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COUNTY OFFICERS RAID A "MOONSHINE" STILL

The Sheriff and County Attorney
Confiscate a Large Amount Of
Wines and Still.

TWO FARMS WERE IN THE SEARCH

Local officers today conducted a raid in search of intoxicating liquor; their efforts were rewarded by the finding of a large still all steamed up and functioning at the farm of John Base in the north part of the county. Sheriff Nelson and County Attorney E. W. Davis, accompanied four armed deputies, went early this morning to the north part of the county; they went first to the farm home of P. C. Wedel, and armed with a search and seizure warrant, they searched the premises of Mr. Wedel; in a cave close to his house were found several large kegs or barrels, three of them containing some very fine wines; also they found two bottles of home made beer at the Wedel place. Mr. Wedel was not at home, and the members of his family stated that he was now at Halstead, Kas., staying there for a few days with relatives as he is returning from the tractor show at Wichita. The raiding party, leaving an armed deputy at the Wedel place to guard the capture, they proceeded at top speed to the farm home of John Base; Base was at home, and when confronted by the officers confessed that he was making whiskey; the officers went into the house and there found a large still steamed up and making whiskey; a little of the liquor was just beginning to run into the bottle set to catch the precious fluid; also in the house were found three barrels, a five gallon jar and a churn full of mash, preparatory to being placed in the still for the completing process, the officers estimate that there was at least seventy-five gallons of prepared whiskey mash on the premises. They found several bottles that had had home brew whiskey in them, but no great amount of the finished product was to be found. Sheriff Nelson brought Base and the still to Liberal, together with the receptacles containing the booze.

The wines and beer at the Wedel place were also brought in; there are about fifty gallons of grape wine in the catch, of a very fine and expensive quality.

Sheriff Nelson and County Attorney Davis are to be commended for their efforts in their splendid catch; this is the second still to be confiscated in Seward county. Last fall a "worm" operating on the Correll place, also in the north part of the county was brought in by the sheriff.

THREE PRISONERS IN JAIL ALMOST MAKE GETAWAY

Tom Woodstock, alleged check artist, and two deserters from Fort Bliss, almost succeeded in getting away from the county jail last night. They had cut an opening in the roof and but for the chance observance of what was taking place by John Smith, who lives nearby, the men would likely have gotten away. Mr. Smith immediately informed the sheriff, who by the way, was out at the time with Mrs. Nelson. They were found down town and the sheriff proceeded to place the men in an inclosed cell.

All of them come up at the district term of court which is to sit next week.

GUESTS LIST AT THE SANFORD

O. D. Lear, D. M. Farris, W. A. Gray, W. C. Fowler, Mrs. C. B. McCarthy, E. G. Bryant, G. W. Lewis, G. R. Flanders, H. G. Walsh, W. F. Taylor, J. L. Hickie, W. H. Warhog, R. A. Layton, D. S. Fleck, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Grabbs, J. R. McFarlin, J. A. Ogden, W. L. Stewart, H. F. Nelbeck, and Scott City basketball team.

HAVE CONTRACT FOR FOUR NEW HOUSES

Pete and Bill Farmer have contracts for the erection of four new houses. Two on North Lincoln avenue and two \$2000 homes in the Beatty Eastland addition.

JUDGE WOULD CHANGE LAWS OF DIVORCE

Chicago Jurist Favors New Law
Prohibiting Judges From Granting
Decrees Until Year After
Hearing Case

(By International News Service)
CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Abolition of the restriction which prohibits remarriage of divorced couples for one year is urged by Judge George Fred Rush, who while sitting on the bench in the divorce branch of the Circuit Court has listened to 2,000 marital cases.

"I am in favor of the abolition of the restriction which prohibits remarriage of divorced couples for one year," he stated yesterday, "but I am also an advocate of the passage of a more drastic restriction to take its place."

"The new law should prohibit judges from granting a divorce decree until the expiration of twelve months after the hearing of the evidence. Any one who married during the year in which the suit was pending would then be guilty of bigamy and could be punished accordingly."

"The legislators should understand that these second marriages amount to nothing less than trial marriages and that upon either of the couples growing dissatisfied it must be annulled by the courts without the offenders being liable to punishment."

Judge Rush advocates a law making insanity a valid cause for divorce. Two things he said were largely responsible for the steady increase in marital failures—childless marriages and the ability of women to support themselves by their own efforts.

SPARRING PARTNER OF SULLIVAN DEAD

(By International News Service)
THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. Feb. 24.—John Burke, known throughout ring circles thirty years ago as "Jack the Dude," is dead here at the age of sixty-four years. Burke was a sparring partner of John L. Sullivan in the latter's early ring career.

