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ARREST YOUNG MAN FOR RAISING CHECK

Young Man Employed by Luke Wiles Runs Into Trouble

An interesting study in youthful criminality came to light this morning when the authorities placed under arrest Albert Schwartz, a lad of fourteen years who had been employed for a few months by Luke Wiles, the well known cattle raiser, on his farm southwest of the city. The raising checks, his employer being youth had developed a talent for in the habit of paying him in this manner.

The first check which he raised was one for \$2.50 which Mr. Wiles gave him on May 22. The lad brought this check to the city and, as it was made out in indelible pencil, he obtained one of the ordinary kind and quietly raised the amount from \$2.50 to 12.50 writing the words into the face of the check and raising the figures by the insertion of the figure 1 one before the two. The difference in the pencils should have excited suspicion but did not. This check he then presented to A. Bach & Co., who suspected nothing wrong, the boy putting up a story of having been working for Mr. Wiles and easily explained his possession of the check. They cashed the check and presented it with their usual day deposit at the First National Bank. This bank in turn presented the check with its balances to the Bank of Cass County on which bank the check was drawn. Assistant Cashier Rea Patterson, as is his custom checked off the balance and merely glancing at the amount passed it without observing anything unusual with it. Later when Mr. Wiles came to check up his balance the raised check was discovered.

Yesterday the boy received another check from Mr. Wiles, this one amounting to \$2.10. He raised this one to \$12.50, erasing the penciling and filling it out with ink, and presented it to Ed. Lutz of the firm of Zuckewiler & Lutz. Mr. Lutz didn't like the looks of the check and declined to honor it. The boy then took his nerve with him and presented it to Assistant Cashier Rea

Patterson of the Bank of Cass County. Mr. Patterson on glancing at the check became suspicious and questioned the boy. Schwartz attempted to explain the clumsy appearance of the check by stating Mr. Wiles had asked the bank to excuse the clumsy figures. A further questioning scared the lad and he took the check and left, afterwards tearing it up.

Mr. Patterson on thinking the matter over concluded he had better let Mr. Wiles know of the deal and so telephoned him. Mr. Wiles acted promptly in the matter and the authorities were notified, promptly taking Schwartz into custody this morning.

The boy was evidently expecting the trouble and knew what the outcome would be as he stated to Mr. Patterson that he expected to go to the reform school for the offense. He was taken to the jail and will have an examination later.

The boy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schwartz, two estimable and excellent people who keenly feel the trouble which he has brought on himself. There seems no good reason for his foolish actions as his folks are thrifty and hard working people and have always treated the boy right. They are at a loss to understand why he acted as he did. He is a nice appearing boy and Mr. Wiles suspected nothing wrong with him whatever. In fact, it is his appearance that makes him so dangerous as one is naturally impelled to trust him further than he would otherwise on that account.

Mr. Wiles was in the city this morning and expressed the deepest sympathy for the boy's parents. He was undecided whether to prosecute the boy or not and stated that if he thought the lesson had sunk home to him he would be willing to let him off with a reprimand and a warning. He hesitates to send a boy to the reform school if it can be avoided but he does not like the idea of letting the boy continue at large if his criminal instincts should develop. The matter of his punishment is still open for consideration.

How About Those Weeds?

A crusade should be started at once against the weeds which have sprung up all over the city since the recent rains and they should be speedily stamped out. Chicago avenue has a great many high, unsightly weeds along the sidewalk from Eighth street southwest for several blocks. Other streets are in even worse shape and make what should be very pretty streets, unsightly and offensive. Property owners should not wait until the city has to get after them but should see that the weeds are cut at once. While the city cannot afford to spend much money in this work it should be done to the utmost extent which they can afford and several men could be profitably employed at it.

Considerable complaint is being made at the number of unlicensed canines running at large and steps should be taken to rid the city of them. They are particularly offensive in regard to making noise at night and disturbing sick people, a number having registered complaints of this nature. The chief of police should carry out the notice given the public some time since and slay all dogs which are running at large without being duly licensed.

Surprise Party.

Misses Elizabeth and Bertha Hall last Saturday evening gave a surprise party in honor of Mr. W. A. Briskey at his home in the southern part of the city. The evening was pleasantly spent with music and games of various kinds, a lunch being served at a late hour to which all did ample justice.

Those enjoying the evening included Mr. and Mrs. George McDaniel and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Briskey and family, Misses Bertha Hall, Messrs. George Bobleman and James Karnes.

Mrs. Neitzel Ill.

F. R. Guthman departed this afternoon for Murdock called there by the serious illness of his daughter Mrs. H. R. Heitzel. Mrs. Neitzel has been ill for the past ten days with malarial fever and her condition has become decidedly worse today so much so that alarm is felt and it was thought best to summon her father. Her mother Mrs. F. R. Guthman is already there having gone out several days ago to nurse her. In addition to her illness her son Francis is also ill with the fever. The many friends of Mrs. Neitzel in this city and vicinity trust that the alarming symptoms which she has developed may soon disappear and hope for her early recovery from the sickness.

