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## Union Boys are Given a Hearing for Auto Theft

One Paroled and Case of Elmer Miller Taken Under Adversement  
by Judge Begley

Two contrite youths stood before Judge Begley in district court Thursday morning, stood almost stock-still for well over an hour. They freely admitted the theft of an automobile driven on a wildgoose chase of more than 600 miles. One of the boys confessed, too, that he had written a bad check in order to help finance the motoring venture, as related by the Nebraska City News-Press.

One lad is Benny Crawford, 15, fatherless farm lad of southern Cass county. The other is Elmer Miller, 15, motherless youngster of Union.

They were charged with stealing a Ford car owned by Herman Effken, Dunbar, driving it to Norfolk where a suspicious sister of the Crawford lad rather frightened them into leaving after she had asked questions. They came back toward Nebraska City for the purpose of replenishing their finances and had intended to drive on and on toward the equator, but they fell afoul of the law before they could hasten away.

The Crawford boy's status was not difficult to determine. It was his first offense and he was paroled to Mrs. Lottie Rosenkrans, probation officer of Plattsmouth.

But the case of Elmer Miller is a case. Not only had Elmer engineered the theft of the car, which he admitted without hesitation or alibi, but he confessed, too, to the theft of money and the forging of checks.

"You've gotten yourself into a pretty mess, haven't you?" Judge Begley asked in connection with his kindly interrogation of both boys for well over an hour.

"Yes, sir, it's the worst trouble I've ever been in," said Miller, a rather gangling and forlorn figure standing there before the bench, his eyes mostly on the floor but now and then turned on the court.

"And I've been accused of doing lots of things I didn't do," he said plaintively as he went on with a recital of his troubles.

"That's it," said the judge. "You're bound to be charged with things you didn't do whenever you get into trouble over things you have done. That's always the case. You're under suspicion in Union because you have been in so many messes."

The court decided to take Elmer's case under advisement. This was after the questioning had gone on for well over an hour and following a discussion of the boy's future with his father, E. E. Miller. Elmer's mother died when he was five. He has lived in Union with his grandmother for the past year. His grandmother, by the way, gave him a good recommendation when she recently said she would rather have Elmer help her about the house than any girl she ever knew.

The youth asked to be sent to Father Flanagan's home in Omaha, if it is possible to have him taken in. Judge Begley intimated that he might make that sort of an order if arrangements can be made.

### DEATH OF Z. W. SHRADER

Z. W. Shrader, one of the old time residents of the vicinity of Nehawka, died Sunday night at the home after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Shrader has been suffering from the effects of a paralytic stroke and gradually growing weaker until death came to his relief. An obituary will appear later in the Journal.

### COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING

The Pleasant Ridge community club will meet on Friday evening, December 19th at the school house. All members are urged to attend. d15-2td-2tw

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## Sees \$5,000,000 Fund for Upper Missouri Project

Rufus Lee, Home Again from Capital, Optimistic for Upper Missouri Project.

After encouraging conferences with President Hoover, Secretary of War Hurley and Major General Lytle Brown, chief of army engineers, Rufus E. Lee, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce waterways committee, of Omaha, who returned from Washington Friday, said: "I believe approximately five million dollars will be spent on the upper Missouri river during the next fiscal year."

Upper river cities still are seeking eight million dollars, however, and are hopeful that the amount will reach that figure.

Governor Weaver, who headed the Nebraska delegation to Washington, is expected to return to Lincoln Saturday, said Mr. Lee. E. Childs, the other delegate, will return the first of the week.

### "May Triple Estimate."

Waterways representatives of upper river cities went to Washington to protest a report of the army engineers, recommending that only \$500 thousand dollars be allocated to the upper stream for the year beginning next July 1.

Funds in the president's emergency relief bill would increase this sum by 600 thousand dollars, to \$1,400,000. "But Secretary Hurley told us that this sum probably will be doubled, or maybe tripled," said Mr. Lee. "If it is tripled that would give us nearly five million dollars."

