

WITNESSES IN KATLEMAN CASE SPRING ALIBI

Accused of Being Involved in Auto Stealing, Defendant Shows Where State's Evidence Is Mixed.

Maurice Katleman, charged with aiding William McKenna and L. C. Jones to steal and dispose of automobiles, went on the witness stand yesterday afternoon in his own behalf. His testimony was a general denial of all the testimony against him by McKenna and Jones. He will undergo cross-examination this morning.

F. W. Meadimer, dealer in second-hand automobiles, was a witness for the defense. He testified that L. C. Jones tried to sell him a stolen Oakland, five-passenger car, September 28, 1918. This is the day on which Jones and McKenna testified they stole the Oakland car under orders alleged to have been received from Katleman.

Dr. Van Camp, county physician, was introduced as an expert witness to testify regarding the effect of dope on witnesses. Jones had admitted that he is a dope eater. His testimony was not admitted by Judge Redick.

Tries to Prove Alibi.

An alibi for Katleman was sprung in the morning session of court. Four pages from the hotel register of the West hotel, Sioux City, Ia., were offered in evidence while Frank J. Donahoe, proprietor of the hotel, testified.

The next to the last name on the last page offered in evidence is the name "Maurice Katleman."

This is under date of Saturday, September 28, 1918. Mr. Donahoe testified that he met Katleman in the lobby of the hotel between 9 and 10 o'clock, the morning of Sunday, September 29, 1918.

Contradicts Witnesses' Statements.

This is exactly the time when, according to the testimony of McKenna and Jones, state witnesses, Katleman visited them at their room in the Frontier hotel, Nebraska City, on business alleged to consist of selling a car which, the two thieves allege, Katleman had induced them to steal in Omaha on September 28 and take to Nebraska City.

County Attorney Shetwell called attention to the fact that the defense had failed to produce the page of the register following that on which the signature of Katleman appears. The number in front of Katleman's name is "7641."

"It is important to know whether the numbers which appear on the following pages are in consecutive order or not," said the county attorney.

Different Ink Used.

He also pointed out that the signature of Katleman is in green ink while the other signatures are in black ink.

"How do you know that you saw Mr. Katleman in the lobby on Sunday morning, September 29?" asked the county attorney.

"I remember talked about his being up there while Ak-Sar-Ben was going on," said Mr. Donahoe.

He said he had known Katleman for several years. G. E. Orcutt, a traveling man, living in Lincoln, Neb., testified that he saw Maurice Katleman at the hotel register in the West hotel, Sioux City, on the night of September 28, between 12 and 1 o'clock. Mr. Orcutt's name also appears on the hotel register. He said he has known Katleman for five years.

Youthful Thief Testifies.

A glimpse into the alleged workings of the automobile stealing industry was given by the testimony of Virgil Ott, 17-year-old automobile thief, who testified Thursday afternoon. Ott testified that he concerned an alleged sale of a "hot" or stolen car through Maurice Katleman.

Ott is awaiting sentence in Wichita, Kan., on a charge of automobile stealing to which he pleaded guilty. He said he and a boy named Cecil Crapo stole a Hudson super six in Hutchinson, Kan., drove it to Lincoln, Neb., and later to Omaha where, he declared, he dealt with Maurice Katleman and "Red" Neal.

He said he met Katleman through a taxicab driver, Sunday morning, September 22, 1918.

He said he'd take care of it for me, said Ott. "I'd wait on the telling us to wait for him. We waited in a pool room at Sixteenth and Farnam streets and he came back in about an hour and said his partner, Red Neal, was drunk. He told us to come back next day."

He told of bringing the stolen Hudson to Sixteenth and Farnam the next morning and parking it. Then, he said, he and Crapo walked past Katleman's store and motioned to him to come out. The two young thieves then walked past it, pointing to it as they passed and Katleman, he said, followed behind them and looked the car over.

Ott said Katleman and Neal then got into a taxicab, telling the two thieves to follow in the stolen car. Thus they proceeded to East Omaha and stopped in a clump of willows.

Offered "Six Bits."

"They looked the car over and finally Neal offered us six bits for it," said Ott.

"What do you mean by six bits?" asked the county attorney. "Seventy-five dollars."

