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Jess Pender is Sentenced to 20 Years in Prison

Young Man Arrested Here on Tuesday for Burr Bank Robbery, Receives Sentence.

Jess Pender, 20, of Kansas City, Missouri, who on Tuesday held up the cashier of the American bank at Burr, Nebraska, Thursday morning at Nebraska City heard himself sentenced to a term of twenty years at the Nebraska state penitentiary at Lancaster for his offense.

Pender had pleaded guilty in the county court of Otoe county Wednesday and was given the twenty-four hour stay before being arraigned in the district court. When brought before Judge James T. Begley he renewed his plea of guilty and acknowledged the taking of the sum of \$275 from the bank at Burr.

At the conclusion of the plea of the young prisoner Judge Begley gave the sentence of twenty years in the penitentiary, a sentence similar to that given the Murdock bank robbers in Cass county two months ago.

The career in crime of Pender was short, he stealing a car at Nebraska City on Monday night, sticking up the bank on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock and was captured at Plattsmouth at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, receiving his sentence on Thursday, a swift carrying out of justice.

In the jail and at his arraignment at Nebraska City Pender held firm to the story told here that he had made his way by freight toward Kansas City and had been kicked off the train at Nebraska City Monday, stealing the car of Bert Ryder at that place and had driven around over the country, passing through Burr Tuesday morning, noticing only two men in the bank and he had gone in and demanded the money that was on the counters and in the tills. He had then gone north through Otoe county and through Elmwood where he secured some gas and later had driven east to Murray where the first trace of his car was reported and which eventually led to his capture at Plattsmouth.

The prisoner had been coming into this city he said at a high rate of speed when he noticed that his car was being followed and at once he started to drive in the direction of the Missouri river, but was forced to abandon the car because of the pursuit given by Sheriff Reed and Harry Ofe. He first hid himself beneath a box car and then made his way to the old Alfa-Matze mill and thence to the old vacant house from the cellar of which he was brought forth by Officer David Pickrel a few moments later.

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INVESTIGATE CHICKEN STEALING

From Thursday's Daily— This morning the sheriff's office here was busily engaged in the investigation of a chicken stealing case from the vicinity of Nebraska and from the vicinity of Nebraska and from the vicinity of Nebraska.

Tri-County Poultry Show to be Held Here

Association Representing a Large Group of Pure Bred Poultry Fanciers Will Show Here

The officers and directors of the Tri-Poultry association, met here Wednesday afternoon to discuss the plans for the holding of the annual show of the association.

The officers decided that they would again hold this show in Plattsmouth where it has been held for the past two years and where a very large number of exhibits have been offered by the poultry raisers of the eastern section of Nebraska.

The dates set for the poultry show are 8th to 11th of December inclusive and the place for the show will be the American Legion community building where the show has been held for the past two years.

FORMER SUPERINTENDENT DIES

A. F. Weightman, who was superintendent of the Plattsmouth city schools from 1876 to 1890, died a few days ago at Los Angeles, California, word received here states.

Mr. Weightman will be remembered by the older residents of the city, many of whom were students at the local schools during the years that he served as head of the local schools. Mr. Weightman was past 100. He was superintendent of the Fremont schools for several years after leaving this city.

Mr. Weightman has made his home in the west for a great many years and where the funeral services were held.

Cass County Women's Clubs in Convention

Meeting Held at First Methodist Church—Mrs. James T. Begley Is Elected President.

The meeting of the federated women's clubs of Cass county was held on Wednesday at the First Methodist church and despite the fact that the weather was threatening there were many from the various clubs over the county present to enjoy the occasion, 160 being registered at the meetings.

The program had been arranged by the county president, Mrs. G. G. Douglas, Elmwood, 66; Mrs. James T. Begley, Plattsmouth, 78; Vice President—Mrs. J. J. Cullen, Avoca, 62; Mrs. Eugene Nutzman, Nehawka, 81; Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Brunkow, Louisville, 35; Mrs. R. E. Norris, Weeping Water, 107.

Mrs. Nelson Berger of Nehawka, was elected to attend the state convention.

Mrs. Ronald Schlitzinger, Elmwood, elected district convention delegate.

The quartette from the Avoca Woman's club rendered two numbers.

The convention closed by the singing of "Now the Day is Ended."

