

# SAYS LYNCH GOT \$200 EACH WEEK FROM GAMBLERS

## Peter Loch Testifies at Divorce Trial That This Amount Was Paid to Protect Owl Club.

Peter Loch, called as a witness in the divorce suit of Agnes Lynch against "Johnnie" Lynch, former Douglas county commissioner, in divorce court before Judge Sears, yesterday afternoon, declared that he paid Lynch \$200 a week for protection of gambling clubs while Lynch was county commissioner.

"For what protection did you pay?" asked J. C. Kinsler, attorney for Lynch.

"For the Owl club," said Loch.

"How did you protect you in the Owl club? What did you do there?"

"He had Kugel keep the police away from the Owl club when we were running there," said Loch.

"Were you running something there in violation of law?"

"The Order of Owl clubs, yes. They had gambling."

"How much did you pay Lynch for protection for the Owl club?"

"Two hundred dollars a week."

"Was Boss Politician?"

"Lynch was at that time county commissioner?" asked Kinsler.

"He was the boss politician of Omaha," said Loch.

"He wasn't holding any other official position in connection with the police department or any other department of the city or county, was he?"

"No, but he owned the police head," declared Loch.

Loch also stated that Lynch took about \$500 a week from the Tenth Ward club which he said was a gambling club on Leavenworth street.

Loch also testified that Lynch "is worth \$100,000 today if he is worth a nickel." He said Lynch brought him large sums of money and had him change it into gold which he deposited in a safety box in the Omaha National bank vault. He said he had \$20,000 in gold in the box at one time in 1916, besides diamonds and other jewelry.

**Lynch Takes Stand.**

Lynch took the witness stand late in the afternoon. He answered his wife's allegation that he had told people in Omaha they were not married by stating that they had an agreement made before they came back from their wedding trip in Idaho to the effect that they would not tell anyone they had been married.

"She's a Catholic and can't marry divorced men. I heard her tell a friend that she wasn't married to me. It was an agreement."

The basis of Mrs. Lynch's suit for divorce is Lynch's statements that they hadn't been married.

Hearing of the case was continued until next Wednesday at the close of the trial yesterday.

Lynch is a well known Omaha character. He was ousted from office as Douglas county commissioner three years ago for misconduct in office after having been a political power for several years. Later he served a term in the county jail at Fremont for violation of the Mann act.

It was just after his release from jail that Agnes Moran married him in Blackfoot, Idaho. Miss Moran was secretary to George Brandeis, "Johnnie" had been divorced by his first wife.

She testified that she has not lived with her husband since he "circulated reports that they had never been married."

"He said he would plead guilty to a charge of white slavery before he would admit that he'd married me," she said.

Frank Sheehan, an attorney, testified that Lynch told him last fall that he had not married Mrs. Lynch.

**Follows to Lake Okoboji.**

Mrs. Lynch testified that the wedding took place at Blackfoot, Idaho, March 29, 1919. She said they remained there about a month, during 10 days of which the former county commissioner was employed selling fruit.

"We returned to Omaha in May," she said, "and when we reached the Union station he asked me where I was going. I told him I was going where he went. He said he was going to see his mother, and I said I would wait for him in the depot. I stayed there from 7 in the morning until 3:30 in the afternoon. He didn't return and I went to a friend's home."

Mrs. Lynch told of her husband leaving the city shortly thereafter with his former wife, her mother and his two children. She said they went to Lake Okoboji, where "Johnnie" had a cottage. She said she went there and found Johnnie living alone in his cottage. She spent one night, sitting on the porch, and the next night at the hotel, she testified.

**Living With Sister.**

Asked what property Lynch has, Mrs. Lynch said she knew of 240 acres near Sidney, Neb., for which he had been offered \$50 an acre; some flats at Twenty-second and Leavenworth streets; a property at 4111 Davenport street, and 12 acres north of Florence.

"But he told me he had put it all in his mother's name, because of lawsuits," she said. "On the way to Idaho he said I shouldn't write to Omaha, because, unless he handled his mother just right, he might lose out."

