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AFTERMATH OF THE FIGHT WITH THE THREE ESCAPED CONVICTS YESTERDAY

There Seems to Be a Great Many Conflicting Stories in Regard to Whom Shot the Convict Taylor and Whether Doud Shot Himself or Was Killed—Morley Taken Back to Lincoln

From Tuesday's Daily.

Sheriff Quinton and his posse returned from the man hunt last night on No. 30, arriving about 10 o'clock. In a talk with a Journal reporter this morning regarding the proceedings which ended the career of the bandits, Charles Taylor and John Doud, and the capture of Charles Morley, the three desperadoes who murdered Warden Delahunty and Deputy Warden Wagner and Guard Heilman last Thursday at the Lincoln penitentiary. Concerning the claims of different officers who were on the ground and contended they were the parties whose bullets killed Taylor, the first of the bandits to be struck, the sheriff is of the opinion that there will be a contest.

After reaching Louisville Sheriff Quinton took his men across to the Platte river, arriving at the rock quarry, not far from the Blunt farm. Sheriff Hyers came in a special to South Bend. In his posse were a company of the National Guard and deputy sheriffs and Mr. Hunt, the most famous criminal sleuth of the United States, the man who killed Outlaw Tracy some time ago. Hunt has been at Lincoln ever since the murder of the penitentiary officials, and a special train has been ready at his command at any time that he got a clew of the whereabouts of the desperadoes. Sheriff Quinton and his men acted under the direction of Sheriff Hyers after his arrival on the ground.

A part of the party were left at the north end of the Platte river bridge and a part of them left at the rock quarry. Then Sheriff Quinton and the rest of his posse, with the soldiers and Mr. Hunt and a posse of Sheriff Hyers were sent to Ritchfield, a station on the Rock Island, to intercept the men who were fleeing north and west and zig-zagging across between Chalco and Gretna. Sheriff Hyers got a horse and struck into the country between Meadow and Gretna.

The bandits were with Roy Blunt in his two-horse wagon and were met a mile west of Springfield by a party of farmers, who recognized Blunt and would not precipitate the battle.

Sheriff Quinton and his men, left Ritchfield and went west, stationing some of his men at each cross-road between that place and Chalco. The bandits were engaged in battle before getting as far north as where Sheriff Quinton and his posse were stationed, and at the time the pursuers came upon the bandits Mr. Hunt and Sheriff Quinton were about eight miles from the scene of the conflict.

The Omaha Bee gives the credit of the killing of the outlaws to Chief of Police Briggs of South Omaha, a fearless and intrepid officer, who says he followed the fleeing bandits within one hundred yards for a mile, and the battle was going on and the only reason that he was not killed was that he was the better marksman. Taylor was killed in the first

shots that were exchanged, and then Blunt, who was forced to drive them, was seen to crumple down in the wagon. Doud and Morley were both shot. Chief Briggs says it may have been his bullet which struck Blunt; it was deplorable, but could not be avoided. Briggs is supported in his contention by Sheriff Chase of Sarpy county.

The World-Herald account, as well as that of the State Journal, gives Sheriff Hyers the credit for making the capture. Sheriff Hyers made a speech on the depot platform at Ashland last night in which he claimed the mead of the capture, as well as the shooting of Taylor.

Sheriff Quinton and his men express their appreciation of the treatment of the Rock Island company, which stopped a through train at Meadow and at Richfield, small stations, both going toward Omaha and returning, to accommodate the sheriff and his posse.

In an extended interview in both the Bee and World-Herald of today Charles Morley, the bandit taken alive, says in substance that Sheriff Hyers is entitled to the credit of the capture; that it was he who shot "Shorty" Gray and that Gray and Driver Blunt were killed during the first firing from the officers; that he, Morley, jumped out of the wagon and threw up his hands after the two men were killed and Doud had shot himself in the head; that Deputy Eikanberry took him by the coat collar and he and Sheriff Hyers prevented the angered men in the posse from shooting him. Morley also states that Taylor, alias Gray, did most of the shooting at the penitentiary and that he gave the revolvers to Morley and Doud.

Never Lived in Cass County.

The Lincoln Journal, in its general account of the killing of Doud and Gray, adds the following: "John Doud, the convict who killed himself rather than be captured, was born and reared in Cass county, Nebraska, where his father now resides, comparatively well-to-do and highly respected. Doud was a few miles from his home when, in company with two desperate comrades, he was making his sensational flight across country, the flight which ended in the death of three."

As to Doud being born and reared in Cass county, the Journal is away off. He was born in South Dakota, where he committed a crime of some kind, and while in jail made an assault on the sheriff, nearly killing that officer, and made his escape, coming direct to Nebraska, where he committed the crime in this county for which he was sent to the penitentiary. While in jail here the South Dakota sheriff came and recognized Doud as the man who escaped from jail in that state. We are positively assured that Doud never was in Cass county until the crimes were committed for which he was serving a term in the pen.

Labor Bureau Man Here.

From Tuesday's Daily.

