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William Bowen Arrested in Iowa City Thursday

Man Who Created Much Trouble for Local Officers Now on Forgery Charge in Iowa.

From Monday's Daily
William Bowen, itinerate painter, forger and man of many aliases, who for several months made this city his home and is a fugitive from the state hospital in this state, is a prisoner at Iowa City, Iowa, on a forgery charge.

Bowen landed in the jail at Iowa City for the passing of bogus travelers checks, totaling \$80. When arrested he had 120 of these checks on his person, which he said were printed in Connecticut. The checks passed in Iowa were signed by A. Fullerton and drawn on the Royal Bank of Canada.

Bowen came to this city in the early part of 1931, supposedly a wandering war veteran who was striving to make a few dollars by painting. He was able to secure a membership in the local Legion post that later was revoked when the true facts as to Bowen were learned. He also secured some work here and all went serenely until one morning when Bowen was found to be missing and incidentally a few days later it was found that he had forged a check and passed it at the Fricke drug store in payment of a bill. The check was supposed to have been signed by a man named Cook at Omaha, but by the time the check was returned here Bowen was gone.

For weeks after his departure from this city there was a constant stream of reports reaching this city of the various traveler checks that had been passed by Bowen and which extended from Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, California and Washington. Bowen, however, was one move ahead of the officers in the flight across the country.

One day Bert Reed, then sheriff of Cass county and Deputy Sheriff Young, received word that Bowen was maimed and injured as the result of an auto accident. In the wreck of his car was found hundreds of the printed traveler checks which had not been cashed.

Bowen was kept in a hospital in Washington for some time until his condition permitted the Cass county officers to ask his return to Nebraska. After a trip of much distress Bowen was brought here by Pat Reed and placed in the University hospital at Omaha for treatment. A week or ten days was sufficient for the hospital officials and Sheriff Reed was notified to have him removed at once on account of his behavior.

When rejected by the University hospital, local officials were able to get Bowen placed at the penitentiary hospital where he remained until he recovered sufficiently to be brought here for arraignment.

Lodged in the county jail here, Bowen proceeded to make things lively for the officers and the other prisoners. He made an attempt to hang himself in the cell of the jail and eventually his actions won him a hearing before the insanity board and which sent him to Lincoln.

While a patient at the hospital Bowen improved rapidly physically and one day several months ago he made his escape and the arrest at Iowa City is the first definite clue that has been received as to his whereabouts.

The prisoner will be tried at Iowa City, local officers stated today, as he could not receive a more severe sentence here and the previous experience with the prisoner would not warrant further expense when he could just as well receive punishment in Iowa.

NOW SITTING UP

From Tuesday's Daily
Robert M. Walling, local abstractor, who was operated on for appendicitis on last Tuesday at Omaha, is now so far recovered that he is able to sit up some. Mr. Walling is at the Clarkson hospital and is doing fine and perhaps may be able to return home by the last of the week.

RETURN FROM OUTING

Judge and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury and daughter, Dorothea, returned Sunday noon from a week's outing which they have enjoyed in a motor trip to Chicago and other points in Illinois. The family returns much refreshed from the outing and the Judge to find a busy round of court matters to demand his attention, several criminal matters awaiting the court. However the week of rest and away from the regular grind of the court work has refreshed the Judge as well as the other members of the family.

Popular Young People Wedded in Glenwood

Miss Janet Vallery and Mr. Theodore Ptak Joined in Wedlock Saturday Afternoon.

On Saturday afternoon at Glenwood, Iowa, occurred the marriage of two of the popular young people of this community, Miss Janet Vallery and Mr. Theodore Ptak.

The wedding was a very quiet one, the bridal couple being accompanied to the Iowa city by Miss Nadine Cloldt of this city, and Charles Howard of Murray, who witnessed the ceremony.

Following the wedding the young people returned to this city and where they received the congratulations of the many friends. Mr. and Mrs. Ptak are to make their home at the Herold apartments and where they have started housekeeping at once.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Vallery of near Mynard and was a member of the 1932 graduating class of the Plattsmouth high school. She has been very popular among the younger social set of the community and possesses a very large circle of friends in this part of the county.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmons Ptak and was born and reared in this city and where he received his education, graduating in the class of 1928 of the Plattsmouth high school. Mr. Ptak is at the present time engaged in the postal service at the local postoffice. A young man of splendid character and genial personality he has a very large group of friends who will join in their best wishes for the future welfare of this estimable young couple.

