $1 for each tax receipt sent to him by such persons.

In a case based on this section (Taylor vs. Kearney Co., 35 Id., 381), it is held: "Moneys collected by him refer solely to taxes collected."

No Mention of Fees.

(Section 5, chapter lxxx, County Treasurer—Books—Payments.)

The Board of Educational Lands and Funds shall furnish to the respective county treasurers such books, records and information as are necessary to conduct the school land business of their respective counties. It shall be the duty of the county treasurer to thereafter enter in said records the school land transactions in his county, and to use due diligence to collect all money by his books or the records of the commissioner of public lands and buildings found to be due, and to receive payments upon the educational lands as herein provided, and deliver to the payor his receipt therefore, and to the commissioner of public lands and buildings a duplicate of said receipt, which, if found correct by said commissioner, shall be entered upon his records and filed with the auditor of public accounts; and said auditor shall charge such county treasurer with the amount of money received as principal and interest, separately. And all moneys so received shall be paid by the officers receiving the same to the state treasurer, specifying whether said money is from the common school, normal school, university or agricultural college lands, and such money shall be held for the principal of the funds derived from these lands, or from the temporary funds belonging thereto, as the case may be. Upon the payment by said county treasurer of said money to the state treasurer, and presentation of the state treasurer's receipt to the auditor of public accounts, he shall credit said county treasurer with the amount of the same.

It is generally understood that the county treasurers claim their right to make the deductions from the first section quoted, but in the opinion cited the supreme court holds different. The question has created considerable comment around the state house and many suggestions have been made for a recovery of the shortage to the permanent school fund, should the practice be held to be unconstitutional. One officer suggested that the legislature could authorize the auditor to draw a warrant for the amount on the general fund, to be paid into the permanent school fund, just like it did when the Bartley matter came, in which Auditor Moore drew the warrant, Senator Millard's bank cashed it and Bartley served a term in the penitentiary for appropriating the proceeds.

Calls in Warrants.

State Treasurer Mortensen has issued two calls for general fund warrants for the month of December. One for $40,000 numbered from 92,800 to 93,198, maturing December 15 and a second for $50,000 maturing December 21. In all probability another call will be made before the end of the month.

A large part of the receipts of money during this month is due to the new revenue law which makes personal taxes payable on December 1 instead of February, as it was under the old law. From the returns received from the various county treasurers it is evident that the new law is being observed generally notwithstanding its fate is still in the hands of the supreme court.

At a meeting of the city improvement society this morning a paper was read condemning the practice of throwing hand bills upon the streets, giving the town a most untidy appearance. It was suggested that a ten-line advertisement in a newspaper would do a merchant more good than all of the hand bills that could be scattered around. A report of the work of the society during the last two years will soon be printed and ready for distribution.

One Cent Each for Rats.

Out at the State Industrial school at Kearney they evidently had a rat-killing time this month, according to the report of Superintendent Hayward just filed with the secretary of state. In the disbursement column there is an item allowing Herbert Mills $1.03 for killing 103 rats. Just how the murders were committed the report does not say, but it was evidently a rapid process. The total enrollment at the school during the month was 138, of which 136 were in attendance at the end of the month. Five boys were received at the institution and two were paroled since the last report.

Contractor Gets Pay.

Treasurer Mortensen has finally withdrawn his objections to the payment of a bill for $1,777.70 to W. A. Bailey for work done at the Grand Island Soldiers' home and the claim has been allowed by the Board of Public Lands and Buildings. At a meeting of the board the day previous Mr. Bailey was released from a contract to do some painting at the Milford home. Statements were filed to show Mr. Mortensen that the work had been well done.

Hall Against Revenue Law.

Senator Hall, who helped to represent Douglas county in the late legislature and who voted for the revenue law enacted by that body, today filed a brief in the supreme court to assist in knocking out the law. Mr. Hall holds that the insurance sections are bad because they discriminate.

Watchman Arrested for Larceny.

R. H. Fisher, a night watchman employed to protect and watch the property of others in a block in this city, is now behind the bars at the city jail, charged with petit larceny. Fisher was caught in the act of stealing a morning newspaper from the porch of one of the houses which he watched. For some time the subscriber had been missing his paper and at last reported to the police. Officer Codle watched the watchman and the house. He watched the watchman watch the newsboy place the paper on the porch and then he watched the watchman grab the paper and begin to watch the house. Then Codle arrested him.