She said "he also has a \$1,500 diamond that I once had." Mrs. Lynch is living with her sister.

**Tom Kelly's Car to Be Sold For Federal Liquor Taxes**

Tom Kelly, alleged highjacker, wounded by a bullet from the gun of Officer C. C. Cain, is in for more ill luck. Before he can rise from his bed Uncle Sam is planning to sell his seven-passenger Buick automobile to satisfy a government claim of \$395 due as tax for the sale of liquors.

The sale will be conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 at the Davenport garage at Eighteenth and Davenport streets. The automobile will be disposed of to the highest bidder.

# WAGE BOOST TO MINERS TO COST OMAHA \$900,000

## City's Annual Coal Bill Will Be Almost a Million Dollars Higher.

Increased wages to coal miners, growing out of the settlement of last winter's coal strike, will mean an increase of approximately 60 cents a ton in the price of coal to Omaha consumers, declares a statement issued yesterday by J. E. Davidson, vice president of the Nebraska Power company and member of the federal fuel committee which controlled distribution of coal in Omaha during the strike.

He predicts, also, an additional increase, following expected boosting of freight rates next September, and advises early purchase of coal in order to avoid the higher prices he regards as "inevitable."

"Abolition of federal control of coal prices on April 1, accompanied by the 27 per cent increase in miners' wages, will cost Omaha approximately \$900,000 annually," the statement says. "In addition, a railroad rate increase is expected in September that will further boost coal prices."

Mr. Davidson estimates the coal price increase resulting from higher wages to miners will cost the Nebraska Power company \$75,000 a

# NURSES' STRIKE ENDS IN SALE OF OMAHA HOSPITAL

## Funeral of Victim of Auto Accident to Be Saturday

Funeral services for John Mackin, 3849 Charles street, Omaha pioneer who died Thursday as the result of an automobile accident, will be held in St. Cecilia's cathedral this morning at 9. Father Aughey will have charge of the services. Burial will be in the Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Mr. Mackin had been a member of St. Cecilia's church for nearly 30 years, and devoted much of his time to charity work. His acquaintance extended throughout eastern Nebraska, and a number of people from Nebraska City plan to attend the funeral here.

Mr. Mackin was born in Ireland, and often related the story of how he was thrilled by reading the congress of the United States, and of freight rates next September. He had lived in Omaha nearly 40 years.

# Daughter of Omaha Pioneer Dies at Home in St. Joseph

Mrs. William Grady, 69 years old, daughter of the late Thomas O'Connor, Omaha pioneer, died at her home in St. Joseph yesterday. She is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Dr. N. McCabe, North Platte, Neb., and Mrs. G. A. Hoffman, Mrs. M. Glynn and Miss Theresa O'Connor, all of Omaha.

# NURSES' STRIKE ENDS IN SALE OF OMAHA HOSPITAL

## Dr. D. D. T. Quigley Expects To Promote X-Ray and Radium Treatment At Birchmont.

Sale of the Birchmont hospital at Thirty-third and Farnam streets, by Robert McClelland to Dr. D. D. T. Quigley for \$250,000, and elaborate plans for converting the property into one of the most modern hospitals of the country, was announced yesterday.

The deal, which was made by Walter C. Johnson of the Walsh-Elmer Co., is one of the largest negotiated for more than a year. The property extends 289 feet between Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth streets, on the north side of Farnam street, and is 259 feet in depth.

Former Turner Home.

The hospital building was for many years the home of the late Charles Turner, a pioneer of Omaha, and was known as the Turner mansion until it was acquired by Robert McClelland in 1914, for \$55,000. Mr. McClelland enlarged the house, and opened it under the name of the Birchmont hospital in September, 1915.

In the opinion of several physicians the sale is the culmination of a recent strike by undergraduate nurses, who declared that they were unable to secure the proper training there to pass examinations of the state hospital board.

To Be Entirely Remodeled.

Mr. Quigley announced yesterday he would make every effort to again secure the services of the undergraduate nurses who left the hospital during the strike. The hospital has been short of nurses since the strike, he said, as about 27 undergraduate nurses had gone to other hospitals. He also made public his plans for improving the hospital especially for X-ray and radium treatments.

