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Gigantic Hog Stealing Conspiracy is Unearthed

Hog Ranch Near Cullom Looted in Large Number of Hogs Investigation Reveals.

From Thursday's Daily— Starting from the statement of a man arrested in Sarpy county for chicken stealing, there has been unearthed a gigantic plan of looting the Hayward hog ranch near Cullom of its stock and which has apparently been going on for a period of several years, the managers of the Hayward estate estimating that the loss in stolen hogs has reached from \$30,000 to \$35,000 in the period of years that have marked the loss of hogs. The large number that have been missed from time to time had been reported as dying but from the revelations that were brought forth here last night the animals no doubt have gone on the market and been sold.

The conspiracy was bursted yesterday when George Townley and William Robinson of the Reliable detective agency of Omaha arrived here yesterday and placed the facts they had gathered in the hands of County Attorney W. G. Kleck and following which the arrest of Josh Hammond, former manager of the Hayward ranch, was made, Ray Denham of Cedar Creek also being brought in for investigation by the county attorney and sheriff.

It is claimed that during the four and a half years that Josh Hammond was manager of the hog ranch there were some 500 hogs reported as dying at one time and 700 later at another time, but the owner of the ranch, the late Harry V. Hayward of Omaha, thought nothing of the matter. Later, on the death of Mr. Hayward the estate continued to run the ranch and about a year ago Troy Manzer was sent to the ranch as manager and has since continued in that capacity.

The allegations of the state are that last Saturday Manzer was approached by Hammond who lives on an 80 acre farm adjoining the hog ranch and asked why he was wading around in the mud for the small salary that he received when he could pick off some easy money. The conversation was continued and it is claimed that Hammond broached the matter of stealing a carload of the hogs, some seventy-five, having them shipped to the South Omaha market and disposed of there, the profits to be divided. It was suggested that the hogs be taken to Cedar Creek and shipped from there to the market under the name of Hammond and sold there.

It is claimed that on Saturday the parties all came together at Cedar Creek and here it is alleged that Denham was brought into the conspiracy by being talked into accepting the shipment under the name of Hammond and sending it to the market at Omaha.

The hogs were loaded out Tuesday at Cedar Creek and received on the market Wednesday morning, but in the meantime the owners of the ranch were informed by Manzer who had acted as detective in the affair and were in readiness when the hogs appeared on the market to close the trap.

Hammond and his wife it is alleged were in Omaha yesterday and inquired as to whether the check for the shipment was sent to Denham who was to have turned it over to the various parties in the affair.

The seventy-five hogs were of the value of \$2,200 and the commission house to which the hogs had been shipped disposed of them at that price.

As soon as the final chapter in the story was made the authorities closed down on the parties and last night the arrest of Hammond was made at his home near Cullom and he was brought on into this city as well as Denham and Manzer and questioned by the county attorney and I. G. Dunn, of Omaha, well known lawyer and attorney and advisor of the Hayward estate. After questioning the authorities were able to obtain statements from all but Hammond as to the case.

Josh Hammond stated that he bought the hogs for \$1,200 from Manzer and denied any part in a conspiracy to steal the hogs. This morning a complaint was filed against Josh Hammond by County Attorney W. G. Kleck charging him with stealing the hogs and conspiracy to commit a felony.

The charge made against Denham was on one count, that of conspiracy.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to publicly express our appreciation to the board of education of the Plattsmouth City Schools, for their decision to reopen the Mercerville school, after the joint meeting Wednesday evening.

Our little school means much to us, and we sincerely thank the board for their broadminded action.—The Patrons and Residents of Mercerville.

