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BREAKING UP GANG OF BOX CAR THIEVES

HALF A DOZEN COLORED MEN AWAITING TRIAL.

Three Men Charged With Receiving Stolen Goods—Special Train to Catch Fugitive.

Special Agent W. S. Short of the Burlington, working with Sheriff J. W. Miller, Deputy Sheriff Miskimen, Chief of Police C. W. Jeffers and Officer Eugene Stilwell have been busy the past four or five days in rounding up what is believed to be an organized gang of box car thieves in Alliance. Half a dozen colored men are being held in the city and county jail, and one corner of the sheriff's office looks like a scene from a department store, being piled high with loot that has been recovered.

The first arrests were made last Friday, when at 9:30 a. m. two young men notified Sheriff Miller that two colored men were trying to sell automobile tires at their home, on the north line of Alliance. These two colored men were arrested and gave the names of Joe Myers and Ernest Lyman, from St. Louis and Kansas City. They made a partial confession, and led Deputy Miskimen and Chief Jeffers to a cache a mile and a half east of the city, where there was concealed a quantity of merchandise rifled from a car in freight train No. 109. A dozen granite wash basins and other stuff was recovered.

During Friday night, the pool hall on lower Box Butte avenue, operated by Christ Vallas, was raided by Officers Short, Stilwell and Jeffers. A sack of sugar and other groceries were recovered. Lester Smith was taken into custody with the proprietor. Friday afternoon the home of James Johnson, colored, was raided by the officers, and four undershirts were recovered, as well as a raincoat and a suitcase. Johnson was arrested Saturday morning, and so was Aaron Collins, colored, dishwasher at the Alliance hotel.

Special to Chase Fugitive.

The first two men gave a description of a third man who had been with them, and this man, whose name was later discovered to be Ed Lynn, made his getaway at the time the officers caught the first two. Saturday noon word was received by the officers that Lynn had been seen near Lakeside making his way eastward on foot in an attempt to escape the dragnet. A special train, consisting of an engine and way car left Alliance at 12:40 with the officers on board. The fugitive was found about thirty miles east of Alliance and gave in when the train stopped and he was surrounded. He was brought back that afternoon and lodged in jail.

Lynn, Myers and Lyman will probably face a charge of breaking into a freight car before a federal court. The men have not been arraigned as yet, but it is thought they will be taken before United States Court Commissioner L. A. Berry Thursday and given an opportunity to plead.

Vallas was arraigned Saturday morning on the charge of receiving stolen property to the value of \$17, and was released under bond of \$100 to appear Thursday for trial.

Complaints against Aaron Collins for receiving stolen property to the value of \$12, and James Johnson, for receiving stolen property valued at \$23, have been filed, but time for hearing had not been set this morning. The other men arrested are being held at the city jail, and hearing will probably be given them tomorrow or Thursday.

Box car thefts have been numerous lately, and the officers are apparently determined to put a stop to this form of thieving. The arrests of the past five days will do much to discourage the thieves.

Volunteer Firemen to Move Club Rooms to the First Floor of City Hall

The club rooms of the Alliance volunteer fire department will in all probability be removed to the first floor of the city hall. For years the firemen have divided the upper story with the police judge and the council, but last week City Manager Kemmish rented their rooms to the school board, which is exceedingly short of space.

The new club rooms will be somewhat smaller than the old quarters, but they will be more convenient. The rooms are large enough to accommodate forty or fifty, it is believed, will solve the problems satisfactorily.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Alliance and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday. Slightly warmer tonight southeast portion. Cooler Wednesday west and north portions.

Miss Maude Nason, who has been visiting in Denver for the past two weeks, returned Sunday night. Her sister, Miss Carol, came back with her for a few weeks visit.

SQUIDGE.

The Rotary Club of Bessemer, Alabama, has an official in its organization called a Squidge. This official's business is to absorb and forget worries for the members. Any member who has anything on his mind, tells it to the Squidge, who promptly forgets it, thus consigning the worry forever to oblivion, whither all worries should be consigned.

Every man, be he Rotarian or not, should have somewhere in his cerebrum an official Squidge.

It is related of an octogenarian that he stated on one occasion, "I am an old man, and I have had many troubles—most of which never happened."

Worries are like ghosts: they don't appear to people who don't believe in them.—The Rotarian.

