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OODLES OF WOE IN WALTHILL

Government Secret Agent Gets Evidence of Sale of Liquor.

PROMINENT CITIZENS ARE FINED

Leading Doctor and Member of Town Board Pleaded Guilty to Traffic—Town Lots May Be Forfeited.

WALTHILL, Neb., March 27.—(Special.)—J. E. Flanders, a stranger, arrived here about ten days ago and represented himself as a real estate man interested in purchasing land on the Omaha Indian reservation. He viewed considerable land, but became interested in purchasing liquor from the local drug stores, where he became popular as a good fellow. He had no trouble in getting a good supply and today disclosed himself as a secret service man from the Department of the Interior. He issued complaints against both of the local druggists, who pleaded guilty and both were fined \$100 and costs. Later in the day another party was arrested and fined for a similar charge.

The disclosure came as a complete surprise to everyone in town. The deeds of the townsite property here provide that if any liquor is sold on the premises conveyed the same shall be forfeited to the original owner and this provision was first required by the Department of the Interior before the deeds were approved, and it has become known that the authorities at Washington do not propose to allow this restriction to become a dead letter. The party in charge of the prosecution, who is known by the name of J. E. Flanders,

has accepted the plea of guilty in the cases thus far, but will give no promise of immunity, and it is understood that in the event the liquor traffic is continued several cases will be instituted to forfeit some of the property in this place.

The prosecutions have caused considerable excitement and it is feared others will follow. The action taken in this instance is somewhat out of the ordinary, as it is usually the case that some worthless tramp is arrested and fined, but in the instances in question one prominent doctor and one member of the town board was arrested.

It has also been reported from good authority that a deputy marshal or field officer will be stationed on the Indian reservation in this locality to take immediate action in the case of future bootlegging and there has been considerable speculation as to the appointee.

It is known that several indictments before the federal grand jury will follow, as the secret service official is starting for Omaha to appear before the grand jury at its next sitting.

Warrants will be issued for several members of the Omaha tribe and it is rumored that no offenders against whom evidence will be found will be exempt.

Peculiar Accident at Beatrice. BEATRICE, Neb., March 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Guy Scroggins of the brass department of the Dempster mills was severely injured in a peculiar manner today. He was engaged in throwing blank cartridges into the furnace when a loaded cartridge near where he was standing became heated and exploded. The ball struck him in the right shoulder, inflicting a serious wound.

Announcements, wedding stationery and calling cards, blank book and magazine binding. Phone Doug. 1604. A. I. Root, Inc.

ANSWER IN EXPRESS CASES

Attorney General Denies Charges Made by Companies.

COMMISSIONER'S POWER ATTACKED

Burlington Road Insists It Has No Authority to Order a Connecting Track Laid at York.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, March 27.—(Special.)—Attorney General Thompson again asked the supreme court to grant a temporary injunction restraining the express companies doing business in Nebraska from charging a greater rate than is provided for in the Sibley act passed by the last legislature. The request was made in a reply to the answer to the cross petition of the defendant companies. The attorney general admits that in resisting the application of the companies filed in the federal court at Omaha for an injunction against the railway commission and the attorney general from enforcing the Sibley act he did make a showing in the federal court, but denies that he and the commissioners represented to the federal court that they had an intention of enforcing or attempting to enforce the schedule of charges fixed in that act, but did represent that their purpose for bringing the suit in the state supreme court was to enforce the Sibley law in an orderly and judicial manner.

He relates that on July 8, 1907, prior to the filing of the injunction suit by the companies in the federal court, the state of Nebraska, by its attorney general, filed an application in the state supreme court for an injunction against the companies. He alleges that the companies pay to the railroads 6 1/2 per cent of the gross receipts for transporting goods and pay unreasonable salaries, and says railroad officers are stockholders in express companies. He also alleges that the companies pay to agents 10 per cent of gross receipts, and if the Sibley act were enforced it would automatically reduce the operating expenses of the companies. He alleges that exorbitant rates are now charged by the companies. As to the meeting of officers and attorneys of the companies, alleged to have been held for the purpose of agreeing upon the enforcement of the Sibley act, he says he knows nothing, but he alleges it to be a fact that the companies have up to the present time willfully and contumaciously refused to enforce the act.

The supreme court will meet April 7, at which time it will consider the showing made by the companies, in which it is alleged they would have lost money if the Sibley act had been enforced and consider the application of the state for a temporary injunction and the appointment of a referee.

Power of Railway Commission.

