

UNION ITEMS.

W. B. Banning was shelling and delivering corn to the Union elevator on last Monday.

Hallas Banning and Stacy Niday were visiting with friends at Falls City for the day on last Sunday, they driving down in their auto.

Justin Anderson and Charles Clark, were over to Auburn for the day on last Sunday, they driving down and visiting with friends.

Charles L. Green and family were enjoying the Christmas day at the home of friends in Louisville, they driving over in their car for the occasion.

Dean Gillespie and the family were over to Nebraska City on last Sunday where they went to visit for the day at the home of a sister, Mrs. Lois Young and family.

Eugene Roddy and family were over to Nebraska City on last Saturday where they were visiting with friends as well as looking after some Christmas shopping.

Mrs. Mary Havenridge, who is employed in the Wright and Wilhemy store as saleslady, was a visitor in Union at the home of her parents, A. L. Becker and wife, for the week end.

Miss Nola Banning, who is a student in the schools at Peru, was enjoying the Christmas holidays at home, having arrived on last Friday and will remain until Monday, January 4th.

R. A. Taylor shelled and delivered corn to some feeders in the vicinity of Springfield in Sarpy county on last Monday afternoon. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Ralph Surface were over to Omaha to look after the delivery on Monday.

Ira Clark and family were enjoying a visit for the day on last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hathaway and Ira also visiting for a short time at the home of A. J. Eaton. They enjoyed the day very nicely.

Ben Anderson is assisting with the Christmas trade at the Moore drug store. Mr. Moore carrying Christmas goods and the Christmas week making the work much the heavier. He could not get a better man than Mr. Anderson for the position.

Ray Frans and family were over to Plattsmouth on last Wednesday where they went to meet and enjoy the friendship of Santa Claus and also mingle with the crowd of some two thousand children who were there on the same mission.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Becker and daughter, Mrs. Otto Ehlers, were over to Plattsmouth on last Thursday where they were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Willis, going to see Mr. Willis who was very ill and who since has died. They were also looking after some business matters.

Thomas Rhoades, formerly a resident of Union and vicinity, but who has made his home at Osamawitamee, Oklahoma, for the past nearly twenty years, coming back occasionally to pick corn, has been making his home during this fall in the vicinity of Elmwood, was visiting over the week end with friends here.

Rev. W. A. Taylor of the Baptist church of Union was over to Nebraska City on Tuesday afternoon of this week where he conducted the funeral of his late friend, Robert Willis, who passed away at his home in Plattsmouth on last Saturday night following a stroke which he sustained on last Monday. The funeral was held in Nehawka and burial held at the beautiful cemetery at Mt. Pleasant.

Celebrated My Birthday.

I am Randall Lee Farris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Farris, living east of Union. I am nine years of age, my birthday coming on December 22nd and as I am attending the Union schools, I could not get away to have my little friends with me when

Cash Tells The Story

With the beginning of November, the merchants have adopted the Cash system, and as a result we are to sell goods at a greater saving of money.

Some Sample Prices

T-Bone Steak, per lb. 18c
Sirloin Steak, per lb. 18c
Round Steak, per lb. 19c
Pork Roast, per lb. 15c

R. D. STINE

WE ARE MADE HAPPY BY WHAT You Have Said About Us

And now we want to try to make all of our patrons happy because of what we say about you. We think we are singularly blessed with the kind of patrons we have to serve. We like you and enjoy doing business with you.

But the main cause of this message is to wish you an unlimited portion of Happiness during this Christmas season and to thank you most sincerely for your favors of the past.

Phil and Charley

The Quality Store

UNION, NEBRASKA
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we celebrated the occasion so we got together on last Saturday. Sure we had a time for you know how it was when you were a lad, well a number of boys and sure when they are my age they are full of get and go. We had games and a very fine time. My mother, who is one of the best cooks in the state of Nebraska and almost as good or even better than where she learned to cook when a girl in West Virginia. If you folks had been at my party you would have learned how to enjoy a real party. We were so well pleased with the party that we will try it again some time. Those present were: Cecil and John Neil, John Foster, Harold Cornell and Purly and Glen Corer.

Is Married Today.
Announcement and invitations were received by Mr. and Mrs. Horace W. Griffin and wife telling of the coming wedding of Arley Griffin, a brother of Mr. Griffin, who is stationed at San Diego, California, where he is with the United States navy and who is on Thursday. The bride is Miss Katherine Condit, of that place. There is to be a double wedding, a friend and fellow member of the navy also being married at the same time.