ITALY WANTS ALL THE WAR DEBTS CANCELLED

Asks Britain To Set Example To Rest
Of The World. Thinks That
America Will Follow.

DEMANDS AN INCREASED INDEMNITY

(By International News Service)
London, Feb. 24.—It became known today that Great Britain is called upon to "set an example to the rest of the world" by cancelling war debts owed her by Italy and France.

In a note addressed to the allied governments the demand is made that Britain take the lead in the cancellation of war debts in the hope that other countries, particularly America, will follow her course.

The specific demand was that Italy's share of German indemnity be increased from ten to twenty per cent.

In the note Italy makes it plain that she favors cancellation of allied war debts by America notwithstanding that her share in the indemnity settlement may be influenced unfavorably by the action.

The note promises complications when the German counterproposals are considered, Germany probably protesting against the agreement already made on the ground that the allies are not united in their stand, and that action taken at this time might not be binding in their divided condition.

PRESIDENT WILSON TO RIDE WITH HARDING

President Will Accompany President
Elect on Inauguration Day
Is Stated.

Washington, Feb. 24.—That President Wilson will ride to the capital with President-Elect Harding on the day of his inauguration was stated at the White House today.

There has been much speculation as to the truth of the rumor that Mr. Wilson would take part in the inauguration day ceremonies, and the White House statement sets at rest rumors to the contrary.

LIBERAL ATTORNEY IS PICTURED IN THE POST

County Attorney E. W. Davis, One
of Four Speakers at Big Democratic
Banquet.

Eugene W. Davis, county attorney of Seward county, was one of four speakers at the Democratic banquet in Topeka Tuesday night. The Kansas City Post carried a picture of the Liberal attorney in the Wednesday issue in connection with the write-up of the banquet.

Besides Davis, John H. Atwood of Kansas City, Judge J. R. Beeching of Hutchinson, and Miss Nellie Cline, lady representative of Pawnee county, were speakers.

DESERT SANDSTORM A "SAHARA" THRILLER

It was evening on the Sahara Desert and Mignon was planning to make the supreme sacrifice—to leave her husband free to accept the love of one whom she thought he loved. Then the wind came up carrying with it a cloud of stinging sand that obscured the setting sun. The tall date palms swayed drunkenly, tents were uprooted and adobe walls caved in. The sandstorm swept on its way for hours and the dawning sun glared red on the smooth wind-swept sands.

The sandstorm is one of the dramatic as well as spectacular episodes of "Sahara" the big Hodkinson picture in which J. Parker Read, Jr., presents that magnetic star, Louise Glaum. The story is from the pen of the prolific C. Gardner Sullivan and the picture which is the most gorgeous production of the year was supervised by Allan Dwan.

Miss Glaum portrays the role of Mignon in a way that stamps her as one of the greatest emotional stars of the day.

This picture is at the Majestic theatre tonight.

A BOOZE TRAGEDY

Booze has again stained the history of Edwards county, it is a blot never to be erased.

Jim Moss a farmer living north of Greensburg, on the Edwards county line was shot and also killed by John Sturgeon Friday after Moss had been placed under arrest. Moss had been watched and finally found guilty of handling booze but it was never ascertained where he got his goods to sell. Recently two of the Sturgeon boys went to a corn field to shuck corn and found a still. They reported the case to their father who notified the sheriff at Kinsley as the land was in Edwards county. The sheriff arrived and arrested Moss. Moss made some very threatening remarks to Sturgeon it is said and Sturgeon pulled his gun and shot Moss as Moss made a threat of violence.

Sturgeon is one of the substantial farmers of Kiowa county and has upheld law and order for years. He is not quarrelsome and many believe he will be acquitted of the crime.—Pratt Union.

Mr. Moss is quite well known to a number of Liberal people who are sorry to hear of his being shot.

TO PROTECT WORKERS FROM FAKE PROMOTERS

(By International News Service)
CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Chicago workers will be protected from fake stock promoters hereafter according to plans of the Better Business Bureau. A keyman unknown to the employees, will investigate all unknown stocks offered for sale to workmen.

STUDENT SUFFERING FROM STRANGE ILLNESS

(By International News Service)
NORTON, Mass., Feb. 24.—Physicians are puzzled over a strange illness resembling the sleeping sickness which has held Miss Margaret Yele, eighteen years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Yelle, a student in Wheaton College in its grip for three weeks.

The girl has been in a comatose condition yet there are periods when she apparently wakes up only to lapse again into unconsciousness. A consultation of physicians failed to diagnose the case and a report has been made to the State Department of Health.

Dr. A. M. Round the attending physician said that the girl was suffering from eye trouble brought on from over-study for the mid-year examinations.

