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## PRISONERS BREAK JAIL

Gain Their Freedom Saturday Night But Are Both Captured

QUICK WORK OF  
SHERIFFS LANDS PAIR.

Grant Blunt and Fifteen Year Old Earl Morris Get Out and Take to River.

The fourth attempted jail delivery in the last four months from the old Cass county cheese box proved to be a success, as far as the jail breaking part was concerned, although the two men who made their departure are again languishing behind the bars, just as far from freedom as they were two weeks ago. The jail breaking occurred last Saturday night when, luckily, there were but two men in confinement. As the evening was such a warm one, the men were not locked in the heavy steel cage in the center of the jail enclosure, but they had been given the freedom of the corridor. Shortly after nine o'clock the evening, both Jailer Manspeaker and his wife left the place for a short visit and it was then that the two men got busy.

They directed their attentions to the door in the room, which has not been impeded with in any of the three previous attempts. It shows that regardless of where they make up their mind to get out, they will meet with success if they are given a few minutes time without interruption. The doors of the county eyecore are not the kind that would need an hour's work of the Professional Raffles to open, as was demonstrated in the few moments work of the two novices who had but the most crude instruments with which to work. The inner door of the old shack is an old heavy wood affair, fastened by a staple held insecurely in the weather-worn woodwork. With a stout piece of board the pair managed to pry the staple from its fastenings, making their first step towards the outer world. The outer door, which had now been reached, is constructed of metal bars and locked on the exterior by a large brass padlock.

Bending a steel ring off the jail heating system (Buck's) they improvised a wrench, fastened it onto a large nut in the outer jail door lock and in fifteen or twenty minutes deftly maneuvering with the crude instrument, succeeded working the nut from the bolt. The bolt was a long one, extending through the door to the lock on the outside. With the nut removed it was no difficult matter but get to freedom. With the aid of the corridor bench they drove the bolt from its place until the lock lost its hold. The rest was easy.

Slipping from their imprisonment in the stifling old dungeon, they carefully closed the door, so it would not attract attention of passersby. Proceeding down Pearl street, on which there are but few pedestrians after the supper hour, they made their way to the Burlington railroad yards going down the track to a point not far from the river. Here they took the foot path down to the stream where they cut loose a row boat belonging to Mr. Edwards in which they embarked and started down the Missouri, rifling with the stream and trying awkwardly to keep the craft in the current.

They had proceeded but a little ways down the river when the dark clouds and sharp lightning badly shattered the prospects of a pleasant journey and the question arose as to what would be the best step to take should the storm break upon them. Here is where the question came up that ultimately led to the arrest of both. Morris, the youth, was in favor of tying up at his home near Union and remaining until early morning after the storm had passed, and Blunt, the promoter of the escapade, did not consider that the best move, but thought they would keep on the go all night. When within a few miles of the lad's home near Union the big rain drops decided the question and they gladly pulled the boat

ashore and made their way to the residence of the lad's mother, Mrs. Eva Morris. Here they remained until two or three o'clock in the morning when it is presumed that Blunt assumed the position of pilot and set forth on the muddy stream, while Morris made his way to the home of a relative. Kaleb Eaton, who lives but a short distance from the home of the lad.

But while these things were going on, the Cass county sheriffs were getting busy also, making rapid steps towards the recovery of the gents who so unceremoniously taken French leave. Mrs. Manspeaker returned home about ten that night to find the jail door ajar and the county charges nowhere to be seen. By the use of the telephone she soon had the sheriff and his deputy on the scene. Suspecting the lad might head for home, Deputy Manspeaker took the midnight train for Union, arriving there early in the morning. He soon satisfied himself that there had been callers at the Morris residence during the night and by 5 o'clock he had located the younger of the pair at the home of Mr. Eaton. From the boy it was learned that Blunt expected to float down stream until day break, and then desert the boat, either boarding a train in the early morning or keeping under cover until it was again dark.

