

Man Fires Home To Play Role of Hero Before Wife

Husband, Possessed With Belief He Could Effect Reconciliation, Ignores House Where Mate Is Asleep.

Thomas W. Wilson, 34, proprietor of a garage at 2903 Sherman avenue, confessed yesterday morning to Acting Chief of Detectives John Pisanowski that he had set fire to the home of his father-in-law, J. C. Moore, 1511 Locust street, while stimulated with a maudlin desire to pose as a hero.

Wilson explained that he imagined he could bring about a reconciliation with his wife by rescuing her and a 2-weeks-old baby after he had fired the Moore home. He was arraigned in police court on a charge of arson and was bound to the district court under bond of \$2,500.

Mrs. Wilson filed an action for separate maintenance three weeks ago. The Wilsons were married in December, 1910, by Father Sime, following a war romance. Wilson was overseas 14 months of 29 months in service.

The incendiary fire endangered the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Moore and their six sons, and Mrs. Wilson and her baby. The actual loss by fire was about \$500.

"I'll just tell you the truth," Wilson told the chief of detectives. "I thought if the house caught fire I could save her and the baby and then we could go back together again."

He related how he obtained kerosene at a garage and gathered dry leaves which he placed at the side of the house at about 2 in the morning.

Wilson was arrested at Sixteenth and Yates streets by Patrolman Reber shortly after the fire had been extinguished. Mr. Moore told the police that he suspected Wilson.

Gas Plant Superintendent Gets New Job at Los Angeles

Sidney C. Singer, superintendent of the gas plant here since 1918, will go to Los Angeles February 1, to enter the service of the Southern California Gas company. He is a native of Omaha, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Singer, graduate of Omaha High School class of 1903 and he was graduated from the Armour Institute of Technology in 1909.

Mr. Singer entered the service of the United Gas Improvement company of Philadelphia in 1907 and was stationed at Syracuse, N. Y., for 10 years before he came to Omaha.

Omaha Business Show to Be Held January 31-February 5

An Omaha Business Show, in which all kinds of office appliances and office furniture will be shown is to be held on the fourth floor of the Orchard & Wilhelm company January 31 to February 5.

The show will be open to the public each day except Monday and Friday, until 6 p. m. On Monday and Friday the show will remain open until 9 p. m.

Invitations to the show have been sent out to members of all business clubs and students in commercial schools and colleges of the city. All exhibitions have been furnished by Omaha firms.

Telephone Company To Assist Employees In Habits of Thrift

A savings plan provided for the 11,500 employees of the North Western Bell Telephone company has been announced. This action was taken, President W. B. T. Belt explained, as a part of the national thrift movement.

The plan provides that any employee within his option may fill out an agreement, designating a bank of his choice and telling how much he wants deducted from his wages and deposited to his account each month. The employee under the plan will retain possession of the bank book account to be in his name and he may at any time withdraw all or any portion of the amount which has been deposited to his credit. The company merely forwards a check to the bank each month covering the amount deducted from the employee's wages under his authorization.

As a part of the savings plan the telephone company expects to furnish household budget books for free distribution to employees who may desire them.

Omaha Manufacturers To Hold Big Banquet

Plans for the annual banquet of the Omaha Manufacturers' association were made by the committee in charge at a meeting in the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon.

The committee comprises Al Bloom, William I. Monaghan and Tom Coleman. The banquet will be held the evening of February 17, probably at the Chamber of Commerce.

At this annual affair, samples of all goods made in Omaha are given to the guests at the banquet, generally in such quantities that each guest must employ a large sack to carry them home.

38 Witnesses Called for Second Trial of Dr. Kent

The prosecution has summoned 38 witnesses in the case against Dr. H. S. Kent, who will have another trial next week in district court before a jury and District Judge A. C. Troup.

Kent has been in the county jail since last July, when he was arrested on the charge of attempting to kill two newly-born babies in a cistern at Thirty-third and California streets.

The twins are at the Methodist hospital and it is probable that they will be offered in evidence at the trial next week.

Don't Begin to Worry About Shortage of Ice

Fifteen hundred ice cutters were thrown out of work this week on account of the warm weather, but the ice experts say that February has not been heard from and that they have sufficient faith in the shortage of ice for the month of the year to believe that it will come in with enough frigidly to yield all the natural ice that Omaha will need next summer.

"Don't be Jugubrious," says the ice man.

Bill Would Put Traction Fare in Hands of Council

Contemplated Measure Provides That Authority to Regulate Trolley Rates Be Taken From Rail Body.

A bill will be offered to the Douglas county delegation at Lincoln next week, proposing to give to the Omaha city council authority to regulate rates and service of street railway companies within the corporate limits of this city. The bill, if it should be passed, would take from the state railway commission its present jurisdiction over the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway company.

