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BECOMES BENEDICT

McMahon and Barrett Wedding at Dunlap.

Two Accounts of Marriage of Charter Oak's Popular Postmaster.

The jolly, genial, whole-souled bachelor postmaster is a bachelor no more. He departed bachelordom on February 19th and the young lady whose charms attracted him into matrimonial paths was Miss Marie Barrett, one of Dunlap's fairest daughters. To say we wish them happiness and extend hearty congratulations is but to voice the sentiment of the people of Crawford county for Mr. McMahon is one of the best liked and most popular of our citizens. We publish below accounts of the wedding taken from the Charter Oak Times and Dunlap Reporter.

At high noon Tuesday, February 19, at St. Luke's church, Dunlap, occurred the marriage of Miss Marie Barrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Barrett, of Dunlap, and Mr. P. D. McMahon, of Charter Oak, Rev. I. C. White officiating. The bride was gowned in a golden brown tailor suit with white chiffon vest, and carried a flower bouquet of pink roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Bartley, of Lincoln, an old college friend of Miss Barrett, was neatly attired in a pale blue silk waist and black satin skirt. The best man was Mr. Chas. Rottler, of Charter Oak. Only the members of the immediate family were present at the church. At the conclusion of the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the elegant home of the bride's parents where a sumptuous dinner was served in four courses to twenty-four guests. The bride's table was artistically decorated. A beautiful bouquet of red and white carnations graced the center of the other tables. Mr. and Mrs. McMahon, accompanied by Miss Bartley and Mr. Rottler, took the afternoon train for Omaha. Wednesday morning Mr. and Mrs. McMahon left for Chicago where they will spend a few days, and from there they will go to Milwaukee to visit some of the bride's college friends. Miss Barrett is one of Dunlap's popular and most accomplished young ladies, receiving her education at the Sa-

cred Heart Seminary at Omaha, and at St. Mary's Hall, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. At her home she has been a leader in social and church circles, is a gifted musician and has directed the choir of the Catholic church at Dunlap. The groom is one of the most prominent and successful business men of this place. He is a member of the firm of Bolieu, McMahon & Co., the resident manager for Shaw & Kuehnle's interests in this section of the county, and postmaster. Mr. McMahon is one of the most popular men in the western part of the county; is personally admired and respected by all who know him. Mr. and Mrs. McMahon will make their home in the groom's beautifully furnished house upon their return from their wedding trip. The bride has many friends here who are glad to welcome her to her new home and who with the friends of the groom know that she will be a welcome addition to the social life of Charter Oak.—Charter Oak Times.

The wedding was a quiet affair being attended only by relatives. At the conclusion of the ceremony a delicious four-course dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents, at which twenty-two plates were laid. The dining room was beautifully decorated with smilax, cut roses and ferns, and spoke well for the artistic ability of Miss Ryan.

The bridal party left for Omaha Tuesday afternoon. From there they went to Chicago and other eastern points. Upon their return to Iowa they will make their home at Charter Oak, where Mr. McMahon is postmaster and has business interests.

The marriage removes from Dunlap one of its queens of society. Miss Barrett was exceedingly popular, beloved by a host of friends, who can but wish for her and her husband happiness and prosperity.—Dunlap Reporter.

ABERDEEN-ANGUS IN AMERICA.

The North British Agriculturist published at Edinburgh, Scotland, in its issue of February 13th publishes the following from Mr. W. A. McHenry: Writing to us under date of January 24th, Mr. W. A. McHenry, of Denison, Iowa, the famous importer and breeder of Aberdeen-Angus cattle, says: The demand for Aberdeen-Angus cattle in America is increasing since we took six out of eight over-all champions at Chicago. I sold McHenry Blackbird 8th yesterday at 500 dollars. He was sired by the great champion-getter Heather Blackbird. I am now using in my herd three imported bulls, namely,—Proteros, Edyrn, and Elburg. The last named bull—Elburg—was bred by your late Queen. We, as Americans, wish to sympathize with you in the loss of a grand old mother and ruler. We hope and trust that the son will be equal to ruling a great people.

THE MISSING PAPERS.

