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TAX FERRET CASE ON TRIAL

Present Suit Involves Only About Seven Hundred Dollars.

PRECEDENT FOR OTHER SIMILAR ONES

Judge Green Prepares Some Amendments to the Rules of Practice, One of Which Cuts Off Some Fees from Jurors.

The suit brought by Merrill & Baker against F. F. Thompson, an employe in the auditing department of the Union Pacific, to recover \$150 for an edition de luxe of Shakespeare's works, was brought to a sudden close yesterday in the district court when at the conclusion of the testimony for the plaintiffs, Judge Green ordered a verdict to be returned for the defendant.

The personal injury damage suit of Joseph Wade against the City of Council Bluffs, assigned for trial yesterday, was settled out of court, the plaintiff accepting \$150. Wade sued for damages on account of injuries alleged to have been received by driving into a hole caused by a washout on Franklin avenue.

In the divorce suit of Henry Kay against Lizzie Kay Judge Green yesterday gave the decree in favor of the wife on her cross petition.

A jury was impaneled and the trial of the tax ferret suit of County Treasurer Consigny against the estate of the late H. B. Knowles was begun yesterday afternoon. In this suit the county seeks to recover about \$700 taxes on property which it is alleged was withheld from assessment and which was insured by the tax ferret.

Judge Green yesterday prepared changes in two rules governing practice in the courts of this district. One change provides that the penalty of \$10 shall not be attached to the costs of a case taken out of assignment and continued to the next term where a written showing supported by affidavits is made warranting the continuance. The other refers to the payment of petit jurors. Heretofore jurors have been paid for full time except when excused for an entire week. Hereafter they will be paid only for such days as they are in actual attendance, so that a juror who is excused for one or more days will not be paid during such time.

Changes in the rules will, it is said, be approved by the other three judges of the district. Owing to Peter Langer of Minden, a member of the grand jury, being called yesterday to Atlantic as a witness in the personal injury damage suit of Robert Little against Pottawattamie county, the grand jury was unable to make its final report, but it is expected to do so today. Yesterday the grand jury inspected the county and city jails and St. Bernard's hospital, and the result of the inspection will be embodied in its report to the court.

Arrested for Stealing Flowers. David Lewkowitz, a peddler of flowers, whose home is said to be in Omaha, is under arrest at the county jail charged with stealing flowers from a structure occupied by J. F. Wilcox, the florist, at the corner of Broadway and Pearl street. For some time past Wilcox has been missing a quantity of flowers from his store, and Deputy Sheriff Groneweg was detailed on the case. Thursday evening Mr. Lewkowitz, who for several months has been a customer of Wilcox, passed up the rear stairway and open the supply room on the second floor with a key. The officer waited until Lewkowitz filled two large boxes with cut flowers and when he was about to start out with them placed him under arrest.

Charges of breaking and entering the building and larceny from a building in the night time have been placed against Lewkowitz and the grand jury now in session is considering the charges. It is thought that Lewkowitz had a confederate, but the authorities have been unable to locate him. How Lewkowitz obtained the key which opened the stock room upstairs is not known.

Milwaukee Brakeman Injured. Albert Reams, a freight brakeman on the Milwaukee railroad, was brought to the Council Bluffs general hospital yesterday morning, suffering from a fracture of the skull. While his condition is serious, the attending physicians have hopes of his recovery.

Reams left Council Bluffs early yesterday morning on freight train No. 96. A short distance east of Underwood he was missed by the other members of the train crew and the engine was sent back in search of him. He was found lying unconscious by the side of the track a short distance west of Underwood and was brought to this city on the first west-bound train. Reams, when he recovered consciousness at the hospital, stated that in climbing on top of a freight car next to the caboose he missed his footing and fell, his head evidently striking the end

of a tin and knocking him unconscious. He is single and his home is at Perry, Ia.

Popular High School Student Dead. Herman G. Norgard, a student in the senior class of the high school, died yesterday morning at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Norgard, 22 Benton street. His death followed an operation performed two days ago to relieve a mastoid abscess at the back of the left ear. It had been reported that the injury to the ear had been caused during the football game between the Council Bluffs and the Harlan high schools two weeks ago, but this was erroneous. The affection of the ear, however, was of long standing, resulting from an attack of measles when young Norgard was a mere boy. He had been under treatment by specialists in this city and Omaha for several years, and one of the attending physicians had recommended an operation three years ago.

Herman Norgard was 18 years of age and was one of the most popular students in the high school with both the faculty and the pupils, to whom his death came as a great shock. He was a young man of exemplary habits and according to Principal Thomas, exercised considerable influence over his fellow students in the senior class.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the family residence and burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. The senior class will attend in a body as will the cadets, without arms. Rev. Harry Hostetter, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, of which the young man was a member, will conduct the services.

The members of the senior class and cadets will assemble at the high school building at 2 o'clock and from there march in a body to the residence.

Real Estate Transfers. These transfers were reported to the Recorder November 10 by the Title Guaranty and Trust company of Council Bluffs: T. Carothers and wife to Harry K. Seltzer, lot 7, block 13, Beers addition to Council Bluffs, Ia., and Walter Jennie Manick and wife to H. C. Caspary, part of lot 1, block 1, Caspary's addition to Council Bluffs, Ia., w. d. (w. d. n. s. w. 1/4) 250 P. C. Peterson and wife to A. I. Hartwell, lot 5, Peterson's subdivision to McClelland, 130 Michael Christian and wife to August M. Tillman, part 204, n. w. 1/4, 25-75-43, w. d. (w. d. n. s. w. 1/4) 250 Robert L. Keach and wife to Mercantile Trust company, part of lot 1, Park addition to Council Bluffs, Ia., q. c. d. 1 Benjamin Byers, lot 1, Judd's Park addition to Council Bluffs, Ia., q. c. d. 1

Six transfers, total, \$11,151. Howes Makes a Serious Mistake. "Dr." Howes, occupying apartments over the store building at 104 West Broadway, was arrested last night charged with disturbing the peace and assaulting his wife and a neighbor. His wife, it is said, and a neighbor drove his wife out of the home and was awaiting her return with the evident intent of giving her another beating, when Mrs. Ward, a neighbor, came up the stairs. In the darkness Howes knocked her down the stairs before she discovered his mistake. Mrs. Ward, suffering under the blows and the indignity of being so attacked, refused to accept Howes' apology and she called the police.

Williams in Old Quarters. "Hello, Sammy!" was the manner in which Sam Williams, the colored boy, was greeted by the inmates of the reform school at Council Bluffs, Ia., on Thursday by Sheriff Canning. The familiar manner in which the lad was greeted was a surprise to Sheriff Canning, but he learned that the boy had formerly been committed to the school from Ottumwa, but had paroled on his mother's promise to remove him from the state. Mrs. Williams made the same promise to Judge Green the other day when she pleaded that her lad given another chance, but the judge declined to listen to her entreaties.

Gas Meters Are Robbed. A thief with a partiality for robbing prepayment gas meters is operating in Council Bluffs, as evidenced by the fact that three meters were robbed on the contents Thursday night. In each instance the cash drawer of the meter was pried open with some instrument. The meters robbed were at the residences of G. H. Aekers, 401 North Seventh street; P. H. Wind, 78 Washington avenue, and J. Simon, 718 Mill street. The residences are in the same locality and the thefts were evidently committed by the same person, who accomplished his work without disturbing any of the members of the several households.

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