POLICE CAPTURE LIQUOR

From Monday's Daily
Last night shortly after 9:30 John Roebeck, who has been making his home in the vacant Goss hotel building at Third and Main streets, was captured with a cargo of hooch. Roebeck, carrying the jug wrapped in a sack, was noticed by police officers coming from the south section of the city and headed for his headquarters. As the officers approached he started to race for shelter and was overhauled. It was found that he had a consignment of the well known moonshine or hooch in a gallon jug. He was escorted to the city jail by Officers Stewart and Pickrell and it is expected that he will later be turned over to the county to be punished.

This morning the case against Mr. Roebeck was heard in the county court on the complaint filed by County Attorney W. G. Kieck, the charges being transportation and possession. To the charges the prisoner entered a plea of guilty and received a fine of \$100 and sixty days in the county jail.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Julius Ramge, who several weeks ago was taken to a hospital at Omaha for an operation, has returned to this city. Mr. Ramge was suffering from a growth on one of the glands of the throat and which had been giving him more or less trouble for some time. The case was one that attracted a great deal of attention at the hospital from the members of the staff and who followed closely the operation and the case in general. Mr. Ramge, however, is feeling much improved, although weak from the effects of a two weeks confinement to his bed in the hospital.

Hear Evidence in Murdock Store Robbery Case

Some Testimony Taken and Case Laid Over Until Next Saturday for Hearing.

From Monday's Daily
A part of the charges and denials in the complaint of the State of Nebraska vs. Joe Miller, Omaha resident, was heard today in the county court. Miller was charged with having been implicated in the robbery of the store of Gottlieb Bauer at Murdock on Saturday, July 30th.

The state called Willard Clites, alias Frank McCarty, who had been also arrested in connection with the case. The witness at first refused to answer the questions put by County Attorney W. G. Kieck, on the grounds that the evidence might tend to involve the witness. Later, however, he came through and told his side of the story. He stated that he had known Miller for the past two years, when asked whether he had met Miller on the road near Kalston on the early morning of Sunday, July 31st, the witness refused to answer, but later stated he had met the defendant Miller on the highway near Saymore Lake at 4:30 on the morning of Sunday, July 31st, that he had paid Miller \$25 for a load of merchandise, consisting of shirts, overalls, slippers and many other articles. The goods had been unloaded into the car of McCarty and who had taken them to the home of a man named Jewett. He denied making other statements as to facts before examination at Omaha police headquarters. McCarty was closely cross-examined as to his statements as to the times of the meeting with Miller.

Joe Miller, the defendant, was called to the stand and stated that he had been arrested on Monday, August 1st, that when he was taken to the central police station at Omaha, that Captain Fritz Frank was not present. McCarty at the time of the examination had stated that he had bought the goods of Miller at 1 a. m., making this statement on Tuesday, August 2nd. The witness had told McCarty to keep away from him several weeks before the arrest of Miller. Witness stated in reply to questions that he did not rob the Bauer store at Murdock and had not sold the goods in question. He stated that on Saturday night, July 30th he had been at 26th and U streets, playing cards until after 11 a. m. and had then gone home to be called later by an automobile accident to a friend to 25th and P streets. He had gone to the St. Catherine's hospital, taking a lady that had suffered a fracture of her arm in the wreck.

He had remained at the hospital until 2 a. m. and then gone with some of the members of the auto party to Fort Crook where the accident occurred. He had not gone back home until after 5 o'clock.

The testimony as to Mr. Miller's whereabouts on the night of the alleged robbery was backed by the members of the auto party and friends who claimed to have seen him and been with him on the night of the Murdock robbery.

Mr. Bauer, owner of the store, testified as to the robbery and the goods taken from the store.

After the close of the defense case County Attorney W. G. Kieck asked that his office have time to check up the statements of the defendant and witnesses as to the auto wreck and the circumstances and which if found true, would make necessary the dismissal of the case. The continuance was taken until Saturday.

