

EDITOR NELSON, OF KANSAS CITY, DIES

Noted Publisher Directs Newspaper Between Intervals of Coma Till Last.

FAMOUS MEN HIS FRIENDS

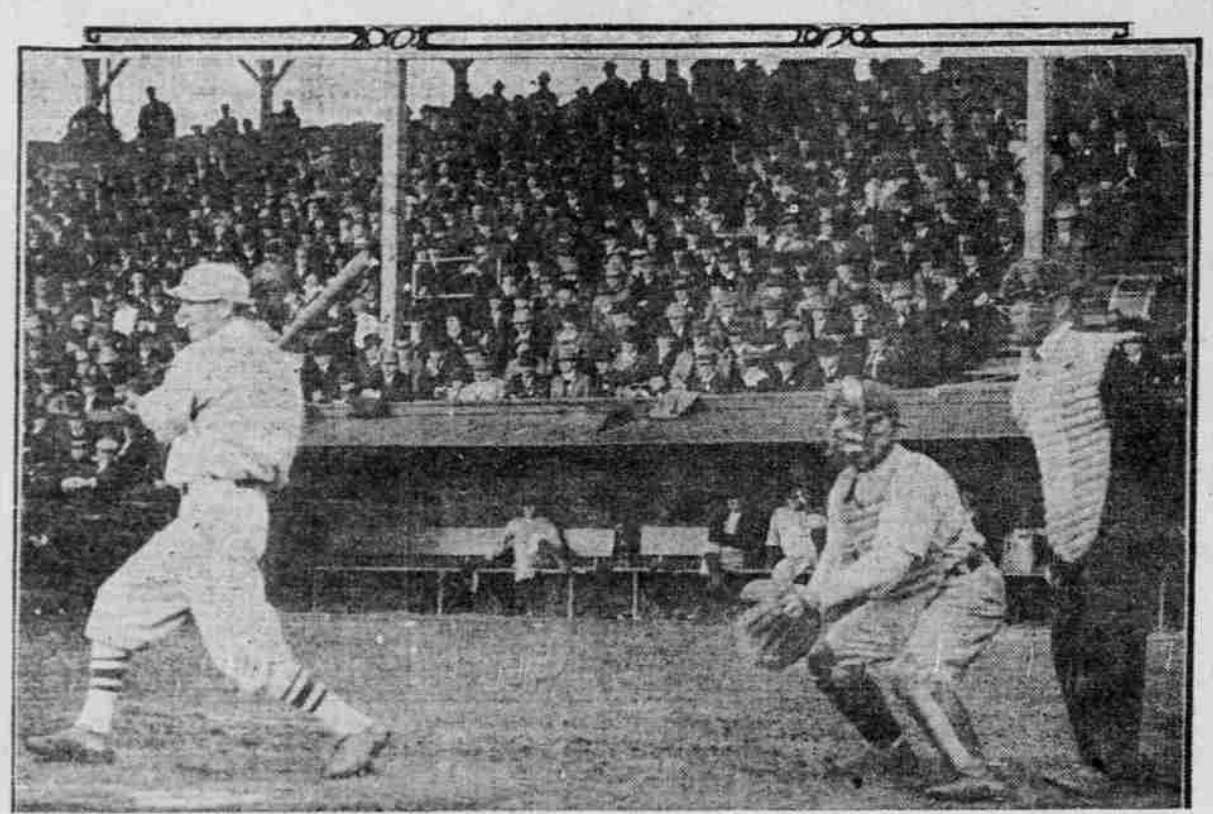
Life Devoted to Development of Metropolitan Daily, While Appointive and Elective Public Offices Are Scored.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 13.—William Rockhill Nelson, editor and owner of the Kansas City Star, died at his home here this morning.

personal credit and securing loans at less than the prevailing rate of interest are outlined in a new publication of the United States Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Bulletin No. 854, "How Farmers May Improve Their Personal Credit."

The first of these plans has worked out in certain localities in North Dakota so well that the farmer has been able to borrow money on his personal note at 8 per cent at a time when the usual rate in his vicinity varied from 10 to 12 per cent.

A PSYCHOLOGICAL MOMENT IN OPENING BASEBALL GAME.



Evans Evans Caught by Photographer McMonagle in the Act of Helting Out a Home Run for Portland in the Third Inning. Honus Mitze, Venice, Catching, and Umpire Ed Finney to the Right.

confined to his home since last December. Uremic poisoning caused his death, according to physicians.

Mr. Nelson took an active part in the management of the Star until about a month ago, when his condition changed for the worse.

MIND ALWAYS ON NEWSPAPER.

