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HOWARD IS HELD FOR TRIAL IN THE DISTRICT COURT

CHARGED WITH THEFT OF HIS FRIEND'S SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Bunkie Testified That Howard Took Him in a Burst of Friendly Confidence

James Howard, colored, was held for trial in district court on a charge of forgery following a preliminary hearing in county court Wednesday morning before Judge Tash. County Attorney Bayse prosecuted the case and Howard was defended by Attorney H. E. Gantz. Howard's bond was placed at \$1,000, and he is being held in the county jail.

Howard was charged with forging the name of Curtis Thomas Brown, also colored, to a check for an amount representing the balance of the latter's savings account on July 20, last. Brown and Howard had been occupying the same house. Brown did not discover the fact that his account had been drawn down to its last cent until last Saturday, when he tried to get some money to send to his mother. Howard, who recently returned to Alliance, was suspected, and following an investigation, wherein he wrote Brown's signature several times, was placed under arrest.

The chief witness for the prosecution was James Tatum, who testified that after Howard had left Brown's quarters, he had come to Tatum's bunkhouse. The two men got quite friendly and in an exchange of friendly confidences, Howard had told him that he and Brown had owned the furniture in the house where they were living, but that Brown had sold it and had refused to give him his share. Tatum said that Howard declared he had got even, and that he explained how he took Brown's bank book and had drawn out the money he had in his savings account.

The attorney for the defense attempted to discredit Tatum's testimony. It seems that Tatum had done some confiding of his own. There was a long scar, evidently made by a razor, on Tatum's face, and under pressure by the attorney, he admitted it had been received in a fight over a colored girl in the town where he last resided. He denied, however, that there was a warrant out for his arrest, or that he had ever been in jail. He gave the name of the town and suggested that a telegram be sent there. "It was some fight," said, "but I'll say I never served no jail term."

County Attorney Bayse frequently objected to the line of questioning, but Judge Tash overruled him. "It's probably improper questioning," said his honor, "but it's decidedly interesting."

City Manager's Corner

(By N. A. KEMMISH)

Section 11 of ordinance No. 126 provides that all property owners clear the snow from their sidewalks within one hour after the cessation of the snowfall, if the same occurs during the day time and by 10 a. m. if the snow occurs during the night. A fine of not to exceed \$20 for each day the snow is allowed to lay on the walks may be imposed. In view of the fact that we have to depend on our sidewalks in order to get back and forth from town, it is necessary to see that everyone keeps their walks cleared of snow. We hope that it will not be necessary to enforce the above ordinance, but that everyone will see that the snow is removed from the walks.

In the downtown section it is very important that the snow be shoveled away from the curbing at least one foot so there will be a space from one foot to eighteen inches wide next to the curb, in order to allow any water to drain to the sewer. Many of the business men have been in the habit of simply shoveling the snow off into the gutter. This will stop up the drainage and make the streets in very bad shape if this practice continues.

It is our policy to enforce our laws without fear or favor. Occasionally we receive an anonymous letter, no doubt from some well meaning citizen who has some "inside tip" or information that the officers are receiving "hush money," etc. We realize that no matter how much we may try, we cannot always do what someone would like to have us do. We must keep within the law and that is not clearly understood by many. They think all they have to do is to tell an officer a month afterward and we can make arrests on hearsay. If he should ask them to sign a complaint or be a witness they would throw up their hands in horror and have a thousand excuses for not doing so and at the same time criticize the officer for what they think he should do. We maintain an office and are always glad to have any citizen call and talk over any matters pertaining to the city affairs. We are here to serve you. Whenever you see or know of something that is not right it is your privilege and duty to come and let us talk it over. We can assure you that we will appreciate a call and that you will receive consideration.

Mrs. Florence Beck was a guest of friends in Alliance during the week.

WEATHER

For Alliance and Vicinity: Light; colder west portion; extreme cold; winds becoming fresh from west by Saturday. Advise stock interests.

Heavy snow storm. Very little snow north and west of Edgemont and extends only about 100 miles east. Storm slowly working east.

