

**NEGROES WOULD SAVE DOOMED BECK KILLER**

**National Colored Organization Employs Attorney to Help Brown Fight Chair**

It was learned last week that the National Assn. for Colored People, an organization of considerable strength, is going to make a fight for clemency for John Brown, who with Claude Clark and Dominick Bresette, is sentenced to be electrocuted at Joliet penitentiary on December 15 for the murder of William Beck, Milburn farmer.

Attorney Harry Hall who represented Brown in the trial, being a court appointee, has been engaged by the colored organization to work along with a Chicago attorney in the interests of Brown. Attorney Hall and the Chicago lawyers are to make a trip to Springfield this week to take up the matter of clemency for Brown with Governor Len Small.

Brown went on the witness stand in the trial and denied taking part in the Beck murder, claiming he had not even gone to the Beck home with Bresette and Clark. He told the jury that Bresette had "framed" him because of having an ill feeling towards him. Mrs. Anna Beck, mother of the murdered man, identified Brown, however, as one of the murderers, while Clark in his confession also implicated Brown.

Petitions for clemency in behalf of Bresette and Clark were filed with the state board of pardons and paroles a few days ago and Wednesday State's Att. Smith was notified that they are to have hearings before the board in Chicago on December 13, at 10 o'clock in the Transportation building. It is expected that the case of Brown will also be brought before the board at this time. The murderers will be brought to Chicago from Joliet penitentiary for the hearing.

Attorney George W. Field, who represented Bresette in the trial said Thursday that he visited him in prison a few days ago and that in all probability he will handle his case before the pardon and parole board. It is not known who is to represent Clark.

Bresette has exhibited confidence from the start that his life would not be taken. Brown has been hopeful at times, although quite doubtful. Clark has never felt he had a chance to "cheat" the electric chair, feeling that he was doomed after Bresette and Brown had been given the extreme penalty.

Brown and Bresette claimed that race prejudice caused the jury and court to give them an unfair trial and this is to be one of the arguments made in their behalf by counsel at the hearing before pardon and parole board.

**In Chicago Again**

When "Blossom Time," the ever popular musical play, based upon a romance in the life of Franz Schubert, the composer, and with musical adaptations from his own melodies, opened at the Studebaker Theatre last week it fulfilled all promises of its producers, for it is the most magnificent "Blossom Time" that has yet been presented and is played and sung by a company that is the equal of any that has presented it in the past. "Blossom Time" is here for a brief period only and upon the completion of this engagement will start on a country-wide tour, playing only the larger cities between here and San Francisco and back through Canada to the East, where it will bring to a close its celebrated Franz Schubert Centenary tour with what is expected to be a prolonged Metropolitan run. Genevieve Naezele, John Charles Gilbert, Herbert Lyle, Robert Lee Allen, Nancy Sheridan, Ivan Servais, Elsa Lang and Mlle. Denova head this year's cast, which also includes a singing feminine ensemble that is as good to look upon as it is to listen to.

From the standpoint of continuous service, the highly successful operetta leads all current musical attractions of its class, for it was produced over fourteen years ago and still is one of the most popular musicals of Central Europe annually. Vienna saw and heard it first a few months before the World war broke out, and shortly afterward it was done in Germany. In Vienna it maintained an uninterrupted run through the chaotic days of the great war, and now after all previous light opera records have been swept away by its success, this hardy perennial has taken its place as the modern musical classic of the commercial theatre.

Seven years ago it made its first appearance in this country and its history is all too well known to detail or chronicle its American record. It is said that "Blossom Time" has now played to more people than any other operetta presented in the last ten years.

As is pretty well known, it is based upon the life and romance of Franz Schubert, the great Austrian composer, and its music is taken directly from his master works. "The Song of Love," hailed as the hit of the ages, so closely resembles whole phrases of the "Unfinished Symphony," that they at times are undistinguishable. Hence, "Blossom Time" will probably go on forever.

**ESTATES BEFORE PROBATE COURT**

**SEVERAL FROM THIS CITY**

**Judge Decker Hears Number of Cases in Waukegan Court During Last Week; Koch Will Probated**

Dan Ivezich, 39, of North Chicago, who was killed last week in Zion when a ditch in which he was working caved in, left an estate of approximately \$3,750, according to records filed before Probate Judge Martin C. Decker last week.

Letters of administration were issued to Andro Pucin with bonds being set at \$7,500.

