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SINGLE QUART OF WHITE MULE MAKES RECORD

RESULTS IN FINES AND COSTS OF OVER \$300

Six People Spend From One to Three Nights in Jail—Great Life If You Don't Weaken

One small quart of high-powered hooch of the white mule variety, and three men spent a night in jail and paid into the city's coffers \$135; two women got three nights in jail with entertainment at county and city expense, and one colored man was nicked in county court for fines and costs amounting to \$211.90. If, after this, there are any who think that homemade white mule has no kick, let him establish his own record.

According to the siftings from the mass of testimony in police and county courts, three salesmen, who were in Alliance for the auto show, got thirsty some time Friday evening. They had a bottle—it had once been filled with Gordon gin, but contained a liquid that was even more deadly. None of them was stewed—they didn't even get that much fun out of it.

Night Officer Eugene Stilwell was called to the hostelry by the proprietor shortly after midnight Friday. It appears that two women, Mrs. Thelma Chavez of Scottsbluff and Mrs. Elizabeth M. Robinson of some nearby town, had registered at the place, and persisted in padding up and down the halls late in the evening wearing only nightgowns. The proprietor reasoned with them, and remonstrated, but his words went for naught. They refused to leave the place, even when ordered to do so, and calmly turned out the light and went to bed while he was out in the hall telling them to pack their bags and beat it. The proprietor called for the cops.

When Officer Stilwell arrived at the place, the women were in bed. When he ordered them to arise and walk, they at first got gay and then decided to obey orders. Mr. Stilwell heard considerable noise from another nearby room, and found three men with a bottle. He herded them into the hall and single-handed escorted all five to the city jail, pushed them in the cells, turned the key in the lock and went out for a cup of coffee.

Saturday morning, Tom O'Connell and R. C. Rider pleaded guilty before Judge Roberts to a charge of disturbing the peace and paid fines and costs of \$15 each. George Wise, the third member of the trio, who had rented the room in which the party was pulled off, was charged with the possession of intoxicating liquor in a place other than his dwelling. His attorney, Eugene Burton, told the court that the first two men were willing to plead guilty to the disorderly conduct charge, but asked that Wise be given a continuance of a week. Judge Roberts, having disposed of the two men who wanted to end the seance, turned to Wise:

"Are you guilty or not guilty?" Wise mumbled a trifle, and the judge had to repeat his question.

"Guilty" was the answer. The court promptly assessed a fine of \$100 and costs. Mr. Burton looked a little flustered, but Mr. Wise felt sure that he had followed orders. "Now, judge," he said in coaxing tones, "may I have a continuance of a week?" Judge Roberts told him there was nothing to continue—he had pleaded guilty and that ended it. There was nothing to do but pay the fine or go to jail. Mr. Wise asked for fifteen minutes to visit friends. He got it. In fifteen minutes he was back with the money. Thirty minutes later the trio were out of the city.

The three men were considerably worried over the possible publicity connected with the arrest. Two of them looked as though they hadn't a friend on earth, and they were heard to say mean things about thirsts and the Demon Rum. After Wise had paid his fine, they had recovered their spirits sufficiently to joke with him a little, but the humor was half-hearted.

The city police had a brief conversation with the two women, with the result that Henry Wingate, night porter at the place, was arrested and taken to the county jail, where charges of illegal possession and bootlegging were placed against him. The two women, much to their disgust, were held in jail as witnesses.

Monday morning in county court Wingate was arraigned. He entered a plea of not guilty to both counts. The defendant was represented by Attorney Harry Gantz.

County Attorney Basye, for the state, called as witnesses Night Marshal Stilwell, Chief of Police Jeffers, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Chavez. Mr. Stilwell identified the bottle of hooch as the one taken with the hilarious party of three gentlemen at 1 a. m. Saturday. Chief Jeffers testified that the booze had been used as evidence in a case in police court and that it had been in his possession since that time.

