

Aged Cobbler Saves Money to Pay for Burial

"Jimmie" O'Rourke's Wish to Be at Rest on Green Hill Will Be Fulfilled.

Hunch-backed, crippled, 80-year-old "Jimmie" O'Rourke, who was found dead in his little "squatter" shack at Twelfth and California streets Monday, will have a decent burial.

Two years ago "Jimmie" sent word to his free legal advisor, George A. Magney, to come down and see him. When the attorney called at the one-room cabin the aged man counted out \$200 in small bills.

"Take this money and put it in a safe bank, and when I am gone see that I have a good burial in a good casket; and a grave on the sunny side of a green hill, with a bit of a tree, perhaps, to shade it of a hot summer's day, and where the birds will sing in the cool of the mornin' and evenin'," said the aged man.

Mr. Magney put the money in a savings and loan association bank. And within the next few days the aged crippled body will be buried following a funeral of which James O'Rourke need not be ashamed.

Where "Jimmie" came from or what was his history in his youth no one seems to know. His rich brogue showed that he came originally from Ireland. He was living in a little back when Mr. Magney came to Omaha, 35 years ago, and seemed to be an old resident then.

"Jimmie" was the embodiment of optimism. His bent back, his crippled leg, his poverty and privation and hard toil did not smother his cheery spirit.

Workmen in the Union Pacific shops knew "Jimmie" for their friend. He earned money by unceasing toil, but he gave most of it away. Any man who came to him with a hard luck story was sure to get a "loan" and a cheery word of encouragement from the bent and aged cobbler. Usually the "loans" were not paid back, but "Jimmie" gave just as trustingly to the next applicant. He was a shoemaker who specialized in repairing the heavy work shoes worn by employes of the railroad shops and the smelters.

"Jimmie's" body was the only part of him that was crippled.

Traction Employes Buy Milk Direct From Farm

Bridgeport, O., Oct. 25.—Employes of the Wheeling Traction company do not worry because 15 cents a quart is charged for milk in this locality. Each morning and evening they stop at a farm along the Barton division, leave buckets and, on the return trip, pick up the fluid, which is brought to the car barns on Wheeling island and there distributed. The cost is 10 cents a quart.

Road Conditions

Published by Omaha Auto Club. Lincoln Highway, East—Roads good. Detour for eight miles at Marshalltown. Also Cedar Rapids to Belle Plaine. Weather cloudy. Lincoln Highway, West—Roads good. Detour for a short distance between Waterloo and Valley, roads good to Columbus. Raining and Central City roads reported muddy. Good at Grand Island and west. O. L. D. Highway—Roads fair to Ashland, detour west of Ashland bridge. Good to Lincoln and west. Weather cloudy. Highland Cut-off—Roads fair; weather cloudy. S. K. A. Road—Good. Weather cloudy. Cornhusker Highway—Roads fine. Weather cloudy. Omaha-Topsia Highway—Roads fine; weather cloudy. Custer Battlefield Highway—Tourist report this road in good condition with but few exceptions. Some snow reported in Montana. King of Trails North—Roads fine. Weather cloudy. King of Trails South—Roads in good condition, weather cloudy; part of road work between Leavenworth and Kansas City is now completed, but a detour for seven and one-half miles is still necessary. George Washington Highway—Under construction to Blair, detour over the High road. Good to Sioux City; weather cloudy. Black Hills Trail—Fair to Fremont; Fremont to Norfolk roads fine. Weather cloudy. River to River Road—Roads good to Des Moines; weather cloudy. White Pole Road—Aurora to Adair under construction; detour for six miles east of Casey. Good to Des Moines. E. O. A. Short Line—Roads in excellent condition, weather cloudy. Blue Grass Road—Roads fine. Weather cloudy.

Omaha Air Meet Plane Taken for Rum Runner

Ship, on Trip to Western Nebraska, Forced Down 35 Miles From Railroad—Ranchers Hospitable After Party Explains Business.

Stranded in the barren sand hills of Nebraska by a forced landing of the Ashmusen Bluebird air plane, four Omahans were given hospitality by ranchers over Saturday and Sunday after they convinced the westerners the ship was not a bootlegging carrier.