Ralph Pearsley Knows It.
During his youth Ralph Pearsley was taught that there was a Santa Claus, and believing it with that faith which children evince, he maintained the position until he was grown and had a family of his own. Now he knows for a certainty that there is a Santa Claus, for he is one himself and well pleased of the fact.

Driver of Bus Was a Former Union Resident

William Irwin, Killed in Bus Crash Tuesday Morning at Hiawatha, Kans., Known in County

William Irwin, driver of the ill fated Interstate bus that crashed with a truck near Hiawatha, Kansas, was a former resident of Cass county, the family having resided at Union and where his mother and brothers still make their home. That he little thought of the fatal drive through the fog is shown by the following from the Nebraska City News-Press:

"Merry Christmas, Bill" one of the waitresses at the Bus Depot called to Driver Irwin Monday night as he started for the door to leave on the trip south.

"But I am going away for Christmas, but I'll be seeing you any more," she replied.

"On all right then, Merry Christmas, but I'll be on the job afterwards and so will you and I'll be seeing you later."

"These bantering words were the last Irwin spoke in Nebraska City. Previously he had been talking about the dense fog to another bus driver who was driving his own car to Schubert where he intended to go rabbit hunting. Irwin asked the other man to take his car ahead and 'cut a hole in the fog so I can get through with the bus.'"

"William Irwin, about 30 years old, was born in Omaha. He lived for a short while in Union and left home to hunt work. When he was 16 years old he came to the country home of C. K. Frans where he remained for some time. Mr. Frans, who is now at the Emmett Vier habershop, said young Irwin was a frequent Nebraska City visitor, especially when he was younger.

Five years ago Mr. Irwin was married to an Omaha girl and they have been making their home there ever since. He is survived by his widow, Jane Irwin; his mother, Mrs. Clara Towns and two brothers, Charles and Edward Irwin of Union, and another brother, George Irwin, living in Custer county.

Poultry Wanted SATURDAY December 26th

Not less than the following which may look cheap, but who knows what is cheap now? Lots of poultry to be sold yet and eastern markets still flooded.

- Hens 4 1/2 lbs., and up, lb. . 10c
- Lights and Leghorns . 7c
- Springs Smooth Legs, lb. . . 9c
- Stags, per lb. 6c
- Leghorn Springs and Old Cox, per lb. . . . 5c

Cash or Trade
Soennichsen's
Plattsmouth, Phone 42

Water: Clarence Edward, Union; Lottie May, Plattsmouth; Laura Ethel, Union; Charles Albert, Plattsmouth; Viola Jane, Falls City. Six grandchildren also survive. He was a member of the M. W. A. A kind husband, indulgent father and good neighbor. A lover of sports, in the year 1896 he won the cup for true marksmanship at Weeping Water. This included the best marksman of the county. He managed a farm, finding time to assist his neighbors in shelling and threshing. He owned and operated a garage in Union for years, a good man who will be missed, not only by his immediate family but the community as well. Funeral services were held from the M. E. church, Nehawka, W. A. Taylor officiating, assisted by Rev. G. A. Morey. Interment was in Mt. Pleasant cemetery.

Obituary.
Amanda Jane Way was born Nov. 24, 1848, at Marion county, Iowa, and departed this life Dec. 19, 1931, at the age of 83 years and 26 days. She had been in failing health for several years. She was united in marriage to William Harzer, Nov. 21, 1871. To this union was born nine children. Her husband and seven children preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her loss, two sons, Harney H. Harzer of Fort Crook, Nebr., with whom she has made her home, and Frank Harzer of New Harmony, Indiana, and one daughter, Herman May, who is married to W. A. Taylor, of Plattsmouth, Florida, and a host of friends and relatives.

Grandma Harzer, as she was known by her friends, was loved by all who knew her. She was a kind and loving mother, wife and sister, and all who knew her were glad to have her in their midst. She was baptized in the United Brethren church and was an active church member until failing health prevented her attending. Funeral services were held from the Straight funeral home in Plattsmouth, Monday, Dec. 21, at 2 p. m. A. Taylor officiated. Interment was in Oak Hill cemetery at Plattsmouth.

