

### TAKE CASE OF THE COURT AND JANITOR

Many Dollars Wasted Because of Federal Practice, While Letter Wants Raise.

#### EXPENSE OF A WITNESS

By A. R. GROH.

The government of "these United States," in some of its workings, reminds one of a great, lubberly giant with the brain of a fish. If this be treason, make the most of it.

Take, for example, its "penny-wise, pound-foolish" policy in dealing with the courts and with the janitors.

Thirty jurors had been summoned to report at the opening of federal court in Grand Island last Monday. Judge Woodruff was engaged on a case here which looked as though it would not be finished until Tuesday. So telegrams were sent to the thirty jurors, telling them not to report at Grand Island until Wednesday.

Scarcely had this been done when the case in the local court came to an unexpected close last Saturday. Then telegrams were sent to the thirty jurors telling them to report at Grand Island Monday.

Federal Judge Woodruff, Clerk of the Court Hoyt, Attorney Allen, Marshal Flynn and Deputy Marshal Nickerson journeyed to Grand Island, 153 miles. The thirty jurors traveled to Grand Island from various parts of the district.

**Machinery All Set.**  
All the machinery was set for trying the one solitary case, a damage suit against a railroad.

All the machinery was set and ready to grind out justice when up rose the attorney for the railroad.

"If your honor please—" said he. His honor having "pleased," the attorney stated that his principal witness was in California or was sick or something, and therefore he could not go on with the case.

So the thirty jurors were paid off. Each got \$3 a day and 10 cents a mile for the distance he had come. It figured up to something over \$200.

And, besides that, the men had lost time from their ordinary occupations.

Hundreds of dollars more were wasted in the time of the five officers who went from Omaha and their expenses. The salary of the judge alone figures out to about \$20 a day. He is also allowed his "subsistence," not to exceed \$10 a day. The other officers are allowed "subsistence" charges not to exceed \$4 a day.

#### Another Week Wasted.

The jurors on duty in the local division of the court had been dismissed until the following Monday in anticipation of a week's work on the railroad case in Grand Island. So, when the officers of the court got back to Omaha Tuesday, they had on jurors and the whole week was wasted without any trials.

All because one allegedly important witness wasn't on hand after the government had spent several hundred dollars on jurors' fees, traveling expenses, telegrams, salaries, subsistence, and so on.

Nor is this sort of thing the exception. It occurs frequently. The railroad, in common justice, should have been taxed with the costs, needlessly incurred because of its failure to have its witness there.

It isn't the fault of the court officers. Like the girls in the song, "they're not to blame." They are merely cogs in the machine, moving as the law orders. They arranged things as best they could under existing provisions of law.

And the janitors in the federal building, having no "pull" at the court of democracy, draw \$55 a month. They work long hours. If they are sick a day they are "doctored" for it. They don't even get a vacation on pay.

This big, dull government machine that stupidly lets thousands of dollars leak out before its eyes, stupidly insists that it can't afford to pay the janitors more.

#### Haddorf Music House is Now in Its New Location

The Haddorf Music house is now in its new location at 1807 Farnam street, where it will continue in business.

The main floor of the new establishment is a piano salon, with every convenience for displaying and selling. On the same floor are the offices and repair shop. Among other new features is a music library with six sound-proof demonstration rooms, asserted to be the largest in the west. These rooms will be largely used for demonstrating the large stock of music rolls which they will keep in stock for player pianos. The demonstration room will be under the personal supervision of an experienced attendant.

E. W. Exley, general manager for Nebraska and Iowa Haddorf stores, has established his headquarters in the new location, as he believes Omaha is the logical distributing point. The local branch will be in charge of J. R. Grotendick. The annual output of the Haddorf factories is 12,000 instruments, all of which are sold through the company's own branch stores.

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### Farmers' Union Officers Re-Elected



C. H. GUSTAFSON, President.



D. R. ELLIS, Secretary-Treasurer.



J. M. BURDICK, Vice President.

### Woman's Club Has Special Bills at the Strand and Muse

Special movie shows for children will be instituted at the Strand and Muse theaters this morning at 10 o'clock under the direction of the educational committee of the Omaha Woman's club. The Muse will show Marguerite Clark in "Prince and Pauper," a Burton Holmes travelogue, "Going Some in San Francisco," and a Bray cartoon, "Colonel Heezialiar Captures Villa." The Strand will show the child actress, Marie Osborne, in "Shadows and Sunshine," a travelogue, "Unchanging Holland," and a cartoon, "Baby Bear."