Died on Train.

George B. Dovey, president of the National League Baseball club and principal owner of the same, died very suddenly Saturday while enroute from his home to Cincinnati, O., to attend to some baseball business. His death was due to a sudden hemorrhage of the lungs. Mr. Dovey was a second cousin to the Dovey boys of this city and several years since paid a visit to this city as their guest. He was a prominent figure in baseball circles as well as other lines of business and a man of pleasing personality with a wide circle of friends. His sudden death was a great shock to the Doveys of this city, as well as the numerous people he had met while here.

James Chalfant from near Murray was in the city this morning for a few hours, departing from here for Burwell, Garfield county, where he will look after some land bargains. Mr. Chalfant if he can be suited intends to buy some land and locate in that section.

POSTOFFICE BUILDING

A Letter from Congressman Maguire to Attorney Dwyer, Explains Matters.

The following letter from Congressman Maguire to Attorney D. O. Dwyer will explain matters in reference to Plattsmouth's new government building, and why the work of construction is delayed:

May 31, 1909.

D. O. Dwyer, Esq.,
Plattsmouth, Neb.

Dear Sir:
On May 16 I acknowledged receipt of your inquiry of May 13th relative to the Plattsmouth postoffice building and appropriation. I immediately took the matter up with the public building committee and after satisfactory information was secured from these committees on the appropriation, selection of site, etc., I further took up the matter with the superintending architect of the treasury department as to what had been done as to the drawings and construction of the building.

I am informed that the appropriations were all regularly made, \$50,000 for the building and \$7,500 for the site, but it seems the site cost but \$2,600; that the appropriation for the building will be available July 1, 1909.

The supervising architect advises me as follows on preparation of plans and construction:

"You are advised that the drawings for the various buildings are listed in this office in the order in which the sites were acquired by the government, precedence being given to the preparation of drawings or extensions to buildings already constructed, the exigency of the case demanding that they be expedited as much as possible. After this has been accomplished, the working drawings for the new building provided for under the public building bill, 1908, will be taken up in the order in which the sites were vested under the control of the government. In the case of the Plattsmouth building the site was acquired August 23, 1907. It will be noted the erection of a building thereon was not authorized until May 30th, 1908, and is has been given its proper place on the list. While it cannot be definitely stated at this time when the drawings for the federal building at Plattsmouth will be commenced it is probable that they will not be reached before the fall of to present year."

If there is anything I can do to hasten this building I will assure you that it will be done. I will keep a close watch on the whole matter and see that nothing is delayed or neglected at this point. If you or the people of Plattsmouth have any suggestions to offer I shall be glad to comply with them, but I feel that the treasury department will not neglect its duty.

If possible let me hear from you on this matter.

Yours very etoaimfwypaol
Very truly yours,
John A. Maguire.

Young Ladies Picnicking.

A pleasant farewell picnic party was given last Friday afternoon at the standpoint park in honor of Miss Julia Janda, who departed Saturday for her home at Lawrence, Neb., where she will spend her vacation. The afternoon was spent in games and various amusements, which all present greatly enjoyed. Luncheon was served at five o'clock, it being a delicious and appetizing repast and one much enjoyed by all.

The happy guests departed for their several homes at dusk after wishing Miss Janda a joyous vacation and a happy return in the fall. The guests included Misses Helena Egenberger, Teresa Droege, Clara Goos, May McElroy, Sophia Chaloupak, May Yelenek, Hulda Goos, May McGuire and Julia Janda.

Returned from the East.

Bert Pollock returned home yesterday morning from an extensive tour in the east in the interests of his several lines of business. While in Chicago and in Indiana Mr. Pollock had the pleasure of witnessing the Cobe cup race and he describes it as thrilling in the extreme. Some of the automobiles engaged in the race went thundering by at the rate of ninety miles an hour. There was a tremendous crowd to witness the race which goes down on record as one of the biggest of automobile events. Mr. Pollock thinks himself amply repaid for his attendance.

Sergeant Doyle Visits in Town.

