

**ERDMAN ATTEMPTS ESCAPE**

**With Assistance of Another Prisoner Bars Are Sawed Away.**

**CAUGHT IN THE NICK OF TIME**

**Three Women Visitors Are Thought to Have Smuggled Saws into the Jail During Recent Visit.**

Frank Erdman, who is in the county jail pending trial for the alleged attempt to dynamite the home of Tom Dehnbach in June, 1919, and Roy Jordan, who is held to answer the grand jury for implication in the alleged assault on Ryllis Kende at the Millard hotel last month, made an unsuccessful attempt to saw their way out of the county jail Friday night.

Two solid iron bars had been sawed off and another was sawed almost through and bent outward. One of the prisoners was half way out of the cell when apprehended by Night Jailer Henry Schroeder. They were placed in another cell and three saws were taken from their cell.

Visited by Young Women. The prisoners occupied the same cell and were visited by three young women Friday afternoon, at which time it is supposed that the small, iron saws were smuggled into the jail. About midnight Jailer Schroeder heard a scraping sound, but thought it was made by the wind. The noise continued for almost two hours and worked on the jailer's nerves until he made an investigation. Arriving on the second floor, which overlooks a shed adjoining the cell, Schroeder found a man half way out of the window. Two iron bars were lying on the stone floor of the cell. The jailer quickly unlocked the door and pulled the man back from the window. He then called a deputy sheriff from the office and the two men were searched. Three small iron saws were found concealed in their clothes.

Sheriff Makes Denial. Sheriff McShane and his chief deputy, W. A. Foster, denied any knowledge of the attempted break, while Chief Jailer John Cahill said he had heard about it, but knew nothing of the circumstances. However, a report of the attempted break was made by one of McShane's force to United States Marshal William F. Warner.

**CAPTAIN BELL IS FINED FOR HIS WHISTLING STUNT**

Because of his whistling proclivities Captain Bell will labor for the city thirty days. Captain Bell has been loitering about Twelfth street and Capitol avenue, says the officers, and when a policeman approaches he begins whistling "Mister Brown" and other ragtime airs in a varying way. The variations are signals, so the coppers say and as the result the officers have been unable to arrest anyone in that neighborhood for some time. Now that Bell and his whistle are behind bars the police expect to clean out that neighborhood.

**COAST GETS TONS OF MAIL DELAYED BY THE HIGH WATER**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—The first through eastern mail to arrive here in several days came today on a special train. More than 50 tons of mail, including 400 pouches of British mail for New Zealand, was rushed across the bay and distributed in record time to waiting trains and steamers. The floods in the Mississippi and Missouri valleys caused the delay.

**New Hupp "32" Roadster**



New model of the Huppobile "32" that W. L. Huffman, the agent, will have about the 15th of April.

**Denver Autoists Coming to Omaha**

When President Allison Stoecker of the Denver Chamber of Commerce was in the city last week he submitted to the Commercial club some of the details of the endurance and sociability run from Denver to New York City and left the matter to be passed on by the executive committee this week. This trip will be in the nature of a contest and will be principally for the purpose of inducing automobile motorists to make the cross country run as a means of popularizing automobile travel. The management of the club, whose members have not forgotten how in 1907 the trade excursionists were treated in Denver, will see to it that the Denver party is met at the city limits or beyond and given a hearty welcome and royal entertainment. Just what this will be has been left to the club's good roads committee, of which J. A. Sunderland is chairman, to act in conjunction with the various automobile clubs. The Denver party will be representative of the city's best interests.

**DEATH RECORD**

**Mrs. Minnie Heth Lawton.** It is learned that Mrs. Minnie Heth Lawton, who died of peritonitis after a brief illness at Hancock, Mich., on last Wednesday morning, was buried yesterday at Lawton, Mich., the former home of her husband. The sudden death of this estimable woman was the closing of a happy and highly useful life. She was well known in Omaha, where she lived for many years, and has left a large number of warmly attached friends. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Heth, her father having been an early Nebraska pioneer, prominent in the life and affairs of Nebraska City, and later holding a position at Fort Kearney, where Minnie, the only daughter, was born. In Omaha she married William F. Vail, city passenger agent for the Burlington railroad, after whose death she was united to her surviving husband, Charles L. Lawton, nephew of General H. W. Lawton of the United States army, and now a mining expert at Hancock, Mich. Through her girlhood and more mature life she possessed a character and attractive personality, being gifted with the genial, generous qualities which attract and hold friends firmly during life, and cause their sincere sorrow when death comes. As daughter, wife and mother, duty and cheerful service were her pleasure and her unfailing guide. She was an earnest and devout member of the Protestant Episcopal church—active and zealous in its worship and work wherever she was.

