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BREAK UP GANG OF FREIGHT THIEVES

Organized Stealing From Three Railroads Between Kansas City and Billings

Burlington Special Agent T. J. Smith, Sheriff Miller of Alliance, Sheriff Crane of Hot Springs, and Deputy Sheriff Schaefer of Edmore have succeeded, after months of strenuous work, in breaking up a gang of eleven men who were organized for systematic theft on three railroads. The depredation took place on Burlington, Northwestern and Union Pacific trains between Kansas City and Billings.

Special Agent Smith made the initial capture. On March 26 he arrested Walter Duke, an ex-brakeman on the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad. Duke made a complete confession, implicating two others, John Bergen and William K. Robertson. Bergen was arrested the following day at Edgemont, but escaped the special agent there. He was recaptured at Denver and returned to Edgemont, passing through Alliance Monday.

In hearings held at Hot Springs, Bergen and Duke pleaded guilty, and are awaiting sentence. Robertson pleaded not guilty and was released on bond of \$500 awaiting trial by the district court.

"Shavers" Garfield, alias Grover Shavers, alias William Smith, was captured the last of the week. He has confessed to the robbery of the store at Ardmore and several boxcar robberies. "Shavers" Garfield not only implicated others in his confession, but told the officers of the system used and the secret codes and plans the gang had been operating under. Members of the gang would hang around when freight cars were loaded, and by means of chalk marks in various designs the other thieves would know which car to break open and what they might expect to find.

John Wallace of St. Louis, Roy Jepp of Kansas City, Gus Miller of Denver, William Dorrity of St. Louis and one other man have been placed under arrest and will be brought to Hot Springs for trial.

The thefts were confined largely to tobacco, cigarettes, and shoes, although silk articles were occasionally added to the loot. There was a ready sale for these, the thieves say.

Special Agent Smith has recovered eighteen pairs of shoes, as well as several pairs of silk stockings, which were discovered in the room of John Hamilton, colored, who rooms with a family in West Lawn addition. Hamilton has been light chef at the Sam Shelton restaurant. He got wind of the search, the officers say, but it is believed that he will be apprehended.

The gang was organized about three months ago, and have made away with thousands of dollars' worth of stuff in the short time they have been operating. They did not confine their efforts to boxcars exclusively, as the Ardmore robbery will testify, but occasionally broke into stores and dwellings. It is probable, the officers believe, that the Alliance robberies during the past month or two will be traced to them.

JUDGE HARRINGTON FILES FOR DELEGATE

Petitions have been filed for Judge James J. Harrington of O'Neill as candidate for delegate to the democratic national convention from the Sixth congressional district. Judge Harrington, who has been one of the administration leaders in the district for twelve years, was on the bench in the old Fifteenth judicial district and still holds the distinction of being the youngest man ever elected to the district bench in the state, being but a few months over the constitutional limit when first elected.

ED HENRY PURCHASES I. E. TASH RESIDENCE

A deal was consummated yesterday by which E. D. Henry becomes the owner of the residence property of County Judge Ira E. Tash, the consideration being \$10,000. Possession will be given June 1. Mr. Tash has purchased a lot and if he is unable to purchase something that will suit, will probably build.

Harold Beans will go to Edgemont tomorrow to take the position of electrician at that place. Walter Mallane, who has been at Edgemont for several months, will come to Alliance to take the position of electrician here.

THE WEATHER

For Alliance and vicinity: Unsettled weather tonight and Saturday; probably snow; not much change in temperature.

SIDNEY VS. ALLIANCE HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE

Tonight at 7:30 o'clock the Alliance high school will debate with the Sidney high school the subject, "Resolved, That Congress should prohibit striking on railroads doing interstate business." Alliance will maintain the affirmative side and Sidney the negative.

The following students will represent the Alliance high school: William T. Stotant, Edward Morrow, Ruth S. Con.

Everyone interested is cordially invited to attend. No admission will be charged.

ROBBERY AT THE HARPER'S STORE

Thieves Make Away With Silk Underwear and Hosiery on Wednesday Night

The W. R. Harper department store was robbed Wednesday evening of a quantity of silk underwear and hosiery. Entrance was gained through the basement. The authorities have no clue as to the identity of the thieves.

The discovery was made Thursday evening, when the cash in the register turned up \$10 short. It was impossible of course, to check over the entire stock, but there was at least \$200 worth of goods taken. Money amounting to \$500, in the safe, was not touched.