The two women told substantially the same story. They insisted on considerable amount of extraneous testimony considering their capers in the halls and other things that led up to the demand of the landlord that they hit the trail. They said that

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Forecast for Alliance and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday, slightly cooler tonight south and extreme east portions. Warmer Wednesday west portion.

they knew the defendant to be the night porter at the hostelry and stated that they had called him to their room earlier in the evening for the purpose of ordering some grape juice and cracked ice. The order was cancelled, they said, when Wingate told them that if they would step to the room across the hall they would find some whisky on tap. They followed his suggestion and in the room found one tall man and two short ones. The tall man was called George by the others. A square bottle of whisky was on the dresser and they drank of it several times while sitting on the bed. When the supply ran low in the bottle, they said, the tall man called the porter and asked about getting another bottle. The porter, they said, replied that he didn't know if he could get one, but that he thought the chances were good. He left and after fifteen minutes returned, drawing from under his coat the bottle that was even then in court. The three men made up the necessary money which was handed to the porter by the tall man. They did not know, the women said, whether the money was for whisky. Judge Tash reminded them that all they had to do was to answer questions and that he was competent to review the evidence.

The women gave some other testimony concerning their trips down the hallways and a reference was made to "birthday clothes" at which Night Officer Stilwell was distinctly seen to blush. He gave an explanation for this which was apparently satisfactory.

Attorney Gantz called Wingate to the stand. The colored man denied that he had been asked to buy booze or had been given money for so doing. He testified that the tall man told him: "Go to my room and bring me the package you'll find on top of the stand." He did so, bringing back a package wrapped in a Denver newspaper. The tall man unwrapped it and he saw that it was a bottle of whisky. He declared that he had not purchased any whisky. The money he received, he said, was for three roast beef sandwiches, for which he had been given a \$20 bill from which he returned with \$19.55 in change. Each of the three men had given him a two-bit tip, he said, and that was all the money he got.

Attorney Basye questioned the defendant quite closely concerning the details of the happenings on the evening in question, and the colored man's voice grew husky and solemn in his earnest endeavor to make everything appear as it should. He didn't get by with the tale, however, and Judge Tash found him guilty on both counts and gave him fines and costs totalling \$211.90.

Early Monday afternoon another colored man, respondent in a purple collar, appeared with the money and Wingate was released. The two women, who had been held as witnesses, were also released. They told the sheriff that they didn't like this city, and seemed in a hurry to leave. Following the trial in the morning, before they learned they were to be held until the Wingate fine was paid, they were jubilant over the prospect of getting out of jail, and proceeded to bestow kisses on the nearest men before they could get away. There were no kisses distributed in the afternoon, although two or three county officers were hanging about the halls.

James Gray, alias Dick Harding, was arrested last week at Crawford by Burlington Special Agent T. J. Smith, and has pleaded guilty to a charge of theft. The offense carries a penalty of from three to five years in the penitentiary, according to the South Dakota law.

Gray has been working out of Alliance and Seneca as a cook. He has also been in the Canadian army. The offense for which he got in bad was the robbery of James Nelson, who took him to his bunk car and gave him a dinner. A large amount of merchandise was recovered at Edgemont by Special Agent Smith, where Gray had cached it. Mr. Smith also recovered some of the property stolen from Nelson.

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SCOTTISH RITE REUNION COMES NEXT FOUR DAYS

CANDIDATES TO BE HERE FROM TWENTY-FIVE TOWNS

Degrees From the Fourth to the Thirty-second to be Given—About 100 to Take Work

The most important event in Scottish Rite circles in western Nebraska in months will take place during the four days beginning Wednesday, May 11, when Adoniram Lodge of Perfection No. 6 and Alliance chapter Rose Croix No. 4 will hold their annual spring reunion. All degrees from the fourth to the thirty-second will be conferred on a list of about one hundred candidates.

Alliance Scottish Rite Masons have been engaged in securing petitions from surrounding cities and towns during the past month or six weeks, and success has crowned their efforts. The present class will be one of the largest ever inducted into the Scottish Rite mysteries in Alliance. Candidates will be present from Alliance, Scottsbluff, Sidney, Dalton, Gurney, Bridgeport, Angola, Lakeside, Antioch, Hoffland, Mullen, Whitman, Ashby, Hyannis, Seneca, Bingham, Marsland, Crawford, Hemingford, Chadron, Morrill, Bayard and Minatare.

Adoniram Lodge of Perfection No. 6 and Alliance chapter Rose Croix No. 4 will confer the degrees from the fourth to the eighteenth inclusive on May 11 and 12. On Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14, Nebraska Consistory No. 1 will confer the degrees from the eighteenth to the thirty-second.