Have a slice?
Want some of the choicest "cuts" we're cutting in price during this
Fall Stock Reducing Sale
Backward, warm fall has made some of our choicest fabrics bashful.
We're cutting out their bashfulness by cutting off a large hunk of their original prices—thus:
$30 Suits and Overcoats, tailor made, for $25.
$25 and $28 Suits and Overcoats, tailor made, for $20.
$6 and $7 Trousers, tailor made, for $5.
$12 Trousers, tailor made, for $9.
MacCarthy Tailoring Company,
304-306 S. 16th St.,
Next door to Wabash Ticket Office.
Phone 1803.

DEAN EDGREN DIES IN SWEDEN

University Professor, for Many Years in Lincoln, Goes to His Rest.

LINCOLN, Dec. 10.—Word was received in Lincoln today of the death of Dean A. H. Edgren of the University of Stockholm, Sweden. For many years he was dean of the graduate school of the University of Nebraska and held a chair of languages. He was the author of several textbooks.

Prof. Edgren was one of the most distinguished members of the faculty that ever served the university. He was highly regarded by his associates for his deep learning and loved by the entire school for his many sterling qualities.

A man of great attainments, he had a world-wide reputation as a linguist and as a Sanscrit scholar. His work at the university was of the highest order, and he has left the impress of his personality on the students who graduated from the institution, while he occupied one of the chairs, which will live many years.

A member of the faculty said today that no eulogy of Prof. Edgren could be made too strong, for the dead educator deserved every word of commendation that might be passed upon his standing as a man and as a teacher.

Besides being distinguished as a linguist, Prof. Edgren was the author of a number of school works which have had a wide sale and have brought him fame beyond his reputation as an educator. The best Spanish and Italian grammars extant were written by him and he has written a number of scientific papers. He was an admirer of the poet Longfellow, and translated his works into the Swedish language for the benefit of his countrymen, considering it a labor of love.

Two years ago, to the great regret of the chancellor and faculty, who were loath to lose his great services, Prof. Edgren resigned and accepted a position as critic and judge in the Nobel institute at Stockholm, Sweden. The offer was a flattering one, and the wife of the professor, desiring to live once more in that country, did much to influence him to sever the relations of years with the state university.

The position was one of the greatest responsibility, and it was a rare tribute to the ability of the Nebraska man as a scholar and critic. The literary productions of the world were to pass through his hands, from the greatest pens in the universe, and to his judgment and nice discernment was left the final decision.

Notable Masonic Gathering.

OAKLAND, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—The meeting last night of Oakland lodge No. 91, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, marked one of the most notable occasions of the Oakland lodge. Seldom will you witness such a gathering of notable Masons. Among those present were R. E. French, grand custodian of Nebraska; Judge Evans of Dakota City, past grand master; Judge Hopewell, grand senior warden of Nebraska; Jesse Gidley of Cedar Bluffs, grand worthy patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, and many other notable Masons from Pender, Lyons, Tekamah, Wayne, Craig, etc. In all sixteen lodges and three different states were represented. The grand custodian illustrated the lecture with magnificent stereopticon views. After the completion of the work a banquet was served. The new and finely furnished lodge rooms of the Masonic order appeared at their best in the brilliant light. Each one present spoke with enthusiasm of the splendid appointments and the elegant furnishings and arrangements of the new rooms. The grand custodian, Mr. French, will hold a school for instruction for the next three days.

Time to Take a Rest.

DAVID CITY, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Tennis Hookstra will celebrate their eighty-first birthday next week. Mr. Hookstra's birthday comes Sunday, December 13, and his wife's Wednesday, December 16. Some time ago they divided up $45,000 between their three children, John and Henry Hookstra, and Mrs. John Vandermeulen, so as not to be bothered with the care of it, but retaining plenty for their own use. After living in the old home for thirty-eight years, they moved last week, so as to be nearer Henry, one of the sons. Mr. and Mrs. Hookstra have lived a good, industrious life and surely have a right to enjoy the fruits of their energy and thrift.

Boy May Lose an Eye.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—The 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ebersole met with an accident while playing with a pitchfork with several other boys. One of the boys was striking the prongs of the fork and the others were listening to the sound thus made, when the fork dropped and one of the tines struck David's eye. The boy was taken to Omaha and placed under the care of Dr. Gifford, but it is feared that the sight of the member has been permanently impaired.

