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## UNION ROBBERS ARE CAPTURED AT CO. BLUFFS

### EFFORTS OF SHERIFF STEWART AND DEPUTY YOUNG LEAD TO THEIR CAPTURE.

## THREE MEN ARE TAKEN IN

### Trio of Young Men Camping Near Union Found to be the Parties That Were Sought.

From Tuesday's Daily—  
For the first time in a long period parties looting Cass county stores are to be brought to the bar of justice for their crimes and their capture follows a very thorough search by Sheriff E. P. Stewart and Deputy Sheriff Rex Young for the parties looting the Keedy store at Union last Thursday morning.

The arrest of three young men, Ray Matthews, Fred McCoy and Jack Knight at Council Bluffs followed the thorough search and investigation that has been made by the Cass county officers and County Attorney J. A. Capwell to locate the auto party of three men seen near Union a few hours before the discovery of the looting of the Keedy drug store.

At the time of the burglary at Union the fact that the three young men were seen carrying packages from the village out to their car on the outskirts of Union was reported and at once Sheriff Stewart and Deputy Sheriff Young started out on the trail of the men and finally succeeded in getting trace of their having crossed the Platte and heading for Omaha. The police of Omaha and Council Bluffs were notified of the robbery and the goods stolen from the Keedy store and late last night Sheriff E. P. Stewart was called and notified that the police of Council Bluffs had apprehended three young men with a quantity of clothing and perfume in their car and were holding them.

This morning Sheriff Stewart, Deputy Young and County Attorney Capwell with Mr. W. E. Keedy, the owner of the store, motored to the Iowa city and the goods found were identified by Mr. Keedy as among the loot taken from his store.

The three young men were very defiant and denied being the parties sought and stated that they had purchased the cigars from a colored man, but this story made little effect on the police. The attorney for the men were driving home a Colorado license and they stated they had been following the harvest and claimed their home as Arkansas and Texas. One of the trio it was stated by the Council Bluffs police, had served a hitch in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

## ENTERTAINS AT LUNCHEON

From Tuesday's Daily—  
This afternoon Miss Virginia Beeson, who is spending her vacation here from her work at the University of Southern California, entertained very charmingly at a one o'clock luncheon at "Clover Lodge," the country home of the Beeson family west of the city. The appointments were in a color scheme of pink and white, this being carried out in the floral decorations and in the colors of the luncheon. Covers were laid for ten guests. The occasion was in honor of Miss Ann McConnell of Omaha, who is a house guest of Miss Clara Mae Morgan.

## RECEIVES POWDER BURNS

From Tuesday's Daily—  
This morning while Marvin, the ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Tritsch, was engaged in playing around his home on North Eighth street, he suffered a very severe scorching from the explosion of some gunpowder with which he was playing.

At the time of the Fourth of July celebration the boys had a small quantity of gunpowder on hand for use in the toy cannons and this morning Marvin secured the powder and set fire to it. The powder exploded and the result was the lad had his hair scorched and his face slightly burned but fortunately not dangerously. Medical aid was called and the boy made as comfortable as possible.

## FINED FOR POSSESSION

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Yesterday afternoon Justice William Weber had a resumption of the trials and tribulations of the liquor business at Union and vicinity that was checked somewhat when Sheriff Stewart and Deputy Sheriff Young visited there last Saturday. The second victim of the law was Charles Town who was charged by County Attorney J. A. Capwell with violation of the liquor law and for possession of the intoxicating beverage that led to his receiving a fine of \$100 and costs from Justice Weber. The officers on their visit to the south portion of the county found that there had evidently been quite a good deal of the traffic going on there and as the result of the inquiry of the officers that locality is slightly more arid than it has been.

## ATTRACTIVE WEDDING AT ST. LUKE'S CHURCH TODAY

### Miss Pauline Long United in Marriage to Mr. Dewey Jensen of Sioux City, This Morning.

From Tuesday's Daily—  
The quaint, old fashioned St. Luke's church in this city was the scene of a very quiet and pretty wedding this morning at 8 o'clock when Miss Pauline Long was united in marriage to Mr. Dewey Jensen of Sioux City, Iowa.

The interior of the church, with its weather-stained beams and dark wood background of the altar, was arranged most effectively in a tone effect of yellow and brown and for which the tiny sunflowers were used in banked effect at the chancel and at each of the pews of the church.

Here amid these attractive surroundings the impressive marriage service was celebrated by Father Wilbur Scranton Leete, rector of the church, in the presence of a small company of relatives and friends.

The bride wore cream lace over a short, high and groom were attired at the altar by Miss Blanche Clark as maid of honor and Mr. Guy Long, brother of the bride, as best man. Miss Clark wore a very attractive gown of gray crepe de chine with a tulle of light straw, trimmed with bright flowers, and carried pink roses.

