

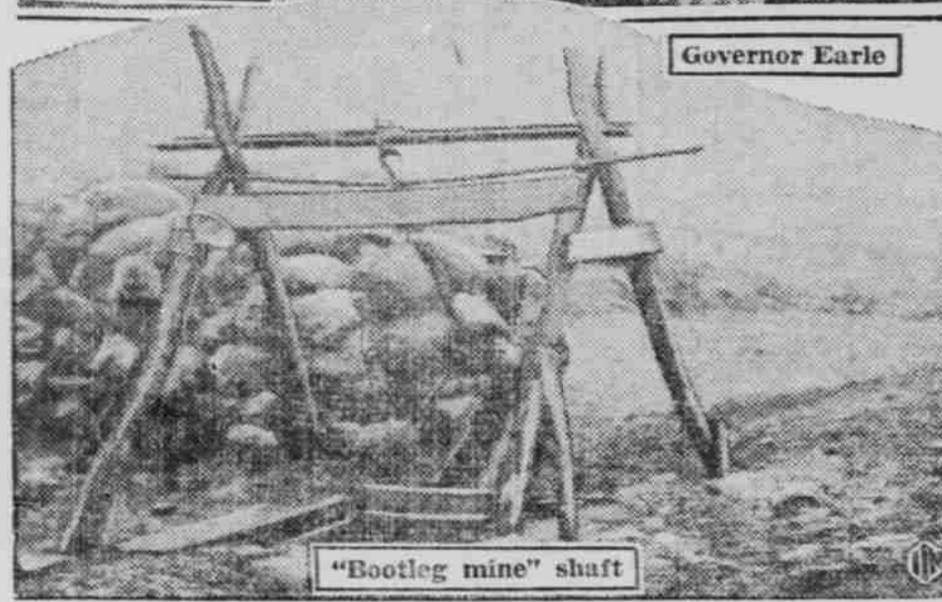
Crisis Near Over Bootleg Coal



Screening coal



Governor Earle



"Bootleg mine" shaft

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HARRISBURG.—Now that the stubborn auto strikes have been settled by Gov. Frank Murphy of Michigan, eyes of the nation are focusing on Gov. George Earle of Pennsylvania as he seeks to solve the perplexing coal bootlegging situation which has risen as a major menace to the peace of Pennsylvania.

Day by day, month by month, great truckloads of "black diamonds" rumble down the highways of the Keystone state, giving ominous warning that an economic crisis may be fast approaching the hard-hit anthracite region.

"Bootleg" coal, child of the depression, has grown to tremendous proportions, and now that times are better, legal owners of the ravished mines are demanding that it be given legislative attention.

25,000 "Bootleggers"
During the dark days of 1932-34, coal operators began permitting unemployed miners to "borrow" enough fuel to heat their homes. As their funds gave out, the men started selling the coal to others, and now the illegitimate industry has reached an estimated annual size of more than 4,000,000 tons.

How to remedy the situation, in which an estimated 25,000 miners are engaged, is the problem of Governor Earle's newly-created anthracite coal commission. Gravity of the present crisis was emphasized by the governor when he told the commission: "This is the greatest conflict between moral and property rights in history of the state."

Oddest aspect of the bootleg industry is its open conduct. Despite the combined protest of operators, railroads, and residents of undermined towns, the stripping and hauling proceed.

In some communities deputy sheriffs have made arrests, but their cases have been tossed out of court by juries sympathetic to the miners. With local authorities handicapped by public opinion, the governor has been called on to bring in state troopers. This he has so far refused to do, fearing bloodshed.

Commission Appointed
Claiming that their extra-legal activities are an economic necessity, the coal bootleggers have won themselves considerable popular sentiment. When the owners provide steady work, the racket will cease, the miners say.

Faced with a situation as serious as that of the automobile manufacturers when their plants were held by sitdowners, the "coal barons" are urging the governor to restrain the workers. All are now agreed "something must be done about it."