Mr. Lee said the delegates were told that the first recommendation by the engineers is only tentative, and means little.

### Funds May Be Transferred

"Something must be allocated to every authorized project, even though some are not yet under way," he continued. "After the money is allocated it sometimes cannot be used because projects are only in the formative stage. This makes possible transferring of allocations to the Missouri and other projects needing money immediately."

"We all feel that the conferences were very successful. Though we did not secure a promise of a definite amount which can be expected for the upper river, we did get the fullest assurance of the administration leaders that they will do all they can to hasten our program. I was particularly impressed with the sincerity of Secretary Hurley."

### Hoover Fears Tax Raise.

"We had a very favorable conference with the president. After he had presented our views, he told us he was in sympathy with everything we had said. The only difficulty, the president told us, is that there is a limit to the amount of money which can be spent without raising taxes."

Mr. Lee said it is important, too, that the lower river be completed as quickly as possible, because then greater appropriations will be forthcoming for the upper stream.

Congressmen from parts of the country far distant from the Missouri river told us they are for development of the Missouri as far north as feasible," he added.

Governor Weaver and Mr. Lee, with President William Dawes and Secretary Lachlan Macleay of the Mississippi Valley association, were invited to sit with members of the republican congressional group of the valley in its annual conference.

### KING HERALDS MEET

The King Herald Band of the Juniors of the M. E. Sunday school held their regular December meeting with Ruth Ann Hatt. The newly elected officers conducted the meeting, opening with song, followed by special sentence prayers read by the members. The two flag salute were given and the business carried on with dispatch. Twelve members paid dues and at the next meeting will each try to bring a new member in order to win their second stamp for their story book, and will also bring money for subscription to Junior magazine to begin in January. The study "The Treasure Hunt" was given by their supervisor and contained true stories of pirate life off China's coast, and also some surprising happenings in the interior among children, which applied to both boys and girls in the band. The little hostess served a treat to all present and they practiced a short demonstration for the Sunday school hour closing program. All thanked their hostess for a pleasant time by their expression of glee during the play period.

### EDITOR SAYS RAILWAYS HEADED FOR 'DISASTER'

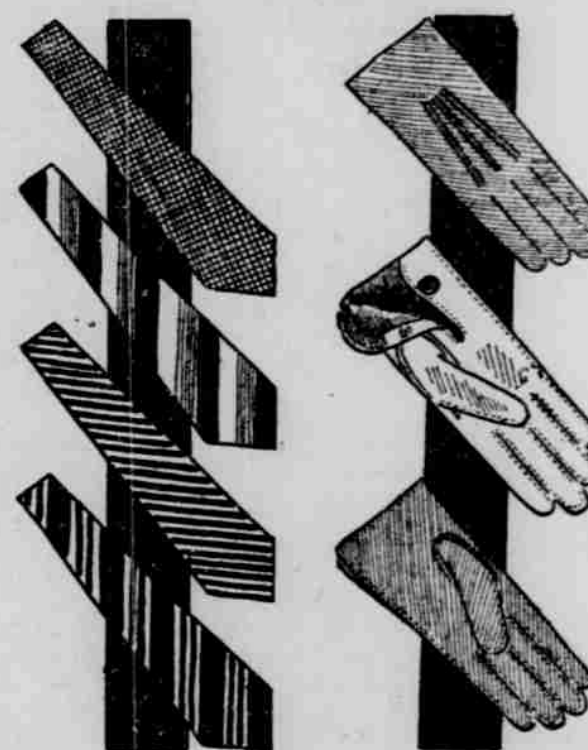
Washington, Dec. 10.—"Our most important means of transportation, the railways, are drifting straight toward disaster," Samuel O. Dunn, editor of the Railway Age, told delegates to the rivers and harbors congress Wednesday.

