

F. E. Maxey Named King Kleagle of K.K.K. in Omaha

Ellerman of Omaha and Davis of York Listed as Kleagles—Organization Reports Progress.

The force organizing the Ku Klux Klan in Nebraska has been increased since the visit paid to Omaha Saturday by W. H. McElroy, general kleagle of Atlanta, Ga. Mr. McElroy after an inspection tour of the 24 organized klans in the state last week returned to Omaha and held a conference with local kleagles Saturday night. He reported more than 500 new members were being initiated into the order each week, necessitating the increase in organizers.

During the several weeks in which organization has been going on in the state, only one act of enmity has been reported, the general kleagle stated.

He declared that one of the organizers recently was met at the railroad station at Nebraska City, by two men.

Given to Sundown.
"We give you until sundown to get out of town," the men said. "I intend to stay until I am in," the organizer replied, and went to the Grand hotel. After making inquiries he learned the two men had made threats against the organization. Several trips have been made to Nebraska City since, but no trouble has resulted.

"I get threatening letters every day," the Omaha kleagle said yesterday.

The writers threaten me with dire punishment if I don't leave Omaha and stop all organization. Needless to say, the threatening letters are never signed.

Maxey, King Kleagle.
"From now on I intend to turn the letters over to proper authorities."

The New York World, which has been publishing a series of articles regarding the Ku Klux Klan, in its edition Friday printed the names of kleagles in various realms of the Invisible Empire.

For the realm of Nebraska the names of F. E. Maxey, king kleagle, Omaha; J. A. Ellerman, kleagle, Omaha, and Paul Davis, kleagle, York, Neb., appear on the list.

Body Identified Tram Laborer

Police Seek Clum of Man Found Dead on South Side.

The body of an unidentified man, badly decomposed, and missing half a head, found Sunday morning half a mile north of the L street viaduct on the Missouri Pacific right-of-way, is that of William E. Smith, 25, who lived at 832 South Twenty-second street, Detectives Kean and Brinkman reported yesterday.

When found, the man wore a ring bearing the initials "W. E. S."

According to the detectives, Smith formerly worked for the street railway company as a laborer. He worked for the company from August 4 to September 2.

Mrs. L. Williams, his landlady, told police he left home the afternoon of September 2, saying he was going to work for a box factory near the Ak-Sar-Ben field. He had lived at the South Twenty-second street address for three weeks, previous to which he had lived at 2412 St. Mary's avenue, and before that at 2522 Jones street.

Police believe he came to Omaha from St. Joseph, Mo., and that he has a divorced wife there.

He was last seen in company of George Clark, with whom he is said to have been intimate. Police are looking for Clark.

Killing Frosts in West, Weather Bureau Reports

Killing frosts at Sheridan, Wyo., where the mercury dropped to 20, and 30 at Rapid City, were reported yesterday by the weather bureau. A drop to 22 at Baker City, Ore., will do much damage to the apple crop, it is thought.

While killing frost has not yet been reported for Nebraska, such was the case September 18, 1921, according to local records.

It was 26 in Yellowstone Park yesterday, 36 at Lander, 38 in Valentine, and 42 at North Platte.

Geneva School Teachers Are Guest at Reception

Geneva, Neb., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—A reception to the teachers of the public schools was held at the home of Mrs. J. W. C. Peterson. The social affair was in the form of a garden party on the spacious grounds which were lighted and seated for entertaining the large crowd. After introduction of the teachers, a program of music was given by camp fire girls and kindergarten pupils. Ice cream, fruit and cakes were served by a score of school girls.

Buena Vista College Will Start New Term Monday

Storm Lake, Ia., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Buena Vista college opens Monday. There are six new members on the college faculty including Dean C. E. Hallbeck of New York City; Prof. J. F. Saylor of Spokane, Wash.; Prof. Anna S. Eick of Cornell college; Prof. N. R. Chatterjee and Prof. C. W. Smokey and D. W. McCracken.

Tourist Traffic in State Showing Marked Decrease

Big Springs, Neb., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Tourist traffic, heavy during the months of July and August, has dwindled the last week. The hoboes, who were so thick on trains in July that from 100 to 500 could be counted on each freight, have dwindled down so that the largest number now traveling on a single train does not exceed 12.

Blaze Destroys Chemical Plant



Flashlight photo of blazing Eckman Chemical company building.

William Hyland, the fireman who was injured during the spectacular fire at Sixteenth and Clark streets Sunday night, was reported in a satisfactory condition by Ford hospital authorities yesterday. He received a bruised spine, a sprained shoulder, and a scalp cut where his helmet had been struck by the falling debris, Dr. E. A. Connolly said. Hyland lives at 4819 South Nineteenth street. He joined the fire department in 1907. He was a pipeman at Station No. 3. Fire department officials are investigating the origin of the blaze. The Eckman Chemical company, which suffered the most damage from the flames, was a part of the estate of the late Ellsworth M. Eckman, whose will was contested in county court by his two married daughters. Eckman had married his nurse, Glendora Petty, shortly before his death and made her a beneficiary. A settlement dividing the estate in three parts, of which the two daughters and his widow shared equally, was affected after much litigation. Emmett Hannon, a son-in-law of the late Eckman and manager of the chemical company, said the plant was a total loss. The fire damaged the Storz Brewing company storage house, \$10,000; the Eckman Chemical company building, \$60,000; the H. C. Hanna home, 1539 North Sixteenth street, \$1,000; the home of S. Bosco, 1541 North Sixteenth street, \$1,000; the home of F. M. Donaldson and Charles Peterson, 1545 North Sixteenth street, \$1,500; the G. N. Brooks company, 1547 North Sixteenth street, \$1,500. The blaze originated in the Storz warehouse at 10 p. m. Every piece of fire-fighting apparatus in the city was called to the scene. Several explosions in the chemical plant hindered the work of firemen.