Haas Asks Divorce.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—E. R. Haas, former county clerk of Otoe county and now a resident of Syracuse, today filed suit for divorce from his wife, Bertha J. Haas.

ARREST BLAIR'S HIRED MAN

Alleged He is the One Who Really Abducted Beulah Thomas.

BLAIR WAS AT CHURCH THAT EVENING

Wonder Now is How Girl Could Have Been Concealed So Long at the House Without Being Discovered.

YORK, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Lewis Bice, a young man employed by John Blair as hired man, was arrested this morning and placed in jail. Officers with a warrant charging Bice with attempting to interfere with the administration of justice by hiding and secreting Beulah Thomas, arrested Bice at the Blair home and brought him to York, where County Judge Taylor placed him under $500 bonds, which were soon furnished by Bice's mother, who lives in Arborville township and owns real estate there.

The report is that on Sunday night, November 13, Lewis Bice drove near a bridge or creamery near the Thomas home and tied his team, walking to the Thomas house, where he is said to have found Miss Thomas as she stepped out of the house, and she either voluntarily accompanied him to where the team was, or he by force took her to the team, and they then drove to Blair's house, where Miss Thomas is now supposed to have been secreted all the time up to last Monday night, when county officers arrested Blair on the same charge and when searching the house found Miss Thomas.

The strangest part of all is how Miss Thomas could have all this time been at Blair's house and no one discovered it, or any information leaked out. Blair has three daughters attending school who never told, and a part of the time Blair's house was watched, as the father of Miss Thomas accused Blair of having abducted his daughter or being instrumental in kidnaping her.

On the eventful Sunday night John Blair, who is said to not be a regular church attendant, was one of the first to enter the church at Arborville, and as the abduction of Miss Thomas occurred at church time suspicion was not directed so strongly against Blair, who was known by a large number to have been at church at the time of the abduction.

Those who censure and condemn Blair say that this was a scheme of Blair's to go to church, so that he would not be suspected as having a part in the disappearance of Miss Thomas, and it did have much to do with quieting public opinion.

Bice's trial will take place in sixty days. Blair's trial may commence this week.

SUPERVISORS FINISH WORK

Committee to Have Bills Desired Ready for Next Session of the Legislature.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—The Commissioners and Supervisors association convened this morning at 10 o'clock and completed its business before noon.

Chairman Welton of the legislative committee announced the appointment of the following as the executive committee: Welton, Lancaster; Falter, Cass; Greenwalt, Custer; Gallagher, Hull; Crosier, Polk; McCord, Jefferson, and Winter of Madison. It was ordered that this committee have its bill prepared by November 1 and that a copy be sent to the board of every county in the state and that the bills also be read at the next annual meeting of the association to be held at Lincoln, early during the legislative session.

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Commissioners and Supervisors association of the state of Nebraska, extend our most hearty thanks to the people of Grand Island for their cordial welcome and their courteous treatment during the entire convention and especially to the members of the Hull county board of supervisors for the royal entertainment given us and their untiring efforts toward making this convention one of the most profitable and pleasant yet held by this association.

The secretary was ordered to have 200 copies of the revised by laws printed.

It was also ordered that an order of business be adopted for future conventions. On motion the chairman appointed Newton of Lancaster, Gallagher of Hall and Winters of Madison as a committee to formulate a program for the next convention. The convention hereupon adjourned.

Surveying Union Pacific Cut-Off.

PAPILLION, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—A gang of Union Pacific surveyors have been at work northwest of Papillion making a survey for a cut-off which it is alleged will shorten the road between Omaha and Millard by about eight miles. At present the Union Pacific makes a long detour through South Omaha and all the way to Millard, but should the cut-off be built as contemplated they will branch off from their present line about a mile from the Union station at Omaha, take a direct westerly course and again join the main track at a point one mile east of Millard. This will leave the towns of South Omaha, Avery, Gilmore and Papillion off the main line, but it is stated that the company will not abandon the line through these places, but will run local trains over the route now in vogue sufficient to take care of the business from these points. It is asserted by those in authority that the management of the Union Pacific has not as yet fully decided to construct this line, but their intention is to make a complete survey in order to arrive at an approximate cost of reducing grades, bridging, filling in and other necessary work.

