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BRIBERY CHARGES IN O'CONNOR WILL CASE

Witness Testifies of Alleged Attempt by Culavin to Secure His Signature.

ALLEGED SON SAYS GOT CASH

HASTINGS, Neb., March 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Charges of attempted bribery were made by W. F. Davis of this city, a witness for the contestants, at the close of today's session of the John O'Connor \$100,000 will contest.

Davis testified that John T. Culavin of Omaha met him here in the latter part of September or the early part of October, 1912, told him that he had a will signed by John O'Connor which had been witnessed, and offered him \$2,500 cash for himself and his wife if they would sign the instrument as witnesses. Davis said he had known Culavin in Missouri Valley, Ia., before coming to Hastings. The conversation, he said, took place some weeks after John O'Connor died.

Davis is employed here as a bartender. He lived in Omaha before coming to Hastings.

Judge Vinsonhaler of Omaha, counsel for Culavin, put Davis through a rigid cross-examination, but the witness' story was unshaken. At the conclusion of the examination Judge Vinsonhaler, after the jury had been taken from the room, made an appeal to the court for a thorough investigation, either by a grand jury or by the prosecuting attorney, promising to aid in such an investigation. He said either his client was a criminal or Davis was a perjurer, and he wanted the matter lifted to the bottom. He had faith in Culavin, but if it could be shown that Davis' story was true he would ask an officer of the court help prosecute him.

Investigation Asked.

W. P. McCreary of counsel for the contestants, joined in the appeal for an investigation, which he wanted to include not only Culavin and Davis, but everybody connected with the case. He promised the assistance of all of the attorneys for the contestants, seventeen in number. He courted the inquiry and said it should be made in justice to all concerned.

Judge Dungan said the jury should decide as to the credibility of the witness Davis and as only one case could be tried at a time he would take up the requests of the attorneys after the contest is finished.

Rudolph Olson of Selkirk, Manitoba, a half breed Indian and an alleged son of O'Connor, told on the stand of giving a power of attorney to Nelson H. Tunniff of New York, formerly of Omaha. In the United States consular office at Winnipeg he signed some other papers, but did not know what any of them meant. He said Tunniff and Culavin called on him together, gave him and his brother \$100 each and promised to give each \$1,000 at the rate of \$100 a year. Olson said Tunniff promised to "do him good" and he understood by this Tunniff meant to help him. The power of attorney was afterwards revoked.

FREMONT GIRL WEDDED AT TRINITY LAST NIGHT.



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MRS. FRANK PERRY SMITH
(Ne. Mary Elizabeth Lane.)

The O'Connor property decided to Angus G. McCloud, a friend, at Selkirk.

Asked if he knew he was signing away his interest in his father's estate Olson replied "no."

SIDNEY BOARD OF EDUCATION LETS BUILDING CONTRACT

SIDNEY, Neb., March 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Bids for the new native stone high school building were opened here today and the awards were as follows: A. G. Ludwig, Arlington, building, \$33,565; F. H. Jacobson of Lexington, heating, plumbing and ventilating, \$7,000. Over twenty bidders competed. John Latenser of Omaha was the architect and will superintend the construction. Work on the new building will proceed immediately.

WAGON USED FOR HEARSE, PALLBEARERS ON HORSES

STELLA, Neb., March 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The funeral of Mrs. Delbert Walters was held this forenoon, conducted by Rev. S. J. Wilton of the Stella Methodist church, at the home three miles northwest of town. The roads are so bad that a hearse could not be used and instead a wagon with a four-horse team conveyed the casket the five miles to the Howe cemetery for burial. The pallbearers rode on horseback. Mrs. Walters died at 4 o'clock Sunday morning after a short illness. Mrs. Walters was about 35 years old. She is survived by her husband and three children, aged 2, 5 and 7 years.

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NORMAL BOARD JUST MEETS

Satisfies Mr. Hall's Desire for an Audit, but Does Nothing Else.

MEETS AGAIN ON APRIL SIXTH

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, March 9.—(Special.)—State Treasurer Hall had his way, but the State Normal board didn't go a step farther with him. A special meeting was held in the treasurer's office this morning to audit certain warrants drawn on the building fund.

The board refused to consider anything but the warrants in question. The state treasurer naively wondered why they wouldn't take up other business. President Viole explained that Dan Morris of Kearney, a member of the board, was sick and could not be present. The board, however, fixed the time of the next regular meeting as April 6.

Mr. Hall said he had heard the registrar of the Kearney normal was going to resign on April 1 and this appointment should be taken care of.

The board, however, did not seem to agree with him. The board contains a majority of members hostile to the present state superintendent and it has been under fire from the legislature. It has been pointed out that the board might have good reasons for not wishing to meet before the adjournment of that body.

NOTES FROM BEATRICE AND GAGE COUNTY

BEATRICE, Neb., March 9.—(Special.)—Clarance O. Swartz of St. Joseph has filed a protest in the county court to the appointment of Charles M. Murdoch of Wymore as executor of the will of the late Elizabeth Swartz of Blue Springs, which was filed for probate Monday. Mr. Swartz asks that the estate be administered by George Stephenson of Wymore, alleging that the third paragraph of the will is void as it "seeks to take away the jurisdiction of the courts, provides for an bond and overreaches the heirs, and that the will was drawn by Mr. Murdoch." Mrs. Swartz left 230 acres of land, and personal property valued at \$1,000.

