

POLICE COMMISSIONERS SUED

Former Members of South Omaha Board Are Made Defendants.

PERMITTED LAW VIOLATION

John Matson Is Killed on Sunday Afternoon, a Time When the Law Says Saloons Should Be Closed.

An echo of the Trainor-Pivonka-Ryan police regime in South Omaha was heard in district court, when the trio that formerly composed the South Omaha Board of Fire and Police Commissioners were sued for \$10,000 damages for the death of John Matson, who was killed in a brawl in Michael Dignin's saloon early in July, 1911. P. J. Trainor, former mayor and former member of the board, and Joseph Pivonka and John J. Ryan, former members of the board, are charged with responsibility for Matson's death in that they permitted Dignin to violate the Sunday closing law.

W. C. Frazer filed the suit for C. E. Matson, son of the man who was killed and administrator of his estate.

The killing of Matson created a sensation in South Omaha. In company with James Corr, his personal friend, and others, Matson was drinking in the Dignin saloon on a Sunday afternoon, when the men began to quarrel. Corr struck Matson in the face, knocking him down. Matson died in fifteen minutes. The coroner's jury said his death was accidental.

Investigation developed the fact that Corr was one of the sureties on Dignin's bond, though he did not have sufficient property to qualify as a surety. His entire wealth did not exceed \$500. This situation rendered it useless to sue Dignin or Corr for damages for Matson's death.

Subsequently Trainor went out of office, refusing to be a candidate for re-election. Pivonka and Ryan were ousted for dereliction of duty and improper conduct in office by the state supreme court after a long and bitter fight.

Now comes Matson's relatives to demand damage money from the old fire and police board members, alleging that if they had performed their duty in keeping saloons closed on Sunday the fatal quarrel and its tragic result never would have occurred.

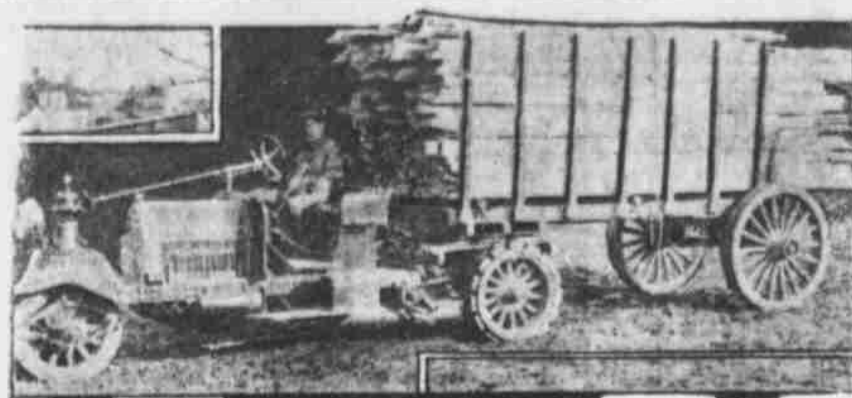
PUPILS OF THE LOTHROP SCHOOL TO BE VACCINATED

Nearly 300 kindergarten and lower grade pupils in Lothrop school will be vaccinated at 10 o'clock Friday morning, under orders from Health Commissioner Connell, who has notified the Board of Education that all children in the kindergarten and the grades from one to five A have been exposed to smallpox and must either quit school, show a vaccination scar or be vaccinated.

City physicians will vaccinate the children without charge to the school board. Dr. Connell, in a letter to the school board, says at least 150 pupils have been exposed to smallpox, one of the students having been taken ill of the disease.

Connell also has notified the superintendent of schools that unless children suf-

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JAMES YOUNG DIES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS AT HOSPITAL

James Young, who for the last seven years was signal engineer on the Union Pacific railroad, died yesterday at St. Joseph's hospital after a very brief illness.

Mr. Young was known for his genial personality, had hosts of friends and resided here the major part of his life. He was 33 years of age and lived with his mother, Mrs. J. Young, 123 South Twenty-fifth avenue. A sister, Mrs. Josephine Harvey of Fort Ward, near Seattle, Wash., survives him. She will arrive here Friday and the body will then be taken to Los Angeles and interment will be in Rosedale cemetery, where his father was buried several years ago.

LOOMIS RETURNS FROM UNION PACIFIC HEARING

General Solicitor Loomis of the Union Pacific has returned from St. Louis, where he appeared before the United States circuit court of appeals in the Pacific road dissolution of merger suit. As to when the court will hand down its final decision, Mr. Loomis declared that he was unable to say.

Asked as to what would be the outcome of the decision of the California State Railroad commission, holding that the Western Pacific has the right to use the Central Pacific tracks from between Benicia and Sacramento, Mr. Loomis insisted that he could not say. However, he intimated that the Union Pacific would not be inclined to let this decision remain as final.

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His hands and feet nearly frozen and weak from exposure, Albert Rynearson, 8 years of age, living at 2208 Lake street, knocked at the rear door of the E. A. Randall residence at 2411 Lake street, three blocks from his home, and asked Mrs. Randall to allow him to come in the house and get warm yesterday morning.

He told Mrs. Randall that he had been sent by his father to get a doctor to attend his mother, who was very sick. Not having carfare he would have to walk down town, and wanted to warm his hands and feet before setting out on his long walk. He refused to tell Mrs. Randall his name.