# Valuable Gems and Antique Rug Stolen By Dwelling Thieves

Burglars visited the fashionable neighborhood of Omaha last night, committing two deprecations within close proximity of each other.

The home of J. C. Chadwick, 116 North Forty-ninth street, was entered during the night, the thieves gaining access through a basement window.

An antique rug was stolen from a front room, several blankets taken, and fruit removed from the refrigerator. Mr. Chadwick estimates his loss at \$150.

# Missionary Killed Defending Women From Chinese Robbers

Peking, March 26.—The death of J. R. Menzies, a Presbyterian missionary of Toronto, Ont., who was killed by robbers at Hwaikingtu (Hunan province) occurred while he was defending the women's quarters in the mission from an attack by a large band. Menzies, answering calls for help, grappled with one of the robbers who was attempting to force an entrance, whereupon the others fired a volley killing the missionary and the robber.

# Butler Washing Streets

City Commissioner Butler is flushing the Benis Park district today and will wash the streets of Dundee tomorrow. He will divide the city into three districts for street flushing purposes this season, assigning two flushers trucks to each district.

# Another Name Added to List Killed by Mexican Bandits

El Paso, Tex., March 26.—Edward H. Hardin, an American resident of El Paso, found dead in Juarez, Mexico, Thursday, probably was murdered, according to American officials. Hardin apparently was killed by a blow on the head by robbers who rifled his pockets. Hardin formerly lived at Waco, Tex., where his father resides.

# What Is Personal Liberty?

THAT'S a deep subject these days. Seems like ever bodys got a different slant on it too. Th' Governor ov New Jerzys got one all hiz own. Lots ov 'em have. Th' Kizer thot he had it figgered out for hizself but he wuz wrong—all wrong. Im not gonna try t' tell ya. There's a man in town that knows tho—n' that's preecher Cobbeey. He sad he wood put us strate on this subject if we wood come up t' th' First Christian Church, 26th n' Harney, at 7:30 Sundy Evenin, March th' 28th. I believe he can do it if anybody can. Let's go.

# Error in Hayden's Ad.

An advertisement of the Hayden store in the Friday Evening Bee erroneously advertised potatoes for sale for \$1.20 a bushel. The price should have been \$1.20 a peck.

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8 a. m. to 6 p. m.  
Saturdays  
8 a. m. to 9 p. m.

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Store Hours  
8 a. m. to 6 p. m.  
Saturdays  
8 a. m. to 9 p. m.

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# \$35 to \$95 Suits and Top Coats

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**GUARANTEE**  
If you can duplicate these suits or top coats for less than \$10 more in any ground floor store, come back and get your money.

## Men's and Young Men's Raincoats and Gabardines

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## Choice of 25 Patterns New Cretonnes

These goods are 36 inches wide, excellent patterns for bedroom, sun-room and living room curtains, per yard ..... 69c  
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## Table Mats of Tapestry and Silk

Silk designs in Japanese patterns—the tapestry in foliage designs. These are a very pretty attraction for the home, and they add that final touch. Sizes 18x40 up to 16x48 inches. Value-Giving Prices, \$4, \$5, \$5.25, \$5.75 for tapestry designs. \$12 for silk designs.



## A Queen Anne Dining Suite That We Recommend

We cannot afford to recommend any article of furniture unless we know that it is right; that the design, construction and finish are such that you will be permanently satisfied. This charming dining suite, we unhesitatingly recommend to you. It is made of genuine walnut, beautifully matched for grain effects. Very similar to illustration.

Blue Leather Seat Chairs, each, \$12.50.  
Beautiful Extension Table, \$79.50. Large Buffet, \$92.50.

## Household Utilities at Bowen's Value-Giving Prices

<b>Coffee Percolators</b> These aluminum percolators have black enameled handles ..... \$1.25	<b>Excellent Quality Brooms</b> Made of excellent quality broom corn; handle is smooth and strong..... 35c
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