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BRIEF CITY NEWS FORGED MSS. OF POET BURNS admit that he had been duped, for in an at Molfat, ten years before. The letter Visit of Burglars When this curious letter was investi-Brings the Police, Times on December 3, 1892, Mr. Kennedy stated that he believed his manuscripts gated it was readily found that among the Have Boot Frint it-Now Beacon Press. Kennedy Collection in New York Who Start Things Students Decide to were all genuine as they had been passed published letters of Burns to James Clark Library Costs \$20,000. on by experts. When the truth was was one acknowledging the receipt of demonstrated beyond all question of money as part payment of a loan. Had doubt Mr. Kennedy instituted suit against the loan been made in 1780, as the forged PEN WORK OF "ANTIQUE" SMITH the Scotch book dealer, but the latter letter indicates, it must have been done "I don't know what this world is com ish hall, Sixteenth and Chicago streets. when the poet was 21 years of age, and died before the case got before the courts ing to," tearfully remarked a man taken Clever Work of Penman in Colluand it was dismissed. The manuscripts, the history of Burns conclusively shows last night when May Noble's flat at 1823 State Bank of Omahs-4 per cent paid at that time he did not have £16 or 10s to Leavenworth street was raided as a sion with Scotch Booksellerwhich had been sent to Edinburgh for use Fight Over Fake Docuin the suit were then brought back to loan to any one. Before the sale of the orderly house" by the police. "Take this New York and deposited in the library letter to Mr. Kennedy the absurdity had ments. joint for instance. It was going along been pointed out to Mr. Stille. He inschool has become so strongly flavore where they were allowed to be forgotten all right and the authorities were bliss-They are still preserved, well bound in sisted upon its authenticity, although de- fully ignorant of its existence, when with machine rule, according to some of Laborer Steals Bacon-J. Y. Cooper. While Scotland will soon receive, a large volume, and are available for in- clining to tell how he got the manuthe students interested, that a big maalong comes a low-down burglar with no through the generosity of John Gribbel spection, but when they were asked for | script. jority of the Cadet Officers' club voted bacon from a Union Pacific car several of Philadelphia, the famous Gienriddell regard for people's feelings and attracts Mr. Stille's reputation, which for years attention by robbing the place, and it last week Wilberforce Eames, librarian yesterday to disband that organization, had been above question as a dealor in gets raided." nights ago. Cooper uncovered the meat manuscripts of Robert Burns, which were of the manuscript department, expressed rather than allow the "machine" candiwhere he had ditched it under a pile of sold last summer by the Athenaeum II- some surprise that their existence was old books and autographs, accounted, in date to win out over two anti-machine large measure, for the implicit faith lice say they did not know of the existcandidates whose backers could not get brary of Liverpool, it may be interesting still remembered. placed upon his guarantee, but his re-fusal to tell where he obtained many of and robbed the Noble woman of several by way of contrast to call attention to together except on the question of disor-Young Men Start New Fund-Members Among the choicest of these Burns for the fact that New York City possesses, ganizing. geries are copies in the poet's handwritthese choice Burns letters, in addition to diamond rings and gold ornaments. the his apparently inexhaustible source of reported the theft to the police, and and robbed the Noble woman of several have started a fund to help the educa- in the New York public library, what has ing of his poems, "Scots wha hae wi' The Board of Education had just granted tional department of the association de- been called the largest and most rethe cadet officers permission to continue Wallace Bled," "Mary Morrison," "John supply, began to excits suspicion several while one detail of officers searched for it on the annual dance should be put fray the expense of teaching foreigners markable collection of forged Burns mantheir club, provided all money raised by Anderson My Jo," "Willie Brew'd a months before the method of the forgeries the thieves another came up to the place scripts in the world. Peck o' Maut," and a sonnet "to the The collection consists of 155 letters. into the regimental fund. As the machine memory of my friend Robert Riddeil. and raided it. had already made itself an alleged nul-

the inmates were fined \$15 and costs and ] backers of the latter two voted for the the others \$10 and costs. Morris Halpern, dissolution of the club, when found that neither could be elected against 514 North Sixteenth street, will be given the third candidate, whose backers are a hearing next Tuesday. said practically to control the politics at the Central High school. As a result of the action of the cadet officers, no military hop can be given Abolish Dance Club under the name of the school, although it is expected a subscription dance with to Defeat Machine all the features of the former may be given by individual cadet officers.

Life Ins.? Yes. Penn Mutual, Gould. Electric Supplies-Burgess-Granden Co. Fidelity Storage and Van Co .- D. 1516 Burn's Celebration, January 23, Swell-

on time deposits; 3 per cent baid on savings accounts. All deposits in this bank are protected by the depositors' guarantee fund of the state of Nebraska

laborer, 2713 South Ninth street, was arrested for the theft of five slabs of lumber near the ball park.

of the Young Men's Christian association . to speak, read and write English.