Signal Corps is Interested.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—The signal corps of the Nebraska National Guard is somewhat interested in the grand jury investigation of General Colby's transaction in the adjutant general's office on account of a $50 item for armory rent which it never received. The corps was mustered into service in March, 1902, and was supposed to receive money for armory rent from that time. In February, 1903, it received from the adjutant general's office $50 to apply on rent for the present year and was informed by General Culver that there was no money on hand to pay back rent, in spite of the fact that the legislature of 1901 appropriated money for that purpose.

Janitor Has a Close Call.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—About 3 o'clock this morning Janitor Bade, of the court house, who sleeps in the county treasurer's office, awoke with that stuffy feeling. He didn't realize at first whether there was a fire or what was the matter. He is a light sleeper and having the impression that something was wrong, immediately got up and began to investigate. It was found that the high wind that had come up during the night was blowing down the chimney, part of the smoke pipe above the building having been broken off and the wind blowing from the roof down the pipe, filling the room with coal gas.

Presbyterians Have Prospered.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—The annual congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian church was held last night. The reports submitted show an advancement in all departments of the church during the past year, the increase in membership being seventy. Officers were elected as follows: H. L. Warner, J. T. Dickinson and S. P. Lester, elders; J. R. Spicer, William A. Wolfe, J. A. McCallum, G. W. Warner, trustees; Mesdames F. E. Kimball, F. H. Howey, F. N. Prophet, music committee.

FORMER NEBRASKAN CONVICTED

W. W. Montgomery Guilty of Manslaughter in Killing of an Oklahoma Jailer.

GUTHRIE, Okl., Dec. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—The jury in the trial of Charles A. Thom alias W. W. Montgomery, accused of the murder of J. L. Emerson, jailer of the Logan county jail, here, May 14 last, returned a verdict today after being out twelve hours, finding Thom guilty of manslaughter in the first degree. Thom was arrested in Oklahoma City in April and brought here to answer to the charge of bigamy. In a jail break May 14 he escaped, killing the jailer and was caught four days later.

He formerly resided at Beatrice, Neb., at which place he was married. He is also said to have been married in Sioux City, Ia., Chicago, Ill., and Seward, Okl. At the preliminary hearing here in July he was defended by Attorney L. W. Colby of Beatrice, Neb., and Judge A. H. Houston of this city. His mother resides at Blue Springs, Neb.

MOTHER AND CHILD BURNED

Woman Dies from Injuries and No Hope for Recovery of Child.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Daisy Trullinger was fatally burned here today, dying from the effects of the injuries received late this afternoon. Mrs. Trullinger was trying to kindle a fire with kerosene and the can exploded, throwing oil over the room and setting fire to her garments. Her infant child was in the room and the woman was suffocated with fire and smoke in trying to carry it from the house. George Ingram first saw the fire and rescued the woman and child from the building. The woman was frightfully burned, scarcely any clothes remaining on her person, and she died at a late hour today. It is not thought possible the child can live.

Fights Peddler License.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—The police arrested a man who gave his name as W. L. Laferty, residence Kansas City, on the charge of peddling without a license. Laferty represents a Kansas City instalment house and carries a large quantity of rugs, clocks, etc. He sent to Kansas City for an attorney to defend him and claims that the house will carry the case to the United States supreme court.

Red Men Elect Officers.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Otoe tribe No. 16, Improved Order of Red Men met last night and elected the following officers: Theodore Leech, prophet; L. H. Millen, sachem; A. C. Bradley, senior sachem; J. H. Martin, junior sachem; Martin Schidlowski, keeper of wampum; R. B. Appleget, chief of records; Theodore Leech, C. A. Osborne, Martin Schidlowski, trustees.

McCook Boys Held for Robbery.

McCOOK, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Two misguided young men, Harry Walters and John Hawkins of this city, now repose in the county jail at Indianola for having relieved Thomas Plunmer of Perry of $170 a few days since. They were apprehended at Culbertson and bound over to the March term of the district court. Walters is held under $800 bond as principal and Hawkins under $400 as accessory.

Scarcity of Coal.

HARVARD, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Cold weather and a scarcity of the best grades of Colorado and Wyoming coal, is the condition Harvard finds itself in. Corn gathering is still going on though many have finished while others are hurrying their gathering as fast as possible that they may be through before heavy storms come.

