

### MATTERS TRIAL COMES TO CLOSE

#### Jury Now Holding Fate of Ex-Banker After Only Four Days of Testimony.

The second trial of Thomas H. Matters for abetting President Leubben of the First National bank of Sutton, in issuing certificates of deposit unlawfully, came to a close in federal court yesterday. The first trial, two years ago, occupied four weeks. The second occupied only four days. The afternoon was taken up by argument of the case to the jury. Frank S. Howell, who was United States attorney and prosecuted Matters in his first trial, was present and listened to the arguments for a time. Judge Wade will give his instructions this morning and the jury will take the case before noon. The defense made a vigorous effort to introduce in evidence the civil suit won by Matters against the First National bank of Sutton, following the failure of that institution. Matters sued for \$14,500, which he alleged was due him from the bank. The bank's receiver, on advice of A. P. Smith, expert government accountant, settled with him for \$1,000 which, the defense claims, is equivalent to the mission that the bank owed Matters \$10,000, as the defunct institution paid only 10 cents on the dollar. Judge Wade ruled, however, that this suit had no bearing on the present prosecution.

#### George Honey Told Me in My Office

during the former trial of the Matters case that he and President Leubben had not told the truth in court," said Miss A. M. Newberry, a witness for the defense. Miss Newberry had an office in the Omaha National Bank building adjoining that of Matters. She stated also that Honey, who was a director of the Sutton bank, told her he would have plenty of money after the Matters case was ended, as Matters owed him a large sum, he alleged. Ben S. Baker, who was Matters' attorney several years ago, testified that Leubben stated to him that if any wrongful acts had been committed at the bank he was entirely to blame and Matters had nothing to do with them.

### Speaker Backs Up Views of Teacher On Value of Smile

Miss Mae E. Schreiber of Boston, one of the "talent" at the state teachers' convention, occupied a front-row seat at the general meeting in the Auditorium. Before the meeting was called to order Miss Schreiber discussed with Jennie Redfield, principal of Castelar school, the saving grace of seeing the bright side of things. She endeavored to hold steadfastly to the plan of starting the day with a smile and a cheery thought. It means so much to one if he or she will get a good start on the day's work," she said. "The trouble with many of us is that we are easily irritated by little things, instead of passing them by with a smile. Most of our troubles and trials are comparatively trivial after all, and yet how many of us magnify them until they appear mountain-high," she continued.

### Reported for Hoarding Sugar, Then Thief Works

Joe Sherry resides in Omaha, but he owns and operates a grocery store at Fort Crook. The fact that he is a merchant is unimportant when you consider the fact that he has been reported to the government agent, charged with hoarding sugar. Mr. Sherry has been out of sugar for several days, but Wednesday he was fortunate enough to get two 100-pound sacks to be sold to his customers. Somebody saw the two sacks of sugar unloaded at Sherry's store and concluded that this was too much sugar for any one man to have on hand. An investigation demonstrated that Sherry was not acting contrary to the Hoover orders. However, in a way, Sherry jumped out of the frying pan and into the fire. He lives in the north part of the city and Wednesday night when he came home he brought along five packages of sugar for delivery to that number of twenty-fourth and Lake streets for a few minutes and while in one of the stores there thieves stole all the sugar from his automobile.

### Minister Tells Women of "Cathedrals I Have Known"

The ladies of First Methodist church held a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Wood. After the regular business an address was given by Rev. J. Henry Stitt, the new pastor of McCabe church, on "Some Cathedrals I Have Known," the large company present being greatly interested in the symbolism of cathedral construction and the general reminiscences of the speaker in reference to the cathedrals of Notre Dame, Paris; Amiens, Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's, London, and Canterbury. Refreshments followed the afternoon program.