SOME CORN

Not all of the tall corn is grown in the waving fields of the Iowa and Nebraska lands, as George Conis of the Palace Shining parlor can testify. This spring in the small garden space at the rear of the building that is occupied by the shining parlor, Mrs. Conis planted some sweet corn which is now ready for use. One of the ears of corn gathered from the Conis garden was weighed and found to be one pound and four ounces, which is some corn to be found in a garden located in the midst of the pavements.

WILL VISIT AT TILDEN

Mrs. Martha J. Peterson departed Sunday by auto bus for Tilden, Nebraska, where she will enjoy a few weeks' outing. She will be a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Hansen, the latter being a niece of Mrs. Peterson. Mr. and Mrs. Hansen motored to Norfolk where they met Mrs. Peterson and took her on to Tilden in their car. Mrs. Peterson is anticipating a very pleasant stay in the northern part of the state and will enjoy a number of the fall entertainments being held in that locality.

Rains Again Bring Up the Pappio Creek

Rise of Four Feet in an Hour Reported After the Rain Early This Morning.

From Monday's Daily
A heavy rain early this morning in the territory drained by the Big and Little Pappio in Sarpy county, brought these streams up, a four foot rise in an hour being reported.

The railroads have been working in the territory east and south of Fort Crook since Friday morning endeavoring to restore travel over the lines and have been handicapped by the high water that has checked the workers. The storm today interfered with the work on the Burlington main line tracks near the mouth of the Peppion north of La Platte, where much of the track and territory was under water.

The Missouri Pacific was able to get their line open late Saturday afternoon, and the flood this morning did not seriously damage the track, although the train service was late, due to the soft track that made slow travel necessary with the trains.

The added flood water today made the lowlands that had partially started to drain again a sea of water and it will be several days before the water starts to clear off, providing that there are not more heavy rains to add to the menace in the flooded areas around Fort Crook.

RETURN FROM TRIP EAST

Mrs. John W. Gamble of Omaha, and granddaughter, Miss Aimee Jane Thomas of this city, have returned home from a very delightful outing that has taken them through a great deal of the east. They spent some time at Indianapolis with Mr. and Mrs. Roland Thomas, and also at Louisville at the Joe Eaton home, where Mrs. Gamble enjoyed a visit with her new grandchild which was born a few months ago to Mr. and Mrs. Eaton. Mrs. Gamble and granddaughter then motored to Boston, where they visited with Cedric Eaton, another son of Mrs. Gamble. Later they motored through the White Mountains and visited several of the interesting places in New Hampshire and Vermont before starting home. Mrs. Gamble has been a guest here at the Thomas home for a few days and is now at her home in Omaha.

SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gradoville and children, Eddie and Joan, were at Knoxville, Iowa, over the week end, guests of Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Gradoville and family. They found Dr. Gradoville recovering nicely from the effects of his attack of pneumonia and is now home and recuperating in excellent shape from the severe illness. This will be most pleasing news to the many friends here who have been anxiously awaiting word as to his condition.

RETURN FROM HONEYMOON

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill had just returned from their honeymoon trip of three weeks thru Denver, New Castle, Wyo., Estes and Yellowstone parks. They returned by way of the Black Hills, having a very enjoyable time. They are now busy getting settled on the farm of the groom south of Mynard, where he has been farming for the past year and a half. The community joins in wishing this estimable couple many years of happiness and success.

Pay Honor to Departing Priest Monday Night

Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters Entertain for Father Marcelles Agius.

From Tuesday's Daily
Last evening the members of the Michael A. Shine council of the Knights of Columbus and the local court of the Catholic Daughters of America, entertained in honor of Father Marcelles Agius, pastor of the Holy Rosary church.

Father Marcelles is to leave in a short time for a new charge and the occasion was the tribute arranged by his many friends in the two Catholic orders who are regretting very much to see the departure of the loved priest and friend.

The program was presided over by Miss Genevieve Whelan in a very clever and witty manner and who introduced the various numbers that had been arranged.

