

SENDER VERDICT OF "NOT GUILTY"

Eugene Jester and Robert McQuade Cleared by Jurors of Charge of Breaking and Entering Box Car

PROGRESS IN NEW CASE

Prosecuting Witness Took Stand this Morning in Trial of Thomas Fightmaster, Charged With Rape.

At 1:40 o'clock this morning the jury in the case of the state vs. Robert McQuade and Eugene Jester, reached an agreement and returned a verdict of not guilty. Judge W. G. Clements, attorneys John E. Craig and Theodore Craig and the district court clerk were summoned during the wee hours of the morning and appeared in the court room before the sealed verdict was opened and read.

Shortly after retiring at the conclusion of the case the twelve petit jurors immediately plunged into a disagreement and at 2 o'clock the work was sent to Judge Clements that an agreement and at 2 o'clock the word divided were the jurors that, after a session of only a few hours, some were ready to give it up.

Little Girl Takes Stand.

Timid and sobbing, thirteen-year-old Laura Salzgaver, prosecuting witness in the case of the state vs. Thomas Fightmaster, of Croton, charged with rape, took the stand this morning and went through a trying ordeal which lasted for nearly two hours.

The witness proved a difficult one from an attorney's standpoint. In the witness chair she presented a pathetic picture. Nervous and with her face flushed and eyes swimming in tears, she answered "I don't know," or "I don't remember," to most of the questions, especially those in the cross-examination.

Afternoon Session.

Attorney McCoid resumed the cross-examination of Laura Salzgaver this afternoon. The girl's demeanor on the stand was slightly changed. Her mind seemed to be in a whirl and she failed to concentrate her thoughts in answer to any of the questions.

To Anamosa Tonight.

Deputy Sheriff Crimmins leaves this evening for Anamosa with five prisoners, who will spend from five to twenty years each. They are: Walter Roy Woodbury, twenty years; Eugene Stack, ten years; John Wilkerson ten years; Ed. Kebo, five years; Randolph Morton, ten years.

On Trial For Manslaughter.

DAVENPORT, March 31.—After two days spent in getting a jury, Gus Nelbert, a well-to-do Davenport man, was placed on trial for manslaughter for having shot his father-in-law, after discovering Thanksgiving day that Gilbert had a son by his own daughter, who Nelbert afterward married. The charge against Nelbert is manslaughter, the defense is temporary insanity. The first witnesses were physicians to establish Gilbert's death.

LATE AFTERNOON BULLETINS

HOBOKEN, N. J., March 31.—Emil Karl Bonmueller, better known as the marrying count, arrested in Los Angeles some time ago on charge of bigamy, was sentenced today to eight years at hard labor. He admitted having married one or two and was charged with having married at least twenty.

McALISTER, Okla., March 31.—Six men were killed in an explosion in mine No. 2, at Fullerton today.

HARRINGTON FINED \$30 AND COSTS

Court Room of Justice James Burrows Crowded When Case Was Called This Morning.

The charge of assault with intent to do great bodily injury, brought by Attorney W. J. Roberts against James Harrington, following the Main street incident of Tuesday morning, was changed to a charge of assault and battery, and to this the defendant entered a plea of guilty at 10 o'clock this morning in the court of Justice James S. Burrows. The magistrate thereupon fined Harrington \$30 and costs, the latter amounting to \$2.85.

The act of striking with the fist under the circumstances which Harrington did, does not constitute sufficient grounds upon which to prosecute a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily injury, which is an indictable misdemeanor, and, unless Harrington had a weapon other than those provided by nature, there was no evidence that he meant to seriously injure Roberts. The charge was modified, Harrington changed his plea and the sentence of the court imposed.

P. O. SUB-STATION SHOWS BIG GAIN

Increase of Stamp Sales and Money Order Receipts Shows Up Much Larger Than Last Year.

I. C. Reeves, in charge of postoffice sub-station No. 1, has made a report to Postmaster S. W. Moorhead for the quarter ending March 31, which shows the large increase in money order and postage stamp receipts over the same quarter, January, February and March of last year. The sale of stamps for the first quarter of 1909 amounted to \$3,030.56, while the quarter just ended shows a sale of \$3,572.98, a gain of \$542.42 over the 1909 first quarter sales.

DRIVER OF WAGON SERIOUSLY HURT

C. W. McClure, While Driving Between Here and Montrose, Gets Entangled in Wheels.

C. W. McClure, while driving one of the wagons belonging to the Home Tea company between this city and Montrose, was seriously injured today. The wagon was somewhat overloaded and McClure had halted the horse preparatory to dismounting to see if he could arrange the load more satisfactorily, when the horse started up suddenly, throwing him out of the wagon. In falling he became entangled in the wheels, it is said, and was dragged some distance.

