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CONVICTS AT PENITENTIARY MUTINY; KILL WARDEN, DEPUTY AND GUARD

John Doud, Convicted Safe Blower From This County, One of the Three Desperate Men Who Did the Killings and Made Their Escape From the Penitentiary.

From Friday's Daily.

In a mutiny at the state penitentiary yesterday afternoon at 2:30, Henry Wagner, deputy warden, and Warden Delahanty were killed and Tom Dudy, west cell keeper, was shot twice, but may recover.

The mutiny was planned by three long-term prisoners, one of them John Doud, sent up from this county at the present term of court for from twenty years to life, for safe-blowing and burglary. Sheriff Quinton received over the phone a description of the three men who made their escape, which is as follows:

Charles Marley, 35 years old, light complexion, brown eyes, height 5 feet, 11 1/4 inches, weight 115 pounds; sent up from Douglas county for fifteen years for robbery.

Charles Taylor, light complexion, blue eyes, brown hair, height 5 feet, 4 inches, weight 135 pounds; sent up from Hamilton county for twenty-eight years.

John Doud, six feet tall, weight 160 pounds, light complexion, brown hair; sent up from Cass county for life.

The three desperate men went to the chapel, which, under the prison rules, it seems they had a right to do at any time, and to carry out their plan to kill the warden, shot and killed Deputy Warden Wagner, whose office is off of the chapel. Wagner had only served a short time, having succeeded Deputy Davis, who was murdered by an insane negro prisoner a few weeks ago.

After killing Deputy Wagner they passed the office door of Mont Robb, who rushed to the door as the three desperate men

passed, but was not fired upon. How he escaped their vengeance does not appear. They next held up the turnkey, a former Plattsmouth man, whose name we failed to get, and took the keys from him which let them past Tom Dudy, the west cell house keeper, whom they shot twice. The three then hurried on to Warden Delahanty's office door which they found locked. A charge of dynamite was placed under the door, which blew it open. The warden and an usher, E. E. Heilman, were killed, being shot down in trying to subdue the desperate men. From the warden's office the three convicts made their way to the outside of the building and made their escape. At 7 o'clock this morning the three desperate men were still at large.

It is rumored that the convicts at the penitentiary have had an ill-feeling toward Delahanty for a long time, as his bearing toward the prisoners was very distasteful to them, and his murder had been planned for some time. The desperate character of the men implicated can be understood when the plot was laid by such men as John Doud, who is wanted for assaulting a jailer in Dakota after he should have satisfied the violated law of Nebraska. If he is apprehended now he will be tried for murder, the penalty of which is death.

Although it is not certain who did the shooting which resulted in the death of the warden, deputy warden and usher, yet it will be easily proven that all were in the plot and all equally guilty of the murder. The officer who takes Doud will have to be on his guard, as the escaped convict no doubt realizes the penalty of his crime is death on the gallows.

THE LATE CHAPLAIN OF THE PENITENTIARY

Rev. P. C. Johnson at His Old Home in Tecumseh, Where He Is Loved by All.

Rev. P. C. Johnson of Tecumseh is no longer chaplain of the Nebraska penitentiary at Lincoln, his resignation having been filed and accepted last Saturday. Rev. Johnson has been a faithful employee of the state, but if newspaper reports are true he did not approve of some of the acts of the officials in charge of that institution, and because of this fact declined to further serve. Governor Aldrich is said to have accepted the resignation at once, and Dr. Johnson returned to his home in this city.

Dr. Johnson has long been a member of the party in power, yet possesses enough individual independence to satisfy those who know him that he would not knowingly approve of wrong doing—not even to shield some of the leading members of the political party with which he has so long affiliated. We are advised that the charge made in the public press that Dr. Johnson called on Governor Aldrich for the purpose of vying charges or making complaints against the warden are absolutely unfounded, but Dr. Johnson called for the purpose only of presenting his resignation, and after accepting the same Governor Aldrich indulged in an outburst of impetuosity (some people might call it profanity) asked Dr. Johnson why he had not filed specific charges against the warden, an act Mr. Johnson had not contemplated at any time.—Tecumseh Journal.

Miss Lena Young and Miss Mary Moore arrived from their schools at Cedar Creek and will visit their parents over Sunday.

In the Federal Court.

A motion has been filed in the federal court to set aside the order taxing the costs of the suit on the defendants in the case of John M. Leyda, trustee, against Henry R. and Matthew Gering of Plattsmouth. The case is one growing out of the controversy between Henry Herold and the Gering brothers. The case was decided by Judge T. C. Munger against the Gering and it was taken to the court of appeals and the judgment there affirmed. The present controversy is over the payment of costs.—Lincoln Journal.

OMAHA SYMPHONY STUDY ORCHESTRA

See Arrangements About Perfect- ed for Their Appearance at the Parmele Theater.

From Friday's Daily.