She became suspicious and called up the police station. At sight of a police officer the little lad broke down and commenced to cry. He said his mother was not sick and that the whole story was a lie. Because he hated to go to school he has been playing truant the last two days, leaving home for school in the morning and playing around in the neighborhood of his home until noon. He would then go home for lunch and leave for school, returning for the evening meal at the proper time.

Young Rynearson had been confined to his home with the mumps. Last Monday his parents let him return to school. Instead of attending school he has been playing "hookey." The teachers did not know he had recovered from the mumps and made an inquiry into his absence.

The morning was very cold. Young Rynearson walked about the streets for two hours and his hands and feet became so cold he went to the Randall home and told his sympathetic story, fearful if he went home his parents would punish him.

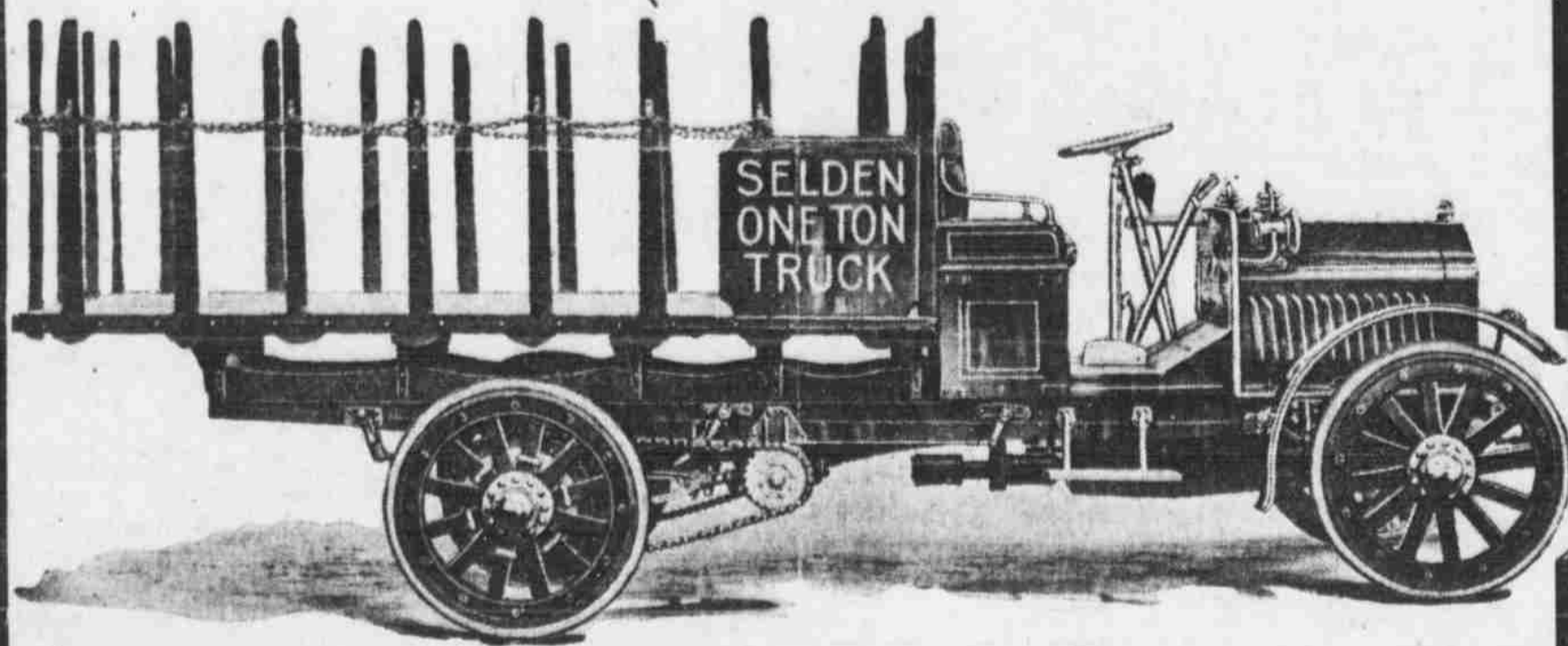
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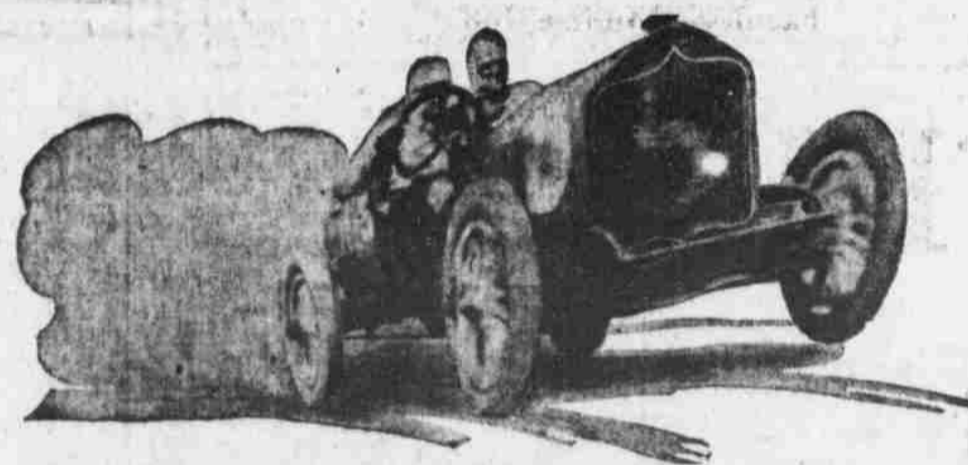
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