An Appreciation.
Santa Claus came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor Saturday evening and left all sorts of good things to eat. Rev. Taylor took his time of thanking all the kind friends and may all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

EIGHT MILE GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 27th.
No Sunday school.
The Ladies Aid of Christ Lutheran church celebrated a little Christmas party on Wednesday evening, Dec. 16th, in the church parlors. The husbands and the other members of the families were their guests of honor for the evening. A Christmas tree, a program, consisting of musical numbers by the whole assembly, by the choir, the quartette and a duet by Violet Engelkemeier, a little speech by the pastor, and then the presentation to the Aid of some sugar shells by the Luther League, in appreciation of the many favors received from the Aid, the presentation to the pastor and his family of \$25 by the Aid, followed by dainty lunch, help to put the Christmas spirit in the evening.
A Merry Christmas to all.

LINCOLN STANDS PAT ON TOURNEY

Lincoln, Dec. 21.—Following a conference of the chamber of commerce Monday it was indicated Lincoln schools would stand pat on their decision to remain out of the state high school basketball tournament here next spring unless requested to reconsider their action by the Nebraska High School Athletic association. Representatives of the Lincoln school system, the chamber of commerce and the University of Nebraska athletic department took part in the conference.

PERRY REED, HENDERSON, FILES FOR SENATE AGAIN

Lincoln, Dec. 21.—State Senator Perry Reed (R.), Henderson, chairman of the Nebraska senate finance committee for many years, Wednesday filed for re-election. Reed represents the 19th district.

Regional Winners Show Class Early, Basketball Games

Crete, Hastings, Jackson, Kearney, Benson, Norfolk Look Good—Kleinmen Beat Hebron

Several of last year's regional champions flashed plenty of class in last week's preliminary basketball games to make them worthy of consideration during the coming campaign which will swing into full blast following the Christmas holidays.

Among those quintets which went to the tournament at Hastings a year ago and which have started the season on the winning side of the ledger are Crete, Hastings, Jackson, Kearney, Benson and Norfolk. Other teams which lost out in the regionals but have displayed scoring power include Seward, Falls City, Creighton Prep, Holdrege, Sidney, Alliance and Hickman.

Coach "Pop" Klein's Crete hoopers, runners up to the School for Deaf in the state championship finals, opened with a 34-12 triumph over Hebron. Hastings picked up a pair of victories by stopping Leawards 29-12 and beating Gothenburg 39-5.

Kearney turned back the Franklin Flyers 21-12 while Norfolk tripled the count on Battle Creek, 24-8. The latter five defeated Meadow Grove 18-8. Jackson won over an alumni team by 41-12 in such a convincing manner that the Beecher clan is expected to go a long ways. The count was 16-9.

Omaha North showed plenty of scoring power in walloping Missouri Valley, Ia., an interstate league opponent, 43 to 10 but was unable to break thru the Creighton Prep defense and dropped a 32-26 decision. Benson trimmed Logan, Ia., 23-6.

Seward Trims Benedict.
Coach Ben Kellner's strong football team has transferred its scoring ability to the basketball court with the result that Seward triumphed over Benedict 44-20 in its initial contest.

Falls City started the ball rolling by upsetting Stella 24-8. The strong Hickman quint is running wild in its section, drubbing every team it meets. Its latest victories include a 50-7 win over Cortland and a 54-8 verdict over Bennet.

In the southwest, Holdrege appears to hold the upper hand in the early competition. Coach C. Letter's sippers piled up a 36-6 win over Sumner and then nosed out North Platte in a thriller 21-20. Holdrege was runnerup in the conference last season.

The leader in the southwest during the 1930-31 campaign, Gothenburg, has tasted a pair of defeats. Besides dropping a verdict to Hastings Coach Harlan Wyant's Swedes were stopped by Elm Creek 17-16.

Alliance was an easy victor over the northwest regional winner last week when the Hornet club upset Hay Springs 23-12. Alliance also stopped Hemingford 16-11. Coach Leo Black's Sidney trossers hung up their initial win by turning back Lodgepole 23-13. The Cheyenne county hoopers lost to Gothenburg by a narrow margin in the regional finals.

Mitchell snowed Lyman 12 to 8 in a charity encounter. Rushville beat Gordon in a low scoring contest, 12 to 7 while Dalton nipped Oskosh 12 to 10.

