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BROKE JAIL SECOND TIME

Old Building Badly Smashed up by Fifteen Year Old Youth.

MORRIS MAKES ESCAPE BUT IS AGAIN CAUGHT

Pulls off Iron Bar and Batters up Two Big Padlocks to Gain His Liberty.

According to the regular routine now followed by Cass county prisoners, Earl Morris, the boy burglar, again became tired of his solitary confinement in the city section of the county jail, so Thursday night he decided to amble forth and proceed about his business. Not thinking the permission of the sheriff or jailer necessary, he awaited until they had vacated the neighborhood before he made his exit. Mrs. Manspeaker, the deputy's wife, left their apartment above the jail room at 8:30 in the evening, which was a signal for the prisoner in the room below to get busy at his work. The men confined in the old shack watch every move made by the jailors so they may govern their actions to ward off suspicion that they are attempting to make their escape.

Knowing that no one was on the scene to guard the old county jail, the lad unscrewed a small bolt which held on one of the bars of his cage to the floor. By bending the iron rod towards him, he broke it squarely off where it was fastened to a cross bar about three and a half feet from the floor. The bar made an ideal instrument for he securing of his liberty. Forcing it between the bars and the door, he soon broke the padlock and let himself in the corridor of the jail. There still remained a heavy gated door on the exterior of the building but the improvised crow-bar again did the work. This door was fastened with a big, brass Yale lock. With the rod the boy bent aside one of the pieces of inch grating adjoining the fastening, thrust the bar into the lock, and getting a fine leverage on it, snapped the big lock as though it were a toy on a dog collar.

Mrs. Manspeaker was again the one to first discover that a prisoner had escaped. She returned about 9:30 finding the door open and turning in an alarm to the sheriff and the police. Men were at once dispatched to Union to watch the home of the boy as it was slightly suspected he might return there. The night's watch brought no results for the officers but the place was kept under their vigilance in case he might show up later.

The only other prisoner in the county scrap heap at the time it was broken open was Grant Blunt, the man being held for trial in the district court charged with grand larceny. However, he was locked in the county cage and was unable to get out to join the one who had departed. Blunt and Morris were the pair that took French leave last Saturday week by breaking the lock on the door. It will be recalled they sailed down the Missouri in a stolen boat, putting up at the Morris residence near Union during the storm and later being captured by the sheriff.

Morris is the lad sentenced to the reform school by Judge Beeson, having been found guilty of burglarizing the hardware store of R. L. Upton at Union.

The pair, although locked in separate cages, had been busy at work in trying to make their getaway for several days before the escape was made. Wednesday night, Deputy Manspeaker discovered a fine collection of junk in Blunt's cell, which he had collected together for some purpose, although it was hard to tell exactly what use he could have made of it. In the collection were two pieces of light iron rod which he had twisted from the iron bed in the cell. These were wired securely together, but just where the wire came from has not been explained. The most unique article in the lot was a long rope measuring about twenty-five

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LONG DRY SPELL IS SOMEWHAT SERIOUS

Not Merely Local Drought But It Extends Over a Large Area in the West.

The Cass county farmers are beginning to surmise that the fates are working against them this spring and summer. The backward spring and prolonged drought, when the much needed warm weather did arrive, have played havoc in their fields. Many of the reports circulated are somewhat exaggerated but it is impossible to deny that the outlook for crops is anything but encouraging. The year has been a most peculiar one, with the greatest abundance of snow during the winter months that Nebraska has experienced in years and a continued drought when the springtime arrived; the season when the state has formerly been blessed with her greatest amount of rainfall.

Friday night, the drought in western part of the state and in the most part of the Dakotas was broken by light showers.

At Norfolk, quite a little moisture fell, but the clouds that appeared around the horizon of Cass county only skirted the edge of the sky without bringing any relief to the local fields.

A recent report from Omaha does not appear very promising: OMAHA, Neb.—The serious conditions which confront the crops of the entire west excepting in a few counties where there has been a little rain, cannot be overestimated. The reports of correspondents show that the drought has been bad enough and that many oat and wheat fields are literally burning up, while cut worms, wire worms, potato bugs chinch bugs and rust are getting in their work completing the ruin of the devastated crops. Twenty per cent of the crop is already a loss and cannot be saved while thirty five per cent or more of the small grain crop is doomed unless rain comes soon. This review is based on the reports of reliable correspondents all over Nebraska and well placed throughout Iowa, Kansas, Wyoming and Colorado.

Another peculiar thing of the season has been the lack of the customary spring rise this year. With the exception of a slight raise early in the spring and a little high water two weeks ago, the river has been unusually low. The Platte river channel is very dry. A report from further up the stream, at Kearney, says the river at that point has gone almost perfectly dry for the first time in several years. Fishermen are reaping rich harvests of fish, invading the bed of the river with pitch forks and spearing fish in large numbers. The Kearney power canal has ceased to generate power and steam is being used for that purpose. It is reported that the snow in the mountains was melted early in March during the warm weather and that there is no relief in sight for the irrigation districts lying west of Kearney.

