

FROM JAIL TO RICH LEGACY

Wandering Boy Inherits Ten-Thousand-Dollar Farm While Serving Sentence.

WILL GO TO CLAIM HIS PROPERTY

Youth Drifted into Omaha and Attracted Attention and Sympathy of M. H. Brown, Who Unearthed His Good Fortune.

After roaming the west for years, serving a term in the Nebraska reform school and but recently a ten-day sentence in the city jail for vagrancy, Charles Croft, 20 years of age, has been advised that he is heir to a fine eighty-acre farm at Tippecanoe, O. The boy is waiting for a remittance from his guardian before leaving for his old home in Ohio. The value of the farm is estimated at \$10,000.

It was largely through the kindly offices of M. H. Brown, manager of the shoe department at Hayden Bros.' store, that Croft has been able to come into his own. Young Croft came to Omaha about four weeks ago and in some incidental way met a son of Mr. Brown. Young Brown told his father of the boy, who was given a small amount of money to tide him over.

Lands in Jail. Having spent the money, Croft was arrested as a vagrant and when arraigned in police court was sentenced ten days. He worked his sentence out in the patrol barn but did not say anything about the matter to Mr. Brown until he was released from jail. Mr. Brown became more and more interested in the boy and started a correspondence with parties at Tippecanoe, learning Thursday the boy is heir to the farm mentioned. Through the efforts of the police young Croft was found around town and told of his good fortune.

Croft's story is that his mother died when he was a small boy and his father died shortly afterward. He had a hankering to see the world when quite young and just threw himself into the tide and has been drifting about ever since.

Croft has but one eye, is naturally bright, but unversed in the ways of the world. It is his intention to return to the Buckeye state and take up the reins of a farmer. He will be 21 in a few months.

EFFECT ON INSURANCE RATES

Result of Reduced Prices for Electric Lights Interests Business Men of Omaha.

Men in touch with the situation assert the fight on the proposed extension of a year's time for the street railway company to put its electric light and power wires to private consumers underground is not ended, though the ordinance has passed the council. Efforts are to be made at once, it is said, to show the effect on insurance rates which the extension will have and by this and other means to induce business men to bring pressure on the council to repeal the ordinance. That it can be proven that insurance rates would be cut materially this year if the street railway's wires were buried is freely declared.

Should a fight along these lines be successful and no settlement reached between the electric light and the traction company, the former is expected to carry the matter into the courts to the point that the street railway company has no franchise permitting a commercial lighting and power service. In addition an effort is to be made to compel the street railway to use the underground trolley system in the downtown district. It is pointed out that large cities like Chicago have refused to let the overhead trolley into the congested districts because of its danger to life and property. The same arguments are to be used here to make the traction company surrender the electric lighting and power business to Omaha and might get in the future to the Omaha Electric Light and Power company.

DAVIS IS HERO IN HOT RACE

Detective Captures Woman's Wig and Later Lands the Dusky Owner Himself.

At a late hour Thursday night Detective Davis of the police station figured in a chase that would be a money-maker in a moving picture show.

James Kincaid of Twelfth and Farnam streets made complaint to the police that colored people at 317 North Twelfth street had drugged him and then robbed him of \$47. After a roundup of the prescribed precincts Nettie Miles, Jim Hall and Ernest Wilson, colored, were arrested on the charge of being suspicious characters.

Detective Davis first spotted the Miles woman near the Creighton Medical college. Recognizing Davis the woman gave chase with Raffles in hot pursuit. After running five blocks Davis got close enough to the woman to make a grab for her and crowning glory, which came off in a bunch and proved to be a wig of coal black hair. The woman was later arrested at 1209 Dodge street, to which address she suddenly moved.

She identified Miss Miles and Hall at the city jail. Kincaid's story is that Thursday noon he went to the Miles place and bought a bottle of beer and a flask in which to make a drink. He knew no more until Hall woke him up twelve hours later. Kincaid maintains his money was taken and two boxes of cocaine placed in his pockets to make it

APPEAR, THE POLICE SAY, THAT KINCAID IS ADDICTED TO THE DRUG.

Owing to the nature of the evidence in the case the county attorney does not feel justified in filing a complaint, but the trio will be arraigned in police court Saturday morning on vagrancy charges and the probability is the three will be ordered to leave the city.

SUCCESSFUL FAIR EXPECTED

Good Exhibition for Benefit of Orphans at Auditorium is Anticipated from Prospects.

The executive committee of the Orphans' fair is well pleased with the outlook for a successful fair. The committee to which the details of preparation have been assigned have almost finished their work and are now but waiting for Thursday night, the 19th, when the fair will be on at the Auditorium for a ten days' term. In the business booths almost all the leading firms of the city have reserved space for trade display and demonstration. In addition to the booths put in by the various parishes of the city the women of the Sacred Heart have announced a doll booth to be conducted by their pupils. The Sisters of Mercy will conduct a needle and fancy work booth.