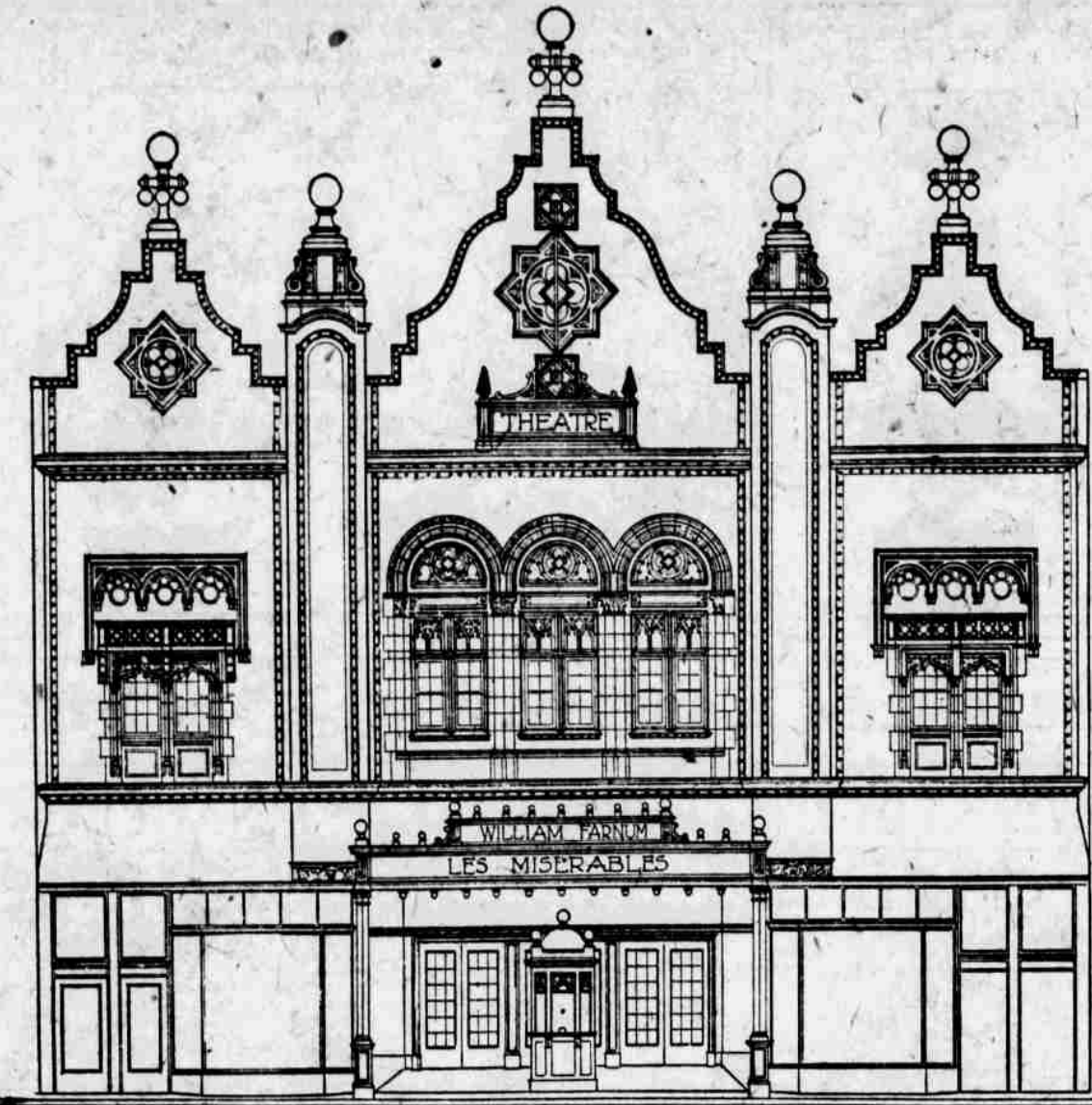
He said Neal then directed them, in Katleman's presence, to drive the car to Nebraska City, which they did. They returned to Omaha by train and were paid \$75, he said.