Mrs. H. S. Austin was a passenger to Omaha on the morning train today, where she went to complete the arrangements for the appearance of the Omaha Symphony Study orchestra at the Parmele on the 21st inst. The orchestra is composed of sixty of the best musicians in the metropolis, and under the direction of Mr. Cox, who is one of the best musical directors in the west, the company will put on one of the finest programs ever produced to a music-loving audience in this city.

Mrs. Austin, for the Plattsmouth Players' club, yesterday made arrangements with Agent Clements of the Burlington for a special train to bring the orchestra from Omaha and return them on the same night. This aggregation of musicians have been working on the program which will be given here next Thursday night, for almost a year and will give the same program at one of the large opera houses in Omaha within a short time after the orchestra plays in Plattsmouth. Some idea of the increasing popularity of the orchestra can be had when it is considered that the seats for the performance in Omaha are all sold at this time.

The proceeds above expenses of the performance here the Players' club expects to turn over to the public library, so that the house should be sold out very soon after the seats are placed on sale. The public will have an opportunity of seeing and hearing a program for 50 cents which would cost them from \$1 to \$1.50 in Omaha.

Have Session With Weather Man.

From Friday's Daily.

C. C. Wescott and Joe Peters had an interesting session with the weather man yesterday, and for a time it seemed that there would be a serious mix-up. The weather czar admitted that he was not attending to business and let the last big disturbance slip out before he was aware what had happened. Before the merchant and carpenter left him they had a promise that from now on the weather would be better. It required two big engines to bring three coaches from Omaha last night on No. 14. The following named Plattsmouth people were passengers on this train, having been disappointed in the annulment of No. 2 last night: E. C. Hill, Joe Peters, C. C. Wescott, John Chapman, Jack Minton, Charles Chriswiler, G. L. Farley, Misses Gladys Marshall and Olga Sattler.

Joe Fitzgerald in Hospital.

We are informed that Joseph Fitzgerald, who has been suffering from lung trouble for the past few years, is now confined in the hospital at Omaha and his condition is quite serious. There seems to be very little chance for his recovery. Joe has many friends in Plattsmouth who will regret to learn that his condition is so serious.

For Sale.

Some good first-class prairie hay, on farm eight miles west of Plattsmouth.

R. L. Propst, Mynard.

APPEALING TO THE NEW NEWCOMERS

Only Way Newcomers Can Estimate Merchants Is Through Newspaper Advertising.

In the old days before advertising became general, there were some stores that would seem to get along merely on old established reputation. Population was more stationary then, and the trade of many families was roped and tied down, because their fathers and grandfathers had bought there before them.

These conditions have gone, never to return, both as respects older residents, but emphatically and particularly with newcomers. People move from place to place more easily than before. In most towns today there is a large proportion of comparatively new residents.

A man's business reputation may be ever so well established, but the newcomers know nothing about that. When the newcomer is told orally that a certain store is reliable, he does not know whether this represents merely an impartial judgment or personal friendship.

The newcomer's only way of estimating the character of merchants is through the newspaper advertisement. To these he turns to get his impression of local trade. The merchant that advertises freely, truthfully and convincingly gets the business of the people that move into town.

Sunday School Record Issued.

The March number of the Nebraska Sunday School Record has just been issued and Superintendent Wescott of the Methodist Sunday school has received a number of copies of this neatly printed magazine. The magazine is the official organ of the Nebraska Sunday School association and is published in the interests of practical and progressive Sunday school work. The magazine is of clear print, composed of thirty-two pages, and has a department for every branch of the Sunday school work. On the first page of the March issue is the announcement of the forty-fifth annual state convention at Omaha, June 18, 19 and 20. This will be good news to those interested in the Sunday school work in this county. Heretofore the annual conventions have been held out in the central part of the state, a long distance from this county, making it expensive to go.

Raising Their Endowment.

The Methodists of Nebraska are now engaged in a highly laudable undertaking to boost the endowment fund of the Nebraska Wesleyan university from a hundred thousand to a round half-million dollars. The plan of campaign is unique, in that effort will be made to secure the entire amount in a state-wide whirlwind campaign of subscription taking, to be accomplished in the brief period of eight days. Preliminary to this an educational campaign is being conducted that all Nebraskans may learn more of the Wesleyan, which ranks at the head of our several denominational schools of higher learning with an enrollment of one thousand students.

Some Early Chickens.

The Nebraska hen has been out on a strike during the recent cold weather, and the fresh-laid eggs have been exceptionally scarce, but right here in Plattsmouth we know of one that has been pretty busy for the past few weeks. This one is located at the home of Mrs. H. Gartlemen, in the Fifth ward, and has just hatched out a nice bunch of young chickens, that will sure be among the first for the early fry.

Removes to Garber, Iowa.

W. O. Golder and wife, who have been making their home in Plattsmouth for the past three months, departed for Garber, Iowa, this morning to make their future home. Mr. Golder has been working in John Iverson's shop during his stay in Plattsmouth, and will take charge of a shop at Garber.