### Prices On Old Corn Climb, New Variety Takes Slump

Omaha grain market prices on old corn were 3 to 6 cents higher, selling up to \$2.12 a bushel. Prices on new corn ran as low as \$1.94, due largely to the fact that the grain contained more than the normal quantity of moisture. Receipts were 15 carloads. Oats were one-half to a cent up, selling at 59 1/2 to 60 cents a bushel. The receipts were 51 carloads. Wheat receipts were 40 carloads, all taken by the government.

### Local Jobbers Receive 5,000 Sacks of Sugar

Omaha grocery jobbers received Wednesday something like 5,000 sacks of sugar from the east and south and it is believed that this will relieve the shortage so far as the future is concerned. The sugar received Wednesday was distributed among the retail grocers and it is thought the shipment will carry the market in quantities sufficiently large to take care of the

### Jurors Will Be Examined Only By the Judges

Jurors will be examined by the judges instead of by the lawyers in the cases before the district court after December 12.

A rule to that effect was adopted by the judges of the district in a meeting yesterday. Abuse of the prerogative of examination of jurors to sit in cases before the court by the attorneys for the parties is said to be reason for the bench's action. It is not unusual for attorneys to consume whole days of the court's time in useless and irrelevant questioning of men in the panel. The new rule, while it may not meet with the hearty approval of the attorneys, is expected to materially expedite the work of the courts.

The rule says further that "after the court has examined a juror as to his qualifications the lawyers may propose such further questions as may be permitted by the court."

The skillful "picking" of favorable or prejudiced jurors, which in the past has been one of the legal profession's favorite pastimes, will be largely eliminated under the new ruling.

### School Districts Form Circuit, Economy Reason

Conservation will henceforth be the watchword of the spring meetings of the nine different school districts of Nebraska.

Delegates from all districts moved to adopt a plan presented by A. J. Dunlap of Central City to bring the best eastern talent to the spring meetings at a minimum of expense and energy. Heretofore each district has held its own meetings when it will, regardless of the plans of other districts, and each has brought out talent from Omaha and Chicago for entertainment of its teachers. By the new plan all the meetings will be held consecutively and the same attractions sent on circuit, making the entertainment much less expensive.

A committee, consisting of Superintendent Overturf of Beaver City, A. J. Dunlap of Central City and County Superintendent Housel of Madison were appointed to make arrangements for the spring circuit.

### Omaha Plans to Hold Chrysanthemum Show

Omaha is to have an annual chrysanthemum show, if plans perfected by the Omaha and Council Bluffs Florists' club are carried out. The florists met Thursday evening in the council chamber of the city hall and went over the preliminary plans for the annual affair. Florists from all over the country will be invited to participate in the flower display. Beautiful prizes have been promised by several business houses of the city, including Crane & Co. and Burgess-Nash.

The local florists club now has a membership of between 60 and 70. A chrysanthemum display was held at the council chambers last night, the flowers being removed to the Thomas Kilpatrick store, where they will be on display for two days.

### Many Soldiers Taking Advantage of Insurance

Soldiers in Omaha are eagerly taking advantage of the new insurance act, by which soldiers and sailors can get government insurance at very low rates. Major Frith started things going in the army building by putting his name down for \$10,000 worth. The Lucky Seventh's lucky day will be November 22. The Omaha battalion of the new regiment will be given the "once over" that day and formally welcomed into the ranks of Uncle Sam's men. It is not known at present if the battalion will be stationed in Omaha for a while after that or if it will be sent immediately to Camp Cody.

### Fanning to Count Cards And Letters Three Days

Every letter and post card mailed in Omaha on November 17, 19 and 21 will be counted. Orders have been received from Washington to this effect. The object evidently is to find out what effect the 3-cent postage law is having on correspondence. "It is an immense job," said Postmaster Fanning. "Ordinarily we have between 200,000 and 300,000 pieces of first class mail every day mailed in Omaha. We must not only count the number of pieces mailed on the three days designated, but must keep track of those with double or triple postage."

### To Sell Apples to Help Swell Christmas Fund

Two thousand big red Nebraska apples are going to help make the Sammies over the seas happy at Christmas time, thanks to Company F of the Lucky Seventh. At the military ball Saturday night in the Auditorium. These apples will be sold for as much apiece as they will bring and the proceeds given to the "Christmas package" fund.