Sacred Concert at Methodist Church on Sunday Evening

At the Sunday evening service at the Methodist church, Mann's orchestra will give a sacred concert, playing new music that they have not given at any other place in the city. The program will be as follows: America—Congregation; March Romaine—Gounod; Nature's Adoration—Brooks; Flower Song—King; Simple Confession, (Violin Duet.)—Thome; Hymn, "With a Hymn Story"—Congregation; One Sweetly Solemn Thought—Ambrose; Athalia, (Mendelssohn)—A Trombone Solo; Joy to the World, arr.—Barnhouse; Selection—King; Coronation, arr.—Allen.

Miss Larhea Lunn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lunn of this city, left last night for University Place, where she will begin the Christmas term at Nebraska Wesleyan university.

NOTHING TO RUMOR OF AN OIL STRIKE

DRILLERS STRUCK SAME OLD GAS POCKET AT LAKESIDE

Slight Flow of Oil Minged With Mud and Water—Change to the Standard Rig

Reports were current in Alliance Wednesday that oil had been struck at the Lakeside well, and for a time there was considerable excitement on the part of some who have been getting into the lease game. Investigation, however, shows that these rumors were greatly exaggerated, and that the facts, while more or less cheerful indications, are not sufficient to justify selling the old homestead and beginning to drill.

The facts, as explained by a member of the Lakeside syndicate, are that the drillers decided to change from the rotary to the standard rig. On drawing up the rotary drill, at a depth of about 1,900 feet, the same depth at which a gas pocket was discovered several days ago, pressure of the gas forced up mud and water, and there were small quantities of pure crude oil. The same thing happened when the tools were again lowered.

Stories that reached Alliance were to the effect that there was pure oil filling the entire hole, and that the drillers were getting ready to "shoot" with dynamite.

Long Asks Supreme Court to Set Aside Westover's Order

The supreme court of Nebraska has been asked to issue a peremptory writ of mandamus to require Judge William H. Westover of the district court of Sheridan county to set aside an order by him preventing the collection of \$75,000 judgment, with interest. The application will be heard by the supreme court December 2. It is in the form of a motion filed by Peter J. Long and Anna Long, thru their attorneys, Byron G. Burbank and Thomas Lynch of Omaha.

The judgment in question was obtained in Douglas county in the form of damages alleged to have been caused by Herman and John H. Krause who bought from Long a tract of land which later turned out to be rather rich in potash. Fraud in the purchase was alleged. John H. Krause died before the damage suit was tried. The supreme court affirmed the judgment for \$75,000 with 7 per cent interest, January 19, 1921, but motions were filed by the contending parties and these were not disposed of and the mandate issued until November 18, 1921. Prior to that time the Krause interests obtained from Judge Westover a temporary injunction to prevent the collection of the judgment. Judge Westover is to hold a final hearing in the matter of an injunction December 16. The Longs now ask the supreme court to vacate Judge Westover's order preventing collection of the judgment. The original suit was for \$992,000 damages. It is stated in the pleadings that the attorneys representing Long are to get half the amount collected on the judgment.

Ernest Hook returned from a trip to Omaha recently.

ALLIANCE IS NO LONGER HOME OF YOUNGEST YANK

TAKES NEW JOB AT RAVENNA WITH THE BURLINGTON.

Wins Back His Bride After a Session With His Mother-in-Law—Troubles Are Over.

Alliance people who feel an interest in the troubles of Raymond T. Burleigh, the youngest Yank, who recently came to Alliance after an unsuccessful effort to win back his bride and compose his matrimonial difficulties, will be pleased to know that the sun again shines for him. He has regained the lady of his choice, and together they are starting life all over again. The Omaha Bee tells the story:

Raymond Burleigh, America's youngest Yank, went over the top in Lincoln again, repulsing the onslaught of an irate mother-in-law, and left the city with his coveted bride on his arm. "Gosh," exclaimed the youthful and arduous Raymond, as he mopped his brow. "It's a darned sight harder to get back a bride than it is to capture German trenches."

As the dove of peace and spirit of love hovered over the youthful heads of cooing and wooing Raymond and Corine, they sped to their new home at Ravenna, Neb., which they hope will be free from the naughty public dance halls, the toddling, parking and fox trotting he and she-vamps, who started the first row. A signed armistice rested on the table of the warring papa and mamma-in-laws at College View and Lincoln.

\$25,000 Suit Dropped.