SUFFERS SEVERE INJURY

From Friday's Daily— The many old time friends here of Mrs. Morgan Waybright, will regret to learn of a very painful accident that befell her last week at her home in Los Angeles, California. Mrs. Waybright was going up stairs at her home when her foot slipped and she fell, striking her left shoulder and resulting in the dislocation of the member and which for a time caused a great deal of apprehension to the members of the family owing to the advanced years of the lady, but she has seemingly rallied nicely and while compelled to remain in bed for several days is now on the mend and it is thought will soon be able to be around as usual. Miss Grace Beeson is making her home at Los Angeles and caring for the patient and which has been a very great pleasure to all of the members of the family that she could have such expert care.

School Disagreement Now Seems to be Settled

Members of the Mercerville District and Board of Education Get Together.

From Friday's Daily— The dispute over the closing of the Mercerville school which was creating a great deal of excitement in that locality in the last few days, seems to have been ironed out nicely as the result of the meeting last evening at the school building between the residents and the board of education.

The adjustment of the situation has been hastened by the fact that Miss Teresa Hemple, teacher in the junior high school, who was injured some time ago and who was given a leave of absence for six months has been able to return home and will be able to start up her work again and which will permit the restoration of the school to their former organization.

It was decided at the meeting that the present arrangements of the board of education for caring for the Mercerville pupils be continued until such time as the school be returned to normal condition when the pupils will again be returned to the Mercerville school and which will be reopened for the use of the pupils.

The matter has been adjusted to the satisfaction of all parties and the young people who attend the school will be able to continue their work that has been rather upset for the past several days.

WILL LOCATE AT MINATARE

From Friday's Daily— Carl Schneider, who has been engaged for the past summer in the Plattsmouth State bank in this city, of which institution his father, H. A. Schneider, is president, will locate in the future at Minatare, Nebraska where he is to be employed in the State Bank of Minatare.

Mr. Schneider is one of the promising young men in this community and from his splendid educational qualifications as well as his practical experience in the banking business he should make a very valuable man for the Minatare bank.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

From Friday's Daily— This morning Mrs. Gertrude Gamblin was taken to Omaha as her condition has shown a sudden change for the worse and her family and friends are very apprehensive over the outcome of her case. Mrs. Gamblin was operated on several weeks ago in Omaha and had apparently progressed nicely from the effects of the operation and was able to return to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hitt where she has been since that time recuperating. She had been doing nicely altho still under treatment, up until yesterday when her condition became such that it was thought best to take her to the hospital to be cared for.

HELP CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY

From Friday's Daily— Mr. and Mrs. James Gilmore of Ulysses, Nebraska, have been here for the past several days enjoying a visit with the relatives and old time friends, driving here to spend a few days in helping William Gilmore, father of James, celebrate the passing of his eighty-eighth anniversary. Mrs. R. A. Tishue of Seward and Mrs. Susan Cutler of Modale, Iowa, aunts of Mr. James Gilmore were also here and the occasion made a very pleasant family reunion.

County Fair at Weeping Water Closes Friday

Large Number Are Present From Plattsmouth and All Parts of the County.

From Saturday's Daily— The Cass county fair, the annual exposition that is given to show the wonderful products of this great county from the yields of the fields, the great herds of fine stock of the thoroughbred variety, the excellent poultry, the art of the housewife in canning and needle work as well as the products of the schools of the county, closed yesterday at Weeping Water.

The attendance at the closing day of the fair was the best that has marked the three day exposition and the persons who came from all parts of the county for the big show felt amply repaid in the fine array of exhibits that had been prepared for their inspection by the fair managers and which kept the crowd busy in looking them over during their stay in the pleasant little city of Weeping Water.

There were special features in the way of entertainment including the concerts by the always pleasing Weeping Water band and the football game between Weeping Water and Elmwood.

The day was designed as Plattsmouth day by the fair management and a very large delegation of the residents of this city motored over for the big event and enjoyed it to the utmost in the fine program arranged and the opportunity of viewing the results of the careful and tireless work of the fair managers.