One of the prominent features of the souvenir program to be issued is a half-tone reproduction of a photo of two orphans kneeling in an attitude of prayer by the bedside, taken at the orphanage last Sunday. It is pronounced by all who have seen it as one of the most artistic as well as touching portrayals of "The Orphan's Prayer" ever seen. The various committees of the fair are to meet in joint session at the Elks' clubrooms at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon and invite all those interested in the orphanage, whether hitherto settled upon or not, to join them at the meeting and help boost for the fair.

HERMAN KOHEN NOT GUILTY

Deaf Man Accused of Stealing Belt Containing Five Hundred Dollars Goes Free.

After being out less than two hours in actual consideration of the case a jury in Judge Day's court brought in a verdict of not guilty in the case of State against Herman Kohlen. Kohlen is the deaf and dumb man who was accused of having stolen a money belt containing \$500 from a guest of the Aetna hotel who left the rich package under his pillow on arising in the morning.

The defense put Dr. Tilden on the stand to prove that Kohlen, because of his affliction, was not morally responsible. The state rebutted this to a certain extent by the testimony of Drs. Coulter and Spaulding, but all the physicians agreed that the manner in which Kohlen became deaf and dumb, through a fall when two years old, might have had a tendency to lessen his knowledge of right and wrong. The county attorney's office thinks the verdict was also influenced by the fact that the man who lost the money got it all back.

CHICAGO PRIVILEGES NOW

Puts and Calls Available for Omaha Dealers on the Board of Trade.

Omaha grain speculators can now deal in Chicago privileges. Chicago "puts" and "calls," disguised as "bids" and "offers," were quoted by local commission houses for the first time in several years. On the passage of a certain bill by the Illinois legislature trading in puts and calls was transferred to Milwaukee and has been carried on there since. For two or three years the legality of this kind of trading has been in question in the courts and about a month ago the supreme court of the state decided that "put" and "call" contracts were legal. Since then it has been a struggle between two factions of the Chicago Board of Trade as to whether "puts" and "calls" should be retained on the Chicago market. Those favoring the privilege have won.

BEMIS CASE COMES MONDAY

Former Mayor Will Again Sue City for Damages from the Memorable Wind Storm.

Judge Estelle Monday will call for trial the case of former Mayor George P. Bemis against the city of Omaha. In this suit Mr. Bemis is seeking to recover from the city \$23,000 for personal injuries which have crippled him for life, besides causing him several years of intense suffering. These injuries were sustained during a windstorm which blew over a large millboard, which fell on Mr. Bemis, on Farnam street, just above Eighteenth. The first trial resulted in a disagreement of the jury.

Program for Children.

W. Waugh Lauder will give a children's program at his piano recital at Creighton university auditorium Saturday morning at 3 o'clock. It will be as follows: Vorpel "Meistersingers"; Wagner-Bulow "On Wings of Song"; Mendelssohn "Sonata—Fughetta"; Beethoven (a) Gondoliers (in the style).....Tchickowsky (b) La Poole (The Hen).....Rameau (c) Die Spielerei (Mus. Ex.).....Lallich (d) Rondo: Perpetual Motion.....Weber Kermesse, from "Faust".....Gounod The Skaters, from "The Phoebe"..... Meyerbeer Agathe.....Beethoven-Liszt Spanish Rhapsody.....Liszt The Saturday evening grand concert program of the works of Liszt and Mozart includes the "Sonata in B Minor," "Fantasia," and selections from "Don Giovanni."

CURRENT LITERATURE.

"Dorothy Dainty at the Shore," fourth volume of the "Dorothy Dainty Series" by Amy Brooks, illustrated by the author. The last volume of this winsome series for younger girls closed with the news that Nancy Ferris, formerly a village waltz, but now the friend of the charming little heroine, Dorothy, had been rescued from her uncle. The meeting with Nancy is most happy, and the great stone house with its spacious grounds is filled with joy. There are happy days at the beach and in September Dorothy and Nancy live through their summer pleasures, while looking forward to all that the winter promises. The characters of this book are thoroughly nice little girls to read about and know. Published by Lothrop, Lee & Shepard company of Boston.

"Life More Abundant" is a new work by Henry Wood, the well known writer upon religious, philosophical, and psychological topics. The wide circles of interested readers of Mr. Wood's books will welcome this important addition to his previous eight volumes, bearing upon various phases of advanced and idealistic thought. This new work, which is quite unlike any previous one, relates ancient truth and wisdom to modern life and development in a manner of one unique and inspiring. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard company, publishers.

