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TWO PRISONERS MAKE THEIR ESCAPE FROM JAIL SATURDAY

Earl Morris and Grant Blunt Break Padlock on Door and Get Away Only to Be Taken Later by Sheriff Quinton,

Cass county's disgrace, the old county jail, was the scene of a jail break last Saturday night when Grant Blunt and Earl Morris, the two young men in jail waiting trial for burglary made their escape. Blunt is charged with robbing some freight cars of the M. P. near this city and recently was arraigned, pleading not guilty and was bound over to trial in the district court. Morris is waiting sentence for burglarizing the store of L. R. Upton at Union, he having pleaded guilty to the charge.

The two young men got tired of staying with Jailer Manspeaker and concluded to take French leave which they did by forcing the big bolt to which the hasp and padlock of the outer door are fastened out and then calmly walking out and away. To understand how easy the job was, it is only necessary to call attention to the fact that the barred iron door on the outside of the jail fastens by means of a padlock and hasp and a long bolt which runs through a piece of two by eight upright. The bolt is fastened on the inside by a large nut which fits over the end of the bolt. The boys removed this nut by using a piece of wire which they cleverly wound around the nut and worked until they got the nut off. This done they commenced to drive the bolt outward and forced it through the eight inches of wood, allowing the door to swing out and opening the way to freedom. The inside door of the jail is a common wooden door which is fastened on the outside by a hood and a heavy staple imbedded in the two by eight mentioned above. This was closed also but the boys got hold of something sufficiently strong and heavy enough to force this door open, pulling the staple out.

All this took place just about 9 o'clock and while Jailer Manspeaker and family were enjoying a little of the fresh air of the evening. The two boys had been given the liberty of the corridor owing to the intense heat of the day and evening, the old jail being about the hottest place this side of Gehenna unhot weather, and humanitarianism dictating that they be allowed some little air. Mrs. Manspeaker discovered the escape of the boys immediately after she returned home and at once raised an alarm, sending for her husband and Sheriff Quinton. Immediately there was some tall hustling to head off the fugitives, the officers surmising that the two boys would head south, Morris for the home of his mother near Union and Blunt for Nebraska City.

Their judgment was vindicated for Morris headed straight for his mother's home. Deputy Sheriff Manspeaker took the midnight train for Union and found the lad there, his mother turning him over to the officer who brought him back Sunday morning within a few hours after his bold dash for liberty. Mr. Manspeaker also found that Blunt had been there with the boy but had left. With this as a fact, Mr. Manspeaker notified Sheriff Quinton who went after Blunt in an automobile.

Blunt was a little luckier than Morris, however, and kept away from the officers yesterday, finally being landed near Nebraska City where he was taken from a train on which he was riding, headed south. Sheriff Quinton brought him back to this city this morning and he is now in jail.

This last escape should demonstrate beyond a doubt that it is high time a new jail was erected here—one which will hold prisoners tight. When the present old rickety structure is considered it can be seen that there is virtually no chance to hold a dangerous prisoner in this structure. The Journal has been clamoring for a new and strong jail and it believes that there was never a better time than the present to build one. The question of issuing bonds for this purpose should be submitted to the voters at the coming primary election and at the election this fall and steps taken to protect the people of the county from the depredations of criminals. These men might have been murderers instead of common burglars and thieves and in that case there would probably have been serious trouble and perhaps, loss of life in apprehending them. The thing to do is to furnish the county officials with some adequate means of holding their men after they get them and not to blame the officers for their escape if they are to be confined in a tumble down shack like the jail is at present.

In this kind of weather the jail is a frightful place for a human to be confined in. It is small, very confining and down in a hole in the ground where fresh air cannot penetrate. Deputy Sheriff Manspeaker tries his best to give the prisoners all the fresh air possible but it is absolutely unsafe to leave them in the open corridor as they could easily get out in a dozen different places. Build a new jail and build it now and prevent any more of these escapes. The people owe it to themselves and their officers to confine criminals so they cannot be loose to prey upon the public and this cannot be done under present conditions.

MISS ELIZABETH HRASKY DIES

Passes Away in Reno, Nevada, of Lung Trouble.

From Monday's Daily.
Word was received in the city last Saturday afternoon of the death at Reno, Nev., of Elizabeth Hrasky, a daughter of George Hrasky of this city. The first notice the family had of the death of the young lady was when a message was received at noon announcing her passing away. The cause of death is given as abscess of the lungs. The young lady had been in ill health for some time but her condition was not thought to be dangerous and this made the news of her death come as a great shock to her parents and many friends. Her brother had returned on Friday from a visit with her but did not consider her illness as dangerous when he had left.