The Peters Trust company confines itself solely to trustee and investment business and is therefore not affected by the ups and downs of finance. It is ad. They form but a small part of a pheantageous to estates of whatsoever size to have it named as executor or trustee.

Thieves Steal Tools-Fred Fridenberger, carpenter, living at 2513 Chicago street, informs the authorities that a kit of tools belonging to him were stalen

Silk Thief Gets Thirty Days-Antonio Garcia, laborer, was arrested by Officer Canada and the United States and ac Carney, who discovered that Garcia had atolen three bolts of silk valued at \$18 from the Burgees-Nash store. Garcia the New York public library was purhad the silk under his coat when taken. chased in 1830 by the late John S. Ken-He was sentenced to thirty days in jail. nedy and presented by him to the Lenox Thieves Steal Plumbing-Mrs. A. Dillard, 501 South Twenty-fourth avenue, were bought from James Stille, a well who owns a house adjoining her home, known book dealer of Edinburgh, and the has notified the police that Wednesday price paid was reported to have been night thieves stole the water meter from about \$29,000. The manuscripts were prothe vacant house and on Thursday night nounced absolutely genuine by Mr. Stilremoved all the plumbing.

cial eleven minutes between here and nedy, who was also regarded as an auleave Omaha at 6 o'clock p. m., but will the poet of his native land, was deceived reach Chicago at 7:34 instead of 7:45 furnishes additional proof of the excele'clock in the morning. Hereafter this lence of "Antique" Smith's forgeries. train will be equipped with all steel Mr. Kennedy's batch of manuscripts steepers.

Enights to Go to David City-Omaha Knights of Columbus to the number of the Lenox library. 100 will go to David City Sunday to attend the state meeting of the order. The Omaha delegation will leave the city over the Burlington's No. 1 at 6:30 o'clock in the morning. Lincoln will be the gathering point for the knights and from there a special train for their accommodation will be run to David City.

Spiritualists Elect Officers-At the annual meeting of the First Progressive Spiritualist church held in Mackie's hall, 1816 Harney street Thursday night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. F. A. Thomar: vice president, F. C. Allen: sec-retary, Mrs. F. C. Allen: treasurer, John to buy another batch of Burns letters Baer; trustees, George Mackie, Mrs. M. which were intended for Edinburgh. E. Mackey, Mrs. C. B. Cooper, Mrs. J. this case, however, he insisted that the Baer, Mrs Zuellem; pastor, Dr. F. A. manuscripts be submitted to the experts creating literary history, is addressed to Thomas. Meetings are held every Tues- in the British museum and they dis- William Livingston of Kilmarnock, askday and Sunday at 5 p. m. at Mackle's hall.

poems and extracts from poems in the famillar style of the poet's handwriting. nomenal series of forgeries executed by a clever Scottish penman known as 'Antique'' Smith more than twenty-five years ago.

Before the forgeries were discovered hundreds of letters, not only of Burns, from a new building at Nincteenth and Dodge streets some time Thursday after-well, Mary Queen of Scots, Elizabeth. but of Thackersy, Scott and personages fraud. poem. Charles I, John Knox and others, had been sold to many collectors in Europe,

cepted as genuine. The collection of Burns forgeries in tender age of 7 years. library, of which he was president. They lie, who had enjoyed a long reputation Train to Bun Faster-Beginning Sun- as an expert. Other expert atudents of day the Northwestern will shorten the manuscripts also vouched for their aurunning time of its Omaha-Chicago spe- thent city, and the fact that Mr. Ken-Chicago. The train will continue to thority on the autographic material of

> arrived in this city late in 1890, and in December were placed on exhibition in

Mention is then made of some of the more important pleces and it was stated that most of them were written on excise paper, being in an excellent state of preservation and were being catalogued by Dr. Moore. For years Dr. Moore was the librarian of the Lenox library and he aiso was an acknowledged authority of manuscripts and rare books.

In addition to this gift to the Lenox Hbrary Mr. Kennedy has also presented a lot of Eurns manuscripts to his native city of Edinburgh. Like the others they had been purchased from Mr. Stillie and - fn

credited every one of them.

It was then clearly seen that he had Esq.," as sent to the Dumfries Journal been working in collusion with Smith, in 1764. It is interesting to note that the the creator of the forgeries. The history original and authentic copy of this sonof this remarkable fabricator of celenet is in the valuable Glenriddell collecbrated autographs is a simple one. He tion which was lately purchased by Mr. was a clerk in the office of an old-time

lawyer of Edinburgh by the name of The publication of two of these forged Ferrier, whose father had done considdocuments in Scotland about the same erable business for Walter Scott. In the occasioned the discovery of the lawyer's office were a number of old doc-One was the publication of a uments which were considered of no "The Poor Man's Prayer," asvalue. One day they were cleaned out i terary lore called attention to the fact and Smith was told to destroy them. Becribed to Burns. Some antiquarian in ing of a curious turn of mind he took that the identical poem, of nineteen

them home. Several letters from Scott verses, first appeared in the London and others of more or less fame were Magazine in 1766, addressed to the earl discovered and Smith had no difficulty of Chatham. Had Burns written it his fame as a poet would have begun at the in selling them for a good price. He saw that the market for material of that character was steady, but the supply was

Signed the Letter Curiously.