SCOTT CITY WINS GAME FROM L. H. S. TEAM

Scott City Won a Hard Fought Contest From Liberal by a Score of 27 to 24.

Scott City won their second game from Liberal yesterday evening on the Liberal court. The game was exceedingly fast at all times. Liberal scored first and at the half the score stood 9 to 11 in favor of the local boys. They held the lead until about ten minutes from the close of the game. Then the score was tied for several minutes, and at the close of the game Scott City was able to make two field goals on long shots.

The game was the most exciting ever played on the Liberal court and the outcome of the game was in doubt until the final whistle.

Bane was the High point man on the Liberal team, and he certainly did some wonderful playing. Engel, at guard, played his old time game and his guarding kept Scott from scoring time and time again.

Saturday afternoon Meade comes to Liberal for the second game this season, and in the evening the girls and boys' teams from Minneola will mix with the L. H. S. girls' and boys' teams. Everyone should be out to these games and help the two teams win. The teams need support now because of the district meet at Pratt and also the state tournament at Lawrence, both of which they expect to attend.

The line-up for the Scott City-Liberal game is as follows:

LIBERAL, 24	G	FT	F
Miller, f	1	0	2
Mahoney, f	1	0	2
Bane, c	5	8	0
Engel, g	0	0	2
Moore, g	1	0	3
Highland, f	0	0	0
Harnden, g	0	0	0
Zimmerman, f	0	0	1
Totals	8	8	10
SCOTT CITY, 27	G	FT	F
Barnhart, f	2	0	1
Typhault, f	5	5	3
Hays, c	3	0	3
Potter, g	1	0	3
Riley, g	0	0	3
Rector, f	0	0	0
Hays, c	0	0	1
Totals	11	5	14

Referee: Fowler, Plains.

MAYOR WHO GETS 50 CENT SALARY WANTS 8,000 PER CENT INCREASE AS WAGE REDUCTIONS SWEEP NATION

(By International News Service)
HOPESTON, Ill., Feb. 24.—With salaries falling every place the Mayor of Hopeston has just filed a demand for an 8,000 per cent increase in salary and his Aldermen for a 5,000 per cent advance.

With 5000 population and \$50,000 in the city treasury the city officials declare they are tired of working for their present stipends. The Mayor now receives fifty cents a year or nine and six-tenths mills a week and the Aldermen 25 cents a week. They are paid by the year and have no expense accounts. The Mayor is demanding \$8 a week and the Aldermen \$6.

A resolution embodying the demands was introduced at the last meeting of the City Council by Alderman Thomas Haas and adopted without a dissenting vote. As soon as the citizenry heard of it a mass meeting was held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. Two former Mayors, I. E. Merritt and William Moore, opposed the demands.

"For forty years" declared Mr. Moore, "Hoopeson's Mayors have been glad to serve the people of this commonwealth for 50 cents a year. This resolution is indicative of the shocking state of affairs that now obtains in this country. It would be a reckless waste of money to accede to the demands. These men are dollar mad."

Other speakers set forth the "enviable fame gained by Hoopeson as the 'Holy City' 'We've never had a saloon here. We have more church going people than any metropolis of its size in the world. We have well paved and clean streets and handsome homes. Hoopeson has never been broke. It now has \$5000 in the city treasury."

WEATHER

Fair tonight and Friday. Somewhat colder tonight.

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DEMOCRATS ARE NOW BOOMING WOOD FOR GOV.

Liberal Man a Strong Contender
for Place Last Year, Is Being
Urged to Run Again.

Topeka, Feb. 24.—United States Marshal O. T. Wood of Liberal, seems at this time the most likely candidate for governor on the Democratic ticket at the next election.

At the meeting of the Democratic club held on Washington's birthday several prospective candidates were brought out, among them the gentleman from Liberal.

In the August primaries Mr. Wood was a candidate, but a heavy rainstorm in the southwest portion of the state, of which district he is a resident, and is best known, kept hundreds away from the polls, and he was defeated for the nomination.

In the inner circles of the party there is a feeling that Mr. Wood would be a formidable contender and his extensive acquaintance over the state is in his favor.

While the race last year was a three-cornered affair, Mr. Wood was at a disadvantage, but with an even break in the primary he should be successful in winning the nomination in 1922.

HE REPORTED AT LIBERAL

Steve Fairchild, who is a lieutenant in Battery B, Hutchinson, got out of coming home for the inspection being held this week by getting permission to be inspected down at Liberal.

Lt. Fairchild is at present engineer in charge of the grading gang on the Kansas & Oklahoma road now being built from Forgan to Liberal. He reported at the inspection of Co. E, 4th Inf., K. N. G., at Liberal being attached to that company for the inspection.

