

SENSATION IN A LAWSUIT

Letter from Treasurer of Bankers Union Produced Before Referee.

CHARGES STATE OFFICIAL WITH CRIME

Says Action is Result of Refusal to be Held Up by the State Insurance Department.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Feb. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—The hearing in the case of the Bankers' Union of the World, in progress before Referee Ryan, took an interesting turn this morning when a letter written by Treasurer Swartz was introduced.

The letter stated that the receiver of the company had been dismissed and the proceedings against the company had been begun because the company had refused to submit to a holdup at the hands of the insurance department.

Chief Justice Holcomb ordered the letter inserted in the records. It is likely contempt proceedings will ensue. The letter was written to a policyholder in Cornell.

Vault Unsafe for Records.

From the vault in the office of the secretary of state these days old records are being removed to the basement vault which was fixed up last year. This cleaning up reveals that the vault in the secretary of state's office is about as unsafe a place for the keeping of valuable records as it can be and that the next legislature will be asked for an appropriation to fit up the vault with steel fixtures.

At present the record files are of pasteboard and the vault fixtures are of wood. Even back of the pasteboard there is wood. Of course, when the iron doors are closed, the vault is supposed to be air-tight, but considerable of the records would be destroyed by fire before the flames would get out just the same.

In the vault are all the manuscript proceedings of every legislature ever held in this state, as well as the various resolutions, bills and reports of the legislature. The vault is not a safe place for them. The legislature will be asked for an appropriation of \$2,000 or \$3,000 next year to take out all of the wood in the vault and make the files of steel, thus preventing any chance for flames to spread should a fire originate. The change would also increase the capacity of the vault fully 25 per cent.

Interest in Banquet.

Much interest is being manifested in the annual banquet to be given at the Lindell hotel tomorrow evening by the Young Men's Republican club. Colonel C. J. Bills, who has been appointed special aid to Governor Bailey of Kansas, one of the speakers, met the governor at the state line this morning and escorted him to Lincoln, arriving over the Burlington at 5:45 o'clock. With the staff of Governor Miles and their wives, Governor Bailey was entertained at dinner at the executive mansion tonight. Congressman Prince of Illinois will be met at Ashland by Don C. Despain, Clayton Myers and E. S. Mickey, and Judge Robertson will be met by a committee, and the committee will be met by a committee.

Following names are on the program: Martin Dunuzio, Omaha; Edwin P. Gel-nour, Omaha; V. L. Hanson, Crawford, A. B. Hiltner, Omaha; M. P. Kavanagh, Phillips; Jesse Lancaster, Omaha; Peter Livingston, Grand Island; A. W. W. Lusk, Stanton; E. McFarland, Debra; J. M. G. O'Connell, Omaha; J. M. Ruth, Omaha; Henry Snyder, Dunbar; Theresa St. Martin, Wahoo; George B. Toul, York; A. C. Walker, Gibbon; M. D. Welch, Omaha.

FEAST WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD

Over Eight Hundred Guests at Wedding Dinner Given by Dodge County Farmer.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Jacob Baler, a wealthy German farmer, living in Pleasant Valley township, gave a wedding reception for his son, Gustaf Baler, and wife at his home today, which was the biggest affair of its kind ever held in this vicinity. About 800 guests were present to furnish a dinner and supper for them on one buffet, on one big fifty chickens, thirty-five ducks and geese, besides quantities of bread, pies, cakes and vegetables and ten barrels of beer, were consumed. Gustaf Baler and Anna Miliwa were married in Stanton Wednesday at a leading hotel. 200 guests being present. This morning the wedding party took special cars on the Omaha train for Scribner, where a long string of wagons and carriages were in waiting for a twelve-mile drive across the prairie to the Baler farm-house. Dinner was served at 2 o'clock and dancing was in order for the rest of the day. Room being at a premium in the house, which is a very large and spacious building, the wedding party went to Webster town hall, where dancing was in order until morning. Invitations had been extended to everyone in the vicinity and their entire families, hired hands and all were there. Guests were present from every village and city within a radius of thirty miles. A band and orchestra furnished music for the occasion.

Calling in Warrants.

State Treasurer Morrison expects to cash \$200,000 worth of warrants during this month. He will issue a call February 25 for the \$100,000 of warrants for \$20,000, which, with the call already out, will make \$200,000 for the month. This increase in the general fund is due to the immense amount of taxes collected on personal property February 1. During March the treasurer also expects to have a prosperous month.

Call Congressional Committee.