From Tuesday's Daily.
Sergeant Doyle visited in town last Sunday in the city with his sister, Mrs. Frank Rauen, returning to Fort Omaha this morning. Sergeant Doyle expects before a great while to be called to the Philippines as all sergeants have to take a turn in work in the islands. He is an ordinance sergeant and as such has charge of the accounts for ordinance. He has been engaged in checking up the ordinance and accounts of a captain at Fort Omaha who has retired. Speaking of his particular line of duty Sergeant Doyle says there is hardly an instance but what the captain in charge when he came to settle up with the United States found himself short. This is largely owing to carelessness in handling accounts and to lack of knowledge of what different articles in use in the army are called—the technical name for pieces of ordinance. In such cases some particular piece of ordinance is short while other pieces are over. As the captains are held responsible for any deficiency which may take place they frequently lose large sums in this way. A failure to pay the deficiency means a term in the military prison at Ft. Leavenworth so strict are the rules enforced. He cited a case which he had heard of in the Philippines in which a captain in charge of a force of Philippine scouts found himself several thousand dollars short owing to the thieving propensities of his scouts. He was sorely perplexed as to what to do to get rid of the deficiency which meant to bankrupt him or send him to prison, but was fortunately saved by the whole supply department together with everything else in the way of equipment being burned up while the force was in camp at the front. This relieved him as there was no way of checking him up. Sergeant Doyle has very little use for the Philippines and considers them a treacherous and uncertain race. He is not at all enthusiastic over the prospect of having to return to the islands where he has been several times, but it is part of the duties and he will have to go when his turn comes. Sergeant Doyle is one of the youngest ordinance sergeants in the service, this job having usually been filled by the older officers. Of late years, however, this policy has been altered and younger men are chosen especially with regard to service in the Philippines.

River Causing Some Grief.

From Tuesday's Daily.
Now that the Missouri river is going down, it has commenced handing the regular dose of grief to the roadway and bridge and building department. It has commenced cutting away the point of land which projects into the river opposite the waterworks. It is now cutting in the big bend on the Iowa side but eating away the point of it. Master Carpenter Hedengren today has a force of men from his bridge gang working there trying to stop the ravages of the river. The worst cutting is just north of the big grove. This had all been rip-rapped a long time ago, but it is not stopping the stream now. In addition, the river is still cutting into the west bank above the mouth of the Platte, the current being thrown from that point to the opposite side of the stream against the point. Mr. Hedengren hopes to be able to soon stop the cutting and save the big bridge as well as the rich farm lands which will go into the river unless this is done.

Handsome Flowers.

R. Sherwood, the veteran shoe man, has a very remarkable crimson rambler rose growing in the backyard of his store building. People who have examined the flower catalogues should pay him a call and see how nearly this handsome rose resembles the pictures in the catalogue. It is running up the east wall of Assemussen & Klinger's hardware store and is one of the most beautiful sights to be imagined. It is literally a mass of bloom, the flowers being rich, deep red of the rose and covering the vine in a profusion of blossoms. Mr. Sherwood is one of the few enterprising merchants of the city who takes a pride and delight in making the spare yard room of his lot attractive and handsome to the eye. He keeps this yard nicely sodded and has flowers planted where the rich bloom will lend a pleasant and cozy air to the premises. If all other merchants would follow his example it would make a vast change in the appearance of things.

Delightful Picnic.

The lawn picnic given on Saturday last to the participants in the Mother Goose entertainment of St. John's church at the home of the Schlater's on North Fifth street was a rare treat, every possible arrangement, having been made to make the affair a delightful event for the little ones. Some thirty-five guests took part in the pleasures of the afternoon finding many ways in which to enjoy themselves upon the handsome lawn. The afternoon passed all too quickly the little guests amusing themselves with the many numerous swings which had been erected for the occasion, marching about the lawn and singing and playing music. Later ice cream and cake was served them this toothsome repast being greatly enjoyed by all. In addition to the members of Mr. Schlater's family those who looked after the welfare of the children included Rev. Father M. A. Shine, several of the sisters and a few personal friends. The following young ladies served the refreshments for the little ones: Misses Zora Smith, Marie Fitzgerald, Opal Fitzgerald, Rose Jirousek, Able Jirousek and Anna Jirousek. When the time came for the picnic to end, all the guests were loth to depart so pleasant had the day been.

Those who attended and who participated in the Mother Goose entertainment included Misses Dorothy Short, Helen Kirisk, Florence Olson, Celestine Short, Elizabeth Ptak, Rose Skoumal, Rose Janda, Mare Olson, Rose Worster, Anna Haber, Ursula Herold, Norine Schulhof, Elenor Schulhof, Carrie Schulhof, Marion Mauzy, Margaret Schlater, Mildred Schlater, Messrs Raymond Krisky, Tom McGuire, Charley Skoumal, Johnny Ptak, Tom Walling, Robt. Eagan, George Schuldice, Matthew Leiner, Frank Worster, Henry Todd, Henry Herold, Willie Schlater.

Heavy Rainfall South.

From Tuesday's Daily.
This section was treated to another heavy rainfall early this morning, a heavy understorm taking place shortly after midnight, causing deep mud and lots of water on the streets and in the creeks.

