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## COLORED MAN CHARGED WITH THEFT OF CASH

### SAY HE DREW OUT SAVINGS ACCOUNT OF FRIEND.

#### James Howard Arrested When He Returns to Alliance Clad in Silk and Fine Linen.

James Howard, colored, who returned to Alliance a week or two ago with a trunkful of silk underwear, fine linen, pleasing combinations in neckwear and other haberdashers' delights, is today being held in the county jail, awaiting a preliminary hearing in county court on a complaint charging him with forging the name of Curtis Thomas Brown, also colored, to a check for the cash balance, representing the last cent that Curtis Thomas Brown had in his savings account at a local bank, the offense taking place on July 20 of this year, according to the complaint.

Howard was placed under arrest Saturday evening, following an investigation held at the bank, in which he wrote his own name and the name that he is charged with forging. The officers say that the handwriting will be a strong count in the evidence against him.

Howard came to Alliance about the first of May of this year and accepted employment at the sand pit, in the Burlington yards. The records show that he labored but nine days in May and seven days in the month of June. The rest of the time he was the guest of his roommate, Curtis Thomas Brown, who paid the room rent and the grub bill and now and then lent him spending money. "I was better to that boy than I ever was to either one of my two brothers," said Brown to County Attorney Basye.

#### Drew Out Savings.

On July 20, following a long period of illness, Howard announced that he was leaving the city. He did leave. So far as his friend Brown knew, he didn't have an overabundance of cash. Contrary to his usual custom, Howard didn't borrow a stake from his friend. He mounted the varnished ears of the dusty freight.

But he came back within two months, dressed in a resplendent outfit that included silk shirt, silk underwear, splendid brown oxfords and a suit of a pleasing color. He told large tales of a dusky damsel in Chicago that he had captivated, and of a \$300 diamond that he had purchased for her. And he left again. He reappeared later with other tales of riddles on the cushions and of seeing the world. He came back the third time two weeks ago.

And all this time Curtis Thomas Brown had neglected to look at his savings book. He had been in the habit of making deposits with some regularity. He brought his first stake with him when he came to Alliance at the close of the war, and had deposited it in a savings account, and had added to it from time to time. After his partner left on July 20, it was nearly a month before he made another deposit, placing \$40 to his credit. He handed over the book to the teller and didn't see that the book had been balanced and that his account was drawn out on July 20, the date, his friend left Alliance. He has been saving for a thirty-day vacation in Chicago.

Last Saturday a letter from his mother sent him to the bank. He intended to send her a check for \$50, but discovered that the bank's books credited him with only \$40. He was wilder than a hound dog and several other things. He was shown a check, supposedly signed by himself, which had been drawn July 20 for every cent he had on deposit. "Yes, that my writing," he told the bank officials, "but I never got the money."

The resulting investigation showed that Howard had left the city on the same day that the money was withdrawn. This fact, coupled with the fact that Howard had known of the existence of his savings account, was deemed sufficient to hold him for investigation.

When examined by the officers, Howard maintained that the money he had flashed and which financed his trip to Chicago in July had been won at a crap game a night or two before he left. Lady Luck had been right with him. At Omaha, at Chicago and again at Cleveland she had repeated. The officers suggested that he write his own signature and that of Brown, and the resemblance between Brown's signature, as it appeared on the check which had been cashed and as he wrote it for the officers was so marked that it was decided to hold him. Brown's signature, as written by the man who cashed the check, was almost identical with the original, showing that a whole lot of practicing.

It is understood that Howard, on his return to Alliance, boasted to friends that he "shook down" Brown for some money. The officers believe that his last return to the city was with the intention of trying it again.

Howard bears a remarkable resemblance to his alleged victim. The two men are of medium height and the same shade of chocolate brown, and unless a man were well acquainted with both parties, it would be difficult to distinguish them.

Forecast for Fair tonight and Wednesday night.

## Special Agent Short This Week Receives a Merited Promotion

Special Agent W. S. Short of the Burlington, whose headquarters have been at Alliance for the past year, was called to Chicago the last of the week and given a merited promotion, with a higher rank and a greatly increased territory. Mr. Short will be special agent in charge of the Hannibal, Borokfield, Centerville, and St. Louis divisions and terminals of the Burlington, and the G. O. & K. C. railroad. He will leave Alliance Wednesday for Hannibal, Mo., his new headquarters. C. E. Ames, present special agent at Burlington, Ia., will succeed Mr. Short at Alliance.

