

John Neal Will Is Missing From Court Records

Receipt For Original and Copy of Document Also Stolen From Neal's Effects, Executor Charges.

The original John Neal will, involving the disposition of a \$1,000,000 estate, has been stolen from county court and is in the possession of some one in Omaha.

This is the startling charge made by Franklin A. Shotwell, Omaha attorney and co-executor of the late John Neal's estate.

Mr. Shotwell also announced yesterday that the receipt of county court for the original will and a copy of the will had been stolen from the personal effects of the late wealthy Omaha tobacco man.

The will was sealed by my secretary and Mr. Neal and I personally took it to county court on the day it was drawn, March 24, 1919.

Mr. Shotwell yesterday declared Mr. Shotwell yesterday. "We turned it over to Clyde C. Sundblad of the probate court at about 4 p. m. that day."

Neal Took Receipt "Mr. Sundblad gave us a receipt and laid the will to one side. Mr. Neal took the receipt and a copy of the will, and folded them together."

"The Monday after Neal's death I went to county court with Earl Steiwender, of the county attorney's office and asked for the original will. It could not be found nor could any receipt for it be found. We went through the probate files carefully but could find no trace of it."

Receipt Book Missing "More peculiar still the receipt book for February and for April were in their proper places, but the receipt book for March which would have recorded the filing of the Neal will could not be found."

An exhaustive search of Neal's effects failed to reveal either the receipt or the copy which he had taken. Both, I believe, were stolen by the same interested party who undoubtedly entered county court and removed the original will.

Running Down Clead "Had Mr. Neal himself taken the will from county court the court would have a receipt. I believe it was stolen from the court on the night it was filed. We have a dew which may lead to arrests, but until it has been run down conclusively we can take no action."

The theft was one of the cleverest pieces of work ever heard of, for whoever did the work left nothing undone. He must have known exactly where Neal kept the copy and the receipt.

No Criticism of Court. "I don't want to cast any reflection on the county court. It is run in an efficient manner and there would be no possible reason for suspecting dishonesty on the part of those connected with it."

The fact remains, however, that the thing has developed into a stolen will case, and one of the most remarkable cases ever on record in this country."

No Record of Will. County Judge Bryce Crawford explained there was no record of the will having been filed there, and that Mr. Sundblad had no personal knowledge of its having been filed. He declined to express an opinion on the matter at present.

Mr. Shotwell said every effort to solve the enigma of the will's disappearance is being made. The two institutes in North Carolina made beneficiaries by the will are vitally interested in the case and the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company, for which the late Mr. Neal was district manager, is also doing everything in its power to solve the mysterious disappearance, Mr. Shotwell says.

Search of No Avail. Mr. Shotwell and Gray Sheek, friend and successor of Mr. Neal as district manager of the Reynolds company here, made a thorough search Saturday in hope of finding traces of a second will by Neal. They visited several banks in hope that Neal had maintained a second safety deposit vault and later made another search through Neal's personal effects. But without avail.

"I am positive Mr. Neal was satisfied with the will as it stood, because I saw him shortly before his death, and he assured me he was," said Mr. Shotwell. "My personal interest in the matter is small compared to that of the Reynolds company and the two institutes in North Carolina. The will is the biggest thing that ever happened in that state and everyone is aroused by the matter there."

Bodies of Men Killed In Smash Brought Here The bodies of Paul Jensen and Ray W. McFillan, salesmen, working out of Omaha, who were killed Saturday night in an automobile accident between Lincoln and Beatrice, Neb., were brought to Omaha Sunday for burial here. Mr. Jensen, 30, was prominent in club circles here, having been an active member of the Masonic and Elks lodge of this city.

Both men were killed when an automobile in which they were riding struck a culvert and turned turtle. Funeral services for Mr. Jensen will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the home of Robert Steiman, 116 South Fifteenth avenue. Services will be in charge of the Masonic and Elks lodges. Burial will be in Forest Lawn cemetery.

Latvia Envoy Sent Back. New York, Sept. 20.—Commissioner Frederick A. Wallis received a telegram today at Ellis Island from the secretary of labor ordering deportation of Alfred Nagel, recalled emigrant from the new republic of Latvia. Nagel and his wife will be returned on the first ship sailing for Riga, which will be October 7.

16-Year-Old Bride Rides "Side-Door" Pullmans

Kansas Girl's Roaming Romance Ends Here When Police Take Hand.

Although love for her husband, Tony, 22, is just as strong as it was when they were wed in Marion, Kan., last May 12, pretty little Martha Rendulich, 16, is ready to retire from the profession of a no-mad.

Martha, dressed in blue shirt and black overalls, her shoes and stockings worn threadbare, was taken in charge by police Sunday while sitting along the bank of the river near Gibson with her husband.

They had just left a freight train and were bound for Omaha. Sitting in the matron's ward of Central police station, where she was given a bed for the night, Martha today told of their experience.