The state supreme court has passed on the question of whether the state commission has this legal department of Omaha resisted the jurisdiction of the state body.

A companion bill also will be offered to the Douglas county legislators, to give to the Omaha city council authority to engage necessary expert assistance in meeting rate cases wherein public service utilities are concerned. This bill also contains a provision that Omaha shall have authority to make physical valuations of public utilities, a power now vested in the state railway commission.

Boy 'Judge' Imposes Heavy Sentence on 'Traffic Violator'

Jack McClusky, 2570 Jones street, 11-year-old Mason school boy, displayed keen judicial talent yesterday morning when he presided over a mock police court in connection with "safety first" week exercises.

Karl Anderson, 11, 2429 Pacific street, was brought before the court on the charge of having run over William Dagsco with an automobile. Ralph Stapenhorst, 11, served as policeman for the occasion. He was assisted by Joe Bonacci and Edward Ekwall.

"Judge" McClusky knitted his judicial brow a few times and then solemnly pronounced the sentence: "Ten years at hard labor in Lincoln."

This was the first police court scene enacted in any of the schools to emphasize the "safety first" campaign.

Balmly Breezes Prevail Half Mile Above Omaha

V. E. Jackl, meteorologist of the local weather bureau, maintains an aerial observation station at Bennington. By means of kites which he sends up, he has learned that there has prevailed for several weeks, about one-half mile above Omaha, a balmly breeze which blows from the southeast.

"Just take a little fyer a few thousand feet and you will not need coal or heavy garments. The temperature is 30 to 40 degrees warmer than at Sixteenth and Farnam streets," he said.

Bee want ads are business getters.

Man Seriously Hurt When He Walks Into Path of Street Car

H. D. Moore, 502 North Twenty-first street, lies injured in St. Joseph hospital as a result of being struck by a street car at Eleventh and Farnam streets yesterday afternoon.

Moore was knocked to the pavement, losing several teeth and suffering severe cuts and bruises about the face, head and body.

Moore was walking south on Eleventh street and the car was eastbound on Farnam street.

The car was in charge of Conductor Charles Kegley, 2747 South Tenth street.

Motorman J. E. Ward, 623 North Twentieth street, told the police Moore walked directly into the path of the street car, apparently deaf to the gong which he said he sounded.

Moore's condition is not critical.

East Omaha Regular Village; J. M. Santee Is First Mayor

East Omaha is a regular village now, J. M. Santee, Twenty-first

street and Avenue K, has been appointed mayor, having the distinction of being the first mayor of the new village. Fred Hansen is the first village clerk. The village was incorporated January 11. The county commissioners appointed Larry Anderson, J. M. Santee, J. D. Madcox, Sebastian Wourth and Roy McCabe trustees.

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BEAUTIFUL HAND MADE NEW CUT SILK NECKWEAR FRESH STOCK JUST RECEIVED AT

NEW MANHATTAN AND ALL SILK Shirts 1/2 PRICE	1/2 PRICE	OUTING FLANNEL Pajamas AND Night Shirts 1/2 PRICE
Delpark Soft Collars 50c Grade 25c Each	Sweaters, Jerseys and Knitted Vests 1/2 Price	Arrow and E & W Collars Broken Lines 15c 2 for 25c

WOVEN MADRAS ARROW SHIRTS \$7.00 Grade \$3.50 3 for \$10 FUR AND ALL LINED GLOVES NOW HALF-PRICE

"The Store of the Town" **Browning, King & Co.** Geo. T. Wilson, Mgr.

—Tomorrow—Saturday— A BIG DAY of BIG VALUES at H.R. Bowen Co.

Striking Values in Living Dining and Bed Room Furniture

Presenting the Choice of Our Entire Stock at Remarkable Savings

A "Karpen" 3-Piece Genuine Mahogany Living Room Suite As Illustrated

Distinctive in design, beautiful in appearance. The seats are unusually deep and the back broad. The thick cushions, filled with steel tempered springs resting on spring seats, insure absolute comfort. The covering is of a high-grade beautiful figured velour. Suite, complete, for Saturday selling..... **\$154.50**

Many Others to Choose From—All Specially Priced.

You Owe It to Yourself to Investigate These Astonishing Values

A whole Bed Room full of fine walnut furniture—consisting of Full Size Bed Roomy Chiffonette Good Sized Dresser Elegant Vanity Dresser Suite, Complete, for **\$133.00**

Genuine American Walnut Period Suite A very handsome, well built, serviceable Suite, consisting of— Full Size Bed—Chiffonette—Dresser—and Large 3-Mirror Vanity Dresser—Former Selling Price, \$465.00. Complete for..... **\$198.00**

Values in Dining Furniture That Make Every Dollar Count

Dining Furniture in Solid Oak

Dining Table, 6 ft.	Former Price \$45.00	Sale Price \$16.75
Dining Chairs, slip seat.....	8.00	3.95
Buffet, with mirror.....	45.00	19.00
China Cabinet, large	65.00	26.75
Dining Table, 54-inch top, genuine quartered oak.....	75.00	29.00

Many Other Big Values.