Company E, Liberal, which takes the place of Hutchinson's old Co. E in the state's infantry, mustered 96 per cent of its available strength.—Hutchinson News

SEVEN MEN ENTOMBED IN AN ILLINOIS MINE

Rescue Squad Gave Up Hopes This
Morning and Sealed Up
Gallery.

FIRE BEEN RAGING SINCE YESTERDAY

(By International News Service)
DuQuoin, Ill., Feb. 24.—All hope for the seven miners entombed in the mine of the Union Colliers Company, was given up this morning, when rescue squads, realizing that their efforts were futile, sealed up the gallery in which the fire had been raging since yesterday evening.

Men working in the gallery were cut off by the flames, and although efforts were made throughout the night to save them from the fiery furnace, they were unavailing.

EXIDE BATTERY STATION FACES TWO MOVES NOW

The Exide Battery station will be moved about the first of March to the building on West Fifth street, between Kansas and Lincoln. This will be a temporary location, however, as Walt Khrono will soon begin work on a building 50x100 feet on the lots across the street from the Riggie Bros. grocery store, which will be occupied by the Exide folks as soon as it is finished.

This building will probably be ready for occupancy by May 1st. Plans are being made for the structure and it is hoped to have construction under way at an early date.

J. L. Biltgens returned the first of the week from an extended trip in the eastern part of the state.

Mrs. W. D. Conneley entertained informally Wednesday night for a few friends.

A. E. Taylor left Wednesday for Hutchinson, where he will attend a gain dealers' convention.

Mrs. A. J. Cure and Mrs. L. B. Lamaster left Wednesday night for Hutchinson to be gone a few days shopping.

WRESTLERS FAILED TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE

Management Treated To Disappointment
As Well As Wrestling Fans
Of The Country

A GOOD MATCH FOR NEXT WEEK.

Although the Armory had been seated, the advertising scattered, the seats sold and everyone eager to see the bout, the Guthrie-Olson match was not given last night.

The reason was that the wrestlers failed to put in their appearance, and when the time came to start the match neither were to be seen.

Why they were not here is probably explained by the following clipping from Tuesday's Pratt Daily Tribune:

All questions as to the presence of Elmer Guthrie of Hutchinson for the Wrestling bout staged for tomorrow night was set at rest this morning when a letter was received from the Salt City grabber stating that he had been able to make arrangements to be on hand. Previous word from him indicated that it might be impossible for him to make the date here.

Manager Freeman was up in the air last night at 6 o'clock. He could get no trace of the men, and was haunting the hotels and rooming houses in the hope of finding them registered. Not being able to locate them he hung to the hope that they would arrive in cars in time for the match. He had not cancelled the engagement and had not received notice from them they were not coming, and had no reason to doubt that they would be on hand. The last word he had from them was to the effect that they would be here and it was a source of great disappointment that they were not here. However he says there will not be a repetition of the occurrence. In the future the wrestlers will be compelled to post a forfeit for their appearance and the fans will not again be disappointed.

Next Wednesday night Tommy Doctor and Kal Pasha will meet again. These men put on one of the best exhibitions ever seen here and all agreed that it was a genuine battle for supremacy. Kal Pasha won the former match with a hold of his own and Doctor says he cannot get it again.

Mr. Freeman is of the opinion that the coming match will be even better than the first one.

KEEPING DEBS IN JAIL IS NOT DEMOCRACY SAYS REV.

(By International News Service)
BOSTON, Feb. 24.—"If Milton and Shelley were alive today they would likely be in Atlanta prison with Eugene Debs," declared Rev. D. T. W. Holmes of Waltham at a meeting of Baptists ministers.

Dr. Holmes was one of several clergymen to declare that Debs should be liberated and that he was being made to suffer for conscience's sake.

"There is an amazing disregard of conscience in democracy today," asserted Professor Woodman Bradbury of Newton Theological Institute.

"This Government suppresses too much. We need an emancipated conscience, but we're more likely to get it from Lincoln than from Harding."

The war has ceased yet war-time legislation is still in force. There is oligarchy all about us in the guise of democracy. We are not showing democracy in keeping Debs in jail."

BLUE LAW DRESSES FOR GIRL STUDENTS

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. Feb. 24.—Unless plans suddenly go wrong 500 girl students of Centra High School will adopt a uniform dress.

It will consist of a middy blouse, plain skirt, neither narrow or strikingly short and heavy stockings. The plan originated with Miss Dora Brown, gymnasium instructor. Principal William C. Hill favors any movement that eliminates excessive dress cost and reverts to former decency of styles.