

## SOLDIERS RUSH TO DIVORCE MILL, RECORDS SHOW

Judge Day Says Many Hasty Marriages Made a Request of Wife to Get Al- lotment.

An extraordinary "epidemic" of divorce is raging in Omaha. It was reflected in the filing of 25 petitions for divorce in the district court of Douglas county on Monday and Tuesday of this week. This was the largest number of divorce suits filed in any two days, clerks in the district court asserted.

In the same two days only 22 marriage licenses were issued by Marriage License Clerk Stubben- dorf.

District Judge Day granted eight divorces in the two days, and six were granted by other judges, sitting in divorce court.

"I received a letter a short time ago asking whether we had noticed a large number of 'soldier divorces' here," said Judge Day. "I replied that we had not, but since that time I have had an extraordinary number of this kind of divorce suits. It seems that the hasty marriage was made in many cases at the request of the wife and with a view to drawing the allotment of \$30 a month for the ordinary soldier.

"Separation of months has shown the couples that they had nothing in common and in some cases perhaps has made unsuccessful marriages which would have been successful if the parties had remained together.

"In some cases the wife claims to have had a positive aversion to her husband. Some have written to their husbands while they were still in the service and told them in so many words that they did not care

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for them and hoped never to see them again."

However, the great majority of divorce suits now being filed are those of couples who have been married since before the war. Judges and others attribute it partly to the high cost of living and partly to the general feeling of unrest that pervades the world.

## Indian Must Serve Jail Sentence on Murder Charge

United States Attorney T. S. Allen yesterday received word from Washington that the ruling of the federal court in the case of Silas L. White, Indian, tried in Omaha last year, charged with shooting with intent to kill Charles Peabody, another Indian, had been upheld by the United States supreme court. White was sentenced to a year and a day imprisonment in the federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, but appealed the case to the supreme court on the grounds that he was a resident of an Indian reservation and the court here had no jurisdiction.

## TESTIMONY OF POLICE OFFICER IS CONFLICTING

Sergeant Thestrup, Who Led Squad That Raided the Purucello Home, Is Only Witness Called.

Anton Purucello, 804 Pierce street, whose home was invaded by the police morals squad and himself and wife subjected to physical violence at 3 a. m. July 6, was placed on trial yesterday in police court charged with unlawful possession of liquor. Barely able to walk, and assisted by friends, he limped into the court room. His face shows yet the beating received at the hands of the policemen.

Mrs. Purucello is still confined to her bed with nervous hysteria as a result of the invasion and attack.

**Thestrup Only Witness.** Sergt. Olaf V. Thestrup was the only witness yesterday. He led the squad which forced its way into the home without a warrant.

He described the alleged purchase of whisky to Oscar Cain, who accompanied Herdzina, Thestrup and other officers to the house. Cain is not employed by the city.

The question of the invasion of the home without search warrant was not brought out at the hearing.

Thestrup's testimony was conflicting and at times bordered on incoherency. He described the alleged assault Purucello and his wife made on him.

"Where were you?" asked Purucello's counsel. "In the doorway." "Where was Purucello?" "In the doorway." "Struck With Chair." "And Mrs. Purucello struck at you?" "Yes, with a chair."

"Struck over the head of her husband?" "Yes."

"Then what?" "Purucello made a pass at me: I hit him on the side of his head with my gun; then the gun went off. Purucello then grabbed a knife from the kitchen table. His wife was hanging about my legs. I tried to shake her loose."

"Did Purucello make any motions with the knife?" "Yes, he opened it."

The witness could not tell whether any other motions were gone through with the weapon, saying simply that Purucello had tried to kill him with it.

Several bottles of whisky, not labeled, were introduced as evidence against Purucello.

The hearing will be resumed this morning in police court, before Judge Fitzgerald.

## Police Give Excuses For Invading Home Of Charles McClure

Chief of Police Eberstein, Assistant City Attorney Mossman and Police Detective John Herdzina offered their excuses to the district court yesterday for an invasion of the home of Charles McClure, 2338 Dodge street, on June 7.

McClure has filed a damage suit against Police Commissioner Ringer, Police Chief Eberstein, the officers who entered the McClure home, and Orkin Brothers for \$25,000 damages.

He charges that the police authorities conspired against him and that they entered his house with a "liquor warrant" when in fact they were seeking a package lost by a delivery boy for Orkin Brothers. He says he has been held up to public scandal and disgrace as a suspected bootlegger. The police found nothing in the McClure home.

Herdzina, in his answer, says he acted under a warrant issued by Judge Fitzgerald. Mossman says he had reason to believe that there was liquor in the McClure home and Eberstein says the suit of McClure does not state facts sufficient to involve him in it.

## OFFICERS JAIL WRONG MAN ON LIQUOR CHARGE

While Waiting for Street Car Ernest Coy is Arrested After Detectives Make Raid Nearby.

An innocent bystander, waiting for a street car, was arrested by the police morals squad Tuesday night immediately following a raid made on a soft drink bar owned by Daniel Brady, 1605 Leavenworth street,

and dragged to jail on a liquor charge.

The innocent bystander was Ernest Coy, 6001 North Thirtieth street. He was waiting at Sixteenth and Leavenworth streets for a street car when the morals squad with Sergeant Olaf Thestrup and Detective John Herdzina raided Brady's place.