DeMolay Club for Boys. A chapter of DeMolay, the new order for boys between the ages of 16 and 21, will be instituted at the Masonic Temple, Alliance, Monday, May 16.

Immediately following the installation of the first initiation ceremony of these beautiful degrees will be exemplified on a class of fifty young men. The sons of Master Masons and their chums, between 16 and 21 years of age are eligible for these degrees.

The initiatory ceremonies will start promptly at 6:30 p. m., followed by a banquet at 8:00 p. m. and initiatory work again at 8 o'clock. These sessions are not only open to all Master Masons, but it is especially urged that all who possibly can, will give this new order the encouragement of their presence.

The initiation and initiatory ceremony will be under the direct supervision of Brother Zarlaca D. Clark, 33d degree, Hon., of Omaha, Neb.

Alliance High School Debating Team Goes to Lincoln May 12-14

Thomas Miller, Ruth Stanton and Edward Morrow, comprising the debating squad of Alliance high school, will compete with teams from ten other high schools for the state championship honors in the fourteenth annual contest of the state high school debating league, to be held at Lincoln May 12-14. Thirty-three debaters, representing eleven schools, are the surviving victors over some 250 team members who, in turn, were selected from over eight hundred candidates in the ninety-six schools that sought to be represented in the state contest.

The team will go prepared to take either side of the league question for the year, "Resolved, That the Literary Test for Restricting Immigration Should Be Repealed."

Five simultaneous debates will be held Thursday evening, May 12. After these debates, lots will be drawn for sides and pairing for three debates Friday morning, May 13. Lots will then decide sides for the debate Friday evening. The state championship, which Beatrice won from Lincoln in 1920, will be decided Saturday morning, high school fete day.

High scholarship standing characterizes this group of picked debaters, says the State Journal. Ability to think an idea express orally ideas with precision, clarity and vigor, and willingness to work, are qualities debate team membership demands. Over two-thirds of these debaters have already determined to go to college.

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MEDICAL STAFF FOR HOSPITAL IS ORGANIZED

ALLIANCE PHYSICIANS MET SATURDAY EVENING

Efforts to Enlarge Facilities and Make Alliance the Medical Center of Western Nebraska

The physicians of Alliance were entertained by St. Joseph's hospital Saturday evening. A hospital staff was organized under the regulations of the American college of surgeons. The following appointments were made:

Dr. H. A. Copey, president of staff. Dr. Clarence Schoch, vice president. Dr. Einar V. Blak, secretary.

An elaborate luncheon was served, following which brief talks were made by Father Constant, Father Manning and several of the physicians and surgeons present. Father Constant made an appeal for unity of action on the part of the staff, to the end that the hospital's facilities would be enlarged, and scientific and medical work of the staff co-ordinated and Alliance would be in a position to become the medical and surgical center for the physicians of western Nebraska. A number of new improvements are planned and with the co-operation of the physicians, it is believed that St. Joseph's hospital can be equipped to take care of the needs of this part of the state.

Father Constant's suggestions met with the approval of all the physicians, who pledged their support to such a program. It was believed that increased clinical facilities would not only be of benefit to the public in general, but the physicians themselves. A greater bed capacity and better laboratory facilities are urgently needed, and these can be secured if the physicians will get behind the local hospital as a unit.

All members of the Box Butte county medical society are members of the hospital staff, but the facilities of St. Joseph's are open to other physicians of western Nebraska by consent of the staff.

May Festival Will Be Staged at the Imperial Theater Wednesday Eve

The May festival to be staged at the Imperial theater Wednesday evening, May 11, by the pupils of Mrs. Dunning's expression classes, is to be a rare treat to the public. The program consists of music and readings, and in addition to the two fanciful May pole dances, there are several classic dances of very artistic character. Come and enjoy a trip into the enchanted haunts of fairyland. Follow is the program to be given:

Chorus, "Voices of the Woods," Ensemble. "Gabfest." Solo, "May Morning," Denza, Elsie Simpson. Fairy story, Frances Fletcher. Solo, "Bird Song," Verna Dow; whistling accompaniment, Dorothy Reynolds, Elsie Simpson. Triumphant march and coronation. Chorus, "Coronation," Ensemble. May pole dance, twelve grade girls. Garden dance—daisy, Willetta Cox; butterflies, Bettie Harper, Phylena Finch; fairies, Mary Elizabeth Griffith, flowers, Virginia Lester, Florence Carlson; gardener, Mae Dunning. May pole dance, twelve high school girls. Dual dance—Winter, Josephine Acheson; Spring, Dorothy Fricks. Patriotic dance and pantomime, "Red, White and Blue," Irma Ellis, Wanda Adams, Dorothy Reynolds.