Baseball Players Held Successful Benefit Dance at Roof Garden Monday

The members of the Alliance baseball team realized about \$150 from their baseball benefit dance, held at the roof garden Monday evening, and from Sunday's doubleheader benefit game. The benefit was arranged by the players themselves, and not the baseball association, and the men who handle the bill for the entertainment of Alliance fans are properly grateful for the splendid support they received in these two enterprises, and have asked this newspaper to express it for them.

Two games have been arranged for Wednesday and Thursday of next week with the Sidney baseball team, who were here for a couple of days last month, splitting honors with the locals. These games were among the features of the present season, and the return games should draw big crowds.

The next game will be with Valentine on Thursday, at the local park in the fair grounds. Valentine comes to Alliance with a record of a good string of victories, and may prove a hard nut for the locals to crack, although they only want the opportunity to do it. Valentine has an all-salaried team and should put up some stiff opposition.

HEREFORD MEN HELD MEETING SATURDAY EVE

BOOSTERS OF BREED MAKING A TOUR OF THE STATE.

Twenty-five Men Arrive in Auto- mobiles—Public Meeting Held in the District Court Room.

Twenty-five Hereford breeders and boosters arrived in Alliance shortly after noon Saturday and remained here until Sunday morning, when they resumed their journey across the state. The next scheduled stop was Scottsbluff, where they will spend Monday, Governor McKelvie being one of the speakers at their meeting. The party was on the sixty day of a twelve-day tour over Nebraska, including such cities as Hastings, Grand Island, Valentine, Rushville, Crawford, Chadron, Alliance, Scottsbluff, Kimball, Sidney, Holyoke, Colo., Wray, McCook, Holdrege and Minden.

The boosters started out August 1 from Hastings, and will wind up at the same place Friday. During their trip over the state, they have held meetings at most of the places at which stops were made and have inspected the principal herds of registered Herefords along the route.

The object of the trip, of course, was to interest the western cattle growers in laying foundations for pure bred herds, and to encourage them to patronize the eastern Nebraska herds. The men along with the excursion have emphasized the fact that there has never been a better time to replenish and start registered herds than right now. The trip has been productive of some good business for those who made it, and has resulted in creating interest in pure bred stock, especially the breed owned by the boosters.

The boosters, six automobiles full of them, were met by Robert Graham, president of the Nebraska live stock growers' association. There were no herds inspected in Box Butte county. The boosters after lunch spent the afternoon in resting up and getting acquainted. They were entertained at dinner at the Country club at 6 p. m., and in the evening held a public meeting in the district court room. There was no formal program.

A regrettable feature was that the meeting was not fully advertised, as the attendance was fairly slim. Less than fifteen home ranchers and stock growers were present. A number of ranchmen were in the city during the afternoon, but the rain prevented holding an open air meeting on the streets. When this was not done, and the evening meeting was not advertised, only those who had friends among the breeders knew there was to be any sort of a session.

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WAR RISK MEN IN ALLIANCE SEPT. 5, 6, 7

OFFICIALS PLAN TO SETTLE THE SOLDIERS' CLAIMS.

Squadron Will Visit Eight Nebraska Towns in Final Clean-up of Claims.

A flying squadron of war risk bureau officials from Washington will start in Nebraska, August 12 to spend a month in a "clean-up campaign" in an effort to reach all the remaining ex-soldiers of the state entitled to compensation for disability in service, according to word reaching the Lincoln Red Cross and other local officials. Hearings will be held in Alliance September 5, 6 and 7.

This board is empowered to make settlements of claims, and those who have not yet filed claims or are dissatisfied with the awards are asked to present themselves before the board. Medical examinations will be provided.

For the purpose of the campaign the state has been divided into eight districts, with the board convening in a central town in each district.

The purpose of the campaign is to fully advise all ex-service persons of their rights under the War Risk Insurance Act; to assist disabled ex-service persons in securing compensation, medical treatment and hospital care; to inform and assist all claimants regarding the procedure necessary in filing a claim for compensation and insurance; to assist those whose claims are pending in securing final action where additional evidence is necessary to connect their disability with service, or other data required by the Bureau of War Risk Insurance; and to provide for immediate physical examination where necessary and promptly furnish hospitalization for urgent cases.

A squad of representatives of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance will visit designated places in the state to meet with the ex-service men and take up any complaints with them individually. The complaints will be forwarded to Lincoln and Washington, where special forces are prepared to handle them. There will be doctors on the squad who will have authority to secure examinations of claimants; authorize their treatment or hospitalization if necessary. In these cases, transportation will be furnished when it is necessary for the claimant to travel.