The plane, carrying Pilot C. L. Bowen, commander of the Second Aero squadron during the war; R. C. Tooke, of the Omaha Aero club; J. H. Luce, mechanic, and a reporter for The Bee was enroute back to Omaha from a 400-mile trip to Hackberry Lake club, in Cherry county, hunting rendezvous of prominent Omaha business men.

Fly Over Barren Country. The plane left Omaha last Wednesday afternoon and arrived at Hackberry lake the following noon. Hopping off from Hackberry club Saturday on its homeward journey the Bluebird sped southeast over barren sand dunes. A stiff wind was against the ship and the plane rocked as the pilot battled wind pockets at 110 miles an hour. Out of sight of a railroad or other landmarks, the plane flew an uncharted course over hills and more hills. Visibility from 2,000 feet was clear and nothing but sand craters and an occasional sod house or ranch building could be seen by the flyers.

Motor Mis-Fires. "Omaha by tonight," was in the mind of Pilot Bowen as he "gave the gun" to the full nine cylinders. The motor hummed as it followed a straight southeast course. Soon the Calamus river was sighted and Pilot Bowen struck its course. The country appeared bare. Ranch houses were 15 miles apart.

When the ship lurched and tipped slightly. "Putt—putt! Br-r-r-r. Putt—putt!" It was mis-fire of cylinders. The ship fell a few feet while the reporter's heart retained its altitude. The mis-firing continued.

Natives Gather. Carefully, the pilot steered the plane on a circular course downward as he chose a landing spot in the valley of the Calamus. The plane taxied safely over a sandy field not far from an abandoned homesteader's sod house.

Poor gasoline caused the mis-fire, Pilot Bowen said. The flyers looked about for a haystack, fully conscious of their plight. Soon, ranchers came racing over the hills in flippers and on horseback. They gathered about. Several peered in the cockpits of the plane.

Taken for Bootleggers. "Just down from Canada?" queried one. "Thought you fellows were bootleggers," said another.

"Yeah, we heard this plane went north several days ago after booze," spoke a third. It took some lengthy explaining to convince the ranchers that the ship was on a business assignment for the Omaha Aero club. The ranchers said the nearest telephone was 11 miles away, and the railroad was 35 miles. Hospitality was offered for the night at the H. H. Buell ranch. Two of the flyers drove through the hills to dispatch word of the forced landing to Omaha. Communication had to be made by relay telephone calls.

To lighten the load on the Bluebird, Tooke and the reporter drove 35 miles to Long Pine, Neb., to catch a train. They returned yesterday. The ship will be flown to Omaha today.

Pilot Bowen made the flight from Omaha to Hackberry Lake club, a distance of nearly 400 miles, in three hours and 33 minutes flying time.

When the huge bird circled over the Hunting club the Omaha nimrod—George Brandeis, E. John Brandeis, T. F. Quinlan, J. E. Davidson, Nick Klein, Edward Moore, A. V. Kinsler, James Rait and Charles Burns—gathered below in astonishment.

Plane Slightly Damaged. In landing on what appeared to be a level stretch, one wheel of the Bluebird sank suddenly in the blowing sand and the ship swerved around sharply. The wheel and a wing strut snapped. None of the flyers was injured.

Members of Hackberry club said the Bluebird was the first ship to land in those sand hills. Communication to civilization was impossible except by telephone relays through Valentine or Wood Lake, Neb.

Real hospitality in the form of snug beds and duck dinners was offered the flyers.

War Record May Save Auto Thief From Jail Term

Owner of Machine Does Not Want to Prosecute—Vet To Take Vocational Training.

Joe Shanley's world war record probably will get him out of a scrape which he got into by stealing Robert O'Dell's car from in front of the Athletic club last Sunday. He was arrested with the car in Fairacres Sunday afternoon.

Yesterday O'Dell appeared at Central police station and said he did not want to prosecute him. Adjutant Hough of the American Legion also took an interest in him.

The government bureau of war risk insurance has been searching for Shanley to pay money due him. Arrangements will be made for him to take vocational training at an Omaha school. The government will pay him \$135 a month while he is doing this.

His case will go through the ordinary channels, but when he arrives Nebraska Lose Suit.