Will Pankonin Breaks Leg

Willie Pankonin a well known young farmer living southwest of town met with an unfortunate accident Monday which will lay him up for some time. He was cultivating corn near the public road when an automobile came up suddenly and frightened his team. In attempting to keep them from running away he was jerked down and fell in such a manner as to break one of the bones in his left leg at the ankle.

The parties driving the automobile did not stop to assist the young man and he was compelled to crawl a long distance to get possession of the team that he might ride to the house. He was brought to town where the fracture was reduced by a local physician and he is getting along nicely.

The accident comes at a time when he can least afford to take a lay off as farmers at this season of the year are busy in their corn fields.—Louisville Courier.

Advertised Letter List.

Plattsmouth, Neb. June 27, 1910.
Ladies: Mrs. Ford, (2), Mabel Hixon Mrs. E. Swanson.
Gentlemen: C. S. Allen, Thurman Frans, Mr. Joseph, Samuel Rhoten, V. K. Scott, Will Spencer.
Above letters unclaimed will be sent to Dead Letter office July 11th, 1910.
H. A. Schneider, P. M.

LIST OF CONTESTANTS

Name	Residence	No. of Votes
Eva Porter, Mynard, - - - - -		51,800
Miss Daisy Twiss, Louisville - - - - -		28,900
Miss Zelma Tuey, Plattsmouth, - - - - -		18,725
Miss Maggie Gillette, Elmwood - - - - -		6,800
Luella Stout, Alvo, - - - - -		1500
Laura Oelschlager, Eagle, - - - - -		1400
Noel Tyson, Elmwood - - - - -		1400
Walter Stuart, Greenwood - - - - -		
Jess P. Rassmussen, Avoca - - - - -		
James B. Earhart, Murray, - - - - -		

NATIONAL CONGRESS ADJOURNS

\$20,000,000 in Reclamation Certificates to be Issued.

RECORD SHOWS GOOD WORK

Nearly Every Measure Favored by Mr. Taft is Passed by the Body of Law Makers.

Administration bills passed: Striking revision of the railroad laws, including the creation of a commerce court. Admitting Arizona and New Mexico as separate states. Authorizing the establishment of postal savings banks. Giving to the president unlimited authority to withdraw public lands for conservation purposes. Providing for publicity of campaign contributions. Authorizing the issue of \$20,000,000 in certificates of indebtedness to complete reclamation projects. Creating a bureau of mines. Extending the activities of the tariff board and appropriating \$250,000 for its use. Looking to the suppression of the traffic in "white slaves." Authorizing the entry of surface coal lands. Creating a commission to consider economies in the administration of the federal government. Providing a new tariff system for the Philippine islands. Legislation which is ultimately expected to give practically prohibition to Hawaiian islands.

WASHINGTON—The house conferees Friday won their fight for the house provision in the bill authorizing the issuance of \$20,000,000 worth of certificates of indebtedness for the completion of existing reclamation projects of which it is proposed to enter money as raised. They made the concession, however, that the provision should be modified so that the power of appropriation projects should rest upon the president alone. The house provision would have required the approval of the army engineers. The senate opposed turning over to army engineers the question of examining and appropriating projects on the ground that many of the projects had been developed to a point where they must be continued according to the original plans or all the money already invested will be lost. An effort to reconcile the differences

was made at the white house today, when the president had the conferees to luncheon. He proposed that the question of having the project examined by the army engineers be left to the discretion of the executive and the senate conferees were willing to accept this suggestion.

The matter was not settled, however, until after another conference at the capitol and the agreement resulted only after still further concessions by the senate conferees.

After considerable debate the senate accepted the conference report. A joint resolution passed by the senate today extends for two years the time during which ex-confederates may file claims for losses of personal property after surrendering.

The resolution was introduced by Senator Bradley and covers the same grounds as an amendment to the general deficiency bill, which was struck out a few days since on the motion of Senator Bristow. Two hours after the action on the Bradley resolution, Senator Heyburn moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Bradley failed to obtain immediate action on the Heyburn motion, with the result that the matter was left suspended.

The senate today passed the house bill relieving Thomas J. Akins, former assistant treasurer of the United States at St. Louis from the payment of \$61,500 due to the shortage of his second teller, B. P. Dyer, in 1906. The bill was unanimously adopted and goes to the president.

The house conferees today decided from their disagreement to the senate amendment to the campaign publicity bill and the act for publication of contributions after election. Senator Burrows made a report to the senate today, and it was adopted.

Mr. Burton's discourse covered a wide range, including muckraking, sentimental newspaper advocacy and political professions. Referring to the recent declarations of the Ohio

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NOW'S THE TIME TO GET IN THE VOTES

First Showing is Proof That The Contestants Are Working in Earnest

The Big Contest is now on in earnest. We are well pleased with the start that has been made by the workers and feel from the large number of new names that have so early been added to our list that the News Herald will receive untold benefits ere the close of this big race. The votes that have been turned in to date date show that Miss Porter has the lead by 22,900. Now don't let her lead discourage you. The start is just begun, and it only requires a very few new subscriptions to overcome this, but get out and hustle and make it a point to place your name at the head of the list. A \$750 machine is well worth going after in earnest and now that the start is made get busy and don't allow yourself to lag behind. Several of the contestants have withheld their votes this week and we think this is a bad idea. Publish your standing no matter how small and your friends will know that your re in it to win.