W. A. Dilworth, attorney for the Burlington road, has filed briefs with the railway commission, which has under consideration a request from the Commercial club of York to require the Burlington and the Northwestern roads to construct a transfer switch and maintain track scales at York. Mr. Dilworth asserts that the board has no power to order a transfer switch because the act of the legislature conferring power upon the commission does not specifically authorize such power. He alleges that such a switch means an additional duty and service by the railroads which must be provided for by specific authority from the legislature, that the constitutional amendment does not govern the commission. He argues that the act of the legislature authorizing the commission to "regulate the service" of a railroad does not mean the imposing of new duties upon a road such as the construction of a transfer switch would impose. It is alleged by Mr. Dilworth that the track scales act, introduced in the legislature by Rev. Mr. Brooks and a bill now by Mr. M. L. McCullough, Mrs. F. H. Cole of Omaha was unable to be present on account of sickness and the subject "ethics in public schools," was taken up by her next friend, Mrs. Johnston of Omaha. It was a description of the most advanced methods of kindergarten instruction and the speaker urged her audience and the women clubs to the more general adoption of kindergarten methods in the public schools. Followed was a cornet solo by O. B. Buckingham. Mrs. Harriet MacMurphy gave a history of the effective methods of such a teacher. His purpose was to procure the passage of the national and Nebraska pure food laws and considerable time was occupied in explaining the more important provisions. A vocal duet by Mrs. Charles Melick and Mr. McCullough preceded the address of Mrs. J. Curran of Lincoln on "city service." This was a masterful effort for the continuance of the merit system in public life and closed with an inspiring plea to women to give a helping hand and a kindly word to the unfortunate inmates of our state institutions. The evening program closed with a vocal solo, "Waiting," and encore by Mrs. J. B. Davis.

State After Lee Grier.

The attorney general has filed a motion for a rehearing in the case of Lee Grier of Omaha, who was charged with embezzling fines collected by him as clerk of the police court. The supreme court recently reversed the case and the state asks for a rehearing, alleging that at no time was it claimed the prosecution was premature or that Grier had further time in which to place the money in the school fund. The state alleges that the indictment under which he was tried was proper in form.

Students Suspended.

Eight students, two of them young women, were temporarily suspended from Wesleyan university on Thursday afternoon by Curator Moore, who is also treasurer of the institution, because they did not heed his orders to vacate a tennis court on the college campus. The students thus barred from their work in the university are Earl Kendall, Ellery Fies, Cecil Keister, M. V. Knopp, Vernon Dunleavy, Roy Swinip, Mattie Currier and one other young woman.

The tennis players claim that they got permission last fall from the Wesleyan faculty to use a part of the campus for a court.

WOMAN THRASHES A LAWYER

Hooker County Widow Takes Law Into Her Own Hands.

MULLEN, Neb., March 27.—(Special.)—Wednesday evening Mrs. Mary Shearer, a widow residing five miles west of town, met O. P. Hamilton in "Bob" McBride's pool hall here and administered to the man of law a sound thrashing. Hamilton is a lawyer who was hung in effigy from the bandstand in the public square a little over a year ago for certain irregularities in his practice, for which he was later discharged from pleading before the land department. The trouble Wednesday night was occasioned by the attorney's alleged attempt to get possession of Mrs. Shearer's team on the strength of an old mortgage which, it is claimed, has been satisfied, the note being destroyed.

No Cause for Alarm.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., March 27.—(Special.)—Wild rumors have been going over Custer county regarding smallpox at Broken Bow. The report has been sent broadcast that there were dozens and even hundreds of cases here. An Omaha daily of Thursday stated that there were twenty-one cases of the disease here, and so far, three deaths had resulted from it. The following statement speaks for itself.

If there are no further developments, the quarantine as against public gatherings will be raised on Saturday morning.

W. R. PENNINGTON, W. A. GEORGE, Health Officer.

Two new cases developed last week and on Saturday night the city marshal deemed it wise to suspend public gatherings for a short time. Consequently, no church services were held Sunday nor have any public gatherings occurred this week. The school board also thought it a wise precaution that all pupils attending public school should be vaccinated and issued an order to that effect. It being understood, however, that those vaccinated within the required time need not comply with the rule.

