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ONE OF THE ASSAILANTS OF CON-TRACTOR PARKER IS CONVICTED

The Case Created Considerable Interest and a Large Number of Witnesses Were Here From Louisville—The Jury Not Long in Coming to a Decision.

From Friday's Daily.

The jury in the case of the State vs. Simon Meier, wherein the accused was charged with robbery from the person of H. A. Parker, after listening to the evidence and the instructions of the court and the arguments of attorneys, brought in a verdict of guilty and recommended the minimum penalty of three years in the penitentiary. The verdict was handed in last evening about 6 o'clock, the jury being out but a short time.

The trial of the case covered the entire time yesterday, the state opening with its first witness at the beginning of the session yesterday morning and proceeded rapidly, swearing upwards of twenty witnesses up to the noon recess. The afternoon was occupied by the defendant's testimony and the argument of the attorneys in the case. The defense did not put on any of the witnesses which he had subpoenaed, but did go on the stand in his own behalf.

The testimony of the state was about as detailed in the Journal write-up some weeks ago. Mr. Parker had come to Louisville with two or three of his men in the evening and had deposited several hundred dollars in the bank; had been in the saloon and bought his men a couple of beers; they had eaten their supper at a restaurant and started back to camp on the north side of the Platte river, and had proceeded to the northern boundary of the village to within a short distance of the wagon bridge across the river. Two of his men were ahead of Mr. Parker a few feet and

one was in his rear when they were set upon by three men with clubs. The men in advance of Mr. Parker had two or three bottles of beer. Mr. Parker was unarmed and was knocked down, and when he fell he procured a club and grappled with his assailant and defended himself as best he could. His man in the rear was knocked down also. In the scramble Meier robbed Mr. Parker of money and other property. Meier testified in his own behalf and to the effect that he was drunk at the time; that he knew nothing about what he did; that he was knocked down himself and dazed, and that he had no intention of committing a crime.

County Attorney Taylor argued the state's case to the court and jury, and insisted on the guilt of the defendant, and asked for a verdict in accordance with the testimony and instructions.

Ex-County Attorney Rawls appeared for the defendant, and in his argument never denied the guilt of the accused, admitting that the money of Mr. Parker was in the possession of the accused and taken against the will of Mr. Parker. But Mr. Rawls argued against the intent of his client to commit a felony. His condition at the time the crime was committed, Mr. Rawls argued, precluded any intent, and the fact as testified to by Meier and uncontradicted that Meier knew little of what had transpired and for that reason the jury should deal leniently with him.

There are three other men charged with the same crime who are to be tried at the present term of court.

Widen Road at Streight Farm.

This week the county board let the contract for widening the road along the east side of the O. M. Streight farm, north of this city, to Mr. George Poissall. There will be seven or eight hundred yards of dirt to move. The contract price is \$125, and work has been commenced on the job already. The ditch on the west side of the road and along the line of Mr. Streight's east fence, has encroached on the road until it had become dangerous to the public, especially in driving through there in the night.

A LOVELY COUNTRY HOME WEDDING

Bride a Daughter of Mrs. Ida M. Cole and Groom a Popular Young Man.

From Friday's Daily.

A very pretty home wedding occurred last evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Ida M. Cole, near Mynard, the occasion being the uniting in the holy bonds of matrimony Mr. Charles Barnard and Miss Gertrude Cole.

The parlors and dining room were beautifully decorated in pink and white, and the wedding party presented a beautiful picture assembled under an arch of beautiful roses, from which was suspended a large white wedding bell. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Meese of the U. B. church. Before the wedding party appeared Miss Fern Long sang a delightful solo, appropriate to the occasion, at the close of which Miss Stella Long struck up the wedding march, and to the soft tones of the piano the wedding procession advanced into the parlor. Rev. Meese led the procession, followed by a quartet of girls, composed of Misses Opal Cole, Martha Gopen, Helen Livingston and Loreta Propst, dressed in white and wearing a large pink rosette in their hair, and each carrying a basket filled with daisies. Next came the bride and groom, unattended save by the little flower girls just mentioned. The bride wore a beautiful white satin gown with veil, and carried a large bouquet of roses, while the groom at her side was clad in a black business suit. After the impressive ceremony of the U. B. church ritual, which was witnessed by about seventy-five guests, immediate relatives and friends of the bride and groom, congratulations were tendered by all present.

