

RAY WILSON KILLED BY NEGRO BARBER—MURDERER STILL AT LARGE

Young Lisco Farmer Flashed Roll of Bills Promiscuously and Was Robber's Victim—Shot in the Back Three Times

Evidence Produced at the Inquest Saturday Night Points to Negro Barber as Murderer—Negro Still at Large

Ray Wilson, aged thirty-six years, was shot in the back three times shortly before eleven o'clock Friday evening, at Second street and Laramie avenue, dying a few minutes after the shooting. Wilson had arrived in Alliance Friday morning to attend the auto races that afternoon and appeared to be much under the influence of liquor, flashing a large roll of bills at frequent intervals.

The only clue the police have as to the identity of the murderer is the statement of Simon Pitts, a colored man and former Burlington employee, who said at the inquest Saturday night that a colored barber, employed at John Stark's colored barber shop, had asked him to help rob Wilson about thirty minutes before the murder.

Wilson was employed on a farm ten miles north of Lisco, near his father's farm, and is survived by his father, who came to Alliance Saturday morning; his mother, two sisters and a brother. According to the evidence introduced at the inquest, he had just sold some hogs, receiving over \$400.00. He went to Bridgeport on Thursday. Arriving there, he learned of the auto races at Alliance and was driven by auto to Alliance, accompanied by Mrs. Allany Burroughs, her daughter, Mrs. Ruth McKinney and ten-year-old son, Lyle Burroughs. "Doc" Clawges, Bridgeport auto dealer, drove them to Alliance.

During the afternoon and evening Wilson apparently secured a supply of liquor and "jagged up." He attended the auto races, flashed his roll of bills most of the time, and continued to do so during the evening. Clawges was called to Bridgeport and left early in the afternoon.

Shortly after ten o'clock Wilson, Mrs. Burroughs, her son and daughter, were sitting in the Burlington depot, waiting for the midnight train on which they intended to return to Bridgeport. A colored man stepped up to Wilson and asked him to step outside. The colored man answered the description of the now missing barber. Wilson followed him out and was seen to go north on Box Butte avenue.

When next seen Wilson came running east on Second street from alongside the blacksmith shop, just after five shots had been heard from the alley back of the shop. He ran across the street and fell face downward on the sidewalk in front of the Phillips rooming house. Clifford Sward was standing in front of the rooming house when Wilson staggered up and fell. A doctor was immediately called but the victim had expired before he arrived.

Wilson had been shot three times. One shot lodged in the back of his left arm; one went into his back on the left side and came out in front and the third, the one that apparently caused death, lodged in his spine.

Three negroes had been seen to go west along Second street just before Wilson was shot. They had apparently tried to rob him and as he ran one of them had drawn an automatic revolver and shot him at close range. His roll of bills lay under him where he fell on the sidewalk.

At the inquest held Saturday night the jurors were John Brennan, Ed Henry, W. A. McLain, R. J. Hill, Jerry Rowan and W. H. Swan. Witnesses examined were Simon Pitts, colored; Mrs. Ruth McKinney, Lyle Burroughs, aged twelve; Mrs. Allany Burroughs, all of Bridgeport; and Clifford Sward of Alliance.

The jury brought in a "John Doe" verdict. The police were unable to find a clue as to the whereabouts of the colored barber implicated by Simon Pitts.

When Wilson came to Alliance Friday morning he had on the outside of his roll of bills a new twenty dollar certificate. He tore from the lower right hand corner a piece of this bill about one inch wide and one and one-half inches long, giving it to Lyle Burroughs. After the shooting, this bill was missing from the roll and the officers now have the small piece torn from the bill. If the officers can locate the torn bill they may be able to trace the colored bar-

ber who is missing and whose name no one seems to know but who was known to the local colored people as "Barber."

Wilson's body was taken to Lisco on Monday by his father and burial made there Monday afternoon.

