

ONLY VERDICT POSSIBLE

Lawyers Say How Case Could Have Resolved, No Other Way.

PRaise SLAUGHAUGH FOR HIS ZEAL

Recent Imputations of Omaha's Fake Papers that County Attorney Was Derelict in His Duty.

President Omaha attorneys resent the imputations cast by the two yellow journals of Omaha upon County Attorney Slaught in his course of trial of the Howell-Rosewater case. They firmly declare no other result than a verdict of "not guilty," such as the jury returned, was possible in the light of the evidence. That the county attorney was not and could not be derelict in his duty of prosecuting the case. City Attorney Dreen, who drew the original information, doesn't think there were any grounds for it. Here are some of the expressions:

Former Senator Matthew A. Hall—No one can convince me that Judge Slaught was derelict in his duty. He is not bluff on that plan. He is a most conscientious official and I believe gave the case all the attention it demanded. His assistant, Mr. Spitzwell, is an earnest and ambitious young man, who would be liable to err, if at all, in an enthusiasm of prosecution rather than against it. I cannot pass on the evidence adduced, as I was away, but I have no doubt that the twelve men composing the jury did their very best to reach a correct verdict.

Ralph W. Breckenridge—To the question as to the strength of the evidence I cannot answer either way, because I did not follow it close enough. In a general way I paid some attention to the progress of the trial and I am perfectly satisfied that the county attorney is incapable of being and was not derelict in his duty.

Fearless and Earnest. T. A. Donohoe—I was in and out of the court room several times while the trial was going on. My observation leads me to say he discharged his duty fearlessly and earnestly. There could be no other result than that reached, in my judgment. The county attorney was handicapped very much by the conduct of his principal witness, as I look at it.

Howard H. Baldrige—From a general knowledge of the case it seems to me that the verdict was a just one. I have always found County Attorney Slaught to be willing and ready to do his duty at all times and I think he did so in this instance. I did not see how Mr. Rosewater could possibly be convicted.

William Baird—I did not expect any other outcome. From the information of the case I obtained through the newspapers I consider the verdict as it should be. I can see no evidence tending to the belief that the county attorney was derelict in his duty and I don't think he was.

James H. Adams—I have paid no great attention to the case, but from what I heard and saw in the papers the county attorney, prosecuted the case with vigor. I have been told this by persons in a position to judge.

City Attorney John P. Dreen—I drew up the original information in the case, but the truth to say, I don't know whether there was any legitimate ground for it or not. I have no reason to believe that County Attorney Slaught conducted the case other than was right for the proper.

H. W. Pennock—I have no reason to think the county attorney was derelict in his duty.

Verdict a Logical One. George A. Magney (former assistant county attorney)—I would say, from what I read of the case as it progressed, that the verdict given was the logical outcome. I do not see that County Attorney Slaught was at all derelict in performing his duty. From my knowledge of the law governing that class of cases I believe he did all that he could do as public prosecutor.

Charles E. Clapp—White I did not follow the case closely, from what I read and heard, and in the light of the judge's charge, there could have been no other result. I do not believe there is the slightest ground for the intimation that the county attorney was not earnest and faithful in performing his duty.

