

### JUST MARRIED AND POLICE NAB HIM

Pinkerton Sleuths Say W. C. Conway Trimmed Banks and Hotels in Omaha.

#### WORK HIS GAME SMOOTHLY

Arrest of W. C. Conway Monday at Great Falls, Mont., will result in trial of the man in Omaha on forgery charges in which a number of prominent local bankers and business men are interested.

Under the name of Henry I. Tucker, Conway is said by Pinkertons, who caused his arrest, to have swindled the United States National bank, Hotel Fontenelle and a number of Omaha business houses by means of forged checks and a fraudulent bank account.

A plea by Conway that he had "settled down," had just married a Montana girl, was now connected with a legitimate business at Great Falls and had given up his former life fell upon deaf ears. Chief of Detectives Maloney will send an Omaha detective to bring him back here for trial.

**Some of His Victims.**  
Vice President W. H. Rhoades of the United States National bank, Assistant Manager Gregory of the Fontenelle, Commissioner Robert Manley of the Commercial club and George T. Morton of the real estate firm of Harrison & Morton are among Omaha men whom Conway swindled, or at least approached, while operating here, according to Resident Operative W. B. Ritchie of the Pinkerton agency.

Hayden Bros' clothing department almost fell victim to the smooth visitor, it is said. Conway is alleged to have ordered a quantity of clothes there, including a dress suit, but the check he gave was returned worthless before the clothes were delivered, so Haydens lost nothing, detectives say.

The Fontenelle is still "holding the sack" for Conway's high living there during a week or more in February and March, 1916.

**Swung Big Bluff.**  
Asserting he represented the Baldwin Manufacturing company of Hutchinson, Kan., and Grand Rapids, Mich., Conway, under the name of Henry I. Tucker, is said to have visited Commissioner Manley of the Commercial club and later Mr. Morton for the ostensible purpose of securing freight rates and a distributing site here for the firm he said he represented.

Mr. Morton, without vouching for him, introduced Conway to Vice President Rhoades of the bank, who let him have \$65 on one of numerous fake checks which the man presented. Then Conway is said to have deposited the \$65 and later raised the entry in his bank book, so that he appeared to have several thousand dollars on deposit. Flotation of a series of checks is alleged to have followed.

**Trail of Checks.**  
Pinkertons assert that business men and bankers in Lincoln, Des Moines, Boone, Ia., and Minneapolis also "fell" for Conway's checks. The detective agency says the man was traced all around the country during the last year before he was arrested. They also say Conway has served time in a Montana jail, after conviction on a charge of conducting a "good roads" swindle while representing himself to be a special government officer.

Police acquainted with the case state that Conway recently married after a fortnight's courtship, and that his wife was ignorant of his past record. They also say that he has a former wife and three children and other relatives in Kansas, from whom he is estranged.

#### Telegrapher-Inventor Gets His Final "Thirty"

John Cornelius Wilson, who in 1871, in Omaha, worked a wire for the old Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph company, died in a hospital in Boston last Thursday, aged 66. He was of English-Scottish ancestry and had resided in the United States since 1869. Besides being an expert telegraph operator, he was an electrician, having secured numerous patents on his inventions. He was inventor of the duplex telegraph and had close to 100 patents on duplex, multiplex telegraphs, telephone, automatic fire alarms, electric signals, electric clocks, checking, stamping and recording systems.

Mr. Wilson had his first telegraph job in LaCrosse, Wis., in 1869, working for the Milwaukee road. In 1871 he worked the Union Pacific wire in North Platte and the same year came to Omaha. Later he was transferred to Fremont, where he had charge of the company station. A year later he returned to Omaha and remained until late in 1873, when he was transferred to Boston, where he remained until his death. He was married.

#### Scarcity of Nurses to Care for Omaha's Sick

Omaha hospitals are overcrowded with patients, and nurses are very scarce, according to physicians and hospital attendants. Extensive sickness here is taxing all resources to capacity, they assert, and some sick people are being cared for at home, after failure to secure hospital accommodations.

#### Ak-Sar-Ben Hustlers Will Soon Meet to Organize

The hustling committee of Ak-Sar-Ben is to be organized for the 1917 hustling at a luncheon at the Paxton hotel Thursday noon. This will be the first hustling committee luncheon of the year. Cards are being mailed to all those who were members of the committee last year.

#### Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a Favorite for Colds.

J. L. Easley, Macon, Ill., in speaking of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, says, "During the past fifteen years it has been my sister's favorite medicine for colds on the lungs. I myself have taken it a number of times when suffering with a cold and it always relieved me promptly."—Adv.

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### UNDERWORLD SENDS CHECK TO SAVIDGE

Then the "Cleanup" Crusader Announces He Will Not Push Prosecution.

#### "LORD SENT IT," HE SAYS

Upon receipt of a letter and check from persons interested in the Underworld saloon Rev. Charles W. Savidge has issued a statement to the effect that under the circumstances he will not push prosecution of the place or its people for assaulting him and throwing him out, but that he will continue to fight the institution.

Pastor Savidge made this statement: "The letter was not sent altogether by the underworld, but by a group of men, and was signed by P. J. Rooney, whom I believe to be associated with Silk in running the place."

**Kind Regards.**  
"It expressed kind personal regards for me and enclosed a small check for the sick and poor. I received the letter and remittance in the spirit in which it was sent, and I have already expended the money as requested, taking none of it for myself personally."

"That letter was the olive branch held out to me, and as a minister of God I ought to accept their kindness and contributions. I would not take the money personally, but I am willing to spend it for the sick and poor. The Lord sent it and the devil brought it. I have not been bought off. This old preacher is not for sale, and I want no money from sinful places. But I accept whatever comes for charitable purposes."