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COTNER MAN SECURES FIRST HONORS IN PROHIBITION CONTEST GIVEN

Lincoln Speaker.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., March 27.—(Special.)—The Nebraska intercollegiate prohibition oratorical contest took place in this city Thursday. Delegations from the various colleges participating were present to support their speakers. The contest was opened by H. O. Ehlers, representing Grand Island college, subject "Prohibition a Civic Problem," followed by E. E. Jackson of Doane college, Crete, on "The Trend Toward Prohibition," Eugene Bishop of York college, "The Spirit of Justice," F. V. Balleger of Orleans seminary on "The Problem of the Hour," Furd Ellis of Colner university, Lincoln, on "The Liquor Traffic—a Crime," M. W. Perry of Nebraska Central college on "America's Opportunity," and W. B. Knapp of Wesleyan university, "The Master Apostle of Abstinence." The judges awarded first honors to Mr. Ehlers of Cotner, second to Mr. Knapp of Wesleyan, third to York and fourth to Doane. The winner will represent Nebraska at the inter-state prohibition contest to be held at Waco, Tex. The association today elected O. T. Swanson of Doane president and Miss Gertrude Wambacher of Orleans secretary.

Big Damage Suit in Hall.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., March 27.—(Special.)—One of the largest, if not the largest damage suits ever filed in the district court for this county, growing out of the injury or death of a railroad employe, was filed today. Mrs. Maggie Marsh, administratrix of the estate of August Seaman Marsh, is the plaintiff, represented by Harrison & Prince, attorneys, and the Union Pacific and Brewster W. Cribb the defendants. The plaintiff asks for \$15,000 on account of the death of her husband, which is alleged to have been caused from the fatal injuries received as a result of the negligence of the company and of Brewster Cribb, its agent, who had charge of the roundhouse at the time the accident occurred. In the petition the finding, in part, of the coroner's jury is set forth as follows: "That the said Augustus W. Marsh came to his death on the evening of February 19, 1908, from injuries received while on duty at the Union Pacific railroad company's roundhouse on the morning of the previous day. We furthermore believe that the leaving of a brakeman in the ash pan in the area between the engines where the accident occurred to have been the act of gross carelessness and negligence on the part of the Union Pacific Railroad company."

Farm Fires in Furnas County.

BEAVER CITY, Neb., March 27.—(Special Telegram.)—The large modern farmhouse of Philip Scher, who lives ten miles south of Beaver City, was burned with its entire contents this morning. Loss \$2,500; insurance, \$1,500, in the Phoenix and German Mutual. One of the children went to a closet which was filled with clothing and bedding and struck a match. A half hour later the building was discovered in flames. Mrs. Scher and daughter were the only members of the family at home and they escaped with what they were wearing.

Big Verdict for Slender.

MINDEN, Neb., March 27.—(Special.)—District court adjourned after a week and a half session today. Elma Bloomfield received \$1,500 from Henry Finn for slanderous statements made of and concerning her character. The case will be appealed.

Revival at Holdrege.

HOLDREGGE, Neb., March 27.—(Special.)—A great union evangelistic campaign is in progress in this city. A big tabernacle seating nearly 2,500 has been built especially for the meetings. Rev. Milford H. Lyon, the Illinois evangelist, is leading the move-

MOTHER KILLS BOY AND SELF

Throws Child in Front of Train and Jumps in Herself.

HOLDREGE, Neb., March 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Burlington express train No. 12, east bound, ran over and killed Mrs. Mattida Nelson of this city, and her son, a lad 9 years old, about four miles west of Holdrege this morning.

It was a case of deliberate murder and suicide upon the part of the mother. As the train approached them the engineer blew his whistle and they got off the track. When the train reached them the mother caught the boy, who struggled to get away, and threw him in front of the engine and then jumped herself. Both were killed instantly. The back of the boy's head was smashed in and there is a scar on his forehead, but the mother was so badly mar-

Wymore Wins Deicide.

BEATRICE, Neb., March 27.—(Special Telegram.)—In debate here tonight between the Wymore and Beatrice high schools on the navy question the decision was given to Wymore by a vote of 2 to 1. Wymore was represented by Sidney Wheeler, Mont Morton and Mark Hargraves and Beatrice by Clifford Butler, Clifford Phillips and Walter Vasey. Wymore upheld the negative. The judges were Prof. Marcellus of Crete, Prof. H. W. Caldwell of the University of Nebraska and Mr. Sparks of Lan-

gled and torn to pieces that nothing can be done with her body but gather up the pieces and put them in a box for burial. The husband and a daughter went to California last Sunday night to visit his mother, who is almost 90 years old. The family has been in straitened circumstances, and the opinion is that she was worried until she was mentally unbalanced and, taking the little boy, went out to deliberately take her own life and his, too.

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RESTFUL SLEEP

Mr. Darius Pierce of Haverhill, Mass., 72 years of age, who was troubled with insomnia and constipation caused by indigestion, was completely cured and restored to health by the great tonic and stimulant, Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey.



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