Considerable local excitement was caused the past week by the announcement that the State evidence in the recent express robbery case had been stolen. Inquiry developed the fact that the mayor, after hearing the case on Tuesday last week, gathered the papers referring to the same together in his docket and carried them down to his store, and placed them on a desk in the rear end of the same as had always been his custom, and paid no further attention to them until Friday evening when he again referred to them for the purpose of making out his transcript, when he discovered, to his astonishment, that the evidence of the State witnesses, which had been taken down upon paper by the court reporter were missing. It is believed that they have been stolen, for had the mayor lost them through ordinary carelessness, it seems hardly possible that just the particular part of the history bearing against the prisoners would have been missing, as the other papers were left intact. Mayor Campbell was completely dumfounded by the strange disappearance of the papers and does not even have a suspicion of who the guilty parties are. He went over Saturday and laid the matter before the court to the best of his ability, under the circumstances, and was informed that the parties concerned in the theft had simply their trouble for their pains, as the loss of the evidence would make no difference in the case—simply necessitating the calling of the witnesses before the grand jury and rehearing their testimony.—Manilla Republican.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

Marvin Hart knocked out "Austrian Jimmy" Ryan in the eighth round of his boxing Monday night.

Martin, the American jockey, has been suspended from the Egyptian turf for fouling a gentleman rider at the Cairo races.

Major L. N. F. Crozier, a merchant of Cushing, O. T., and vice president of the Bank of Indian Territory, dropped dead in a barber shop at Guthrie Monday.

Dr. Charles P. Anet, once a colonel in the United States army and a participant in the early Indian campaigns in the west, died at Waukegan, Ills., Monday, aged 88 years.

A free for all fight in Hancock county, Tennessee, between Thomas Holdman and his sons on one side and John Tye and his boys on the other, resulted in the death of Thomas Holdman and Will Tye.

Thus far 31 cases of bubonic plague have been reported in Cape Town, including six Europeans. There have been six deaths from the disease, one European being among the number. It is expected that several cases under treatment will prove fatal.

CASE IS POSTPONED

Grand Jury lay Express Case Over to Mch 7

Many Witnesses Were Exam- ined—But Decision is De- layed.

The grand jury spent one day in considering the case of Jackson and Stovall charged with robbing the express safe at Manilla. In the hope that something new might turn up the prosecution was not anxious to try the case at this term of court and in order to avoid this we are informed that the grand jury adjourned until March 7 when it is probable that an indictment will be returned.

From the report of the preliminary examination and from conversation with various parties we gather that the testimony of the defense is something along this line.

One witness testifies that he was in a saloon in Manilla with Jackson and Stovall when the train whistled in and that Jackson remarked, "There is the train," and that he left the saloon with Stovall going toward the depot. Another witness saw them on the way to the station and states that Jackson doctored into an alley when he passed. Another witness will testify that he heard Jackson say to another man on the platform, "Don't hurry the east bound train is two hours late anyway."

About three blocks east of the depot the tracks were found in the fresh snow of two men evidently carrying a safe. The strap hung down and this left a track in the snow. The prosecution witnesses claim that the foot prints correspond exactly to the dimensions of overshoes identified as belonging to Stovall and Jackson, even to a diamond-shaped trademark on one of the men. These tracks were traced to a hollow where the safe was opened and a sledge and crowbar were found which witnesses claim were owned by Jackson and were seen in his possession about two weeks before the robbery.

The tracks led in a round about way to the vicinity of Jackson's home. It is further stated that witnesses testified to calling at Jackson's home about 10 p. m. and being informed that Jackson was not at home, a watch was kept upon the house until 5 a. m., and it is stated that Jackson was not seen to enter up to that time. It is also stated that Jackson and Stovall were gone from Manilla all of the day following and up to the time of their arrest. After the tracks left the safe a number of way bills, express letters and a package of jewelry marked value \$100 was found in the snow.

The defense will attempt to prove an alibi claiming that Jackson and Stovall were at home and could not possibly be connected with the robbery. They claim that the men were of previously good reputation, not of the class to plan and execute such a daring robbery and that their innocence can be proven. The jewelry package marked \$100 is the only valuable so far recovered by the express company. They are reticent as to its loss, but it is known that at least \$2000 is missing.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

William Riblet, a miner, employed in the Revenue tunnel, was killed by a snow slide in Geneva gulch, Colorado.

