

DRAUGHTS OUT FOR BANK ROBBERS

Safe Looted of \$1,400 in Currency

Cashier of Commercial State at Florence Bound by Three Bandits, Then Put in Vault.

Girl, 14, Sounds Alarm

Police last night spread a draught over the rooming house district of the city and policemen on outlying beats were given descriptions of the three young bandits who robbed the Florence bank yesterday at 12:25 p. m. and escaped by speeding into Omaha in a stolen car.

Bandits Not Masked. The three bandits entered the Commercial State bank at Florence at 12:25 yesterday, bound and gagged Cashier R. A. Johnson, locked him in a vault and escaped with a fourth bandit, who remained outside the bank during the holdup, in a car which headed south.

Their loot was estimated to total between \$1,400 and \$1,700 in silver and currency.

Henry Anderson, former cashier of the bank, who maintains an office in the rear of the bank, entered the building while the bandits were looting the safe. He was covered by the three bandits, tied and placed in the vault with Johnson.

Forced to Open Safe. Before placing Cashier Johnson in the vault the bandits forced him to open the upper compartment of the bank safe.

Johnson broke the ropes with which he was bound. He opened the vault door with a screw driver and escaped. He found the bandits had looted the safe, entered the safe, leaving only a few nickels, dimes and pennies.

Bank securities and Liberty bonds remained untouched, according to Cashier Johnson.

Girl Calls Police. Helen Peterson, 14, who lives on a farm north of Florence, was in a buggy across the street from the bank. She witnessed the holdup and notified the police.

Police left Central station with sawed-off shotguns before the bandits fled the bank, residents of Florence state.

"I knew it was a stickup the minute the men entered the door," said Cashier Johnson.

Hands on Hips. "The three men had their hands on their hips, I started walking toward the front part and the door, hoping I could get out and make a run for assistance.

"But they all pulled their guns on me."

"Get in the vault, you ——" one of them ordered. They tied me up."

Oil Town in Texas Reported in Flames

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 14.—Fire which broke out in the business section of Mexia tonight had burned all wires leading into that city. Reports were that several buildings on the south side of the town were burning.

Mexia is Texas' newest oil town and is under martial law as the result of a "cleanup" of the town several days ago by state authorities.

The Southwestern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company declared that just before its wires went out preparations were being made to dynamite their building to check the fire.

Fur-Lined Flying Suits for Mail Pilots Arrive

They wanted 'em for Christmas but they received their "gitts" three weeks late.

Flying suits, requested by Omaha air mail pilots more than two months ago when cold weather set in, finally arrived yesterday, it was announced at the hangar.

The suits, which are fur-lined and cost more than \$100 each, were requisitioned by the air mail department from the army aviation supply.

"Be Not Discouraged, Mars, There's Plenty of Material for Another Conflagration"



Second Omaha Building Show Opens Next Week

Walter W. Head to President—Gov. McKelvie and Mayor Dahlman Also Will Speak.

Walter W. Head, president of the Omaha National Bank, will preside at the opening of the second complete building show at the Auditorium next week, according to an announcement by Charles A. Franke and Robert C. Mitchell, managers of the exhibition.

Other speakers on the program will be Gov. S. R. McKelvie and Mayor James C. Dahlman.

Mr. Head's address will be on "Home Ownership, An Asset." The governor and mayor also will talk on appropriate subjects.

Building contractors of Omaha are expressing a keen interest in the exhibition as a building stimulus. Grant Parsons, president of the Nebraska Builders' Exchange, said:

"There never has been a more opportune time in the history of Omaha to build than at the present. There have been reductions in freight rates, building materials and wages. Outside of further possible reductions in freight rates, prospective builders cannot expect further declines in these three items."

Mr. Parsons was strong in his praise of the first building exhibition. "No sooner had the first show closed than we contractors felt the influence it exerted," he declared. "These exhibitions bring out new features which should be added to new homes as well as old at the smallest possible cost. A building exhibition, if properly conducted, is truly educational."