On the governor's commission, dedicated to amicable settlement of the bootleg question, are the following men: Dr. James W. Angell, New York economist; Morris L. Ernst, who drafted Governor Lehman's New York banking and insurance legislation; Harrison Hoblitzelle, head of William R. Lynett, Scranton publisher, and William Jett Lauck, Washington mining engineer, who serves as chairman.

SURPRISED ON BIRTHDAY

Melvin R. Todd selected the anniversary of J. Sterling Morton to be born, so their anniversaries come on the same day. The fact of the passing of this dual anniversary was known to a number of the friends, who got together and went to the home of Mr. Todd for a most pleasant evening with pinocle and social conversation. There were also an abundance of eats to help make the occasion a successful one.

The friends all joined in extending congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Todd on this anniversary of his birth and Arbor day, a nationwide holiday in honor of J. Sterling Morton, who was born 105 years ago last Thursday.

Those who were present to enjoy the evening and greet their friend were Robert Schanoutt, Jr. and wife, R. S. Karn and wife, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Todd, Elmer Rasohn, Richard Schanoutt, Sr., and wife of Nebraska City and Hazel Bonlindsay.

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AVOCA NEWS

Fred Marquardt was called to Omaha last Monday to look after business matters.

Morris Ruge and wife and John Tunge were guests of friends in Union last Sunday.

Earl Morley and family of Auburn spent last Sunday at the home of Mr. Morley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morley.

Albert Breuner and E. J. Hallstrom were in Lincoln last Monday, going to visit their friend, Henry Wehlers, at the hospital.

William Wolfe was a visitor in Nehawka Monday of last week, driving over to see some of his friends and look after business matters.

Fred Marquardt has planted a large area to strawberries, securing several thousand plants, as it takes a large number of them to cover an acre.

Postmaster W. H. Bogaard was called to Nebraska City last Tuesday to look after business matters and also visited with friends while there.

Clarence E. Tefft of Weeping Water was in Lincoln last Monday, going to visit his son, Ward Tefft, who is a student at the University of Nebraska.

The telephone girls report an addition to the users of phone service, a new phone having been installed for Ervin Steinhoff who operates the cream station.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wilcox and family, of Beatrice, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Hallstrom last Sunday. Mrs. Wilcox and Mrs. Hallstrom are sisters.

Mrs. Bedella Stander, of Louisville mother of Mrs. Fred Marquardt, spent a number of days last week in Avoca as a guest at the home of her daughter, remaining over the week end and returning home Monday.

Dr. J. W. Brendel was a caller at the Bryan Memorial hospital in Lincoln Tuesday of last week, going to see how his patient, Harry Wohlers was progressing, as he was very sick after his operation for a bursted appendix.

Moving Back to Farm

Mr. and Mrs. Marius Neilson, who have been making their home in Nehawka, visited Sunday evening at the home of the parents of Mrs. Neilson, Ernest Salling and wife. Mr. Neilson remained to look after some business matters the following day. The Neilsons are planning to move back to the farm near Avoca soon.

To Reside in South

Mrs. Joseph F. Sindelar and the children of Omaha were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Hallstrom for a number of days during the past week. The ladies are sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Sindelar expect to leave soon for Lake Worth, Florida, where the father of the two ladies, Robert Propst, resides, and will make their home in the south.

Home from Hospital

Mrs. Lloyd Behrnes, who has been at an Omaha hospital where she recently underwent an operation, was able to be brought home the first of last week and is showing continued improvement, which is good news to her many friends.

Harry Wohlers Very Sick

Harry Wohlers was taken with an attack of acute appendicitis which caused him great suffering. He was hurried to the Bryan Memorial hospital in Lincoln for treatment and an operation. The appendix had become ruptured, making the case a very severe one. Following his op-

To Rule at Ball



Geraldine McGreevy

Selected "most attractive freshman co-ed" at Washington State college, Pullman, Wash., Geraldine McGreevy rules over the annual publications hall at the college. Miss McGreevy, a 21-year-old brunette from Tekoa, Wash., was selected as the prettiest by Bing Crosby, screen actor, in the final judging.

eration, his condition became very grave and his temperature ran as high as 107. He is being given the best of medical care and expert nursing, but still his condition remains most serious.