Geneva appears to be in with another good quintet. Coach Lowe's crew was hard pressed but managed to nose out York 14 to 12 in a tight affair.

In the Frenchmen valley section Imperial stopped Stratton 27 to 17 and Parks walloped Haigler 26-6.

Plattsmouth Wins Two.
Humboldt smeared Pawnee City by administering a 33 to 6 licking in a southeast conference engagement. Honey Creek lost to Stella 25 to 12 and Plattsmouth registered a pair of victories. Coach Howard's crew won 11 to 11 and Ashland 14 to 9. Nebraska City copied a decision over Hamburg, Ia., 26 to 14.

Prospects at Havelock are not so bright since the alumni won 34 to 15. College View lost a close decision to Waverly, 9 to 7.

Sacred Heart of Falls City registered in the win column twice. Coach J. J. Hoffman's loop artists defeated Dawson 17 to 7 and Briston Union 22 to 12. Peru doubled the count on Nemaha 29 to 10.

Indiana broke even in two encounters. Coach Andrews' quint walloped Bartley 52 to 5 but lost to Cambridge 16 to 14.

Bill Ossian's Aurora eagles drubbed Clarks 49 to 16 while Herman beat Uehling 33 to 19. Eagle was nine points stronger than Greenwood and won 22 to 13.

Sprague-Market won its second game in three starts by downing Raymond 32 to 6. Clatonja nosed out Hallam 17 to 15 and stopped Wilber 22 to 6. Milford walloped Ulysses 35 to 6. Hebron lost to Belvidere 23 to 14 and Stromsburg measured 22 to 14. Cambridge won 19 to 11. Hayward defeated Hayes Center 25-4.

Fremont capped a thriller from Thomas Jefferson of Council Bluffs in an interstate league encounter, 27 to 26. Kenesaw edged out Kearney Prep 17 to 14. Western won its fourth straight victory by defeating Alexandria 26 to 9.—State Journal.

Diamond's Finish an Object Lesson

Last Episode in Career of Notorious Gang Czar, Slain by His Own Kind, Emphasizes Only Ending to Path of Crime.



The ringing down of the curtain upon the career of Jack "Legs" Diamond, the murderous gang rule, of which he was an expert exponent, more than ever emphasizes the truth contained in the slogan: "You can't get away with it!" Arrested 25 times for crimes ranging from petty larceny to murder, Diamond, the New York sneak thief who rose to power in the underworld, served but one short sentence in a reformatory. Consequently, he sneered at the laws of the country and broke them just as he pleased. But the code of gang-

New York—"You Can't Get Away With It" the slogan that is intended to make the potential criminal think twice before detouring from the path of rectitude, was emphasized and heavily underlined with bullets when gangsters wrote him to the stormy career of Jack "Legs" Diamond, an Albany, N. Y., rooming house just a few hours after he had been acquitted of abducting James Duncan in the Catskills last spring.

Diamond, second in underworld rank only to Al Capone, crime mogul of Chicago, had begun to believe that he was above the law. His belief was not without grounds, as his record will show; for, though he was arrested twenty-five times on charges ranging from petty larceny to murder, the only punishment ever inflicted upon him by constituted authority was a short reformatory sentence at the age of 17 for burglary.

But if the "Wolves of the Catskills"—as he was picturesque called—could break the law of State and country with impunity, he found it a far more serious matter to violate the code of the brotherhood of vultures that constitutes the underworld.

On three occasions Diamond survived the effects of the leaden slugs that his own kind blasted into his

land could not be so lightly violated, as Diamond found to his cost. Three times he survived when rival gangsters pumped bullets into his consumptive body, but this last time his enemies took good care that there should be no recovery. Entering the rooming house in Albany, N. Y., where Diamond was sleeping in a room he had hired to celebrate his acquittal of an abduction charge a few hours earlier, gunmen put three bullets in his brain, giving fresh significance to the warning "YOU CAN'T WIN!"

He then shifted his scene of operations to the Catskills where he terrorized the peaceful countryside and eliminated all competitors who dared to usurp his beer selling rights.

The disappearance of Harry Weston, one such competitor, was the cue for a trip to Europe for Diamond, to give the investigation time to blow over, but Europe would have none of him and after being slung from port to port he was compelled to return to the U. S.