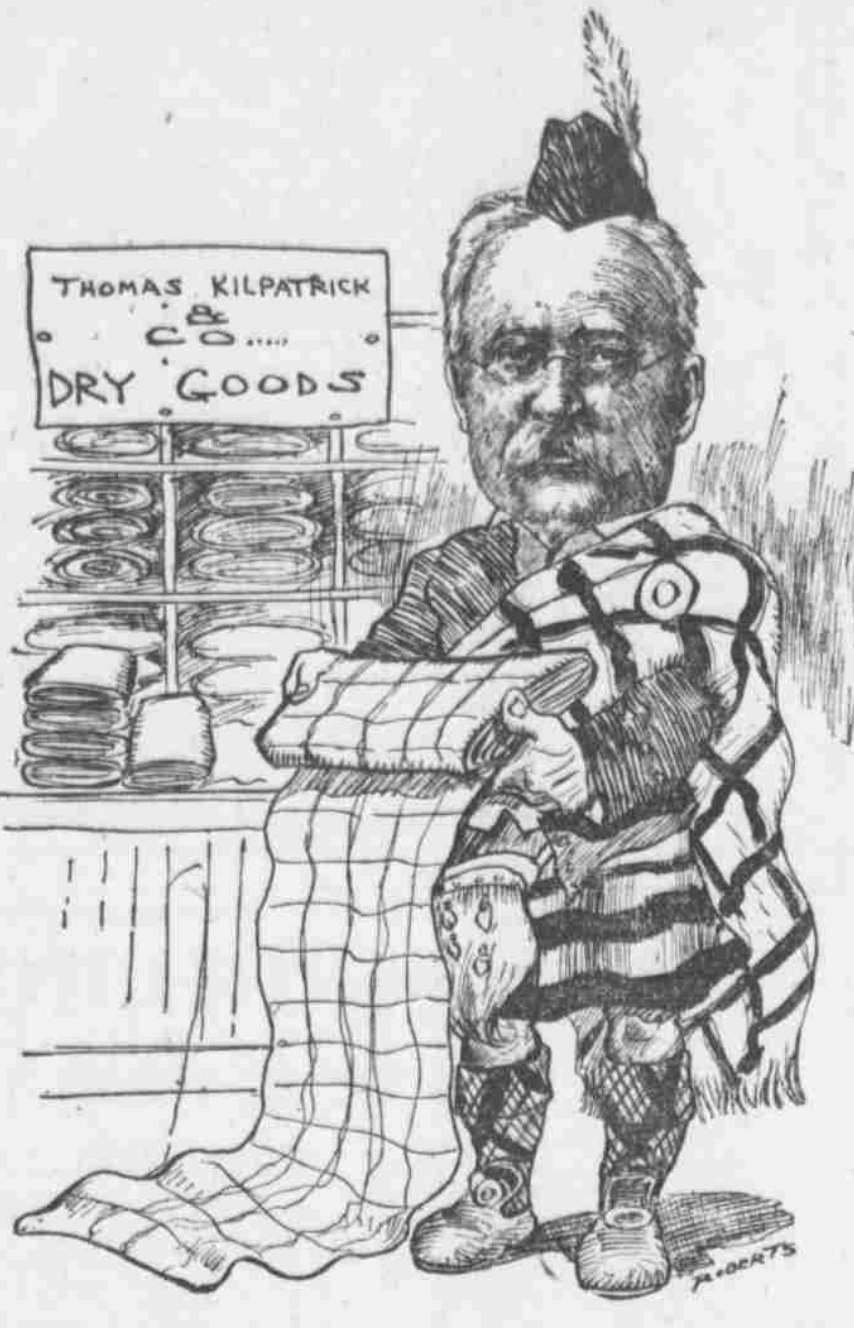
W. M. Miller of Weaver & Miller—I do not believe there would have been any other result, under the circumstances, no matter if a dozen county attorneys were engaged. So far from believing that County Attorney Slaught was guilty of trying to make a farce of the trial, my observation when Mr. Howell was on the stand gave me the impression that he was responsible for much of the farcical matter, if there was any. He had a suspicious twinkle about the eyes all the time that I observed the case.

J. R. Reagan—So far as I could form an opinion from the newspaper reports, Mr. Slaught endeavored to discharge his full duty in the case. He is a man of earnestness and ability, who does not trifler in matters he handles in court.

Former Judge Ben S. Baker—It was the duty of the jury, and it alone, to pass on the evidence. We must presume that the jurors did their duty in an unbiased and unprejudiced manner until the contrary is shown. Judge Slaught is an honorable, clean gentleman, and undoubtedly performed his duty fully and completely as he understood it.

Same Old Spleen and Snav. According to the junior yellow, the jury in the Howell-Rosewater trial did their best brought in a verdict of acquittal after being out three hours. According to the senior fakery it took three hours and a quarter for the jury to agree. As a mat-

OMAHA MEN AND THEIR HOBBIES



THOMAS KILPATRICK Proclaiming the Coming of the Kilties.

ter of fact, the jury retired at twenty minutes before noon and after electing its foreman it took one ballot, which was for acquittal and two for conviction, the latter representing a rearranged disagreement in order to secure the customary dinner at the Drexel, which lasted from 12 to 1 p. m. In the meantime the court had adjourned until 2 p. m. When it reconvened the jury had already unanimously voted not guilty.

According to members of the jury, the only reason why any time was lost in returning a verdict not guilty immediately upon the receipt of the case and retirement from the court room was the fact that the jurors were hungry and wanted to get lunch. Lunch time was only a few minutes off and by being leisurely nothing was lost, as court would not convene before 2 o'clock after the noon adjournment. "There was no difficulty in reaching a verdict," said a juror. "The twelve minds were of the same opinion. We wanted to get lunch, however, before going back into the court room."

Narrow Escape. George A. Magney (former assistant county attorney)—I would say, from what I read of the case as it progressed, that the verdict given was the logical outcome. I do not see that County Attorney Slaught was at all derelict in performing his duty. From my knowledge of the law governing that class of cases I believe he did all that he could do as public prosecutor.

SEVERE BLOW TO HIS WIFE. Theft of Window Dresser Leads to Conviction and Young Woman's Grief.

George H. Wickham pleaded guilty in police court Friday morning to the charge of petit larceny filed against him by his employers, Hayden Bros. The prisoner was fined \$50 and costs.

It was alleged in the complaint that Wickham stole a quantity of shoes, laces, handkerchiefs and other articles to the value of \$175. Wickham has been employed at the Hayden Bros. store as window dresser and is said to have been stealing systematically for some time.