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Alliance Fourth in the Western Nebraska Track Meet at Mitchell

Morrill won first place at the western Nebraska track meet held last week at Mitchell. The following won in the order named:

Morrill, first—39 points. Scottsbluff, second—37 points. Bayard, third—30 points. Alliance, fourth—17 points. Mitchell, fifth—4 points. Sidney, sixth—3 points. Kimball, seventh—No points.

Those from Alliance taking part were, Lee Strong, Frank Bailey, Ivan Wong, Royal Irwin, Ralph Garvin, James Fowler, Leonard Pate and Lester Cross. Local men that won events are Lee Strong, 440 yard dash, cutting his former record by 4-5 seconds, running it in 55½ seconds; Frank Bailey took second in the hundred yard dash, and also the 220 yard dash; Ivan Wong took second in the mile race.

Semmons, of Bayard took second in individual honors by 22 points.

Mrs. L. A. Surprise, of Pasadena, Cal., formerly of Alliance, who has been very ill for the past six weeks is still in a critical condition according to latest reports. Her friends are hoping for a speedy recovery.

WHOSE FOOT ARE YOU STANDING ON?

(Rotarian.)
When someone stops advertising,
Someone stops buying.
When someone stops buying,
Someone stops selling.
When someone stops selling,
Someone stops making.
When someone stops making,
Someone stops earning.
When everyone stops earning,
Everybody stops buying—
Then the bread line.
Don't block the traffic—keep going.

Auto Drivers Warned Against Speeding and Leaving Cutout Open

The city manager's corner for today contains the following statement:

There are a few automobile drivers who apparently have forgotten there are any ordinances or laws against speeding in our city or running with their cutout wide open. It is our policy to be considerate especially of those who come in from the country or neighboring towns. We want you to come and feel welcome and enjoy our hospitality. This welcome, however, does not grant you the privilege of making nights hideous into the wee hours by your speeding on our streets, endangering your lives and the lives of others and going as fast as your car will go with the cutouts wide open apparently enjoying making all the noise you possibly can and daring the cops to catch you. This may be your idea of fun but we are sure you do not mean any harm and want to do the right thing as most people do.

Many auto drivers do not seem to realize that people walking across the street have the right of way. Most walkers are willing to pause and let the autos pass but this privilege does not mean that the auto drivers can do as they please and that everyone must get off of the street when they want to pass.

We do not want to cause auto drivers any unpleasantness but it will be largely with them what we are compelled to do. Our public safety department has been instructed to take the numbers of all automobiles running with cutouts open and especially those who are speeding on the down town streets. I trust that the auto mobile owners will govern themselves accordingly and avoid any unpleasantness.

Price Reduction Is Announced for Oakland Automobiles

The Sturgeon garage of this city during the auto show received word from the Oakland motor car company that, effective May 9, the new factory list price on current Oakland open models is \$1145, and on the closed models \$1815. This makes a drop in price of several hundred dollars, and should make sales appreciably more brisk during the next few months. Prospective buyers who have been hanging back waiting for a drop in price have been coming forward and are beginning to talk business.

Bad Luck Streak Delays Drilling at the Agate Oil Well

The latter part of the last week the Associated Oil company, that is putting down a test well at Agate, met with a streak of bad luck that will delay the drilling for a time.

When letting the drill down into the well, the brake refused to work and the drill shot to the bottom of the well as fast as its weight would take it. The two large wheels on the drum went to pieces, tearing up things generally. The driller and tool dresser got out of the way in time to escape injury. The drill and cable are in the well and it is reported that about 100 feet of dirt caved in on them, so that it will take some time before the tools will be recovered and work resumed.—Harrison Sun.