The happy couple and their guests were then ushered into the dining room, where punch was served by Misses Etha Crabill, Rachel Livingston and Elsie Gopen. Brick ice cream and cake was also served. The happy couple departed for Balfour, Iowa, last evening, where a reception will be tendered them today at the home of the groom's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnard have a large number of friends in this vicinity, the bride having been born and reared in this county, who will join with the Journal in wishing the happy young couple much happiness and prosperity. They will reside with the bride's mother and brother until next spring.

The out-of-town guests were: Mrs. Pitzenger, a sister of the groom, of Council Grove, Kansas; Mr. Frank Barnard and family, of Lincoln, and Mr. Irwin Barnard of Hillsdale, Iowa.

Prisoner Here.

From Friday's Daily.

Jack Crawford, who is serving time in the penitentiary for stealing a load or two of wheat from R. L. Propst, was brought down from Lincoln yesterday to testify in the case of the State against William Becker, charged with the same offense. Jack informed the police here that he was doing as well as he could; that he saw the Cass contingent every Sunday and had an opportunity to talk with them. He says Max Ploen, who is serving a life sentence for murder, is cheerful; that Ossenkop has an easy job and is getting along nicely. The prison rules allow them their liberty on Sunday and they can assemble in the court and play ball or any other innocent sport during the afternoon.

SURPRISE TO MISS LE ORA BEITER

The "Melchisedec" Young Ladies "Shower" Miss Beiter at the Home of Rev. L. W. Gade.

From Friday's Daily.

The "Melchisedec" held their regular social meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Gade Thursday evening. The "Melchisedec" girls had received whiffs of a rumor that one of their number, Miss LeOra Beiter, who has been making her home with her sister, Mrs. Charles Hartford, during the past winter months, was soon to be married, and so the girls decided to make this social meeting something out of the ordinary. This occasion was not only in the nature of a surprise in honor of Miss Beiter, but also was a miscellaneous shower.

Miss Beiter had been invited to spend the evening at the Gade home in order that she might not suspect anything was doing. In the meantime, at about 8 o'clock, the girls and a number of friends, who had been invited on this most auspicious occasion, assembled at the home of Miss Clara Wohlfarth and made preparations for going to the Gade home. When the procession was all in readiness it was a sight to behold. The unique invitations had stated that as the girls were all spinsters of good standing in the community, they were requested to come dressed in character. Rigged out in these costumes, the leader carried a large banner with the name of the groom-to-be printed in large and attractive letters on said banner, while the articles which the bride-to-be was to be showered with had been strung on a pole, this pole being carried on their shoulders. In this manner they proceeded to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gade and walked in on Miss Beiter, yelling, "Surprise," and parading about the rooms a number of times.

Miss Beiter was taken at once by complete surprise and words cannot express her astonishment, as she had not even dreamed of such a thing, and then, too, the girls had not kept her very well posted as to their doings. When Miss Beiter had somewhat recovered the girls proceeded to make themselves at home and prepared to have their usual delightful time. The girls had not only been informed that they were to dress in character, but they were to bring an old-fashioned picture of the man supposed to have been refused by them. Not only that, but they were to come prepared to state what "he" lacked to make "him" pleasing to them. There were some very thrilling and heart-rending narratives told, all of which provoked considerable merriment, and at the conclusion the girls decided that the narratives told by Misses Clara Weyrich, Crete Briggs, Ruth Chapman and Estelle Baird were whoppers and they were awarded with a heart.

During the evening delicious wafers and fruit punch was served, which was likewise thoroughly enjoyed. Miss Beiter was made the recipient of a number of handsome and useful gifts calculated to introduce her into the art of housekeeping and which will be constant reminders of this happy occasion. The "Melchisedec" presented her with a beautiful souvenir spoon with the year and the name of the class engraved thereon and which will be cherished by Miss Beiter for many years to come.

Return From School.

From Friday's Daily.

Mrs. C. C. Parmele returned from Godfrey, Illinois, last evening, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Halie, and Miss Lucie Gass, who have been attending school at that city. Mrs. Parmele and party came by boat to Burlington, Iowa, where they were joined by Miss Ellen Pollock, who has been at school at Evans-ton, Illinois, for the past year. The three young ladies will spend their vacation with their parents in this city.

Lost.

Between Manley and Rock Bluffs, an automobile crank. Finder will receive reward by notifying S. O. Cole, Mynard, Neb. 6-15-31d.

Social Workers Meet.

From Friday's Daily.