The revived love of Raymond and Corine stilled the spirit of revenge in the heart of her mother, Mrs. C. R. Buffum of College View, and she has voluntarily dropped the \$25,000 alienation of affection suit which she filed against J. R. Burleigh. The dismissal was filed in the Lancaster district court.

Yes, Raymond came back the other day and straightened things out. Mother Burleigh said, "Can't say the families are exactly reconciled, but matters are running more smoothly." Raymond, once driven from his mother-in-law's porch when he attempted to see his wife with a view of reconciliation, refused to discuss the tactics pursued in winning back his wife, although admitting that if he had been the strategist in France that he proved, he would have been a general instead of a buck private.

Love Found the Way.

"Love found the way," was the sole comment of the happy Corine. Raymond, large for his age, enlisted at St. Joseph at the age of 12 and went to France. Upon his return he met Corine, a former schoolmate, and they were married.

Dance halls, father-in-law, mothers-in-law, Raymond's alleged hatred for work and love of hero worship and he and she-vamps are alleged to have been the contributing causes to numerous rows, ending in a separation and a suit by Mrs. Buffum.

Raymond went to Alliance to work on the railroad. He has been transferred to Ravenna, where they plan to make their new home.

Wholesale Warehouse Will be Established in Alliance Soon

Arrangements have been completed whereby a wholesale warehouse will be established in Alliance before the first of the year, with A. H. Robbins as manager. The Gooch Milling company of Lincoln and the J. S. Brown Mercantile company of Denver are the two firms which to date have decided to come into the project, but half a dozen other wholesale firms are figuring, and by the time it is in operation it is expected that many more will have decided to come in.

Work of Recovering Engine at Union Is Progressing Nicely

Work on the recovery of the engine which was submerged in the river near Union, Col., is progressing. It was discovered that the wrecking crew had driven two piles through the frame of the engine and one through the frame of the tender, but at the first pull the error was discovered and the piles were sawed off. The engine was brought out on the river bank yesterday, and the engineers say that it will now be a simple matter to build a track to it and retail it.

LIONS CLUB TO HOLD ITS MEETINGS IN EVENING

The Alliance Lions club, at its luncheon yesterday, voted in favor of holding evening meetings in the future, but one vote being cast against the proposition.

BANKS DECIDE AGAINST LOCAL LOAN COMPANY

PREFER TO AFFILIATE WITH NEBRASKA CORPORATION

Will Co-operate With State Organization in Making Loans to Farmers and Ranchers

Representatives of nine banks in this territory were present Thursday night at a meeting held at the Alliance hotel for the purpose of perfecting an organization to co-operate with the federal war finance corporation in making loans to farmers and stockraisers in this territory. Six of the banks, following an address by Harry B. Henderson of the Wyoming Trust & Savings Investment company of Cheyenne, voted in favor of affiliation with the Nebraska Agriculture Finance corporation, rather than forming a local organization.

The six banks favoring this action were the First National and First State of Alliance, the First State and the Farmers' State of Hemingford, the Lakeside State and the Seneca State banks. Three banks, the Alliance National and Guardian State of Alliance, and the First National of Hemingford, are still undecided, it is reported, as to the course they will take. They are expected to decide within the next few days as to whether they will join with the state organization or establish a local organization. The Nebraska Agricultural Finance Corporation, it is said, functions the same in regard to the loans of the war finance corporation as the state guarantee fund does for depositors in state banks. The Nebraska corporation is capitalized at one million dollars, and guarantees loans made by the war finance corporation.

Another meeting will be held December 15, it is announced, at which time a representative from Omaha will meet with local bankers.

Addresses Lions Club

Mr. Henderson addressed the members of the Lions club at its noon luncheon at the Alliance hotel Thursday, and explained the methods of distributing the federal funds appropriated for the relief of farmers and stockraisers. Alliance, he said, has always been the chief city in this part of the state and Alliance and the whole western Nebraska panhandle belongs to Wyoming, having the same interests and industries. He told of the formation of a million dollar loan company at Omaha recently, which will look after the interests of livestock men through the local banks. With the O. K. of the local banks, he said, funds can be secured within two weeks' time.

