

MRS. MOTT FOUND NOT GUILTY

Woman Charged with Hedy Murder is Acquitted.

APPEARS IN COURT ROOM ALONE

Defendant Unassisted by Announcement of Jury's Findings—The Knave for Perjury—Rejoined by Her Husband.

Mrs. Bertha Mott is not guilty. With no relative, friend or even attorney, at her side to comfort and strengthen her against the blow which the verdict carry the words that would send her to the state penitentiary at Lincoln, Mrs. Mott, charged with the murder of Otis Hedy, weak and trembling, her head bowed, accompanied by a deputy sheriff, entered the criminal court room...

The jurors had been deliberating since a o'clock the previous evening. "We, the jury, find the defendant, Bertha Mott, not guilty."

For a few seconds there was perfect silence. Then the crowd broke into applause. One of the jurors even was seen to clap his hands.

Judge Estelle moved loudly for order. The applause was hushed. "Let us have no such demonstration as this," said Judge Estelle. "You all must remember this, this is a court room and any such demonstration is unseemly and against the dignity of the court."

Through this scene the defendant sat motionless, as if paralyzed by the realization. She rose from her chair and using it for a rest dropped to her knees, burying her face in her arms.

Mrs. John W. Mott of Weeping Water, Neb., mother of the girl, who, misunderstanding court rules, had supposed she could not be permitted to sit near her daughter, came to her side. A half hour later Mr. and Mrs. Mott left the courtroom together.

Mrs. Mott was tried for second degree murder for shooting Otis Hedy, who with his wife lived in a basement adjoining that occupied by the Motts. Her defense was that the man entered her rooms, made a suggestion which she resented, and attempted to enforce it; that she reached for a revolver and fired, in her fright not realizing that the man had started to flee. He was shot in the back of the head.

Omaha Homesteaders Prosper in Canada

Four Young Men from This City Working Soil in Western Alberta—Minister Visits Northland.

Four young men of Omaha are living on homesteads in southern Alberta. Rev. F. T. Rouse, pastor of the First Congregational church, recently returned from a visit to western Canada, where he spent some time with his brother, who is one of the homesteaders, and met Chester and Hart Jenks and Ralph Weirich. The Omaha settlers are 100 miles east of Calgary and forty miles from the railroad.

Any boy of 18 years can file for 160 acres and by the time he is 21 he will have a farm worth from \$2,000 to \$3,000. He need only spend three summers on the place and can go to school winters at home. The Canadian homestead laws require a residence of six months each year for three years.

"I found one American boy who had been helper in a machine shop at \$1.50 a day who took up a claim five or six years ago and now he has 60 acres in Alberta, has a fruit farm in British Columbia and is worth \$5,000 today," said Mr. Rouse.

"Calgary has grown in ten years from 4,000 to 50,000. Prices have gone up there to heights that make Omaha lots look cheap. The streets are beautifully paved and many fine buildings have been erected.

"All southern Alberta suffered with the widespread drought last summer. D. O. Mottuch, well known in Omaha, is secretary of the Calgary Grain exchange. He is a most enthusiastic American-Canadian. He said that though the wheat crop was down two-thirds this year, no one was discouraged. Land prices around Lethbridge, Macleod and Calgary hold at from \$5 to \$6 an acre. Some lands farther away can be picked up at from \$3 to \$5 per acre.

"I found a few good pieces near Medicine Hat that can be bought now at from \$12.50 to \$15. These are near the railroad and the river, close to coal and in the wonderful natural gas region.

"Of all the places, Medicine Hat impressed me most for its immediate prospects. They are on the great Saskatchewan river. They have abundant coal, and, best of all, an apparently unlimited supply of wonderful natural gas. There is a line of living gas in so cheap it does not pay to turn it out. The city streets are brilliantly lighted and the gas burns all day because it would cost more to hire a man to turn it out than the gas costs. The city has several great wells, 1,000 or more feet deep, and producing the finest gas at a 90-pound pressure. People heat, light and cook at 1 1/2 cents per 1,000 feet. One family was taking care of their whole fuel and light bill at \$2 per month in the winter, and less than 50 cents in the summer.

"I went through an immense new brick and pottery plant put up by some American boys, who were taking great quantities of brick and pottery and running their great engine without an ounce of coal or oil at an expense less than it would cost to hire men to shovel absolutely free coal into the furnaces. The city dug and gave them a well so their fuel bill for all time is paid. This, with the best clay close by for the digging, ought to prove a bonanza in a tropical country. Rolling mills are now going in on the same basis. The Canadian Pacific has several wells along its line. Lights its stations, fills its car tanks and lights its cars with free gas."