Any one who wishes to take up his case should report to the nearest city or town on the date that the clean-up squad will be there. Those wishing to file claim should have their claim papers completely filled out before appearing to the squad. However, this is not absolutely essential as the squad will assist them but it will be of material help to the squad if as many as possible will have their claim papers executed beforehand.

All questions relative to compensation will be taken up with this squad and they will endeavor to make adjustments. This does not mean that the squad is in a position to make payments of compensation.

Vocational training matters will also be taken up by the squadron, whose personnel has not been announced.

Following are the eight towns in Nebraska where hearings will be held and the dates:

Hastings, August 12 and 13.
Grand Island, August 15, 16 and 17.
Lincoln, August 18, 19 and 20.
Fremont, August 22, 23 and 24.
Norfolk, August 25, 26 and 27.
Ainsworth, August 28 and 31.
Alliance, September 5, 6 and 7.
North Platte, September 10.

Red Cross officials say that of the 55,000 Nebraska soldiers who are entitled to compensation by reason of disability which incapacitates them 10 per cent have filed no claims to date.

Bayard Lions Are Not Satisfied With Just One Victory

Those Bayard Lions are bears for punishment, provided someone else gets it. Only a couple of weeks ago they accepted a kind invitation to come over to play baseball with the Alliance Cubs, but a nice free feed underneath their belts, heard a lot of speeches, telling them what good fellows they were, and then went right out on the diamond and walloped the stuffing out of their hosts. The score of that first baseball game was 24 to 1.

The Bayard Lions want more baseball, and have extended their Alliance victims an invitation to come over any time and play baseball. It will be presented at the next meeting of the Alliance tribe, and they may accept it, provided it can be determined whether the Bayard men really mean it or are just rubbing it in. The Alliance Lions say all they need to have a first class baseball team is a good battery. The Bayard men promise an entertaining day of it, and will probably have a chance to play ball.

Mrs. R. E. Knight and two children left last week for Denver where they will spend a few weeks.

EXPECT POTATO SHIPMENTS TO BEGIN SEPT. 15

MARKET NEWS STATION TO BE RE-ESTABLISHED HERE.

Average Yield in Eastern Nebraska Lower Than at First Estimated —Prices on Increase.

Potato shipments from western Nebraska are expected to start about September 15. A market news station, maintained by the U. S. Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates in cooperation with the Nebraska Bureau of Markets and Marketing will be located at Alliance until December 1, and will issue daily market reports on potatoes, mailing them free to growers and other interested persons who make application for the service, according to Olin D. Miller, representative of the federal bureau of markets, who was stationed in Alliance last year during the marketing season. He will return to this city shortly after the first of September, when the spud crop in the Kearney district has been largely sold.

The cash market for potatoes reached \$2 per 100 pounds at Kearney Thursday, compared with \$1.65 a week ago. This steadily rising market, according to the local representative of the federal and state marketing bureaus who is issuing market news reports at Kearney, is due to the decrease in the potato movement for the week of July. Shipments for all states averaged 550 cars daily, compared with an average of 650 for the two previous weeks. Shipments thus far in August have been only around 300 cars daily. Virginia, which is the heaviest shipping state during July, has now dropped down to 25 cars daily, from an average of 90 cars the last week in July and more than 300 the week before. The big movement following Virginia's is that from New Jersey, and while it ran as high as 230 cars several days last week, digging there is now being retarded by rainy weather. The crop in the Kaw Valley of Kansas, central Nebraska's nearest competitor, is reported as more than half dug, but digging there, too, has been held up, due to rain and the low market for stock of the quality raised there this year. The movement from the Caldwell district in Idaho is beginning, and that stock is generally bringing a little more than the Nebraska product in the terminal market but the Kearney growers have the advantage of a freight rate 50c lower than the rate from Idaho, which allows a higher net return.

Chicago and Minneapolis are the important markets receiving Kearney spuds. Kansas City is being supplied almost entirely by Kaw Valley, and homegrown are supplying the markets of Omaha and St. Louis. Most of Nebraska potatoes are going to towns and small cities in Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota and South Dakota. Shipments from Nebraska to August 4 inclusive were 390 cars. All but 5 of these were shipped from Kearney and nearby towns. Digging in some of the later fields has just started and shipping will not be over before September 1. The yield is proving to average nearer 100 bushels to the acre than 150, as originally estimated, and it is doubtful if the movement from this district will reach 600 cars.

Nebraska Spuds Lead.