After their return to Omaha, he said, the two boys and Katleman visited the house where Neal was living, which Ott said was 1710 Cass street. Here, he said, they were given specific "orders" for more cars.

"Neal wanted us to get Mr. Timm's car in Wichita," he said. "It's a Mercer. He said he'd give us \$400 for it."

"Neal said he had a big gang in Kansas City."

New Douglas Street Movie House Nearing Completion



Omaha film fans are watching with interest the erection of the new theater of the World Realty corporation, which is being built on the ground just east of the Rialto theater, on Douglas street. The new structure is a duplicate in a great many ways of the Sun theater, which was erected by the World Realty several years ago.

The seating capacity of the new house will be about 1,500, and every effort is being made to see that the latest ideas in motion picture theater buildings are being incorporated in this new home for the lovers of films. Sam Goldberg, president of the company, is now in the east attending to the buying of a great many of the interior things, such as seats, machines, electrical air-washers, ventilating apparatus, and studying up lighting effects.

The new theater, yet unnamed, makes the fourth house the World company controls in this city. The first house was the Princess, on Douglas and Fourteenth streets, then the Sun on Fourteenth and Farnam streets was acquired and this winter the Muse, on Twenty-fourth and Farnam streets, was taken over.

Huns Brand Outrages Lies, in Propaganda to Yankees

Omaha Corporal Brings Back Leaflet Dropped by Teuton Airplanes Into American Lines, Intended to Create Dissatisfaction and Insubordination Among A. E. F.

A sample of the propaganda which was distributed among the American forces in France by Germany was obtained by Corp. D. L. Hayes, 3112 Lafayette avenue, who just has returned from overseas. The letter was dropped from a German airplane and designed to create dissatisfaction and ultimately prompt desertion. It is headed "The Better Part of Valor," and follows:

Where there is some likelihood that you may see home again.

No Annexation Planned. "You don't want to annex anything, do you? You don't want to give up your life for the abstract thing humanity."

"If you believe in humanity and think life is precious, save your own life and dedicate it to the service of your own country and the woman you deserves it of you."

"Lots of you fellows are staying with it because you are too cowardly to protest, to assert your own wills. Your wills are the best judges of what is best for you to do. You know best what is the right thing to do. Do it and save your life. Germany never did any harm to you. All the newspaper tales of wrongs are printed to inflame you to the fighting pitch. They were lies. You know you can't believe what you read in the papers."

David Linn, Veteran Employe of Brandeis Stores, Is Dead at 63

David Linn, 63 years old, died early yesterday at his home, 1535 Park avenue, following an illness which developed into pneumonia.

Mr. Linn was an employe of the Brandeis stores for 28 years and was a veteran in the service of that institution. He was proud of a medal given to him by his employers upon the completion of 25 years' continuous service. He had charge of the linen department for many years, and he was recognized as an expert in linens.

He was born in Dundee, Scotland, and was a member of Hanson Park Methodist church, Masonic fraternity, Scottish Clan Gordon and Woodmen of the World. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. L. C. Sholes and Mrs. C. W. Newport.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 Sunday afternoon at the home. Rev. Charles Blair will read the services.

Two of Trio of Boy Burglars Will Be Returned to Kearney

Harry Grossman and Elmer Hansen, two of the boy burglars arrested Wednesday and turned over to the juvenile authorities, will be returned to Kearney reform school at once. They served about a year and a half there, beginning in July, 1917, and are out on parole, subject to return to the institution. Harry Stoler, the third of the trio, will be tried in juvenile court this morning. He has a suspended sentence hanging over him from July, 1917, when he, in company with Grossman, broke into Rosenblum brothers' store, 1314 Douglas street.

C. of C. Employment Service Is Boosted by National Body

Copies of letters boosting the Omaha Chamber of Commerce plan for an employment bureau for soldiers and sailors, sent out by the National Association of Chambers of Commerce, have been received by the local chamber. The letters will circulate among 1,100 branch organizations.

DIFFICULTY IN NAMING BODY TO PROBE PRICES

H. O. Wilhelm Declares He Lacks Consent of Several Men to Serve on Investigating Committee.

H. O. Wilhelm has not yet obtained the consent of six or seven men he wants to serve on the committee ordered by the Chamber of Commerce open forum Wednesday night to consider Omaha's housing and building problems. They are fighting shy of serving on the committee asked to investigate the local building material prices' situation, he says.