Otoe County Carriers Confer.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—The Otoe county Rural Carriers' association met at the government building in this city. Several members from other towns in the county were present and two new carriers joined the association. The numerous bills before congress concerning the carriers and the good roads bills were discussed at the meeting.

Visit the Fatherland.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Carl Schulz, connected with the Beatrice Brick works, departed today for Germany to join Robert Klose, president of the concern, who has been visiting there for the past few months. The two will travel extensively through Europe and will not return to this country until late in the spring.

Knights Templar Banquet.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Mt. Hermon commandery, Knights Templar, held a largely attended meeting last night, which was addressed by Grand Commander Fred Vaughn. Initiatory services were held, after which a banquet was given by the local lodge. Quite a number of visitors were present from Wymore and Blue Springs.

Thirty Days for Theft.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—The young man who gave the name of Mark Bly and who was arrested on a charge of stealing an overcoat from J. B. Fulton, was sentenced to thirty days in the county jail yesterday. He claimed Kearney as his home.

Boy Declared Insane.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—The Cass county Board of Insanity has examined a 17-year-old boy named Joseph Rhoden at Greenwood and pronounced him a fit subject for the asylum for insane, to which place Sheriff J. D. McBride accompanied him.

RETURNS TWENTY-TWO BILLS

Federal Grand Jury Indicts Bartlett Richards and Other Big Cattlemen.

ELLIOTT LOWE ALSO FALLS A PREY

Latter is Charged with Bribery in Alma Postoffice Deal and Former with Illegal Fencing of Land.

The federal grand jury yesterday afternoon returned twenty-two indictments, some of the principal victims being Bartlett Richards, president of the Nebraska Land and Feeding company; W. J. Comstock vice-president, Charles Jamison, secretary, F. M. Currie and other big stock men of Nebraska; Elliott Lowe of Alma.

The charges alleged against the cattle men is that of illegally fencing government lands and thos against Lowe are alleged bribery for certain transactions in the disposition of the postmastership at Alma. Lowe was state representative and republican candidate for the nomination as congressman and had, it is said, distribution of this much patronage. His accusers charge that he gave the postoffice to J. C. Mitchell for a consideration of $600, being $100 in excess of the amount offered by J. B. Billings, former postmaster and candidate for reappointment. The case was worked up by District Attorney Summers, through K. L. Kessler, an attorney at Alma.

Despite these grave charges and the fact that both Lowe and Postmaster Mitchell were subpoenaed as witnesses and held in Omaha throughout the proceedings of the grand jury at the command of Summers, Summers has persistently refused to allow either to go before the grand jury and tell what he knew to be facts in this case. Mitchell has repeatedly urged that he be allowed this privilege, but each time has been denied it. This is considered a fatally weak point in Summer's prosecution.

Charges Are Denied.

In the evidence worked up against Lowe the statement is made that Mitchell borrowed $1,000 from the Harlan county bank at Alma on the day on which he was originally charged with turning over the $600 to Lowe. Mitchell admits getting this amount from the bank on that day, but declares that he did not appropriate a cent of it for the purchase of the postoffice appointment. He says he spent $350 for fixtures for the postoffice and $325 went to redeem an overdraft at a bank. He and his friends of whom there are many, as well as Lowe and his numerous friends, declare the charges contained in the indictment to be absolutely false.

In addition to these indictments it is generally rumored that a bill was returned against former adjutant general L. W. Colby of Beatrice for the alleged misappropriation of $2,000 appropriated to pay for government supplies furnished at the time of the fire at the penitentiary, the money to pay for the same having been appropriated by the legislature.

This makes just eighty-three bills returned by this grand jury, and it still has considerable business on hands. Yet it is a matter of great speculation as to whether it will not adjourn tomorrow night. The remaining cases to be investigated are those charging illicit selling of liquor to Indians. It is understood that some grave charges have been preferred along this line, but what has been or will be done toward ferretting out those charges is not known.

Naturally, the indictment returned against Senator Dietrich is the one which has attracted greatest interest, and it has really been the pivot of this grand jury's operations, it would seem. Another bill of some notoriety was the one returned against Jerry Taylor of Fremont, charged with sending an obscene letter through the mails to a Miss Mary Taylor of Pratt, Kan. Many of the recent indictments are against persons not yet arrested, who have thus far evaded the deputy marshals who have been, ostensibly at least, scouring the country for them.