The funeral of this estimable young lady will take place on Wednesday morning next, from Holy Rosary church, of which she was a devout member. The body is expected to arrive in this city some time tomorrow.

Deceased was born in this city and passed the greater part of her life here. She was a lady of much personal charm and quite popular with all who knew her. She made friends

of everyone who had the pleasure of meeting her and this had made her a host of good friends who will hear of her death with the most sincere regret. A further sketch of the young lady and a more full announcement of the arrangements for the funeral will appear in the Journal of Tuesday.

Nebraska City Boozer at Union.

From Monday's Daily.
Reports come up from Union that a malefactor filled with an evil desire to shoot up the town and also with some bad Nebraska City booze, lighted in that village Saturday night and started out shooting indiscriminately up and down the public ways. This peeved the good people of the town a whole lot and a concerted raid was made on said malefactor, resulting in his being placed in limbo or in the city calaboose as the case might be. He had a hearing before Justice Newell yesterday morning but what his sentence was is not known at this writing. It is believed he got the extreme limit of the law, probably 999 years. No damage was done save to the nerves of the good citizens of the town.

T. J. Will departed this morning for Hennessey, Okla., near which place he has some land and near where he has relatives living. He goes down to spend a week or ten days in looking after his crops and expects to enjoy a visit at the same time.

DEATH CLAIMS FRED GORDER

Bright Young Son of Mr. and Mrs. August Gorder Victim of Scarlet Fever

From Monday's Daily.
DIED—Gorder, Fred, at the home of his parents in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on Saturday, June 18, 1910, at 9 o'clock p. m., of scarlet fever, aged 12 years, 9 months and 4 days. Funeral on Sunday, June 19, 1910, private. Interment at Oak Hill.

The entire city was plunged into deep grief on Saturday evening last, when it heard of the passing away of little Fred Gorder, the bright and ambitious little son of Mr. and Mrs. August Gorder living in South Park. The illness which carried the brave little man away was of short duration, being barely a week in length and it had been hoped that the ravages of the dreaded complaint could be overcome and that the little man would pull through the crisis. He had been ill since Monday when he lapsed into unconsciousness and the attending physician lost hope of saving him but on Friday he had revived to some extent and seemed to be able to recognize his father. This caused a hope to rise in the breasts of all that he would ultimately recover and was looked upon as a hopeful sign. It proved to be a false hope, however, and on Saturday, it was seen that he was sinking fast and that the end was not far away. It came as stated above about 9 o'clock that night when the little fellow gave up the hard fight and passed peacefully away.

The little man was born in this city on September 14, 1897, and had lived here all his life. He was a more than usually bright young man and had earned the reputation of being the smartest and ablest young man in a business sense of his years. He was, indeed, a veritable prodigy when it came down to looking after business matters and had a grasp of affairs and an astuteness which astonished all who had met him. With this he combined a winning personality which made him friends by the score. He had sound, careful judgment which far surpassed that of many a man of mature years and he had become the close associate and adviser of his father in matters which called for the most astute judgment.

He had a fondness for study which amounted almost to mania and he had been endeavoring to develop himself along lines of electrical appliances. He studied automobiles in particular and was the chauffeur for his father, handling the big machine with a rare and discriminating judgment. So intense was his longing to master mechanics and the fields of electrical science that the study had commenced to tell upon him some time since and he was threatened with an illness. This caused the physician of the family to a short time ago order that he desist from studying and that he be compelled to do without lights during the evening.

It was perhaps to this effect upon his system that the disease which carried him off, was enabled to fasten its deadly grip upon him. His intensely nervous disposition was one of the drawbacks in the fight for life which he made but it was thought he could overcome the complaint even with these handicaps.

The parents of this little man, and his other relatives all have the most sincere sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement. The regrettable nature of the disease combined to keep the many friends from attending the obsequies to their deep regret, the funeral taking place yesterday and being private. Interment was made in the family plot at Oak Hill.

Legal Business at Papillion.

Byron Clark departed this morning for Omaha and Papillion where he appears of the assessment of benefits hearing of the assessment of benefits by reason of the creation of the Papillion drainage district. This is an ambitious project and covers the work of draining a large territory adjacent to the Papio. There are a number of railroads deeply interested in the project including besides the Burlington, the Missouri Pacific, the Chicago & Northwestern, the Union Pacific, and the Rock Island. The hearing promises to be an interesting one and probably will result in extended litigation before the matter is finally disposed of.

Much Better.

From Monday's Daily.
Mrs. J. W. Amick came up this morning from near Murray to take the morning train for Omaha where she will spend the day. Mr. Slocum drove her up in his touring car. Mr. Slocum's mother, mention of whose illness was made several days since in the Journal, is reported this morning as much better and on the road toward recovery. This will be welcome news to the many friends of the lady who were alarmed at her condition several days since. It is believed now that she will get well unless unexpected complications ensue.