Charles Staska, past grand knight of the K. of C. and lecturer of the order, expressed the regret that the community here feels in the coming departure of Father Agius and recalled the many splendid services in the church work that has been performed by the pastor in his stay in this city.

Charles Nowacek, one of the talented musicians of the city, favored the members of the party with two very artistic piano numbers that were very much appreciated.

John Kenneth Bestor, youthful entertainer, was heard in two exceptionally delightful readings and which were well presented by the young man.

Mrs. Fred I. Rea and Mrs. William Woolcott, who have so often delighted Plattsmouth audiences, gave a vocal duet that all appreciated to the utmost, given as it was in the artistic presentation of these ladies.

The K. of C. quartet entertained the members of the party with two of their always enjoyable selections, the quartet being composed of John Cloldt, William Woolcott and John and Theodore Svoboda.

John Cloldt gave two vocal solos, "Duna" and "Farewell," the last number being the composition of Mrs. Cloldt, a very beautiful selection on a done most appropriate to the occasion.

Mrs. John Cloldt was the accompanist for the quartet and the solo number of Mr. Cloldt.

Father John Murphy, associate pastor of the St. Theresa cathedral at Lincoln, was present and gave a most pleasing address and paying tribute to the splendid work of the retiring pastor of the Holy Rosary church.

On behalf of the K. of C. and the C. D. of A., Charles Staska presented Father Agius with a handsome K. of C. watch charm which serves as a reminder of the many friends in this city.

Father Marcelles responded very feelingly to the many expressions of regret that the friends had evidenced and told of his many pleasant memories of Plattsmouth that he will take with him in the new charge.

At the close of the program the Catholic Daughters served a very dainty and most enjoyed luncheon to bring to the close a most entertaining evening.

HERE FROM WASHINGTON

From Tuesday's Daily
Fred Trilety, who is engaged with the chemistry department of the department of agriculture, at Washington, D. C., arrived home today. Mr. Trilety made the trip west with a friend who was driving to Fullerton. Mr. Trilety will visit here with his wife and family for the duration of his vacation and then return to his work in the government offices.

SUFFERS A GREAT DEAL

Mrs. Hillard Grassman, who is at the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha, recovering from an operation performed last Friday, is reported as suffering a great deal of pain from the effects of the operation. She came through the operation nicely but for the past few days has had a great deal of suffering.

TO UNDERGO TREATMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Clark departed for Rochester, Minnesota, Sunday night where they expect to spend the next two weeks. Mr. Clark will take treatment at the Mayo clinic for a growth that he has suffered for some time and which will require his constant care each day at the hospital. Mr. Clark was first taken with this trouble ten years ago and had several operations on the mouth, and treatments at frequent intervals during the ten years. In the last few months his ailment has grown worse and makes necessary further treatment.

City Teachers Soon to Start on Year's Work

Superintendent Devoe Announces Registrations for August 25, 26 and 27.

The board of education have officially set Tuesday, September 6, for the official opening of the Plattsmouth public schools. The first general teachers' meeting of the year will be held at the high school auditorium the Monday preceding. This will be the first general meeting in which the new superintendent will issue instructions and formulate policies for the coming year.

Mr. Patterson wishes it announced that high school registration will be held at the high school building August 25, 26 and 27. He will be at the school building on these three days to assist high school pupils in arranging their school program. Ordinarily registration is finished before school closes in the spring but this year it was thought best to register during the month of August.

According to the census taken during the summer by Miss Baird, Miss Staats and Mrs. Carlson the number of pupils in the Plattsmouth school districts No. one is approximately the same as it was a year ago. The school census for 1930-31 was 1,415 and for 1931-32 it was 1,399. The school will be approximately the same this year as it has been in the past.

