

**Alliance K. C's Will Have Biggest Doings of Order ever Held in Alliance—Many Are Coming**

At the big class initiation of the Knights of Columbus to be held in Alliance Sunday the first degree will be conferred by the Alliance council, the second degree by the Sterling council, and the third degree by the Chadron council.

The Alliance council is going to a tremendous expense to bring the teams from outside and the affair will be one long to be remembered. The banquet will be served by the Daughters of Isabella in the Gadsby hall. A class of about fifty candidates is to be initiated. Many visiting delegates are expected from Nebraska points.

**BANKERS DISCUSS**

BOSTON, Oct. 6.—The administration currency program is expected to be the chief topic at the thirtieth annual convention of the American Bankers Association which opened preliminary business sessions today at the Copley-Plaza Hotel. The chief discussion on this topic is expected to arise when a resolution is offered suggesting that the American Bankers Association adopt a memorial petitioning Congress to adopt the amendments to the Owen-Glass measure, which were suggested at the recent bankers' conference in Chicago. It was made known for the first time today that there is a strong insurgent element composed of the smaller and rural bankers who are openly in favor of the administration currency program in toto. The convention will continue through October 10.

Today's program consisted of committee meetings, the annual sessions of the executive council at the Copley-Plaza hotel, sight-seeing trips around Boston including trips to Concord, Lexington and along the north shore and a water carnival on the Charles river basin. Practically all the 5,000 delegates from every section of the United States were here today. The entire membership will be in Boston by tonight. Tomorrow there will be a section meeting only and on Wednesday the convention will be formally organized. Vice President Arthur Reynolds, of the Des Moines National bank, will preside, President Charles H. Luttig, of St. Louis, having died last July.

Fred Conway was fined one dollar and costs in police court this morning for being drunk and disorderly. There are now three men in the city jail and all refuse to work on the streets, preferring to take the diet of bread and water with which they are treated when refusing to work.

He (arriving home): "Well, I've had my life insured for \$20,000." His Better Half: "Thank goodness! Now I shan't have to keep cautioning you to be careful whenever you go any place."

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Sheriff Cal Cox, chief of police Jeffers, night policeman Curtis, with seven other men, composed a searching party Saturday night that thoroughly covered the negro quarter of Alliance. With them were two Herald reporters. All were deputized and armed to the teeth. House after house occupied by negro residents was surrounded and searched during the rain. If the murderer had been located here he would have been either caught or shot in attempting to escape.

**COX LEFT FOR LINCOLN SUNDAY NIGHT**

Sheriff Cal Cox left for Lincoln on 42 Sunday night after receiving a long distance phone message from sheriff Hyres of Lincoln. Although Edwards shot policeman Burns in Lincoln the officers there will probably deliver him to Cox for trial here, as they desire the charge of murder pushed.



SHERIFF CAL COX

Sheriff Cox, chief of police Jeffers, and their assistants all deserve great credit for their untiring hunt for the murderer since Wednesday night. They have spent night and day in searching Alliance and in sending telegrams and descriptions broadcast.

**RAISING DEFENSE FUND**

It was reported Sunday evening that several colored people who were friends of the murderer are raising a defense fund of \$400 to be used in endeavoring to keep Edwards from going to the electric chair.

**THORNTON RELEASED**

Jim Thornton, a colored man of about thirty years of age, who had been employed at the Drake hotel, was arrested at the spot Sunday morning after he had been making some suspicious remarks about Edwards, the murderer. It is reported that Thornton stated that the Alliance officers were too slow to catch anyone and that he knew where Edwards was. He was taken to the police station and thoroughly questioned but would give no satisfactory explanation. He was then taken to the county jail and placed in a dark cell. He was released Sunday evening after word had been received from Lincoln.

**JORDAN STILL IN HOSPITAL**

Ben Jordan, the special colored officer, is still in St. Josephs hospital and is slowly recovering from his wounds. He heard the news of the capture of Edwards tonight from The Herald reporter with a smile of joy and said, "I knew they would get that fellow. He ought to be hung. He not only killed his wife but he tried to kill me. I will be at his trial."

**EDWARDS WAS BLAMED BY CORONER'S JURY**

The coroner's jury, which was in session Thursday afternoon and evening, returned a verdict at one o'clock Friday morning fixing the responsibility for Mrs. Edwards' death on Mr. Edwards. The verdict was returned after due deliberation by the jury and after ample and conclusive evidence had been presented to the jury.