George L. German, assistant chief special agent of the Burlington, with headquarters at Omaha, has resigned, it is announced, to accept a similar position with another road. Mr. German has been in charge of special agents on Burlington lines west. Special Agent Stamper will succeed him.

During his residence in Alliance, Mr. Short has won the regard not only of his employers, but of the Alliance and Box Butte county police officers, whom he has assisted on numerous occasions. There has been complete harmony among the peace authorities of the county, and by working together, they have accomplished good results in keeping the railroad yards and the city of Alliance cleaned up.

G. W. Johnson has been laying off for the last few days on account of illness.

## HEMINGFORD PILFERER WAS A HUMORIST

### LEAVES A CHEERFUL NOTE FOR HIS VICTIM.

#### Helped Himself to Watch Belonging to F. E. Anderson Thursday Night.

Hemingford last week entertained unawares, in the person of a genial thief who signed himself as "Mr. Roy McMann." No citizen of that town has been found who knows anything concerning the identity of Mr. McMann, but the latter left unmistakable traces of his visit to the shop of F. E. Anderson some time last Thursday evening. Mr. Anderson came to Alliance Friday afternoon and told the story to Chief of Police Jeffers.

It seems that in that peaceful town, where crimes are few, Mr. Anderson has not been fearful of his property. Thursday evening he left his watch on a workbench or a showcase. He is not certain whether he locked the door. But when he came down Friday morning, the watch was gone, and on the bench, written in an ornate handwriting, with flourishing capitals was a message from the man who presumably appropriated it. The message was written on the back of an order blank, and read as follows, the spelling and capitalization being preserved here as it was found in the original:

"This You See Rember Me, Mr. Roy McMann the World Wonder and Boot Legar Who Has Traveled From Coast to Coast Ha Ha Look Me Over Boys." The order blank, which called for a suit of ready made clothing, had also been filled out in part by the waggish hobo. It called for a suit of clothing for a man thirty-two inches tall and McMann has placed his name in all the blanks, including the date line. He had also filled up four or five lines by repeating, in his ornamental script, the sentence, "When This You See Rember Me."

The missing watch is described as a seven-jewel, 12 size Elgin, works No. 23931494, with nickel Crown case No. 225669.

Mr. Anderson was unable to place the man who signed himself as McMann. There have been a number of floaters in Hemingford during the spud picking season, and Thursday night several of them were in his place of business monkeying around. A number of these left the city that night, and so far as he knew, McMann was one of them. He was not certain whether the place had been locked when he left, but he was sure that he had left the watch on the table and that it was gone when he showed up. Chief Jeffers is now the possessor of the facetious note.

The Alliance chamber of commerce at its Monday luncheon voted to send a delegation to Scottsbluff next week to invite the Nebraska Potato Growers' association to hold the 1922 convention in this city. A. H. Groves is chairman of a delegation that will present the invitation. The spud growers' association was organized at a meeting in Alliance, and although subsequent meetings have been held in Scottsbluff, it is believed that the potato growers will look upon Alliance's invitation with favor. The convention this year lasts three days and the attendance is estimated at from 300 to 500.

## AID FOR THE RED CROSS IS COMING SLOW

### NOTICEABLE TIGHTNESS FOUND BY SOLICITORS.

#### Campaign to Continue All This Week and Close With a Tag Day Drive Saturday.

The annual Red Cross roll call in Alliance, started Monday morning. The city has been divided into districts and assigned to various committees, and the canvass for members is now taking place. The membership solicitors are making fairly good headway, but nothing like the enthusiasm of the days of the war is manifest. There are very few contributions larger than a dollar, the price of a yearly membership, and many who contributed to the support of the Red Cross work locally in other years have so far failed to come across.

The reason for the difficulty in securing members, aside from the present financial situation, is found to be that there seems to be a general impression that the Red Cross has finished its work, now that the war is over, and that the money does not stay in Alliance. A large proportion of the dollar contributions remain here to be used for local relief; and in larger contributions, practically all is used locally. There are still a number of claims of ex-soldiers which remain to be pushed through with the various government departments, as well as several families of ex-soldiers which require relief until government aid can be secured.

At the Imperial Sunday evening, Lloyd C. Thomas, in a four-minute address, summarized the reasons for a Red Cross roll call in Alliance, as follows:

"My friends, there is one institution in this county which deserves the support of every man, woman and child. It is an institution which extends its good work into every state, county and town in the United States—the Red Cross.