A number of the teachers have been doing advanced educational work during the summer, better preparing themselves for the work in the fall. Some of them continuing their advanced work were: Miss Weyrich completed her work for a Bachelor's degree at Omaha Municipal University; Miss Nolting is studying at Seattle, Washington; while Miss Ely was taking work at the University of Nebraska; Miss Johns, kindergarten teacher was working on her Master's degree at the University of Nebraska; Miss Farley was at the Omaha Municipal University; Miss Beighley and Miss James are both attending school in California; Mr. Devoe and Mr. Patterson were both at the University of Nebraska, Mr. Patterson finished his requirements and was granted a Master's degree in history. Mr. Devoe was taking advanced work in elementary supervision and assisting with the recreational program. Mr. Patterson was elected to membership in Phi Delta Kappa, an honorary teachers' fraternity. Mr. Kvasnicka was taking work toward his Master's degree at the University of Nebraska, specializing in secondary education. Miss Baird is attending the University of Iowa at Iowa City, Iowa, and Miss Whelan at Peru State Teachers' College.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Roberta Hofield Sunday entertained a group of the friends and neighbors at her home in honor of the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Low Kinnamon. The event was arranged unbeknown to Mrs. Kinnamon and who was much surprised to find the jolly party awaiting her on her arrival at the Hofield home. The time was spent in visiting and a general good time until an appropriate hour when refreshments of ice cream and cake was served. Those who enjoyed the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Low Kinnamon and daughter, Pearl, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Schwenker and daughter, Mammie, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kinnamon and son, Ted, Mrs. L. Kinnamon and grandson, Lester Kinnamon, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gartleman, Fred Hofield and son, Fred, Jr., of Holstein, Nebraska.

VISIT IN THE CITY

Albert Schuidice, an old time resident of this city, was here Tuesday afternoon for a few hours visiting with a number of the old time friends. Mr. Schuidice is now living in Chicago and came west with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Benson and family. They were accompanied to Plattsmouth by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schuidice and daughter, spending several hours most delightfully with the old time friends. Mr. Schuidice and Mr. and Mrs. Benson and family are en route to Grant, Nebraska, where they are to visit with relatives and friends for a short time. While at Omaha the party are guests at the Frank Schuidice and Harry Schuidice homes.

Nebraska is Looking Fine, Says Banker

H. A. Schneider, Returning from West Travels Through Garden Land of the World.

H. A. Schneider, president of the Plattsmouth State bank, with Mrs. Schneider, has just returned home from a visit to the west and which has given him the opportunity of viewing the crops through the entire length of the state.

Mr. Schneider states that he has never seen crops look so well in the entire state as they are this year, the east section of the state from Hastings east especially, being a veritable garden of Eden as far as the crop conditions are concerned.

On their way west to Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. Schneider followed the Lincoln highway and up through the North Platte valley and the best country near Scottsbluff, finding the conditions excellent and the pasturage in the state looking good despite the fact that the hot weather of July had been trying on the pastures.

Returning they made the trip by the south route, coming via Akron and Wray, Colorado and southwestern Nebraska. Barring a few miles from Holdrege to Minden, the corn was looking fine and from Minden east it continued to improve until it reached a hundred per cent in old Cass county.

Mr. and Mrs. Schneider winter in the west made their headquarters at Loveland, Colorado, where Mrs. Schneider's sister, Mrs. John Ramsey, resides, making many trips out in the mountains and the interesting cities that dot northern Colorado, also visiting at Denver and Colorado Springs.

Enroute home Mr. and Mrs. Schneider ran into rain Saturday and a part of Sunday and which afforded the only disagreeable features of the trip. Near Central City they found an approach to one of the bridges in bad shape with a small washout and in getting through this Mr. Schneider had to do some real driving as the rear wheels of the car came near being engulfed in the hole.

While at Denver they had learned of the terrific rain of last Thursday and the report that almost seven inches had fallen in Omaha, brought visions of a general flood in this city to the Plattsmouth people and they were agreeably surprised on reaching home to find that there had not been the least damage in the city, save for some dirt roads being rutted up.

CLAIMS ABANDONED CAR

From Tuesday's Daily
Chief of Police Joe Libershal discovered an abandoned Ford coupe on North 7th street on the 27th of July, which since that time has been stored in one of the local garages. This morning the chief had a visit from the owner of the car, Arlie J. Bevens, a student of the University of Kansas at Lawrence. The car was stolen in the early part of July and has been used by a gang of robbers apparently, from the check of Kansas officers. The car is one that is thought to have been used by a gang in the looting of a store at Abeline and a bank at Marquette. The car had been driven here and abandoned and it is thought the robbers made their escape on into Omaha.