Receiving the news of the capture by wire, the sheriff drove down to Union that morning in Manspeaker's machine. After searching in that and George Barto, constable at Union, he kept a watch on the passing trains. They were soon rewarded for their search for before the morning was far advanced their man was discovered hidden in a coal car which was loaded with sewer pipe. He had boarded the train at Table Rock and had traveled but a few miles when he was captured and returned to the county rat hole. As the boat has not been found it is supposed that it was set adrift down stream.

Grant Blunt, the high mogul of the pirate cruise, is the man charged with stealing a quantity of goods from a Missouri Pacific car near the Platte river bridge a month ago, while the junior partner of the voyage Earl Morris, is the fifteen-year old lad arrested two weeks ago for pilfering a number of revolvers and knives from a hardware store in his home town. He was given a hearing in county court Tuesday and sent to the Reform School.

The former was given a hearing before Judge Rishell last week and was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$500.

When a fifteen year old lad can secure his liberty from the county's law-pen in twenty minutes work, it is about time that the tax payers of the county began an investigation. According to this how long would it take a desperate criminal to gain his liberty? A professional crook could get through the walls of the old shack about as quick as a sand flea could penetrate a union suit. No matter when the attempt at liberty is made the prisoners find little difficulty in making matters go their way. This old county joke has served its purpose long enough—LET'S GET A JAIL!

### Mrs. Shepherdson at Hospital.

W. K. Shepherdson and son, hailing from the village of Murray, were at the depot Wednesday morning on their way to the metropolis, where Mrs. Shepherdson is a patient at St. Joseph's hospital. She had quite a serious operation performed a week ago Thursday and her condition has not improved as rapidly as it should have. Although there is nothing dangerous about her condition, it is thought another operation may be necessary. Mr. Shepherdson received word to this effect Tuesday evening and made the first train connections for Omaha, so if a second operation should be undertaken he could be at her bedside. The warm weather of the past week was found to be very oppressive to the unfortunate lady, who's recovery was somewhat retarded by the effects of the heat.

### Epworth League Notice.

A business and social meeting will be held at the home of Miss Lillian Thompson on Vine street between 6th and 7th, Friday evening, June 24th. Leaguers and friends are cordially invited.

## LIST OF CONTESTANTS

Name	Residence	No. of Votes
Miss Meeta Neitzell, Murdock	- - -	- - -
Miss Daisy Twiss, Louisville	- - -	- - -
Miss Maggie Gillette, Elmwood	- - -	- - -
Rev. Farr, Nehawka	- - -	- - -
Noel Tyson, Elmwood	- - -	- - -
Walter Stuart, Greenwood	- - -	- - -
Jess P. Rassmussen, Avoca	- - -	- - -
Laura Oelschlager, Eagle	- - -	- - -
Luella Stout, Alvo	- - -	- - -
Eva Porter, Mynard	- - -	- - -
James B. Earhart, Murray	- - -	- - -
Miss Zelma Tuey, Plattsmouth	- - -	- - -

The most enthusiastic subscription contest ever pulled off in the state of Nebraska is the one inaugurated by the News-Herald. Each contestant is working with a will and just as soon as they have sent in their vote same will be announced. We would like to announce the vote in our issue of next Tuesday and therefore would suggest to the contestants to be sure to send in what votes they wish to cast so that they will reach this office not later than Monday morning. Do not hold votes back on the start too long but make your showing in the first issue so that your friends may know that you are actively in the race. Many votes will be cast for you by your friends direct. Get out and hustle for the prizes are well worth working for and cannot be won by waiting. The News-Herald wants 5,000 subscriptions on its list and it is going to be easy to get them if the several contestants will put their hearts in their work. Remember the prizes cannot be bought by any contestant. They must be earned and each contestant has an equal show. Now, all together for the prizes. You can win if you try.

To the contestants who have received discouraging advice from parties circulating the report that the one who gets the big prize will have to put up a big bunch of money in order to win, we will say that no matter what the experience has been with other contests, contests that are after the money wholly, such will not be the case in the News-Herald contest, as no amount of money could buy a single vote, and from the fact that no subscriptions will be taken for a period LONGER THAN FIVE YEARS is proof that each contestant has a fair and equal chance of winning.

### COMMERCIAL CLUB ROOMS READY FOR OCCUPANCY.

Headquarters of Organization in Coates Block Have Been Papered in Brown.

