

Jenkinson Told He Must Pay His Debts By June 1

County Attorney Agrees to Delay Prosecution of Check Charge Against Him Until Then.

Long Pine, Neb., March 25.—(Special.)—Robert L. Jenkinson and T. E. O'Brien arrived here early this morning and left shortly afterward on a trip to a ranch south of here. O'Brien said he owned the ranch. The mayor of Long Pine received a telegram this morning from O'Brien's daughter in Chicago asking him to send O'Brien home.

Robert L. Jenkinson, youthful disciple of gospel and oil shale stock, has been "advised" by County Attorney Shotwell to pay off all his Omaha creditors and investors before June 1.

This advice was given "free of charge" when the young promoter asked that the charge of passing a check without sufficient funds against him be removed. Mr. Shotwell admitted yesterday.

"I told him we would delay prosecution of the case until the first of June and advised him to bring proof he had paid his debts in Omaha to me before that time," said Mr. Shotwell. "He said he would."

Arrested on Honeymoon.

Jenkinson was extradited from Denver, Colo., where he and his girlfriend were on a honeymoon last September, to answer for a \$300 check he had given Chester Stalcup in part payment for an automobile.

He was bound over to district court on the charge of passing the check without sufficient funds in the Colorado National bank, on which the check was drawn, then released on bond.

His unheralded return to Omaha two days ago and his announcement he was ready to pay off stockholders and creditors resulted in an avalanche of phone calls and visits to the office of the county attorney and Charles Pipkin of the Pipkin Detective agency, Thursday, by alleged creditors.

Still Hold Confidence.

Several young men who had lived in the co-operative rooming house operated by Jenkinson yesterday pressed confidence "Jenks" would bring "them through alright."

They were impressed with the fact that Jenkinson was associated with T. E. O'Brien, self confessed millionaire of Chicago, who accompanied the youthful promoter to Omaha. One or two of them even refused to believe reports from Chicago that O'Brien was not rich.

"You can't tell about reports," said J. W. Steele, who holds 100 shares of stock in Jenkinson's United Shale Products company. "Jenks had a way about him and he's probably tied up with the biggest men in Chicago by this time."

To Return in April.

A sister of Chester Stalcup called County Attorney Shotwell yesterday and declared neither she nor her people were creditors of Jenkinson's. Alleged creditors who called the Pipkin offices yesterday were in formed Jenkinson and the aged O'Brien had departed for the west, but would return the first week in April to settle with everyone. Similar information was given creditors yesterday, but it developed Jenkinson did not leave town until late in the afternoon.

"Jenkinson and O'Brien checked out of their room early Thursday morning and left the hotel," said David Young, manager of the Hotel Conant. "They returned later, however, and went to their room."

"When people called Jenkinson's name, however, O'Brien told them he was not there. I know he was there, though."

Jenkinson said he paid a few creditors Thursday morning, but that either he or his secretary—whoever that may be—would return here the first of April and open an office," said Mr. Pipkin. "I don't know where he and O'Brien were bound for, but it was westward."

When called at her Chicago home one of O'Brien's daughters said her father had no money to invest and was under "the hallucination he was rich." The aged O'Brien declared on his arrival here he invested \$250,000 in Jenkinson's business already and planned to invest three-quarters of a million more. But he has no such fortune, his daughters say. They also declare the ranch in Nebraska was homesteaded by them.

County Attorney Shotwell says the co-operative rooming house oil shale stock operated by the youthful minister is the most ingenious get-rich-quick scheme he has ever encountered.

"I can't see where the law is violated," he asserted. "Jenkinson told me he charged the young men \$65 for board and room, and that he was able to save \$40 from this amount each month. He invests this saving in his old shale stock and gives the stock to the young men. I wouldn't say the men are being swindled, but I would say they were being foolish."

Former U. P. Conductor Sent To Jail for Stealing Cigars

Though he was a conductor on the Union Pacific railroad at a highly remunerative salary during the last four years, Leroy Brunson was unable to care properly for his wife and family, he told Federal Judge Woodrough Thursday when he pleaded guilty to the theft of 30 boxes of cigars from an interstate shipment.