The Wyoming corporation was formed the first of October, he said, and since that time has passed on four millions of dollars in loans and \$1,157,000 has already been distributed. This has afforded tremendous relief to Wyoming stockmen, he said, cattle already having increased in value an average of \$5 a head and sheep \$1 a head within the past month and one-half.

The local banks, by affiliating with the Nebraska corporation, or by organizing one of their own, he said, can do great things for Alliance and Box Butte county. The loan companies do this work for nothing save the bare expenses, and they go into the affairs of the men to whom they lend money thoroughly. The loans are made for one year, but it is intended to permit the borrower to cut down his total indebtedness from year to year, and practically lift him out of debt in three years, with hard work and good management.

Alliance Man Nicked for \$40 by Check Artist

An Alliance man, member of the Knights of Columbus, was nicked for \$40 Wednesday by a man who represented himself to be a lodge brother from San Francisco. The stranger gave the name of M. G. Phelan, and was an interesting conversationalist, as well as a good dresser. He represented that he was a lawyer looking for a location, and told of traveling through the west, mentioning stops at Bozeman, Mont.; Pendleton, Ore., and other places. He had not been able to find a place that suited him, and had run out of funds. He showed his victim a savings bank book showing deposits of \$2,400 and another book showing a checking account with a balance of \$400. He requested that the victim wire to San Francisco at his expense before cashing the check, but his credentials seemed so good that this precaution was not taken.

A wire from the Bank of Italy, of San Francisco, states that Phelan opened a small account there with a worthless check and that he had left for parts unknown, and that he has cashed checks in a number of cities. Phelan is described as a man of medium height, about thirty-one years of age, wearing a light overcoat.

W. D. Rumer is reported to be rapidly regaining health and strength following an operation Tuesday.

BRINGING HOME THE BACON.

Results—that's just what Herald want-ads get nothing else but. This morning we received a telephone call from Mrs. Ella M. Block, 111 Cheyenne, in which she told us: "Please don't let that want-ad of mine appear again. I had eleven calls from the first insertion, and rented every single room I had. I never saw such a rush in my whole life. I could have rented those rooms a dozen times."

If you've anything to sell that's worth the price you ask for it, Herald advertising will bring the purchaser right straight to your door. We haven't got all the circulation there is in the whole world—and neither has any other publication—but in the city of Alliance and the county of Box Butte The Herald is in a class by itself. Discriminating advertisers are discovering that pleasant fact every day.

The expense is slight—just one cent a word per insertion. If you have a room or house for rent; property, either real or personal, for sale, or if you want to arrange a trade, try a whirl at Herald advertising. It has a good record for bringing home the bacon. You may need some extra money this winter. The Herald will do its part in helping you secure it—and the cost is remarkably low.

The Odd Fellows of Hemingford, who were scheduled to put on a program at the armory this evening, have postponed their trip. The feature of the program was to have been "The Society of Emancipated Husbands," a bit of burlesque degree work that won considerable commendation at the time of the recent Odd Fellow district convention.

NEW RULES FOR SHOP WORKERS ARE ANNOUNCED

SAVING TO ROADS OF FIFTY MILLIONS ANNUALLY.

Working Schedules So Broadened That Apprentices May Do Certain Repair Work.

Two important changes and an estimated saving of \$50,000,000 to the railroads annually were the outstanding features of new working rules governing the 400,000 members of six federated railroad shop crafts as promulgated Thursday by the United States railroad labor board, according to press dispatches.

The two chief changes were: Representation of minorities in presentation of grievances to meet the contention of the railroads that the old method virtually forced a closed shop.

Permission to apprentices to do certain repair work previously restricted only to journeymen workers.

The new rules supplant the old national agreement formulated by the United States railroad administration during the war so far as the shop men are concerned.

The rules hereafter will form the basis of adjudicating all wage disputes. They were adopted unanimously.

The new rules became effective yesterday, December 1. Large economies are expected to result from revision of the classification rules, which were made more elastic, and hereafter will permit members of certain crafts to do minor jobs previously done by members of other crafts. Statisticians attached to the labor board estimated that economies in operation, increased efficiency and larger output, would approximate \$50,000,000 a year.