Perhaps some of those here tonight do not realize that the local chapter of the Red Cross is now actively engaged in looking after deserving and needy cases; that local men and women are giving of their time and efforts in behalf of our ex-servicemen—those who so faithfully and unselfishly went forth when the call came to defend our country and our homes.

Our work to do  
The local Red Cross is now looking after the claims of nearly eight ex-servicemen; it is providing the families of ex-soldiers with the needed clothing and provisions; it is continually looking after new cases which are being brought to their attention—boys who are now classed as drifters—who were torn from their homes by the call to service and who have since been drifters, unable to obtain food and employment. These men apply to the Red Cross and are assisted to a new lease on life.

Those of us who have plenty to eat and wear are prone to close our eyes and minds to the fact that there are many who are today living from hand to mouth—not knowing, many times, where the next meal or bed is to be found. But it is the truth, and we as loyal citizens must not and cannot ignore the fact that we must and will do our share to alleviate the sufferings of those who are more unfortunate.

One case being looked after by the local chapter is that of a young man who was formerly a local boy before the war. Service in the trenches resulted in disease, causing gastric ulcers of the stomach. This ex-soldier is here in Alliance today, with a dependent wife and boy. Although his claim for government aid was put in in January, 1920, he has not yet received a cent from the government which he served so faithfully and his wife and family are being looked after by the local chapter of the Red Cross. It is hoped that the promised government aid for this case will soon come, for it is certainly deserved.

1200 Members Last Year  
There were 1,200 members in the local chapter during the past year. Robert Graham is chairman; Judge I. E. Tash is vice-chairman; Mrs. George L. Burr is secretary; Dr. H. A. Copsey is the treasurer; Mrs. E. L. Potard is the roll call chairman for the campaign which opens tomorrow (Monday) morning with a house to house canvass. Our neighboring towns, included in this chapter—Hemingford, Antioch, Lakeside, Ellsworth and Bingham, are all organized and will join in the campaign. Next Saturday will be tag day. The annual membership fee is only one dollar, a large portion of which remains here to be used in the good work.

The Salvation Army came to us a few weeks ago, requesting us to raise \$400 for their work. Box Butte county raised that amount and donated them a carload of our excellent potatoes, worth \$600, in addition.

Now, my friends, I am here tonight to urge you to get behind our local organization and put this annual campaign over this week in grand style. Dig down into your pocket, when you are called upon, hand over your dollar with a glad smile, and help put Box Butte county "over the top" again with a larger membership than last year. Let's go!

## PROGRESS IS REPORTED ON G-P-C HIGHWAY

### EXPECT IT TO BE IN SHAPE FOR TRAVEL NEXT SEASON.

#### Route Now Completed From Corpus Christi, Tex., to Deadwood, S. D.

A general review of progress on the G-P-C highway has been received by W. F. Gummer from S. P. Godsman, of Burlington, Col., president of the highway association, in which it is estimated that the highway will be in shape for travel next season, says the Garden County News. The letter in part follows:

"The route is now completed from Corpus Christi, Texas, to Deadwood, S. D. North of Deadwood to Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, the route is as yet indefinite. Owing to the Bad Lands it may possibly take in Montana. This route was started in July, 1921.

Certified articles of incorporation are being recorded in counties in Colorado, Nebraska and Oklahoma. In Colorado it is a domestic, non-profit corporation.

The insignia is also incorporated. It consists of a white background thirty inches high, six inches wide with plain black block letters G-P-C arranged vertically, six inches high four inches wide, three inches between letters, lines seven-eighths inch thick. Above letters is an arrow for turns. Black spaces in letters from use of stencils should be pointed in to make the letters appear solid. Commercial clubs in each town see to the marking.

If there is anything you know or can do about completing the road north of Deadwood, S. D., and bringing it to a finish, this should be done. We must get the road completed as early as possible now so we can begin our advertising campaign for next summer's travel. Advertising committees has been directed to arrange ways and means.

Meetings held during the past season at Tulsa and Lubbock, Texas; at Holyoke, Julesburg, Wray, Burlington, Colorado; and at Broadwater, Nebraska, were all very well represented and successful. Much enthusiasm prevailed.

We have a thirty mile stretch of road north of Wray, Col., which needs attention but it is passable although somewhat rough. Condition of road reported fairly good in Texas all the way through to the Gulf. The sand-hills between Alliance and Broadwater, Neb., are traversed by a fairly passable road. The road is graded practically all of the way with the exception of a forty-mile stretch—from Amarillo, Texas, to Deadwood, South Dakota. Garden county, Nebraska, has spent \$30,000 on this road directly south of Oshkosh and every indication is that they will be able to spend \$40,000 county money and \$40,000 state money on a new double track concrete and steel bridge 1 1/2 mile from Oshkosh in the next few months. A copy of the route through Colorado has been filed with the State Engineer. Promise of state and federal aid in Colorado has been secured but it will take some time to get the appropriation and spend it for actual improvements.

