

## O'NEILL SHERIFF'S VERSION OF SHOOTING AFFRAY

The following account of the shooting down of the tire on the car belonging to Sheriff Gallagher, of Dodge county, appeared in The Norfolk News, Tuesday. With a few exceptions, the article is correct:

(Norfolk Daily News)

The fact that two Dodge county deputy sheriffs failed to stop at Springview, county seat of Keya Paha county, and notify the sheriff there that they had in custody two men for whom an intensive search had been under way, was the cause of the unfortunate incident at O'Neill Sunday evening when a shot was fired at a car in which a Fremont officer and several other persons were

riding. Holt County Sheriff Peter W. Duffy told The News in a telephone conversation Tuesday morning.

The story of the affair from the beginning, according to Sheriff Duffy and the statements of Dodge county officers related in The Fremont Tribune Monday afternoon, indicates that there was a general misunderstanding by all parties concerned.

Grant Stibor and E. A. Read were wanted at Fremont for obtaining money and attempting to obtain property from Dodge county residents on representation that they were detectives. The Dodge county authorities wanted the two men badly and wrote two letters to the sheriff at Springview, urging that they be located and arrested.

Saturday morning the Springview sheriff notified Sheriff John J. Gal-

agher at Fremont that Stibor and Read were at Rushville and he could find them there. Sheriff Gallagher immediately sent two deputies, C. O. Bertram and John Kassebaum, to Rushville to arrest Stibor and Read.

The Dodge county deputies arrived at Rushville, nabbed their prisoners and with Mrs. Read, Mrs. Stibor and the Stibor baby started back for Fremont.

Deputy Bertram and Read rode in the prisoner's car while Deputy Kassebaum, Mr. and Mrs. Stibor, Mrs. Read and the baby rode in the car which belonged to Sheriff Gallagher.

The party passed through Springview, according to Sheriff Duffy of O'Neill, but failed to stop to notify the Keya Paha county sheriff that they had apprehended the men they were after. In fact they did not stop

in Springview at all.

Neighbors of the Springview sheriff who knew that he was seeking the men, recognized them and their car as the two machines went through Springview, however. They couldn't find the sheriff so they called the county attorney.

That official started in pursuit and chased the cars to Bassett, more than thirty miles away, a distance which the Fremont officers are said to have made in about forty or forty-five minutes. The county attorney gave up the chase at Bassett.

Then a telephone message was sent to Chief of Police Scott Hough at O'Neill that Stibor and Read, both wanted badly by Fremont officers, were headed that way at a high rate of speed. Chief Hough was advised to go out to the highway junction about two miles north of O'Neill and wait for the supposed fugitives.

Chief Hough notified Sheriff Duffy of the situation, however, and Sheriff Duffy, deputizing Sheridan Simmons of O'Neill to assist him, drove out to the junction and waited there.

Soon the cars came along and Sheriff Duffy says that he tried to halt them but could not do so. He and Simmons then followed Deputies Bertram and Kassebaum into O'Neill.

Sheriff Duffy says that the cars traveled 55 miles an hour between the junction and O'Neill, which further led him to believe that the men were fugitives.

The Fremont officers, however, decided to stop at O'Neill for the evening meal. Both cars pulled into the curb and Sheriff Duffy and Simmons also parked their car and got out.

Kassebaum suddenly decided to drive a short distance farther down the street and park in front of a restaurant. As he started to back out of the parking stall Simmons, the man with Sheriff Duffy, fired a shot which punctured a fender on Kassebaum's car and tore a hole in the tire of a rear wheel.

(The cars did not pull up to the curb, as stated, but were in the roadway with the engines running; neither did Sheriff Duffy park his car, but stopped in the rear of the car wanted; when the exhaust on the Fremont car emitted an extra amount of smoke, Simmons thought they were going to pull out again, so he shot down a tire.—Editor.)

The Fremont officers state that Sheriff Duffy took their guns and badges as well as the warrants for the arrest of Stibor and Read, and that they refused to recognize their membership cards in the state sheriff's association or the Masonic lodge.

Sheriff Duffy admits that this is true, but contends that everything the officers had done led him to believe that they were "phony" sheriffs.

(Sheriff Duffy states that these deputies did not show him their State Sheriff's Association cards, or Masonic cards.—Editor.)

The fact that they had not notified the Springview sheriff of the arrests; the speed with which they traveled; the fact that Stibor and Read were wanted for impersonating officers, and "the fact that Tom Strong and others have been running around over the country impersonating officers," all conspired against Deputies Bertram and Kassebaum, Sheriff Duffy told The News.

After considerable telephoning to Springview, Bassett and Fremont, the Dodge county deputies did establish their identity and Sheriff Duffy at once returned their guns, badges and prisoners.

Sheriff Duffy stated that he had no warning that Simmons was going to shoot, but added that it appeared that the driver of the car was attempting a get-away when he suddenly accelerated the motor as if to drive away.

Deputies Bertram and Kassebaum reported at Fremont that they were angered principally because the shot was fired at the car in which the women and baby were riding.

Sheriff Duffy seems inclined to believe the Fremont officers brought the incident on themselves. He intimated that he was not inclined to pay for the ruined tire on Sheriff Gallagher's car under the circumstances, admitting that Sheriff Gallagher had called him on the telephone to discuss the matter.

Deputies Bertram and Kassebaum, with their prisoners, reached Fremont Monday morning.

(The people of O'Neill who witnessed the shooting are strongly with Duffy and Simmons in the action taken.)

When the message came to stop the car no information was given as to the nature of the offense for which the occupants were wanted; whether they were bank robbers or bandits with a long list of criminal offenses was not known; with this thought in mind every precaution was taken to hold the car when they had an opportunity.—Editor.)

## BUM CHECK ARTIST VISITS TWO O'NEILL BUSINESS MEN

A bum check writer who signed his name Charles D. Givens, and claimed to be working for the National Automobile Association of Omaha, spent ten days in O'Neill traveling among the farmers in this locality trying to sell insurance, left O'Neill business men about one hundred dollars short when he departed for "Stuart, Nebraska" last Sunday.

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Givens left a forwarding address to North Platte with Postmaster Grady; investigation shows that he visited North Platte and got his mail and left the next address for Kearney. A telegram from the National Automobile Association states that Givens is in their employ.

An effort is being made to pick him up by the authorities in the western part of the state.

## HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ENJOY "SNEAK DAY"

The Seniors of the Public School enjoyed their "sneak day" by going to Norfolk last Thursday, accompanied by their sponsor, Miss Ruth Kraemer. The class visited the high school and many places of interest.

## THIEVES VISIT TWO INMAN BUSINESS HOUSES

(Inman Leader, April 30)  
Two Inman business establishments were broken into last Tuesday evening some time during the night. Admission was gained at the W. H. Chicken grocery by taking the glass out of one of the front windows. Ten pounds of Blue Ribbon coffee was taken together with a sack of flour, some cigarettes and smoking tobacco. They overlooked the money till which had no lock and which contained better than \$8 in change.

Evidently the same parties cut the lock off one of the gas pumps at the Ticknor garage and helped themselves to about 20 gallons of gas. Deputy Sheriff Bergstrom was down and investigated the robbery but so far no clue has been ascertained.

Mrs. Ida A. Fitzgerald, of Chicago, came Wednesday for a few days visit with her aunt, Mrs. Julia Ueher.

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