The Social Workers of the M. E. church held a very pleasant meeting at the delightful home of Mrs. A. J. Beeson yesterday afternoon. There were a large number of the ladies present and all enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent. The regular business session was held, which took the greater portion of the early hours. After this the ladies all joined in having their usual social time. The principal amusement was derived from social conversation and plying the busy needle, and which made the remaining hours pass very rapidly. At the usual time a daily luncheon was served, to which the ladies did ample justice, and at a later hour all dispersed, indebted to the hostess for the splendid entertainment afforded them.

PLEASANTLY ENTERTAINED AT THE TIDD HOME

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Luke's Church Enjoy a Delightful Time.

From Friday's Daily.

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Luke's church held a most excellent meeting at the pleasant home of Mrs. A. L. Tidd yesterday afternoon, which was very largely attended and at which a most delightful time was had. This is the last meeting the auxiliary ladies will hold for the summer months and for this reason a large number of the ladies were in attendance.

"New Mexico" was the topic for the afternoon study and the ladies in charge of the program had a most interesting and instructive one prepared. It proved a very entertaining feature and was greatly enjoyed by those fortunate enough to be present. During the afternoon a business session was held, during which time some matters of importance were attended to, and following this the ladies indulged in social conversation and other amusements, which were thoroughly enjoyed. Delicious refreshments were served, which the ladies likewise greatly appreciated.

Fourth of July Committee Works.

From Friday's Daily.

The committee on the Fourth of July celebration held a very good session last night and thus far have worked up the following program, which does not include all of the attractions which will be offered to the public on that occasion by any means. Among the free attractions will be the following: In the parade will be the Red Men lodge, also a Call-a-Thumpian band. Prizes for the best costume will be offered—\$3, \$2 and \$1. There will be a sham Indian battle on the bar. A wrestling match, either in the Air Dome or in the Parmele theater, the winner to receive \$25 for two falls out of three. There will be a fat man's race, open to the world, the prizes being \$2 and \$1. There will be a girls' race, girls from 8 to 14 years, 50-yard dash, for \$1, 75 and 50 cents. Boys' race, 200-yard dash, boys 18 years and under, for \$1.50, \$1 and 50 cents. Best decorated automobile in parade, \$5. There will be a whistling race for boys. Must run 50 yards and return and whistle tune while running; girl committee at half-way station to designate tune; prizes \$2 and \$1. There will be other equally attractive exhibitions.

Jolly Eight Club Meets.

Mrs. Roy Burdick entertained the Jolly Eight club at her home during the afternoon of Flag day. The decorations of parlors were of flags in keeping with the occasion. The entire membership was present to enjoy Mrs. Burdick's hospitality. High five furnished the amusement for the company. Miss Olga Sattler carried off the first prize and Mrs. Ofe the second. Lovely refreshments, consisting of brick ice cream and cake, were served. An enjoyable afternoon was spent by the club.

Mr. James Terryberry and wife and nephew and niece drove in this morning and attended to some business in the probate court.

OLD SETTLER'S ANNUAL REUNION OF CASS COUNTY

Officers Elected for the Present Season and August 11 and 12 Dates for Celebration.

The annual business meeting of the Old Settlers' association was held at Leach's hotel last Saturday afternoon, and Friday and Saturday, August 11 and 12, selected as the days for holding the twenty-third annual reunion. The meeting was well attended by men who showed their determination to make the reunion this year equal to or better than ever before, and with "Jim" Reynolds to show the way and efficient assistants working harmoniously it looks bright for the best celebration ever held in eastern Nebraska.

The financial report for the last year's reunion showed a deficit of \$60, and that the committee had met this by giving their personal obligation to secure funds for the payment of bills, and the report as read was approved by unanimous vote at this meeting. The officers elected for this year are as follows:

President—James T. Reynolds.
Treasurer—John R. Pierson.
Secretary—Charles L. Graves.
Vice Presidents—J. D. Bramblet and J. D. Cross.
Directors—James T. Reynolds, J. D. Cross, J. D. Bramblet, J. B. Roddy and D. R. Frans.

Superintendents of Concessions—L. R. Upton, John R. Pierson and J. B. Roddy.

The matter of place of holding the reunion was easily settled, as Mrs. Hattie Barnum was called by phone and very readily gave permission to use the Barnum grove, the same grounds that have been used for several years past. There will be another business meeting at the hotel at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, July 1, and all persons interested are requested to attend, as the officers desire to have the co-operation of everybody.—Union Ledger.

Goose Bone Not in It.

