

WIFE ARRANGED IN NEAL MURDER

'Slew Mate Or Knows Who Did'

Sealed Verdict of Jury Revealed, Makes Direct Charge—Preliminary Hearing Set For Thursday.

Faces Murder Charge

Auburn, Neb., Aug. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Lucy Neal, wife of Ben Neal, who was found dead in his farm home near Peru, Neb., the night of August 11 with a bullet hole in his head, was arraigned here at 6 this evening before Justice of the Peace Shelby W. Eustice on a charge of first degree murder.

Complaint charging Mrs. Neal with first degree murder was filed at Auburn this afternoon by County Attorney Ernest F. Armstrong immediately after a sealed coroner's jury report connecting her with the alleged murder.

The woman was arrested by Sheriff Davis at the home of her brother, Walter McCully, farmer living near Stella in Richardson county, about 5 this afternoon. She was accompanied to Auburn by her daughter, Ava Marie Neal, 16, the only person present with Mrs. Neal in the house on the night of the slaying. Mrs. Neal's brother and her brother-in-law, J. M. Wright, cashier of the Farmers State bank at Stella, also accompanied her.

Preliminary Hearing Set

Preliminary hearing was set at 10 Thursday morning before Justice of the Peace Eustice at Auburn. At the arraignment this evening Mrs. Neal was represented by her attorneys, Lambert and Hawkey.

Bond was fixed at \$10,000. Mrs. Neal qualified as one of the bondsmen and Wright and McCully as the other two sureties.

The woman appeared calm and perfectly self-possessed at the arraignment. Finding of the coroner's jury, which deliberated several days before reaching a decision, was as follows:

"We, the jury, duly impaneled and sworn to hold an inquest on the body of Benjamin Neal, do find that the said Benjamin Neal came to his death on August 11, 1921, by the gunshot from a gun held in the hands of Lucy Neal or a person known to her."

The jury, comprised of J. C. Woodie, foreman; Arch Rainsback, J. Turner, Edward Houston and Harry Patterson was out from midnight, August 11, until Friday, August 19, when a sealed verdict was returned with the jury's request that it remain sealed until Saturday afternoon.

Since Saturday following the tragedy Mrs. Neal has been stopping at the home of Walter McCully near Stella.

Wife Runs to Neighbor

First report of the slaying was made about midnight August 11, when Mrs. Neal ran to the home of a neighbor, Charles Buck, declaring her husband had been shot. It was found that a bullet had entered Neal's head near the ear and, ranging downward, had struck the jawbone.

In the dead man's hand was a revolver containing two freshly exploded shells and two unfired cartridges. There were blood stains on the grip of the revolver and on the wall of the room.

Hans Nielsen, head of the state bureau of criminal identification, after examining the marks on the revolver subsequently said that he believed Neal did not commit suicide.

Conflicting stories were told the coroner's jury. Mrs. Neal reported hearing only one shot, while her daughter said she heard two. Mrs. Neal also said she did not attempt to telephone to neighbors, although subscribers on the party line reported hearing several calls and the operator at Peru notified the town marshal that there was something wrong either at the Buck or Neal home. The revolver which Neal was killed was identified by Mrs. Neal as the one which had belonged to her former husband and which had been in her possession.

Stories of domestic trouble and that Neal had suffered financial reverses lately were rife in the community.

Church Workers Want Bryan

On Disarmament Conference—Ocean Grove, N. J., Aug. 20.—A resolution requesting President Harding to appoint William Jennings Bryan a delegate to the coming international disarmament conference in Washington, was unanimously adopted yesterday at a conference of church workers and members of the International Reform bureau.

The committee also offered plans for preventing boxing contests on holidays in New Jersey and for the institution of legal proceedings against Tex Rickard and others responsible for the Dempsey-Carpentier fight on the ground of "conspiracy."

Omaha Minister Elected

Secretary of Lutherans—Lincoln, Aug. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Officers of the Nebraska district of the Lutheran Missouri synod elected today are: Rev. F. W. Seesko of Omaha, secretary; Prof. A. Schmelke of Seward, treasurer; N. Wilkins, N. E. Meyer, G. W. Wolter, N. Hillman, John Albright, board of home missions.