Advertised Extensively. The second building show is being advertised in every railroad station in Nebraska, as well as western Iowa. Mr. Franke stated. In addition to this 103 billboards in Omaha will be posted this week and next Sunday the three Omaha daily newspapers will have special sections devoted to the exhibition.

The decoration of the Auditorium for the show began Friday. The color scheme this year will be celestial blue. The ceiling, now being painted this color. Nine huge drums will be suspended in the center of the building. These drums will have from 80 to 110 electric light bulbs.

Exhibitors are anticipating a large number of sales by presenting their wares in this unusual manner to the public. Olson's orchestra will play during the show.

Former Denver Newspaper Man Dies at New Orleans

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Buy Auditorium Site. Hastings, Neb., Jan. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—The city of Hastings paid \$30,000 for eight lots which will be used as the site of the municipal auditorium, which will be erected in the spring.

The Weather

Forecast. Sunday, fair and colder.

Challenges Delay Selection of Jury

San Francisco, Jan. 14.—Inability of opposing counsel to complete the jury today in the second manslaughter trial of Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle, led to the belief that testimony would not begin until Tuesday.

Defense attorneys expressed the opinion that this trial would take at least as long as the first one, which occupied three weeks.

The jury box has been filled six times since the case was called last Wednesday, but the use of six preliminary challenges has lengthened the process of selection. Eleven temporary jurors were in the box at adjournment today and examination of a twelfth virtually was completed.

The only outstanding incident today was a request by the court to the jurors to reappear in the box and to the veniremen waiting examination that if anyone approached them "from either side" the court be notified at once. The court also announced it was prepared to order the jurors "into custody at any time" to prevent their being approached. No explanation of the remarks was extended.

Rehearing of Bail Bond Case Is Sought

Central City, Neb., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—About 700 citizens from Silver Creek and community have filed a petition with Judges Post and Button of the Sixth judicial district, requesting a rehearing in the case of the state against Edward Hill and John Maxwell on the bail bond issue. Hill and Maxwell were arrested charged with the murder of B. V. Cooley of Silver Creek and the judges fixed their bail at \$15,000.

The petitioners contend that the prisoners should not have been allowed bond.

Maxwell, in turn, has filed suit in district court against the circulators of the petition, Charles Sprague, Thomas Meek and Charles Lohr, all of Silver Creek, charging them with contempt of court, alleging that the trio conspired to bring the judges into public disfavor and to embarrass the court in the administration of justice.

Two Bandits Rob Theater but Drop \$500 in Getaway

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 14.—Emil Umann, assistant manager of a downtown theater, was held up in the playhouse by two armed men and robbed of \$2,200 in cash, part of the theater's payroll, he reported to the police. In escaping, one of the bandits dropped a satchel containing \$500.

Norfolk Man First to File to Enter State Primaries

Lincoln, Jan. 14.—(Special.)—George M. Beels, Norfolk, is the first man to formally become a candidate for office at the coming primaries.

D. M. Amsberry, secretary of state, today received proper credentials and sufficient cash from Beels to warrant complying with the latter's request that he be placed on the ballot as a G. O. P. candidate for state senator in the 11th district, comprising Madison, Pierce and Wayne counties. Beels is republican state committee-man in his district.

Lt. Col. Luhn to Form New Unit of U. S. Cavalry

Officer Made Chief of Staff of Sixty-Sixth Division to Be Organized in Seventh Corps Area.

Lt. Col. William L. Luhn, United States cavalry, has been appointed chief of staff of the Sixty-sixth cavalry division being organized in the Seventh corps area and has established headquarters in the Army building, Fifteenth and Dodge streets.

Lt. Col. Luhn will have direct supervision of the organization of the new division and will make all assignments of officers. He also will co-operate with chiefs of staff of the infantry divisions in assignments of officers of other branches of the service.