Naturalization Is Sought by Many in Colfax County Court

Schuyler, Neb., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—The following persons have petitioned the district court of Colfax county for naturalization papers: From Clarkson—Valda Kroft, Frank Zdenek, Valery Nadrichal, Karel Kutin, John F. Havel, Adolph Reick, jr., Joseph Havel, Joseph Pavel, Fredrick A. Thalken, Joseph Glosier, John Sodomka, Bernard Thalken, Rudolph Heitnek, Frank Coufal, Ernest P. Novontony, John Janacek, Joseph Sup, Andrew Necas, Albert Svoboda, Joseph Bohleard. From Howells—Frank P. Beina, Alexander Hiruby, Adolf Zach, Emil Siskowsky, Valcav Charvat, Joseph Fred, Anton F. Janata, Karel Cerny, Charles Suchad, Theodore Knusk, Jerry Vrbcicky, Vincence Tresnak, John A. Siskowsky, Frank Sebek, Frank Miller, John Peiper. From Schuyler—Joseph Svasek, Alois Vcherek, Rudolph Naotman, Frank F. Cech, Joseph V. Tuma, Chris Unkle, William Shultz, Frank Tuma, James Smejkal, Joseph Bata, Thomas Geiger, William Schuldt, Fred W. Gaeth, Frank Sima, Fritz Sechase, Charles Peca, H. A. Pazyant, James E. Browne, George Harzke, Herman Harzke, Louis Rogatzke, Frank Saur, Robert A. Stepant, Frank Dibelka. From Leigh—Henry G. Oldigs, Christian Neilson, Fredrich Stultmann. From Dodge—Conrad Elkemier, Emil Stodola. From Richland—Digiuseppe Salvatore. From Rogers—Herman H. Dahl.

Negroes Parade, Emancipation Day

Barbecue Lunch Follows Sports and Games at Celebration in Omaha.

Several hundred Omaha negroes joined in celebrating Emancipation day at Krug park yesterday. A parade led by Dan Desdunes' band marched through the downtown streets at noon and then went to the park to participate in the celebration of the anniversary of the date when Lincoln issued the proclamation which freed the negro from bondage.

The celebration was under the auspices of St. Johns A. M. E. church and is in charge of Rev. W. C. Williams, 2416 Binney street. The afternoon was spent in sports and games, followed by a barbecue lunch. Omaha packing firms donated the

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meat and bakeries have furnished the bread for the big feed.

In accordance with the proclamation of Mayor J. C. Dahlman asking the people of every race and creed to reflect on the memorable pronouncement of the immortal Lincoln on this day, many employers of negroes allowed them the afternoon off that they might take part in the celebration.

Proceeds of the celebration will go to the building fund of St. Johns A. M. E. church, which has planned a \$100,000 structure at Twenty-second and Willis avenue, for which ground has already been broken.

\$250,000 Damage Results From Sioux Falls Tornado

Sioux Falls, S. D., Sept. 12.—With the wreckage being cleared away and telephone and telegraph service nearing normal, estimates of the property damage caused by the tornado that struck the farming district just west of Sioux Falls early Friday night reached \$250,000 this morning. Three men were killed by the twister and several were seriously injured.

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"Missing Link" in Road Designated

North Star Highway Through State Will Be Completed By Next Spring.

Alliance, Neb., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—With the action of the Morrill county commissioners in designating a route through that county for a state and federal aid highway, the "missing link" question in the construction of the North Star highway through western Nebraska has been solved, after agitation covering a period of several years.

Ten years ago a group of good roads boosters in Alliance endeavored to persuade Morrill county to build a north and south road to connect with a road through Alliance on the north through Chadron and the Black Hills. Lack of funds and disagreement as to the most feasible route have delayed the project until the Morrill county board gave their support in a resolution calling for the immediate beginning of construction on the route.

The new road will be from Bridgeport, north through Angora Alliance, Chadron and to the Black Hills and will be a part of the recently organized North Star highway, which starts at Brownsville, Tex., and traverses the continent to Canada. Because of the sand hills and rough topography of that section, Morrill county has long been the dread of auto tourists, who gave it the name of the "missing link" in the route from Sidney to the Black Hills. The completion of the road will furnish a direct route from the Lincoln highway north from Sidney through Cheyenne, Morrill, Box Butte and Dawes counties.

J. S. Rhein of Alliance, president of the North Star Highway association, has just returned from Lincoln, where he met with Governor McKelvie, George Johnson, state superintendent of public works, and Senator James W. Good of Dawes county, and secured their promise to take early action in formally approving the new route. It is expected that a considerable amount of construction work will be done this fall and the road will be completed early next summer.

Auburn School Teacher Finds Snake in Sideboard

Auburn, Neb., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Miss Virginia Ailor, school teacher, received a severe scare while preparing for her departure for Lincoln, when she opened a drawer to a sideboard to obtain some needed articles and found a huge snake curled up in the corner.

She stood terrified while the serpent, while was nearly four feet in length, uncoiled itself, and crawled out of the drawer between her arms. The snake glided across the floor

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