CHARLEY WYKOFF ON MEDITERRANEAN

Former Alliance Railroad Boy With Bob Ralls in France, Plays Baseball.

Chas. F. Wykoff, Alliance volunteer fireman and railroad man, is now located in barracks which are only a short distance from the Mediterranean sea, according to word received from him by The Herald this week. Charley wants to hear from Alliance people and his brother firemen should take time off to write him.

Charley's letter reads as follows: "August 15, 1918. Have not received a letter from you or any one else since I have been in France, except from mother and at last I now have the right address so slip us a line—Bob Ralls and I.

"The weather here is fine, rather hot in the day time but cool at night. The Y. M. C. A. just visited us and brought us some baseball outfits, a punching bag and tennis outfit. It is the first we have received and we sure are enjoying them. A game of baseball has been arranged already between the boiler makers and rip trackers. This day is a legal holiday in France so we are not working.

"Sure wish, Lloyd, you and the bunch could take a dip with me in the Mediterranean sea—only eight miles from the barracks. Well, dear friends, as you know, the rules and regulations of the army—no news, so I'll close. Hoping to get at least one letter before I visit Alliance two years from date.

"Cpl. Chas. F. Wykoff, "Company N, 35th Engineers, care A. P. O. 752, A. E. F., France."

The war department announced on Saturday that each member of the army overseas might receive one package from home for Christmas. In order to insure delivery of the gifts to soldiers Christmas day, the packages must be mailed on or before November 15th. Packages must be shipped in standard containers, which will be supplied upon application to the local Red Cross chapters. To insure the one-package rule being followed, a coupon bearing the name and correct address of each soldier now serving in France will be sent over by General Pershing. The coupon will entitle the sender at home to mail the package.

Miss Laura Mounts entertained a few friends last Saturday evening at a dinner party in honor of Mrs. Axel Johnson, formerly of Alliance, but now living in Sioux Falls, S. D. Those present were Mabel Worley, Alta Young, Nell Sarsbury, Mrs. Axel Johnson, Mrs. Fred Feagins, Ruth Rice, Avis Joder and Alva Hamilton.

Delbert Sutan, a negro, whose home address is Mitchell, Nebr., was found dead in an automobile late today. The body was taken to the Darling undertaking parlors.

Mrs. Axel Johnson of Sioux Falls, S. D., arrived in Alliance Friday morning for a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Tash.

H. A. Gribble from the Mallery Grocery Co., left Monday night for Kansas City and other points on a two weeks' vacation.

Miss Lena Jamison left Sunday noon for Hemingford where she will teach this winter.

Miss Mabel Worley was hostess to a few of her friends last Monday evening at a dinner party complimentary to Mrs. Axel Johnson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS HELP DEDICATE NEW HALL

A number of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs motored to Antioch Monday evening in response to an invitation from the same order to help dedicate their new hall at that place. The evening was spent in a social way in dancing and games, after which a very delightful supper was served. We can vouch for the Antioch people as being royal entertainers and skilled in the culinary art. All departed at a late hour.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR VISITS ALLIANCE

S. R. McKelvie, republican candidate for governor, spoke to an audience at the Phelan opera house Wednesday evening, following a dinner at the Alliance Cafe at which Mr. McKelvie and State Railway Commissioner H. G. Taylor were the guests of honor. Mr. Taylor, who is a candidate for re-election, also spoke at the dinner and the opera house. The men are both orators of ability and were given excellent attention by the audience which heard them.

NATIONAL POTASH PLANT BURNED

New Potash Plant at Antioch, Erected at Cost of \$300,000, Burned to Ground

Fire, starting at one o'clock Monday morning in a chute at the National Potash plant at Antioch, completely destroying the building and ruined a large part of the machinery. The brick walls of the building are believed to have been uninjured and can be used in the rebuilding of the plant.

The fire quickly reached the roof of the frame structure and was beyond control of the volunteer fire fighting organization comprised of Antioch citizens who worked heroically but were unable to do more than save nearby buildings from the flames.