She's Charged With Murder of Husband



Alfalfa Industry Threatened By High Freight

Grain Men Complete Testimony Before Interstate Commerce Commission, In Fight For Lower Rates.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Grain men of the west completed, before the Interstate Commerce commission, their description of agricultural distress throughout the grain and hay producing states and announced readiness to begin their effort to show that high freight rates were responsible for these conditions.

James M. Cassidy and Floyd Wilson, alfalfa meal mill operators of Colorado, told the commission that the industry was threatened with total destruction through high freight rates, since the principal markets were on an average of 1,200 miles from points of production. The industry which has grown up in the last 15 years had furnished the carriers with considerable traffic, most of which has been lost through high freight, the witnesses asserted.

J. P. Larson, secretary of the Iowa Co-Operative Grain Dealers' association, testified that where it had cost from 10 to 12 per cent of the gross corn crop in his state to move the crop to market in previous times, it now costs from 25 to 29 per cent. He explained the workings of co-operative elevators in Iowa and said that prices paid by the elevators were those of Chicago or Minneapolis, less the freight and handling costs. The farmer would get the benefit of any freight rate reductions, he said.

J. J. Neville of the Millers and Grain Dealers' association of Utah and Idaho, testified as to depressed prices in his section.

Arizona alfalfa producers cannot raise alfalfa at a profit under present freight rates. Amos A. Betts, commissioner of the Arizona public utilities commission, and Lawrence G. Wilson, secretary of the Casa Grande Farmers' association, asserted.

Education Given as Safeguard Against Future Conflicts

Honolulu, Aug. 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—Educate the nations and they will abandon war for peace, was the principle upon which the Pan-Pacific educational conference, in session here yesterday, passed several resolutions looking toward a plan for spreading general information and publicity among the peoples living around the Pacific ocean.

The conference recommended a program of inter-Pacific action, including scientific research by universities of the Pacific of the causes of war; the higher education of Pacific peoples as a means to advance international peace and improved facilities for the exchange of teachers and pupils between Pacific countries.

As a means to place the nations on a common elementary basis, the conference passed a resolution urging the adoption of the Roman alphabet by all nations bordering the Pacific.

Six Texas House Members

Are Arrested for Absence—Austin, Tex., Aug. 20.—Six of nine members of the Texas house of representatives were taken into custody today by the sergeant-at-arms and the sheriff and taken under arrest to the house.

They were charged in warrants issued last night with willfully absenting themselves from the session to prevent a quorum.

Man Held for Manslaughter

Waives Preliminary Trial—O'Neill, Neb., Aug. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Walter Holcomb, who shot and killed Thomas Olson of Holcomb, Neb., southeast of Chambers, Neb., a week ago last Sunday, waived preliminary hearing on a manslaughter charge in county court and was bound over to the fall term of district court.

G. O. P. Tax Bill Passed By House

Democrats Fail in Efforts to Have Measure Recommended For Elimination of Surtax Rates.

Final Vote, 274 to 125

By The Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 20.—The republican tax bill was passed late today by the house after the democrats had failed in an effort to have it recommitted for elimination of the provisions repealing the income surtax rates above 32 per cent.

The vote was 274 to 125, with only a slight split in the party ranks. Before the vote, Representative Mondell, republican leader, delivered a prepared address praising the tax bill and saying it remained for a later congress to fully revise the tax schedules "when we shall have passed beyond the shadow of the war overhang."

Relieved Burden.

"In this measure, we have relieved the burden where it is most clearly of an emergency character," he said, "and relieved it and lightened it for the benefit of every class and condition in the nation."

"We have lifted rather than shifted the more oppressive and annoying of the war taxes. We have kept faith and while some will rail against the measure, for purely partisan purposes, it will receive the commendation of the great body of the American people."

Mondell Cheered.