The papering of the rooms in the Coates block, to be used as new headquarters for the Commercial club were completed Tuesday and they present a fine appearance. The side walls are finished in a dark tan, and the ceiling with a four-foot drop on the walls, is of a light yellow with darker stripes, giving a faint lattice work effect. A narrow border of dark paper extends around the rooms four feet from the ceiling. The new headquarters are in the northeast corner of the building and consists of two rooms. The front room is the smaller of the two. It is amply large for meetings of twenty-five or thirty persons and is well lighted during the day time by a large sky light. The room at the rear, which has two large entrances into the front room, will be used for mass meetings or any occasion where it will be necessary to accommodate a crowd of a hundred or so. On any special occasion where there is a liability to be many out of town people in the city, the rooms will probably be thrown open as a public rest room. As the paper hanger J. H. Rummerfeld, was just in the middle of his work last Thursday the regular meeting day of the club, the members did not hold their session last week, but it is expected the finishing touches will have been applied by the time of their next regular meeting night and the place will be initiated by a large turnout.

Celebrate the 4th in Plattsmouth.

### "BOYS IN BLUE" WAS DANDY GOOD SHOW.

Eagles Gave Pleasing Production at Parmele Theatre Last Saturday Evening.

"The Boys in Blue" the patriotic performance put on at the Parmele theatre last Saturday evening by the local and Benson lodges of the F. O. E., proved to be a very creditable performance and although the sultry, oppressive evening limited the crowd in attendance, the fair sized audience which witnessed the production pronounced it a fine one. The stellar attractions of the evening were A. L. Hildinger, the midget comedian and black face artist; Marie Snowden, toe dancer and singer; Mr. Wortman, professional whistler; D. Bratton, slight of hand artist and Professor Mickelson, juggler. The closing scene of the production was the defense of Harper's Ferry by the Boys in Blue, carried out by the visiting team. The effects were very realistic and the work showed hours of diligent drill on the part of the performers.

Financially, the affair was also very pleasing, for it greatly helped to feather the nest of the local Eagle as well as taking off a substantial chunk from the debt which hangs over the new Eagle building at Benson.

After the drop of the asbestos at the theatre, the lodge members adjourned to their hall where several new members were initiated into the fellowship of the order. The Benson show troupe brought with them a good sized delegation of Benson and Omaha Eagles and it was a big time they had at the Eagle hall Saturday night.

### EGBENBERGER'S TEAM MAKES LIVELY TRIP

Frightened by Train, They Tear Up Main Street, But No Damage Results.

A light delivery team of Ed Egenberger attached to the adversary of the city water wagon took a little jaunt up Main street Tuesday afternoon, the trip very luckily terminating at the corner of Vine and Fifth streets without anyone the worse for the few minutes of excitement.

The horses were backed up at the beer vault at the Burlington tracks where a number of regiments of dead soldiers' or cases of empties were being unloaded. The men on the job were both on the inside of the building when an engine came down the tracks with an oversupply of tooting, grinding and various other brands of noises, which were very trying on the animal's nerves. Consequently, to make themselves scarce was their only idea and they set off up Main street in a hasty search for a quieter place.

Four or five different pedestrians made attempts at stopping them by frantically waving their arms as the galloping team approached, but they paid no attention to the gesticulations. At Fifth and Main streets they turned North, neatly making the corner on two wheels and missing by hair breadths a number of farmers rigs that were standing at the hitching posts along the cutbs. As they passed the Fifth street blacksmith shop, Frank Svoboda ran from the building, clambered in over the low end-gate and seizing the lines which were fastened to the seat, soon had the worn out team under control. It was hardly short of miraculous how the horses found a clear trail up Main street, succeeded in making the corner at Fifth and wound their way along that street, crowded with teams and automobiles, without reducing a number of the wagons and carriages to fit candidates for the junk heap.

### NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM COURT HOUSE

Dan Cupld Still Keeping Up His Good Work Several Marriage Licenses Issued.