Nebraska grown potatoes are commanding as much as a dollar per bushel more than Kansas and Missouri potatoes this year on the Chicago market, according to an announcement by the bureau of markets and crop estimates. The potatoes are of practically the same kind and raised under similar conditions, but the difference in quality is mainly attributed to a new manner of grading now used in the commercial potato districts of Nebraska.

The bureau pointed out the market of last Tuesday as an example of the great difference in potatoes of the same rating from the three states. On that day Kansas potatoes sold from \$1.35 to \$1.40 per 100 pounds and Missouri grown varieties, sorted, brought \$1.75 and \$1.85 a hundred. Nebraska potatoes from the Kearney district sold not lower than \$2.25 and up to \$2.60.

The exceptionally good natural conditions under which Nebraska potatoes are grown is given by the bureau as one reason for the higher prices, but grading is considered as the first cause. The bureau of markets and crop estimates maintains a branch at Kearney during the harvesting season to supervise the grading of potatoes and make reports. The Chicago market is said to have been quick to recognize the superiority of Nebraska spuds shipped under these conditions.

Most of the fields show potatoes of good size and quality, but there are less to the hill than usual this year. Conditions are pronounced as very good now, but the early crop was curtailed by dry weather. Conservative estimates place the commercial potato crop this year at about 400 cars with other reports running a little higher.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cole and family returned Monday night from a week's vacation trip to the Black Hills near Mystic and Sylvan Lake.

City Manager's Corner (By N. A. KEMMISH)

We are preparing to start laying the water main extension. We may be delayed on part of it until the valves arrive from Pittsburgh.

Number two well will be back in commission again tonight. We have had plenty of water however, lately for all purposes. We received a wire from Mr. Kelly stating that his outfit ought to be here sometime today so that we can begin to get action on well No. 5 in the near future.

Our police department are continually rounding up the law violators. It is unfortunate that some people take delight in breaking the laws and committing crimes. Our persistent activities are making such pleasures less attractive.

R. N. Tracy, sanitary engineer of the bureau of health, spent a day with us going over our septic farm. He seemed to be of the opinion that what we have done and what we are planning on doing out there is all that can be expected under the circumstances. The conditions are much better than he expected to find them.

State Sanitary Engineer Made an Inspection of the Alliance Septic Tank

R. N. Tracy of Lincoln, sanitary engineer working under the direction of the state board of health, is in Alliance for two or three days making a sort of sanitary survey of the city. With City Manager Kemmish, Mr. Tracy looked over the city's far famed septic tank, and the city manager explained the steps he is taking to mitigate the nuisance.

Mr. Tracy stated that he had had considerable experience with septic tanks, and that it was impossible to entirely eliminate the odor. He looked over the plans of Mr. Kemmish, who is now having built a series of ditches to carry away the water, and said that in his opinion, when these ditches are completed, which will take several months, the situation will be in as good shape as possible.

Denis Ryan has been laid up with a badly infected finger since Friday.

MORE DOPE ON OIL PROSPECTS NEAR LAKESIDE

POTASH MAGNATES ARE APPAR- ENTLY QUITE INTERESTED.

Have Recently Acquired Oil and Min- eral Leases on Eight Sections of School Lands.

Further information concerning the plans of the syndicate of potash magnates and others, for prospecting for oil in the vicinity of Lakeside, is contained in the following information from the Garden County News, which shows that the syndicate is working on a big scale. Ranchers have been leasing lands in the vicinity of the test well, and the rig is said to be already on the ground. The News says:

"The oil and mineral leases for the school lands in the north part of the county, as advertised in the News recently, were purchased by J. F. Blummer, of Lakeside, representing the potash interests of that city. It has been learned that these people only took advantage of the oil and gas rights under the terms of the leases and they are drawn to cover that particular commodity only. The lease involves the rights on eight sections and as there is something like three or four millions invested in the potash industry and that industry depends considerably upon the fuel it is thought that this big combination of business interests will be behind an earnest effort to locate oil and gas if there is anything like that in reasonable depth. Mr. Blummer practically admitted this fact and it is thought from his expressions along that line that the work will be commenced without unnecessary delay of putting down test wells on a part of their holdings so that they may know at an early date the true state of conditions.

"There has never been any doubt in our minds that there is oil in commercial quantities in this part of the state as the land lays directly in line with the big oil fields of Wyoming and those in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas and all that is necessary is to make the proper tests to prove the theory correct. There is one commendable feature to the matter as it now stands and that is that the enterprise will be pushed through by people whose needs require commercializing of the industry if oil or gas is found and it will not be here like it has been in so many places where the oil wells have been capped and left stand without working for an indefinite period. We are awaiting anxiously for the outcome of the investigation and our faith is with the movement."