Although his physicians constantly advised against the part he was taking during the last few months, in the management of the paper, he refused to obey them, reminding them that it was in the building of the Star he had been happiest and that he would not be content without it to occupy his mind.

During the last month, however, Mr. Nelson had been conscious only at intervals. At each period his mind was clear and he constantly asked questions about his newspaper and the members of its staff.

For many years Mr. Nelson was a director of the Associated Press. He was recognized as one of the leading newspaper editors of the United States and his friends were many.

Immediately following his death a large number of his former friends were notified by telegraph. Among them were widely known men in almost every walk of life. They included Theodore Roosevelt, George W. Perkins of New York; Henry Watterson, of Louisville, Ky.; and General Charles H. Taylor, of Boston; Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy; Victor F. Lawson, Chicago; Melville E. Stone, general manager of the Associated Press, New York; H. H. Kohlsaat, Chicago; and Merrill McCormick, Chicago.

INDIANA HIS NATIVE STATE.

Mr. Nelson was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, March 7, 1841. He came of two centuries of American ancestry. His maternal grandfather, William Rockhill, settled in Indiana when that state was a wilderness in 1819, and was the first farmer in America to plant a thousand acres of corn.

He was educated at Notre Dame University. After a short experience as a youngster in cotton growing in Georgia just after the war, he returned to Indiana and became a general contractor.

4-Page Daily Started. He soon became convinced that the opportunities in Fort Wayne were too small, and after looking the field over, he decided on Kansas City as the most promising city of the country.

He persuaded his Fort Wayne partner, Samuel E. Morse, to make the venture with him. They sold their Fort Wayne interests, went to Kansas City and started The Evening Star as a little, four-page afternoon newspaper, on September 18, 1880.

Mr. Morse withdrew from the enterprise after a few months on account of ill health, and Mr. Nelson continued as sole owner and editor-in-chief.

In politics he was, as he often said, "independent but never neutral." But he would never consider any elective or appointive position. Early in President Taft's administration the suggestion was made in newspaper reports that he might be appointed ambassador to France. He commented editorially as follows: "The editor of the Star is amply occupied, sustained and satisfied with his present job. He regards himself as holding a place of greater responsibility and usefulness than any within the gift of the President, or the electorate."

In 1881 Mr. Nelson married Miss Ida Houston. Their one child, a daughter, Mrs. Irwin R. Kirkwood, lives in Kansas City.

FARMERS' CREDIT AIDED

Government Works Out Way in Which Money Can Be Lent Easily.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Three plans by which farmers in actual practice have succeeded in improving their

\$15,000 IS LEFT TO GIRL

STENOGRAPHER, BRIDE-TO-BE, REMEMBERED IN MAN'S WILL.

Request of Suicide on St. Louis Street-car Reveals Romance Unknown to Victim's Brothers.

ST. LOUIS, April 5.—Miss Sadie Smith, stenographer for William M. Price, secretary and treasurer of the J. O. Chenoweth Dyeing & Cleaning Company, who killed herself on one of the street-cars the other night, is bequeathed \$15,000 by the terms of his will, which has been filed in the Probate Court.

The filing of the will revealed they were engaged to be married.

Miss Smith is referred to by the testator as "my friend, Miss Sadie Smith," and from minor bequests totaling \$1,000, the rest of the estate goes to Price's two brothers, Wilbur B. Price, of Cleveland, O., and J. Boyle Price, president of the dyeing and cleaning company.

Price, who was about 40 years old and a bachelor, left a note, addressed to his brother, J. Boyle Price, found in one of the dead man's pockets, which said that their account at the Grand-Avenue Bank would be overdrawn Monday and that he had "plenty of insurance to take care of everything else."

Miss Smith, who lives with her brother, Harry J. and George, and her sister, Miss Naomi Smith, said she met Price seven years ago, when she first went to work for the company. She said they became engaged a year ago, but no announcement had been made, and the date of the wedding had not been set. The ceremony was postponed because of the illness of Price's mother. Price's brothers did not know of the engagement until the will was opened.

J. Boyle Price said that his brother was reticent about his private affairs. "My brother's wish," he added, "in respect to Miss Smith will be carried out to the letter. It was his intention to make her his wife, and he wishes to provide for her the same as if she had been his wife. She is in every way an admirable young woman."

Price lived at the St. Regis Apartments, with his brother and mother, Mrs. Virginia Boyle Price, member of an old St. Louis family and sister of the late Judge Wilbur Pink Boyle.

Mrs. Price is critically ill and friends said they believed that worry over her mother's condition caused Price to end his life.

Price left \$500 to a half-brother, Nathaniel McDonald, and a similar bequest to a half-sister, Mrs. William E. Tolbert. The will was made last October 25 and names the St. Louis Union Trust Company executor. The will was signed by L. C. Post and A. H. Burg.