Provision for the representation of minorities who may have grievances is another important item of the new rules. Under the national agreement, negotiation for employes was placed almost wholly in the hands of labor organizations, with the result that the railroads and many industrial and civic institutions declared that the agreement forced a closed union shop on the roads. Non-union men found it impracticable to attempt to bring their grievances before the board and as the rates worked out, union officials handled the cases, taking their precedent from the national agreement negotiations in which union officials acted for the employes in drawing up the agreement under federal control.

"The principle of the open shop established by the new rules," a statement by board members said, "will in fact, be more theoretical than practical at the present time, since a large majority of the railroad shops are unionized and the existing unions are recognized by the board and by the transportation act as representative of the majority."

"Most of the older working rules, sanctioned by the experience of years, are preserved in full effect. Many of the more rigid rules, however, were considerably relaxed in favor of the roads, although the recognized rights of the men are fully protected and the principle of collective bargaining and union recognition is retained, as contemplated by the transportation act."

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C. OF C. MAKES AN APPEAL TO THE FARMERS

MAKES ITS POSITION ON ROAD QUESTIONS QUITE CLEAR.

Farmer Trade Much More Valuable to Alliance Than Tourists Will Ever Be.

The Alliance chamber of commerce, in an effort to silence reports that are being circulated among the farmers of the county, is this week mailing out from its office of the secretary, Mrs. Lloyd C. Thomas, letters to the farmers of the county in which the organization's position on matters pertaining to road building is made clear.

The letter which is being sent out makes it exceedingly plain, that the city's commercial organization is not working for highways through Alliance in preference to roads to the different parts of the county to the trading points. The business men of this city realize, the letter states, that they would be working against their own interests if they would work for tourist roads exclusively, for the reason that the tourist trade, which lasts but three months out of the year, benefits only a few classes of business, whereas the farmer trades in all lines and his business is such that it completely overshadows the tourists' business. The letter speaks a good word for highways as well as local roads, and points out that other counties lying on the transcontinental roads are getting new settlers that would easily be induced to come to Box Butte county if there were any roads that would bring them here in the proper frame of mind.

Such a statement and explanation of the chamber of commerce's road program should effectually silence the erroneous reports that are being circulated, and it is hoped that it will be successful in its aim, that of securing farmer co-operation in building of roads that will aid in the development of Box Butte county and be of service to every resident of the county.

The letter follows:

"It has come to our knowledge that certain reports are being circulated to the effect that the Chamber of Commerce and business men of Alliance favor highways through Alliance in preference to those from the different parts of the county to the trading points. Any sensible thinking man who will stop to consider the matter for a moment would realize that we would be working against our own best interests should we assume any such position. The tourist traffic lasts two or three months and benefits few stores, restaurants, hotels and a few other business houses, while the farmer trades the entire year in all lines and amounts to many, many times what the possible tourist trade could reach.

"A short time ago we passed a resolution stating our position, viz: That we favored east and west roads through Hemingford, Berea and Alliance and a north-road from Hemingford to the county line. These roads, well graded and maintained, would give, with cross roads well kept up, access to every trading point in the county and give every farmer in the county a good road to all markets, and also give us roads to you. We want roads. We want all possible roads and we will work with you for that purpose.

"The highways are maintained by the state and federal government funds apportioned for that object for the entire United States, and as you and we are citizens of this great country, and sometimes want to go to other states and parts of the country, if we have good highways and especially a real highway connecting our county with the Lincoln and other national highways, it will benefit each and all of us, either directly or indirectly and bring here people looking for farms from Iowa and eastern Nebraska and aid in settling up the county and thereby making every piece of land more valuable.

"Our land is as fertile as any in the state or nation and the high price of land in other states will compel them in time to look for new locations, but if we do not have good roads they will, as they have in past years, settle in Kimball, Cheyenne, and other counties on the Lincoln highway and never even see your and our lands. We believe that you will agree with us that it is to our mutual interest to get all the good roads possible, in, out and through our county, and we ask that you join with us, as we will gladly do with you for that purpose."

Boy Is Injured When He Ran Into Automobile

Little Frank Barton was struck by an automobile last night about 8:30. He had been playing in front of the bakery and started to run across the street in front of an automobile. He was not seriously injured, but several stitches were required to close a cut in the forehead.

Mr. and Mrs. Osborn and daughter, Viva, of Lakeside, were in Alliance Thursday on business.