Wash Young has a method of predicting rain which lays the goose bone and rheumatic pains far in the shade. When Wash needs rain for his truck patch he simply leaves his valuable kit of carpenter tools on the bench. Wash was in the city yesterday, and just to show how he can hold the limelight over Hicks, he stated that last Wednesday afternoon he was making and fitting window screens for George Snyder, west of Mynard a mile or so. When he went home he left his pliers, saws and chisels all out on the bench, and instructed Mr. Snyder, in case it should begin to rain during the night under no circumstances should the tools be removed from the bench. During the night the rain set in. Mr. Snyder, disregarding Wash's instructions, as soon as he was awakened by a loud clap of thunder, rushed out and brought in the tools. The rain ceased very soon, and when Wash learned of the removal of his tools he was very sore, for he needed the rain.

Nearly a Serious Accident.

From Saturday's Daily.

Robert Propst and son, Willie, and W. F. Gillispie were driving to this city this morning from their homes near Mynard, and when passing along the road near Charles Cook's place they came near meeting with a serious accident. To the side of the road a little girl was playing in the weeds, and just at the time the team was directly in front of her she raised up. The team was so frightened that they gave one leap, landing in the deep ditch to the side of the road. While the buggy did not turn over, it was pretty badly demolished from the heavy load. None of the occupants were injured.

FOR SHERIFF.

I hereby announce by self as a candidate for the nomination for the office of sheriff of Cass county, Nebraska, subject to the decision of the voters at the coming primary election. I ask the voters to place me in nomination on the democratic ticket. G. P. Barton, Union, Neb.

Mr. D. T. Jordan and wife of Omaha were in the city today visiting relatives.

INTERESTING MEETING OF THE COMMERCIAL CLUB

Funds Raised for Weekly Band Concerts and First One Will Occur Next Thursday.

From Friday's Daily.

The Commercial club held an interesting meeting last evening, and, despite the exceedingly warm and uncomfortable room, transacted considerable important business. The committee on raising funds for band concerts reported that after a vigorous canvass sufficient funds were subscribed to make the proposition a success. The initial concert will be given next Thursday evening from 7 to 8 o'clock. The hour is considered convenient for everyone, and the people from the country are especially invited to be present and enjoy the music. The concerts will take place at the intersections of the streets with Main street, the locations to be varied, as formerly. There will be a series of weekly concerts, lasting for a period of three months. Some excellent practices have been held since the reorganization of the band.

Commissioners at Poor Farm.

From Friday's Daily.

The county commissioners made their regular visit to the county farm yesterday, going out to see how things were progressing under the management of Mr. J. H. Tams. They knew well how everything would be before they made the trip, for the past few years that Mr. Tams has held the position they have never been otherwise. They certainly selected the right man for the place when Mr. Tams was given the position. He has given his entire attention to the duties of the farm and at no time can anyone visit the county farm but what they will find everything in tip-top shape. The receipts from the farm have been greater under the management of Mr. Tams than ever before, and this is the point that the commissioners and taxpayers look to as results.

Twenty-two Children.

If the following was not told by the Glenwood Tribune, whose editors are well known for truth and veracity, we would be ready to declare it a base fabrication. The Tribune says:

"William H. Noah, an old-time Mills county pioneer, father of 22 children, 18 of whom are living, grandfather of 84 children, great grandfather of 13, and great, great grandfather of 3 children—118 descendants in all—is visiting in Glenwood.

"He is a brother of Jesse Noah, and lived in Glenwood from 1857 to 1871, when he moved to Graham county, Kansas, where he has since resided. He was one of Glenwood's pioneer blacksmiths, and his shop used to stand near the old Keg creek bridge on Vine street.

"He is accompanied by his wife, who is the mother of 16 of the children. Six of the children were by a first wife.

"Of the 16 children of Mr. and Mrs. Noah, 8 are boys and 8 are girls. All are married and all have children of their own. The families of their children range in size from one to twelve children.

"Of the six children by Mr. Noah's first wife, but two are living. All grew to manhood and womanhood."

Look After Bad Place in Road.

From Friday's Daily.

County Commissioners Jordan, Switzer and Friedrich and County Surveyor Patterson motored to the Gruber farm, between Nehawka and Union, yesterday morning and looked after a bad place in the O street road. There is a bad mud-hole at that point which will require considerable grading to put in condition, and the work of the surveyor was necessary before an estimate of the cost could be made.

Postmaster H. A. Schneider returned from York this morning, where he had attended the postmasters' state convention. Ed Sizer of Lincoln was elected president of the association for another year. Postmaster Cook of Blair was elected secretary.