Next Monday at 9 o'clock the local moving picture committee will pass upon films for the children's programs a week from Saturday, Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" and "The Patchwork Girl of Oz" are being considered.

The children's programs will be continued for ten Saturdays at these two theaters and will then be introduced in the neighborhood movie houses.

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**Our Big Buying Power Enables Us to Make the Lower Prices**

**IRONING BOARDS**—Constructed of thoroughly seasoned white wood, nicely finished and well made. 79c. Sale price..... 79c.

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**KITCHEN CABINET BASE**—With white wood top and varnished legs. Has one bin, cutting board and cutlery drawer. Sale price..... \$3.45

**KITCHEN TABLES**—Made of white wood throughout. Has a large drawer and corner bolts are used to fasten the legs, which makes a strong, well-made Kitchen Table. Sale price..... \$1.59

**STEEL RANGES**—The body of which is made of polished sheet steel. They have an extra large firebox with heavy lining and fitted with Duplex grates. They are nicely trimmed in plain nickel, which makes them easy to polish and keep clean. They are positively guaranteed to bake and to give perfect and lasting service. Sale price..... \$24.50

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**DROP-LEAF TABLES**—Made of wood that has been well seasoned; size 44x26; has heavy wood drop supports; the legs are strongly bolted and the entire table nicely finished; well made. Sale price..... \$3.45

**KITCHEN CABINETS**—Made of solid oak and in a beautiful golden finish. Are built with every modern convenience. They have a tilting flour bin with sifter attachment and glass sugar, tea, coffee, and spice jars. The cake and bread box is metal lined. They have a sliding cupboard on top and the interior of the cupboard is finished in white enamel. Sale price..... \$18.50

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The People's Store. Opposite Hotel Rome.

### WOMEN, ONCE RICH, OBJECTS OF PITY

Mrs. L. C. Nash Co-Operates with S. Richard Fuller to Raise Funds.

#### ANSWER IS A "SILENT CRY"

For the ladies of France, many of them titled, who were rich yesterday, but are poor today, driven from their chateaux and town houses by the ravages of war, S. Richard Fuller gave a lecture on "Cleopatra and Her Children" at the home of Mrs. Louis C. Nash yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Fuller, with his wife, who accompanies him on a tour of this country undertaken wholly at their own expense, has lived in Paris for the last twelve years. Mr. Fuller having achieved note as a lecturer at Rome and other continental cities. When the war broke out Mr. Fuller was in Stratford-on-Avon, where he had gone to speak at a Shakespearean memorial festival. He never saw his home again.

Since undertaking this relief mission a year ago the Fullers have collected \$13,000, which has been dispensed to the needy in Paris through Miss Marguerite Guilhou, well known in Boston, the former home of the Fullers.

#### More Lectures Here.

Mrs. Harry Dooly, Mrs. Floyd Smith and Mrs. E. W. Dixon will open their homes for three more lectures the early part of next week. Margaret Deland, the well known novelist, sponsors Mr. Fuller's efforts in behalf of the French ladies in an article, "The Silent Cry," published in the Boston Transcript. "There is one voice that is still—no silent cry. It comes from women who have fled from the war zones, and who do not know how to ask for help because, until now, they have been helpers. Women who all their lives have been sheltered in homes of dignity and luxury, a luxury for which now—destitute, homeless, hungry even—some of them are paying the price of being unskilled in everything but the refinements of noble thinking and high and silent courage. Therefore, quietly, many of them die—and the world is poorer by the loss of the bravery of gentle breeding."

#### Hires His Auto and Then Fails to Bring It Back

Joe Sanders, 1215 Woodmen of the World building, has complained to the police that a man who hired his car to make a trip to South Omaha has failed to return. Sanders believes his car has been stolen.

### Bitter Legal Battle Waged for the Possession of Little Kidnaped Girl

Stirring Scenes in the Court Room When Lawyers Fight Over the Testimony.

#### GIRL NOT ON THE STANI

One of the bitterest legal fights for possession of a child ever waged in an Omaha court is to be decided before Judge Troup of the district court next Tuesday, when attorneys will present their final arguments in the battle for 8-year-old Frances Lane, daughter of a local contractor, whose uncle, Andrew Brothers, of La Platte, kidnaped her Tuesday while she was on her way to school.