His next adventure with the law was his arrest on a charge of kidnapping and torturing Grover Parks, a Catskill, N. Y., truckman, whom he is said to have subjected, violating his territorial rights. Diamond was acquitted, but reappeared to answer a similar charge involving the abduction of James Duncan, Parks' companion.

On this charge, too, he was freed, but better for him if he had been convicted; for it was a few short hours after his acquittal, which was celebrated by a gay party in Albany, that the gang czar reached the end of the trail—hoist by his own petard, a victim of the rule of the rod by which he had lived.

Confesses He Killed Farmer with Poison

Says Death Planned to Conceal Check Forgery—Quizzed All Night.

Storm Lake, Ia., Dec. 22.—Emmett Harper, 27, Sioux Rapids, Ia., farmer waived preliminary hearing this afternoon on a first degree murder charge growing out of the poison slaying last June of Marshall A. Lee, 73, near here, following his confession earlier in the day to the slaying and to a check forgery which preceded it.

He is held without bail to await action of a grand jury in February. County Attorney Don C. White believes he may plead guilty before Judge Deland on a county attorney's information earlier.

Harper was a tenant on a farm owned by Lee, and owed him a considerable sum of money, he admitted to officers. Last May he conceived the idea of forging Lee's name to the check, and of poisoning the farmer so that Lee could not dispute authenticity of the check.

Poison in Alcohol.
Lee had been found in serious condition, in a barn at his place, on May 31, by Emery Merry, a neighbor. Nearby was a bottle of alcohol, which Merry tasted gingerly and found to be bitter. Lee died on June 7, and an inquest found that he had died from poison placed in alcohol by a person unknown.

Meanwhile the check came to the bank asking that nearly a thousand dollars be sent in a letter addressed to Lou Prim, Sioux Rapids, general delivery. But the amount of the check in one place was \$991.56, and in the other \$901.56, and clearance was delayed.

Suspicious at the discrepancy and death of Lee, the bank sent a decoy letter to Lou Prim, but no one claimed the letter. Harper had become fearful.

Senate Assents to a Holiday on Debt Payments

Moratorium Is Ratified With But Twelve Votes in Opposition—Political Division Even.

Washington—Congressional ratification of President Hoover's one year moratorium on debt payments was completed Tuesday night with senate approval. By a vote of 69 to 12 the senate formally endorsed the holiday on intergovernmental debts, which went into effect last July 1. The ban raised by the house against any further reduction or cancellation of the 10 billions in war debts outstanding was left untouched.

Two days of vigorous debate preceded the senate roll call taken just before 10 o'clock at night before crowded galleries and a filled chamber. Senator Johnson, California, led the attack, centering his fire on President Hoover, whom he accused of acting unconstitutionally in putting the moratorium into effect last July without formal approval of congress.

Six republicans and six democrats voted against ratification while thirty-six republicans and thirty-three democrats supported it. This same overwhelming bipartisan majority moved down a series of amendments in rapid order.

The decision completed the first major task of the new congress which deferred its Christmas recess to finish the job.

The few speakers who arose to defend the debt suspension joined in declaration that they did not consider it to be interpreted in any sense by Europe as hope for either cancellation or future revision of the war debts owed America.

Confident of the big majority, the advocates of the moratorium left the debate almost entirely to the opposition.

Cutting Praises Johnson.

A political tinge came into the closing debate. Senator Cutting, New Mexico, in expressing a hope for revision of the Versailles treaty said when that time came, if ever, "I hope we will have in the white house a man of the patriotism and devotion possessed by the senior senator from California, Mr. Johnson." However, he disagreed with Johnson on the moratorium and supported it.—State Journal.

Read the Journal Want-Ads.

MACHINE GUN BANDITS GET \$10,000 IN BANK RAID

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Bandits, two of them armed with machine guns, raided the Papanek-Kovac State bank Monday and escaped with \$10,000 cash.

STRAYED OR STOLEN

Bay mare, weight about 1100, and 9 years old, from Mt. Home on Chicago Ave., Plattsmouth. Phone any information to 236, Plattsmouth.

Quizzed All Night.

Several were suspected. Deputy Sheriff C. R. Gaffin worked on the case, aided by State Agent H. Yackey. But no progress seemed made until Harper was arrested on suspicion of breaking and entering a garage. A signed statement in that case was obtained and sent to a handwriting expert, J. Fordyce Wood of Chicago, for comparison with the writing on the forged check.