The dock engineers and longshoremen's unions at Cleveland have decided to strike in sympathy with the marine engineers.

Theodore Olson, a wealthy manufacturer of Helena, Ark., was shot and killed Monday by Bailey Judge, a young man in his employ.

William Wood shot and instantly killed M. P. Phillips, his sister's father-in-law, in a quarrel over family troubles at Woodburn, Ills., Monday.

Beef marrow will form one of the principal food products which Lieutenant Baldwin will use on his polar expedition, which is to sail from Tromsø, Norway, June 10.

The private bank of Palmer & Mayer at Des Moines, Ills., failed to open its doors Monday. It held about \$26,000 deposits. Experiments with liquid air are said to have caused the trouble.

The date for the execution of Tom Ketchum, better known as "Black Jack," whose band of outlaws terrorized New Mexico for a long time, was fixed by the court for March 27.

SALSBURY UNDER ARREST.

State's Attorney Deneen Will Push Barton Case.

STORY BEHIND THE DEAL.

Statement Issued by Attorney of the Omaha Capitalist—The Fifty Thousand Dollars Has Been Restored to Rightful Owners—Loophole for the Accused.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—Under a capias, issued on a new indictment by the Cook county grand jury, Lant K. Salsbury was formally placed under arrest on a charge of embezzling \$50,000 placed in escrow some two weeks ago as part of an alleged fund to be used in securing a \$4,000,000 contract for the construction of municipal water works at Grand Rapids, Mich., where he is city attorney. He was released on bonds of \$5,000.

A statement was issued by Attorney Crofoot, the representative of Guy C. Barton, the Omaha millionaire, from whom the \$50,000 had been obtained. In this statement, Crofoot refers to the \$50,000 as a portion of a fund needed in the water works deal "for legal and promotion expenses."

He asserts that "under the circumstances Mr. Barton would personally much prefer not to be instrumental in continuing the prosecution, but that the case is in the hands of State's Attorney Deneen and will have to take the usual course."

What is regarded as a loophole for the defense of Salsbury is outlined in a reference in the Crofoot statement setting forth that E. E. Loss, the Chicago promoter, who negotiated the water works deal with Salsbury, asserted that the money was to be held in "common ownership" after it had passed out of the hands of Mr. Barton's son and had found its way into the safety deposit vault, from which it is alleged Salsbury afterward surreptitiously removed it.

All speculation as to whether the \$50,000 had really been returned to the Bartons was set at rest by Attorney Crofoot's written declaration that it was restored to representatives of the rightful owners by Salsbury when the latter arrived in this city from Michigan last Saturday night.

CROWE'S WHEREABOUTS.

Omaha Chief Doubts That He is on Bellevue Island.

Omaha, Feb. 26.—Chief of Police Donahue said that if Pat Crowe was hiding on Bellevue Island the police had no knowledge of it, and that he very much doubted if it were true. He knew that Crowe was at Bellevue, where he has relatives, a week prior to the abduction of young Cudahy, but he did not think he had been there since that time.

The story that Crowe had been traced to Bellevue Island and was being watched there probably originated from the fact that he has a brother-in-law living in that vicinity, and a number of captures of counterfeiters and other criminals, for which it affords an inaccessible hiding place.

Three Boys Meet Death.

Biwabik, Minn., Feb. 26.—A terrible accident, resulting in the loss of three lives, occurred yesterday at the Elba mine, six miles from here. Five boys were riding a car which is used in the shaft. One of the boys turned the switch the wrong way and the car descended rapidly from the top of the shaft house towards the shaft opening. One of the boys realized the danger and pulled his brother off the car in time to save him. The car crashed down the shaft opening, hurling the three young boys to the bottom of the shaft, killing them instantly. The boys were two sons of Joseph Felt, aged 10 and 12 respectively, and Andrew Selackich's son, aged about 8 years.

Tortured by a Mob.

New York, Feb. 26.—An excited mob in Matawan, N. J., last night hanged Charles Herbert, a resident of the place, in an effort to make him confess that he had started a fire which destroyed the business portion of the town on Jan. 27. Herbert protested his innocence. He was strung up a second time, and when lowered again asserted that he was not guilty. This time the torture ceased and the man was taken to jail.

