

SCOTTISH RITE HALL SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Judge Flansburg Gives Decision in Case of County Commissioners Against Building Company.

Lincoln, June 29.—The Scottish Rite temple of Lincoln is subject to taxation as other property, according to an opinion of Judge Flansburg of the Lancaster county district court handed down Saturday.

The county commissioners of Lancaster county had held that the temple was subject to taxation and the building company appealed. In its appeal the building company set out, according to the written opinion of Judge Flansburg:

"That the order of Scottish Rite Masons has an aim whose duty it is to contribute money in charity in such a way that the recipient does not know the identity of his benefactor; that the funds for such purpose are derived from appropriations made by the lodge from a general fund and by voluntary secret contributions from individual members. That the members may yearly allow of 24 to the supreme council of all such allied lodges, which is located in Washington, and which does the object of the lodge to devote all money in excess of operating costs and payments upon the cost of the building to charity."

"It further appears that the Order of Scottish Rite Masons, in whom the right to the use of these properties is primarily vested, having allowed the lodge of Odd Fellows to hold two meetings in the building without charge; that on one occasion a free dinner was given to the O. A. U. that the churches of Nebraska are allowed to use the building free of charge; and that other Masonic orders are given the use of the building for their meetings; and it further appears that during the period of the war the use of the banquet hall was turned over to the Red Cross. All money coming to the lodge are used for lodge purposes, and it seems to be the object of the lodge to devote all money in excess of operating costs and payments upon the cost of the building to charity."

"The evidence further shows that the relations of members into the lodge are characterized by religious ceremonies to a marked degree; that they are very exacting and rigid in their observance of the principles of morality, temperance, benevolence and charity towards each other as well as towards mankind in general; and it is shown to be one of the general objects of the lodge to aid and care for afflicted and needy members and to give like assistance to mankind in general where called for and needed."

"It is the contention of the Order of Scottish Rite Masons that the use of this property as above described is exclusively for charitable and religious purposes, and that therefore the property is exempt from taxation."

"It is not enough that one of the direct or indirect purposes of the lodge be charitable or religious, but in order to be entitled to exemption from taxation it is necessary that the association be organized chiefly, if not solely, for one or the other of these objects."

"It appears to the court that the order of Scottish Rite Masons is essentially a social and fraternal organization, and that the charity it dispenses and religion prevalent in its initiatory ceremonies are commendable, are only incident to the work it performs, and not the exclusive or paramount objects of its institution. It therefore follows that the dominant use for which the building is used is not that to which it has been devoted is neither exclusively for religious nor for charitable purposes, and that the property is not entitled to exemption from taxation."

"It is true that Masonic orders have been exempted from taxation in some cases, on the ground that they are charitable; but never, so far as this court can find, on the ground that they are religious institutions; and in those cases, when the exemption has been allowed, the charitable features than in the case here, and equally the statute of the state under which these decisions were rendered were more liberal than in Nebraska. This will be noted in the case of Horton vs. Colorado Springs Masonic building society, 173 Pac. 81, Col. 1918 P. 284, and in the case of the State of Missouri vs. the Grand Lodge of the Order of the Eastern Star, 100 Mo. 241, 1881, where the majority ruling and the best considered case, it is held that the property of such organizations, as is shown by the evidence here, is subject to taxation."

"The order of the county board of equalization in the return sustained, and taxation for the year in question, 1917."

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Under the supervision of "Billy" Cuffis, the veteran boss canvasman, the show grounds soon presented a circus-like appearance, and the horizon was a floating mass of white canvas, flags and bunting. Hot weinies and lemonade stands sprang up like the proverbial mushrooms. Everybody was happy. Then, the circus folk began to arrive—the performers, bedecked in their best regalia, and gee, but the onlookers did scrutinize them. Viloa, the fat girl, gave them a real thrill, but when Admiral Thum, who stands two feet and a half above the lot, that was the climax. By that time, "Jumbo," the largest elephant of the Carl Hagenbeck-Wallace menagerie, was busy tickling his back by throwing grass on that part of his anatomy with his dirt trunk.

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The doors open at 1 o'clock this afternoon and at 7 o'clock tonight, the performances beginning one hour later.

Reserved seats may be procured in advance at the downtown ticket office.