Genuine American Walnut Dining Suite Consisting of— Dining Table, 45x60-in. top, Queen Anne design, fine hand rubbed finish— Five Dinners, to match, upholstered in best grade blue leather— One Host Chair, to match. Former Selling price, \$215.00. Suite, Complete, for..... **\$96.50**

Queen Anne Buffett

Built to last a lifetime—of Genuine American Walnut with Burl Walnut panels. Former selling price, \$215.00. For Saturday Selling..... **\$83.00**

China Cabinets in Big Values

American Walnut.....	Former Price \$95.50	Saturday Selling \$43.00
Genuine Mahogany.....	87.50	36.00
Jacobean Oak.....	65.00	24.75

Extraordinary Values—Drapery Dept.—Saturday Selling

Scrims, Voiles and Marquisettes

Fancy Bordered Voiles in white and ivory shades; former values \$1.00 per yard. Sale price, per yard..... **49c**

50-inch Marquisettes in white ivory and beige, splendid quality; former values \$1.25 per yard. Sale price, per yard..... **69c**

40-inch Marquisettes in white or ivory; best quality mercerized grade; former values 85c per yard. Sale price, per yard..... **39c**

50-inch Imported Scotch Madras, hand colored designs on cream ground; beautiful patterns, especially suitable for dining room or den curtains; former values \$3.75 per yard. Sale price, per yard..... **\$1.95**

50-inch Cream Colored Madras in pretty designs with small all-over patterns in rose, blue or green; former values \$2.50 per yard. Sale price, per yard..... **\$1.45**

38-inch Grenadines in cream shades with all-over patterns in blue, rose and gold; former values \$1.25 per yard. Sale price, per yard..... **65c**

36-inch Curtain Nets in white and ivory colors; former values 65c per yard. Sale price, per yard..... **39c**

36-inch Curtain Nets in white and ivory colors, small, all-over patterns; former values 85c per yard. Sale price, per yard..... **49c**

36-inch Curtain Nets in ivory color; exceptional values that have been selling at \$1.00 and \$1.20 per yard. Sale price..... **59c**

50-inch Madras in many colors for overdrapes; some patterns of guaranteed sunfast goods; former values up to \$4.75 per yard. Sale price, per yard..... **\$2.45**

50-inch Madras in rose, blue, green and gold; solid colors; former values up to \$3.50 per yard. Sale price, per yard..... **\$1.95**

36-inch Madras, all colors and beautiful patterns; former values up to \$2.50 per yard. Sale price, per yard..... **95c**

30-inch Madras in solid colors and some two-tone effects; former values up to \$1.50 per yard. Sale price, per yard..... **75c**

Special Curtain Nets

Extra Special 19c Per Yard

Colored Marquisette

Fancy Colored Marquisette in many shades, also some with pretty borders both sides; former values 85c to \$1.00 per yard. For Saturday Selling **39c Per Yard**

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Extra Special for Saturday **Orkin Bros.** Extra Special for Saturday

318-320 SOUTH SIXTEENTH STREET

CHOICE of the HOUSE

A Sensational Reduction Right at the Very Beginning of the Season

600 New Spring Hats

Every One a 1921 Model Direct From New York---Values Up to \$27.50

Our Mr. Waltin leaves Saturday evening for New York City where he will make extensive purchases in Millinery and has arranged this radical reduction event to make room for the incoming stock.

THERE ARE:

- Faille Silk Hats
- Straw Braid Hats
- Gros de Londre Hats
- Satin and Faille Hats
- Georgette and Straw Hats
- Crepe d'Chine and Straw Hats

\$6.50 Every Shape Every Size

A very smart display of Soft Rolling Brims, Off-the-Face Models, close fitting effects, short back pokes, Sailors and Chin-Chin styles trimmed with sashes, ribbon, flowers and feathers.

The Colors—Black, Brown, Navy, Platinum, Henna, Sunset, Peacock and Duck Green

125 Fine Trimmed Hats Formerly Selling Up to \$22.50 **75c**

Your choice of fine Lyons Velvets, Panne Velvets, Hatters Plush and Duvelyn models in every wanted color—trimmed with novelty embroidered effects, Ostrich, flowers, fur and metal embroideries and ribbons. Every one a beautiful and splendid value.....

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