Mr. Mondell was cheered from the republican side. Representative Connally, democrat, arose to ask the republican leader to show him the pledge in the republican platform for the relieving of the taxes on men of large incomes. Mr. Mondell tried to get recognition to answer but the house was in an uproar which did not close until 3 o'clock, when the way was cleared for voting under the plea.

Representative Cochrane, New York, rising to a point of privilege, offered a point of order condemning President Harding for addressing the senate July 12 on soldier bonuses to the exclusion of the house. The democrats forced the first roll call on Representative Mondell's motion to lay the resolution on the table, which prevailed.

War Bride Makes Suicide Threats

"They Don't Like Me Here," Sobs English Girl; Husband Out of Work.

While her husband, an ex-soldier, tramped the streets of the city Saturday in search of work to keep his little family from starving, Mrs. Frank Harris, an English war bride, scarcely past 20, sank into utter despondency in her home at 1401 E. 15th avenue and threatened suicide to end her trouble with relatives, she told police.

When emergency officers arrived at the Harris home, the little woman was in hysterics, cussing her 8-month-old babe.

"I want to end it all," she cried, as she told of her struggle to conform her foreign ways to the American methods of home life. Her husband has been out of work for several months, she told police.

"They don't like me here," she cried. Relatives of Mr. Harris called police when the woman threatened to end her life.

Police Chief Lyman Wheeler, a former police sergeant and a member of the American Legion, investigated the case and took up a collection among other police for the young war bride. The case has been turned over to the Welfare board.

Harris and his wife were married two years ago in England, following a war romance.

WHERE TO FIND THE SUNDAY BEE

The Big Features of THE SUNDAY BEE

"The Cyclone," Blue Ribbon Story by Rose L. Ellerbe—Part 4, page 1. Scenes at Camp Gifford, a Boy Scout Page—Rotogravure section, page 1.

"The Third Degree," Another of the Series "The World's Greatest Detective Cases"—Part 4, page 3. Sports News and Features—Part 3, pages 1 and 2.

"Pretty Pal," by Edward J. Dougherty—Part 4, page 3. Society and News for Women—Part 2.

"The Bogle of Fear," Arthur Somers Roche Serial—Part 4, page 2. Kid's Page—Part 4, page 5. Plattsmouth Photos—Rotogravure section, page 3.

Editorial Comment—Part 4, page 4. "The Married Life of Helen and Warren"—Part 2, page 6. "The Dubvillie Foursome," by Cartoonist Brewster—Part 3, page 2. "Standing on My Rights," by James J. Montague—Part 4, page 8.

California Sheriff Is Killed by Fugitive

Los Angeles, Aug. 20.—Sheriff A. D. McMartin, Ventura county, was shot and killed today and Under Sheriff William E. Kelley, Ventura, dangerously wounded by a man they attempted to arrest at Owensmouth, Los Angeles county, the sheriff's office here announced. The man who shot them was later killed in a battle with pursuers, it was stated. Earlier advices reporting Kelley killed were erroneous.

Camp Dodge Will Be Improved for Guardsmen's Use

Iowa Plans Model Place for State Troops—Letters to Nebraskans Are Delivered.

Camp Dodge, Ia., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Camp Dodge will be a new place when the National guardsmen return next summer for their annual two-weeks outing, according to General Tinley of the Iowa National guard, stationed here this week. The Iowa guard recently purchased Camp Dodge for \$38,000 and has already sold the barracks buildings to a wrecking company. When the old buildings have been removed the guard will construct a regular post on the 500-acre site. The building will be of a more permanent and more comfortable nature.

Work has already been started to prepare the camp for the next summer. The large swimming pool, for which money was appropriated by the Iowa legislature at its last session, is now under construction and will soon be completed. Other minor improvements are also under way.

The Nebraska and Iowa guardsmen have been sharing the Camp Dodge hospital and hospital equipment during the stay of the regiments from both states, but the Iowa men will leave August 24, turning all of the partnership material over to the Nebraska men. There are now some 1,200 Nebraskans and about 3,500 Iowans in camp here.