O. L. Hedges of Lincoln, accompanied by a son of State Sheriff Hyers, were in Alliance yesterday for a few hours, on their way west.

ALLIANCE TRIMS BAYARD SUNDAY —SCORE 12 TO 2

VISITORS OUTCLASSED BY WORK OF LOCAL TEAM.

Big Crowd Attended Benefit Baseball Doubleheader—T. P. A. Defeats Creamery Team, 10 to 7.

The fans turned out in fine shape for the baseball benefit doubleheader played at the fair grounds Sunday afternoon. The game was called at 2:30 and as a preliminary and special attraction, the T. P. A.'s battled with the Alliance Creamery nine, defeating them, after a game filled with interesting events, to the tune of 10 to 7.

The T. P. A. gang played consistent baseball, winning a score or more in every inning. During the second round, the Creamery boys got a fearful rush on them and crammed over five scores, every fan thinking the traveling men had blown up for fair. However, tight baseball and consistent playing put them to the point where they were within sight of victory, and in a last inning rally they took the measure of their opponents and got five scores of their own.

The T. P. A.'s had to change batteries, after Lloyd Johnson lost his wind in chasing round the diamond for what looked to be a home run, only being caught out right near the home plate. Billy Hamilton, as catcher, lost his pep after two or three innings and Bob Morgan, an old time profehr, relieved him. Harris took Johnson's place on the mound.

In the regular ball game for the afternoon, the Bayard team was plainly outclassed, and came in for the second defeat of the season at the hands of Alliance. The Bayard boys would have had an unbroken string of victories so far this season had they laid off of Alliance, but there's something about the local team that is poison to them. They put up a game fight, but lost, the score reading 12 to 2.

Bayard was handicapped early in the game by an accident to their pitcher, Baldwin, who grabbed off a hot one lined out by McNulty and put a finger of his pitching hand on the blink. The Alliance boys played baseball all the time. All of them improved their batting averages. Ray Butler knocked out three long hits in his first three times at bat. Brew threw several hot ones to first base for some outs when the most the fans could do was to hope.

The record:

T. P. A. vs. Creamery.	
Creamery—	r po
Stacker, ss	2 2
Salisbury, 2b	1 1
Wright, 3b	2 0
Morgan, 1b	0 2
Strong, cf	0 1
Davidson, lf	0 3
Spencer, rf	0 2
Joler, c	1 1
Todd, p	1 1
Total	7 13

T. P. A.—	
Schaffer, 3b	2 0
Hamilton, c	0 3
Burlington, rf	0 2
Johnson, p	0 3
Morgan, 1b	2 1
Kerr, cf	1 2
Harris, 2b	2 1
Burr, lf	2 1
O'Connor, ss	1 2
Total	10 15

Score by innings: 1 1 2 5—10
T. P. A. 0 5 0 2—7

Bayard vs. Alliance.

Alliance—	
Butler, cf	5 3 1 0 0
Griffis, 1b	3 2 2 9 0 1
Jones, ss	4 1 2 1 0 0
Black, lf	4 0 1 0 0 0
Nation, rf	5 1 0 1 0 0
Brew, 3b	4 0 0 2 0 0
Edwards, 2b	4 1 2 0 4 1
McNulty, c	4 1 1 15 1 0
McKinney, p	3 3 2 0 0 0
Total	12 13 27 7 2 36

Bayard—
Selisby, rf 4 0 0 1 0 0
Baldwin, p-1b 3 0 0 6 0 0
Randall, c 3 1 0 7 4 0
Leach, 1b-p 3 0 0 3 3 0
Klempeke, 3b 4 0 1 1 1 0
Noe, ss 4 1 1 2 0 0
Benson, cf 4 0 1 2 0 0
Aberg, 2b 4 0 1 1 4 2
Sader, lf 3 0 1 0 0 0
Total 32 2 5 23 12 4

Score by innings:
Bayard 000 001 00x—2
Alliance 007 203 00x—12

Summary: Two base hits, McKinney; Three base hits, Butler 3; Home run, Noe; Sacrifice hits, Randall, Jones, Back; Stolen bases, Griffis 2, Klempeke 2; Bases on balls by McKinney 1, by Leach 1; Struck out by McKinney 15, Baldwin 1, Leach 6; Time of game, 1:55; Umpire, Harling; Attendance, 350.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bessey, Friday August 6, a boy.