LEONARD RELEASED ON INSANITY CHARGE

Harry Leonard, morphine addict who requested the police to lock him up in order to keep him from temptation, was given a hearing before the insanity board last Tuesday morning, and was released. He left the same evening for Lincoln, where, he said, he will apply at the state hospital for the drug treatment.

Leonard, when seen by a Herald representative, failed to exhibit all of the signs that the average reporter dearsly loves to perceive in a drug victim. He was quite calm, and lounged on the cell bed while he told of his dislike of being interviewed. He talked intelligently, too.

"I'll tell you just what I told the last reporter," he said, "and that is—nothing. I suppose you'll do what the other fellow said he would—write me up anyhow. I'd much rather you didn't say anything. I have a mother and two sisters and I'd prefer to run no chances of them hearing of it, if it's all the same to you. The chief will give you my name, but I don't see where the public is concerned in my misfortunes."

Properly encouraged, however, Mr. Leonard was not so reticent. In fact, he was a little difficult to shut off. He evidently imagined it was his duty to praise the town and the county, and he did so. He said some nice things about the city cops, and the kind of meals they secured for him. His cell, however, was too warm. But he spilled nothing concerning himself, save that he had been using morphine for some ten years. He wanted to stop. He was willing, he said, to go to the state hospital, although he didn't seem wildly enthused over the prospect.

The county insanity board saw no reason for holding him under an insanity complaint, and released him. The hat was passed for him, and enough money collected to buy him a ticket to Lincoln, where he said he would apply at the state hospital for treatment. As yet the daily papers have not chronicled his arrival.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR L. M. BEAL SUNDAY

News was received this morning of the death of L. M. Beal at Denver, where he had gone for medical treatment. The body will be brought here tomorrow and funeral services held Sunday afternoon, April 4.

Mr. Beal has resided on a ranch near Alliance for some time and leaves a wife and five children, also his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Beal, 816 Cheyenne, and five brothers and a sister, R. W., Hugh, Frank, T. J., Edward and Mary Beal, all residing here.

CITY ELECTION NEXT TUESDAY

Voters Will Have to Write in Names of Candidates for the School Board.

Four members of the city council and two members of the school board will be elected at next Tuesday's election. There has been little interest manifested in the event, and the probabilities are that a light vote will be cast.

The candidates are: Councilman, First ward, H. D. Hacker. A. V. Gavin, whose term expires, refused to become a candidate for re-election. In the Second ward, O. C. Moore, the incumbent, and L. T. Burrow are the nominees. E. D. Henry has filed for re-election in the Third, and will be opposed by Arthur Wright. In the Fourth ward, L. H. Highland seeks re-election and until the first of the week was without opposition. Monday, however, Bliss Sturgeon consented to run for the office and his friends will write his name on the ballot.

There are no candidates for the school board, F. W. Harris and K. J. Stern, whose terms expire this year, having failed to file for the office. The Herald endorses the suggestion that the voters of Alliance impress them into service again, which can be done very easily by writing their names on the ballot. These men have been on the board for some time, are familiar with the work and the plans of that organization and have proved most faithful. The school district is now ready to begin the construction of new buildings, and experienced men are needed. When you come to these places, write down the names of F. W. Harris and K. J. Stern.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MAKES TWO RUNS

The city's fire department made two runs Wednesday evening between 6 and 8 p. m. The first call came from the McDonald apartments, where a defective flue had caused a little blaze, which was extinguished before the truck arrived.

The second call came from 523 Laramie, where two electric light wires had caused a blaze on a telephone pole in front of the W. R. Harper residence. Mr. Campbell of the city's electrical department made the necessary repairs.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MEN IN ALLIANCE APRIL 14

The Omaha live stock delegation, composed of commission men, packers, newspaper men and stock yards representatives will leave Omaha on April 11 on their annual tour to the South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana stock growers' conventions.

The delegation will arrive in Alliance at 11:20 a. m. Wednesday, April 14, and will leave at 1:30 p. m. Members have expressed a desire to meet shippers and business men during their stay in the city.

"THE SPLENDID SIN" AT IMPERIAL TONIGHT

Tonight's program at the Imperial is featured by "The Splendid Sin," starring Madeline Travers. It's a story of love and intrigue, of plotting and other interesting things, written about a woman who tells a noble lie and engages in a noble deception. A comedy, "The Farmerette," and the Universal Screen Magazine complete the bill.

SAT. DAY OF DAYS IN AUTO CAMPAIGN

Big Votes End April 3—Win or Lose—All Depends on Effort Now

They're coming down the stretch! Contestants in The Herald's big \$23,000 prize and automobile campaign have reached the turn, maneuvered themselves into position for the straight-away, and from now until the end of the "first period"—this Saturday night—will be battling for supremacy under whip and spur.