As a result of the mishap McClure has sustained a broken arm and three broken ribs.

HALLEY'S COMET COMING RAPIDLY

Can Be Seen Early Tomorrow Morning In Just Before the Sun Comes Rolling Up.

ST. LOUIS, March 31.—Only 130,000,000 miles will separate the earth from Halley's comet Friday. Being All Fools' day, one will take chances on feeling the threatening visitor with the naked eye. Since the comet came from behind the sun a few days ago it has been seen dimly through the three-inch telescope at St. Louis University.

The comet is now traveling earthward at a rate of twenty-five miles a second, and the earth is rushing out into space to meet it at the rate of eighteen miles a second. According to Father Martin S. Brennan, the astral visitor should be plainly visible to the unaided eye on the morning of April 8. It will continually rise higher and higher in the sky and by the latter part of the month it will be seen in a westerly direction.

The comet is rising earlier each succeeding morning, and on April 1, will dash above the eastern horizon at 5:12 o'clock. Only the best of trained eyes will see the visitor without the use of a telescope before April 8. Then the phenomenon will be free to the whole world.

MRS. HIGGINS DIED IN CHICAGO

Mrs. Isabelle Higgins, a Former Well Known Keokuk Woman, Died Today at Her Home

SON IS CALLED HOME

George T. Higgins of this City, Left Last Evening for Chicago, Called There by Mother's Illness.

A message was received here this morning announcing the death of Mrs. Isabelle Higgins in Chicago this morning. At what time the elderly lady passed away was not stated in the telegram, but particulars of the death are expected later today or tomorrow morning.

George T. Higgins of this city was called to Chicago last evening, called there by the serious illness of his mother and it is not known whether he arrived before her death or not. Her demise was due very probably to infirmities of advanced age. Mrs. Higgins being seventy-seven years old at the time of her death.

About twenty years ago, she with her family were well known residents of this city, George T. Higgins, Sr., having been sheriff of Lee county for several terms and was in business here at one time. The family was one of the older and better known of the city, a number of years ago. The death of Mr. Higgins, husband of Mrs. Isabelle Higgins, occurred about five years ago, in Chicago.

Born in Canada. Isabelle Fanning was born in the Dominion of Canada in 1833. In the year 1849, she was united in marriage to George T. Higgins in Cincinnati and came to this city in 1853 where she resided until the late eighties. It was then that she with her husband removed to Chicago, where both husband and wife passed away.

Mrs. Higgins was always a devout member of the Catholic faith, being a member of St. Peter's Catholic church of this city and of St. Peter's church in Cincinnati and was a marriage of prominence. While residents of this city, both were well known and among the most prominent citizens.

Mrs. Higgins was the last of her family, her brothers and sisters having passed away several years ago and a long lineage has reached its termination in her death.

Those who survive are her children: John, Edward and George T., the latter of Keokuk, daughters, Margaret and Rose of Chicago. G. W. Fanning of this city is a nephew of the deceased lady.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday morning from the residence in Chicago, 3034 Bosworth avenue.

PREACHER WANTS TO GET DIVORCE

Charges that His Wife Bit Him and also Took a Shot at Him.

CHICAGO, March 31.—Theodore Tillmans, formerly a German Evangelical minister, who was arrested Tuesday on the charge of wife abandonment preferred by his wife, Minta Tillmans, filed suit in the circuit court yesterday asking for a divorce. He charges his wife with cruelty and alleges that on several occasions she attempted to kill herself to gain the sympathy of neighbors.

Among the instances cited are the following: July, 1908—Made a towel into rope and attempted to hang herself. June, 1909—Swallowed a quantity of acornite, which nearly killed her. July, 1909—Bit him in the hand. August, 1909—Shot at him with the intention of killing him.

Tillmans alleges that on account of his wife's conduct he was forced to resign from a pastorate Oct. 1, 1909.

DUPONT PLANT BLEW UP TODAY

Eastern Mill Exploded and Two Workmen Were Blown to Atom.

SCRANTON, Pa., March 31.—With a roar that could be heard for miles, the powder mills of the E. I. Dupont company, at Jermy, near here blew up at 10 o'clock today.

—Ralph B. Smith retires today from the county clerk's office, as deputy. C. Bruce Lake has succeeded him as previously noted.

