Mathews Works on Reorganizing of Defunct Company

Omaha Banker Made Trusty in State Prison—Stenographer Calls to Take Dictation.

Lincoln, April 22.—(Special.)—From the state penitentiary, W. V. Mathews, former president of the Pioneer State bank and Guaranty Securities company, says he is directing the work of a reorganization committee of the later company.

Mathews has received many business callers; his wife visits him twice a week and his stenographer, Miss Beatrice Beeld, in charge of his office at Omaha, has taken dictation from him at the penitentiary.

Mathews wears an up-to-date business suit of blue serge ,a blue cap, russet shoes, neat negligee shirt and necktie. Other prisoners wear civilian clothes if they can afford them.

Mathews has been appointed an assistant to the prison steward, W. A. Kirby, which means he is a trusty.

"Yes, Mathews is a trusty," Warden Fenton says, "and his duties take him outside the walls, but not away from the reservation. We've got men who are trusties, who get as many if not more privileges than Mathews.

"The greatest difficulty in managing a prison is in finding men one can trust outside prison walls. Mathews, I believe, is trustworthy, and that's the reason he has these privileges. After he finishes his work he has permission to attend to his private affairs, the same as other prisoners.

"It's true he is a banker. But I have men who stole a piece of bacon and a loaf of bread who are trusties."

Kearney Gas Plant Is Wrecked by Explosion

Kearney, Neb., April 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The Kearney gas plant was partly wrecked by the explosion of a compressor this afternoon. The compressor was damaged beyond repair and the south and west walls of the building were blown out. Charles Adams, working about the plant, noted something wrong and started to shut off a valve regulating the gas flow. The explosion followed. Adams was blown out of the building, his clothing afire. He was severely burned about the face, chest, head and hands, but physicians believe he will recover. Last winter the plant was completely destroyed by an explosion, followed by fire.

Consolidated School Will Be Dedicated April 28

Lodgepole, Neb., April 22. — (Special.)—The consolidated school, located 9 miles north of Lodgepole, which was completed this year at a cost of $40,000, will be dedicated April 28. Programs will be given in morning and afternoon, big basket dinner at noon, music by Lodgepole community band, and a play in the evening.

State Superintendent John M. Matzen will be on the program, and J. C. Osborne of Omaha, state president of the Farmers' Union, also will speak.

Ohio Congressman Boosts Great Lakes Waterway

Columbus, O., April 22.—Opening of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence tidewater project as the only salvation for manufacturers of the middle west from excessive freight rates, was advocated by Congressman W. W. Chambers of Toledo, in an address here before the Ohio Inland Waterways commission.

W. L. Harding, former governor of Iowa, and Charles P. Craig of Duluth, secretary of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater association, also set forth the advantages of the proposed St. Lawrence canal.

Portuguese Aviators Fly 810 Miles in Eleven Hours

Fernando Noronha, Brazil, April 22.—Captains Coutinho and Sacadura the Portuguese aviators who flew from the Cape Verde islands to the St. Paul Rocks, assert that they covered 810 miles in 11 1-2 hours. Owing to a shortage of gasoline as they neared the St Paul Rocks they had to descend, notwithstanding the heavy sea. The waves quickly demolished the hydro-airplane.

The aviators say that they will remain here pending receipt of instructions from Portugal.

Difficulties in Chilean Senate Are Smoothed Over

Santiago, Chile., April 22.—The difficulties between President Alessandra and the Chilean senate, which developed to an acute stage Thursday night when a majority of the senators pronounced criticism upon the president, were composed today after long drawn out efforts by independent parties.

Election Contest Is Rumored in Randolph

Randolph, Neb., April 22.—(Special.)—The recent municipal election here may be contested, according to unofficial reports. The contest is planned in the Second ward, claims being made that the polls were closed before the designated hour. No official action has been taken.

Man Held on Murder Charge at Randolph Found Insane

Randolph, Neb., April 22.—(Special.)—A. J. Mrsny, who attempted to kill his wife here in a shooting scrape some time ago, has been adjudged insane and taken to the state asylum at Norfolk. Prosecution of the case has been deferred during the time of his confinement.

Opens Headquarters.

Lincoln, April 22.—(Special.) — A. H. Byrum, another republican seeking nomination for governor, opened political headquarters here. The headquarters are in charge of R. G. Douglas of Osceola.

The Bee Leads Other Papers in Sport News.

Federated Church Raises $1,000 a Minute to Pay Debt

Columbus, Neb., April 22.—(Special.)—Raising $30,000 in 30 minutes the congregation of the new Federated church here dedicated their edifice free of debt. The building was built with a view to meeting the needs for years to come and is a splendid example of modern church architecture.

It is equipped for two motion picture machines, which will be installed later, and two dining rooms, perfectly appointed. It incorporates features to be found in houses of worship whose members believe that the church should link the social and the religious life of its congregation.