Elmwood Ladies Injured While Enroute Home

Delegates to Woman's Club Convention Have Car Overturned on "O" Street Road

From Thursday's Daily— Four Elmwood ladies, who were returning home from Plattsmouth, where they had been in attendance at the Cass County Woman's club convention, were injured, one seriously when the car in which they were riding was overturned on the "O" street road six miles east of Elmwood.

Mrs. Mary Lane, sixty-eight, suffered severe cuts about the head and face and a broken chest bone. Mrs. Mary Nickles, the driver of the car, suffered minor cuts about the head and face while Mrs. A. W. Neilhart and Mrs. C. D. Clapp, the other passengers in the car escaped with minor injuries.

While the car was descending a hill it struck the loose gravel along the roadside and overturned into a ditch. All of the glass in the car was broken and the members of the auto party were showered with the broken fragments of the glass and which caused the greater part of their injuries.

Dr. O. E. Liston of Elmwood attended the injured ladies.

OLD RESIDENT HERE

From Thursday's Daily— George L. Berger, who arrived at Plattsmouth on April 28, 1857, and is now a resident of Orange, California, was in the city today to visit the scenes that he once knew as a youth. Mr. Berger was born September 4, 1848, in the state of Pennsylvania, and came west when a lad, spending the greater part of his lifetime in Cass county where he was a loved and honored figure.

Big Special Bargains Offered by Merchants

Band Concert Will Be Given by the Lewiston Band in the Evening as Part of Big Day

On Wednesday there will be afforded the residents of Cass county, Nebraska, and Mill county, Iowa, one of the greatest mercantile offerings in the history of the city and in which the various business houses of Plattsmouth will be participating.

The offerings which will be placed before the patrons on this day will include greatly slashed prices on all lines of seasonal goods—one of the great opportunities to secure the needed purchases of fall and winter goods at the new low prices while in the necessities of life the rock bottom of prices has been reached in this great price slashing offer.

Read the advertisements that are appearing in the Journal, there is something for every man, woman and child—articles that you cannot duplicate anywhere at the low range of prices that they are being offered to you Wednesday.

As a feature of the bargain day the Lewiston band, one of the popular organizations of the county will be here to play in concert in the evening at the court house lawn.

This will give the resident of the two counties the chance to enjoy a program of the latest and best music and by this group of clever young musicians.

Remember that opportunities like these are not afforded every day and those who take advantage of them can feel that they have made themselves some real money by securing the bargains that the Plattsmouth merchants are offering them.

MANY ATTEND SERVICES

The funeral services of Warren L. Trumble, well known resident of Eagle, held Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist church of that place, were one of the most largely attended ever held in that community, practically all of the residents of the town and the nearby country districts being in attendance.

The funeral services were in charge of Rev. Chamberlain, pastor of the church, who gave a very able sermon on the comforting influence of the christian teaching and as well gave a short sketch of the life of the departed.

The choir and male quartet of the church gave two numbers, "Some-time We'll Understand" and "Jesus Savior Pilot Me."

Following the service the cortege took its way to the beautiful Eagle cemetery, east of the town where it was consigned to the last rest. At the grave the Greenwood post of the American Legion, of which Mr. Trumble was a member, gave the last salute and farewell to the departed comrade. W. R. Holly of this city played organ at the grave.

Fall bearers were selected from the long time friends of Mr. Trumble and the old army comrades.

Attempt Made to Hold Up Miss Alice Smith Today

While Local Young Lady Enroute Home, Stranger Makes Demand for Her Pocketbook

From Saturday's Daily— Miss Alice Smith, who is engaged as waitress in the Brown cafe during the night trade, was the central figure in an attempted holdup as she was returning home from work at 5:15 this morning.

The parent Mr. and Mrs. John L. Smith, reside in the residence at Eighth and Locust street and this morning as the daughter arrived at the home, some man stepped out from behind the shelter of a large shrub and requested that she turn over her pocketbook.

The distance from where she was accosted to the door was only a short way and Miss Smith gave the alarm by screaming and started to run to the door of the house and fortunately the door was unlocked and she was able to gain entrance at once and foil the would be robber, as the members of the family aroused by the cries, came to her rescue.