Woman Proves Insane.

The interest of the mysterious Fairbury woman in the postoffice investigations seems after all to have no bearing on the deliberations, but rather on the salvation of Francis White, the foreman of the grand jury.

A young woman, rather pleasing in looks, appeared at the postoffice building yesterday morning and asked to be directed to the grand jury room. She was shown, and approaching the door rapped and asked if Francis White was there. Mr. White courteously responded and the young woman asked him if his name was Francis White. He said that it was.

"Is your life in danger?" she asked.

"I don't know, but why?" asked White, surprised.

She repeated the question, and White, more mystified than ever, called the attention of District Attorney Summers to the woman's actions, and as it was evident that she was mentally unbalanced she was gently given over to the care of the United States marshal.

An investigation of the case developed that the young woman was from Fairbury and that on Sunday last she had heard a sermon preached there by a Rev. Francis White; that she was much wrought up over it and was laboring under a strong religious dementia. She conceived the idea that the minister's life was in grave danger and came to Omaha yesterday to warn him, thinking Foreman White was the man of cloth. She put up at the Paxton and in inquiring for Francis White was directed to the foreman of the federal grand jury. According to her statement her home is at Fairbury, where she has a husband and twin children, a boy and girl. The Fairbury authorities have been notified and an effort will be made to restore her to her friends.

She is a woman of more than ordinary intelligence, is stylishly dressed and aside from her hallucination that Francis White is in danger of his life, she is perfectly rational on all subjects. She registered at the Paxton as Mrs. H. W. Banner of Fairbury.

In order that no more leakages may occur from the grand jury room at the federal building the most stringent mandates have been issued regarding witnesses and others, and the seals of secrecy have been closed with a time lock and the key hid.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

"For 40 years I have depended on Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for coughs and colds. I know it greatly strengthens weak lungs."—Mrs. P. A. Robinson, Saline, Mich.

Take cold easily? Throat tender? Lungs weak? Any relatives have consumption? Then a cough means a great deal to you. Your doctor will tell you to take the medicine that has been healing weak lungs for sixty years. He knows. Do as he says. Trust him.

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HALE AND HEARTY AT 103

THANKS TO DUFFY'S PURE MALT WHISKEY.

Wolf Weisman, of Hoboken, N. J., Now in His 104th Year, and Possessed of all his Faculties, Says "Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey Keeps My Mind Clear and Body Strong and Well. It Has Prolonged My Life Many Years."

Mr. Weisman is Just as Keen and Bright as He Was 25 Years Ago, Is Up Every Morning at Four, Walks a Couple of Hours, and After a Busy and Useful Day Sleeps Like a Baby.

"I take great pleasure in writing you that I have already celebrated my 103d birthday. I feel as strong and vigorous at this ripe old age as I did twenty-five years ago. I arise at 4 o'clock in the morning and walk for two hours daily in the open air; spend much of my time in the synagogue reading and praying; retire at 7 o'clock and sleep like a baby.

"I was born in Russia in 1800 and have lived a happy, natural life. My habits have always been temperate; I eat very little meat and have never eaten pork. I had four new teeth when I was 101.

"I HAVE USED DUFFY'S PURE MALT WHISKEY FOR YEARS. It tones up the system, enriches the blood, stimulates the circulation, takes away that tired feeling and keeps my mind clear and body strong and well. It has undoubtedly prolonged my life many years. I am very thankful for having heard of Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey and would not be without it."—WOLF WEISMAN, No. 110 Adams St.

What Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey has done for Mr. Weisman it has been doing for hundreds of thousands of men and women during the past 50 years and will do for you. It is the most effective and successful tonic and stimulant known to medicine, and is prescribed by over 7,000 doctors and used exclusively in 2,000 hospitals as the one sure, perfect and permanent cure and preventive of disease.

DUFFY'S PURE MALT WHISKEY

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It brings into action all the vital forces, makes digestion perfect and enables you to get from food all the nourishment it contains. It enriches the blood, stimulates circulation, builds up nerve tissue, tones up the heart, gives power to the brain and strength and elasticity to the muscles. It strengthens and invigorates overworked, run-down men; tired-out, nervous, delicate women and sickly children.

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