Many mothers of Nebraska National guardsmen may worry about where to mail letters to their sons in camp here. All that mothers need to know is the name of the company to which their sons belong and mail addressed to them will be promptly taken to the barracks in which the men are quartered.

The service company of the guard is now so well organized that it claims to be able to deliver letters to men if only the name of the man is given and it is sent here. However, all who write Camp Dodge men are asked to make their addresses as complete as possible since the mail will be handled with less effort and more speed.

Asks \$75,000 Damages For Electric Shock

Seventy-five thousand dollars is asked from the Baker Ice Machine company, Omaha Steel works, Andrew Busk, contractor, and the Nebraska Power company by Stephen O'Donnell in a suit filed yesterday in district court.

While he was at work laying a track where the Baker Ice Machine company's new building is located, Fifteenth and Evans streets, July 6, a steel cable came in contact with a high voltage wire, carried the current to the track at which he was working and set the current through his body, he says.

He alleges that the electricity burned into his face, jaw, neck, shoulder, body, leg and foot, incapacitating him entirely from working again. He is 38 years old and was earning \$3,000 a year, he says.

Default Judgment for \$1,500 For Assault on Man Set Aside

A judgment for \$1,500, entered in district court August 12, in favor of Philip Goldberg and against Dr. Harold Gifford, Harrison & Morton, realtors, and E. Bever, elevator operator in the Lyric building, Nineteenth and Farnam streets, was set aside Saturday in district court on representation of defendants that they defaulted in the case through an error by a new stenographer.

Goldberg charges that Bever assaulted him, striking him down and knocking out some of his teeth. He asked \$10,000.

When no answer was filed August 8, which was the legal limit, judgment for \$1,500 was entered by default. Judge Day set this aside when proof was made that the stenographer's error was the reason for failure to defend the suit.

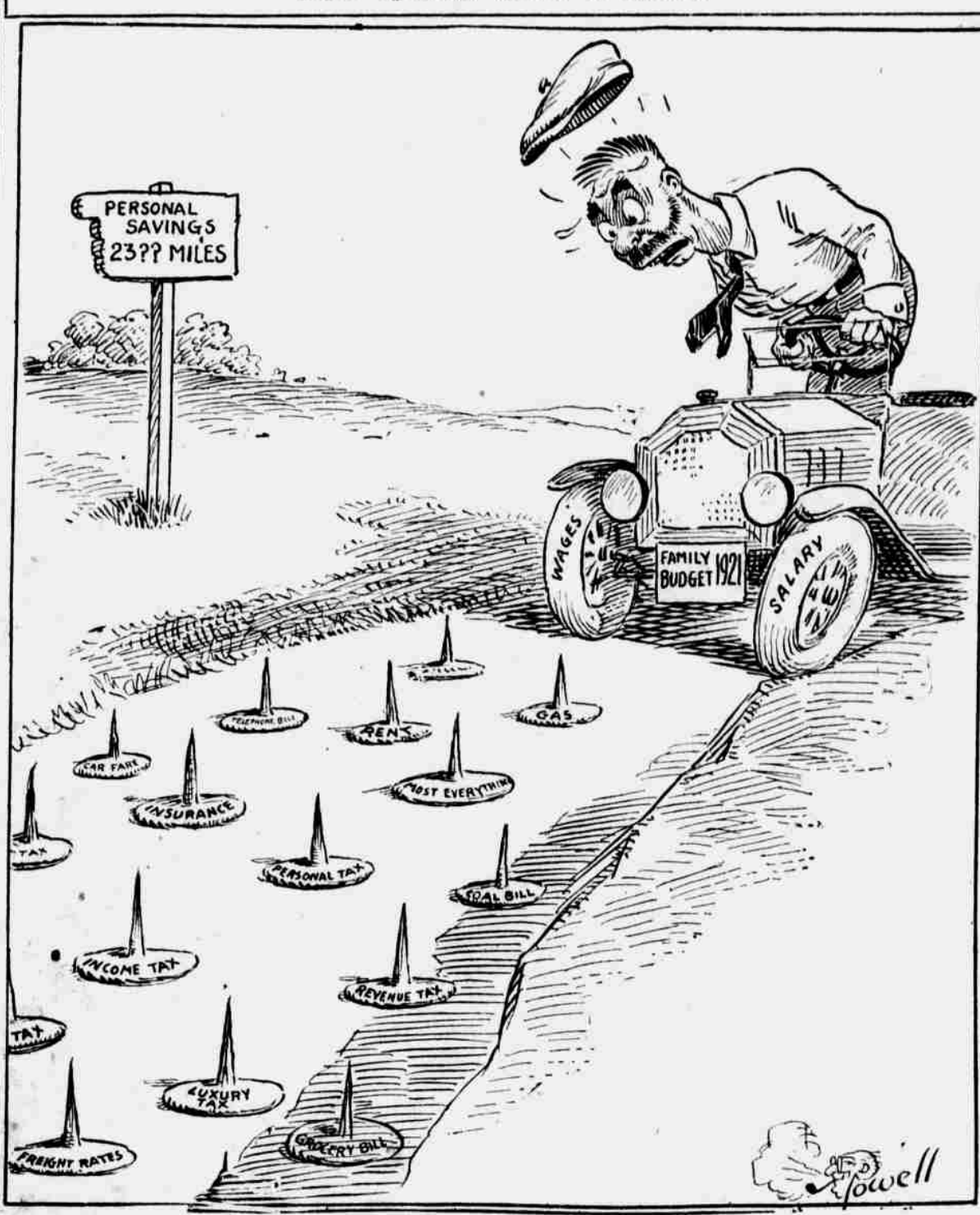
Navy Officer Personnel Ordered Reduced a Half