Seth Voyles Still Sick

Seth Voyles, who has been confined to his bed for a number of months following a stroke of paralysis, is still very poorly. His brother-in-law, J. H. Seacat, who resided here formerly, but who has been making his home at Fleming, Colo., for a number of years, came in last week to visit his brother-in-law as well as meet his many old friends in this community.

Obituary of Mrs. Bartell

Mary Emshoff was born in Hanover, Germany, on August 8, 1857. She came to the United States in 1868, and with others of the family lived at Richland Center, Wisconsin, until the fall of 1874 when another move was made and they settled near Avoca, Nebr.

Mary Emshoff was confirmed in and united with the German Lutheran church at North Branch during its first pastorate, with Rev. Naumann in charge. The same year, on November 9, 1880, she was united in marriage to Fred Bartell and lived on the farm in the same community until 1889, when her husband entered the grain elevator business at Avoca. Their home has been in the village of Avoca ever since.

Mrs. Bartell, though a member of the Lutheran church, has for many years been an active and very helpful member of the Avoca Congregational Ladies Aid Society. Her home and garden reveal a love for life and beauty in the generous variety of flowering plants and shrubs.

Gradually failing in health and strength, she passed on the afternoon of Tuesday, April 13, 1937. Two sisters, Mrs. Ludwig and Mrs. Hagemann, have preceded her in death.

Besides her husband, Fred Bartell, there is a brother Fred Emshoff, of Avoca, Nebr., and a sister, Mrs. Heins, of Minnesota, together with many nieces and nephews, as well as a large number of friends and neighbors living to share the loss of a loved one departed.

Funeral services were held on April 15 from the family home and the Congregational church of Avoca, with interment in the Avoca cemetery. By special request of the deceased, Rev. J. M. Kokjer, an old friend of the family, conducted the services. His topic was "Our Citizenship is in Heaven." Music was rendered by a mixed quartette. The pall bearers were six nephews. The floral tributes were very profuse. A large audience was present to show regard for the family and bid a final farewell to the loved one departed.

Our stock of legal blanks is most complete.

MANLEY NEWS

Miss Mary Murphy returned to her home Monday after spending the winter in Omaha.

Herman Rauth is the possessor of a new V-8 and John Kruger is also reported to have bought one.

Mrs. O. E. McDonald was a visitor at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Meyers, of Ashland Saturday.

John Stander, Theodore Harms and Mr. and Mrs. John C. Rauth made business trips to Omaha during the past week.

Mrs. Etta Moore and Margaret, Mrs. Art Hansen and daughter Gwendolyn were guests of the O. E. McDonald family the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haws were down to their farm in Kansas, to visit at the home of their son, who is handling the farm this year, and were well pleased with the way things were looking.

John C. Rauth drove to Omaha Saturday morning to meet Mrs. who was returning from a week's visit in Chicago. While there, Mrs. Rauth was a guest at the Sullivan-Griffin wedding on April 13th.

Miss Teresa Rauth was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Bergman last Sunday, enjoying the fine dinner that was served as well as a visit with the Bergman family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Joy of Alta Vista, Kansas, who have been spending the winter in New York, were visiting at the O. E. McDonald home Monday. O. E. is a nephew of the Joys.

Fay Kestard, of Atchison, Kansas, was a guest at the home of his brother-in-law, David Brann and family, several days last week, and also enjoyed the opportunity of renewing acquaintance with many of his old friends in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Albee and Mrs. John Arras of Lincoln and Mr. and Mrs. V. Mockenhaupt of Alvo spent Sunday at the C. E. Mockenhaupt home. Mr. Mockenhaupt has improved enough to be able to sit out of doors for a short time each day.

Twenty ladies of Manley and vicinity were guests of Mrs. Walter Mockenhaupt last Thursday at an electric demonstration given by the Nebraska Power company. Lunch was served and attractive door prizes awarded to the lucky winners. The hostess received a beautiful lamp.

Mrs. O. E. McDonald of Manley and Mrs. Robert R. McDonald of Nehawka attended a bridal shower at Greenwood Saturday in honor of Miss Julia Colman of Lincoln and Ralph Meyers, of Greenwood, given by Mrs. Poteet of Lincoln and Blanch Hoig of Greenwood.