The occasion was also the field day for the various political candidates, the democrats having their day at the fair at this time as the republicans had theirs on Thursday. In the candidates at the fair were a number of state leaders, former Governor Charles W. Bryan, Congressman John H. Morehead, W. E. Price, candidate for attorney general, Col. Phil L. Hall, candidate for state treasurer as well as the various county candidates being in evidence on the grounds. J. P. Falter of this city, democratic county chairman presided and introduced the various speakers. The main address of the afternoon was by Mr. Bryan and who gave the following discussion of some of the state issues:

"The frantic efforts of the republican machine, backed as it is by the utilities, such as the super-power trust and the monopolies in the necessary to life and business such as gasoline and coal, to induce Senator Norris to make at least one speech in the Nebraska campaign to give the republican state ticket a standing with progressives, is pathetic."

"Senator Norris was dined and flattered in Lincoln, he was taken to the city of big business, the chamber of commerce, he was taken to the governor's office and the news broadcasted to show the taxpayers and consumers that the governor was an intimate friend and associate of Senator Norris; and the senator was beseeched and beseeched to pronounce his blessing on the governor and the republican state ticket, but further the respondent sayeth not."

"How can Senator Norris conscientiously endorse the governor and republican state ticket? Has Governor McMullen or the republican state platform endorsed any principle of government that Senator Norris stands for? They have not. The republican state convention admitted that Senator Norris was a nice man, in the form of a resolution approving his plan for changing the date of inauguration of the president, but did the republican convention suggest Senator Norris as a suitable candidate for president? I did not. The republican state convention admitted that Senator Norris and Senator Howell had favored deep waterways, but it failed to say that we also have had deep water in several places in Nebraska recently."

"The remarkable thing about Governor McMullen and the republican state platform is their failure to endorse or even mention the important measures that Senator Norris has been devoting his time to, to prevent the common people from being imposed upon by trusts and monopolies, by the industrial east—the ones that are now lined up back of the republican ticket in Nebraska and the same ones who debauched Pennsylvania and Illinois in the recent senatorial primaries with their slush funds, now reported to be pouring into the Nebraska campaign in an effort to divert the people's attention from economic issues while they land their favorite candidates in office."

When entertaining, use Dennison goods. Bates Book and Gift Shop carries the entire Dennison line and is the only place in this territory where you can buy genuine Dennison materials.

ASSISTED IN WORK.

From Thursday's Daily— The work of fixing the highway north of this city to connect up the detour on the King of Trails highway and permit the passage of cars and trucks without being mired in the mud has largely been credited to the various trucking companies that use the highway and who the Journal is informed are entitled to only a part of the credit.

As the matter was reported it was given out that the greater part of the work was done by those companies and it has since been called to our attention that during the day of making the repairs the same Ford, George Jacks, Leslie McKinney and Jess Green were there with Engineer E. H. Douglass in getting the road in shape for travel and they were also partially responsible for the improving of the highway, the trucking companies hauling the ties and helping with their placing in the highway.

Former Plattsmouth Man in List of Dead

John Petty Reported to Have Been Among the Dead—Relatives Here Uncertain.

The report has been received in Omaha that John Petty, one time resident of this city, was among the victims of the great hurricane that swept across Florida on Sunday and practically destroyed Miami.

Mr. Petty has been residing in Florida since February, 1925, and the first intimation that the relatives had of his death was when the name Petty was reported among the dead and later it was decided that this was the former Plattsmouth man.

The mother of Mr. Petty lives here with her daughter, Mrs. John Wynn, and the reports of the death are not convincing to the relatives here who received a letter from the man dated Sunday after the storm had swept over the city and which was received yesterday afternoon and raises a doubt in their minds as to this being the man.

The brothers who reside in Omaha and those who have examined the various sites for crossings have been enthusiastic over the location here where it was planned to have the bridge cross near the Burlington structure and which the engineers estimate is an ideal spot and from where the great volume of auto travel from the east and west could find a crossing that would open the gateway to the west. From this city west there are three main roads that will take the traveler to Lincoln and west, the Louisville road, the Red Ball highway through Murray and the "O" street road through Union, while to the north there is Omaha and the K. T. highway leading to Kansas City south.

