

BERMEL MAY GET HIS MONEY

FORTUNE TO PAY VICTIMS OF FRAUDULENT PUMP CONCERN.

MCOWAN GIVES UP PROPERTY

One of the Most Remarkable Settlements Ever Made with Creditors—One of the Indicted Firm will Sacrifice all he Has to Settle.

The trial of the Kansas City fraudulent pump concern, among whose victims was Frank Bermel of Norfolk who for \$700 purchased county rights to Madison, Stanton, Pierce, Wayne, Cedar, Antelope and Boone counties, has had a startling sequel.

It now appears that Bermel and the other investors in the fake concern may have their cash refunded by an unusual sacrifice on the part of one of the members of the indicted firm.

What will probably be one of the most remarkable settlements ever made with creditors was licensed on Thursday afternoon by the United States court at Kansas City, when a provisional order was made to discharge Hervey S. McCowan from bankruptcy upon his promise to pay off certain obligations of the Western Pump and Manufacturing Company.

A recent Kansas City federal jury indicted the owners of this concern for swindling, and two of them, William H. Meyers and J. F. Rudd, were last week sentenced to prison and to pay fines for their part in the enterprise. Mr. McCowan, who is an occasional preacher, and who regularly delivers lectures, joined the Kansas City company five weeks prior to the time Post-office Inspector E. L. McKee closed it up and the district attorney seized its books.

With Myers and Rudd, Mr. McCowan was arrested, released on bond, given a servitude from his partners and his case set down for trial during the current month. Thursday, voluntarily and without previous notice to the court, he appeared before Judge McPherson, and made the statement that he had undertaken to reimburse every man who had been deceived in buying county rights and otherwise investing money in the worthless pump machine to which Mr. McCowan had lent his name deliberately, but with the fullest conviction that the invention was of merit instead of being utterly worthless.

According to Mr. McCowan's statements to the court, as given in Kansas City dispatches, the settlement will cost him \$18,000, at least. He proposes to incorporate a hardware concern which he owns and which is in Snyder, Ok., and to turn the stock and management, and other assets he possesses over to his own attorney, R. R. Brewster, and to Arthur Miller of the firm of Karnes, New & Krauthoff, as trustees, for the benefit of all those persons who invested money in the Western Pump and Manufacturing company while Mr. McCowan was identified with it. Mr. McCowan asked to have one year in which to liquidate. "The effort will ruin him, so one of his friends said, adding: "But he is so distressed at the plight of the victims of the Western Pump and Manufacturing Company that he has promptly and cheerfully put absolutely every dollar he has in the world into this trust fund to clear his name of a stain."

It is expected that when the McCowan criminal case goes to trial before a jury in the federal court this month, this settlement will have a marked effect upon the verdict, some holding that it will completely acquit the defendant, as it will prove that he could not possibly have known the pump machine was a swindle, otherwise a man with his sense of justice never would have allowed his money and his name and the money and name of his friends to be involved.

Claims for a little over \$10,000 have been listed against the Meyers-Rudd-McCowan partnership, but the list does not include investments made by personal friends of Mr. McCowan. The \$10,000 in claims is to be paid off by the trustees out of the revenues from the McCowan estate, which is to be incorporated. The \$8,000 paid to the Meyers and Rudd pump outfit will be settled in private by Mr. McCowan, who was given permission to make his own terms and time with those.

This remarkable detail belongs to a remarkable transaction. A patent right peddler named Myers, of Oklahoma, contrived a handle to wind up a spring which would be checked in its release by a common ratchet, from which depended a pendulum, just exactly what may be seen in a clock. As this pendulum would swing it was to work a pump handle, and the claim was made that an 18-year-old boy could by winding the spring, make the machine pump ten to twenty gallons an hour of water constantly for twelve hours. Experts showed that it would take six horses to wind the spring, and that the spring would weigh at least 160 tons. Myers advertised he could sell the machine for \$15. Experts showed the spring would cost \$24,000. Not a pump was ever made. Two models made were found to run not twelve hours, but scarcely twelve minutes. Sales of county rights to the extent of \$60,000 are reported to have been made.

HOSKING BRIEFS.

About one inch of snow fell in this locality Tuesday morning.

A dance will be given at Wetzlick's hall Saturday, December 21. Music will be furnished by Collins Bros. orchestra.

Among the Norfolk visitors Tuesday were Mrs. Green, Mrs. F. Benson, Miss Anne Sully, Wm. Sentsy and Ray Gleason.

A class play will be given by the

pupils of the high school in the opera house Friday, December 20.

Mr. Phillips was in Norfolk Monday to attend the play "Olivette."

