

## ERDMAN SAYS HE MAY TALK

Declares that Unless Cleared He Will Tell of Plots.

## REFUSES TO WAIVE HEARING

Says that His Attorney Wanted Him to Pass the Preliminary Examination, but He Would Not Consent.

Statements from Frank Erdman, the prisoner suspected of attempted dynamiting that he would fight to be cleared of the charge on preliminary hearing or would divide all he knew concerning plots in Omaha, developed as a sensation Saturday morning. The prisoner declared himself in emphatic terms, giving prospects of a wild sensation in an interview with Detective Steve Maloney before his hearing was opened in the morning.

His attorney asked him to consent to waiving this preliminary examination, said Erdman. "He said he wanted to save all the evidence for me until the trial came up. I told him that I wouldn't waive the examination. I insist on being examined and if I am not dismissed in the hearing, I will tell all I know from start to finish."

Two witnesses were examined in the resumption of the hearing of Erdman. They were Tom Denison, the complaining witness, and David Dickinson, a neighbor. The case was closed for the day at noon, with adjournment being set to 1:30 Monday afternoon.

Erdman's actions in the Friday hearing, in which he cursed across a table at Denison, caused a notable precaution against the man. He was searched for weapons before being brought into the court room Saturday, and Detective Jim Donohue was stationed behind him throughout the trial.

Mr. Denison testified in cross-examination to the various threats he had heard were made by Erdman against him. He mentioned the names of Billy Donnelly, Herman McSherry and Dr. Lee van Camp as being those who warned him of the threats by Erdman.

The witness denied emphatically that he had been kept under constant guard by Detective Maloney in fear of further possible attempts upon his life. "I don't think there is another man in the world who would make such a foolish statement as that," he said. "I don't think there is another man in the world who would make such a foolish statement as that."

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Woman Boards Train and Finds Infant Missing in Inventory of Her Baggage.

Baby was peacefully sleeping on a seat at Union station while his mamma, Mrs. John Marshall of Deadwood, S. D., was sitting on a train about to depart for Chicago. "I feel like I had forgotten something," she remarked, "a fellow passenger, 'I wonder what it was.'"

Then she looked about where she thought the baby was. With a hysterical scream she dashed out of the car and started to the depot gate. There the terrified mother met B. L. Elv, passenger director, making his way to the train with the baby, right side up with care and still sleeping.

**BUILDING SWITCH FOR TROLLEY MAIL SERVICE**

Workmen Preparing to Lay Rails to Postoffice Building on Seventeenth Street.

A force of workmen is engaged at the Seventeenth street crossing of the Omaha postoffice tearing up the pavement preparatory to getting it in readiness for laying the street railway switch to connect the Dodge street line with the postoffice for the new street railway postal arrangement. The street railway postal cars will be run down into the alleyway along the postoffice platform and the mails will be unloaded and loaded directly into the cars at the postoffice.

The cars will then be run back to the Dodge street line and from there to the depot. It was at first intended to have the postal switch run completely around the postoffice building to connect with the Sixteenth street line by way of Capitol avenue, but this idea has been abandoned and the postal cars will switch back to Dodge street, thus still leaving Capitol avenue free of street car tracks.

The new line will be in operation by July 1. The new postal cars are about completed, being built in the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company shops at Twenty-eighth and Lake streets.

**LOTHROP SCHOOL CLASS DAY**

Interesting Program Carried Out by the Students of the Different Grades.

Friday afternoon a large gathering of parents, former students and friends of the Lothrop school listened to the following program of class day exercises:

**PART I.**  
Chorus, "A Prayer," class.  
Class history, "Originals," Arthur Miller, Virginia Vetter, Edith Peterson, Mildred Curtis, Ruth Catlin, Laurie Allen, Helen Palmer, Edith Robinson, Katherine Gould, Robert Bringer, Charles Heustis, Ethel Martin, Charles West, William Sage, Paul Ritchey, Louise Shonberger.  
Piano solo, Azzolina Overman.  
"Peter Pan," with illustrations, "Quito Eddy."  
Chorus, "The Low Backed Car," "Old Dog Tray," class.  
"Kindergarten Memories," Rosa Lovell, Alma Houser, Florence Erickson, Hazel Mettler, Ruth Kohn, Edith Peterson, Margaret, Margaret, Barnhardt, Helen Sales.  
Debate, "Resolved That the airplane is a better means of travel than present day methods," affirmative, Mount Burns, Glen Aron, Paul Ritchey, Louise Shonberger, Charles West, Leroy Cromwell, Hillard Holbrook.  
Chorus, "Twilight," class.  
Lithuanian Lullaby, Isabel Freelin, Helen Dart, Pearl Voss, Dell Kern, Mabel Mitchell, Edith Nelson, Irene Hough, Rita Barstensen.