Street Parade This Morning.
At 10 o'clock this morning a gala street parade will be taking place over the following streets: Twentieth street to Cumming, to Sixteenth street, to Douglas, to Twelfth, to Farnam, to Fifteenth, to Howard, to Sixteenth, to Cumming, to Twentieth, to show grounds.

Asks \$10,000 for Injuries When Struck by Automobile
Kearney, Neb., June 29.—A \$10,000 damage suit was filed in district court here by Charles Johnson, contractor and draftsman of Omaha, against J. P. Colgan, his wife and son for injuries received in an accident last November. Johnson, who was a patient at the state hospital for the tubercular, was walking along Lincoln highway near the hospital grounds when the Colgan car, which he alleges was being driven on the wrong side of the road, ran into him. He states that his injuries were permanent, and of such a nature that he will not be able to resume his former business.

Thousands of Omahans Enjoy Sunday at Parks
Omaha welcomed a moderately cool Sunday yesterday by turning out at amusement parks and beaches in full force. The highest temperature was 85 degrees at 4 o'clock, and large numbers of aquatic enthusiasts splashed about at the various bathing resorts.

Company Not Responsible for Changes Made by Agent
Lincoln, June 29.—An insurance company cannot be held responsible for changes made in a contract by its agent after the contract has left the hands of the company. This is the opinion of the state supreme court in a decision handed down in an appeal from Lancaster county in which it is held that John E. Baird cannot recover for \$1,439 against the Union Mutual Life Insurance company, the difference between the amount offered by the company and a rider attached to the policy by the agent for the company.

Fire Does \$250,000 Damage.
Billings, Mont., June 29.—Damage estimated at \$250,000 was caused by fire which almost completely destroyed the Babcock-Selvidge office and store building in the business district here Saturday. It is estimated that 80 per cent of the loss is covered by insurance. The building was occupied by 21 firms.

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CHAPTER VIII.
Rivalry of the Detectives

Some 40 yards further along, the road turned sharply away from the house, to run between thick plantations; and just before this turn the grounds of the house ended, with a small white gate at the angle of the boundary hedge. He approached this gate, which was plainly for the use of gardeners and the service of the establishment; it swung easily on its hinges, and he passed slowly up a path that led towards the back of the house between the outer hedge and a tall wall of rhododendrons. Through a gap in this wall a track led him to the little neatly-built erection of wood, which stood among trees that faced a corner of the front. The body had lain on the side away from the house; a servant, he thought, looking out of the nearer windows in the earlier hours of the day before, might have glanced unseeing at the hut, as she wondered what it could be like to be as rich as Manderson.

He examined the place carefully, and ransacked the interior, but he could not see more than the trodden appearance of the uncut grass where the body had lain. Crouching low, with keen eyes and feeling fingers, he searched the ground minutely over a wide area; but the search was fruitless.

It was interrupted by the sound—the first he had heard from the house—of the closing of the front door. Trent unbent his long legs and stepped to the edge of the drive. A man was walking quickly away from the house in the direction of the great gate.

At the noise of a footstep on the gravel, the man wheeled with nervous swiftness and looked earnestly at Trent. The sudden sight of his face was almost terrible, so white and worn it was. Yet it was a young man's face. There was not a wrinkle as yet, the haggard light in all their eyes of strain and desperate fatigue. As the two approached each other, Trent noted with admiration the man's breadth of shoulder and lithe, strong figure. In his carriage, inelastic as weariness had made it, in his handsome, regular features, in his short, smooth yellow hair, in his voice as he addressed Trent, the influence of a special sort of training was confessed. "Oxford was your playground, I think, my young friend," said Trent to himself.

"If you are Mr. Trent," said the young man pleasantly, "I am Mr. Murch. My name is Marlowe."

"You were secretary to Mr. Manderson, I believe," said Trent. He was much inclined to like young Mr. Marlowe. Though he seemed so near a physical break-down, he gave out a good deal of energy, clear living and upward health that it was the peculiar glory of his social type at his years. But there was something in the tired eyes that was a challenge to Trent's penetration; an habitual expression, as he took it to be, of mediating and weighing things not present to their sight. It was a look too intelligent, too steady and purposeful, to be called dreamy. Trent thought he had seen such a look before somewhere. He went on to say: "It is a terrible business for all of you. I fear it has upset you completely, Mr. Marlowe."