Six Armies Planned. Col. H. B. Myers, assistant chief of staff, Seventh corps area, announced today that plans had been completed by the War department for the organization of six armies of three army corps each, each corps to have three infantry divisions.

The first three armies are to be made up of nine divisions from the regular army and 18 divisions from the National guard. Maj. Gen. Omar Dundy, commanding the Seventh corps area, will have charge of all organization in his area.

The following assignments were announced at headquarters:

Assignments Announced. Capt. Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, 1136 South Thirty-third street, Omaha, to headquarters, Eighty-ninth division; Second Lieut. Harold H. Thom, Omaha, 2315 Ogden avenue, headquarters as assistant machine gun officer; First Lieut. Lester L. Kinney, 1144 South Thirty-third street, headquarters as plans and training officer; First Lieut. George Metcalf, 3834 Charles street, headquarters as communications officer; Second Lieut. Ralph C. Sweeley, 1825 Emmet street, headquarters as reconnaissance officer; Second Lieut. Kenneth Reed, 1814 Harney street, headquarters as liaison officer; Second Lieut. Leo F. McShane, 3036 Larimore avenue, battery "A," Second Omaha National bank, battery "A."

Three reserve officers, a captain and two lieutenants, will be selected from the Seventh corps area to attend the school of fire at Fort Sill, Okla., which opens March 1, and continues until June 11. The selection of these students is to be made at corps headquarters February 10.

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Democrats Take Stand on Taxation

State Committee States Party Is Opposed to Special Session and Asks Reductions in State Expenses.

Would Quit Code Plan

The democratic state committee, meeting at the Hotel Fontenelle yesterday, adopted a tentative 1922 platform and authorized the organization of an auxiliary campaign organization under the personal direction of Arthur F. Mullen.

Former Governor Keith Neville announced he will not serve as chairman of the committee beyond the next state convention.

The committee named J. J. Tooley of Broken Bow to succeed Secretary John A. Rine, resigned. Mr. Tooley formerly was secretary of the state banking board.

The committee approved of the organizing of "The Thomas Jefferson club of Nebraska," according to the plans read by Arthur F. Mullen, founder of the new democratic organization. Chairman Neville appointed Mr. Mullen head of a committee of five to give the new club a start.

Outlines Club Purposes. "The purpose of the new club," said Mr. Mullen, "is to keep alive the principles of Thomas Jefferson in the democratic party and to help the regular state organization."

Membership in Mr. Mullen's club will be limited to 1,754 in the state, based on the voting precincts. No county will be permitted to have more members than it has voting precincts. The dues will be \$10 per year.

Fears of the third party in Nebraska rose before the democratic state central committee like a great specter.

"Democrats must get busy and get to the people before the new party does," was the advice of Gene Murray of Gage county.

"Needs Young Blood." T. W. Lanigan of Greeley urged his party in Nebraska to put some young blood into the organization.

"That's where you are falling down in this campaign. We are the psychology of the democratic party."

"What good will a third party do in this state?" asked Mr. Mullen. "There's going to be no foolish business in this campaign. We are through manufacturing; it is going to be a major operation. I am willing to meet any republican in Nebraska on the issues. We should relieve this state of McKelvieism and all that goes with it."

Mr. Mullen predicted Nebraska (Turn to Page Six, Column Two)

Seek Habeas Corpus for Portland Woman

Hearing of habeas corpus proceedings for the release of Mrs. Robert Walters of Portland, Me., from the Omaha city jail, will be held before District Judge Troup tomorrow, according to Chief of Detectives Charles Van Deusen.

Mrs. Walters was arrested here Thursday night upon receipt of a telegram from Portland authorities that she was wanted in that city for alleged fraud in connection with a theatrical enterprise.

The woman's husband, her mother and three children are at a local hotel. The party was enroute to California in a costly limousine when the arrest was made.