**PART II.**  
Piano solo, Ruth Catlin.  
Reading, "Bobby Shafto," Louise Schenberger.  
Vocal solo, selected, Miss Arnold.  
Class poem, Virginia Vetter.  
Chorus, "The Gypsy Song," class.  
"The Will," Sarah Lane.  
The prophecy, "Class Chant," Esther Knapp, Katherine Gould, Verley Richardson, Katherine Robinson, Mildred White, Charles Heustis, Laura Allwine.  
Class song, "Dear Old Lothrop."

**PAPA SUMMER SCHOOL OPENS.**  
The summer session of the Peru State Normal will open June 6. All students coming from the north and northwest through Omaha take the 4:30 Burlington train for Nebraska City and Peru. A special will run from Nebraska City to Peru to accommodate those leaving Omaha at this time. All trains will be met by committees to guide strangers to boarding places.

## BRIEF CITY NEWS

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Discharges in Bankruptcy—Byron E.

Engelhart and John E. Runney of Omaha were given their final discharges in bankruptcy Saturday morning in the United States district court by Judge W. H. Munger.

Johnson Sues Ish—Suit is on in district court of Elmer A. Johnson against James C. Ish for \$5,000 damages. This same cause was in a way before the criminal branch of court recently, Ish being convicted of assault and battery.

New Publishers of Purple and Gold—

In the spring elections at Bellevue for the coming year of the Purple and Gold, the college paper, H. J. Brandt, of Beatrice, was elected editor-in-chief and J. O. Clabaugh, of Valley, chosen as business manager.

"Omaha Convention Dinner" at Sioux City—

The Sioux City Ad club will entertain a number of the members of the Omaha club at a dinner to be held there next Tuesday. Ronie Miller and C. C. Rosewater will be members of the delegation which goes to Sioux City.

Hansen Children Change Names—

Andrew Hansen, Carl Treer Hansen and Nels Hansen are legally no more. A district court order has changed their surnames to Hansen, which is the name of their step-father and the cognomen by which they have been generally known.

Louis Grebe Resigns Justiceship—

Louis Grebe has resigned as justice of the peace for Florence precinct. Mr. Grebe, who is now in the office of the county assessor and who was bailiff of the last grand jury, writes a letter of resignation, which is rhetorically fervid with gratitude for his election to the justiceship.

Burlington Architect Here—

W. J. Fred, architect for the Burlington road, was in Omaha today conferring with G. W. Holgren, general manager, concerning the plans for the new freight house. The architect has decided that owing to the condition of the soil it will be safer to drive a foundation of piles and this will be done before the cement base is laid.

George Floth Bound Over—

George Floth, the man charged with shooting Frank McDonald with intent to wound, was given a preliminary hearing before Judge Crawford Saturday, and was bound over to the district court on a \$500 bond.

Floth is alleged to have fired several shots toward McDonald and a group of girls, injuring McDonald.

County Divide Cost—

Three Sarpy County Commissioners, John Sase, J. G. Pfing and Chairman Chris Thiesen met with the Douglas county board Saturday morning. The Sarpy men had a proposition to grade the county road which runs east and west between the two counties. The cost is to be divided equally. Douglas county will accept the proposition.

**Benson Offers Aviation Field**

Commercial Club and City Officials of Suburb Anxious to Get Curtiss Exhibitions.

Benson is now an aggressive candidate for the aviation meet to be held here in July. The Benson Commercial club and the city officials have made proffer of a site which the location committee of the Aero club is seriously considering.

"The Benson site has the advantage of first-class car service and seems to be generally equal in most respects to the Courtland beach field."

The guaranty fund for the meet is now in satisfactory shape and will probably be closed by Monday.

Among the enthusiastic boosters for the meet are four Omaha men, who saw the Los Angeles meet, Charles Partridge, F. D. Wead, George Lee and Ed Hayden.