"We met at a picture show in Madison and were soon married. I lived in Kansas City but wanted to come to Nebraska to work in the harvest fields."

"We went first to Alliance but began meeting difficulty at once in making both ends meet and both of us went to work in the sugar beet factory at Scottsbluff."

"The young couple traveled 400 miles, and Martha soon had to don overalls and shirt because they could not afford girl's frills and fashions."

"I'll stick to Tony," she said. "But if he loves me, he'll come down to Marion and we can live there."

To Return Home. "The welfare board made arrangements for Martha's return to her home in Marion, while Tony will remain in Omaha to work in the South Side packing plants until he can earn enough money to pay back the loan for Martha's return to Kansas and his own railroad fare."

"I love her more than I ever did," he said today. "She stuck to me through this, and I'm going back to Marion to her. I'd go through hell for her any day."

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Council Votes Down Motion to Fire Eberstein

Only Two Vote For Dismissal, While Mayor Takes Firm Stand in Support of Chief.

Chief of Police Marshal Eberstein will not be asked by the city council to resign.

City Commissioner H. B. Zimmerman's resolution, asking for the resignation of the chief, was called up yesterday before the city council committee of the whole and was supported only by Commissioners Zimmerman and Ure.

Mayor Smith and Commissioners Ringer, Butler, Falconer and Toy voted against the resolution. The mayor admitted that he had changed his mind on the question. During the hearing of charges against John T. Dunn, former captain of detectives, the mayor announced that if the council voted to dismiss Dunn from the service he would support a resolution for the dismissal of the chief of police. Two weeks ago the mayor stated in an interview that the adoption of the then pending resolution against the chief would give Commissioner Zimmerman an opportunity to say "he got the chief's scalp."

Smith's Stand Today. Explaining his vote yesterday against the Zimmerman resolution, the mayor said: "I believe that Chief Eberstein is honest and trustworthy and has done the best he can to build up an efficient force, but he lacks full measure of executive ability to manage 300 men. I also will say that the chief has not been supported in or out of the council and at this late date it is a question of whether we should support Commissioner Ringer or Commissioner Zimmerman. Many citizens have told me that it would be a detriment to Omaha to remove Eberstein at this time. I know I did say that I would support a resolution to remove the chief, but I have changed my mind."

Commissioners Ringer, Zimmerman and Butler then engaged in a verbal scuffle.

Then Commissioners Mix. "Mr. Ringer has seen it to make an issue, and he has made attacks on me," said Mr. Zimmerman. "I will meet these attacks before the voters if I should be a candidate next spring. I offered my resignation in the interests of the police department and because six of the commissioners had expressed opinions that the chief could not obtain results."

"It would be the part of discretion and valor if Mr. Zimmerman would abstain from the pleasure of making a stump speech for public consumption," replied Mr. Ringer.

"Why didn't you support my resignation offered shortly after the court house riot? I believe your resolution is prompted by outside influences," were the words directed by Commissioner Butler to Commissioner Zimmerman.

About Outside Influence. Then there was controversy as to whether the seat of city government was in the city hall or at some other location. Mr. Zimmerman asserted that he did not believe Elmer Thomas or Harry Lapidus was running the city.

Mr. Ringer stated that the council acted wisely in voting against the Zimmerman resolution. "I hope that we may drop this matter at least until the next city election and all pull together for the welfare of Omaha," said Mr. Ringer.

"Do you want us to keep still, no matter what the chief does?" asked Commissioner Ure. "Your chief has signally failed. He has introduced elements into the department, that will prevent success. Don't ask us to be childish."

"I am only asking for a square deal," Mr. Ringer replied.

Government Whisky Taken From Fort Supply Depot Fifteen pints of government whisky and cocaine and morphine valued at \$300 was stolen from the medical department store room at Fort Crook Sunday night, according to a report made to South Side police by the commandant at the fort.

ADVERTISMENT. To "Youth-ify" Gray, Streaked Hair Ask anybody to guess how old you are, and streets first appraising glance is directed at your hair. To be answered "You can't be more than thirty; I can tell by your hair," must give to any woman who is really forty or more a sense of pride and satisfaction. Bottle to be bought at 10c and 15c; two colors: "Light to Medium Brown" and "Dark Brown to Black."

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ADVERTISMENT. Two Big Conventions to Be Held Here Next Week Two conventions will be held in Omaha next week, beginning Tuesday, September 28. A thousand men and women will attend the national convocation of the Mystic Workers at the Masonic temple. A special train will be run from Chicago. The Nebraska osteopathic convention will have its headquarters in the Hotel Castle.

Man Held On One Count Is Arrested On Second After securing his release on bond on charges of intoxication and abusing his wife Saturday night, W. W. Satterlee, 3910 South Twenty-fourth street, was re-arrested Sunday for driving his automobile past a street car unloading passengers. He was fined \$10 on the first charge and \$2.50 on the second in South Side police court yesterday.