The full proceedings were as follows:

Alex Skwarkowski, Gurnee. Letters of administration issued to Frank Skorpinski. Bond of \$200.

Edward M. Gallup, Highland Park. Final report approved. Estate closed.

George Cohn, minor, Lake Forest. Letters of guardianship issued to Max Cohn. Bond of \$1500. Guardian authorized to settle accident claim for \$750.

George Miller, North Chicago. Hearing on petition for probate of will continued to Dec. 10.

August DeBona, Highland Park. Final report approved. Estate closed.

John Frank Kendall, Waukegan. Hearing on final report continued to Dec. 17.

John Malik, Antioch. Heirship established.

Virginia May Sink, minor. Guardian authorized and ordered to make settlement on or before Dec. 17. William R. Behanna appointed new guardian. Bond fixed at \$2000.

Robert McMichaels, Zion. Letters of administration heretofore issued to Robert A. Robinson revoked. Account to be filed by Dec. 17. Bert C. Thompson named as new guardian and bond fixed at \$1000.

Hulda Schmidt, Highland Park. Report of sale of stock approved. Heirship proved. Final account approved. Distribution ordered.

Russell Vickers. Letters of guardianship issued to Emma Thayer.

Carrie Woodworth, Waukegan. Petition to establish heirship, filed and set for hearing Dec. 17.

James E. Fagan, Highland Park. Final report approved. Estate closed.

Thomas Longtine, Highland Park. Inventory and appraisal bill approved.

John Austin, Libertyville. Final report approved. Estate closed.

Mary Jane Austin, Libertyville. Final report approved. Estate closed.

John Onan, Waukegan. Petition for sale of real estate under contract filed and set for hearing Jan. 7.

Robert McMichaels, Zion—Letters of administration issued to Bert C. Thompson. Bond of \$1,000.

Mary E. Kirk, Waukegan—Final report approved. Estate closed.

Theodore Koch, Highland Park—Will admitted to probate. Estate of \$15,000 personal and \$25,000 real estate given to wife and children. Proof

of heirship taken. Bond fixed at \$30,000.

David B. Jones, Lake Forest—Supplemental proof of heirship taken.

Benjamin J. Barker, Wauconda—Will admitted to probate. Estate of \$17,000 personal property given to brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews. Proof of heirship taken. Bond fixed at \$34,000.

Charles Harden, Antioch—Petition for probate of will filed and set for hearing Dec. 31, 1928. Estimated value of estate \$16,000 personal.

Joseph Cusker, Fox Lake—Petition for letters of administration filed. Bond fixed at \$5,000. Proof to heirship taken.

John Robert Lusk, minor, Zion—Letters of guardianship issued to Leonard R. Lusk. Bond of \$1,000.

Whitney Morford, North Chicago—Petition for probate of will filed and set for hearing Jan. 14.

He (earnestly): "I mean to kiss you and kiss you and kiss you."

She: "That would be only three times."

Knicker—"Is that Boston girl frigid?"

Bocker—"I should say so. When fellows call on her they tie themselves together with ropes."

It's got so a fellow just as well give up work entirely if he expects to keep up with the detective fiction.

—Detroit News.

**WAUKEGAN OFFICER SUSPENDED BY GEE**

**Policeman Who Was Beaten in Saloon Will Have to Face Quiz by Commission**

Policeman Ben True of Waukegan recovering in the Victory Memorial hospital from a terrific beating administered to him on Wednesday night in the saloon operated by Elkin Rose and Jack Shellberg, Saturday was suspended indefinitely from the police department by Commissioner Wilson L. Gee.

True will be on the suspension list until after the hearing into the case and according to Gee, if evidence proves that he was in the wrong, charges will be filed against him with the Civil Service Commission to remove him permanently from the police force.

Fred Eaton, the fourth man said to have been in the saloon when True

was beaten, appeared before Police Magistrate Walter A. Taylor Saturday and put up bonds of \$1,000 for his appearance at the trial on Thursday afternoon.

True, off duty for the night, is said to have gone to the saloon and while there got into an argument with Schellberg who admits that he beat True with his fists. True was taken to the hospital with two bad cuts on

the head, both eyes closed and otherwise battered and bruised. Commissioner Gee has declared that a thorough investigation will be made and if the evidence warrants, True will be dismissed from the police force and regardless of the evidence in this case, Gee states that he will use every effort to close such places where intoxicating liquor is being sold in violation of the law.



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