Della, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Nickel, is recovering from an attack of membranous croup.

Carl Alberts of Apex took the morning train to Wayne Tuesday.

Chas. Ohlund is remodeling his property on upon Main street this week. A new barn and an addition to the house will be built. Mr. Ohlund sold the property in which he is now residing and will probably move into his new home as soon as it is completed.

Eddie Wilkinson was in Hoskins Wednesday looking up a newspaper proposition but found it would not be a paying investment.

THE ROSALIE MYSTERY

DISAPPEARANCE OF LITTLE GIRL Baffles Officers.

BEEN GONE NEARLY TWO WEEKS

Sheriff Bauman Has Faith in the Sincerity of the Parents—Not a Clue to Whereabouts of Child Who So Suddenly Dropped From Sight.

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 20.—No more baffling case has ever confronted police authorities of Nebraska than the one of the little Olson girl, who disappeared from her home at Rosalie a week ago Sunday. It is a mystery dark, deep and impenetrable, which has confused detectives at every turn and grown more complicated with the passing of the days. This is the opinion of Sheriff Bauman of Fremont, one of the shrewdest officers of the state, who has just returned from a two days' investigation of various phases of it.

Though the parents of the missing tot are not wealthy or prominent, there are pathetic features connected with the mystery which promise to make it famous over the country. Newspaper men with pen and camera are arriving on the scene, and the coming Sunday's edition of some of the big dailies will feature the story in a way that make the interest, now at high pitch in Nebraska and Iowa, widespread.

Sheriff Bauman put in his time at Rosalie and Bancroft in a vigorous inquiry into the mystery, and in going over the ground. He believes he has made a most thorough and minute examination into every phase that has presented itself, accumulating enough evidence in each to shatter it and leave every seeming solution an improbability. He satisfied himself of the sincerity and honesty of the parents in all they have told about the case. He satisfied himself of the earnestness of their search. He made inquiries from some seventy different persons who know more or less about the case. He reached no conclusion. Tired out with his labors, he has come back to Fremont with a headful and notebookful of information, from which he will try to draw some deductions.

The only thing actually new which the Fremont officer learned came to him by telephone after he reached home from a confederate who worked with him. This man telephoned that Mr. Coppel, a relative of the Coppel couple who were murdered near Rosalie a few months ago, had furnished him the information that he had passed the Olson home the evening of the girl's strange disappearance and had seen two strange men walking along the road. This was at 5 o'clock, or about an hour after the girl was missed.

Whether this incident has any bearing remains to be seen. It is likely-looking for results as anything that has come to light.

The Olsons live a mile and a half from Rosalie in a small house on rented land and have a family of seven children, besides two children of Olson's brother, whose wife died two years ago and who left the country about that time, and has never been heard from. The point at which the child left her companions to return home alone is a further distance from the house than reports have indicated. It is perhaps a quarter of a mile, and the house is not visible from it. Had the child wandered away, however, it seems some trace of her movements would have been left. The ground was muddy, and she wore light slippers which would probably have come off. At any rate she would not have gone far. The search for her commenced within an hour after she disappeared. The father at 6 o'clock telephoned to Rosalie for help and a party was organized.

Olson threw his house and premises open to Sheriff Bauman for examination, to dispel disquieting rumors concerning possible criminal developments, and the place was thoroughly ransacked, even to the search of haystacks, cellars and lofts. This brought no clue. A preponderance of the testimony of his neighbors was that Olson is a quiet, law-abiding, hard-working farmer. So far as could be learned he had no quarrel with anybody, had never been arrested or involved in any court or jury proceedings which might make him enemies. The hog theory is scouted. The hogs were all in their pens, and there was nothing in any of the pens to indicate the animals might have eaten the child.

Sheriff Bauman will spend a day or two at home while he attempts deductions from his fund of information. Then he will go back to Rosalie to resume his inquiry into the case.

Today's ads. are important—and unlike some important things, they are interesting.

THE HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

COMING WEEK PROMISES TO BE UNUSUALLY LIVELY.

QUIET FOR A FEW DAYS PAST

While There Has Been Little Doing, the Coming Christmas Festivities Will be Full of Life and Activity Befitting the Season.

During the past week there has been a lull in social events, people being busy preparing for Christmas and the festivities of holidays which may be said to have fairly started Friday evening with two dancing parties in town. The coming week will be full to repletion with Christmas trees and their attendant good cheer, dances, receptions, theatrical entertainments, and private gatherings in which turkey and cranberry sauce will form conspicuous features.