"THE BOYS IN BLUE" MAKES A BIG HIT

Parmele Theater Draws Crowd Despite Intense Heat.

A very large audience gathered last Saturday evening at the Parmele theater to witness the presentation of "The Boys in Blue," by the Benson lodge of Eagles, and this, despite the intense heat which kept many away who held tickets to the play. All who attended unite in pronouncing the entertainment one of the finest ever seen in this city and are a unit in praise of the Benson drill team and the several members on the program. The affair had been advertised and guaranteed to be one of the best ever given on the local stage and there was no question of the guarantee being made good. The Benson Eagles covered themselves and their order with glory and demonstrated that they have one of the best drilled teams in the state or the country besides having a remarkably good amount of talent in their membership. The affair netted the local lodge a handsome sum after all the expenses were paid and was a substantial lift to the treasury which was already in good shape.

The opening number on the program was a drill by the degree team of the Benson lodge and it was a fine one. The members executed a number of difficult and intricate drills and did them all with the highest degree of grace and exactness. Their work was pronounced by competent judges to be the equal of the crack teams of the country and they deserved the applause with which their several evolutions were greeted. The men presented a very handsome appearance also in their uniforms and looked the finest specimens of American manhood.

The midget comedian, A. L. Hildinger, Jr., made a great hit with the entire audience and all that he was advertised to do, he did. He is a good singer and has a number of bright and sparkling monologues which kept his audience in continuous laughter. He is certainly a top liner wherever he is placed and his work was worthy of all the applause which it received. His versatility was shown when he appeared as a black face comedian and there were a great many in the audience who did not believe that he was the same man who appeared as the midget. In his black face act he did better, perhaps, than before but in both instances his work was very good.

The juggling of Prof. Mickelson was also an excellent feature of the program and attracted much favorable comment. He did many tricks which were a marvel of mystery to his audience and demonstrated that he is really a very excellent performer of the black art. He was watched throughout his number with the very closest attention and deserved the good things which were said of him after the act was finished.

Miss Marie Snowden is a really clever dancer and proved captivating to the audience. Her toe dancing was especially good and rivaled that of many a premier dancer of high fame. She is also a very capable and clever singer with a good voice and taken altogether she made a fine hit with the audience. She is a very pretty and refined little lady and won herself a host of friends by her personality and excellent work.

Dale Bratton as the magician filled his number with an excellent exhibition of sleight of hand work and like Prof. Mickelson did some things which were very puzzling to the public. He made things happen which mortal man would not have believed could take place and those of the younger in the audience were spell-bound in admiration. It is to be expected that within a few days there will be all kinds of imitators of Prof.

Bratton among the younger folks for he was one of their favorites.

Prof. Wortman as the whistler and mimic made more than good with the audience and he was really a very clever and capable man in that line. He has wonderful powers of mimicry and kept the interest of the audience at a fever heat throughout his act. He was also very good as a whistler and took rank with the best seen here in a long time in that line.

The real big end of the show was the closing number "The Boys in Blue" defending the nation's flag at Harper's Ferry. This act was excellently put on and the team showed great proficiency in their several parts. It was a very realistic battle scene and a number of old soldiers in the audience were worked up to a high pitch by the recalling of the battle scenes of the civil war. The story of the scene was readily understood by the audience who applauded the fine work of the Boys in Blue, repeatedly. When the curtain went down at the close of the act with the noble defenders of the flag lying strewn upon the battlefield, there was a great burst of popular enthusiasm which swept through the big building in a roar of sound indicative of the appreciation of the audience.

The entire performance is above criticism and reflects great credit upon the managers of the affair and upon the several individuals who took part therein. As an amateur performance it is probably the best ever witnessed here and worthy to rank among the very best professional efforts.

After the close of the performance the Benson team adjourned to Eagle hall where several candidates were given the work of the order and taken in as full fledged Eagles. The work of the degree team is pronounced to have been excellent and they gave a fine exemplification of the ritual of the order. There was a very large attendance of members of the order and despite the fact that the hour was late, interest was unchecked to the end. It was very late or rather early in the morning when the lights were out and the festivities came to a close. All told, Saturday was certainly a big day for the Eagles.

Will Wed.

From Monday's Daily.
A marriage license was issued this morning to Walter W. Mockenhaupt of near Louisville and Miss Lenora E. Tighe of Manley, two of the most popular young people of that section of the country. The groom is the second son of Chris Mockenhaupt, the well known farmer from southwest west of Louisville and is a fine young man. He has a great many good friends throughout that section who will bear of his contemplated matrimonial venture with much interest. He is a very able young man and one who bears the highest reputation for industry and ability. The bride-to-be is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Tighe of Manley, a young woman of refinement and many superior attainments, as well as of great personal charm. She has many of the traits which go to make her a popular favorite and bears the respect and esteem of the entire community in which she is known. The mutual friends of these two young people will join in expressing the best wishes for their long and happy union.