### TRACE DISEASE TO CONSTIPATION

One of the points on which different schools of medicine practically agree is, that about 95% of all human disease is directly traceable to intestinal prostration of stomach waste due to inactivity of the bowels, or constipation. The eliminative process is an essential factor in digestion and on its proper functioning depends the welfare of the entire system. Constipation is a condition that should never be neglected. As soon as the bowels evidence the slightest disposition to slow up, a mild laxative should be taken. The combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin, known as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and sold in drug stores for fifty cents a bottle, is highly recommended as a corrective, acting gently, in an easy, natural way, without griping or other pain or discomfort. A trial bottle of this excellent family remedy can be obtained, free of charge, by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 456 Washington St., Monticello, Illinois.

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"Nevertheless," the News adds, "this situation, coupled with the continued advance of the enemy in Italy, constitutes a sufficient black outlook. The allies' position has suffered a shock which it would be futile to ignore and grave issues are hanging in the balance. We hope the worst will not be realized, but we must prepare for it, and the best that can be looked for will leave us seriously affected. "The burden of the war falls inevitably more than ever upon the shoulders of this country, France and the United States and the duration of the war would seem to be prolonged indefinitely."

### Thieves Insist on Theft Of Perry's Automobile

Persistent thieves are after the automobile owned by E. L. Perry, traveling passenger agent for the Missouri Pacific. For three nights in succession attempts have been made to break into the Perry garage. Thursday night Mrs. Perry heard men trying to break into the building, got a revolver and from an upstairs window, fired a couple of shots at them. Neither of the shots hit the intruders, but they scared them away.

### Succeeds Father as Agent of U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co.

United States Mortgage and Trust company of New York has appointed Clay H. Thomas, Keelie building, as its representative in Omaha for the

making of city mortgage loans. Mr. Thomas' father, the late William H. Thomas, represented the United States Mortgage and Trust company in Omaha for more than 20 years and invested for its many millions of dollars. The appointment was made by Vice President Parsons, who is touring the west in the interests of the company.

### Cow Dies of Hydrophobia, Carcass Will Be Burned

A cow fatally stricken with hydrophobia was an unusual report received by Health Commissioner Connell, who detailed the dairy inspector to see that the carcass is burned.

John Phillips, half mile northwest of Forest Lawn cemetery, owned the animal. A hunt is being made for the dog which is attacking other animals in that neighborhood.

### TEACHERS DISCUSS RURAL GEOGRAPHY

#### Deputy State Superintendent Woodward Urges its Importance in View of Recent Changes in Schools.

A progressive program was the feature of the geography and nature study department of the teachers' association Thursday. At the opening of the session in the High School of Commerce it was found that about twice as many were present as the hall could comfortably hold.

So during the first number, while John A. Woodward, deputy state superintendent, was giving his lecture on the teaching of rural geography, the committee on arrangements got in touch with the Hotel Castle and found a large hall there was then available. So at the close of the number the audience was invited by the committee to "follow me" and all proceeded to the Hotel Castle, where the remainder of the program was carried out in comfort.

Prof. Woodward's keynote was the humanizing of rural geography. His talk illustrated the great changes that have come over the rural school in recent times. "Nebraska is a state of farmers," he said. "Hence the importance of rural schools cannot be overestimated in this gathering."

"The little known coast of South America" was made real to the audience by Prof. Clark E. Fensinger of the state university. With excellent pictures as illustration, he gave a most interesting account of this far region in the great continent to the south. Miss Sarka B. Hrbkova, professor of Slavonic languages in the state uni-

versity, held her listeners intently for over an hour and a half while she told of the Slavs in Europe. Her interpretation of present conditions was especially illuminating and filled with an intense patriotism. Prof. Albert Perry Brigham of Colgate university, who followed her, was so inspired by her talk that he, too, turned the

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