The coming legislature will pass on the state bridge program and it is important to the residents of the communities that are included to see that their legislative representatives that are selected this fall be prepared to see that every effort is made to secure the adoption of the whole program and that every one of the sites named in the Cass County association program and which was later adopted by the Nebraska Bridge association be selected for bridges.

At the meeting at Union the fall program will be outlined and all members of the association should be in attendance. The meeting will open at 7:30 and those who are boosting the bridge program as well as better highways should be on hand to participate in the proceedings.

DELIGHTFUL DINNER PARTY

From Friday's Daily— Mr. and Mrs. John Meisinger, Jr., entertained yesterday at a very delightful 6:30 dinner party in honor of Mrs. and Mrs. W. H. Benson of Sacramento, California, who are here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Goodman.

The table decorations were of the early fall flowers and these were also found in the general decorations of the rooms, the whole making a very attractive scene.

The dinner was served in five courses and was a most dainty and delicious repast and one that all members of the party most thoroughly enjoyed.

The remainder of the evening was spent in music both vocal and instrumental and also dancing that added interest to the evening's program. Those who attended the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Benson, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Goodman, Mrs. Fred G. Morgan, Mrs. Frank J. Morgan, C. A. Harvey, Mrs. Glen Kruger and son, Harold, and Mr. and Mrs. John Meisinger and family.

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From Friday's Daily— The members of the W. H. E. S. club, composed of a number of the young ladies of this city, were most delightfully entertained on Monday evening by Mrs. Louis Ward Eggenberger, one of the members of the jolly organization.

The members of the party were invited by the hostess to the Gopen home where a real feast of fried chicken had been arranged for the occasion and which made a very fine opening of the enjoyable occasion. After the close of the dinner the members of the party returned to the home of the hostess where the time was spent in playing bridge for several hours and at which Miss Mildred Schlafel received the prize.

Cass County Bridge Assn. to Meet at Union

Urging of General Bridge Program for the State Will Feature Meeting October 8th.

From Saturday's Daily— The Cass County Bridge and Highway association which has been resting during the summer months is resuming its activity and a meeting is being announced for Friday evening, October 8th at Union when the association will start the ball rolling in the interests of the state wide Missouri river bridge program which embraces bridges at Plattsmouth, Nebraska City, Rulo, Niobrara, Decatur, Blair and Omaha.

The Iowa and Nebraska state commission has examined the matter of the bridges at Sioux City, Omaha and Nebraska City and are preparing their report for the presentation to the state legislature. The commission has prepared estimates of the Omaha bridge at \$1,500,000 while the Sioux City bridge is estimated at \$600,000.

In addition to the three bridges named in the legislative act of two years ago the state engineer, Roy Cochran will have the data to present covering the state wide bridge program which embraces the Plattsmouth bridge along with other needed structures at Rulo and the northern Nebraska towns, over the Missouri. The cost of the smaller bridges will be far under that of Omaha and Sioux City.

The proposed bridge at Plattsmouth it has been estimated by engineers could be erected at a cost of from \$300,000 to \$350,000 and those who have examined the various sites for crossings have been enthusiastic over the location here where it was planned to have the bridge cross near the Burlington structure and which the engineers estimate is an ideal spot and from where the great volume of auto travel from the east and west could find a crossing that would open the gateway to the west. From this city west there are three main roads that will take the traveler to Lincoln and west, the Louisville road, the Red Ball highway through Murray and the "O" street road through Union, while to the north there is Omaha and the K. T. highway leading to Kansas City south.

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DEATH OF JAMES M. STONE

From Friday's Daily— This morning at 10 o'clock at Nebraska occurred the death of James M. Stone, pioneer resident of Cass county and one of the leading democrats in the southwest part of the state.