We are advised they have finished organization through South Dakota but we are unable to get the names of towns north of Deadwood. We have not had much success in North Dakota to date. A large road meeting is to be held at Big Springs, Texas, some time in the spring and it is desirable that some of us be present. The Texas organization is already well along towards actual publicity work on the G-P-C and they have shown splendid spirit, as has also Nebraska and Oklahoma. The Jefferson Highway, some hundred miles east running from Canada to St. Joseph, and New Orleans, is our nearest competitor. We have a good connecting link between Yellowstone Park and the Black Hills, two of the greatest scenic attractions in the northern United States and our route is the most direct one from Canada to the Cotton Belt and the Gulf.

From the best information, the highway is 1,715 miles in length from Corpus Christi to Regina. That part of the Puget Sound to the Gulf highway from Amarillo, Texas south to Corpus Christi on the Gulf, has been designated the permanent route of the G-P-C highway.

Outline maps will be prepared as soon as we can get definite information concerning the route north of Deadwood, S. D. These will be available for distribution.

It was decided to put off national advertising until the route was completed through from Canada to the Gulf. The selling of advertising along the route has been taken up on private responsibility but none of it as yet is official, although no doubt later on it will prove of benefit when official advertising is started.

Mrs. D. E. Purinton returned Sunday from Lincoln and Kansas City, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Channus of Ulrichville, O., and two brothers, Clint and Leroy Bevard of Idaho Falls, Idaho. The boys left Tuesday for their Idaho home. They are farmers, and report a yield of twelve thousand bushels of potatoes from a fifty-acre field.

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

Yesterday we nearly got writer's cramp signing the \$200,000 school bonds. The last of these bonds will not be paid for thirty years. While writing away we tried to imagine what Alliance would look like some thirty years hence. When we stop to think Alliance is only about thirty years old. In this short time it has grown from a small prairie village to a city of the first class. We are prone to let our little troubles befog our eyes so that we do not see the great opportunities about us. While our taxes may seem high we are a thousand times better off than many other cities. Alliance has nearly passed through her cowboy and homesteader days. We are now approaching the second stage in her development. There is not another city of our size in Nebraska having such a vast empire practically undeveloped and unexplored at her door. We have untold resources which we do not realize are about us. Let us forget our troubles and spend our time in helping those about us develop this vast empire. Let us co-operate with them as they need our help and we need theirs. There is no reason why we should not make Box Butte county known as "The Home of the Seed Potato" for all America and Alliance the greatest seed potato center. If we will but just look forward and press forward working harmoniously together there is no reason why Alliance should not grow greater in proportion during the next thirty years as it has in the past. It will never come however if we simply set down and wait. This will only come about by constant and concentrated effort on the part of every individual to keep boosting for Alliance and Box Butte county.

## WOULD TAKE CHAMPIONSHIP FROM ALLIANCE

### GERING HAS AMBITIONS IN THE GRIDIRON CIRCLES.

#### Alliance Believed to Have Northwest Nebraska Title Cined by Record of Games.

After it was all settled in the minds of Alliance that the local high school football team was undisputed champion of northwestern Nebraska, there arises a new claimant in Gering, which has a no-defeat record for the season. Gering managed to defeat Scottsbluff Turkey day by a 14 to 13 score, in one of the tightest games of the season. This gives the Gering team undisputed champions of the North Platte valley.

State press dispatches indicate that Gering is inclined to contend with Alliance for the western Nebraska title. The team has not been walloped, but there is a 13 to 13 tie with Sidney against them, a team that Alliance defeated easily, 33 to 6. Judging by the records against different teams, Alliance should easily win the northwestern Nebraska honors.

No game was scheduled between Alliance and Gering this year, and it is possible that one may be arranged to settle the question of superiority definitely. The Alliance team is resting on its record, and Alliance boosters believe that it's up to Gering to demonstrate. Alliance suffered but one defeat this year, at the hands of Ansley, which is not in the northwestern Nebraska league. This was early in the season, and local gridiron supporters are quite sure that if a second game were staged, the result would be different.