Vote Totals Soar Within easy reach of the two million mark leading contestants are putting forth exceptional efforts, and this week will see higher vote totals than ever before. Miss Margaret Barry retains the lead of the race. She is doing some splendid work during the last days of the first period and can be expected to maintain a rapid pace.

Ralph Cox has come up two places and is now safely berthed in second position. Mr. Cox is getting his stride and predictions are that he will be well out in front within the near future. Just a pace behind him is B. M. Kelly of Angola who has made some spectacular gains from time to time. Miss Sarabel Newman on account of illness has dropped back to fourth place. She has made a splendid record and her many friends hope that she will soon be able to be out and again take up the standard.

Miss Lydia Gasseling of Hemingford will be heard from later in the week and may prove the surprise of the campaign. The race has now narrowed down to seven so it is more interesting and exciting than ever. Contestants realize that right now is the time to do things, and that IT IS BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY.

Speed Will Win The crucial test is now at hand. If you ever intend doing anything BIG in this race, DO IT NOW. Instead of being second, third, fourth or fifth place, GET UP AT THE TOP and STAY THERE. Now is the time to secure an insurmountable reserve vote. Now is the time to make reasonably certain of the prize you most desire.

Never again, after this Saturday night, will it be possible to realize the full voting power for subscriptions. This is final and fair warning! If you entertain any desire whatever of being declared winner of the big six-cylinder, 1920 model Reo touring car, worth \$1985 to be awarded Saturday night, April 24—just three weeks from this Saturday night—do not fail to turn in every available subscription to your account before the close of the "first period."

Not to do so simply means that you will have to redouble your efforts during the remainder of the race to make up for lost ground. A few long-term subscriptions NOW may be the very ones needed to "cinch" the big prizes; they could hardly help but win one of the major awards.

How "Period" Will Close The "first period" will end with the closing of The Herald office Saturday night. The time is set for 8 p. m., but should candidates not be able to report in full by that hour the time will be extended to meet the requirements. Contestants are requested to come to The Herald office as early in the evening as convenient. They will be waited on individually in order—first come first served. The Herald office will be closed as soon as ALL candidates have reported in full, and with it closing the first period ends and the BIG votes will be over. There will

most likely be no subscriptions accepted for the first period after Saturday night, no matter what the conditions, EXCEPT subscriptions contained in letters post-marked Saturday, April 3. This permits out of town candidates, and friends of city contestants residing outside of Alliance to MAIL subscriptions as late as the closing hour of the first period and get big votes therefor even if the orders do not reach The Herald until Tuesday.

Confidence Assured Candidates may rest assured of absolute confidence so far as their reports are concerned. Impartial treatment is guaranteed each and every contestant and inside information will positively not be given out. The campaign manager must necessarily be a clam in this regard and it is hoped that contestants will exercise the spirit of sportsmanship and not ask for details that could not be given to one and all alike.

METHODIST CHURCH PLANS APPROVED

Gift of Several Thousand Dollars Will Result From Action of Board of Architecture

Word has just been received that the plans for the new Methodist church in Alliance, which are being prepared by J. R. Smith, architect of Lincoln, and which are nearing completion, have been approved by the Methodist board of architecture. This board has been created since the centenary campaign last year, in which \$40,000,000 was raised for home missionary enterprises, the larger part of which will be expended in aiding churches to build new church edifices. Before any church can get assistance from this fund, their plans must be approved by a central board of architects. This is to make sure that buildings will be planned according to the latest and most modern methods.

The approval of the Alliance plan means that the Methodist church will receive a gift of several thousand dollars for the new building. The exact amount is not yet known, and may not be available until next year, but the gift is now an assured fact.

Alliance Methodists are greatly pleased at the announcement. The first set of plans prepared were turned down by the board.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTORS MEET

The directors of the Alliance chamber of commerce held a short session following the joint meeting with the board of directors of the fair association Monday evening, and matters of routine business were discussed. J. W. Guthrie, ex-president of the state association of local insurance agents, who met in convention here last week, presented the thanks of the delegates for the various courtesies extended to them.

Secretary Jones reported that indications were that the wholesale grocery house which has been flirting with us for several months past is about ready to make definite announcement that it will establish a branch house here. The secretary also reported that an individual who is seeking a likely location for a potato flowering mill has selected Alliance as a good site. He needs nothing save moral support, having sufficient funds at his disposal to put the project across. The secretary will see that he is given every possible encouragement.