The will asks that any taxes be deducted from the estate so that the legatees should receive the entire amounts bequeathed to them.

The St. Louis Union Trust Company could not give any estimate as to the value of the estate, but it is generally believed that Price carried a large amount of accident insurance, which would entitle the beneficiaries to double the amount if the holder of the policy met death on a train, streetcar or automobile.

COOP MOVING COSTS \$500

Henhouse Is Too Wide for Cellar Stairs and Wall Collapses.

SUNBURY, Pa., April 11.—John H. Ketter built a fancy chicken coop in the cellar of his home during his spare hours in the winter.

When he went to get it out he found the cellarway too narrow and decided to move part of the foundation. The wall collapsed, doing \$500 damage.

WINGED 'M' MEN WIN

Frank and McCarthy Victors in Wrestling Bouts.

NORTHWEST TAKES HONORS

Portland, Spokane and Seattle Athletes Take Seven Out of Eight Bouts in the Far Western Championship Events.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 13.—(Special.)—Wrestlers of the Pacific Northwest shared the principal honors with athletes of the Southern Pacific Association last night in the Far Western wrestling championships staged under the auspices of the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Multnomah Club, Spokane Amateur Athletic Club and Seattle Athletic Club took seven out of eight bouts in which they were entered and every wrestler sent from the Pacific

Northwest is still in the running for the championships.

The one defeat by a Pacific Northwest athlete was sustained by George McCarthy, of the Multnomah Club, who went out of his class, 158 pounds, in the 175-pound division, won his first bout and then lost a decision to C. E. Allen, of the Olympic Club, McCarthy, however, won his bout in the 158-pound class by defeating Carl Ricks, of the Olympic Club.

Edgar Frank, of the Multnomah Club, was the only other Pacific Northwest athlete to win two matches. Frank, in the 125-pound class, first defeated M. N. Clark, of the Los Angeles Athletic Club, throwing him in 2 minutes, 40 seconds. He then threw R. Illing, of the Olympic Club, in four minutes, qualifying for the finals tomorrow. He will meet John J. Hummerick, of the Los Angeles Athletic Club.

Frank Gilsho, of Spokane, in the 115-pound class; O. Runchoy, of Seattle, in the 135-pound class, and D. Burns, of Spokane, in the 145-pound class, all won their bouts on decisions.

115 pounds—Frank Gilsho, Spokane Amateur Athletic Club, defeated Robert Rex, Salt Lake Athletic Club, decision.

125 pounds—Edgar Frank, Multnomah Club, defeated A. D. Beecher, Salt Lake Athletic Club, fall in 1:45; R. Illing, Olympic Club, defeated H. Skilling, Olympic Club, fall in 7 minutes; Edgar Frank, Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, defeated M. N. Clark, Los Angeles Athletic Club, fall in 2:40; John Hummerick, Los Angeles Athletic Club, defeated George H. University of California, fall in 4:40; E. Frank, Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, defeated R. Illing, Olympic Club, fall in 4 minutes.

Seattle Wrestler Wins. 125 pounds—J. Maurer, M. C. A. defeated E. Helso, Olympic Club, decision; O. Runchoy, Seattle Athletic Club, defeated George Nees, M. C. A., decision; Otto Lihnes, Los Angeles Athletic Club, defeated J. Maurer, M. C. A., fall in 6:40.

145 pounds—D. Burns, Spokane Amateur Athletic Club, defeated W. Walter, Olympic Club, decision.

158 pounds—F. McCarthy, Multnomah, defeated Carl Ricks, Olympic Club, decision; J. L. Anderson, Salt Lake, defeated E. Dangett, Los Angeles Athletic Club, fall, 5:24.

175 pounds—C. E. Allen, Olympic Club, defeated C. E. Supler, M. C. A., decision; George McCarthy, Multnomah, defeated M. L. Witt, Olympic Club, decision; C. E. Allen, Olympic Club, defeated G. F. McCarthy, Multnomah, decision.

Heavyweight—W. S. Thomas, Salt Lake Athletic Club, defeated C. E. Congdon, Olympic Club, fall 1:05.

BLACKMAIL PLOT FOUND

St. Louis Rich Lined Up by Supposed Gang, Organized for Graff.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 6.—Papers, including a list of the names of 15 wealthy St. Louis men and women found on Walter Patterson, 34 years old, arrested following a complaint, led the police to believe there is a gang of organized blackmailers at work here. Patterson's arrest followed a complaint made by Oscar Bohling, a wealthy furniture dealer, who said Patterson demanded \$1100 of him.