Over Note for \$13,736 Dennis Helberg and Anna Helberg who live in Desota, Neb., are directed to pay the Great Western Commission company the sum of \$13,736.17 in a default check handed down yesterday by District Judge Valentine or Wood Lake, Neb.

The company sued on a note alleged to have been made September 25, 1920.

John Cudahy to Marry Daughter of Wealthy St. Louis Business Man

Los Angeles, Oct. 25.—(Special.)—The engagement of Louise Chier Francis, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Francis of St. Louis, to John R. Cudahy of Chicago, eldest son of the late John Cudahy and Mrs. John Cudahy of the Blackstone hotel, Chicago, was announced at a tea given in the afternoon by the parents of Miss Francis in their suite in the Miramar hotel at Santa Monica, where Mr. Cudahy is their guest.

Mr. Francis is a wealthy retired business man of St. Louis and is a nephew of the late Senator Francis of Rhode Island.

No date has been set for the wedding, but it is understood that it will take place early in December in St. Louis.

Tropical Storm Declared To Be Heading for Florida

Havana, Oct. 25.—A tropical storm raged yesterday over the province of Pinar Del Rio and last night was reported as heading toward Florida. There was a heavy rainfall which caused rivers and creeks to rise, but only slight damage resulted.

Vessels destined for Mexican gulf ports are being held in the harbor.

Removal of Body of Former King Ludwig Is Postponed

Berlin, Oct. 25.—(By The Associated Press.)—It is announced from Munich that the removal of the body of former King Ludwig from Sarvar castle to Munich for burial has been definitely postponed owing to the political situation.

Sheriff Clark Enroute With Wohlberg-Masse

Missouri Valley Cattle Loan Company Officers Give Up Fight to Prevent Facing Indictment.

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 25.—(Special.)—Jacob Masse and Charles S. Wohlberg, charged with using the mails in a scheme to defraud, who are wanted in Omaha on a state case enraging them with embezzling the funds of the Missouri Valley Cattle Loan company, in addition to the federal complaint, yesterday abandoned their plan to appeal from the judgment of United States District Judge Bledsoe, denying them a writ of habeas corpus, and gave bond of \$25,000 each for their appearance in Omaha when needed for trial on the federal complaint.

A visit of the attorneys of the accused to San Francisco, where it was proposed to endeavor to get out a writ of supersedeas from the United States circuit court, convinced them that nothing was to be gained by such a procedure.

Immediately after the bond had been approved by Commissioner Long, Masse and Wohlberg were rearrested by officers from Omaha, headed by County Attorney A. V. Shotwell. Sheriff Mike Clark left for the east with the prisoners last night. The second arrest was on the state embezzlement charge. Both Masse and Wohlberg say they will be able to get bail on this allegation when they get among friends in Nebraska.

Baby's Cries Save Parents in Fire

Fremont Couple Awakened to Find House Blazing—Escape Through Window.

Fremont, Neb., Oct. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Occupants of the farm home of Axel Jensen, east of Fremont, were saved from death yesterday morning by a year-old baby, who spread the alarm of fire by his cries and awakened his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hutchinson, in the same room. The smoke that filled the house awoke the infant, who in turn warned his parents of approaching danger. When they awoke they found the house burning beneath them.

The stairway leading to the lower floors was a mass of flames, which made it impossible to escape through that avenue. They called lustily through the bedroom window for help and Victor Koyenk, a neighbor, was attracted to the scene. He drove his automobile alongside the burning house beneath the window. Mrs. Hutchinson and the baby were lowered to safety by means of bed blankets to the top of the car.

Before help could be summoned the flames, which started beneath the kitchen range, were beyond control. The house, owned by Edward Benton, Fremont, was valued at \$5,000. Little insurance covered the loss. The furniture and household possessions were a total loss, except for the piano and Victrola, which were salvaged. The Fremont fire department answered a call, but was only able to fight the flames with chemicals.

"Stutter Step" Is Latest Dancing Craze in the East

New York, Oct. 25.—Exit the fox trot, the toddle, the Chicago and other terepicheorean atrocities. The stutter step is here. You do it with your conversation and not with your feet.

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