**Says Mrs. Cronk Ran After Him**

Husband's Amended Petition Alleges Wife Pursued Him for Nine Blocks.

Mrs. Cora Cronk chased her husband nine blocks May 27, according to George P. Cronk's amended petition for divorce, which was filed in district court Saturday.

"Catch sight of him across the street," reads the petition. "Defendant crossed the thoroughfare in a threatening and menacing manner."

In order, Cronk says, to avoid a public scene, he had to run, and Mrs. Cronk pursued him, "calling and hawking" for nine city blocks.

This is one item of additional acid of cruelty alleged to have occurred since the filing of the original petition in the spring.

**REDICK DENIES NEW TRIAL IN CONNOR WILL CASE**

Rules at Length on the Points of Law Raised in the Case.

A new trial of the Connor will case was refused by Judge Redick Saturday, leaving further litigation a question entirely for the supreme court.

Judge Redick ruled at length upon the points of law raised regarding the presumption that Connor himself destroyed his will.

Also he contravened the defendants on the point of alleged misconduct of J. J. Sullivan and James P. English, attorneys for the heirs.

**PUSHED DOWN SHED. FINED**

Patrick McCabe Moves Neighbor's Barn and Gets Into Police Court.

Patrick McCabe, 105 Ontario street, was fined \$5 and costs together with a neighbor on the charge of pushing over a shed belonging to a next door neighbor, in a hearing before Judge Crawford Saturday.

The testimony showed that a surveyor had marked out the dividing line between the homes of McCabe and Andrew McSherry, 1217 Ontario street, in which McSherry's shed was shown to be one inch and a half over Mr. McCabe's ground.

McCabe testified that he had notified McSherry of the discrepancy, and asked that the shed be set back an inch and a half upon its owner's ground, and that upon McSherry's refusal to comply, had himself knocked it down. The case was appealed.

## AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Boosters' Buttons Given to High School Students.

**CLASS SPIRIT AT MAXIMUM**

Parents of Ethel Barker Swear that Complaint Against Clausen Miller in Search for Daughter.

The last general mass meeting of the students and faculty of the South Omaha High school was held Friday morning at the auditorium, and the occasion was all felicitous, terminating in a great demonstration of student loyalty and enthusiasm accomplished results in the several lines of school activity.

Following this Prof. Ralph Gramlich presented the basket ball shield, which is an annual trophy to the senior class for having won all games played. Graham of the seniors responded, and on behalf of the seniors accepted the trophy.

Prof. Wheeler next presented a large number of "Booster" buttons to students for their advance in scholarship, athletics, artistic work, making of pennants, selling tickets to school entertainments, Master John Scoville played a piano solo in the course of the exercises which demanded an enthusiastic encore. Following this Dorothy Van Winkle presented pennants to the "Velum club," the "Gavel club," the orchestra and the "Arts." Responses for these were made in turn, by Ruth Ramey, John Orchard, John Scoville and Victoria Barr.

Superintendent N. M. Graham presented South Omaha High school sweaters to five members of the track team. They were: Meany, Stryker, Dickman, Holmes and Hupp. All of these were seniors; no under classmen receive sweaters.

**Medals to Track Men.**

R. H. Johnson presented the track team with medals for honors won at the recent athletic meet. About fifteen or twenty medals were thus given out.

Prof. Evans of the mathematics department for the school.

The mass meeting was given under the auspices of the "Boosters' club," which is an organization of no very hard and fast lines, made up largely of the faculty and the more enthusiastic leaders among the students.

Prof. Perry McD. Wheeler, the popular principal, introduced the formal exercises and defined the "Boosters" as an organization with the interests of the school at heart and which on the occasion at hand, sought to show publicly a fitting recognition of the efforts of all students who had merit presented the annual trophy of a silver loving cup to the senior class for its triumph in the class field meet held in May. This was the finest trophy of the whole and well worth the cheers with which it was received.

The South Omaha High school orchestra completed the program by playing Paderewski's Minuet, and several rousing popular airs.

Those receiving "Booster" buttons were as follows:

Scholarship—Ralph Curti, Anna Nolting, John Orchard, Emily Nystrom, Harry Nelson, Earl Sage, Madeline Horton, John Nystrom, Antonia John, Ralph Jackson, Marion Poljan, Agnes Swannback, Carl Kerst.