"A little limp, that's all," replied the young man wearily. "I was driving the car all Sunday night and most of yesterday, and I didn't sleep last night, after hearing the news—how would that?"

"But I have an appointment now, Mr. Trent, about at the door,"—arranging a look of inquiry. "I expect it'll be tomorrow. If you will go up to the house and ask for Mr. Bunner, you'll find him expecting you; he will tell you all about things and show you round. He's the other secretary, an American, and the best of fellows; he'll look after you. There's a detective here by the way; Inspector Murch, from Scotland Yard. He came yesterday."

"Murch!" Trent exclaimed. "But he and I are old friends. How under the sun did he get here so soon?"

"I have no idea," Mr. Marlowe answered. "But he was here last evening, before I got back from Southampton, interviewing everybody, and he's been about here since 8 this morning. He's in the library now—that's where the open French window is that you see at the end of the house; perhaps he'll be glad to step down there and talk about things."

"I think I will," said Trent. Mr. Marlowe nodded and went on his way. The thick turf of the lawn round which the drive took its circular sweep made Trent's footsteps as noiseless as a cat's. In a few moments he was looking in through the open leaves of the window at the southward end of the house, considering with a smile a very broad back and a bent head covered with short grizzled hair. The man within was stopping over a number of papers laid out on a table.

"I was ever thus," said Trent in a melancholy tone, at the first sound of which the man within turned round with startling swiftness. "From childhood's hour I've

seen my fondest hopes decay. I did think I was ahead of Scotland Yard this time, and now here is the largest officer in the entire Metropolitan force already occupying the position."

The detective smiled grimly and came to the window. "I was expecting you, Mr. Trent," he said. "This is the sort of case that you like."

"Since my tastes were being considered," Trent replied, stepping into the room, "I wish they had followed up the idea of keeping my rival out of the business. You have got a long start, too—I know all about it." His eyes began to wander round the room. "How did you manage it? You are a quick mover, I know; the dun deer's hide on fletcher foot was never tied; but I don't see to be at work yesterday evening. Has Scotland Yard secretly started an aviation corps? Or is it in league with the infernal powers? In either case the home secretary should be called upon to make a statement."

"It's simpler than that," said Mr. Murch with professional stolidity. "It happened to be on leave with the Missus at Halvey, which is only 12 mile or so along the coast. As soon as our people there heard of the murder they told me. I wired to the chief, and was put in charge of the case at once. I bicycled over yesterday evening, and have been at it since then."

"Arising out of that reply," said Trent inattentively, "how is Mrs. Inspector Murch?"

"Never better, thank you," answered the inspector, and frequently speaks of you and the games you used to have with our kids. But you'll excuse me saying, Mr. Trent, that you needn't trouble to talk your nonsense to me while you're using your eyes. I know your ways by now. I understand you've fallen on your feet as usual, and have the lady's permission to go over the place and make inquiries."

"Such is the fact," said Trent. "I am going to cut you out again, inspector. I owe you one for beating me over the Abinger case, you old fog. But if you really mean that you're not inclined for the social amenities just now, let us leave compliments and talk business." He stepped to the table, glanced through the papers arranged there in order, and then turned to the open roll-top desk. He looked into the drawers swiftly. "I see this has been cleared out. Well, now, inspector, I suppose we play the game as before."

Trent had found himself on several occasions in the past thrown into the company of Inspector Murch, who stood high in the councils of the Criminal Investigation Department. He was a quiet, tactful and very shrewd officer, a man of great courage, with a vivid history in connection with the more dangerous class of criminals. His humanity was as broad as his frame, which was large even for a policeman. Trent and he, through some obscure working of sympathy, had formed one of those curious friendships with which it was the younger man's delight to adorn his journalistic and talk business."

"The inspector would talk more freely to him than to any one, under the rose, and they would discuss details and possibilities of every case, to their mutual enlightenment. There were necessarily rules and limits. It was understood between them that Trent made no journalistic use of any point that could only have come to him from an official source. Each of them, moreover, for the honor and prestige of the institution he represented.

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