Gribbel

small. Nothing daunted, he resolved to The second source of doubt was aroused enhance the supply, and old book dealers by the publication in the Cumnock Ex- recalled, after the discovery, how the press of Ayrshire in August, 1992, of a quiet man frequently pored over the old letter written to "John Hill, weaver," of tomes in their shope and was always Cumpock. It is a brief letter of condo- ready to buy without haggling over the lence and is signed "Robert Burns," an price, ancient English books. The plain unusual signature, as the poet abbre-viated his name to "Robt." in nearly all paper for his forgeries, and in looking of his signed letters. Students of Burns over the collection in the public library took up the matter, and it was ascer- it will be noticed that the great majority tained that no such person as John Hill are written on but a single sheet of ever lived. The identity of other per- paper. His did his work in a little onesona to whom many of the forged letters story house on the outskirts of Edinwere addressed was sought, with the re- burgh. His name was Archibald Howsuit that they turned out to be myth- land Smith, but he was better known ical friends of the poet. Some of these through his apparent fondness for early letters addressed to persons who never English editions as "Antique" Smith. He

existed are in the Kennedy collections was arrested and tried for forgery, but in the public library. escaped with the light sentence of one As an extra attestation of their identity, year.

scores of the letters were indersed by The public library is not the only one James Hogg, the Scottish poet, popularly that has harbored these clever forgeries. known as the Ettrick Shepherd. Nearly From the magnitude of the Kennedy purall of the documents in the public library chase and the fact that it was kept inare so indersed. After the bursting of last it was easy when the fraud was dethe bubble, it was pointed out, quite lected to brand them as spurious, but naturally, that James Hogg had never doubtless hundreds of Burns letters as before been regarded as an expert on well as autographs of other notables are handwriting, and it was called singular freasured today by public and private that, despite his indorsement on many collectors as genuine, while being nothotherwise valuable and interesting letters ing better than curious examples of the at the time of the discovery of the for- and poems of Burns, he made no use of ability of a clever penman to deceive them in his edition of Burns' works. members of the great fraternity of col-Another strange letter in the Kennedy lectors .- New York Times.

> Constipation Cured. John Suspic of Sunbury, Pa., writes, "Dr. King's New Life Pills are the best

ing him to collect a debt of fill, which he pills for constitution." Zc. For sale by It took some time for Mr. Kennedy to had loaned to James Clark, schoolmaster all druggists -Advertisement.

Miss Noble, Marie Walker, Mary Turner and Dorothy Pahan were arrested and tofore available, the opposition candidates several men were also taken. The men, however, were released immediately, but the women were locked up.

Morris Halpern, seeper of a lodging house at 514 North Sixteenth street, was club was passed by a vote of 23 to 13. arrested by Sergeants Dillon and Russeli for keeping a disorderly resort.

May Noble pleaded guilty to the charge presidency of the club were Arno Trueiand was fined \$25 and costs by Judge son, a member of the Larai club, and ney J. E. Bednar of South Omaha, Attor-Foster, with a promise of a jail sentence said to be the choice of the "machine," ney Matthews of Omaha and Father Taifor a repetition of the offense. Two of Clay Beisel, and Edward Baumann. The mage of Creighton university,

Student positice at the Central High SOUTH OMAHA DEBATERS WIN FROM LINCOLN HIGH

The second departing team of the South Omaha High school won a unanimous de cision over the first debating team of the Lincoln High school in a debate which took place yesterday afternoon in the South Omaha High school auditorium. The trust, question, which is being debated in the State High School Debating league was the subject. Regulation of the trusts was upheld by Carl Beal, Karl Lee and Frank Faux of South Omaha, while Aaron Sebiers, Ozro Woods and sance by picking most of the plums here- Earl Jeffrey of Lincoln put forth some good argument in defense of the dissoluagreed to dissolution when they found tion

neither would withdraw to give the The visiting team brought with them Ilison Kin as alternate and also V. other a majority in the election. The result was that a motion to discontinue the Schanafelt, the Lincoln debating coach, Mr. Schanafelt was chairman of the de-It is understood that the three cadets bate which was well attended by students who would have been candidates for the of the high school.

The judges of the debate were: Attor-



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pilection, which shows the versatility of "Antique" Smith in forging as well as