**MESSAGE WAS DELAYED**

The message sent at noon Sunday by sheriff Cox was delayed in delivery until after the fight. This is the message given elsewhere in the paper, which described Edwards fully. The officers when they entered the house in which the men were at Lincoln did not know that they had to deal with desperate criminals.

**ZURN HAS HEART ATTACK**

Gregory Zurn, police magistrate, while going to police court for the purpose of issuing the murder warrant at nine o'clock Sunday evening, was stricken with a severe attack of heart trouble. He was taken home.

**EDWARDS CONFESSES TO SHOOTING JORDAN**

In his cell at the city jail in Lincoln, after the shooting, Edwards was given the third degree. He finally made the following confession: "I was smoking in the house at Alliance when I heard her scream. She called me several times and I grabbed my revolver, which I had bought in Lincoln, and ran out of the house. I saw a nigger holding her wrist and fired quick. I only fired three shots in all. I knew that I hit Jordan because I saw him fall. I did not know I hit my wife. She made no sound. I ran into the house, got my hat and coat, and ran east along the railroad tracks. I walked to Anti-och, caught a freight there early the next morning and have been ridign towards Lincoln on freights ever since. I arrived in Lincoln this morning. Had nothin but a few scraps to eat. I am ver-y sorry I killed my wife."

Arthur Edwards, who murdered his wife at ten o'clock Wednesday evening in Alliance and shot officer Ben Jordan, was captured in Lincoln, Nebraska, at three o'clock Sunday afternoon after a terrific revolver battle in which a policeman was shot and a negro companion of Edwards was shot in both legs.

**EDWARDS WAS BEING SHADOWED**

Sheriff Hyres of Lancaster county and chief of police Malone of Lincoln had been shadowing Edwards since he arrived in Lincoln Sunday morning on a freight from the west. The Lincoln police had his description and began shadowing him the moment he left the Burlington railroad yards. In company with him was another negro named Curtis who is said to be from Alliance, although the local officers have been unable to place him so far. Edwards and his companion were traced to the negro quarter where they were located in the house of the negro by the name of Herman McGurley.

**SEES OFFICERS COMING**

Officer Burns headed four policemen who started for the McGurley house. The inmates of the house were eating dinner when the officers approached.

Policeman Burns opened the door when he was seen by Edwards, who jumped to his feet, drew his revolver from a hip pocket, shouted, "Here comes the law," and shot Burns in the groin.

**NEGRO WOMEN SHOOT**

There were several negro women in the house who began shooting at the deputies and the policemen through the windows. Burns dropped to the ground and Edwards leaped through a rear window, and broke the glass carrying the sash with him. He was overed by policeman Erickson at whom he directed a shot.

**CAPTURED IN CONCERTED RUSH**

Edwards continued to shoot at the police as he backed away, endeavoring to rid himself of the window sash, which was about his shoulders. He yelled, "Don't come near me, you ————" Four policemen circled around him and all rushed towards him at once. He threw up his hands and was finally captured. His revolver was hot. It was a 38 calibre wooden handled double-action revolver.

**WOMEN ESCAPE OVER FENCE**

The women ran through a rear door, climbed over a high board fence and escaped. They had not been apprehended up to midnight but the police have their descriptions and they will be captured on Monday.

**MCGURLEY SHOT IN FRACAS**

McGurley, the negro at whose residence Edwards was caught, was shot during the fracas. It is not known who shot him. He was put in jail with Edwards. He denies knowing Edwards until a few minutes before the shooting. Said he met Edwards and Curtis on the street, that Edwards said he was starving and asked for something to eat. He invited Edwards in to dinner. It is believed that he knew Edwards when he formerly lived in Lincoln.

**CURTIS SHOT IN LEGS**

Curtis, the negro who was with Edwards in the battle at Lincoln, was shot in both legs between the knee and hip. He has not been positively identified and maintains he is innocent of the affair.

**SHERIFF AND MEN ASSIST**

Sheriff Hyers and his deputies assisted in capturing the men at Lincoln although the policemen were

on the ground first. Sheriff Hyers called sheriff Cal Cox over the long distance phone early Sunday evening and asked Cox to come to Lincoln.

**PURCHASED GUN IN LINCOLN**

Edwards stated after being captured that he had formerly lived in Lincoln and that he bought the gun with which he did the shooting in Lincoln before coming to Alliance. He bought it in a pawn shop for \$2.50. Edwards refused to talk at all without a cigarette between his lips and appears to be a dope fiend of the lowest type.