The night police were notified of the attempted holdup and later a man was picked up down in the business section of the city by Officers Libershal and Pickrel and lodged in jail. This morning, however, Miss Smith failed to identify the man as the one that had attempted the holdup. Several other men at the "hobo" camp near the old stock yards were also inspected but failed to tally with the description that Miss Smith had given and she could not name any of these as the robber.

The circumstances surrounding the attempted holdup point more strongly to local talent or to parties that might be familiar with the custom of Miss Smith to return home in the early morning hours as well as the fact that she was to have received her pay at this time of the week. The Smith residence is off the usual line of travel of persons passing through the city and the party that was at the home at apparently come with the knowledge of the lay of the situation and with the intention of securing the funds of Miss Smith. Only the fact that she gave the alarm promptly saved her from a most unpleasant experience and the loss of her pocketbook.

TAKE BODY TO WHITMAN

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SOME BEAUTIFUL WINDOWS

The Poese Style Shop which is holding its winter sale this week has arranged a group of display windows of the lines of ladies ready-to-wear garments, millinery and children's wear that is as fine a showing as well as exhibition of the art of window dressing that can be found in any large city store.

The two windows in the room formerly occupied by the Giventer store have been secured and here a fine display has been prepared which, with the large windows in the style shop makes it possible to make a real display of all types of garments. It is a display that is a real credit to the city in every way.

MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

From Friday's Daily— Last evening at the court house occurred the marriage of Miss Lulu P. Heward and Joseph Lepert, both of Chicago. The wedding was held here as the result of the desire of the groom to be wedded in the city where he was born, the Lepert family being former residents here. After the ceremony performed by Judge A. H. Duxbury, the wedded couple departed for Omaha where they are to visit the parents of the groom who reside in that city.

SUFFERS FROM RHEUMATISM

VISITS OLD FRIENDS

From Friday's Daily— Miss Emma Tresham, who taught school here in the late nineties and the early 1900 period, has been here for the past several days visiting with the old friends, being a house guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Tidd. Miss Tresham had the privilege of meeting a great many of the old friends and former pupils here, and the occasion was one very pleasant to all who had known this estimable lady in her residence here.

Aged Veteran Observes Ninety-First Milestone

Abram Shellenbarger One of Last of Grand Army Veterans in the Community

On Saturday Abram Shellenbarger, of this city, passed his ninety-first birthday anniversary, a lifetime that he has covered far more than the allotted time of man and in which has transpired some of the greatest scenes of the national life.

Mr. Shellenbarger was born at Lima, Allen county, Ohio, October 3rd, 1840, and spent his youth in that state, later removing to Illinois where he was residing when the civil war broke out and in response to the appeal of President Abraham Lincoln, he enlisted on July 18, 1862, in Co. K, Eighty-fifth Illinois infantry, serving in this organization until the close of the war. Mr. Shellenbarger served in many of the greatest battles of the western campaign of the Union army as they battled to open the Mississippi valley and dividing the southern armies, one of the military movements that hastened the final end of the war and the defeat of the southern forces.

He was on special detail with General William T. Sherman on the memorable march of the northern army to the sea.

On the return home from the war Mr. Shellenbarger was united in marriage to Miss Melvina Martin at Havana, Illinois, on March 8, 1866. To this union there were born eight children, five sons and three daughters. The wife and three daughters have passed away but the five sons are still living, B. E., L. E., R. C. and J. W. Shellenbarger of Beaver City and E. G. Shellenbarger of this city.

Mr. Shellenbarger came to Nebraska in 1875 and located in the west part of the state where he made his home for a great many years, but since the son, E. G. Shellenbarger, came to this city to reside, Mr. Shellenbarger came here and has made his home here with the son and family.

Mr. Shellenbarger is one of the few surviving veterans of the civil war here and the last active member of the Grand Army post of this city.

That this splendid citizen and gallant old soldier may have many more years of the hope of the friends in this community, and who are joining on extending their best wishes and congratulations to him.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS SHOWS 200 DECLINE

Washington, Oct. 2.—The number of infantile paralysis cases reported to the public health service this week dropped to 1,095 from 1,272 last week.

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Clarence Troy, who has been at the Methodist hospital at Omaha for the past ten days is reported as showing some definite signs of improvement and is able to be up a part of the time now. The cause of the trouble that made necessary the treatment of Mr. Troy has been found to be inflammatory rheumatism, a very painful malady but which is now yielding to the treatment and it is hoped the young man may soon be able to resume his school work.