The news of Wickham's arrest was a severe shock to his young wife. The woman appeared in police court and had a long talk with her husband before he was arraigned. Her eyes were red from much weeping and restless night. She held her husband's hand and asked, "George, why did you do such a thing?" She has telegraphed for the money with which to pay the fine.

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Fourth of July Victim. Alberta MacCone, the 7-year-old daughter of a widow who conducts a rooming house on Twenty-sixth street between Harney and Farnam, was frightfully burned about the face and arms in an accident July 4. A small boy threw a firecracker into her lap, without intending to do so, and a quantity of paper caps the child was holding exploded. The incident occurred in the court of the Flatback apartment building, and the little girl's eyelids are despaired of.



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MAYOR FIRES SOME HOT SHOTS

Declares Disappointed Competitor 'Got To' Councilmen in Hose Matter.

TOO MUCH BARROOM LEGISLATION. Says Street Flushing is Prevented Simply Because Certain Councilmen Listened to the Siren Voice of "Fixers."

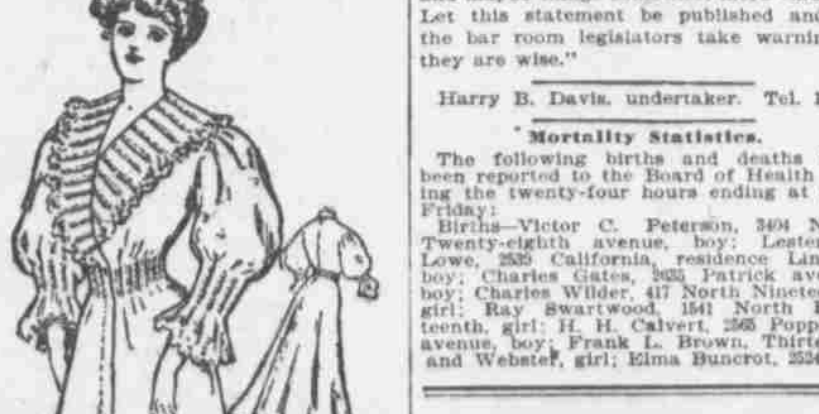
"There is altogether too much bar room legislation in city affairs," said Mayor Moore Friday morning. "If this thing of doing business in saloons is not dropped the council may expect to get a bomb from me that will make the Thomas explosion look small and cheap. Right now the street department is unable to clean and flush pavements properly because the representative of a rubber hose concern has tied up the council so that bids for hose will have to be made again, meaning a loss of three or four weeks or longer. Five hundred feet of hose is badly needed by the street department. The street commissioner had the council advertise for bids. Proposals from five companies were received and referred to a committee and the commissioner. The latter selected the kind of hose he wanted and the committee recommended its purchase. Then a disgruntled competitor goes among the councilmen, entertains them at the bars, passes around a lot of cigars and impresses his side of the case on them. The result is the report of the committee is rejected and the thing will have to be done all over again."

Hose of Good Quality. "The kind of hose selected is a well known and reputable brand and one that has given good satisfaction to this city. The amount to be spent isn't excessive, but the city allows itself to be balked by a disappointed competitor and the streets go dirty. The idea that a corporation like ours should submit to the bullying of these people is preposterous and I don't intend to stand for it. We are too big to be led around by the nose and have our affairs manipulated by a few drinks of whisky, a handful of cigars and maybe things somewhat more valuable. Let this statement be published and let the bar room legislators take warning if they are wise."

Harry B. Davis, undertaker. Tel. 125.

Mortality Statistics. The following births and deaths have been reported to the Board of Health during the twenty-four hours ending at noon Friday: Births—Victor C. Peterson, 304 North Twenty-eighth; Lector G. Lowe, 235 California; residence Lincoln; Charles Gates, 324 Patrick avenue; boy; Charles Wilder, 47 North Nineteenth; girl; Ray Swartwood, 141 North Eighteenth; girl; H. H. Calvert, 256 Poppleton avenue; boy; Frank L. Brown, Thirteenth and Webster; girl; Elma Buncort, 224 Blin-

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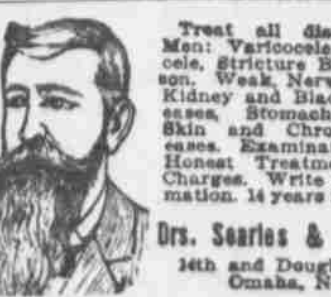
ENTERED INTO REST. Friday, July 7. Mrs. John Miller of Council Bluffs, Ia. Funeral services will be held in All Saints' Church, Omaha, Twenty-sixth and Dewey avenue, Sunday, July 9, at 3 p. m.

BURIALS. Mrs. Miller has been living with her daughter, Mrs. William Matthews, 225 Cass street. She leaves a husband, Mr. John Miller, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Mr. Fred Miller, son and four daughters, Lily, Pearl, Lena and Laura.

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