

GAMBLING CASE TO DISTRICT COURT

Arrests Follow Raid on Game Monday Night by Chief of Police Charles Jeffers

CHIEF WATCHES GAME THROUGH A CURTAIN

Defendant Fined \$10 and Costs Appeals Case to District Court— One Case Continued

Two Alliance men were arraigned in Police Magistrate Roberts' court Wednesday to answer charges of gambling following an attempted raid made by Chief Jeffers on a game held at a private home in Alliance Monday night. One man, at whose home the gambling is alleged to have taken place, plead not guilty and asked for a continuance, which was granted.

Another, charged with gambling plead not guilty and a preliminary hearing was held. Mr. Jeffers was the only witness examined. The defendant refused to make any statement preferring to fight the case in the district court, and Judge Roberts fined him ten dollars and costs. An appeal was made to the district court and bond furnished.

Chief Jeffers says that he suspected a game was being planned when he saw the men grouped in one of the pool halls. He watched them and a few minutes later the one at whose home the game took place went to one of the local stores and bought four decks of cards. The chief then went to the vicinity of the man's home and waited, and in a short time the bunch he had been watching arrived.

Having other business that needed immediate attention, he left, but returned at 10:55 and watched the progress of the game through a crack in the curtain for twenty-five minutes. Then he went to the door and knocked for admission telling them who he was but he received no reply. He broke open the storm door, which was fastened with a hook, and tried the inner door but it was locked.

Going back to the window he watched a little while longer and states that the boys changed the game from poker to casino or some similar game. While previously they had played quietly as though to prevent the possibility of any outsider hearing, now they became loud and boisterous. When they left the house he walked out from the corner of the building and down the street with them and told them to appear in police court the next morning. The reply was to the effect that he had nothing on them, and if he wanted them he had better get warrants, and this is what he did.

The defendant charged with gambling who has appealed the case to the district court did so on the advice of his attorney, E. H. Boyd, this being done with the idea in view that it would be difficult to secure a conviction before a jury on one man's testimony.

According to the city ordinances the penalty for gambling in Alliance is a fine of from \$10 to \$100. However, it is said that this ordinance conflicts with the state statute which makes gambling a penitentiary offense with a term of not less than one year.

CLYDE CURRY IS HELD TO THE DISTRICT COURT

Court Room Packed at Preliminary— Frank Reed Is Dismissed for Lack of Evidence

Clyde Curry, who was arrested charged with receiving some of the money stolen from Robert Malvocht by Ray Thompkins, was bound over to the district court by Judge Berry under \$1,000 bond. Bond was furnished immediately. Frank Reed, alias "Shanklin," who was arrested on the same charge, was dismissed as there was not sufficient evidence on which to hold him.

The preliminary trial was held in the district court room at the court house and the room was packed to the limit. County Attorney Basye prosecuted and Joe Westover represented the defendant.

Ray Thompkins, who plead guilty to robbing Malvocht the week previous, testified that he gave some of the money to Curry that night when "down the line," and later gave him a purse containing \$71 at Curry's room.

T. S. Meeker returned Tuesday from a trip to Holland, Mich., where he took several carloads of horses from Lewellen. Mr. Meeker states that it was a welcome change to get back to Alliance from the blizzard-stricken east and find summer weather here. He ran into a heavy blizzard in Chicago last Friday.

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WORK STARTS ON FEDERAL BLD'G

Notice Served This Morning on H. J. Ellis, Vendor of Federal Building Site, to Vacate

MUST RAZE BUILDINGS WITHIN SIXTY DAYS

Fifteen Thousand Dollars Already Appropriated to Begin Work as Soon as Site Is Cleared

Robert Graham, Alliance postmaster and "Custodian of the Federal Building Site," in accordance with instructions received from Washington, this morning notified H. J. Ellis, "Vendor of the Federal Building Site," that all buildings now on this site must be razed and the site cleared off within sixty days ready to allow construction on the new federal building to start.

The federal building site is located at the northeast corner of Fourth street and Box Butte avenue. On the site are located the buildings occupied by the City Meat Market, Alliance Cleaning Works, Sugarbowl Candy Kitchen and the plumbing shop of Ed Jeffers. These business firms will be compelled to move without delay as the notice given to Mr. Ellis requires that the buildings be torn down and all "buildings, foundations, walks, poles, wires, etc.," be removed "without expense to the United States."

The local business men who own the site will get what salvage comes from the brick, lumber and other material now in the buildings. \$15,000 was paid by the government for the site, and the recent appropriations made at Washington for work of this kind include \$15,000 to start work on the Alliance federal building. It is estimated that the new building will cost \$85,000 or more.

READY FOR THE SHOW

Smith and Buckles Are Both in Fine Trim and Ready to Meet in the Squared Circle

Guy Buckles, the Omaha "phenom", arrived Wednesday morning on 41. He took a good long rest at the Alliance Hotel and says he is in the very best of condition for his ten-round show with Tommy Smith Friday night.

Buckles comes well recommended with clippings from some of the most prominent newspapers in the country. Having boxed at Memphis, Tenn., New Orleans, Kansas City, St. Louis, Omaha and other large cities and in each place having met some of the best men in the business, he naturally comes to Alliance with the expectations of a win over Smith.

Those who have seen Buckles in action say he is a man who carries the fight to his opponent all the time and never backs up a step, let the mix-up be ever so fast. We feel that when he meets Tommy Smith he will break all records for breaking ground before the onslaught of Smith, who is a fellow that expects his opponents to break ground for him once in a while at least.

Tommy Smith is a Nebraska boy and formerly lived in this city. He has met all comers since breaking into the boxing game, and has held his own ever since, losing but one battle, and that being a decision against him when he met Tommy McCarthy for the first time. Smith claims that this bout would have been different had he realized what kind of a boy he was up against. He is a good clean boxer and in all his contests has proven himself a gentleman. Though he goes in to win, still he hesitates about taking an unfair advantage of an opponent. If the boxing game had more men in it like Tommy Smith it could not help but thrive throughout the whole world.

Smith has been training carefully for this contest tomorrow night and says if he does not win, it will not be because he has not prepared for it. He has done his gymnasium work at the firemen's club rooms before an appreciative audience each evening. Buckles did some light training yesterday and will finish his "grind" today. Ringside and reserved seats are on sale at several places in town, the main place being Holsten's drug store.

This show promises to be the best ever staged in this city and as both men are working to elevate the game there will be no "rough stuff" pulled. It will be a good clean show from start to finish, including the semi-final and the wrestling match. Either Billy King of this city or Joe Haud of Crawford will referee the bout. There is not much preference between the two, as both men are old and experienced referees. The first preliminary will start promptly at 8:30 p. m.

Matinee every Saturday at 2:30 at the Imperial Theatre