Saturday afternoon just about the time for Judge Beeson to lock his windows and turn the key in his office door, Fred F. Ohm, age 26 and Clara M. Grassman, age 31, appeared in the county court room and applied for a marriage license. They were quietly married by the judge, and went on their way rejoicing, their glee being partially due to the fact that they had postponed the ceremony until it was too late for the Saturday evening papers to announce it. The groom is a young man of the city, son of Fred Ohm, while the bride is the daughter of William Bowsby, also a Plattsmouth resident.

Marriage license issued Monday for Walter W. Mockenhaupt, son of C. E. Mockenhaupt and Lenora Tighe, daughter of John Tighe, both residing on farms near Manley. Both of the contracting parties are of age.

Petition for re-guardianship was filed in county court Monday the minor heirs in question being the children of the late LeRoy Applegate. The deceased's family consists of Mrs. Ida Applegate and the children Paul, age 17, Palmer, age 15; Eugene, age 11; Jessie, age 8. Mrs. Ida Applegate was appointed guardian.

Petition for probate of will was filed in county court Monday in the estate of John Dreamer, John C. Dreamer, son of the deceased being named as administrator.

A marriage license was written Tuesday for Henry Steele, age 27, of Kanona, Kansas, and Mabel Fowler age 26 of Weeping Water.

A legal notice was filed in district court Tuesday morning to remove the clouds and quiet title on a quantity of land situated in the county. The notice was filed by J. P. Falter through his attorney John Leyda, the defendants in the case being Abraham Harper, et al.

## MORRIS IS SENTENCED

Decision Given by Judge In The County Court Tuesday

ADMITS BURGLARIZING  
UNION HARDWARE.

Earl Morris, Fifteen Years Old, Sent to Reform School Until of Age.

At the hearing of Earl Morris, the Union lad charged with burglarizing the hardware store of R. L. Upton at that place on the 11th of March, held before County Judge Beeson Tuesday morning, the judge handed down the decision that the youth be committed to the state reformatory. According to the statutes, unless an inmate is paroled on good behavior, he must remain at the reformatory until of age, which in this case will be for a period of more than five years.

The defendant was a bright looking lad, who will not reach his sixteenth year until next December. He is a son of Mrs. Eva Morris, a Union resident. The lad entered the store of R. L. Upton on the night of March 11, gaining entrance through a rear basement window, which he pried open. He made his way up the cellar stairs to the store room above, where he broke open the gun case, stole some revolvers, cartridges and knives and escaped from the building unnoticed. He left shortly after for Missouri, disposing of the articles while there, and returned home about three weeks ago. He was just about to leave the city again, when he was arrested at the depot by Constable Barton.

He was taken before Justice Newell who holds court in a small room at his residence, and the boy owned up to entering the building and stealing the goods. The papers were transferred to county court, where his final hearing was had Tuesday. On account of the absence of County Attorney Ramsey, his father B. S. Ramsey, carried the case. William Robertson, acted as defending attorney. The witnesses called by the acting county attorney, showed that the youth did not bear the best of a reputation in the vicinity of Union, although when cross examined, very few testified to his ever being seen to smoke, disobey his parents or use profanity. From the stories told by the witnesses, it was shown the mother had never exercised any great amount of care in rearing the boy and for two or three years he has been running at large earning just enough money to supply his wants and never worrying where he was going to "hang up for the night." The night he committed the burglary, it is stated he slept at the depot.

Among the misdemeanors of the boy as told by the witnesses, was the stealing of a watch last January from a residence where Morris had been seen a short time before the timepiece disappeared. He was generally accused of stealing it, but no complaint was ever filed against him. In county court the lad stoutly denied having anything to do with the watch, and it is doubtful if he could have been proven guilty of the charge as the evidence in the case was very weak.

The boy seemed to have been a roustabout with no place he could call home for the past two or three years, for a time living with Kaleb Eaton, a relative residing near Union, but he kept the harmony of the home badly upset and he was soon seeking a different place to hang his hat.

Judging from the care the mother has exercised over the lad in the past it was doubtful if her discipline in the future would have any better effect, and it was deemed best by the court to order the boy sent to there form school. Mittimus was immediately executed in order that it would not be necessary for him to spend any more time in the unhealthy hole used as a county jail.