Cass county has a large population it should be an easy matter for us to reach the 5,000 mark, which would mean over 8,000,000 votes combined, so you can see the small percentage thus far attained. The game is early, the field is large and the prize is valuable. We look for a decided change in the list next week, so make it a point to be among the top notchers.

We ask the advertisers to keep their eye on this contest as it is to their benefit. With the exception of but two names, which were renewals, the standing above represents new subscribers which were added the first week of this contest. Looks good doesn't it Mr. Advertiser? The News Herald is going to reach the people. Advertise in the paper that reaches the people and you'll get value received

Watters Resigns at Shops.

R. O. Watters, former business manager of the News-Herald, who has been employed as clerk in Superintendent Baird's office at the Burlington shops for several months, turned in his books to the company the middle of last week and accepted a position with the Bankers Life Insurance company, for which he will act as county representative. Judging from his fine work while connected with the paper, and with the approval that his work always met at the railroad office, it is safe to say that Mr. Watters will make a fine man for the insurance company and have the best of success as county representative. The concern with which he is now connected stands at the top of its list, having written over two million dollars worth of policies in this state. Mr. Watters is considering a proposition with the company which will take him out of the city, and there is a little possibility of him locating in Denver, but he does not care to make any statements to this effect yet.

Another New Feature.

The News-Herald is adding another new feature that will undoubtedly be of great interest to its readers. It is a number of articles that will appear, one in each issue, giving the origin and history of the most prominent family names of the country and also illustrations of the family crest or emblem. They are very interesting bits of reading matter giving the correct history of the families from their earliest origin. In this age, many people have become interested in their family history and there are concerns that make a business of compiling family histories, following down the family lines for centuries. Among the family names which will appear in these articles are Livingston, Atwood, Hill, Morrison, Curtis and many others. The newly added feature of news items of long ago, which is now appearing in the columns of the News-Herald, is proving very interesting to the readers, who are acquainted in the locality and are familiar with the aged people, spoken of in the old time articles as young men or women, or even as boys and girls.

Mrs. Elie Pollock was an Omaha caller Saturday, going up in the morning and returning on an evening train.

WEDNESDAY WEED DAY

Citizens to Unite in Killing Off the Pests and Cleaning up.

MAYOR JOHN SATTLER ISSUES PROCLAMATION

Executive Says Weeds Must Be Cut If Not Done Will Tax Owners for Work.

The citizens of Plattsmouth are requested to observe Wednesday, June 29, as weed day and for that purpose I, John P. Sattler, mayor of said city, do hereby proclaim that date. I would ask all citizens to mow the weeds on the streets about their premises and I would also notify them that all weeds left uncut and all trash not cleaned up after said date will be cut and cleaned up by the city and the cost thereof taxed against the property owners. Observe this notice and save costs.
John P. Sattler, Mayor

"Nix with the weeds" is the slogan for tomorrow. Everyone in the city, with a sythe, sickle, dandelion puller or jack knife will join the crusade for the abolition of the weed pest. It is hoped that every weed in the city will fall under the eye of some weed hunter and meet its death. Not only are the weeds in the residence lots to be cut down or pulled up but those along the edges of the streets, next to the curb lines and along the side walks are also doomed. It is hoped to exterminate every weed in the city limits, for the time being at least.

The dry spring has not produced as rank a crop of the troublesome vegetation as often springs up during the early months of the summer, but nevertheless, their growth about the city is decidedly noticeable and the city officials have decided that they do not assist in making the city the Plattsmouth Beautiful that it should be.

The Plattsmouth Landscape Association, a new organization of the city, formed in the early spring to assist in beautifying the lawns in the residence portion of the city, has been waging a continual warfare against its enemies, the dandelion, plantain, "skunk weed" sun-flower, etc., with the result that many of the pretty home surroundings in the residence district are nearly free from the disfiguration of weeds. This organization was influential in the securing of a day for the starting of the city weed war. Many of the most prominent citizens are interested in the association. Among the foremost members are D. O. Dwyer, A. L. Tidd and Judge Travis.

A city ordinance was passed but a few years ago, which legally does away with the unsightly growth of the offensive vegetation, as the city was given the power to cut the weeds and levy the cost of the work on the tax of the property owner. This is undoubtedly a good ordinance, for if the weeds are allowed to grow in one locality, no matter how hard the adjoining property owners endeavor to keep their lots clean, the seeds blown from the weed patch will make a continual round of trouble for the tidy lot owner. According to the late ordinance, any such patch of trouble makers can be cut down by the city, after the proper notice has been presented and property owner has failed to comply with it. The work if done by the city, runs into a much larger bill than if executed by the individual himself.

The executive is giving the people to understand that the city nuisance of weeds must be done away with. The law exists, and if the weeds continue to crop up untouched along the streets and in the yards, it will be enforced. The city officials are endeavoring to take the method of Weed Day instead of resorting to the law for the abating of the nuisance if possible, and all they ask is the cooperation of the people.

Besides the cleaning up of the weeds
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