The plant comprised two complete potash reduction units and was erected at a cost of approximately \$300,000. Both the National and United States companies were housed in the plant, the former operating on the lakes of the Beck ranch and the latter on the Eldred ranch lakes.

Company officials have announced that the work of re-building will start without delay and that new machinery to take the place of that burned plant, will be ordered at once.

SHERIDAN POTASH COMPANY ORGANIZED

E. T. Kibble of Alliance Heads New Company Which Will Erect Small Plant Near Antioch.

The Sheridan Potash Company, with a capital stock of \$50,000, has been granted a permit by the State Railway Commission for the sale of \$30,000 worth of the stock for the purpose of erecting a ten ton plant on a lake northeast of Antioch.

E. T. Kibble of Alliance is president of the new company; J. D. Walker, vice president, and B. Kibble, secretary-treasurer. The lake they have is about eight acres in extent and, according to the report of Dr. G. E. Condra, state expert, contains about \$350,000 worth of potash.

SHERIDAN COUNTY SHOWS SYMPTOMS OF CONVULSIONS

For many years Custer county has had periodical convulsions over the question of county division. Sheridan county now shows symptoms of being afflicted in the same way. With the growth of the potash industry thriving towns have sprung up in the south side of the county—Antioch, Lakeside and Hoffland. Antioch claims to be far away the largest town in the county. The Northwestern railway cuts across the extreme northern part of the county and the Burlington across the extreme southern part. This leaves a stretch of from thirty to fifty miles between railroads, and mighty poor roads for auto or wagon traffic. The south side wants to be cut off and made into a separate county. The north side opposes because it would be left with practically all the bridges to build. Petitions are being circulated for a vote of division and already the air is showing traces of sulphur.

A. J. Pickereil, manager of the Djerks' lumber yard at Antioch, was in the city on business Tuesday.

DOCTOR E. J. BULGIN IS COMING TO ALLIANCE

A committee of five from each of the following churches: Baptist, Disciples, Methodist and Presbyterian, met last Thursday evening in the Presbyterian church and organized the campaign.

Reverend A. A. Layton, pastor of the Baptist church, was elected chairman and Professor W. R. Pate was elected secretary. The following were chosen as chairmen of the following committees:

- Prayer meeting committee—Mrs. A. A. Layton.
 - Personal workers—Rev. S. J. Epler.
 - Music committee—Mr. Mann.
 - Usher committee—W. D. Fisher.
 - Entertainment committee—Mrs. J. L. Nicolai.
 - High school committee—Prof. W. R. Pate.
 - Sunshine chorus—Mrs. S. J. Epler.
 - Building committee—C. H. Fuller.
 - Legation committee—J. S. Rhein.
 - Advertising committee—F. A. Bold.
 - Finance committee—A. T. Lunn.
- Meetings are planned to begin about November 1, 1918.

RAILROAD CARMEN HELP RED CROSS

Patriotic Trainmen Make Substantial Donation to Alliance Chapter on Wednesday.

The Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, with members at Alliance, Seneca, Edgemont and Deadwood, on Wednesday made a donation of one hundred dollars to the Alliance chapter of the Red Cross. They have the sincere thanks of the members of the chapter who assure them that the money will be put to a good use.

The committee making the donation for the organization were P. S. Yount, H. D. Hacker, James Doby and Geo. Hrasky.

OCTOBER 14TH DATE SET FOR HEARING CELEBRATED CASE

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 26.—The state Supreme court has set Friday, Oct. 11th, as the date for hearing the celebrated potash test suit, in which T. L. Briggs of Antioch, candidate for the state legislature, seeks to enjoin the state board of Educational Lands and Funds from executing a mineral lease on a section of school land in Sheridan county to any one else than himself.

POTASH COMPANY TO BUILD SMALL PLANT

Alliance Men Head Company Organized With Capital of \$500,000 to Develop Lakes.