GOVERNOR ALDRICH APPOINTS R. W. HYERS ACTING WARDEN OF PENITENTIARY

"Rube" Hyers, Made a Splendid Record as Warden in 1887-1889 and Is Just the Man to Handle the Present Situation—No Trace of the Escaped Convicts Found.

From Saturday's Daily.

Governor Aldrich yesterday appointed R. W. Hyers, a former well known and popular Cass county sheriff, and ex-warden of the penitentiary, as acting warden until a warden can be appointed. The governor 'phoned his appointment from his snow-bound quarters at Auburn, after Steward Mont Robb had asked to be relieved, as he had all he could attend to to feed the prisoners.

The governor could not have found a better man for the responsible place than "Rube" Hyers, who was warden for two years under Governor Thayer, and filled that important position with entire satisfaction to all concerned. The coolness and shrewdness of Mr. Hyers is a strong element in his make-up and he is also a man with strong executive ability and knows how to deal with desperate men, and with his experience in the office of warden he will know just what to do in any emergency. The governor is fortunate in having such a man at hand to fill the place in the present crisis.

Mr. Hyers is the father of Gus Hyers, the present sheriff of Lancaster county, who was at the scene of the mutiny very soon after it broke out at the penitentiary Thursday afternoon. Sheriff Hyers exhibited the same coolness in dealing with the situation that his father has often done in critical times. He got the convicts in their cells and locked up very soon after he arrived on the scene Thursday afternoon, by telling them that a big blizzard was right at hand.

The governor made no mistake in selecting our "Rube" for the responsible position, as he is just the proper person to be at the head of the penitentiary, and all this trouble would never have occurred had he been there at the start of the present administration.

INVENT A NEW KIND OF SNOW PLOW

Snow Plow Which Beats the Armstrong Method of Opening Roads.

From Saturday's Daily.

A. L. Todd and George Stander have an invention of a snow plow which beats the Armstrong method of opening roads by a long way. Yesterday morning Messrs. Todd and Stander constructed a "V" shaped plow with suitable wings or moldboards and of sufficient width to make a path in the snow wide enough for a team and wagon.

The snow plow was attached to a bob-sled behind the front runners, in such a manner that the cross piece set snug against the back runners. Six strong horses were hitched to the plow and Messrs. Todd and Stander and four others got into the wagon-box on the sled and commenced operations. They commenced at the corner of section 10 and came east two miles, turning back at Mat Sulser's place. Some of the drifts encountered were very deep, and at times four of their six horses would be down. At times the six horses could not drag the men and they would have to unload and walk for a distance.

One trip over the road each way put it in fine shape, and the men came to town in the afternoon in their sleighs and their teams trotted right along. Both Mr. Todd and Mr. Stander say they never saw anything like it, the road was completely broken, the crust on the snow being pushed back many feet from the ends of the wings. It took them probably an hour and a half to break two miles of road, and it was done so thoroughly that one driving over the road would not realize that the snow had drifted so badly.

Uncle Ben Beckman.

Uncle Ben Beckman, residing about five miles south of the city, celebrated his 70th birthday on Tuesday of this week. There was quite a number of nearby neighbors and friends came in to assist in the celebration. A much larger crowd was expected, but the heavy snow kept them away. Uncle Ben Beckman is one of the finest old gentlemen in Cass county, and he has hosts of friends who are pleased to see him enjoying such excellent health at his advanced age of 70, and trust that he may live to enjoy many more such happy occasions.

Wes Grassman Improving.

Wes Grassman, who has been very ill for the past few days at his home in this city, suffering from lung trouble and experiencing several hemorrhages of a very severe nature, is much better today. The hemorrhages have been checked and his chances for recovery are good.

AUDITOR SOUNDS A NOTE OF WARNING

Warns Merchants Against Dealing With "Outlaw" Insurance Companies.

State Auditor Barton has issued a warning to all merchants and manufacturing companies in the state against dealing with the "outlaw" insurance companies, which have no legal right to write insurance in Nebraska. The auditor proposes to prosecute agents of such companies if they are found soliciting business in this state.

He states that all admitted companies are required by law to appoint the auditor of public accounts their attorney, and in case of dispute or litigation the claimant can obtain service on the auditor and compel the company to make their defense in the Nebraska courts instead of in a foreign state or country. Mr. Barton has received complaints that many merchants in the state are patronizing the eastern concerns, and takes this means of warning them against the danger in doing so. He says, in part:

The outlaw companies maintain no agents and are forced to write their insurance by representations made through the mails. Every business man knows that the agent who writes his insurance is watchful to see that his interests are protected, that the terms of policies are concurred and do not conflict, and is of the insured, as he is to look after the interests of the company he represents. These insurance agents are, as a rule, competent and active and representative men in the community and fairly earn the commission they receive on the business entrusted to their care.

George Schneider and wife, who were called to Cedar Creek, in this county, to attend the funeral of Mr. Schneider's father, Jacob Schneider, sr., returned to their home at Moorfield this afternoon. The trains on the branch lines have been in snow drifts for the past few days, rendering travel impossible.