Critically Ill From Fright.

Pana, Ills., Feb. 26.—Fred Harmon is critically ill at his home near Montrose. While going to call on a young lady he was obliged to pass the spot where a peddler was murdered several years ago, which spot is reputed to be haunted. A rival took advantage of these circumstances and impersonated a ghost. As a result Harmon is in a critical condition, becoming at times frenzied.

Negotiations Broken Off.

London, Feb. 26.—The Sheffield Daily Telegraph announces that the negotiations between Vickers Sons & Maxim and the Cramp Shipbuilding company have been broken off, because the former were unable to get all the independent reports they considered necessary.

GUS WIES GOES FREE

"The Boys" Refuse to Prosecute Him.

Settlement Made in Part— Wiese Pays All Costs—Three Indictments Returned.

The grand jury did not indict Gus Wies. In fact, the evidence in the case was not considered by them. This was due to "The Boys" making a statement that they had concluded not to prosecute and that the goods had been made good in part. The grand jury was disposed to go ahead with the case, but it was not thought that anything could be done without the co-operation of the prosecuting witnesses.

In our opinion this is a most unsatisfactory ending of the case. If Mr. Wies was guilty, he should have been punished whether restitution was made or not. Such offenses are not against the individual alone but are offenses against the public and should be punished. Again, if Mr. Wies was innocent, the grand jury should have taken such action as would have allowed him to go free, not only in person, but freed from any suspicion of guilt.

The grand jury failed to indict John Connors for larceny from a hotel at Arion, witnesses failing to prove that the value of the stolen property amounted to twenty dollars. Connors has spent six weeks in the county jail, and even if he was guilty he has probably received sufficient punishment.

True bills were found against Meyers charged with an attempt to break and enter the home of Mr. Voss; and against Thos. McDonald, Bohart and A. Wilson charged with larceny from a box car in Manilla.

PORTO RICANS COMIN

Detachment of Troops Will Attend Inauguration at Washington.

San Juan, P. R., Feb. 26.—The transport Rawlins left for the United States yesterday with the Porto Rico battalion ordered to attend the inauguration. An enormous crowd gathered at the wharf. The men, numbering 200, seemed delighted to go. A regimental band and all the officers except Lieutenant Colonel Buchanan and Captain Cissell, accompanied the detachment. The troops carry complete outfits of winter clothing, but will have no medical attendance beyond the ship's doctor, who is not familiar with the Spanish language. A climatic change will be abrupt, the men never having experienced frost, it is probable that there will be some illness.

KILLS HER SON-IN-LAW.

Hubert Day Shot by Mrs. John Campbell at Smith Center, Kan.

Smith Center, Kan., Feb. 26.—The wife of John Campbell, one of the prosperous farmers of this county, shot and killed Hubert Day, her son-in-law, yesterday. Mr. Campbell ordered Day off his farm and he went out the road, but came back to the hot Mrs. Campbell told him not to go in the house, but he had reached the door when she shot. Day was married to Campbell's only daughter about year ago, but they have not lived together for several months.

Americans Had No Casualties.

Manilla, Feb. 26.—Lieutenant We with a detachment of the crew of the gunboat Laguna de Bay, attacked 20 insurgents under Cabellos near Cavita, province of Laguna de Bay. After a hard fight of 40 minutes the insurgents were dispersed, losing six killed and 14 captured. A detachment of the Forty-seventh volunteers encountered a body of insurgents in the province of Albay, killing 18 and subsequently another body, killing nine. The American had no casualties.

Searching for Victims of Rio Disaster.

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—Today has developed nothing new regarding the wreck of the steamer Rio de Janeiro. The beaches are being patrolled constantly, and the surface of the bay is being carefully scanned for bodies of victims of the disaster or for floats of a valuable nature, but so far the efforts of the watchers have not been greatly rewarded. It is the general opinion that few, if any, bodies from the wreck will be recovered before the end of the week.

Choyanski Knocks Out His Man.

Galveston, Feb. 26.—Before the Galveston Athletic club, Joe Choyanski put Jack Johnson out in the first few seconds of the third round last night. Both men were arrested by state officers at the close of the contest.