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Brazilians Entertain King of the Belgians

Rio Janeiro, Sept. 20.—Gay crowds of merry-makers marched through the streets of the Brazilian capital tonight in honor of King Albert and Queen Elizabeth of Belgium, who landed here this afternoon. All the thoroughfares were brilliantly illuminated, and allied and associated nations' colors were conspicuous. An elaborate program of entertainment for the royal visitors, who are the first king and queen ever to visit South America, began soon after their arrival here.

An interesting feature of the last few hours of their voyage was the fact that the Uruguayan cruiser, Uruguay, met the battleship, Sao Paulo, off Cape Frio, east of this harbor and fired a salute. She sent a wireless dispatch, welcoming King Albert in the name of Uruguay, to South American waters. The king made a gracious reply.

Medora Rutledge, Screaming, Is Speeded Away by Unknown Pair in Auto. Medora Rutledge, 9, was kidnaped at noon yesterday while on her way home from Monmouth Park school by a man and a woman in a Ford, according to reports received by police.

Medora was seized by the woman at Thirty-third and Ames avenue, and dragged, screaming to the car, according to Nellie McCullough, her playmate.

She lived with Mrs. C. E. Ahlquist, 3309 Grand avenue. Her father and mother have been divorced, according to police, who say the little girl's mother is now Mrs. Charles Deacon of Council Bluffs. Her father is Sidney Rutledge, a traveling salesman, and lived with Medora at Mrs. Ahlquist's home, police say. Medora's mother had often expressed a desire to have Medora live with her, Mrs. Ahlquist said, according to police.

Man Riding Horse Is Hurt When Struck by Motor Car While riding a horse at Twenty-fifth and D streets, Sunday about 8:15 p. m., James Smith, truck driver at the stock yards, 4721 South Twenty-third street, was knocked from his mount by an automobile driven by Joe Sienko, 4527 South Twenty-seventh street. Smith fell head first to the pavement and suffered a wrenched neck and severe scalp injuries. He was taken home, and the horse was so badly crippled it had to be shot.

10 Days For Abusing Wife. Arrested on complaint of his wife, from whom he has been separated for some time, that he had been annoying and abusing her, Ray Mahoney, 4420 L street, was sentenced to 10 days in jail yesterday by Judge Foster in South Side police court.

Rail Station Robbed Burglars secured 50 pennies and the life insurance policy of A. C. Miller, station agent, from the safe in the office of the Union Pacific station at Twenty-seventh and N streets Sunday night. The safe had been left unlocked.

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Vaccination Is Scored by Omaha Man in Cheyenne

Chiropractor at Convention Attacks Practice on Public School Children by Compulsion.

Dr. Lee W. Edwards, Omaha chiropractor, addressed the Wyoming Association of Chiropractors at Cheyenne Saturday on the subject of "The National Guard."

As a result of the United States health department, Dr. Edwards told the convention the medical men are trying to create the impression that every disease is a germ disease, and therefore communicable. As illustrated in the action of the various commissions of health throughout the country, in the ruling regarding the school attendance of children and contingent upon this attendance is compulsory vaccination.

"Vaccination," Dr. Edwards continued, "is injurious and very often proves fatal, disease being caused by lack of human nervous energy. If this nervous energy is impeded at any point, the human body, not having sufficient energy to throw off this lack of ease, is affected by many kinds of ailments. Had sufficient energy been present the body could have thrown off these disturbances."

At the clinic, in connection with the convention, Dr. Edwards, who was the guest and speaker, also addressed many rare and complicated cases.

There are comparatively few chiropractors in Wyoming, because as yet they have no chiropractic law in that state. The convention made plans for the coming winter, at which time they will ask the Wyoming legislature to enact a just chiropractic law.

Police Puzzled by Mysterious Cigars

Havanas With Acid Smell Are Found on Porches of Two Neighboring Homes.

Omaha police are investigating circumstances surrounding the finding of two cigars with sticks through one end on front porches of two neighboring homes on Douglas street Sunday morning.

The cigars, which later were found to have an acid smell, and the sticks, forced through the small end of each, had the appearance of fuses, are being held for analysis by the city chemist.

The cigars were found on the front porches of the homes of F. B. Hughes, 4817 Douglas street, and C. F. Bellman, 4815 Douglas.

Hughes' son found the one on their porch when he returned home from Sunday school. He carried it into the house and gave it to his father, who, after consultation with his neighbor, Bellman, who also had found a similar cigar, called police.

Detectives Munch and Scott have been assigned to the case. They scout any theory of anarchistic or black hand motives, but believe the cigars were picked up by some boys, who played with them a while, stuck sticks through the ends and then tossed them on the porches.

An attachment for farm tractors invented by a Louisiana man is intended to stop them, the instant they strike an obstruction which would cause them to overturn.

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