Announcement was received here Monday of the death of J. M. Losey, a former pioneer of this county, who located at Padonia, Colo., some years ago. Mr. Losey first located in this county in 1889. He was 55 years of age. The body was interred at Hubbell, Neb. Farm Demonstrator Liebers has arranged for two important meetings to be held in Gage county this week, one at Ellis on Friday and the other at Beatrice on Saturday.

North Platte Gas Plant at Work.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., March 9.—(Special.)—North Platte no longer enjoys the distinction of being the largest city in the state without gas service. Yesterday afternoon the North Platte Electric company turned the gas from its new plant into the mains, and for the first time in the city's history North Platte residents cooked their evening meal with gas.

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Fifty-Three Thousand Dollars in Fees Paid Into State Treasury

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, March 9.—(Special.)—The various departments of the state government received \$53,377.46 in fees during the month of February, according to a compilation made by State Auditor Smith. The compilation does not include the food commissioner's office, which comes within a different category.

The bulk of the fees this last month came from the state insurance board, it being the time when the life and accident insurance companies pay in their 2 per cent tax on premiums. The amount returned by the insurance board was \$18,794.52.

The small amounts reported by the governor and auditor's office were for certified copies of records furnished individuals. Reports have been made separately, but this is the first time that a monthly compilation has been attempted.

Marcellus of Crete Chosen at Kearney

KEARNEY, Neb., March 9.—(Special Telegram.)—E. W. Marcellus of Crete, head of the schools of that city, was chosen by the Board of Education of the Kearney schools to succeed Superintendent Roy E. Cochran, resigned. A close race was run by the various candidates for the position. Robert Elliott of the normal faculty was the only close candidate, while twenty other applications from various other parts of the county were considered.

Superintendent Marcellus will meet with the Kearney board this week to choose a principal to succeed Earl Lantz, who will resign to attend college next year.

DELAYED MAIL BROUGHT TO GENEVA IN WAGON

GENEVA, Neb., March 9.—(Special.)—A number of men with shovels went to the Fairmont road early Sunday morning and shoveled a way through the snow, in some places four feet in depth, to within four miles, or half way to Fairmont, where they were met by the mail carrier with a four mule team and a wagon in which there were forty-three mail sacks, which they triumphantly brought to Geneva in a wagon drawn by a double team. Monday the sun shone, but the wind drifted the snow badly.

CASS COUNTY IS GIVEN VERDICT AGAINST SHERIFF

PLATTSBOROUGH, Neb., March 9.—(Special Telegram.)—In the district court here Judge James T. Begley handed down a decision in the case of Cass county against Carroll D. Quinton, sheriff, finding for the plaintiff in the sum of \$494.94 and costs.

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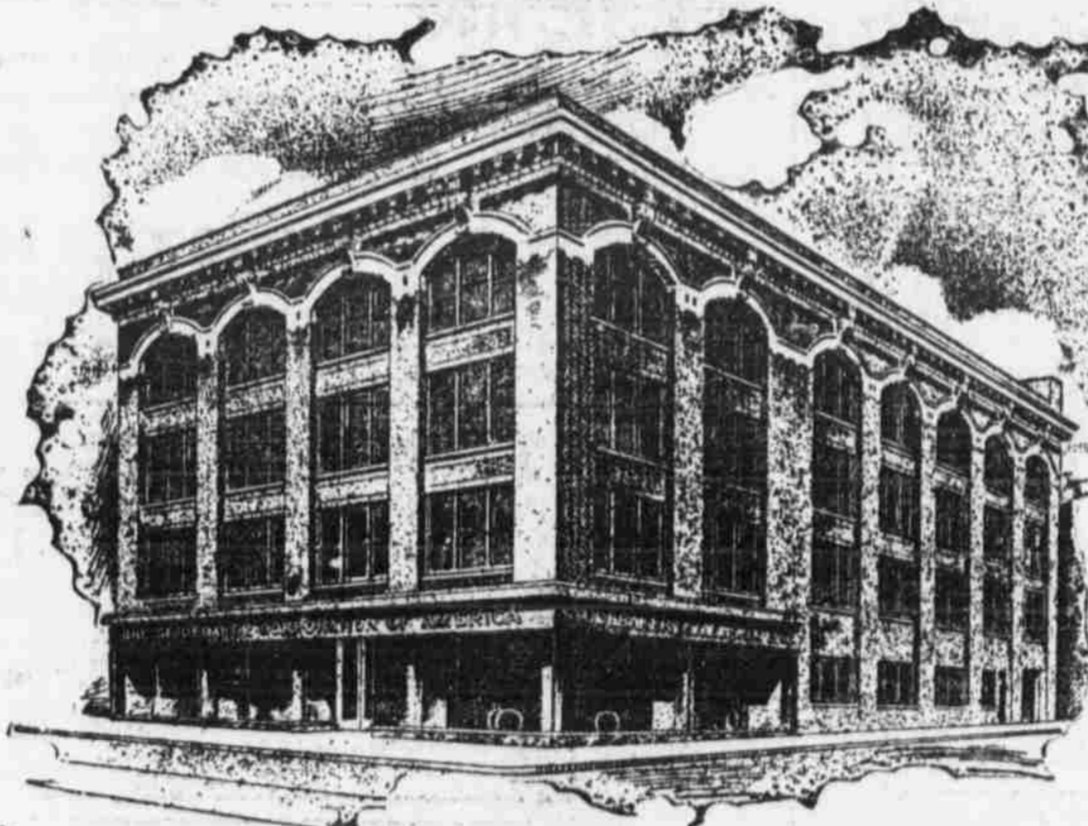
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