When Patterson was arrested a note for \$500 signed by Peter Isben, merchant and Danish Consul for Missouri, was found in his pocket. Isben said that he had gone to a lake resort, where Patterson and several others demanded money from him. Isben said he had paid them more than \$1000 and also had given them the note.

He said he preferred to be fleeced rather than have his name connected with scandal.

Patterson is out on bond. His brother was arrested, but released. One other person has been named and others are promised.

The police and District Attorney's office are working on the case, and the matter will be placed before the grand jury.

Patterson was arrested a year ago, when a business man here complained to the police of an offer to sell letters written by the business man's wife. It was also charged that an attempt had been made to extort money from the woman. The case was dropped through lack of prosecution.

Large advertisement for Prince Albert tobacco. Features a cartoon of a man's face with a pipe, and text: "Don't stow this away under your hat. Use it! Here's the dandy-hand package that's full of the tobacco that lets men know what a good time they can get out of a pipe or makings cigarette." Includes an image of a Prince Albert cigarette pack.

CUMMINS IS WILLING

PRESIDENTIAL BEE STILL BUZZES IN IOWA.

Senator Will Make Speeches Through West After His Trip to Hawaii With Congressmen.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—With Senator Weeks bound for the Pacific Coast to help along his Presidential boom; with ex-Senator Burton reported to have said white in the Canal Zone; and with other aspirants for the Republican nomination next year also active, Senator Cummins, of Iowa, likewise has determined to make a campaign for the nomination, according to advice which have reached his friends here.

Senator Cummins, who will go to Hawaii with the Congressional party this Spring, will make speeches in Denver, Salt Lake City and Los Angeles and perhaps elsewhere on the Pacific Coast. Not only will he make speeches in these places, but he will see leaders, and no doubt is entertained here that active steps will be taken to get delegates.

Most of the aspirants for the Republican nomination thus far are identified with the "old guard" element of the party. Senator Cummins, on the other hand, will seek the nomination as a Progressive Republican. He has recently given out a statement in which he expressed advanced views on a number of subjects. Moreover, he declared the saloon had to go and that sobriety must rule the Nation.

Some of Senator Cummins' political friends have told him they thought this was impolitic and would cost him support in some quarters, but on the other hand, it will no doubt bring him delegates in some of the dry states.

"TRAIL SAWDUST" SALE ON

Felton, Pa., Police Say Visitors Got Supply From Factory.

FELTON, Pa., April 6.—Police have ordered from town two men who were selling packages of sawdust, which they said they had scraped from the "trail" in "Billy" Sunday's tabernacle in Philadelphia.

There was a brisk demand at 10 cents a bagful. Fifty women here admitted making purchases to have a memento of the Sunday campaign which they could show visitors.

Communicating with other towns, police learned the visitors had been there, and in each place sold about a bushel of sawdust in half-pint bags.

Persons declared they saw the two men filling bags from sawdust they gathered in the rear of a basket factory operated by George Waldmann.

DIRECTOR IS ACCUSED

Charge Is Trying to Burn and Blow Up School Building.

PITTSBURGH, April 6.—That he three times attempted to blow up and set fire to the West Park school building, in Stowe township, near McKee's Rocks, twice when more than 400 children were attending their classes, is the charge contained in an information made against R. G. Algeo, a member of the board of school directors of Stowe

township, by Thomas L. Pfarr, fire marshal of Allegheny County.

The information was sworn to before Alderman Kirby, and Algeo will have a hearing upon the double charge of attempted arson and attempting to blow up a building.

According to Pfarr, who made an exhaustive investigation of the matter when it was brought to his attention by members of the School Board, suspicion has also been directed against at least one other official of Stowe township, and proceedings may be instituted against him shortly. Algeo denies the charge.

Advertisement for "Strike One!" and "Strike Two!" cigars. Text: "Strike One! \$10. Strike Two! \$15. If you miss these two You're Out Wonder Clothes. 138-140-142 3d St., Cor. Alder." Includes illustrations of a man and a woman.

Advertisement for "A Hit With Every Smoker 'Charles the Great'". Text: "A fine clear Havana cigar manufactured in bond. Twenty-one sizes. 'FIRST CONSUL' Mild, sweet and fragrant—All Havana. In the popular sizes. 'TANTOS' Best 5c Porto Rican Cigar on the market. COMPLETE LINE OF MAGAZINES AND PERIODICALS. SI. S. RICH 2--STORES--2 Cor. Sixth and Wash. 267 Morrison, bet. 3d and 4th." Includes illustrations of a man and a woman.

Advertisement for m. Sichel. Text: "m. Sichel knox agent 331 Washington street near Broadway." Includes an illustration of a man's face.