South of this city the storm is reported to have been very bad, the full extent of it being unknown at this writing. The morning M. P. train from the south is reported as abandoned. There are no wires working in either direction on that road and telephone communication with the operator at Union stated that he was informed the train was annulled today. This would indicate serious trouble at some point south of that station and below Nebraska City. From this city the appearance of the clouds in that direction indicated a very severe storm and this is being borne out by these messages. The south bound M. P. train ran as usual.

Old Settlers Elect Officers.

The annual business meeting of the Old Settler's association was held last Saturday evening, and the date selected for the reunion this year is Friday and Saturday, August 6 and 7. This will be two weeks earlier than usual, but the Modern Woodmen hold their annual "log-rolling" here August 23, hence it was deemed best to have the two celebration dates as far apart as possible.

The officers of the Old Settler's Association, elected last Saturday evening, are as follows:

President—J. D. Bramblet.
Vice Presidents—T. W. Swan and W. B. Banning.
Treasurer—L. R. Upton.
Secretary—C. L. Graves.
Directors.—F. H. McCarthy, J. A. Talkington, F. Bauer, A. E. Taylor and Ray Frans.—Union Ledger.

Messrs Parmele & Barker have just made the sale of two more fine automobiles, the fortunate purchasers being Charles Warner and Charles Troop. The new machines are fine ones and up to the high standard which Messrs Parmele & Barker have set for their auto business. They made a very handsome addition to the farm equipment of these two gentlemen and represent the investment of quite a sum of money. It is stated that Messrs Parmele & Barker have the sale of several more machines in sight and will soon land them. The growth of the automobile business in this section exceeds all expectations.

Fine line Solid Silver and Cut Glass at Crabill's Jewelry store.

Trip on House-Boat.

From Wednesday's Daily.
Fred Kovar and John Pesek, two young men of Schuyler, Neb., put into this city Saturday evening after a week's trip down the Platte river. The young men are traveling in a house boat which is equipped with a gasoline engine and propeller. They are on their way to New-Orleans, expecting to make the trip to that city in about sixty days. They left Schuyler a week ago Sunday and had a pleasant trip down the Platte to this point taking their time to the journey and tying up here on account of an accident to a propeller blade which was broken. The boat which they have is one of very light draft, some three to five inches being all the water it draws. It is 20 feet long and 6 feet 8 inches in breadth. Their little engine enables them to make rapid time down stream. One of the young men is a relative of James Sochor the tailor with whom he is visiting. They will probably be here several days. They were visited yesterday by four friends from Schuyler who came down especially to meet them here. These four were Messrs Joe Smith, Arthur Smith, Frank Krivohlavak and Joe Pesek who spent the day here returning to Schuyler last evening.

Wedding Under Difficulties.

A wedding at the court house this afternoon was rather an intricate affair and required the services of an interpreter to properly make the parties acquainted with the ceremony. The contracting parties were Joseph Wagener aged 37, and Miss Francisco Schwartz, aged 37, both of Eight Mile Grove precinct. They were married by County Judge Beeson assisted by County Assessor Soennichsen who acted as interpreter. The contracting parties are both estimable Germans who had to have the ceremony repeated to them in their native tongue before they could understand the obligations they were taking. Judge Beeson first delivered a sentence of the ceremony explaining it carefully as he could in English after which Mr. Soennichsen made plain to the groom and the blushing bride what it all meant. They never hesitated in answering "yes" to the questions and the entire ceremony went through harmoniously.

The unique character of the ceremony served to attract quite a crowd to the court room.

Entertain Children.

The third Saturday in June of each year is known as children's day the world over in the Roy Neighbors of America circles. In order to properly celebrate the day, Maple Leaf Camp No. 3389, Royal Neighbors of America, gave a picnic including their children at the home of Neighbor Julia South. There was a large attendance by the Royal Neighbors, their families and friends and the time had was simply fine. Swings had been put into the great trees on the place and these were kept in constant action by the little folks. Other jolly pastimes served to make the afternoon pass quickly and at two o'clock a dinner was spread on the lawn at which all the fine entables to be had was indulged in by the big assemblage of Neighbors and children. The afternoon was indeed a delightful one and all departed more than pleased with their outing.

One Who Was There.

From Wednesday's Daily.
James Stander, mention of whose being in the city is made in another place states that the clouds last night scared many people in Louisville with their black and threatening appearance and for a while it looked like a genuine storm was upon them. However, neither wind nor rain was had here. He states that the Platte river is very high from heavy rains in the north and northwest part of the state, the rise being on the Platte above Louisville however while the streams draining the country north-west of Omaha are also out of their banks from the same cause. The M. P. train from Omaha last night for the south had to run over the Union Pacific to Papillion thence transfer to their own tracks and then to Louisville and the south. This was caused by water over their tracks just out of Omaha.

Never can tell when you'll mash a finger or suffer a cut, burn, bruise or scald. Be prepared. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil instantly relieves the pain—quickly cures the wound.