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## Gas Firm to Have Long Telephone Line Made

Continental Construction Co. to Have Private Line From Chicago to Beatrice

The Continental Construction Co., which is building the natural gas pipe line from Amarillo fields in Texas to Chicago, crossing the Missouri river at Plattsmouth, is to have a private telephone line constructed from the Chicago end of their line to Beatrice, Nebraska.

The Burlington railroad is to have the contract for the construction of the line and work will start at once on the program.

The Continental is laying a 24-inch natural gas line from the Amarillo fields in Texas to Chicago. The install interests, Cities Service, Texas Co., Skelly Oil Co., Columbian Carbon Co. and Phillips Petroleum Co. are interested in the pipe line project.

Such speed is asked by the Continental on the telephone line that 50 or more extra men will be employed in its construction, in addition to the regular Burlington line-men, by Jan. 1, according to General

Manager E. Flynn of the railroad. The pipe line closely parallels the Burlington main line between Plattsmouth and Chicago. The telephone lines will be for watchmen and engineers along the route to use to report gas pressure, leaks and the like.

### HOLD DELIGHTFUL MEETING

The Goldenrod Study club held their December meeting on Thursday at the home of Mrs. C. L. Wiles with Mrs. Glenn Wiles as assistant hostess.

After a short business session conducted by the president, roll call was answered by a display and description of grandmother's handiwork. Many old and interesting articles were shown, some of them being almost a hundred years old.

The study hour was in charge of Mrs. Barnard and Mrs. Ted Carey, who ably handled the subject, "Grandmother's Handiwork."

The club joined in singing the Christmas carol, "Joy to the World," and a listening number, "Sextette from Lucia" was played by Mrs. Roy O. Cole.

The hostesses, assisted by Mrs. S. W. Cole, Alice Barbara Wiles and Virginia Trively, served delicious refreshments after which Santa Claus arrived in the person of Robert Cole, bearing a box of gifts which he distributed to all of the guests.

The name of Mrs. Henry Nielsen was added to the membership list.

### OBITUARY

Fred G. Burrill was born January 12, 1884, and departed this life Dec. 4, 1930, at Council Bluffs, Iowa. He was born on a farm near Elmwood, where all his boyhood days were spent. After attending Business College in Lincoln, he secured a position in Council Bluffs, with the Burlington railroad, later working for the Union Pacific, in which capacity he served as accountant in the motive power department for twenty years. He was married Oct. 16, 1915, to Jeannette Carson of Council Bluffs, to which union was born one daughter, Marjorie.

He was of a happy, genial disposition and beloved by all who knew him. He was a kind, loving and thoughtful husband and father, always thinking of the comfort and happiness of his loved ones first.

He was a member of the Grace Presbyterian church of Council Bluffs.

Fred will be greatly missed not only in his home and office where he was a general favorite, but hosts of friends will feel his going.

His mother, Mrs. Agnes Burrill and brother Thomas W., preceded him in death about ten years ago, and there was also a brother, John, who died in infancy. Besides his wife and daughter, he leaves to mourn his loss, his father, Thomas Burrill, three sisters, Mrs. Ellen Carrol, Mrs. Belle Bunch and Mrs. Minnie Hall, besides many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held last Saturday afternoon at the M. E. church, Rev. J. A. Klein officiating. The music was rendered by Mrs. Opal Turner Clements and Miss Lubertha Klein. Interment was made in the Elmwood cemetery.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

### D. A. R. HOLDS MEETING

The Fontenelle chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held a very interesting and pleasant meeting at the home of Mrs. L. O. Minor this week and with a large attendance of the members present to participate in the event.

This year the members are studying the lives of the president of the United States and as the first on this program of study Mrs. J. S. Livingston gave a very complete and thorough review of the life of George Washington, the first president of the country and the leader in the revolutionary war that won independence for the nation. The address was most complete in every way and one that was followed with the closest interest by the members of the chapter.

The chapter made definite plans for the observance of the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington.

At the close of the afternoon dainty and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess and which added a great deal of pleasure to the event.

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