

**BONES EXHIBITED
IN MURDER TRIAL**

Kansas 'Farm' Proprietor,
Convicted, Plans to Ap-
peal Case.

LYNDON, Kan., Nov. 12.—Attorneys for Rufe King, alleged proprietor of a "murder farm" here, today were preparing to appeal the conviction in first degree murder rendered by a jury here late yesterday. King was to be sentenced today to life imprisonment for slaying John Woody, a neighbor farmer, whose bones were found on King's farm.

A gunny sack of human bones was the most dramatic evidence at the trial. The sack was emptied on a table in the courtroom and the bones sorted by experts, who testified they belonged to three alleged victims of the "murder farm." One set was identified as the skeleton of Woody.

The case is unparalleled in Kansas criminal annals, as six witnesses for the defense testified they saw Woody alive after the date on which the prosecution charged he was slain. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, however, after forty-five minutes deliberation.

**STATE SHIPPERS
TO TAKE STAND**

Give Their Side at Hearing in
Freight Rate Case.

Indiana shippers were to be called upon to testify this afternoon in the case of increased rates for freight and passenger transportation by Indiana railroads. The hearing in the rate case, which is being conducted in the Federal building by W. A. Disque, attorney-examiner for the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Representatives of the mill shippers of Kentucky were heard yesterday afternoon and today brick shippers from Illinois took the stand, at the conclusion of which the Indiana men were to be called.

In ruling on certain points, Mr. Disque issued orders from the Interstate Commerce Commission pointing out definitely the testimony which he could hear.

The substance of the instructions is that he is to ascertain whether Indiana railroad rates on freight and passenger transportation were too low, and whether the rates cause, or will cause, undue or unreasonable prejudice, preference or advantage between persons or localities in interstate commerce, or whether the cause or will cause undue advantage or preference against interstate commerce. It is also specified that as representing the Interstate Commerce Commission, Mr. Disque will recommend what rates will be charged by the petitioners to remove the discrimination, if any is found to exist.

**2 Versions of Fight
Given in City Court**

"He hit me such a wallop on the jaw, judge, that I could not eat for three days," explained Henry Moews in city court today, "and he pulled my ear half off."

Willie Johnson, 25, of 2438 Brightwood avenue, was charged with assault and battery on Moews, as the result of a quarrel over harness.

Johnson explained to the court, "I hit him only once and then I boxed him the rest of the time."

Special Judge Abrahams fined Johnson \$5 and costs.

**Police Search for
Driver of 'Mad' Truck**

The police are searching for two men who were in a heavy automobile truck that went wild at Indiana avenue and West streets late Thursday night.

The truck dumped the car, broke down the sidewalk, and crashed into the front door of Ollie H. A. Goeke's drug store, backed away from the debris and was driven away before the police arrived.

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**GIRL'S TRAGEDY
HIDDEN BY SONG**

Applauded While Heart
Snaps for Dead Brother.

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 12.—Margaret Ford, singer of topical songs at a local theater, last night started to sing, but her voice began to break badly, her high smile became grimly and a childlike voice near the front was heard saying, "Mama, the lady is crying."

Miss Ford fled from the stage. When the manager found her weeping in her dressing room and asked the trouble, she pointed to a telegraph which read:

"Your brother was killed today in an explosion at a mine in Gaffney, S. C."

Against the protest of the manager, ten minutes later Miss Ford again faced the audience, sang faintly and settled while a storm of applause broke from the audience who knew naught of the tragedy behind the scenes.

**JERKED IN COURT
FOR PEPPY SPEECH**

Member of Parliament Out on
Bond Pending Hearing.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—Lieutenant Colonel Cecil L'Estrange Malone, Liberal member of the House of Commons, who was arrested on the charge of making statements during a speech at Albert Hall, was arraigned in Bow street police court today, but the case was postponed for a week. Lieutenant Colonel Malone was released on bonds of 1,000 pounds sterling.

The presiding magistrate ruled that Lieutenant Colonel Malone should not make speeches except in the House of Commons, pending the outcome of the case.

The attorney for the prisoner claimed he had not been advised of the exact charge until the arraignment and the postponement was granted to give him time to prepare the defense.

Lieutenant Colonel Malone was cheered by a large crowd as he left the court-room.

Runs Into Auto

Patrolman John Mosby, negro, suffered a broken arm late last night when he ran into the rear of an automobile at Delaware and Washington streets. Mosby was running to catch a street car and ran against the rear of a passing automobile falling to the street and breaking his arm. He was taken to the City Hospital.

**DELINQUENTS
PAY EXCESSIVE
FEES, CHARGE**

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that in such instances more than one levy was made by the collector.

The law provides that where a levy is made the delinquent must pay the levy or the amount paid to the State of Indiana to secure the payment within 60 days, with good faith sureties acceptable to the treasurer, otherwise immediate possession is had of sufficient personal property to liquidate the taxes and costs. In fact, in the majority of cases the law is not followed and collectors soon enter the district and makes demand upon all delinquents therein and if no payment is made, he leaves a copy of notice and bond and returns the original to the treasurer's office as evidence of the fees due him. We cannot reconcile the need of more than one levy.