Brothers, a section foreman, but nevertheless reputed well-to-do, was a brother of Fred O. Lane's first wife, who is dead. The child had lived with him and his wife at La Platte for several years up until last May, when the father brought her back to Omaha. The La Platte man admitted that he waited near the school house on the day of the kidnaping this week and then hustled her into a taxicab as she walked along the street with her companions and carried her to his home.

Following the alleged abduction, which Brothers testified in court was agreeable to the child, the father appealed to the local courts for assistance in getting back his daughter. Judge Sears issued a writ of habeas corpus and both sides appeared in Judge Troup's court with batteries of lawyers and formidable legions of relatives and friends to testify as to which family, the Lanes or the Brothers, the child "loved best and was best treated."

After a stormy session all day Thursday the case was resumed in the morning and soon developed into a still stormier one. One of Brothers' strongest points is his claim that he has a legal decree of adoption from the Sarpy county court. The father, who is married again and has a child by his last wife, testified in rebuttal that he had had several offers from wealthy Omaha families to adopt the little girl, who is an unusually attractive child. He asserted on the witness stand that, while he sanctioned the child's lengthy visits at La Platte, so she could recuperate her health in the country, he had never consented to Brothers having permanent possession of her. Lane told the court that he always intended to take back his daughter

when she became old enough to go to school.

When the question of whether the child should be called to witness stand to testify came up attorneys for both sides started hurling legal grape and shrapnel at each other. Brothers' lawyers leaped to their feet and accused the opposing counsel of trying to "burglarize the cradle to get evidence."

At this juncture the child's grandmother, Mrs. Julia M. Lane, burst into tears and relatives and friends had a hard time consoling her.

At another stage of the rebuttal fight, when the lawyers got into another wrangling match over the different witnesses' testimony as to the displays of affection on the part of the child in the court room for the Brothers' contingent, which occupied one side of the room, and the Lane faction, Judge Troup ordered all such evidence stricken from the records.

Repeated arguments by attorneys whether the child should be allowed to testify brought forth a ruling by Judge Troup that "the testimony of a child is of very little value. It is just what attracts her for the moment that sways her testimony—a pat on the back, a big red apple, a pretty picture or a toy."

Bertha Larsen, 12 years old, a school companion of Frances, was called to tell her story of the kidnaping. Bertha was with the Lane girl on the morning Brothers carried the latter child away in an automobile. Declaring that Frances screamed and kicked when the La Platte man leaped from the car and carried her away, the Larsen girl added that her companion kept on protesting and kicking until the machine sped out of sight.

When Judge Troup asked that the child be brought to him so that he could take her into his private office and question her, the uncle walked slowly to where Frances was huddled up in a chair, took his niece by the hand and bent down and kissed her just before he turned her over to the judge.

#### Miss Agnes Burns to Talk At Labor Temple Monday

Miss Agnes Burns of Chicago, suffragist and trade unionist speaker, who comes to address the Omaha Woman's club political and social science department, Monday afternoon, will give another talk that evening at 8 o'clock. Miss Burns will speak before the Woman's auxiliary of the Carpenters and Joiners of America at the Labor temple. Mrs. F. B. Kingsbury is president of this organization. The meeting is open to the public.

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# Is the War Approaching a Climax?

When the ten Allies slammed, if they did not lock, the door of diplomacy, in the face of the Central Powers' request for a peace conference, what did the act portend for Europe, for Canada, and for the United States?

In THE LITERARY DIGEST, dated January 13th, there is a most comprehensive review of the peace negotiations from all angles.

The first impression of the German press, as gathered from Berlin dispatches, is that the Entente's reply could only be answered by the sword. "Let Hindenburg answer," exclaims the Berlin *Lokal Anzeiger*. Other German and Austrian editors are confident of victory and equally energetic in citing their opinions.

Press comment in the Entente nations endorses the rejection of Germany's proposals, and expresses confidence in ultimate victory for the Entente Allies.

The London *Morning Post* quotes its Budapest correspondents' statement that peace proposals of the Central Powers are prompted by "the knowledge that relief must come within six months from the present time at the outside, if internal troubles of the most serious character are to be avoided," since "in Austria-Hungary the available stocks of food will not last even for six months."

Read THE LITERARY DIGEST this week by all means, if you would get a true perspective of the peace negotiations up to date.

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