## Supt. A. G. Smart to Escort Foch Over Burlington Lines

General Superintendent A. G. Smart of the Burlington, with headquarters at Alliance, left Saturday for Billings, Mont., where he will meet the special train carrying General Ferdinand Foch of France. He will accompany the special on its trip over the Burlington lines, which will be from Billings to the Crow agency in Wyoming, and then back to Billings, from which point General Foch will proceed to the Pacific coast.

The special train, which is under the supervision of a Pennsylvania railroad official who was in charge of the railroads in France during the war, contains the finest railway equipment in the country. Each railroad over which the train passes furnishes an official representative, and Mr. Smart has been selected to represent the Burlington. The trip over the road's lines will include a visit to the famous Custer battlefield, it is said.

## FARMERS' UNION STOREHOUSE ROBBED

Some time between Saturday night and Monday morning, thieves broke into the storehouse of the Farmers' Union association and took ten sacks of flour. The lock was broken off the floor. No trace of the thieves has been discovered.

## TO ORGANIZE ALLIANCE FOR CHARITY WORK

### SOCIETY FORMED AT MEETING HELD MONDAY NOON.

#### Representatives From Various Organizations to Have Place in Branch of Chamber of Commerce.

At a luncheon held at chamber of commerce headquarters Monday noon, to which a number of interested people had been invited, a charity organization for Alliance was formed, to be sponsored by the Alliance chamber of commerce. Every church, club, society, lodge or other organization which does any charity work will be invited to have a representative on the general committee, which will formulate plans for securing funds and will direct the distribution of the money, clothing and food which is donated.

There was some discussion as to the plan for the organization, but every speaker endorsed the idea of a central organization to handle all of the charitable activities of the city.

County Commissioner George Duncan told of the county's activities along charitable lines. At present the board of commissioners is supplying three families with food, and paying two women mothers' pensions, the total at present averaging \$40 a month. This is about half what it has been in former years.

President Glen Miller mentioned the present duplication of effort and the more efficient distribution that could be secured through organized effort. He suggested a general committee, with representatives from all interested organizations in the city. Rev. S. J. Epler endorsed this idea, and suggested that the committee be under the guidance of the chamber of commerce. Similar views were expressed by Rev. M. C. Smith.

City manager Kemmish suggested that the organization be a sort of a clearing house for getting in touch with those who desire assistance, and that the various organizations then take care of their members. This would eliminate duplication, and at the same time place whatever financial burden there might be on the people expected to bear it.

Rev. Andrew Dodge also spoke in favor of some sort of a central organization, suggesting that the details be worked out by the committee.

The motion was put by Lloyd C. Thomas, and was adopted.

The committee, so far as at present known, will consist of the Alliance ministers; Commissioner Duncan representing the board of county commissioners; P. E. O., Mrs. Sam Tillyett, city of Alliance, City Manager Kemmish; W. O. W., Mrs. Nelson; T. P. A., C. M. Looney. The Elks, Red Cross, several railroad unions, and other fraternal societies are expected to have representatives.

Mrs. Lloyd Thomas, secretary of the chamber of commerce, has announced that other organizations in the city desiring to be represented on the general committee will be made welcome. Those interested are asked to communicate with her.

A meeting of the general committee will be called in the near future, at which time plans will be perfected for carrying on the work.

## Antioch Boy Lost a Finger While Playing

Little Harold Herian, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Herian of Antioch suffered the loss of a finger Sunday morning while playing with some other children. They were playing at the water tank and the little Herian boy was chopping the ice with a hatchet and accidentally hit his little finger on the left hand, cutting it so badly that it had to be amputated at the second joint. He was brought to Alliance for medical attention.

## Alliance Special Agents Help to Capture Bootleggers

Special Agent W. S. Short of the Burlington, with his assistant, Sergeant Martin and Chief of Police L. M. Norton of Crawford, on Monday arrested Louis Henderson in a bank car in the Crawford railroad yards, and captured two gallons of moonshine whisky. They later arrested Ernest Gorhan in a Crawford rooming house. Gorhan was alleged to have sent the liquor to the bank car. At the hearing Tuesday morning before Judge E. E. Goch, Gorhan was fined \$50 and costs and Henderson was assessed \$25 and costs.

Word reached Alliance relatives Monday of the death of Albert Hadley, a Box Butte county pioneer and an early resident of Alliance. Mr. Hadley passed away at the soldiers' home at Hot Springs, S. D. Mrs. Fred Hadley and son, Fred, of this city, and Mrs. Violet Shanks of Bridgeport, were with him when the end came. Other relatives live in Alliance.