

LEPER PATIENT OF MADISON IS GRAVE PROBLEM

County Officials Encounter Difficulties In Disposing of Man Who Lives In Isolated Shack.

Madison, Neb., April 17.—(Special.)—Officials of Madison county are encountering difficulties in their efforts to dispose of the case of Charles Young, who occupies a solitary shack near the county poor farm and whose case has been diagnosed by University of Nebraska medical officials as leprosy. County officials and Father Walsh of Battle Creek are endeavoring to obtain Young's admittance to a leper colony conducted by Catholic sisters on an island in the Mississippi river in Louisiana. The question of advance payment of \$5,028 to that institution raises legal questions, one of which is whether this county can pay for a patient in an institution outside of Nebraska.

Confer On Transportation.
M. J. Tyler, county attorney, has gone to Lincoln to confer with the state board of health on the matter of transportation for Young if he should be taken to Louisiana, which would require a special railroad car. Sheriff C. S. Smith is the only visitor to the bleak habitation of the unfortunate man. The sheriff goes off three times a week, taking words of cheer and provisions. The county is paying for an expensive medicine which is said to be the only prescription known to science for the treatment of leprosy.

Afflicted in Cuba.
Young believes he became afflicted while serving with the army in Cuba during the Spanish-American war. His case has been taken up with the War department, whose officials admit that he is a just charge of the government. The War department has advised county officials that an appropriation for the construction of a leprosy hospital has been allowed by congress. They added that no site has been selected, but that when the hospital shall have been established, Johnson will be admitted.

The Catholic sisters, writing from the Louisiana institution, stated that they were confident Johnson can be cured of his terrible affliction. An effort is being made to have the state of Florida share in the expense, as Johnson's wife is now a resident of that state and he was a citizen there before coming to Nebraska.

Happy Benner Estate, Appraised at \$474,893, Left Wholly to Son

The estate left by the late Happy Theodora Van Wyck Benner is worth \$474,893, according to an appraisal filed in Douglas county court yesterday. It is nearly all in valuable farms in Otoe, Fillmore and Johnson counties, Nebraska. Mrs. Benner died suddenly in her apartments, Paris avenue and Leavenworth streets, last summer. She was a daughter of United States Senator Van Wyck. She left her estate to her only son.

Russians and Japanese Mix Along Amur With Heavy Loss
Vladivostok, April 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Heavy fighting between Russian and Japanese forces continue at Khabarovsk, at the mouth of the Amur river, and casualties suffered by each side are heavy, according to reports received here.

Towns along the Ussuri river branch of the Trans-siberian railroad, north of here, are held by Japanese, but hundreds of Russians have again started guerrilla warfare in the hills. Arrests of Russians by Japanese here continue, but government buildings are being returned and the red flag is reappearing.

Workmen Quit as Protest

At Occupation of French
Copenhagen, April 17.—Reports from Oppeln, upper Silesia, say the town is without water or light because of a strike of the workmen in protest against the French occupation, in advance of the plebiscite in this district. The message alleged the occupying troops are arresting and ill-treating numbers of citizens. A general strike throughout Silesia is threatened, the advices add.

John Reed, Author, in Jail

In Finland for Smuggling
Washington, April 17.—John Reed, an American magazine writer, who was reported recently to have been executed in Finland, is in jail at Abo, Finland, on a charge of smuggling, according to advices from the American charge d'affaires at Helsinki, which made public today by the State department.

Germany Faces Financial Collapse Within One Year

Berlin, April 17.—Financial and economic collapse confronts Germany within a year if the people do not realize the situation of the country and reform their methods of living, said Dr. Wirth, minister of the treasury, addressing the budget committee of the national assembly today.

Rein Handicaps Farmers In Planting Corn Crop

Beatrice, Neb., April 17.—(Special.)—Showers in this section Friday night put fields in such condition that farmers cannot work. Unless dry weather comes soon planting the corn crop will be delayed.

15 Workmen Killed

Madrid, April 17.—Fifteen workmen were killed and 80 wounded during recent labor disturbances in the Asturias region, according to reports received here. Order has been restored everywhere, it is announced.

Campaign Speeches Made by Senators Johnson and Norris

David City, Neb., April 16.—Taking for his general text the problems that the United States had fallen heir to as a war aftermath, Senator Hiram Johnson addressed an audience that taxed the capacity of the community building here. He said he wanted the power that had been conferred on President Wilson—a greater power than was bestowed on any other man in the world—repeated, and he demanded that the spotlight of public opinion be cast

on government administration. Senator Johnson argued for a budget system in expenditures in public funds.

West Point, Neb., April 16.—Speaking here in the interest of the candidacy of Senator Hiram W. Johnson, Senator George W. Norris declared it his belief it was necessary to elect Senator Johnson president if this country is to maintain its independence of government and promote the liberty and freedom of its people. Senator Norris said Johnson was a representative of the common people, without funds with which to wage a presidential campaign "such as his opponents are conducting."

GAS STRUCK BY OIL DRILLERS AT CRAWFORD

Nebraska Town "Oil Mad" as Well Explodes in the Heart of the City.