Prof. Paul W. Ivey to Talk to Prospective Salesmanship Students

Prof. Paul W. Ivey of the school of commerce of the Nebraska state university will make a talk on "Salesmanship" to prospective members of a salesmanship club to be organized under the auspices of the chamber of commerce, at the chamber of commerce rooms at 1 p. m. Wednesday and at 8 p. m. Wednesday evening.

Professor Ivey will spend the day in Alliance and will be available for consultation. If possible, a salesmanship course will be given, Professor Ivey putting on an eight weeks' course for which the fee will be \$10. Those interested are invited to attend either of the two meetings Wednesday or talk it over with Secretary Carey.

HARDWARE MEN WILL MEET IN ALLIANCE MAY 19

RETAIL DEALERS OF STATE ARE HOLDING GROUP MEETINGS

Merchants From Several Towns in Northwestern Part of State Expected to be in Attendance

The Alliance group of the Nebraska Retail Hardware Dealers' association will meet in Alliance on Thursday, May 19, for an all day session. Fifty hardware dealers from Northwestern and Burlington railroad points in western Nebraska are expected to be present. John S. Rhein is chairman of the district.

The meetings will be largely for the purpose of talking shop. Local conditions and problems peculiar to the retail stores will be discussed by the dealers and several officers of the national and state associations. There will be present at the session S. R. Miles of the national office; A. L. Lahr, president of the state association; George H. Dietz, secretary and Frank Bennett, field secretary. The district session ranks next to the state meeting, and six or seven of them will be held at various points in the state. Dinner will be served at the Alliance hotel at 6:30 p. m.

Nebraska Seed Potatoes Prove Success in Texas

Southern potato growers who are now digging Early Triumph potatoes, produced from Nebraska seed, have written H. O. Werner, college of agriculture extension horticulturist and secretary of the Nebraska Improvement association, that they are more than pleased with the dozen carloads of seed purchased in this state, and that they will be back next fall for another supply.

The Nebraska potato improvement association and the college of agriculture are co-operating in a campaign to open up out-of-the-state markets for good Nebraska seed potatoes. The outcome of this year's crop in Texas has been eagerly awaited by those in immediate charge of the campaign, for several thousand bushels of certified seed were sent south last winter, and the reputation of Nebraska was, to a considerable extent, staked on the satisfaction which this seed gave. All reports to date indicate that the Nebraska dryland seed potatoes have established themselves in the south.

One of the factors in establishing a southern market for Nebraska seed, especially the Early Triumph variety, is their freedom from the mosaic disease. College of agriculture specialists have been convinced for some time that these potatoes, when produced under right conditions in the dryland sections of western Nebraska, are comparatively free from the disease which has been such a handicap to seed potato production in some of the other states.

The United States department of agriculture is also interested in Nebraska seed, and word has just been received that potatoes from this state tested in Louisiana show less than 5 per cent mosaic disease, while seed from other states showed as high as 70 per cent. On account of their freedom from disease, the Nebraska potatoes much outyielded others in the test.

A big factor in promoting the Nebraska seed potato industry has been the inspection and certification work of the college of agriculture. In order to place the production of seed on a firm basis, growers meeting certain rules and regulations relative to culture, grading, packing and shipping, have their product certified. The certification tag on a sack protects the buyer and preserves the reputation of the state. Certification also usually means increased profits for the producer. Western Nebraska growers of certified seed last year received \$30 an acre more for their crop than did growers of uncertified seed or table stock.

Investigations made by the Burlington railroad, which is also much interested in stimulating good seed production, indicate that Texas affords a possible market for 600 carload of seed annually. The Triumph variety is most popular in the south just as present, on account of its earliness. The Irish Cobbler, however, is becoming more popular. This variety can be successfully grown in Nebraska.

Harvey Hauser, formerly chief of the fire department at Fremont, now chief deputy state fire marshal, was in Alliance last week on a business trip. He is well known to the fire boys of the state, as he is a past president of the state volunteer firemen's association.

Henry Henderson who has been convalescing from a severe attack of pneumonia, was obliged to undergo an operation for drainage of the lungs. Dr. M. J. Baskin performed the operation this morning, and at last reports he was doing as well as could be expected.