Mr. Stone had been in failing health for some time and a short time ago was operated on at one of the Omaha hospitals and for a time was in quite serious shape but of late has been showing marked improvement and was thought to be doing well despite his advanced years.

This morning Mr. Stone started to walk from the home of his daughter, Mrs. Dave West, with whom he made his home for several years, to the home of his son, Carl Stone. As he was entering the gate at the Carl Stone home he fell and death was almost instantaneous.

Mr. Stone was eighty years of age and leaves to mourn his death four sons, Lester, Charles, Carl and Bruce Stone, and one daughter, Mrs. David West.

Plattsmouth Business Man a Benedict

Miss Ida Minkin of Omaha and Leonard Skolnik of This City Wed Monday.

From Saturday's Daily— The wedding of one of the new business men of this city took place this week at Lincoln and the wedding was a very complete surprise to the friends here as well as at Omaha, where the contracting parties had made their home.

The wedding that made Miss Ida Minkin of Omaha and Mr. Leonard Skolnik of this city as one was performed at the Temple Israel at Lincoln. Rabbi Isenberg of the temple performing the Jewish marriage service which marked consummation of the life happiness of the two young people.

The contracting parties had stolen a march on their friends as they had quietly slipped away from their daily duties and hastening to the state capitol city had the nuptials celebrated there.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Minkin of Omaha and she has been reared to womanhood in that community where she has a very large circle of warm friends.

The groom was formerly at Davenport, Ia., and for several months was at Omaha, coming from that city to Plattsmouth several weeks ago as manager of the Economy store and which he is in charge of at this time. Mr. and Mrs. Skolnik have returned from their short honeymoon and are expecting to make this city their home in the future and in their new happiness will have the best wishes of the many friends in this community.

Louis Kostka and wife departed this morning for Omaha where they will spend the day and where Mrs. Kostka will receive treatment there of a specialist in regard to her feet that have been giving her a great deal of trouble.

Business stationery, programs and all kinds of job printing at the Journal office.

State Engineer Assures Surfacing of K - T Highway

Work Will Be Completed This Fall Is Message That Engineer Cochran Gives.

From Friday's Daily— The old army cry of "when do we eat" has been replaced in this locality by the query, "when do we get roads" and those who have occasion to travel the highway between this city and Fort Crook will be pleased to learn that the state department of public works is still hopeful of getting the highway all graded up and graveled by the coming of the cold weather.

The condition of the highway in the past several weeks has attracted a great deal of attention in the eastern portion of the state and the road department has been flooded with inquiries as to what was going to be done in regard to the completion of this last and important link in the graveling of the K. T. highway from this city north to Fort Crook.

Replying by telegram to an inquiry of the Omaha Bee on the status of the K. T. highway, Mr. Cochran said that contractors are now on the ground and that, "with any favorable weather" a gravel surface would be completed this fall.

A partial relocation of the road on higher ground which will eliminate part of the present drainage trouble is planned by state highway engineers, Cochran said.

"This cannot be paved under our present plans, but with adequate drainage and grading as planned I have no doubt about the gravel surface being adequate at least for a few years," his telegram continued. "We have two grading contractors on the ground and with any favorable weather we can complete the work this fall. In the meantime we will do everything to assist traffic in getting through."

STOLEN CAR RECOVERED

From Saturday's Daily— The Ford coupe of Norris Cummins which disappeared from the streets here on Wednesday night and which was reported as having been driven across the bridge at Nebraska City headed for Iowa, has reappeared on the scene of action.

The car had evidently been "borrowed" by some of the Plattsmouth residents as it made its re-appearance here yesterday and the owner of the car is now able to enjoy his trips in the car as usual. The car was found on Vine street where it had been abandoned. Officers Libershall and Jackson finding the gas wagon and notifying the owner that the joy wagon was back in the community.

The party taking the car had made a fadeout from the scene as there was no trace of the occupant of the car when the officers made the discovery of the car.

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