Chairman T. C. Munger of the republican congressional committee has issued a call for a meeting of the committee to be held at his office Saturday morning to fix the date for the congressional convention. This convention will nominate candidates for congress and will also elect two delegates to the national republican convention. It is likely the convention will be called for some time in March.

Something in a Name.

Growing out of the loss of the \$1,000 bill by Mayor Winnett last year, which the police thought John Gelsler might know something about, is a suit filed in district court today by William E. Barkley, jr., against Gelsler for \$10,000 because the latter used the name of Barkley, jr., instead of Barkley, jr., when he filed a suit for damages for being accused of taking the money. This suit is still pending and the defendants are former Chief of Police Hoagland, Detective Malone and Barkley, jr., whose father is the president of the Lincoln Safe Deposit company, in which place the money was lost. While the officers were accusing Gelsler of taking the money a woman out in town brought to the mayor and stated that she had found it on the floor of the vault.

High School Debaters.

The inter-high school debate, which occurs here tomorrow night, promises to be of much interest. The subject for the affirmative and four on the negative side of the question, "Resolved, That it is for the interest of all nations that the United States alone should construct an isthmian canal than that the United States should share such control with any other power." The debate will be held on the affirmative and four on the negative side will be upheld by Nebraska City. Lincoln.

Flight at North Bend.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—James Maddox of North Bend assaulted Ernest Kern, a lawyer and real estate dealer of that city, yesterday and pounded him up pretty badly with a heavy cane. The two men are brothers-in-law and had some trouble yesterday over Kern's objection to Maddox as an appraiser of some property taken on a writ of replevin. Kern had Maddox arrested on the charge of using abusive language. Maddox pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and costs by Justice May. Just as they left the courtroom Maddox, who is club-footed and carries a heavy cane, struck Kern a terrific blow over the head and shoulders. The constable interfered before he could strike him a second blow. Kern was taken to his home and Maddox to the city jail to await the result of the former's injuries.

To Build Monument to Duffy.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The friends of Thomas Duffy, the old man who died here last week, have raised money to put up a suitable stone at his grave. It is not known whether the old man left any relatives or not, as nothing was known of him previous to his coming to Nebraska thirty-five years ago. The little Shetland pony which for fifteen years the old man rode, almost like a child, and was his sole possession, will be cared for by one of his friends as long as the animal lives.

Norfolk Banker Goes to Coast.

NORFOLK, Neb., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—W. H. Bucholz, for years president of the Norfolk National bank, has resigned to accept the cashier's desk in the Central bank of Oakland, Cal. C. E. Burnham, cashier of the Eikhorn Valley bank at Tilden, has been elected to succeed Mr. Bucholz. The change will take place about March 15. A. M. Bucholz will leave about March 15. A. M. Bucholz, who has been president of the Citizens' National bank will be elected shortly.

Cattle Are Doing Well.

GRANT, Neb., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—About an inch of snow fell last night, practically the first of the season. By noon it was nearly gone. The mercury has registered but 10 below here so far and cattle are doing well. There is scarcely any feeding and little need for shelter.

Beatrice May Have Street Cars.

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—There is some talk here that the street railway company, which was formerly owned by Omaha capitalists, may be operated again in this city, and perhaps extended into the country.

Admits Stealing Coods.

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Two men, who gave their names as Samuel Adams and B. Arnold, pleaded guilty in police court today to stealing an armful of goods from Knott's clothing store, and were given twenty days in jail each.

RUSH TO SECURE THE LANDS

Squatters Make a Break for Claims in Sheridan County.

SOME OF THEM HAVE STRUCK IT RICH

Fine Timber Along the Streams in What Has Been Known as "No Man's Land" Which Had Been Reserved for Entry.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

RUSHVILLE, Neb., Feb. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—It has just been learned that on Saturday, February 8, the Fine Ridge agency received instructions from Washington to relinquish authority over the extension known as "No Man's Land," in Sheridan county, and a rush is now on to secure choice claims on the extension. Quite a number have already been located, many of which are worth \$300 to \$4,000. The squatters are locating mostly along White Clay and Larrabee creeks, which are the two finest trout streams in Nebraska. The bottom lands are covered with fine timber.

WOMAN KILLED IN RUNAWAY

Man Who Was in Same Rig Thrown Out, but is Not Seriously Injured.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—At 4 o'clock, while Paul Krile, a man of 60 years, and Mrs. Mary Williams, a widow of 45, were crossing the Union Pacific track to go to their home several miles out of the city, their team became frightened and unmanageable. Krile's arms gave out and he asked Mrs. Williams to take one of the reins. The result was that the team swerved and Krile was thrown from the vehicle. Mrs. Williams a few moments later jumped. She struck on her head and the skull was crushed, resulting instantly. Krile was injured only about the leg, though he fell down in front of the wagon just behind the horses. Mrs. Williams, with whom Krile had been making his home, leaves two daughters and three sons, both of whom are one of the latter being located at a distance.