Young Hastings Poet Guest of Saturday Club

The Saturday club had as its guest yesterday Albert Anderson, a young poet from Hastings. Mr. Anderson is a farmer, but is becoming known for his prose, verse and humorous articles.

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Frank McGinty Says He's 'Busted' When Wife Says Wealth Is \$500,000

This Divorce Suit is Third One to Mar the Marital Serenity of Real Estate Man Generally Thought to Be Quite Wealthy.

Frank McGinty of Omaha and Fremont, says he is broke, and Mrs. McGinty says his note is good at any bank for six figures, and that he is worth \$500,000.

Thus Judge Sears will sit as a judicial Dun and Bradstreet to determine whether McGinty, reputed to be one of the wealthiest real estate and land men in the eastern part of the state, is on the bitter brink of poverty, or whether Mrs. McGinty's assertions are facts.

The question arose in the third suit for divorce that has marred the marital serenity of the McGintys: Mrs. McGinty is the plaintiff.

The suit was heard in district court yesterday.

McGinty was not present in court; but was represented by Attorney E. Abbott of Fremont and J. O. Burger of Omaha. Judge Sears will give a decision next week.

Abbott attempted to prove that McGinty's wife is wrong in her impression that her husband is one of the wealthiest men in Omaha, said Attorney Abbott. "He is absolutely broke and just yesterday a bank informed him that he was overdrawn \$47 in his account."

McGinty was not co-operating on getting her husband out of his financial straits.

"McGinty educated Mrs. McGinty's daughter by former marriage," said Abbott. She attended Brownell Hall and for 17 years was unaware that she was not McGinty's child. This is indicative of the happiness of the family."

Sutton Asks \$750. A. L. Sutton, attorney for Mrs. McGinty, sought to obtain \$750 for expenses to investigate McGinty's properties in four states and also \$250 monthly alimony.

"I think McGinty is covering up some of her property," said Sutton, "and we must check him very closely."

"Though my children sent my husband Christmas presents he has not opened them yet," said Mrs. McGinty.

Omaha Meeting on Phone Rate Raise Postponed

No Physical Valuation Will Be Demanded, Browne Rules—Sessions to Be Held February 2.

Lincoln, Jan. 14.—(Special.)—Because of the special legislative session which will be in progress January 27, the date set for a meeting of phone rate hikers, phone officials and members of the state railway commission, the date of the meeting has been changed to February 2, Commissioner Thorne A. Browne, announced today.

The meeting will be held at the Northwestern Bell Telephone company at Omaha.

The announcement followed a conference between Guy H. Pratt, vice president of the Northwestern, other phone company officials and members of the commission in Lincoln.

Company officials desired to ascertain if a physical valuation of the plant in Nebraska would be demanded by the commission. Browne answered in the negative, saying that while the protesters might desire such a valuation, the commission probably would confine findings of valuation to certain parts of the company's property. A valuation of the company's property in Minnesota, cost the state \$250,000.

Browne announced today that the commission desired that W. C. Lambert, corporation counsel for the city of Omaha, be made a member of the committee representing protesters. Browne stated Omaha had no representative on the committee, although half the property of the company and half the business was in Omaha.

Browne also has requested that representatives of McCook and Alliance be placed on the committee.

Nebraska Bankers Will Meet Here Wednesday

Nebraska bankers will meet in the Hotel Fontenelle next Wednesday. The executive council of the state bankers' association will meet from 9 till noon. The State Agricultural Loan association stockholders will elect directors. Another meeting of the bankers will discuss possible amendments to the guaranty of deposits law which may be brought before the coming special session of the legislature.

Wednesday evening the executive council will give a dinner at the Hotel Fontenelle at 6:30, to which every banker in the state is invited. It is expected to make this dinner an annual affair.

Trio of Youths Held for Alleged Auto Theft Here

Detectives Cich and Bugliuzic brought three youths from Missouri Valley, Ia., to Omaha, Friday night. They are wanted for the alleged theft of an automobile belonging to the Drive-It-Yourself company, 1314 Howard street.