Those attending the marriage service were Madame Joshua Leete, Mrs. Wilbur Scranton Leete, Miss Beatrice Herring and Miss Olive Jones.

The bride party, following the wedding, returned to the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. A. N. Long, where they enjoyed a very delightful wedding breakfast and then departed in their auto for Blair for a brief visit at the home of the mother of the groom and thence to the lakes in Minnesota where they will enjoy a short honeymoon before returning to Sioux City, Iowa, where they will make their home in the future.

## A TRIBUTE

In the quietude of a Sunday mid-day hour, when restless commercial life had ceased its daily strife and was resting by the way side; when the whirl and clangor of busy week day work was hushed; while the chimes of the church bells were still reverberating and all our people seemed, in a measure content and happy, the gates of the eternal world swung back—a messenger swiftly passed out, soon found our world, our community and little city, touched the heart of one of our fellow citizens, and made them come.

Harry Kuhney, with the swiftness of a ray of light, passed from among us. He knew not that the messenger was so near at hand, and left no "last word." What his faith was, or what were his hopes, the writer knows not, except through the picture of his life painted upon the back ground of the life of our community during the past quarter of a century.

## DEATH COMES SUD- DENLY TO HARRY KUHNEY SUNDAY

### Leaving Barber Shop When He Sank to the Walk in Dying Condition and Passed Quickly.

As sudden as the flickering of a candle the light of life of Harry H. Kuhney, one of the old residents of Plattsmouth, passed out Sunday morning at 11 o'clock as Mr. Kuhney was leaving his place of business to start for his home on North Fourth street.

The death came following a long period of illness that has covered the past two years and during which time he has been gradually growing weaker and more worn with the attacks of heart trouble and for the past two weeks he has been unable to carry on his work at the barber shop to any extent and suffered several very severe attacks that had warned him of the near approach of the end and to which he had looked with resignation.

Sunday morning, Mr. Kuhney had come down town to look after a few matters at the barber shop and while he was there Roy Mayfield, his son-in-law of Memphis, Nebraska, arrived here with his wife and family and notified Mr. Kuhney in the shop that they stopped to see him and to have him accompany them on up to his home in the auto instead of trying to walk home. Mr. Mayfield had just stepped out of the shop ahead of Mr. Kuhney and heard him say something about turning to see what he said he was startled to see Mr. Kuhney grab for the small barber pole by the side of the door and gradually sink to the walk. Mr. Mayfield attempted to revive Mr. Kuhney but without avail as death had apparently occurred instantly. Drs. T. P. and J. S. Livingston were hurried to the scene but death had come so suddenly there was no spark of life when the physicians reached his side. The body was taken to the Straight undertaking rooms from the barber shop to be prepared for burial.

The funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon from the late home on North Fourth street.

Harry H. Kuhney was born at New Berlin, Union county, Pennsylvania, February 14, 1864, and lived in the west to make his home in the states of Iowa and Nebraska for the rest of his life. He was married in 1889 at Cornix, Iowa, to Miss Mary Favvar, and to this marriage there were born two daughters, Mrs. Pearl Mayfield of Memphis, Nebraska, and Mrs. Hazel Speck, the last of whom preceded her father in death eight years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Kuhney also raised from babyhood Mrs. Dean Gillespie, a niece and their two grandchildren, Violet and Hazel Speck.

These left to mourn the death of Mr. Kuhney are the widow, one daughter, Mrs. Roy Mayfield, Memphis, Nebraska; five grandchildren, Mary, Dorothy and Harry Leroy Mayfield, and Violet and Hazel Speck; two brothers, John Kuhney of Los Angeles, and Louis Kuhney of Chicago, and four sisters, Mrs. Charles Shiffer of Nodaway, Iowa; Mrs. Ella Widener of Los Angeles, Mrs. Lula Woods of Seward, Nebraska, Mrs. Alice Hoskins of Benson, Nebraska.

## CECIL YORK SICK IN CHICAGO

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A second telegram was received on Sunday morning by the family in Omaha and Mrs. E. O. Vroman, a sister of Mr. York, here, announcing that the patient had come through the operation all right but had had a very severe night following it and was still in critical condition.

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The committee in charge of the festival will be presided over by the sheriff, mayor and mayress, who are to be elected by the public and already several likely booms are being sprung for these honorary offices and there is no doubt that there will be a number selected that will serve acceptably in real wild west style in the position. Already the names of Jess Wargan, Frank Bestor, Ted Harris, Bert Pollock and several others are being mentioned as sheriff, and any one of them would make a real wild west law enforcer.

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## STARTS WAR ON SPEEDING

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This morning while the sun was just getting organized for the new day Officer Clyde Jackson, in pursuance with the instructions of the mayor and the city council, started in on the war on speeding. The first victim of the day was Fred H. Rutherford, who was stopped by the officer and informed of the fact that he was running his car at a rate of speed greater than the law permitted.