The people themselves are paying little attention to the bankers' panic, and the Christmas festivities will be celebrated this year with more jollity than usual, and the gifts of the yuletide will be more elaborate than ordinary. Why not? The people have garnered an abundant harvest, there is plenty and to spare for all, and there is every reason why a prosperous and happy community should make the most of the gay holidays.

Pleasures of the Week.

Friday evening of last week six couples of young people surprised Glen Willey, the occasion being his eighteenth birthday. The surprise was complete, Glen being at the store where he works when his guests came. After they arrived he was given an urgent call home, and was astonished to find a room full of visitors when he arrived. The evening was pleasantly spent at games, due justice being done to a three-course luncheon at the proper time.

The second number of the High school lecture course attracted a large audience to the Auditorium Tuesday evening, the attraction being Adrian M. Newsins in an interpretation of Richard Ganthony's "A Message From Mars." The reading was high class and appreciated by all who attended.

Friday evening an Elks dance was given in Marquardt hall, above the club rooms of the order. Collins' orchestra furnished the music and it was the beginning of the holiday festivities for a large number who were present.

A family reunion was held at the home of R. F. Bruce Thursday evening in honor of Mr. Bruce's seventeenth birthday. Children and grand children were present and helped make the event a merry one for Mr. Bruce.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wagner celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary on Wednesday evening, and they were assisted in commemorating the event by a large number of friends who gathered at their home.

At the Eagles club rooms Tuesday evening, the members of that order held a "smoker" which was one of the enjoyable events of the week to those who attended.

A dancing party in the South Norfolk hall Friday evening attracted a good crowd of merry dancers, who extracted the full measure of enjoyment from the festivity.

The Even Dozen club met with Miss Clara Rudat Wednesday evening, the evening being spent in finishing Christmas tokens for friends.

The W. C. T. U. held a mothers' meeting with Mrs. Oxman on South Tenth street Tuesday afternoon.

Hymenial.

Invitations are out for a reception at the home of Judge and Mrs. J. B. Barnes, 1601 Norfolk avenue, given in honor of their son, J. B. Barnes, Jr., and his bride, who was Miss Alta M. Rowe of Casper, Wyo. John Barnes is now practicing law in Casper, where the wedding took place last Sunday. John has many friends in Norfolk, where he lived for many years, who will be glad to greet both himself and his bride.

A holiday wedding will take place at Christ Lutheran church on the afternoon of December 26, in which the contracting parties are Fred Miller and Miss Charlotte Walter. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. J. P. Mueller. A wedding reception will be held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Walter on south Third street.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tannehill living near Warnerville, Miss Eva L. Tannehill was united in marriage to Mr. David Varner, Rev. C. W. Ray, pastor of the Norfolk M. E. church officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Varner will make their home near Warnerville.

Coming Events.

The usual Christmas service will be observed by Damascus Commandery, Knights Templar, at their asylum at 11 o'clock Christmas morning. Norfolk Knights will at this time join with their fraters throughout the world in participation of the Christmas sentiment, together with 172,000 Sir Knights of the order owing allegiance to the Grand Encampment.

Probably the largest formal social function for the holiday week will be the twentieth annual ball to be given by Elkhorn Valley lodge, No. 101, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, at Marquardt hall Christmas evening.

YEARLED FOR A FUNERAL

BECAUSE MAYOR WAS NOT FURNISHING TRANSPORTATION.

FOUND NICE PLACE IN JAIL

Seven Others Keep Him Company in the City Bastille for Various Offenses—Busy Night for the Police Force.

One wanted to be a pallbearer at Mayor Durland's funeral, one tried to hold up a Norfolk avenue bakery, two or three were "vags," one was crazy, one was a "suspect," the rest were drunk. There were eight men in the city jail last night—something doing all along the line.

In two of the arrests Chief Flynn played a dramatic part—was quite literally "Johnnie on the spot." After Flynn had the jail pretty well filled Night Officer Kell came on and, getting busy, soon brought the number of city prisoners up to eight.

To serve as a pallbearer for Mayor Durland was the cold-blooded wish expressed by M. C. Morrarity, late from Dubuque, Iowa. Morrarity called at the mayor's office and asked for transportation from Norfolk to Sioux City. The mayor could see no reason why Morrarity shouldn't get out of Norfolk as fast as possible but he had left his pass book at home. Morrarity became insulting. When he got to the door he fired this at the mayor: "I don't wish you any bad luck but I wish I had hold of your casket when you're done." The mayor complained to the chief of police.

A few hours later Morrarity, still looking for that Sioux City ticket, saw a smallish man hid in a big overcoat. "Where's the chief of police," Morrarity growled.