"They want to know to what they are committing themselves before they consent to serve on the committee," said Mr. Wilhelm, who is chairman of the good fellowship committee, under whose auspices the open discussion was held.

One Representative from Each. "I'm trying to get one representative from each of the building material dealers to serve," he said, "but am having difficulty in getting the men I want."

Building material dealers are standing pat in their declaration that no reduction in prices is imminent.

"In asking them to serve on the committee, I hold to the statement I made of the subject under discussion Wednesday night—'How to Remedy Omaha's Housing Problem.' I say nothing of prices," Mr. Wilhelm explained, "but of course we all know that is the issue the committee will have to consider."

No Meeting Held. Mr. Wilhelm expected to announce the personnel of his committee this morning and call the members together at noon for their first meeting. But since there was no committee, there was no meeting.

At noon he said he hoped to complete his group within 24 hours.

The stir in the matter of Omaha's building program was precipitated when realtors announced that prohibitive prices of building materials were retarding necessary post-war construction work. Realtors said they would finance private lumber and building material yards to reduce the cost of construction.

Report Shows New Firms.

The bureau of publicity has completed a survey which shows that 241 new individuals or firms have opened offices or started business in Omaha since January 1, 1919.

German War Trophies to Be Shown on Court House Lawn

Captured German war trophies will be on exhibition in a tent on the court house lawn for one week, beginning Saturday, under the auspices of J. J. Isaacson of the Victory Liberty loan committee. Admission will be free.

The expense of the exhibit is being borne by the national Liberty loan committee. Most of the trophies belong to the French government.

Among them are: Flame throwers, breast plates, snipers' shields, trench mortars, rifles, machine guns, flying "pigs," grenades and trench knives.

American Life Association to Meet Here in September

The American Life association, including 113 life insurance companies, will hold its annual meeting in Omaha the week of September 22, according to a telegram to The Bee from T. W. Blackburn, Omaha, who is secretary of the association.

A directors' meeting is now in session in Chattanooga, Tenn. The legal section will meet the first two days and the convention proper the rest of the week.

CUTICURA HEALED SEVERE ERUPTION

On Face in Patches. Itching and Burning Intense.

"About three years ago I was affected with a severe facial eruption. It appeared in red, dry, scaly patches, with an intense itching and burning, that would become irritated and form a thick crust. The itching was severe."

"I saw an advertisement for Cuticura and sent for a sample. I purchased more, and after using only two cakes of Soap and two boxes of Ointment my face was healed." (Signed) C. F. Collins, General Delivery, New Albany, Ind.

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And a Great Showing at 25.00, 30.00, 35.00, 40.00, 45.00, 50.00, 60.00 and 75.00

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For high school boys and other young fellows. In waist seam models they have the call this Spring; stylish they are, featured at 25.00

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These shirts are perfect in every respect. This price is possible because the shirts are made of sample pieces of

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in a host of patterns and colorings. Come in neck-band styles, soft cuffs, laundered cuffs and some soft collars to match. Sizes 14 to 18.

MAIN FLOOR—MEN'S STORE

Men's Soft Collars, choice of two prominent makes, 25c to 35c values, 17 1-2c

Men's Unton Suits of spring weight combed cotton, regular \$2 and 2.25 values, at 1.50.

Men's Hose, Fiber Silk finish and Lisle, three pairs for \$1 or 35c per pair.

Dress Shoes for Men at 6.50

This offering comprises an assortment of shoes just received. They come in all black, glazed kid, hand-welted sole, wide roomy toe, low heel, lace style, dark Russia calf, made up in high toe with tip, also in plain toe, welted sole; sizes from 6 to 11, widths A to E.

MAIN FLOOR—MEN'S STORE

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There's a great selection here among the new style hats we are showing. Stetson Hats, Borsalino Hats, Mayo Hats, Berg & Co. Hats are some of the foremost brands to be seen here at an exceptional advantage. Rich, soft Hats and comfortable light weight derbies at from 2.50 to \$15

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