Washington, Aug. 20.—Reduction of the officer personnel of the naval reserve force by approximately one-half has been ordered by the Navy department as a retrenchment measure on recommendation of the general board. Reserve commissions in several of the staff corps have been abolished and all warrant officers in the reserve done away with.

The naval coast defense reserve, composed of officers who obtained commissions for shore duty during the war, is to be entirely abolished.

Late the night of March 16, 1921, she says he beat her so that she fainted and had to be carried to the porch and worked over before she regained consciousness. Last Thursday she alleges he beat and choked her.

He Sees the Point



Japan's Reply to Its Invitation to Meet Discussed

Answer Probably Will Be in Nature of Reiteration of Country's Position Already Voiced.

Tokio, Aug. 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—Japan's formal answer to the American invitation to participate in the conference on disarmament and far eastern questions was discussed by the cabinet yesterday, but it is probable its dispatch to Washington will be delayed a few days. At present it is forecast that the reply will be in the nature of a reiteration of the position of Japan, which has been voiced in formal notes sent to Washington.

Some newspapers profess to be disturbed over the expression in the American note that there would be discussed "matters which have been and are of concern," but officials seem to consider it logical as carrying out America's original position that the powers themselves, either before or at the formal sessions in Washington, must define the agenda of the conference.

Ku Klux Klan Meets on Bank of Platte River

Grand Island, Neb., Aug. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—More than 300 members of the Grand Island and Hastings Ku Klux Klans met on the banks of the Platte, six miles south of this city, and inducted a large number of members into the organization beneath the fiery cross.

According to authorized information given out, the Towner-Sterling bill, it is declared, was favored in a resolution adopted at this meeting, providing for federal representation in American educational institutions.

Export Rates on Grain From Chicago Reduced

A reduction of 7½ cents on export grain, as well as flour and grain products, from Chicago to the Atlantic seaboard, effective September 3, was announced by L. G. Reynolds, local division freight and passenger representative of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad.

Railroads Announce Cut in Rate on Canned Goods

Spokane, Aug. 20.—Marked reductions in freight rates on canned goods, dried fruits and vegetables, peas and beans in carload lots, shipped from Spokane territory to eastern points, were announced by transcontinental railroads. They will be effective August 22.

The rates affect shipments from Spokane, Walla Walla, Yakima and coast points to all eastern territory extending from St. Paul, Omaha and Denver to the Atlantic seaboard, it was announced.