Met at Syracuse

The blacksmiths of Cass, Otoe and Lancaster counties held a meeting at Syracuse last Sunday and perfected an organization. Other meetings will be held from time to time to discuss matters of interest to their trade. Many who attended the Syracuse meeting were accompanied by their wives. Those from Cass county included Anton Auswald, the Manley blacksmith, Herbie Kuntz, of Nehawka, and Eugene Ledwick, of Weeping Water.

Injured by Road Machine

Elmer Mann, better known as "Pete," was injured at Gresham as he was attempting to start the elevating portion of the road machine with which he was working. From reports received here, it seems that his clothing became tangled in the machine and he was drawn through the elevator which carries dirt to the wagons when grading is being done. He was taken to a hospital in York, for a leg operation and is reported getting along very nicely, but avers he would just as soon go over Niagara Falls in a barrel as be drawn through the road machine again.

Enjoyed Their Sneak Day

The students of the ninth and tenth grades of the Manley schools, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Stallman, one of the teachers, went to

Preview of Summer Millinery



Milady should find interest in these new creations, exhibited in the Newport York at summer millinery preview. At the left is the "Newport tournament", a Victorian bonnet of chartrreuse, trimmed with pansies. At the right is the "Saturday night", a pink-flowered open-crown toupee.

Omaha Wednesday of last week to look the town over. They visited a good many places of interest and enjoyed their day away from the classroom very much.

Returned to the Hospital

Conant Wiles, who spent some time at the hospital recently, returning home last week, went back last week to have the physicians check up on his case and keep in touch with the progress he is making toward recovery.

Celebrated Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rauth were guests last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hansen, all enjoying a very pleasant day and an excellent dinner as well. The occasion was the fifteenth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hansen. There were a large number of other friends at the gathering to extend greetings and best wishes for many years of happy wedded life to come. Mrs. Hanson was formerly Miss Balda Nelson.

CLUBWOMEN'S SESSIONS END

Wahoo, Neb.—The fourth district convention of the Nebraska federation of women's clubs, closed here Thursday. New officers were not elected and the site of the next convention was not chosen.

Speakers at the closing session were Mrs. M. E. Scott of North Platte, general federation director; Mrs. Walter Kiechel of Tecumseh, state vice president; Mrs. Gladys Bradley of Lincoln, state director of education; Mrs. Scott Miller of Diller, district vice president and Mrs. Clara Butts of Burwell, state chairman of the junior department.

The Bethany college a capella choir of Lindsborg, Kas., sang at the afternoon session under the direction of Dr. Hagbard Brass.

Dorchester was named winner of the fourth district publicity contest, with Hebron, second, and Carleton, third. Nearly 300 registered for the convention.

WEDS FATHER-IN-LAW

Jamestown, N. Y.—Mrs. Mary Lawson Howard found herself the grandmother and great grandmother of the same four children. Mrs. Howard has just returned from a wedding trip with her husband, Matthew J. Howard. She was the widow of Howard's son, George.

BRUCE PAYNE DIES

Nashville, Tenn.—Bruce Ryburn Payne, 63, who built George Peabody college for teachers into a nationally known institution, died of a heart attack.

Floater Found in the Missouri River Thursday

Workers on Missouri River Improvement Project Discover Body Near Mouth of Pappio Creek.

Late Thursday afternoon Abe Simons, a worker on the Missouri river improvement project, discovered near the mouth of the Pappio creek the body of a young man floating in the Missouri river and where the body had apparently been for some time.

The body was towed to shore and last night was brought to this city and placed in charge of the Straight funeral home to await burial.