ASKING ABOUT LAND IN WEST Many inquiries coming in to Information Bureau of Twentieth Century Farmer.

The interest which is taken in the Western Land-Products exhibit is evidenced in correspondence which comes daily to the land information bureau of The Twentieth Century Farmer.

One of the letters received today from a Nebraska correspondent is as follows: "Dear Sir: Others and myself are wishing to take claim in Colorado.

"Are there any conditions beside that a person can locate? If not, is there any land there left that is worth taking? We do not care if the land is not all level.

"Can a person take stuff without irrigating? Will you be the estimate? I had intended taking in the exhibit, but I believe I will go ahead of the crowd, because after the exhibit there will be every body trying out.

"Do give me all the information you can about Colorado? I will go through it all and have a personal talk with you if you will spare me the time."

Advertisement: Advertising is the Road to Success.

Baca County Men Contract for Big Space at Show

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People in the west are beginning to realize that the Omaha Land show spells opportunity for them. Because they realize that it will arouse the interest of the map seeking for greater opportunities in their particular section.

People in Baca county, Colorado, are ardent boosters for the Omaha Land show and have recently contracted for a large and comprehensive exhibit to represent them.

At the present time there is a plan on foot to water and irrigate a tract of 3,000 acres of land in the northern part of the county.

The Santa Fe road started to the Pacific coast it meant to go through the Rockies instead of around them. There was a right-of-way struggle with the Denver & Rio Grande and the latter won. The Santa Fe then swung its main line southwestward from La Junta to use the low altitude southern course. In doing this it practically forced off the southeastern corner of Colorado.

Nobody protested much at the time because land was then plentiful and prices low. Railroads took which ever geographical course led most conveniently to main points, and the settlers were content to follow wherever the railroads led.

But now conditions are changed and settlers and investors are obliged to hunt out the neglected opportunities. They are finding some very good ones that have been overlooked solely because the accidents of the past led them farther than others from railroads.

One of these is Colorado's extreme southwestern corner. Baca, adjoining western Kansas and the projected arm of Oklahoma on the one side, the irrigation project this land will produce wonderful crops of cereals, vegetables and fruits, and today a man can buy land here that will be included under irrigation for \$10 an acre. This means splendid opportunities for the man of moderate means, because to the pioneer goes the honor of building a community and the enjoyment of its wealth.

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Suspender Firm Moves to Omaha, to Also Make Garters

Comes from Kearney to Get Advantages of Omaha, the Market Town.

The Nebraska Suspender company of Kearney will move its business and factory to Omaha at once. The company will open in its new location, 1719 Cumming street, January 1.

The company comes to Omaha of its own initiative and without solicitation, the move being made that the business may be better handled through increased railroad facilities and other advantages of a larger market town.

The Nebraska Suspender company was organized in 1897 and has made a big turnover every year since. Its annual business runs from \$3,000 to \$5,000. The territory covered includes Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, Oklahoma, and South Dakota.

The company will begin operations here with twelve machines employing fifteen to twenty-five hands at the start.

In addition to the manufacture of suspenders, the company also makes garters, supporters, belts and neckwear. A. M. Peterson is the president and active head of the company.

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Sheriff Identifies Murder Suspects Held at City Jail

Dodson of Wewoka, Okl., Declares Prince Carolina and Noble Bowleg Are Men He Wants.

Noble Bowleg and Prince Carolina, two negroes, arrested by the police on information received from C. H. Dodson, sheriff of Wewoka, Okl., who holds warrants for them, charging murder, were identified at noon Wednesday. Sheriff Dodson arrived Wednesday morning and saw the prisoners at the city jail. The negroes are silent.

Bowleg must answer for the shooting of Caesar Stephany in a card game dispute two years ago. Carolina is wanted for the shooting of Bonnie Stuart, also a negro, who made the mistake of winning the suspect's money in a crap game.

Sheriff Dodson, with the capture of the two negroes arrested in Omaha, lacks but one man of completing a list of forty-eight murderers on file in his office. His term ends next month and he proposes to leave the office with a perfect score. The forty-eight men to be under surveillance and will be arrested in a few days.

"I am quitting the job as sheriff down there because I find it too strenuous," said Dodson. "My county is sixteen miles wide and forty miles long. It keeps me going some. Why, that is half as big as the state of Rhode Island."

CONGRESSIONAL CASE IS CONTINUED Prosecution of Street Railway Company's Claim Against Ask for Delay Till January 4.

Contrary to expectations, Deputy County Attorney Magner did not move to dismiss the prosecution of Arthur W. Gross, charged with bribing John Kemmerling, a former juror, when the case was called before Judge Leslie in county court Wednesday morning.