Announcement was made last of the week in the eastern Nebraska dailies of the organization of the Associated Potash Plants with a capital stock of \$500,000, for the purpose of building several small potash plants on lakes in the potash district.

The company is headed by Lloyd C. Thomas and F. A. Bald of Alliance, who have associated with them men of experience in the potash business. The company was organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska and has the approval of the Blue Sky department of the State Railway Commission, a permit having been granted for the sale of stock.

Included in the company's holdings are over 4,000 acres of lakes in the potash district, there being several combinations of potash lakes on which small plants will be erected. Testing has been going on since early this spring on the lakes.

A large portion of the stock to be sold for financing the company has been subscribed and the company expects to begin the erection of its plants within a short time.

Men between the ages of 18 and 45, married after August 5th, will not be allowed exemption from army service on account of their marriage, according to regulations issued Saturday by General Crowder.

Jerry Rowan has bought the Worley residence at 408 Cheyenne Ave., and will build a modern bungalow.

F. M. Broome of the Valentine land office, was in this section calling on old friends this week.

A. A. Law, of the Duncan grocery, was called east by the critical illness of his mother.

FEDERAL INSPECTION OF NEBRASKA SPUDS

Twelve or More Officials to be Named For Stations at Alliance, Hemingford and Other Points.

Nebraska potatoes this year when shipped from producing points of the state will bear the official inspection stamp of the federal food administration for Nebraska. All licensed dealers handling potatoes must see that their shipments are inspected.

To carry out the provisions of this order, Gurdon W. Watters, Federal Food Administrator, will appoint inspectors at all principal shipping points of the potato growing districts. These appointments will be made upon recommendation of R. F. Howard, Secretary of the Food Administration.

The duty of the inspectors will be to examine all car lot shipments, to determine the grades of the potatoes, and to issue certificates designating the grades. A normal charge of \$2 per car will be exacted for such inspection.

The purpose of this inspection is to enforce the recent promulgations providing for the sorting and grading of potatoes and to prevent the shipment of those unfit for human consumption grades one and two may be shipped, the car must designate the grade of the commodity.

Grading of potatoes is made imperative upon all handlers with the grower as the only exception. However, if he sells to dealers who have to comply with the grading provisions it is felt that he will consider his best interests by shipping only graded potatoes.

Twelve or more inspectors will be appointed immediately, probably at these points—Long Pine or Gordon, Hay Springs or Rushville, Chadron, Marshland or Belmont, Hemingford, Alliance, Scottsbluffs, Morrill, Minatare or Baird, Kimball, Sidney and Kearney.

The regulations will standardize Nebraska potatoes for the first time, will relieve Nebraska from the unfavorable reputation she has regarding her potatoes. The grading will be beneficial to all—it will mean more money to the producer, less loss to the handlers, and a saving to the consumer.

E. O. LUKEHARDT

E. O. Lukehardt was born at Kearney, Nebraska, December 20, 1888. He died at Bridgeport on Sept. 19, 1918. Mr. Lukehardt came to Alliance from Hastings as an employee of the Burlington railroad. Leaving the road he went to Casper, Wyoming, where he went into business. After having established a good barber business his health failed him and he was forced to seek a lower climate.

From Casper he went to Rexburg, Idaho, and then on to Portland and later to San Francisco. Here he took very sick and was brought home. Death was due to typhoid fever. Interment was made in Greenwood cemetery at Alliance.

Deceased leaves to mourn his loss his wife, son and his mother, Mrs. Tim Maloney of Alliance. The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of the entire community.

BIG FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN TO OPEN SEPT. 28

The Fourth Liberty Loan campaign will open next Saturday, Sept. 28th. The week following will be devoted to education, publicity and preparation. October 6th will be Liberty Loan Sunday. The actual booking of subscriptions to the loan will begin Monday, October 7th, running through the week and ending on Columbus day, Saturday, October 12th. The week of October 14-19, inclusive, will be devoted to cleaning up unfinished work and looking after slackers—if any there be.