A man rushed by Coy as he stood on the sidewalk. The rush was accompanied by a sound of breaking glass.

The breaking glass was a whisky bottle. Coy was dragged to jail under protest and held until he could furnish a bond of \$100 for unlawful possession of liquor and \$25 for breaking glass on the street. Judge Fitzgerald discharged him yesterday.

Brady was dismissed also on a liquor charge preferred against him. Sergeant Thestrup said he found a bottle of whisky under the rear doorstep leading to Brady's place.

"I never saw Coy before," Brady said. "I told the policemen that Tuesday night and they took him to jail anyhow."

The arresting officers said Coy dashed from the place and shattered the whisky bottle on the pavement. The fragments were introduced as evidence.

## Wholesale Fruit Dealers Hold Meeting in This City

About 25 were present at the monthly meeting of the Nebraska- Iowa Wholesale Fruit Dealers' association at the Hotel Fontenelle yesterday. E. T. Scott of Lincoln, president of the association, presided. It was announced that W. H. Young of Fremont, traffic manager of the association, was now on his way to Washington along with the representatives of other western fruit dealers associations to petition against arise in freight rate on refrigerator shipments.

## Special Religious Services For Colored People Nightly

Special religious services for colored people are being held nightly this week at the Interdenominational People's Mission church, Twenty-sixth and Franklin streets. Rev. W. M. Garver of East Des Moines, Ia., is preaching. Rev. A. Wagner, pastor of the Omaha church, is in charge of the program.



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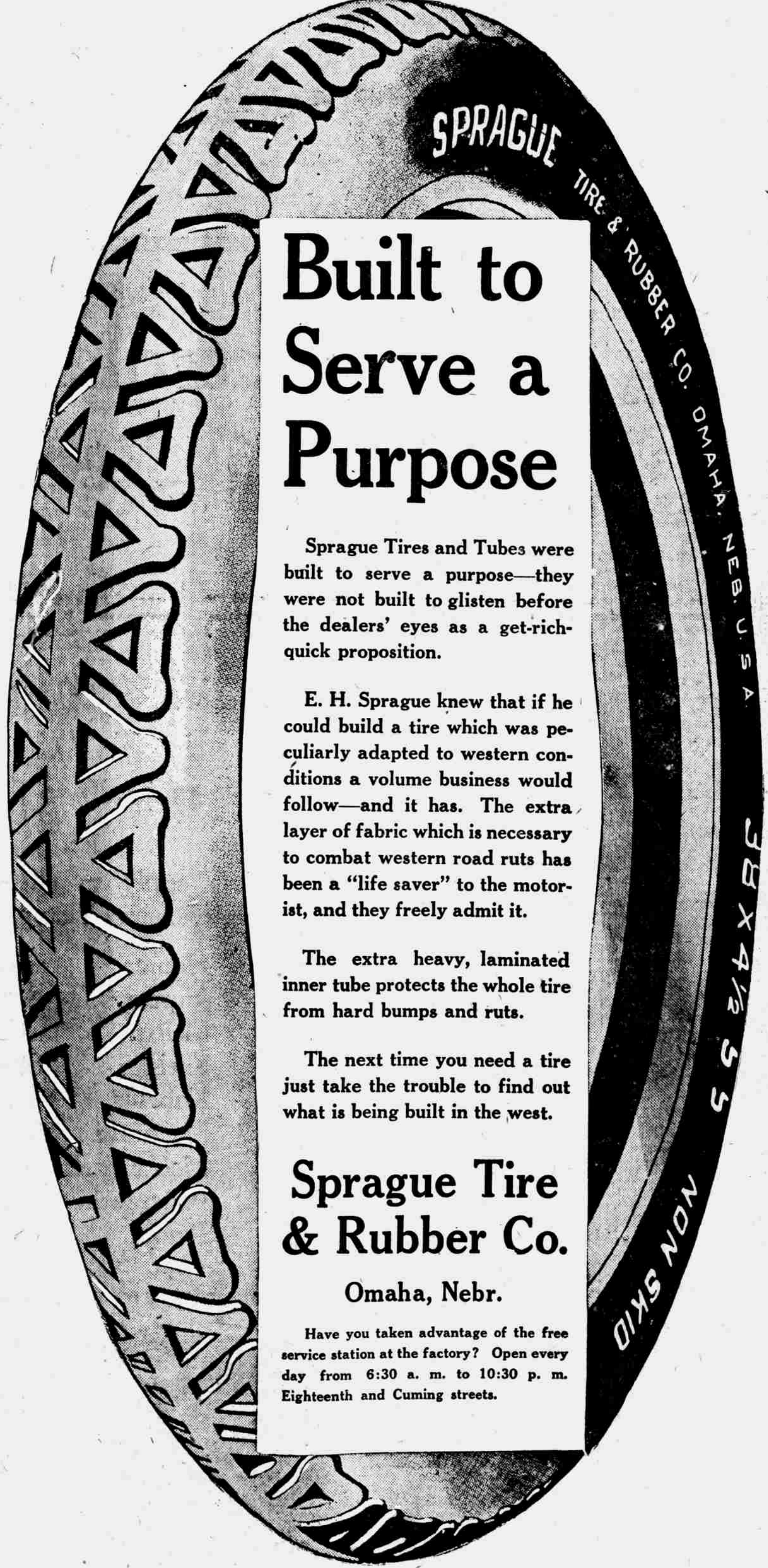
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