PRINTER'S UNION WRITES SENATORS

Post Office Appropriation Bill Now Before the House Would Help the Typographical Union

GOVERNMENT COULD DO PRINTING AT A FIGURE TOO LOW FOR COMPETITION IF BILL IS TURNED DOWN.

Keokuk Typographical union No. 68 is greatly interested and concerned in a bill now before the senate of the United States senate, which, with the other printer's unions of the country, they are trying by methods of fairness to have passed, letters being sent to the nation's fathers, who form that special committee which has the Post Office Appropriation bill in charge.

The bill has passed the House of representatives and the printer's unions of the land are making a concerted effort by written letters, asking assistance and favorable consideration on the part of the senate committee in the matter.

Yesterday, the secretary of the local typographical union wrote letters to fifteen members of the senate, and to Congressman Kennedy of this district. The burden of these epistles follows: "The postoffice appropriation bill now before the senate, and which has passed the house of representatives, has a clause in it to prohibit the printing by the government of return cards on envelopes at such a figure as to render competition by the private employer impossible.

"We are opposed to the policy of the postoffice department in this matter, as it is an invasion of the private printing field, and not only does it injure by its effect, the private employer, but the printing craft generally, and I voice the sentiments of our entire organization on the attitude of the postoffice department in this matter.

"We do not believe that the government should invade the private printing field so as to make competition impossible, any more than it should enter into direct competition with any other lines of commerce. We know it will be equally detrimental to the printing employer and employee.

"We therefore feel that all connected with the printing industry have just cause for complain in the postoffice department's policy in this matter of vital importance to us all.

"Hoping that favorable action will be taken in this matter by you, we are yours, etc. "Keokuk Typographical Union No. 68."

'RUBE' BURCH GOOD IN MATHEMATICS

He Figures it Out that if Screws are Big Fewer of them Come to the Gross.

Although "Rube" Burch of baseball fame rusticated for many years in the backwoods of Doe Run, Mo., it must be said he has brushed up quite a bit since blowing into this burg. But even yet he gets in bad once in a while and gives the press a little material or food for the fans to digest.

The latest is a good one. Burch was working along side of his manager and side kicker, "Pa" Belt the other day and the two were nailing down seats in the grand stand, and were using screws in the work. Belt knew just about how many screws were needed and thus purchased accordingly.

When the work was nearly completed Burch called for a short distance that he thought there were not enough screws for the work.

"O, there certainly must be," said Belt. "I figured out just how many were needed and purchased two gross."

In evident triumph the tall south-paw held up one of the screws in the light of the sun and returned: "Well, you see, these screws are pretty big ones and not very many come to the gross."

Belt was convulsed in laughter and soon made an excuse to quit work in order that he might return to the cigar store to tell the joke.

TRY TO PREVENT THE PRIZE FIGHT Lawyer Has Been Retained to Put a Stop to Jeffries-Johnson Battle.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—The sporting public is on the anxious seat awaiting the first move of Colas White, the attorney retained by the Oakland church federation to prevent the Jeffries-Johnson fight at Emeryville. White was once district attorney of San Francisco and is known as an able lawyer. His friends are confident that he will make a hot fight for the cause of the ministers who have retained him.

IOWA FARMS ARE GOLD MINES

Holden Seed Corn Special Over the Rock Island Road Has Been Doing Some Splendid Missionary Work

STATE AVERAGE ON CORN SHOULD BE AT LEAST 55 BUSHELS PER ACRE INSTEAD OF ONLY 38 BUSHLS.

[Special to The Gate City.] WALNUT, Iowa, March 31.—A farmer who attended the lecture of the Ames experts here expressed the situation in a few words when he remarked: "It's a d—n shame that us Iowa farmers have to be paid and bribed to make greater profits for ourselves." The remark is along the line of that made by a southern Iowa farmer who attended a recent short course and who remarked: "The trouble with us farmers is that we are farmers from the chin down and vacuum from the chin up."

A week on the Holden seed corn special train run by the Rock Island railroad is enough to convince any person that Iowa farmers have never realized their possibilities before. Iowa farms are gold mines, but they have simply been scratched, not plowed deep or worked hard, heretofore.

"Great as are our possibilities, we have come nowhere near realizing the best that lies in the land," declared Prof. A. H. Snyder, the Ames soil expert, who is accompanying the Rock Island train this week. "For a long time little or no attention was paid to rotation of crops and then slowly the farmers learned that it does not pay to plant ground continuously to corn, but that it should be given a rest every few years and devoted to clover or some legume. Then we took to using fertilizers and the movement to feed home-grown corn to livestock and return to the soil the elements of fertility of which it had been robbed in growing the corn made headway. And now we are teaching the farmers that before even the ground is plowed or harrowed the seed must be tested and Nature must be given a fair chance to do her work. Iowa farmers are making progress, but it is slow."