Athletics—Mabel Berry, Dor McBridge, Shirley Menefee, Edward Flite, John Rahn, Vincent O'Sullivan, Fernie Roberts, R. E. Knicker, Carl Holmes, Georgia Davis.

Waldo Laur, William Wooley, Ray Wilson, Dean Ringer, Emil Gail, John Collins, Dean Ringer.

Girls' Athletics—Veronica Finley, Jessie Finley, Jean Berger, Edith Peterson, Mildred Curtis, Gladys VanAnt, Alma Wise, Ethel Brooke, Mabel Menefee, Edna Elster, Dor Dinnick.

Ticket Sellers, Seniors, Artists—Roger McElroy, Kathleen Nichols, Martin Holbrook, John Knicker, Fred Scoville, Broadway, Victoria Barr, Hulda Armstrong, Edith Ewing, Jean Berber, Lyle Knight, Carl Holmes, Georgia Davis.

"The Unchanging Lord," is Rev. George

Van Winkle's Sunday morning topic. There is no evening service except that of the young people.

The regular services will be conducted at the Presbyterian church in the morning and the dedicatory service of the cornerstone of the new church will be held at 3 p. m. The program has been revised slightly in some of its particulars. There is to be no evening service.

"The Sphere of the Church," is Rev. Alfred G. White's Sunday morning topic at St. Martin's church. The Sunday school will proceed at 10 a. m.

Rev. Arthur G. White will conduct the Holy Communion service at 8 a. m. at St. Clement's mission. Morning prayer will be observed at 11 o'clock. The topic is "Two Worlds." The Sunday school at St. Edward's mission, followed by the Litany, will be held at 2 p. m.

**A. L. W. Elect Officers.**

The Ancient Order of United Workmen elected officers Thursday evening for the ensuing term as follows: B. A. Pliner, past master workman; Joseph Marek, master workman; Fred Hias, foreman; Edward Dougherty, overseer; J. J. Nightengale, recorder; William McSherry, financial; J. P. Lang, treasurer; Joseph O'Hern, guide; C. H. Miller, inside watch; William J. Nagle, outside watch; W. J. Canaday and F. C. Diers, trustees; Dr. W. J. McCann, physician.

**Complaint Against Miller.**

The parents of Miss Ethel Barker swore out complaint against Clausen Miller yesterday, charging him with abduction of the girl who has been missing from home since Monday. As yet the police have secured no trace of the missing girl.

The parents are nearly frantic in their grief and are on the point of search for her. The girl was a bright attractive child of 14, always smiling and high spirited. Her face is rather round and her features quite regular. When smiling her mouth seems rather broad. Her eyebrows are well arched. It is hoped that some trace of the missing girl and her return secured.

**No Bonds for Men Secured.**

William Sedlacek and Willard Stanley of the eight men bound over to the district court for the May day episode at Vista Springs, of which Ida Mikkelsen was the victim, were continued to the county jail to await the securing of bonds. The other men were able to secure bonds for their appearance before the district court. Since their arrest these two have been kept in custody at the South Omaha jail. The police have not succeeded in locating Meritz, the ninth man of the party.

**Funeral of Mrs. Faulk.**

The funeral of Mrs. Charlotte Faulk, 75 years old, will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Faulk died Friday evening at the home of her son, Dr. F. W. Faulk, 2212 S. street, South Omaha. She had been in America only ten days. She had made the trip from Germany to the country with her son, and was on the way to her home in the spring. She endured the 6,000 miles of travel well, and on the next day after her arrival appeared much refreshed. The weather took a sudden change at that time and she apparently took a severe cold, which developed pneumonia, from which she was unable to recover.

The services will be conducted by Rev. T. M. Ransom of Lefter Memorial church at the undertaking parlors of H. T. Brase. Burial will be at Laurel Hill cemetery.

**Magic City Gossip.**

Mrs. J. N. Williams is at Grand Island, Neb., on a visit of a few days.

S. B. Fenne left yesterday for a visit in George Thomas was sentenced to sixty days yesterday for disturbing the peace.

Mrs. C. A. Randall of Newman Grove, is visiting for a few days in South Omaha, prior to going to Badin, N. C.

Washakie Haymakers will meet Friday night for the purpose of electing officers. The lodge meets at 225 North Twenty-fifth street.

D. M. Clegg of Los Angeles, formerly of South Omaha, is paying a visit to his old friends. He arrived yesterday and will stay a week or two.

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