"The Heart of a Girl," by Mrs. Ruth Kimball Gardner, is the inner story of an American girl's life written with the fullness of personal expression, which comes occasionally to lay a firm hold upon readers. From the moment this quiet and individual child is introduced sitting upon the gate-post "swinging her feet in the new way," the rare quality of her temperament is shown in an extraordinary insight. Mrs. Gardner has sketched the real life of her heroine in all its delicacy with charm, humor, pathos and always a frank fidelity. Margy's tale will make an intimately personal appeal to all who seek insight into the psychology of childhood, as well as to those who desire a place beside the dictionary or in the desk of the home, as well as the office, for reference when one is not quite sure. The A. Wessels company is the publisher.

"The Etiquette of Correspondence," by Helen E. Gavit, is a book which will appeal to all who are interested in polite or business correspondence. In the preface the author says it is her aim to give suggestions rather than instructions, to answer by illustration and example the constantly recurring questions of proper form and expression in present usage of social, club, diplomatic, military and business letters, with information on heraldic devices, monograms and engraved addresses. It certainly is a valuable reference work, beside the dictionary or in the desk of the home, as well as the office, for reference when one is not quite sure. The A. Wessels company is the publisher.

"The First American King," by George Gordon Hastings, is a novel which recounts the adventures of a present-day scientist and detective, who wakes up in the latter part of this century to find our republic an absolute monarchy with a crowned king and titled nobility. Mr. Hastings simply takes the sociological and political tendencies of today and follows them to what seems a logical conclusion. It is an alarming prophecy and a convincing one, while the romantic plot holds the reader from start to finish. Published by The Smart Set Publishing company, New York.

"Mysterious Mr. Sabin" is a romance by E. Phillips Oppenheim, author of "A Prince of Sinners," "The Mystery of the Emerald," illustrated by J. Ambrose Walton. Mr. Oppenheim is a past master of the art of constructing ingenious plots and weaving them round attractive characters. His books always exhibit originality and dramatic power and in none of his novels are the qualities more highly displayed than in the engrossing story of which "Mysterious Mr. Sabin" is the chief personage. Love, intrigue, diplomacy and adventure, and the possibility of a war between Germany and England, afford the author eventful scenes of the most exciting and surprising character, and plot within plot and mystery within mystery make up one of the most fascinating and interesting romances of recent years. Little, Brown & Co., publishers.

The October issue of The Pilgrim is a distinct advance over former issues. In variety of topics treated in adequately illustrated articles; in the literary human interest which marks its fiction, short and long; and in the real helpfulness of its several household departments, the Pilgrim for October takes high rank among American family magazines. An article of timely interest by Fred E. Jackson tells how the nation's wheat crop is handled in the great elevators of the north and west. Mrs. Stella Reid Crothers in a second illustrated article tells of the work of America's foremost feminine editors, Hiram Moe Greene's department of comment on current events and treats of the great historical events of the past month. An article by Kenneth Herford has to do with "The Squaw-Man," the most recent distinctly American play. Among the short fiction prominent in the table of contents may be mentioned: "The City of Dreams," a little tale of old New Orleans by Curran Richard Greeney; "The Light of Common Day," a thoughtful story of a professor's wife, by Anna Miner Rhoades; "Claire Fair's Tad," by Robert Bruce Warden; "Bear Story," from Nevada; and "The Light of Morning," by Edwin Harriman. A special article in The Pilgrim for October, which will be read by all with peculiar interest, is "The Italian Infelix," by Hugo Erichsen. In its fashion, fancy work, household and humor departments. The Pilgrim for October is quite the best issue of this magazine thus far published.

The October number of the Four Track News is considerably larger than its predecessors and is crowded from cover to cover with instruction and entertainment, occupies a field peculiarly its own. It supplies delightful glimpses of places famed in history, story and song by striking pictures and terse descriptions. The articles are brief, breezy and picturesque and the authors prominent in the world of letters.

"Orrain" is a romance by E. Levett Yeats. Bertrand D'Orrain, despoiled of his estates, robbed of his wealth and falsely accused as an heretic and enemy of the king, on his return from the wars lies hidden under an assumed name in a obscure lodging in Paris, when comes "the Cry in the Night," which proves to be the turning point in the tide of his ill-fortune, and he is led to the notice of Catherine de Medicis, whose chosen messenger he becomes. His sword, with the cross d'or and the dust-colored surcoat, are his strongest allies, and save him when even the ring of Anthony of Vendome is powerless; and the triumph of Diane de Poitiers and his own ruin seem all but accomplished when, again, all else failing, his ready will comes to the rescue and brings him to honor, wealth and what his heart most desires. Longmans, Green & Co. are the publishers.

Samuel M. Gardinere, who will be remembered as the author of "Lax Crusis," has lately written another book of fiction, entitled "The Silence of Mrs. Harrold," of which the Harpers are the publishers. It

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