It is a fact, however, that seed corn testing is being carried on far more generally than has been believed. One farmer at Massena a few days ago stated that he had heard of the seed corn agitation and had decided to test his corn in advance of the arrival of the Holden special. He did so and found fully half of the ears he had picked out were worthless. He promptly threw away the poor ears and then took samples of those he had tested perfect to the experts of the Holden train, who tested them and whose judgment corresponded with his. He has enough seed corn already tested to plant 210 acres and is not through with the good work.

Scores of other farmers along the line of the Rock Island are doing the same. The Holden special is not coming along telling the farmers something they did not know before, but it is encouraging them, commending them, giving them a pat on the back to keep them at the work until Iowa acres shall yield an average fully twice as much as they have been yielding.

"A yield of forty bushels to the acre is simply a yield of one nubbin, weighing 12 1/2 ounces, to the ell," pointed out Professor Bowman at today's meeting. "Three kernels were planted, but only one yielded and it but a poor little ear. The other two kernels sacrificed on the altar of poor seed corn. There is not an acre of corn land along the Rock Island that is not capable of yielding a half ear more than it does now. If it did the state average would be fifty-eight bushels, instead of about thirty-eight bushels. This would mean millions of dollars added to our wealth each year. Are the Iowa farmers going to realize their possibilities? Will the vacuum of which the good southern Iowa farmer spoke be filled at last?"

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To the Theatergoers of Keokuk: Your attention is called to the fact that the advance sale of seats for Joseph M. Weber's production of the tremendous Weber Theater, (New York) success THE CLIMAX

Statement of City Finances. There have been a number of misstatements in regard to the City Finances and for the purpose of giving a correct statement to the people of the city the following statement was prepared. It is given in the interest of no candidates and merely to show the facts:

Leaving a balance in the treasury of 166.35 The funds were expended as follows: Board of Health 3,092.45 Bridge account 1,409.99 Expense account (general) 58,255.28 Fire account 11,318.61 Market account 139.60 Nuisance account 372.36 Park account 4,301.69 Police 10,037.54 Sewer 1,236.32 Sidewalk account 4,751.05 Street account 31,215.83 Street Lighting 7,889.90 Water Works 6,318.23 Wharf 131.71 Interest 10,030.00 Bonds Redeemed 4,000.00

Total \$154,550.56 The expense account above includes \$29,000.00 for refunding time warrants issued last spring, \$5,875.00 paid into the sinking fund and \$3,000.00 paid into the library fund. The city still owes: In outstanding warrants drawing interest \$ 5,777.33 In signed warrants still in possession of clerk 2,900.12 Claim of water works not included in above 1,296.50 Claim of light company not included in above 11.00 March accounts now due: Salaries \$2,000.00 Light (est.) 850.00 Water (contract rate) 710.67 Total \$3,560.67

Total floating indebtedness \$13,455.52 The present council should not be charged with all of this, as their report shows that they paid an overdraft of the former council amounting to \$1,172.47 They still have in the treasury 166.35

If this amount is deducted from the floating indebtedness it leaves to be charged to the present council \$12,117.80. It may be stated in closing that the council expect to receive from the Milet Tax at the beginning of April about \$3,000.00 or \$4,000.00. This money will be paid in by the County Treasurer.

RALPH B. SMITH.

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WANTED—Girls fourteen to sixteen years, to work in fitting room at shoe factory. 3t

WANTED—Stenographer, make typewritten pen signed application, stating experience. Address A. B. this of. Rec. 31-1f

FOR SALE. FOR SALE—Farm of 120 acres, 11-quire on premises, Ira S. Sims, Keokuk, Iowa, R. F. D. No. 1. eod

FOR SALE—Four lots on which Casino is located. A. D. Ayres. 28-1f.

FOR SALE—Automobile in good repair, will sell for \$225. Address "Automobile," care of Gate City. 2t

THERE WAS A WOMAN IN CASE Mississippi Senatorial Contest Enlivened by Reports of a Mysterious Go Between.

JACKSON, Miss., March 31.—Further evidence of the woman who was the go-between of the Percy faction in the recent senatorial contest have been brought to light. Witnesses who testified before the grand jury have been allowed to repeat their testimony before the senate. Her name has not been disclosed, although she was mentioned by several who testified.

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