"And what do you want with the chief?" asked the man in the overcoat. "That's my business," growled Morrarity.

"And mine too," said the chief as he showed his star and marched Morrarity over to the city jail, where he still anguishes, seventy-four miles from his beloved Sioux City. "I was ashamed of the fellow's nationality," said the chief.

Charles Norton comes from Scranton, Pa., but looks more like a western bad man. Charlie went into the Kauffman bakery, looked fierce and demanded something to eat. Charlie hadn't noticed the little man in the big overcoat, so although he frightened the girl who was waiting on him, he was jerked around by the chief and headed for the jail.

"Guess I won't go any further," said Charlie, drunk and ugly, as he approached the jail.

"I guess you will," said Flynn as his cut came into action.

"I guess I will," said Charlie and he is still in jail.

Chris Rankins of Lowden, Iowa, a sewer worker, drunk again, was arrested for the third time within a few weeks.

Charles Kruger, who used to live in Norfolk, came down from Pierce to see if the "Norfolk lid" had slipped any. He paid his fine in the morning.

L. Smith of Stanberry, Mo., was run in on general principles.

Fred Wilson, hailing from Jamestown, N. Y., across the continent, and Anton Hanson, not long from Denmark, were both held over night as "vags."

Sheriff William Malchow, Jr., of West Point and Marshal J. W. Mooney of Wisner, brought an insane patient to Norfolk who could not be accepted at the hospital. The patient brought the number of jail inmates up to eight.

Chief Flynn removed whisky bottles from four of the men, for the chief keeps a tight "lid" on the city jail.

STATE ACCOUNTANT APPOINTED

E. B. Fairfield, Bookkeeper at the Penitentiary, Gets Place.

Ernest B. Fairfield, for many years bookkeeper at the state penitentiary, has been appointed state accountant. Auditor E. M. Searle made the appointment and it was approved by Governor Sheldon whose approval is required by statute. It is to take effect about the first of the year. The auditor and governor will determine the amount of salary to be paid. It is understood it will be not less than \$1,800 and not more than \$2,000 a year and traveling expenses. The legislature created the office of state accountant and while no fixed salary is mentioned in the bill, an appropriation of \$6,000 for salary and traveling expenses was made for a period of two years.

Among the candidates for this position was Chris Schavland, whose term as county treasurer of Madison county expires at the beginning of the new year. Mr. Schavland is unusually well qualified for the place and his friends are disappointed that he did not get it.

Mr. Fairfield is the son of one of the earlier chancellors of the university of Nebraska. His father was later in the consular service stationed in France. Under the law it will be his duty to examine the books and accounts of all state officers, state boards and bureaus and all societies and associations supported by the state, state institutions, state normal schools and the state university and report the fiscal conditions of such institutions and offices and the misuse of funds and any improper system of bookkeeping. He must also be present at all meetings of the state board of purchases and supplies to represent the interests of the state in contracts let by the board. He is to wrok under the direction of the auditor and report to the governor. The law contains conflicting provisions in regard to the filing of reports with the governor and the auditor, owing to the fact that the bill was changed repeatedly during its passage through the legislature.

Today's ads. deal with today's possibilities, difficulties, quests, offers, opportunities.

THE SEWER IS COMPLETED

THAT IN DISTRICT NO 1 IS SATISFACTORILY FINISHED.

JOHN ELSINGER FAIR DEALER

Council Very Much Pleased Over the Work Done by the Contractor—Relations Are so Amicable That an Oyster Supper Finishes the Deal.

"There are sewer contractors and sewer contractors," remarked a Norfolk councilman Thursday evening as he led the way to the banquet board where an oyster supper attested that the relations between the city, its officials and Contractor John Elsinger of West Point had been pleasant and satisfactory. The supper also marked the final completion and acceptance by the city of sewer district No. 1.

The dealings that the city council had with the last sewer contractor wound up with a lawsuit that is still pending. This time the final settlement wound up with an oyster supper.

Contractor John Elsinger of West Point constructed sewer district No. 1 for Norfolk. His work has been approved and paid for. Thursday the council settled with Contractor Elsinger. He was paid \$6,707 for building the district sewer system.

Elsinger didn't present any bills for "extras." The council was startled. His final bills didn't even reach the amount of his original bid. The council was dumfounded. The sewer work had cost a few dollars less than they thought it would. Who ever heard that?

"The city engineer must tie a rope to Elsinger; we can't let him get out of the city," said one councilman. "We may want to build another sewer."

"Just write to the Norfolk council recommendations," said another councilman. "We'll frame up a joint memorial."