Mr. Magner moved for a continuance until January 4 in the Gross case and also in the case against Kemmerling, charged with accepting a bribe.

Kemmerling was convicted of contempt of court in accepting a bribe for securing a verdict for the defendant in the case of Mrs. E. M. West against the street railway company.

On a technicality Gross was cleared by Judge Redick of the district court after a trial on a charge of contempt.

After the Gross contempt hearing County Attorney English and Deputy County Attorney Magner said it was highly improbable that a conviction for bribery could be secured when prosecution for contempt failed. It was said to be probable that the bribery charge against Gross would be dismissed.

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CHRISTMAS BUSINESS GREAT

Retailers Make the Statement and Bankers Confirm Report.

BANKS ARE IN GOOD CONDITION

Grain is Coming in at a Rapid Rate and if Gait is Maintained Last Year's Record Will Be Surpassed.

Omaha bankers confirm statements of retailers that holiday shopping has gone well ahead of last year. Affirmation of this statement is made by retail houses who have examined their books to confirm their impressions and who find that cash receipts are greater than at the same date in 1909.

Merchants are reporting better sales than last year," said W. H. Busholtz, vice president of the Omaha National bank, and the deposits they are making daily tend to bear out the truth of these statements. We are informed that buying has been generally liberal, particularly in smaller articles of good quality. In the most expensive articles in some lines, such as jewelry, the demand is not greater than in 1908, according to report, but it is not behind and the general total of sales seems to be considerably ahead.

"The Omaha banking situation is normal, which means excellent. Deposits are somewhat lower than at times, because of the continuing strong demand from the country banks. It is evident that the farmer is still taking the country banker to carry him until the farmer's grain is marketed. But grain has been moving better and the pressure on the country banker is slackening.

"Money is easy in Omaha and merchants are not hard pressed, so they are not borrowing in remarkable sums. The money situation could hardly be better in Omaha from the industrial standpoint."

Grain exchange figures on receipts show a good movement, as Mr. Busholtz declares. Receipts for the first twenty days of September are 1,205 cars, as against 98 for the same time last year. A slight slackening was perceptible Wednesday and if this should keep up the year will end with about the same total receipts as last year. If receipts should be heavy the next two weeks 1909 will be surpassed.

Marriage Licenses. The following marriage licenses were issued today: George A. Nicholas, Deadwood, S. D., 25; Harriet Crouch, Lusk, Wyo., 24; John Belek, South Omaha, 21; Frances Potach, South Omaha, 20; George C. Ehlers, Millard, Neb., 20; Cella Bolivar, Millard, Neb., 20; Arthur L. Fuller, Marlborough, N. H., 20; Laura E. Holden, Proctor, Vt., 21; Anton J. Costaric, New York City, 20; Grace Victorialis, New York City, 20; Philip Kohanuff, Omaha, 20; Edie Kulakofsky, Omaha, 20; Samuel T. Remita, New Haven, Conn., 21; Edith H. Dudley, Winner, Neb., 20; August Janson, Council Bluffs, Ia., 20; Mary Jackson, Council Bluffs, Ia., 21.

OMAHA TO RELEVY SPECIALS

Taxes Which Have Been Declared Illegal to Be Relevied.

GOES BACK THIRTEEN YEARS

Conference is Held by City Officials, Who Decide Upon a Plan of Action to Increase the Revenues.

A large addition to the revenues of Omaha will be obtained by the relevying of cancelled special taxes if the plan of the legal department and the treasurer carry through. What special taxes are levied there are nearly always protestors who are sure enough of the justice of their case to take the matter to the courts. Since 1897 a great many such suits have been decided against the city and to remedy the situation the legislature passed a law several years ago authorizing a relevy in cases where the first levy had been declared illegal. This law was so drawn that it included only the levies that have been made since 1897 and only the taxes since then will be relevied. Taxes levied before that time not cancelled until after 1906 may also be included.

A conference was held between Assistant City Attorney Dunn, Treasurer Furry and Bond Clerk Peck Wednesday morning to determine the approximate number of suits that have been decided against the city. The amounts that will be collected by this relevying of old accounts are indeter-

minate and may amount to many thousands. At any rate a substantial sum will be collected and some of the property owners who have been believing that they have escaped special taxes on their property will be duly surprised.

Oh, Mama!

—don't forget to lay in a stock of CASCARETS with your Xmas purchases. It is the world's best candy medicine for little folks and big folks during Xmas week. CASCARETS will keep the bowels well and happy—don't overlook the grocers. They are all bound to overeat and stuff—so be ready with a Cascaret at bed time.

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