The auditor has in many oportunities ruled that no office is entitled to any fee or compensation, other than that provided by the statutes. As there is no statute providing the \$2 fee, all that part in excess of the statutory authority is illegal and would be in violation of Sec. 2389 R. S. 1914.

"It is important that delinquents be compelled to pay their taxes and it is the duty of the treasurer to enforce payment by distraint, if necessary, but under the plan followed in this county, the fee seems to be the more important.

"The record shows many cases where the penalty was remitted by the auditor's certificate of error and still the treasurer added the \$2 fee."

Regarding treasurer's costs retained from partial amounts of taxes in 1918 and 1919, the report states:

"The records show that the treasurer accepted partial payment of delinquent taxes from taxpayers and received a fee for collecting same by deducting the amount of such fee from the amount paid, thus leaving a balance of taxes unpaid."

"Section 733a Burns R. S. 1914, provides fees allowed to the county treasurer to add to the delinquent taxes levied by law, with the following provision: 'But such fees and expenses shall only be paid in the event they are collected from the person delinquent. In addition to the delinquent taxes or are realized from the sale of personal property after levy and sale.'

COSTS RETAINED FROM PARTIAL PAYMENTS.

A portion of the treasurer's costs retained from partial payments of taxes in 1918 and 1919, with the amount retained by Mr. Sourbler, follows:

Indianapolis, \$1,827.55; Indianapolis-Wayne, \$134.05; Indianapolis-Warren, \$20.08; Indianapolis-Washington, \$5.50; Center Township, \$15.04; Woodruff Place, \$4.50; Broad Ripple, \$17.85; Warren Township, \$3; Franklin Township, \$11.50;

Perry Township, \$7.50; Washington Township, \$2; Decatur Township, \$3. Total, \$2,030.05.

"On the payment of the above total amount, the items as shown in the foregoing list should be credited on the tax duplicates and the taxes distributed by the county auditor among the distributing states," the report states.

"Illegal demand fees totaling \$1,066.20 were collected by Mr. Sourbler, the report states. No specific fee was charged, it states, and the fees levied against the property taxes instead of against the individual, as should have been the case.

**CERTIFICATES OF
ERROR ISSUED.**

"The records show that certificates of error were issued as credits to the treasurer for penalties charged on delinquent taxes in the June, June and December, 1919, settlement. The report shows the taxes for 1918 and 1919 and excessive fees not authorized by statute.

"See 10324, Burns R. S. 1914, provides that 'in case such delinquent and unpaid taxes are not paid within 60 days of the date of the notice of demand, such taxes shall be levied and recovered from such delinquent, in addition to the taxes and excessive fees not authorized by statute.'

"The above fees added to taxes and costs of advertising were not collected by demand of the treasurer, but were paid by the owner on account of the advertising fee.

"We can find no authority of law whereby a demand made upon a writer entitled by the treasurer previous to the advertising for collection would be valid and be due the treasurer, as he certainly did not collect the taxes on any demand made by him. We further find no authority of law which provides for a demand fee for the treasurer on delinquent taxes against real estate, providing such taxes cannot be collected by demand or levy on such owner's personal property."

"It will be noted from the tabulation of illegal fees, that in the majority of cases, a fee was charged and collected upon each lot advertised of from 25 to 50 cents. If two or more lots belonging to the same person were advertised, a fee of

50 cents was usually collected for each lot. In some instances the fee was reduced to 25 cents for each lot and in other instances, only one fee was collected for a number of lots.

"Hundreds of these items appear in the report and the board states since they are not public funds, neither the State nor the county can demand payment of this sum into the public treasury. Mr. Sourbler, however, would be required to refund each sum to each individual taxpayer should the individual demand payment.

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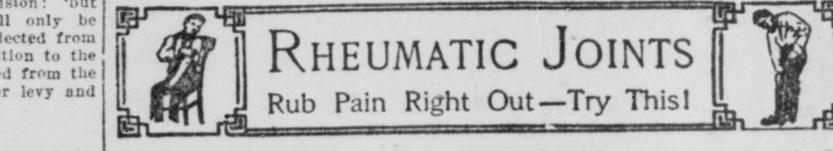
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from the total delinquency collected on the June, 1920, settlement sheet and a warrant issued to Treasurer R. A. Lemke for the remainder of the treasurer's 6 per cent fee.

"The amount paid to E. G. Sourbler represented 6 per cent of the gross delinquent collections, there is due to the present treasurer from E. G. Sourbler the sum of \$80.44."

taxes, the amounts as set out in the above statement.

"The records show that E. G. Sourbler received a warrant dated Jan. 17, 1920, for \$1,066.20 as treasurer's 6 per cent of delinquent taxes collected after the December settlement. The total tax represented by certificate of errors issued as credits to the treasurer for penalties charged on such delinquent taxes amount to \$1,157.39. This amount was deducted



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