Cool Weather and Showers Forecast for Coming Week

Washington, Aug. 20.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are: Upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys, generally fair except for showers Tuesday or Wednesday, temperature near or somewhat below normal.

Headquarters of Davis Selected

Grand Jury Men to Try "Wildcat" Cases to Be Drawn This Week.

The office of T. J. McGuire, assistant attorney general, in the Omaha National bank building will probably be headquarters of Attorney General Davis and his staff during the grand jury investigation into "blue sky" promotion schemes, starting September 8.

Harley Moorhead, jury commissioner, will return to his office early this week and then the names of the 23 men will be drawn from the polling lists as provided by law. From the 23 names, 16 grand jurors will be chosen.

When they are sworn in they will be supreme in their deliberations. Their power will be greater than that of the judges, county attorney or attorney general.

The room to be used for the deliberations has not yet been selected, but, because of the great number of witnesses to be called, the largest possible quarters will be taken for the jury sessions.

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American Kidnaped by Mexicans Makes Escape

Washington, Aug. 20.—Eric Clarke, official of the International Land and Live Stock company, has escaped from Mexican bandits who kidnaped him at a ranch near Rio Primero, and is now safe in Jimenez, state of Chihuahua. Clarke reported his kidnapping and escape today in personal telegrams to friends here. The bandits were holding him for \$7,500 ransom.

Britain's Acceptance of Disarmament Bid Is Sent

London, Aug. 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—Great Britain's formal acceptance of the official invitation of President Harding to participate in the conference on far eastern questions and disarmament in November next has been forwarded to the American government, it was announced today.

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Rickenbacker To Race at Omaha Air Congress

Ace of American Aces Accepts Invitation to Participate; Meet Will Draw 100,000, Prediction.

Eddie Rickenbacker, ace of American aces, has signified his intention to participate in the international air meet to be held here in November.

"You bet I'll race in Omaha at the air-meet," he says in a letter to Earl Porter, president of the Omaha Aero club.

Charles J. Glidden of New York, president of the World Board of Aeronautics, in a letter predicts that the meet will draw at least 100,000 people to Omaha.

The board is sending out invitations to aviators all over the world to attend the Omaha meet in November, the letter says.

Secretary James W. Metcalfe of the Associated Retailers of Omaha announced Saturday that his association had decided to set no limit on contributions to the air meet fund.

Hightower Guarded Against Taking Life

San Francisco, Aug. 20.—William A. Hightower, at the Redwood City jail, where he is awaiting trial on a charge of murdering Rev. Patrick Heslin, Colma priest, henceforth will eat his meals with a spoon only. James Coleman, jailer today ordered that no knife or fork be given him.

In explanation, Coleman said Hightower had been in low spirits since he learned that Doris Shirley, his former companion, was married a week ago to Lee Putnam, a caterer, and the order was intended to remove any danger of personal violence.

Man Strolling Through Park Robbed by Bandit

A. M. Marble, Hotel Edwards, was held up and robbed of \$25 by a lone highwayman in Elmwood park Friday night, he reported to police. He was walking through the park with Edward Younte, a new acquaintance, who gave him address as the Y. M. C. A. The highwayman did not molest Younte.

Chautauqua at Scotia

Scotia, Neb., Aug. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The chautauqua at Scotia opened August 19 and large crowds are being drawn. The programs are particularly good this year.

Lincoln Lawyers Endorse Munger for Circuit Judge

Lincoln, Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Endorsement of United States District Judge T. C. Munger for the position left open by the death of United States Circuit Judge William C. Hook of Leavenworth, Kan., was made today by 100 members of the Lancaster County Bar association. Thomas Lynch of Omaha represented the Omaha Bar association at the meeting. Lynch reported that the Omaha association already had endorsed Judge Munger's appointment. Resolutions were prepared and forwarded to President Harding urging the appointment of Judge Munger.

The Weather

Forecast. Sunday fair; not much change in temperature.

Hourly Temperatures.