They gave their names as Charles Goswick, Moline, Ill.; Glenn Hansen and Cyril Rathbone, both of Council Bluffs. Rathbone is under a \$1,000 bond in Council Bluffs for an alleged tax car theft, police said.

Ask Direct Primary for President

Move Under Way in Congress to Abolish Electoral College and Elected That System Is Obsolete.

Introduced by Norris

Senator Norris of Nebraska has introduced a resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution to effect the change. The measure is supported not only by those who believe the electoral machinery should be modernized by the elimination of an ancient device which has served its purpose for more than a century, but by the advocates of the direct primary method of nominating candidates for president and vice president.

One of the principal obstacles to provision for the nomination of presidential candidates by national primaries is the existing electoral system requiring the choice of presidential electors by states. It is held by many authorities that under the existing provision of the constitution congress lacks power to establish a national primary.

Power Was Held Back. "When our forefathers adopted the constitution," said Senator Norris today, "they were afraid to put too much power directly in the hands of the people and so they provided for the election of the chief magistrate by an electoral college. The members of this electoral college, the constitution provides, shall be chosen in such manner as the legislature of the several states shall provide. Thus the election of the chief executive of the nation was placed two steps beyond the reach of the voter. It was intended that these presidential electors should exercise a discretion in the selection of president and vice president but as time went on and the people became anxious for a greater voice in the selection of their chief magistrate, they provided for a method of instructing these presidential electors through the instrumentality of party conventions. This has taken away from the presidential elector the discretion which the law in fact gives him, but it has not by any means, placed the selection of president and vice president in the hands of the people themselves."

"People Have No Voice." "In order to be elected president of the United States it is necessary that a man be nominated by a political party. There is no other practical way of electing a president so long as our antiquated electoral college remains a part of the constitution. The practical result is that any man or set of men who are able to control presidential conventions do, in fact, through such means, select the president and vice president of the United States."

Eloper Suspects Are Sought by Sheriff

Tecumseh, Neb., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—Sheriff Elmer Nelson has been asked to locate Thomas Goad, 19, and Lillie Sargent, 14, missing since Wednesday morning. It is believed they have eloped.

They attended a party southeast of town Tuesday night, spent that night at the home of Goad's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Goad, a few miles east of town, and started for Tecumseh with a horse and buggy Wednesday morning, the boy ostensibly taking the girl to school.

Later the horse and buggy were found in a barn on the J. K. Smith farm, three miles southeast of town. A sister of the girl, Frances Sargent, also in school here, received a note from the sister saying "everything was all right" and that she would soon return. The girls are daughters of E. E. Sargent, a farmer living west of Tecumseh.

Nebraska Doctor Accepts Post in Panama Hospital

Dr. Perry Allerton, a graduate of the University of Nebraska, college of medicine, last year, who has been an interne in the Walter Reed hospital, Washington, D. C., will sail for Panama January 20. He has taken a position in the Santo Tomas hospital, Ancon, Canal Zone, for one year.

Allies May Try Germans Accused of War Crimes

Paris, Jan. 14.—(By A. P.)—Sur-render of the Germans charged with offenses in connection with the war in two resolutions adopted by the interallied commission on war crimes, made public today.

Snow Tuesday or Wednesday Predicted by Washington

Washington, Jan. 14.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday, are: Upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys: Generally light except for snows Tuesday or Wednesday; normal temperature.

\$50 For One Photograph

The Bee is offering amateur photographers of Nebraska and Iowa an easy opportunity to win prizes totaling \$140.

First prize in the 1922 Amateur Photographers' Contest is \$50, second prize \$25 and third \$15. Five prizes of \$5 each and 25 prizes of \$1 each will be awarded.

There are no restrictions on the size of photographs, or the number to be entered by each contestant.

The contest closes January 31. The Bee requests that photographs be forwarded as early as possible.