Stockton Heth, treasurer of the Omaha Water company, is a surviving brother and her mother has lived in Omaha for many years past. Her only child, Heth Vail, is being educated at Vassar college.

**Mrs. Matilda Welke.** Two weeks ago Mrs. Matilda Welke, aged 27 years, of Woodlake, Neb., brought a little son here to be operated upon for spinal disease. Upon her arrival in Omaha the child became better, but the mother became ill. Saturday morning she died in a local hospital after being confined to her bed a week. The child has almost recovered its sickness, however. The body will be taken to Woodlake Sunday night, where the funeral will be held Monday. She is survived by E. J. Welke, husband, and two small children.

**Miss Elizabeth Noyce.** Upon the grounds where she played as a little girl the body of Miss Elizabeth Noyce, aged 54 years, who died Wednesday in Stockton, Kan., will be buried Sunday afternoon at Irvington. Miss Noyce was born near Irvington upon the old Noyce homestead, which was settled upon by her parents in 1851. She had resided there since, with the exception of brief periods with relatives in Kansas. She went to Stockton before Christmas and suffered a stroke of paralysis, which caused her death. She is survived by ten brothers and three sisters. Rev. J. C. Noyce, pastor of a church in Irvington, is her brother.

**James R. Kennedy.** James R. Kennedy, manufacturer of passenger and freight elevators, with a factory at 104 North Thirteenth street, died Friday at his home, 4924 Davenport street, Dundee. He had been ill only a short time. He is survived by a widow and five children. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence, with interment in Prospect Hill cemetery. Rev. Fisher will officiate. He had resided in Omaha and vicinity for twenty-six years.

**Mrs. Charlotte M. Davis.** Mrs. Charlotte M. Davis, aged 21 years, wife of M. R. Davis, an invalid, living at 118 North Forty-third avenue, died Friday after an illness of five months. She is survived by a husband and an aged mother. The funeral will be held Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock from St. Cecilia's church, with interment in Holy Sepulcher cemetery.

**PENFOLD COMES HOME FOR AK-SAR-BEN WORK**

Secretary H. J. Penfold returned to Omaha yesterday to begin the work of the new Ak-Sar-Ben year. He has spent two months on his five-acre lemon ranch south of San Diego and between times has studied the pictures of Omaha's snow-

banked streets and read of blizzards here, busying himself with mowing his lawn and pecking lemons and oranges.

He announced that he would begin work on membership immediately so that initiations may be started early in June. Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben activities usually begin the first Monday in June. There are now 150 paid memberships.

**Paving Operations to Start Monday**

Street and building operations will begin Monday with several hundred men at work. Hugh Murphy and C. E. Fanning, paving contractors, will begin laying pavements. Extension of the street car tracks to Forty-sixth street will start. The city asphalt plant will be in operation Monday. Three gangs on repair work, under the supervision of the engineering department, will also begin their labors. The work on the Eleventh street viaduct is well on the way to completion and the viaduct will probably be flushed on contract time, April 15.

**ELECTRICAL ASSOCIATION MEETS HERE THIS MONTH**

The Nebraska Electrical association will hold a convention in Omaha April 15, 17 and 18. Manager E. V. Parrish of the publicity bureau of the Commercial club will issue invitations and programs for the meeting in a few days. W. J. Dean of the General Electric company, E. A. Bullock of Norfolk, President H. A. Holdrege, Vice President F. H. Brooks and Secretary S. J. Bell of the Union Electric Light and Power company and Waldemar Michalsen will be among the speakers. More than 100 electrical men are expected to attend the convention. The Royal Hotel has been decided upon as their headquarters and a big banquet will be given there, probably the last night. The electricians will make an automobile inspection over the city.

**ASHLAND BRIDGE STANDS SOLID AGAINST THE FLOOD**

Secretary White of the Ashland Platte River Bridge company in explaining why the automobile bridge over the Platte river east of Ashland withstood the flood says: "It was because the spans were 30 feet apart and the pillars supporting them were sunk to a depth of forty to forty-five feet in the river, below the normal water line."