The taking of local weather observations was discontinued at the time City Manager Smith left Alliance, largely because of the difficulty of finding someone to get the report in on time. Secretary Jones thinks he has found a man who will fill the bill, and some of these days we'll be able to compare current Alliance weather with that of previous years.

It develops, also, that someone was in error concerning the chamber's "welcome" sign. The word had gone out some weeks ago that the sign had to come down as soon as the paving was started. Preparations had been made to erect it at the Burlington station. Now the city authorities say that removal is unnecessary and that it need not be removed unless the club desires, which it most certainly does not. For the time being, therefore, the welcome sign will not greet the eye of passing strangers unless they descend from the varnished cars and walk out on Box Butte avenue.

—Girls wanted at Alliance Steam Laundry.

PHONE COMPANY REPORTS BIG LOSS

Last Sunday's Wind and Sleet Storm Damages Equipment to the Extent of \$300,000

The wind and sleet storm which swept southwestern, central and northeastern Nebraska, southeastern South Dakota, southwestern Minnesota and northwestern Iowa last Saturday night and Sunday morning, caused damage amounting to about \$300,000 to the property of the Nebraska Telephone company. Other telephone companies, as well as telegraph properties, also suffered heavy losses.

A wet snow and rain fell in the greater part of the storm area, freezing as it struck the wires, cross-arms and poles. With the lines weighed with ice the heavy wind snapped thousands of poles and the wires were carried down with them.

In general the storm extended in an easterly direction from western Nebraska to Lincoln, Columbus and Norfolk, Neb., Storm Lake, Ia., and Worthington, Minn., and in a southerly direction from north and west of Sioux Falls and Worthington through the Rosebud country in South Dakota as far south as Aurora, Neb. Alliance was not in the direct path of the storm.

As soon as the location of the damaged areas could be determined, repairmen with poles, wires and other telephone materials were loaded on trains and auto trucks and despatched to the points indicated in the early reports as being most seriously affected. Thousands of poles, copper wire and other emergency supplies kept on hand by the telephone company were sent out from Omaha, Grand Island, Norfolk, North Platte, Holdrege and Lexington in Nebraska, from Sioux City and Storm Lake in Iowa, and from Sioux Falls in South Dakota. A special train from Omaha carried four carloads of poles, two carloads of wires, cross-arms and miscellaneous telephone material and six carloads of auto trucks for use in making repairs.

From many points throughout the central western states repair crews were loaned by other associated Bell companies and hurried to the stricken territory. By Monday night nearly 1,000 men were at work repairing the damage and stringing temporary lines to provide emergency service between the important communication centers as quickly as possible.

This is the third large sleet storm which has damaged the property of the telephone company this winter. Last November in a storm around Grand Island and Norfolk, Neb., the Nebraska Telephone company lost approximately \$75,000. Less than two weeks ago a similar storm around Sioux Falls resulted in a loss of nearly \$35,000. Because of the prohibitive rate, due to the unusual risk, no insurance is carried by the telephone company on its outside property.

Toll service is practically restored throughout the storm area, but the service will be a little slower than usual, due to emergency routing, for the next week or so, until the repairs are complete. The main circuits are now built up with temporary wires. For the past few days, it has been necessary to go through Denver and Kansas City in order to reach Omaha.

This storm is one of the best examples of the use to which the company's depreciation fund is put. F. A. May, commercial superintendent, on his last visit here had some difficulty in convincing one or two councilmen that such a fund was necessary. There are mighty few companies in the state which could have weathered such an enormous loss.

LEAP YEAR DANCE TUESDAY EVENING

On Tuesday night, a leap-year dance will be held at the local Elks hall. A five-piece jazz orchestra has been secured. Under the rules, it is up to the ladies to ask the men, to escort them to the dance and to take them safely home after the festivities are over. The eligibles will be limited to Elks. The ladies are advised to make their selection early while the assortment is yet large.

This is the last dance that W. R. Harper will have charge of as chairman of the entertainment committee. All of the others have been good successes, and Harp doesn't want any failure to mar the record. It's up to the girls to see to it that nothing of the kind happens.

Here's How They Stand!

IN THE HERALD AUTO AND PRIZE CAMPAIGN

MISS MARGARET BARRY	324 First	1,898,500
MR. RALPH COX	523 Cheyenne	1,874,300
MR. B. M. KELLY	Angora	1,856,500
MISS SARABEL NEWMAN	222 Toluca	1,585,300
MISS LYDA GASSELLING	Hemingford	1,009,500
MRS. J. WONG	315 Cheyenne	857,150
MISS GRACE JOINSTON	1011 Box Butte	248,400

"First Period" and Big Votes End Saturday Night