Yesterday Brunson began a 90 days' sentence in the county jail.

Man, 71, Mysteriously Drops From Sight

Thomas Ruane, 71, retired farmer living in Omaha at the Midland hotel, Sixteenth and Chicago streets, and reputed to be wealthy, has mysteriously dropped from sight.

Omaha police were notified of his disappearance and asked to institute a search for him by T. P. Redmond, general manager of the Burgess-Nash Co., and Dr. T. J. Dwyer.

Ruane left the Midland hotel yesterday noon saying that he was going to the Union stock yards on business, and has not been heard from since, these men told the officers.

He is five feet 11 inches tall, weighs 200 pounds, has a mustache and wore a dark gray suit and soft Fedora hat when last seen. He carries a Knights of Columbus card, police were told.

Iowa Woman is Found Strangled to Death

Superior, Wis., March 25.—Miss Marie Davies, 25, whom police believe to be Miss Marie Dodal of Mount Pleasant, Ia., was found strangled to death in her candy shop in an outlying district here tonight.

Joe Hoish was arrested and is being held for investigation. Police believe robbery was the motive for the crime. The cash register and the girl's purse had been looted.

The body of the young woman was bruised, her clothing torn, and other evidence of a struggle were apparent in the shop. A handkerchief was found tightly about her neck. Another handkerchief had been used for a gag.

Hoish declined to make any statement.

Thirsty Man Pays for Bonded Stuff, Gets Moonshine, 2 Omahans Jailed

Lincoln, March 25.—(Special.)—When a man orders bonded liquor from his pet bootlegger, pays top price for a pint, licks his chops and prepares for a good shot, and then burns his tongue on a brand of moonshine he can get anywhere, he gets hostile. That's "nachurrull."

Well, such was the case of a prominent Lincoln man, so he says, and in his anger, he "tipped off" Gus Hyers, state sheriff and pioneer rum sleuth of Nebraska.

As a result of this tip, two Omahans were corralled in a nice, big touring car here last night, right downtown.

Sioux City Man Bids \$1,000,000

E. C. Eppley Makes High Offer for String Including Fontenelle.

E. C. Eppley, owner of the Martin hotel in Sioux City, yesterday bid \$1,000,000 for the sale of the Hotel Fontenelle in Omaha, the Capitol hotel site in Lincoln, the Evans hotel at Columbus, Neb., and the Lincoln hotels at Lincoln, Scottsbluff, Franklin and Table Rock, Neb.

His bid was received by W. E. Barkley, receiver for the Nebraska Hotel company.

This bid tops a bid made by C. D. Mullen, E. G. Bohannon, Charles Stuart and Elmer B. Stephenson last week offering \$875,000 for all the hotels named except the Evans at Columbus.

"This practically closes the deal," said Mr. Barkley over the long distance telephone to The Bee this afternoon.

"Bids may yet be made until April 5 by court order, but I learned this morning that no bid once placed can be withdrawn when it has been accepted by me and placed before Judge Morning."

"Such is the case of the four Lincoln men. I believe Judge Morning will declare the bidding closed tomorrow, or Monday at the latest."

Under the bid accepted by Mr. Barkley, Eppley deposited \$25,000 cash as evidence of good faith and pledged to pay \$175,000 more cash when his bid is accepted, the balance of the \$1,000,000 to be paid \$3,333.33 per month for a year and then \$10,000 a month, bearing 6 per cent interest, payable monthly.

They gave their names as Harry Bell, 3230 Emmet street, and Wilber Moore, 2814 Miami street.

From Bell, Gus took a revolver, he said, but not until Bell had heaved two bottles of some kind of fluid onto the pavement.

From Moore, Gus said he got a pint of whisky.

So this morning, County Attorney Mattson filed a complaint concommitting the nice, big touring car, and charging Bell with illegal transportation of liquor and carrying concealed weapons, and Moore with illegal possession of liquor.