Everything Modern.

The edifice has ground dimensions 72 by 92 feet. It is 48 feet high, two stories and a full basement. The two dining rooms in the basement are so designed that they can be opened into one large room with a seating capacity of 350 and a kitchen 22 by 32 feet, with built-in cupboards and cabinets. There are also class rooms for the lower grades of the Sunday school. The Ladies' Aid society thoroughly equipped this part of the building at cost of $1,500.

On the main and second floors are rooms for the higher classes of the Sunday school, there being 20 class rooms in all, so that every class has an individual room.

The main auditorium, including the gallery, has a seating capacity of 550. With the Sunday school assembly room opened 700 people may be seated at a service, all within view and hearing of the pulpit.

The total cost of the building was $90,000.

Buy Pipe Organ.

A new pipe organ, which will be the largest in the city, has been ordered by the ladies' society. It is being specially built to fit the organ loft and will be installed during the summer at a cost of about $5,000.

In dedicating this beautiful building, the congregation is realzing the culmination of the federation of the local Congregational and Presbyterian churches, which was effected in 1914. The two churches had existed as separate organizations nearly half a century. The Congregational was founded in October, 1866, and the Presbyterian in January, 1870. Only one charter member of either congregation is still a resident of Columbus. She is Mrs. Theda M. Coolidge.

Organized in 1914.

In 1913, on account of the serious illness of Rev. George Munro, pastor of the Congregational church, Rev. George Williams, pastor of the Presbyterian, held union services for the two congregations. The advantages of a united organization were soon discovered and a commission was appointed to draw up articles of federation. The permanent federation was effected in July, 1914.

The articles of federation provide that each church is to maintain its identity, support the missionary and benevolent agencies of its own denomination. All the organizations connected with the church are federated. Auxiliary societies raising funds for missionary purposes divide the proceeds equally between the two denominations.

Successful Federation.

There are many federated churches in the state, but probably few, if any, have achieved more success than the one in Columbus. The cooperation is excellent. Contributions for the larger work of the denominations in this country and foreign fields have greatly increased. Two hundred and sixty young people are enrolled in the Sabbath school and the membership of the federation is 382. Since the coming of Rev. Thomas Griffiths to the pastorate in 1915, 216 names have been added to the membership, and 60 have been lost through death or removal.

After the federation was effected, the work was carried on under many difficulties occasioned by lack of equipment. The new church was finally projected and the cornerstone was laid April 11, 1920. In the meantime, the old buildings had been abandoned and the money derived from their sale, applied toward the cost of the new. For a year and a half the services were held in the Y. M. C. A., and for the past 14 months the basement and Sunday school rooms of the new building have been in use.

Extensive Program in Kearney Arbor Day

Kearney, Neb., April 22.—(Special.)—The Arbor day program in Kearney, as mapped out by the city beautiful committee, included the setting out of 200 elm trees along the cemetery road, extending seven blocks north of the Lincoln highway. These trees have been secured by popular subscription, it being arranged through the Chamber of Commerce to purchase and set out a tree for $2.50 each. The boy scouts planted one tree for every Buffalo county soldier who died in the world war. School children confined their Arbor day activities to beautification of school grounds with trees and hedges, while the Women's club is looking to the need of the city's parks. The slogan adopted by the committee was, "Every Family Plant a Tree." This committee was representative of every civic organization in Kearney.

Cotner University Head to Dedicate Verdon Church

Stella, Neb., April 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Dr. A. D. Harmon, president of Cotner university, will preach the dedicatory sermon for the new Christian church at Verdun Sunday. Services will be held morning, afternoon and evening. The Ladies' aid will serve free lunch at close of afternoon services.

C. W. Sorrel, who is finishing his studies at Cotner university, is pastor of the church. Verdon has had a Christian church since the early days of the town, recently selling the old building for a residence and buying and remodeling the abandoned Evangelical church, making the edifice modern, with a valuation of approximately $6,500. The church has a parsonage property valued at $1,000.

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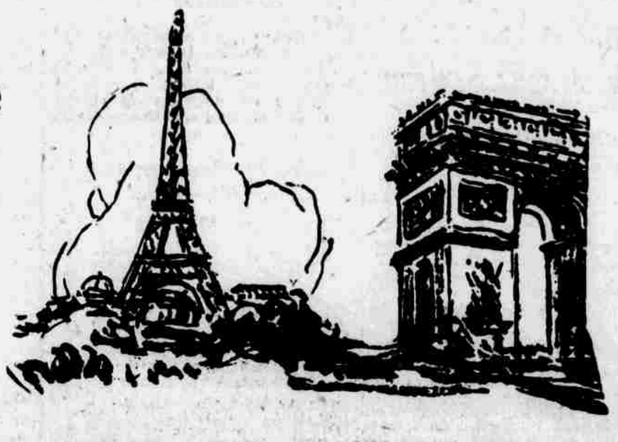

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