Mrs. T. A. Cross entertained the members of the B. Y. P. Y. at her home last Friday night. A pleasant time was enjoyed by all those present.

Miss Dora Coker entertained a few of her friends at her birthday party last Saturday evening. All those present report a delightful time.

Mrs. T. A. Cross, Wesley Corp and wife, left Saturday for a few weeks' visit in Missouri with Mrs. Corp's relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Abar left last week to visit their son, who is stationed at Camp Funston, Kansas.

J. B. Denton was called to Kansas City, Mo., on business last Saturday.

GOVERNOR NEVILLE HERE ON TUESDAY

Nebraska's War Governor Tells Alliance People of Work Done During His Administration.

Keith Neville, Nebraska's war governor, spoke to a good sized crowd at the Phelan opera house Tuesday evening. He was accompanied by Charles W. Pool, secretary of state and candidate for congressman in the Sixth district, and by Mr. Smith for the Omaha World-Herald.

In his speech the governor told of the embargo on the exportation of seed corn which was placed this spring, allowing the farmers of Nebraska to buy their seed corn for from \$3 to \$5 per bushel, while the farmers of Iowa were compelled to pay from \$6 to \$12 per bushel for seed corn.

The governor also told of the cattle feeder situation in the state last year and how that a commission had been sent to Washington which succeeded in getting conditions remedied so that the cattle feeders of Nebraska did not suffer the loss which for a time stared them in the face.

Charley Pool, in his talk, told of the work accomplished during his terms as secretary of state, showing how that his office has handled more than twice the business on the same appropriations of the ten or twelve years before he succeeded to the office.

Following the meeting at the opera house, the visitors were escorted to the armory, where the Box Butte Home Guards first drilled for their benefit and then served them with refreshments. Speakers at the armory were Governor Neville, Charley Pool, John W. Guthrie, Lloyd C. Thomas and H. E. Gantz.

RAIN FIXES GROUND FOR WINTER WHEAT

Heavy Rainfall in Box Butte County During This Week Insures a Bumper Fall Wheat Crop

Weather Observer F. W. Hicks reports a rainfall of 2.20 inches since Monday night—in two days and two nights. Although the heavy rain has caused a delay in haying, the warm weather today is encouraging and insures plenty of time in which to dig the million dollars worth of potatoes in the county as well as time for the ranchmen to finish the alying by of a big supply of famous sandhill hay—the kind that makes the range cattle sleek and fat.

Potato digging will now go ahead with undiminished force and western Nebraska will continue to keep in the lead.

MRS. N. T. SHAWVER

Mrs. N. T. Shawver was born near Melbeta, Iowa, October 21, 1881, and died at Hastings September 23, 1918, following a short illness. Mrs. Shawver has been in poor health for the past two years, but her condition was not considered serious, although about two weeks ago, she suffered a mental breakdown and was taken to the Engleside sanitarium where she died.

Mrs. Shawver came to Alliance in 1905 with her husband. She was a member of the Christian church, and of the Highlander and G. I. A. lodges of Alliance.

The funeral was held at the Christian church Thursday morning. The following acted as pall bearers: E. I. Gregg, H. Johnson, L. M. Beal, A. D. Rodgers, Orville Stevens and Robert Lawrence.

Burial was made in Greenwood cemetery. Those from out of town attending the funeral were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Clure of Iowa; four of her brothers and one sister.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Clure; her husband, N. T. Shawver; two daughters, Margaret and Thelma; four brothers and two sisters.

Marcus Frankle, of the Famous Clothing store, left the middle of the week for Chicago, where he will attend the convention of the United National Clothiers. There will be about five hundred members present, representing about twenty-three states in the union. The convention will hold its meetings on the top floor of the auditorium. Mr. Frankle will select his spring stock and also a few late fall and winter novelties.

Herb Wehn came over to Alliance from Bridgeport Tuesday.