BRYAN OFFERS SOME PRIZES

One Hundred Dollars if Five Papers Can Agree on Democratic Platform.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Feb. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—In the issue of the Commoner which will be mailed today Mr. Bryan makes an offer of a prize of \$100 to the following papers: The New York World, Chicago Chronicle, Brooklyn Eagle, Louisville Courier-Journal and the Boston Herald. The money can be earned by the papers agreeing upon what the next democratic platform should be. He also offers a smaller sum if any two of the papers can agree on a platform. Mr. Bryan also makes the prediction that Mr. Cleveland, Mr. Gorman and Mr. Parker can not agree on what the platform should be. Mr. Bryan says he has agreed on the Kansas City platform.

RESIDENTS OF NEBRASKA

Burch and Grace McGrew, Who Were Drowned in Philippine Waters, Lived in Auburn.

AUBURN, Neb., Feb. 11.—Burch and Grace McGrew, mentioned in the Associated Press cablegram as being drowned in the Philippine waters, were reared in this place. They are brother and sister. Dr. and Mrs. S. W. McGrew, their parents, live in Auburn. Burch McGrew was one of the most prominent educators of Nebraska. He went to the Philippine islands two years ago and his sister followed him recently. She had been at her present position but a few weeks.

Hogs Bring Good Prices.

OAKLAND, Neb., Feb. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—L. E. Young held a successful sale of Poland-China hogs at his farm four miles east of this city Wednesday. Fifty-eight head were sold at an average of \$27.50. C. M. Hulbert paid the top price, \$66, for Dealy Burlington, C. M. Hulbert and Otto Uehling held a commodity sale of Poland-China hogs at Hulbert's yards just north of this city Thursday which was also a success. Hulbert sold thirty-five head at an average of \$33.25. Supervisor H. A. Preston of this place bought the top of both sides, buying Hulbert's Columbus Monarch at \$78 and Uehling's Tecumseh Circe at \$61. Colonel F. M. Woods of Lincoln and D. A. Beckman of this place were the auctioneers. This is the first venture of this kind to be held in this vicinity and the owners are well pleased with the result.

Organize Rebekeh Club.

BLAIR, Neb., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—A meeting was held on last evening at the residence of Mrs. Theodore Haller by the members of the Rebekeh lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the purpose of organizing a grand old club, those being eligible to membership are the members who have served as noble grand of that lodge. The object of the club is to promote the interests of Odd Fellows. The officers elected are as follows: President, Mrs. L. M. Newel; secretary, Mrs. Minnie Williams; treasurer, Miss Milita Taylor; executive committee, Mrs. Lida Selden, Mrs. Mattie Mayle, Mrs. Lucie McKay.

Held for Child Stealing.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The complaint against James Church for statutory assault on a girl 13 years old was dismissed by county court yesterday and the defendant was remanded to jail to await the term of court which convenes next Monday.

Will Inspect Records.

BLAIR, Neb., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—An intermission of the Maupie-Bryant entertainment at the Paddock opera house Tuesday evening Judge W. H. Kelliger of the district court was presented with a handsome gold-headed cane from the jury. The presentation speech was made by Fulton Jack, a young attorney of this city. Judge Kelliger was greatly surprised and brightly stated that he was pleased to learn that he was esteemed so highly by the jury.

Will Make Brooms.

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The Lang Canning and Preserving company of this city has purchased the broom factory at Ellis, this county, which has been operated by B. W. Thomas, and will remove it to Beatrice. A new company is to be formed, called the Lang Broom Manufacturing company. The plant will have a capacity of 100 brooms a day.

CLEANING UP THE DEBRIS

Baltimore Starts the Work of Renovating Its Burned District.

MANY PEOPLE SECURING EMPLOYMENT

It is Now Estimated that Operations Preliminary to Reconstruction of Buildings Will Cost About \$2,000,000.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

BALTIMORE, Feb. 11.—Three thousand laborers reported to Street Cleaning Commissioner Wyckes this morning and after each had been provided with a workman's ticket they were divided into squads, placed under bosses and marched into the burned districts. Accompanying the workmen were hundreds of carts and trucks. By 8 o'clock this force was busily at work in the debris, piling the bricks and broken timbers on the sidewalks, where they were then loaded into carts to be hauled away.