Crawford, Neb., April 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Citizens of Craw-

ford and other western Nebraska cities where drilling for oil is in progress are "oil mad" today. Values on land believed to be in the oil strata doubled, and trebled within the past 24 hours and oil speculators from the Wyoming fields are hurrying to this locality and wiring friends to obtain leases for them.

Business practically suspended here today and people from miles in every direction have visited the oil well being drilled by F. M. Stapleton, a local banker, and W. H. Coleman, on High School Heights, in the heart of the city. The drillers today punctured a vein of a gas

pocket and the ensuing explosion was heard for eight blocks.

Set Well on Fire.
Mud, sand and water were thrown to a height of 70 feet and the derrick and ground for a distance of 50 feet were covered with mud. The ground is covered with heavy traces of oil that burns freely.

The driller managed to extract his bit from the well and the roar from the escaping gas, which can be heard for a considerable distance, indicates a heavy pressure.

The well was set on fire by an adventurous member of the crowd who doubted that the well contained gas. Workmen were still working at a late hour to cap the well and extinguish the huge, roaring flame,

which could be seen for miles after dark.

Organize Companies.
Mr. Stapleton announced immediately after the gas pocket was struck that drilling would be continued in an effort to find oil-bearing sands.

Several oil companies have been organized among local people, who have made no effort to drill, but all are rapidly preparing to start drilling at once. North and west of Crawford several companies are now drilling and are preparing to increase their drilling crews and work night and day.

Lighting Fixtures—Burgess-Granden—Adv.

Beatrice School Heads Granted Wage Increase

Beatrice, Neb., April 17.—(Special.)—The board of education has increased the salary of Superintendent A. J. Stoddard from \$3,000 to \$4,000 a year. The salary of Principal Gilbert was increased \$2,700 for the coming year. He formerly received \$1,500.

Black Hand "Efficiency"

Chicago, April 17.—Efficiency and up-to-date methods of bookkeeping have been introduced in the "black hand" business, it was revealed in the trial of 12 Italians, 10 men and 2 women, in the federal court here.



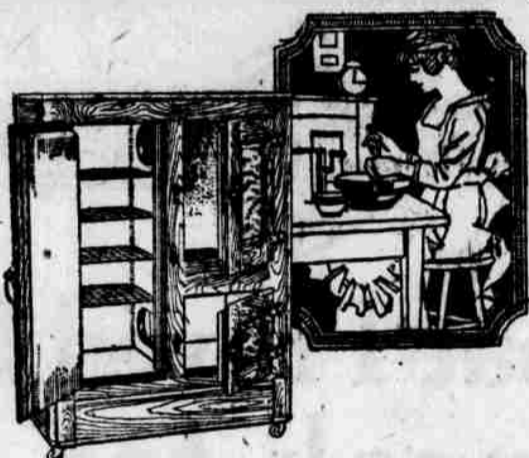
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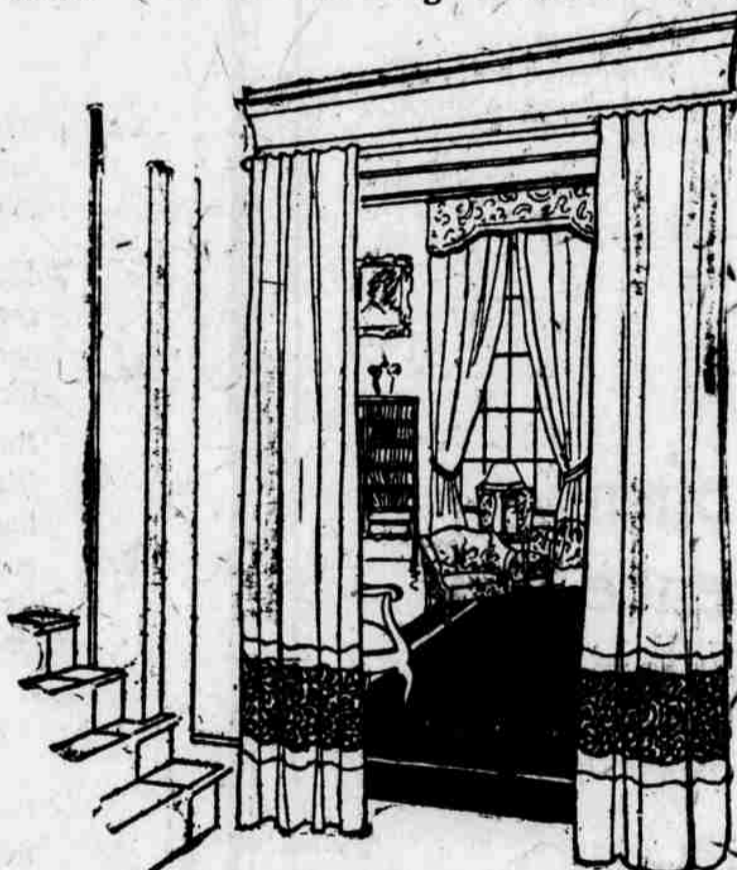
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