**God Bless Rooney.**  
"In reply to Mr. Rooney I wrote and accepted his wishes and check in the spirit in which it was sent, and told him I hoped he and other saloon men would soon find employment more to the glory of God. I also expressed the wish that God would bless him."

"I could have returned the check and continued my prosecution of the place for assaulting me. But that would not have been in accordance with scripture, which says to turn the other cheek."

"I will not prosecute the assault case further, unless there is further offense. But I will continue to fight the Underworld as an institution."

**Rooney Pleased.**  
P. J. Rooney, one of the proprietors of the resort, from which Rev. Charles W. Savidge was forcibly expelled recently, called the militant clergyman up by telephone:

"I was very much pleased," said the saloon man, according to the minister, "to know that you received my check in the spirit of Christ, the same spirit in which it was offered. It is much better to forgive and accept an offering than it is to fight for and obtain retribution by bringing erring folks before the courts."

Rev. Mr. Savidge says he is "much elated" by the phone message from Mr. Rooney.

### WICK'S CASE GOES OVER ANOTHER DAY

Police Judge Must Decide How "Lively" Must Be Dancing to Be Disorderly.

#### TO WAIT FOR CUNNINGHAM

How boisterous must be the conduct and how "lively" the dancing of patrons of a cabaret to make the place a "disorderly house"? And if the place is on Twelfth instead of Sixteenth street, does that alone make it more "disorderly"?

These questions were raised in police court yesterday during trial of the keeper and inmates of Gus Wick's place, which Morals Squad Officers Sutton and Cunningham raided before 8 p. m. last Friday without special police orders. The case was continued till 8:45 a. m. Wednesday.

After testimony of Detectives Sutton and others, counsel for both sides argued the question and then Police Judge Fitzgerald decided to continue the hearing until Detective Cunningham could appear and testify. Cunningham had worked all night and had gone home before the trial.

Counsel for both sides agreed that no violation of liquor laws was involved in the Wick case. Prosecutor McGuire contended that the nature of the dancing and boisterous conduct of patrons was grounds for conviction. Attorney Ritchie for the defendants declared the same hilarity had been considered permissible in hotel cabaret rooms "uptown."

Police court was crowded with the thirty men and women arrested in the Wick raid and other persons interested in the case.

### OMAHA SCHOOL LAD BATTLES AT EXAMS

Makes Some Humorous Mistakes When Driven to the Last Trenches.

#### HITS A SNAG WITH ESSAYS

By A. R. GROH.  
Behold the Omaha school boy at bay, fighting the battles of grammar, history, spelling and the rest.

A teacher with a sense of humor has set down the funny answers that she has received in her classes. Here are some of the startling things we learn from Johnnie and Susie:

"Ammonia was the food of the gods."  
"A plagiarist is a writer of plays."  
"A parasite is a kind of an umbrella."  
"Alias was the name of a good man in the Bible."  
"A franchise is anything belonging to the French."  
"Republican was a sinner mentioned in the Bible."  
"An idolator is a very idle person."  
"Erudition is the state of being crude."  
"Perennial means every seven years."  
"Mediocrity means the science of the Medes."

#### Write Funny Things.

In the "compositions" we learn that "the marriage was illegible," "he landed safe on vice versa," "many strange and curious animals are found in the theological gardens," "the strawberry crop is magnanimous," "he enjoyed riding on a philosopher." Mathematical wisdom is distilled for us thus: "A Horace uncle line is a line that is not crooked," "things which are equal to each other are equal to anything else," and "to find the number of square feet in a room you multiply the room by the number of feet. The product is the result."

"Grammar is how to talk good," we are told. Also, "An intransitive verb expresses an act not done, as 'John did not strike Charles.'"

On the high seas of literature Johnny makes the following discoveries and observations:  
"James Russell Lowell, Henry Wordsworth Longfellow, Whittier and Horthorn have all written pieces of some note."  
"A sort of sadness kind of shone in Bryant's poems."

Evangeline is given the stamp of approval by one youth in these words: "Longfellow has, indeed, told the tale of Evangeline fully well."  
"Edgar Allen Poe is a very curdling writer," says another.

"Fox wrote a very good book of Marters."  
You will be surprised to learn that "Washington wrote the Declaration of Independence in 1492," but this historic fact is revealed to us by one youth who did not "pass."

"Gorilla warfare is a war where men rode on gorillas," we are told. "It was the fugitive slaves who formed the Confederacy," according to another youthful historian, who is said to be the best first baseman at that school.

Still, we can't blame Johnnie. You remember how it was yourself. Confronted by a question about which you knew nothing at all, it was always good strategy to take a chance on answering. You might possible get it half-way right. And even if you didn't, you couldn't get less than zero on that question, anyway.

#### Barry, Miller and Thaman Bound Over for Theft

Fred Barry, Ed Miller and John Thaman waived police court examination and were bound over to the district court on charges of stealing \$250 worth of car brasses from Illinois Central property at Thirty-fifth and Valley streets recently.

### Drives Wife and Babe Into Storm; Police Hunt Him

After being driven from home with a tender babe in her arms Monday night Mrs. Pete Butera, 708 North Sixteenth street, appeared at the police station Tuesday morning and was given shelter by Matron Ellen Gibbons. The woman asserted that her husband had come home drunk and had driven her out into the severe weather with the infant. Police are seeking the man, and have orders from Judge Fitzgerald to hold him in custody when found.

#### Prosperous Rancher Dies; Leaves Son in This City

Alfonso M. Sena, 1702 Davenport street, has received word of the death of his father, Andres Sena, one of the big ranchers of the southwest, at Las Vegas, N. M. The father of the Omaha man was 72 years old. In the territorial days of New Mexico Mr. Sena was well known as an Indian fighter and a leader in the enterprises of the old southwest. He was a lifelong republican.

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