**STORY OF THE MURDER**

"Mrs. Archie Edwards, a comely negro woman, aged about thirty years, was instantly killed shortly after ten o'clock Wednesday night by a shot fired by her "husband," in a revolver duel with Ben Jordan, a special colored policeman, on Niobrara avenue, midway between First and Second streets, within a block of the city hall and within half a block of The Herald office.

The body of the woman was allowed to lie near the east side of the street until the coroner arrived, which was in a few minutes. The woman was dressed in a faded blue serge skirt and had on a man's coat. It was probably the coat belonging to her husband. The body lay in a twisted position, feet upward, with staring eyes. In her right hand was tightly clenched a key ring on which there was a buttonhook, a door key and a suit case key. Her hair was combed back from the forehead and fastened at the back with a large back comb.

The coat which the woman was wearing had apparently been grazed on the left arm by a bullet.

That it was a deliberate attempt of Edwards to murder the officer is plain, as Edwards shot without warning and within three or four feet of Jordan. That Jordan was not instantly killed is due to the poor marksmanship of the murderer.

**IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE**

County attorney Burton and deputy county attorney Joe Westover are securing all possible evidence and arranging to have a speedy trial for Edwards as soon as possible after he is returned from Lincoln. It will be impossible to have the preliminary hearing for Edwards until after Jordan recovers sufficiently to leave the hospital. The trial can probably be held the fore part of November, unless unforeseen contingencies arise. Unless he appeals to the supreme court it might be possible to have matters completed and the negro sent to the electric chair in three months. Hanging was abolished about two weeks ago and an electric chair will be used for the next capital punishment.

A charge to murder in the first degree was filed against Edwards Sunday night and the warrant issued.

**EDWARDS DRESSED SAME CLOTHES**

Edwards was dressed in the same blue overalls with hole in the seat that he wore when he was in Alliance. His pockets were loaded with opium and cocaine. The revolver which he did the shooting in Lincoln is the same one with which he shot Jordan and killed his wife in Alliance.

**HER RELATIVES LOCATED**

J. H. Julius, an Alliance colored man, who has taken some interest in regard to finding the relatives of the murdered woman, in order that the body might be saved from being sent to a medical college, wired Edwards in Lincoln for information regarding her relatives. He received the following message at 8 o'clock Sunday from chief of police Malone: "Virge Holmes, St. Louis, her sister. Biff Gentry, c.f., colored, St. Louis, her brother. Her trunk in Alliance depot, check No. J5286, from Broken Bow."

The trunk was located in the express office but it was found that the number was not complete. It has been here since Septmbr 18th.

**AUTOPSY SUNDAY NIGHT**

An autopsy was performed by coroner Slagle and Dr. Hershman at nine-thirty o'clock Sunday night on the body of the murdered woman. The bullet which caused her death entered two inches above the nipple on the right breast. It went down and in one inch to right of center of the breast bone. Hit the sixth rib on the right side and was deflected backward and upward, striking the heart in the right ventricle. Came out of the heart through the left auricle, went through the lower lobe of the left lung, then out thru the sixth rib on the left side, two inches below and behind arm pit.

The woman had two sets of initials tattooed on the left arm. They were "D B" and "J G". Also "D B" on breast.

The Daily Herald is the only western Nebraska newspaper to give a full report of the Edwards murder. This extra edition is issued at three o'clock Monday morning and is being sent out on all trains in addition to being delivered to every Alliance subscriber. If you want all the news all the time, get on The Daily Herald subscription list. It is the liveliest daily paper in Nebraska. Get the news yourself and help boost western Nebraska by getting on the list. \$5.00 per year delivered anywhere.

**LINCOLN AUTHORITIES WIRED ALLIANCE**

At eleven o'clock Sunday morning James Malone, chief of police at Lincoln, wired sheriff Cox at Alliance asking for a full description of Edwards, the murderer. Cox replied as follows:

"Negro murderer wanted is ginger cake color, raw boned, smoky hair. Five feet eight inches, 134 to 140 pounds. Two teeth out in front. Very thick lips. Blue pants, hole in seat. Opham fiend. Named Archie Edwards. Wire at my expense. CAL COX, Sheriff."

At five-fifteen Sunday evening sheriff Cox received the following message from chief of police Malone of Lincoln. This was the first that was known in Alliance of the Lincoln battle. Malone's message was as follows:

"We have Edwards, the negro who did the shooting at Alliance and is wanted by the authorities there. He was taken after several shots were fired. One policeman was shot. Edward's partner, a negro, received two shots. One in each leg. Wire at our expense. James Malone, chief of police."

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