In County Court.

In county court this morning letters of guardianship were issued to Mrs. Ida Applegate, mother of Paul, Palmer, Eugene and Jessie Applegate, minor heirs of Leroy Applegate, deceased. The children have an estate coming to them from their father and it is to conserve this for their interests that the appointment is made.

The last will and testament of John Dremer has also been filed in county court for probate, a petition asking for the appointment of John Dremer as administrator with the will annexed. This will make the widow of the deceased executrix but owing to her advanced age, the appointment of the son is urged.

The hearing in the case of the State vs. Earl Morris is set for tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock before Judge Beeson in county court. This hearing is to determine whether the lad shall be sent to the reform school or not.

Dr. George H. Gilmore came up from his home at Murray this afternoon, driving up in his automobile to attend to some business matters in the city. He visited with the Journal a short time before returning to his home.

HOME TEAM WINS BASEBALL GAME

Defeats the Invincibles of Council Bluffs Yesterday.

A fair sized crowd yesterday afternoon saw the Plattsmouth ball team trim the Invincibles of Council Bluffs in a dull and uninteresting contest. The local team, although presenting a patched-up lineup, played all round the visitors who seemed to lack ginger and snap and who fielded miserably at times. The work of the visitors was a distinct disappointment to the audience who had been led to expect a hot and snappy game. They were also weak with the bat and Bardwell had them at his mercy most of the game. Wild throwing resulted in giving Plattsmouth several runs which otherwise would not have been scored.

The home team fielded very well, although they had a few errors which were unnecessary and they hit the ball hard. Mann played at first base in place of McCauley who is in Pennsylvania while Cecil Smith played on third. Smith is not hitting this year like he did last when he was one of the star batters on the team nor was his fielding yesterday up to what he can do. The remainder of the team was the same as presented in recent games and did the usual work which they have been doing, cutting out some of the errors which lost them several games. Harold as usual, caught a good game and played fast ball while Mason did some excellent work which deserves favorable comment.

Two of the Council Bluffs players received injuries in the game which put them out of commission and their places were filled with substitutes. This did not materially affect the score except to probably demoralize the visitors somewhat and make them play worse than they would do otherwise. The final score was 8 to 4 in favor of Plattsmouth.

Plattsmouth fans will be pleased to note that Nebraska City has signed W. K. Keithley of Syracuse as one of their catchers. Keithley played here in the game with the soldiers and he is a good man. He will make good in the Mink league easily and should rank as a player by the end of the season.

Assessment Reduced.

The county commissioners have finished their labors and adjourned as a board of equalization subject to the call of the clerk. They made a number of changes in the assessment, mostly in the city, reducing in all cases save one. The following is a list of the changes made, a number left as returned by the assessors:

- Reduced.**
Mrs. L. Golding from \$3,500 to \$3,200.
J. R. Kelly from \$875 to \$500.
A. S. Barbo from \$1,600 to \$1,100.
J. W. Grassman from \$100 to \$50.
J. W. Grassman from \$850 to \$750.
Joshua Andrews from \$875 to \$550.
A. Nitka from \$1,000 to \$900.
Anton Kanka from \$850 to \$750.
Anton Kanka from \$775 to \$650.
W. C. Hamilton from \$1,770 to \$1,500.
R. P. Rauen from \$750 to \$500.
R. P. Rauen from \$1,200 to \$1,000.
R. P. Rauen from \$600 to \$400.
J. L. Hartshorn from \$900 to \$700.
D. H. Mills from \$1,470 to \$1,000.
Jones Durbin from \$800 to \$600.
P. D. Bates from \$1,600 to \$1,400.
O. C. Dovey from \$8,560 to \$3,660.
- Raised.**
John Warga from \$470 to \$650.

Goes to Idaho.

Prof. W. G. Brooks who has been superintendent of the Fairmont high schools for the past year and who recently resigned to accept the position of superintendent of the schools at Caldwell, Idaho, is in the city making a visit with friends. Prof. Brooks expects to leave within a few days for Caldwell where he will familiarize himself with his new field of work. He is a most excellent young man and an educator of more than ordinary ability, and the good people of Caldwell will find that they made no mistake when they engaged him for the position. He has made a very commendable record during the past year at Fairmont and the people of that vicinity parted with his company with the most sincere regret. That he will succeed at Caldwell is a foregone conclusion and the many good friends whom he has in their neighborhood are confident that he will reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the schools there.