Mr. Rutherford accompanied Officer Jackson to the home of Police Judge William Weber near the scene of the stopping, and while the court was engaged in partaking of the morning meal, he laid aside this pleasure long enough to act on the case and gave Mr. Rutherford \$1 and costs, amounting to \$4.50, which he paid and was released from custody.

## OIL BEARING SAND IS FOUND

### Well at Depth of 900 Feet When Oil Sand and Porous Rock is Reached.

Those who have been at the scene of the drilling activities of the Cass county oil well in the last week have returned greatly enthused over the outlook there for a successful completion of the work and the realization of the hopes of a Cass county oil field.

It is stated by those who have kept a close check on the result of the boring into the depths of the earth, that at the present time the cores that are brought up from the depths of 800 and 875 feet have the most convincing indications of the presence of oil in the earth.

The drillers have come in contact with the sand that accompanies the presence of oil and which gave off the distinctive petroleum odor that indicates that at one time at least oil was flowing through this sand. In addition this section of the drilling disclosed porous formation of rock that is found in the oil bearing fields through Murray and Nehawka.

The drillers and geologists of the state and the company conducting the work at the Z. W. Shrader farm have been very much encouraged in their belief of the ultimate uncovering of an oil well and they will continue the work with renewed enthusiasm.

The fact of the encouraging signs have greatly stirred the residents of the vicinity of the well and any time that the well is uncovered and found to be a paying oil well, the whole country from Plattsmouth through Murray and Nehawka will be boiling with the derricks and wells being sunk.

The drilling has revealed many interesting geological facts as the work has gone on down into the depth of the Nebraska soil and one of the U. S. experts from the Smithsonian institute at Washington is at Lincoln examining the cores as taken out. In this manner, the various formations of soil and rock and the periods to which it belongs, in the cores are found many of the fossils that indicate the different periods of time as the land in this region was formed. Fish that at one time undoubtedly lived in the sea or ocean that stretched from the Rockies to the Alleghenies, are to be seen in the rock formations and fossils of the one time vegetable matter that was a part of the pre-historic world can be found. The granite age it reached a depth of 3,000 feet and on this, layer by layer, is found the various deposits of rock and soil that marks the raising of this continent from the ocean bed to the present height. Traces of the glacier period can also be found in the rocks when the shifting glaciers meeting began to leave their deposits of rock and soil. Aside from the importance of the oil search in tracing the history of the various rock and soil formations of the state of Nebraska.

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## CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF THE CHURCH LIFE

### MEMBERS OF LOCAL CHURCH AND COUNTY CHURCHES JOIN IN THE EVENT

## BUILDING PURCHASED IN 1874

### Services are Very Impressive and Attended by Many from All Over the County.

From Monday's Daily—  
Yesterday was the fiftieth anniversary of the purchase by the members of the Christian church in Cass county, the opening of a series of evangelistic meetings that was to mark in a spiritual way the half century of the work of the church in this city.

The members of the church here and their pastor, Rev. W. R. Robb, had arranged a very able and pleasing program for the services yesterday that made the occasion an event of unusual note in the history of the Christian church in Cass county. Each part of the program was complete in itself and served to emphasize the work in all departments of the church as well as a general review of the work of the local church.

The Christian church in this community owes its foundation to Thom. Jefferson Todd and his estimable wife, Mary Todd, who came to Nebraska in 1853 and settled five miles northwest of Plattsmouth and where they brought with them the teaching of the church and soon started holding a series of meetings in various homes and sometimes in the pioneer school houses.

In the early spring of 1860 three miles south of Plattsmouth, in what was called the Elkenberry school house, a log structure, seated with slab benches, a church organization was accomplished. T. J. Todd was elected elder and Benjamin and John Jenkins and John Chandler were elected as deacons. The charter members of this pioneer church were: Mrs. John Chandler, Mrs. Mary Todd, Miss Emeline Todd, Fred Todd, William Cardwell, Mrs. Nancy E. Wiles, Oliver Ward, Mrs. Oliver Ward and Mrs. Elizabeth Jenkins. Of these, Mrs. G. W. Mayfield, formerly Emeline Todd, of Louisville, is the sole surviving charter member of the church.

There were present at the services yesterday a number of the old members, Mrs. S. E. McElwain, who entered the church in 1861, Thomas Wiles, in 1870, C. H. Smith in 1871 and C. G. Mayfield of Louisville in 1875. Mrs. G. W. Mayfield, owing to her age and poor health was unable to attend, but was given recognition by the church and the membership, as were all of the older members who had played so prominent a part in its establishment.

In the year 1874 while Cyrus Alton was pastor in this city, the congregation purchased the building owned

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