Yo, ho, Mates. Avast! Young Omaha Salts are Off for Brig 'n Irons

Sixteen men on a dead man's chest, Yo-ho and a bottle of rum. Deserting the navy isn't any job. Yo-ho and a bottle of rum.

Just a little sailor song, mates, introducing two young salts who went to Chicago yesterday to "join the navy."

They are Bernard Flood and Earl McGlothlen, alias Carl Jones. They went to Chicago in custody of Deputy Sheriff Charles W. Hope.

In fact they are charged with being deserters from Uncle Sam's deep sea fighting fleet.

And now they're headed for the "brig" and irons, perhaps while their ship plows the briny deep and the sou'westers howl through the rigging and all that.

Building Trades Council Rejects 20 Per Cent Pay Cut

Proposed 10 per cent cut in wages April 1 to be followed by a like cut July 1 should conditions warrant was refused Thursday night by the Building Trades council, representing 13 building trade unions. Local unions have been voting on this proposition for a week, officers said. All but one local carpenter's union voted against the proposition, according to John M. Gibb, secretary to the trade council.

"That means there will be no agreement between labor and contractors in Omaha," said F. W. Currey, chairman of the contractors' wage committee when informed of the action. "We will hire our men where we can get them and I believe there will be plenty of union men willing to work. They will probably be paid the original scale we voted which was a flat reduction of 20 per cent with a maximum wage of \$1 an hour."

\$500 Reward Offered for Arrest of Blair Bank Head

Lincoln, March 25.—(Special.)—Gus Hyers, state sheriff, was directed this morning by Attorney General Clarence A. Davis to enter the hunt for F. H. Claridge, missing president of the defunct Banking House of Castetter of Blair, Neb.

Hyers forthwith offered a reward of \$500 for information leading to Claridge's arrest.

To Sing Easter Cantata

Stanton, Neb., March 25.—(Special.)—The choirs of the Methodist and Congregational churches have united and will present the cantata, "Olivet to Calvary," Easter Henry J. Shultz is conducting the combined choirs in preparing the musical event.

Legality of Woman's Marriage is Upheld

Plattsburgh, Neb., March 25.—(Special.)—Mrs. Anne Dollie Gaster was awarded judgment against the Woodmen of the World for \$2,000 insurance money carried by her husband and had the legality of her marriage cleared up by the jury. Her mother-in-law contested the legality of her marriage and the right to collect the insurance. Witnesses testified to having seen Mrs. Gaster's former husband as late as four years ago, although she had presumed him dead, and had been married more than seven years. The jury upheld the marriage in view of the prolonged mysterious absence of the former husband. The defendant company contested payment on the grounds of false statements in the application and alleged suicide. Application for new trial has been denied.

Ralston Man Is Held for Delinquency of Daughter

Deputy Sheriff Quackenbush went to Aainsworth, Neb., yesterday to bring back Sam Leeper of Ralston, who is under arrest there on a charge of aiding and abetting the delinquency of his own daughter now 12 years old.

Leeper's son, George, was arrested at Waterloo recently and is in the county jail awaiting a hearing on the same charge.

Chief Deputy County Attorney Coffey says the elder Leeper left Ralston right after the warrant was issued for his arrest. The girl is an exceptionally bright child, standing at the head of her class in school.

Thieves Shove Stolen Auto of Farmer Off of 30-Foot Bank

An automobile, completely burned and lying in a creek near Elkhorn, recovered yesterday by Detectives William Toland and William Cich, was identified as the car belonging to A. Gibson, farmer living near Florence.

The car, which was stolen from 1425 North Twentieth street March 26, was shoved off a 30-foot embankment. Detectives say the car was valued at \$1,000 and was insured for \$800.

Band at Lewiston

Pawnee City, Neb., March 25.—

TAKE ELEVATOR—SAVE \$10.

(Special.)—Musicians of Lewiston organized a band for that town. Prot. C. W. Stratton will be leader. The band now has an enrollment of 21.

Highway mileage in the United States now totals 2,478,552 miles, or 10 times the mileage of the railroads.

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