**SALOON KEEPERS WARNED TO EXCLUDE ALL MINORS**

Juvenile court officials have issued orders to parents and saloon keepers warning them not to allow little chaps to enter saloons. A 10-year-old boy was before the court yesterday and sentenced to the industrial school for "rushing the can" and mingling with the habitués of the liquor dispensaries. The sentence was suspended during good behavior. Juveniles who smoke cigarettes are also the object of a crusade by juvenile officers. One lad was sentenced to the Detention home for smoking cigarettes. Tobaccoists will be watched and if caught in the act of selling tobacco to boys complaint will be filed against them.

**Son Dying, Mother Insane from Grief, Attempts Suicide**

Insane from grief because of a telegram from Missouri Valley, Ia., saying her son was dying from ptomaine poisoning, Mrs. Louise Kluge, who lives in the rear of 518 South Twenty-second street, made an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide last night by swallowing a handful of bi-chloride of mercury tablets. Police Surgeon Hibbard was notified and in a few minutes he had her out of danger. The woman has been visiting friends here for the last few weeks and is deeply attached to her 5-year-old son, who last Monday was poisoned by eating canned corn. Her parents, who are prom-

inent in Missouri Valley, were notified. She is separated from her husband.

**Des Moines Secures 90-Cent Rate on Gas**

Des Moines has won its 90-cent gas fight, according to a private telegram received last night by Prof. William D. Marks, who was brought to Omaha by the city to appraise the local gas plant in connection with the effort to secure a lower price on gas. The Des Moines case was referred to the federal court and it was referred by Judge Smith McPherson to a master in chancery, and that official decided the case yesterday. Attorney General Byers was counsel for the corporation and Judge Hugh Brennan represented the city of Des Moines.

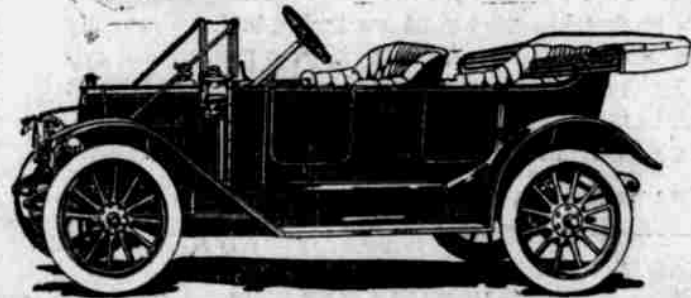
**Mayor Jim Spends Evening Talking**

Mayor Dahman was a busy man last night, he attended four meetings in the interest of his candidacy for commissioner. The first meeting was at the Deaf and Dumb institute, which was a non-political gathering. He spoke on "Home Rule." The next place was at a session of the Moulbers' union at Sixteenth and Cuming streets. The next one was before a gathering of colored voters at Twenty-fourth and Burdette and the last one before the Dahman Democracy club.

At all of these meetings Mayor Jim contained himself and except for a few allusions to the Citizens' union and other state making orders pyrotechnics were nil.

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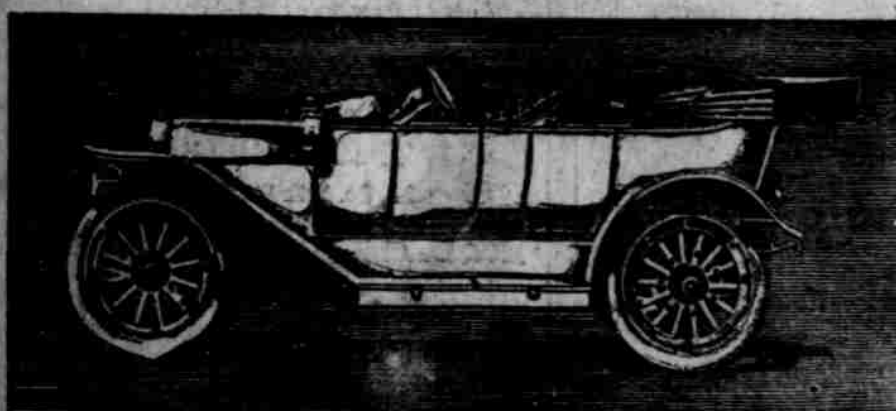
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