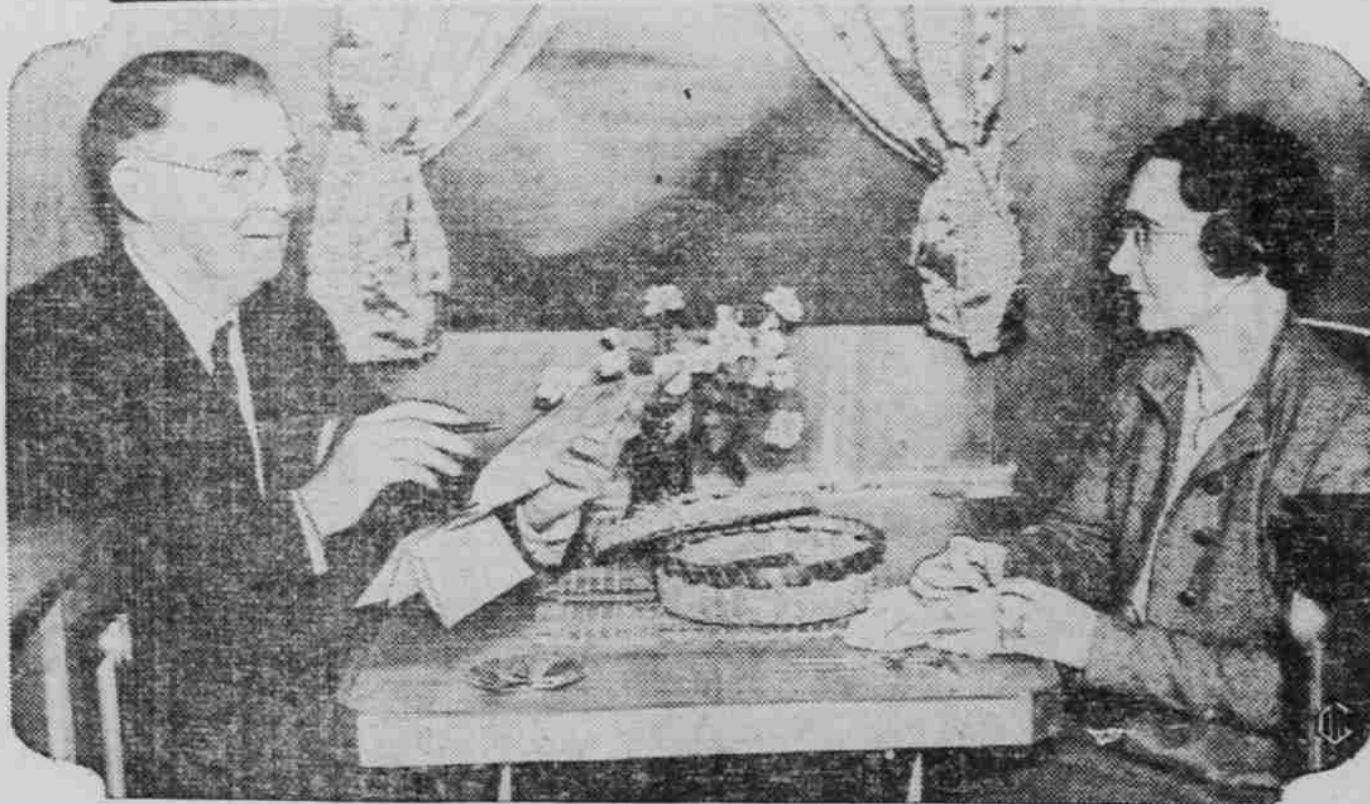
The body had apparently been in the water for some time as it was clothed in heavy winter garments, a heavy zipper jacket and cap and the man also was wearing two pair of pants. The body was one of a comparative young man but had no marks of identification on it, a small cheap penknife was the only article to be found in the pockets of the man.

County Attorney J. A. Capwell was notified of the finding of the body and communicated with the Omaha police department as to any one from that city who might have been missing in recent months.

GIRL BITTEN BY MAD DOG

Ponca, Neb.—Phyllis Raben, 12, was treated for rabies after an examination of the head of a dog which bit her showed it was infected. Owners of dogs here were ordered to tie or muzzle their animals.

State Legislator Lives in Trailer at Capital



Mr. and Mrs. Merle F. Burgess "at home"

Believed to be the first "trailer legislator" in history, Merle F. Burgess transported his home on wheels to the state capital at Augusta, Me., from

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