District Court in Boone County.

ALBION, Neb., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—District court is still in session. The case that occupied most of the first part of the week was the State of Nebraska against E. R. Leedom of Boone for cruelty to animals. It developed that the charge that Mr. Leedom did not feed his horse, as brought by one of his neighbors, was followed by the testimony of the neighbors they found for the defendant. The case of W. W. Myers against the Nebraska Merchants' Mutual Insurance Company is now occupying the court's attention and for the last two days it has continued. It was submitted to the jury this afternoon.

Washington County Mortgages.

BLAIR, Neb., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The mortgage report for Washington county, as reported by George H. Faber, county clerk, for the month of January is as follows: Number of farm mortgages filed, 12, \$24,345; released, 12, \$19,575. Town and city mortgages filed, 7, \$3,650; released, 6, \$3,650. Chattel mortgages filed, 54, \$13,287; released, 70, \$20,278.

Rural Carrier is Injured.

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Charles Elliott, carrier of rural route No. 2, which runs out of this city, was injured in a runaway accident southwest of town yesterday afternoon. The team he was driving ran away and demolished the mail wagon, throwing Mr. Elliott out on the ground. His injuries are not regarded serious.

Robertson is Thinking.

NORFOLK, Neb., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—W. M. Robertson, a strong candidate for governor of Nebraska, has decided to consult his friends in regard to the matter of again becoming a candidate before the convention. This determination follows the announcement that Dinsmore will run.

Entertains Odd Fellows.

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The group on a platform at the Rebekeh lodge, No. 112, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, entertained the other members of the lodge at a Valentine party Tuesday evening. A literary program was rendered, after which refreshments were served and an enjoyable evening passed by those in attendance.

MORMONS CLOSE BIG DEAL

Purchase Sixteen Thousand Acres of Land in Big Horn Country Which Will Be Colonized.

CHEYENNE, Feb. 11.—A deal has been closed whereby the State Land board sold 15,000 acres of land in the Big Horn country to Apostle Woodruff and a syndicate of Mormons. The Mormons propose to start big irrigation projects and settle the land with at least 2,000 Mormons. The colony already numbers about 8,000 settlers.

Inspecting Union Pacific.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—General Superintendent Greaber, accompanied by Superintendent of Transportation Buckman and other officials of the Union Pacific, passed through Cheyenne today enroute west on a tour of inspection.

FIRE RECORD.

Hotel at Columbus.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—At 2 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the kitchen of the Thurston hotel. An alarm was at once given by Night Clerk Campbell and the fire department was soon on the scene. It was, however, hampered for a short time by frozen water pipes, but got water turned on in time to confine the flames to the large storeroom on the north side of the kitchen. There was no panic among the guests, but many of them prepared to vacate the house in case of emergency. The loss is placed at about \$200. The fire was caused from hot ashes being thrown near the building.

Resort at Norfolk.

NORFOLK, Neb., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The resort conducted by Fern McDonald was burned to the ground at noon today. The inmates had a lively time getting out. As there is no water protection in the district the firemen did not attempt to save the structure.

Residence at Republican City.

REPUBLICAN CITY, Neb., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Fire destroyed the residence of E. H. Martin, editor of the Ranger, yesterday morning, originating from a defective fuse. Estimated loss, \$800; insured for \$400.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Warmer for Nebraska and Iowa, with Snow in Portions of Both States on Saturday.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Forecast: Nebraska—Fair and warmer Friday; Saturday, cloudy, with snow in west portion. For Iowa—Fair and warmer Friday; Saturday, increasing cloudiness, with possible snow in north and west portions; warmer in central and eastern portions. For Illinois—Fair Friday, except snow in extreme northeast portion; Saturday, fair and warmer, with fresh northeast winds. For North Dakota and South Dakota—Fair and warmer Friday, snow at night or Saturday. For Missouri—Fair Friday and warmer in northeast portion; Saturday, partly cloudy and warmer. For Wyoming—Snow or rain Friday and Saturday; colder Saturday. For Montana—Snow Friday, except fair in southeast portion and warmer in east portion; Saturday, snow and colder in northeast portion. For Colorado—Cloudy Friday, warmer in west and south portions and snow at night or Saturday.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Feb. 11.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

Table with columns for Year (1904, 1903, 1902, 1901) and rows for Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature, Mean temperature, Precipitation, and Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1902.

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Table with columns for Station Name, Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature, and Precipitation.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER.

Table with columns for Station Name, Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature, and Precipitation.

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