"Can't be contractors are getting honest," said a third.

"And he did it cheaper than he bid—straight work and no row, row, row. Well, well, well," said another.

"Let's all go out to supper," said Elsinger.

So a sewer district has been built without a lawsuit or a row.

The city council handled its work with a rush Thursday evening to get through before the 11 o'clock "lid" went on. Score "one" for Mayor Durland's "lid."

MILLIONS TO SAVE LIFE.

Splendid Record Made by the Union Pacific During the Past Year.

It is often charged that human life, in the present age, is held of little value. Whenever there is an accident in which lives are lost, sensationalists generally bring forward the argument that great employers of labor do not exercise the right care for the protection of life. The annual report of the Union Pacific railway, shows among other interesting things, how great has been the effort made during the past year to reduce to the minimum the possibilities of accident and of personal injury incident to the operation of railroads.

During the past year about \$2,000,000 were expended in the installation of safety appliances, all for the purpose of reducing to the lowest possible degree the chance of accidents. That this expenditure has not been in vain is shown by the comparative report of the loss of life and of personal injury on account of accident. For the year ending June 30, 1907, the total number of employees killed on the Union Pacific was 66, and injured 859, out of a total of 27,000 employees, and 95% of the injuries were very slight. During the year 1906, 63 employees were killed. During the year ending June 30, 1907, there were but three passengers killed and 166 injured. In 1906 two passengers were killed and 135 injured. During 1907 those employed as postal clerks, express messengers, etc., one was killed and 39 injured, compared with three killed and fifteen injured during 1906. Other persons who lost their lives during the past year through railroad accidents of the system number 35, with injuries to 45, against 46 killed and 73 injured in 1906. The total killed in all accidents for the year 1907 was 105. The total injured 1104, against 114 killed and 1983 injured in 1906.

When it is taken into consideration that the increased business handled

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DRUGGISTS HEAR MUCH PRAISE FOR THIS MIXTURE.

DRINK PLENTY OF GOOD WATER

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Some remarkable stories are being told about town and among the country people coming in of this simple home-made mixture curing rheumatism and kidney trouble. Here is the recipe and directions for taking: Mix by shaking well in a bottle one-half ounce fluid extract dandelion, one ounce compound sarsaparilla, three ounces compound syrup sarsaparilla. Take as a dose one teaspoonful after meals and at bedtime.

No change need be made in your usual diet, but drink plenty of good water.

This mixture, writes one authority in a leading Philadelphia newspaper, has a peculiar tonic effect upon the kidneys; cleansing the clogged-up pores of the eliminative tissues, forcing the kidneys to sift and strain from the blood the uric acid and other poisonous waste matter, overcoming rheumatism, bladder and urinary troubles in a short while.

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This clause provides that if Jarrott fails to win one-half his games he shall be sent back to Sioux City and the purchase price returned.

"King" Cole Again at U. N.

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The first bout on the program will be one between Jerry McCarthy, late of O'Neill, who gave Clarence English such a hard fight near Sioux City a few weeks ago, and a local man, probably Paul Murray.

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BRAKEMAN TRIES SUICIDE

WALTER SCHULTZ ATTEMPTS TO KILL HIMSELF AT CHADRON.

BALL GLANCES AND HE FAILS

Parents Live at Pierce But He Was a Resident of Norfolk up to a Short Time Ago—Was a Clerk in the Fair Store for a Time.

Chadron, Neb., Dec. 20.—At 10:30 a. m. yesterday Walter Schultz, a passenger brakeman on the Northwestern railroad at this place, attempted suicide by shooting himself with a 32-caliber pistol. The bullet, however, glanced on a rib without the desired result, and was removed by Dr. H. A. Brown.

His parents reside at Pierce, this state and home-sickness is the ascribed cause.

Walter Schultz, the Northwestern brakeman referred to in the above dispatch, has parents living in Pierce but he himself has lived in Norfolk a considerable portion of the last two years.

He was employed for a time as a clerk in the Fair store and later became a brakeman on the Northwestern out of Norfolk. At the beginning of the present season he served as a brakeman on the Honesteel passenger. He gave up his place in Norfolk on account of certain attacks of sickness to which he was subject.

Schultz's father is F. A. Schultz, a harness maker at Pierce.

Walter Schultz's friends in Norfolk recalled today that Schultz was frequently in a despondent mood, declaring that he had little or nothing to live for. He was constantly afflicted with the "blues." Schultz made a good many friends among the young people of Norfolk.

SPORTS

HOLMES AND GREEN CLASH.

Pitcher Jarrott Causes Contention Between Managers.

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