State Labor Commissioner Guyo came down from Lincoln yesterday to look after matters pertaining to the child labor law and the better enforcement of the same. In cases of necessity, where the labor of children above the age of 16 years is required to aid in the support of the family the law tolerates the labor of such children, but in such cases it is absolutely necessary for the parent to have a certificate from the superintendent of the schools to the effect that such facts exist. The labor commissioner found no certificates issued in Plattsmouth, but will make no arrests

before returning some time in the future. When he returns all persons who have not complied with the law and are found violating it will be arrested and subjected to the penalty the law provides, which is a fine or imprisonment. Those interested had better consult the county attorney or Superintendent Abbott, or both, and get some information regarding the child labor law.

Charles R. Jordan, commissioner from the Third district, and C. E. Heebner of the Second district came in last evening and today held a regular session of the board of county commissioners.

For Float Representative.

We are pleased to learn that John H. Busche of Nebraska City has consented to make the race for float (Otoe and Cass counties) representative, and has filed for the democratic nomination. Mr. Busche is one of the most popular men in Otoe county, and for two terms filled the office of county clerk, and is a gentleman of considerable ability. He is a good friend of the writer and has proved so in the past and we are proud of the opportunity to reciprocate. No better man than John Busche exists, and that he will be elected we have not the least doubt.

ACTS WITH HASTE IN THE APPOINTMENT

Appointment of Warden of the Penitentiary a Surprise and Disappointment.

A special from Lincoln, under date of March 18, says that the appointment of S. M. Melick former chief of police of Lincoln and at one time sheriff of Lancaster county, as warden of the state penitentiary to succeed the late James Delahunty, has not met with the hearty approval of some of the state prison association officials of that city. Other men who are leading republicans and interested in the naming of a capable man for the place were also somewhat taken by surprise when the announcement was made today.

The appointment was made without consultation with any of the officials of the prison organization or with any of the men who have been instrumental in unearthing the recent dope disclosures at the state institution. It was made by Governor Aldrich in the face of suggestions offered by some of his closest friends that he should first hear these men as to the availability of men for the place.

Warden Melick last fall was a candidate for the republican nomination for sheriff of this county and lost out because of the fact that certain attacks were made upon him as to his previous actions as a public official.

In announcing the appointment the governor said: "I believe that Melick is competent to discharge the duties of the place and that he will make a good official." Beyond that the state executive did not comment on the naming of the man.

Mr. Melick assumed charge of affairs at the penitentiary at once. Some mystery was connected with the matter. Mr. Melick appeared at the institution early today and announcing to Acting Warden Hyers that he had been named for the place and that he would take charge at once. No news of the appointment had been 'phoned out there nor had any word been given out about the action of the governor.

Wedding Near Murdock.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Arthur Reibe, from near Murdock, was in the city today, coming down for the purpose of transacting one of the most important pieces of business matters of his life. That was to secure a marriage license, and his marriage to Mrs. Mary Baumgartner will occur at the Lutheran church, located near Murdock, Thursday. Rev. Peters, pastor of the church, will perform the ceremony. The wedding will be a very quiet affair, only the necessary number to make up the wedding party will be present. Both parties are residents of this county and have a large circle of friends, who join the Journal in extending congratulations.

Begin the New Front.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Peters & Richards yesterday commenced the work on the new front at C. E. Wescott Son's clothing store. A temporary end was set in twenty feet back from the door and window and a door hung in it and the old front torn out. The work will be pushed right along now until completed.

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PROVES OF GREAT AID IN HUNTING CONVICTS

T. H. Pollock Deserves Great Credit for Capture of the Desperadoes.

Sheriff Hyers of Lancaster county, in recounting the events of Monday, on his return to Lincoln after the desperate battle with the escaped convicts, resulting in the death of "Shorty" Gray and John Doud and the capture of Edwin Craig, alias Charles Morley, said "that great credit was due T. H. Pollock of the Plattsmouth Telephone company, who told right where he could find the convicts. He received the message at South Bend and immediately made preparations to go to the home of Roy Blunt, where the convicts were at that time. Mr. Pollock agreed to keep the telephones busy in keeping track of the criminals, as they passed from one point to another. It was through his efforts that such close tab was kept on the men before they were sighted by the posse."

Mr. Hyers was asked what he thought would be done regarding the payment of the reward offered by the state, and stated that he believed that there would be only four men lay claim to any part of it. He said that Crawford Eikenberry, Sheriff Chase of Sarpy county, Captain Briggs of South Omaha and himself were perhaps the only men who would or could claim it with any justice.

The Omaha Bee correspondent gives practically the same account of an interview with Sheriff Hyers, in which Mr. Hyers praised the work of T. H. Pollock in placing his telephone system at the disposal of the sheriffs and their posses, and stating further that to the rural telephone, in a large measure, was due the credit for the speedy capture of the convicts after their trail was struck Monday morning.

The country through which the convicts passed is a network of rural telephone lines, and the bandits would no sooner pass one farm house than the news was 'phoned ahead to look out for their coming. Mr. Pollock kept in touch with the situation all day after the first news came over the wires until the capture, and gave information from the scene of the chase right-of-way over his lines. Within a few minutes after the capture he reported the same to the Journal.

Former Plattsmouth Lady Dies.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Friends of Mrs. Margaret Simpson Calder in this city last night received word that this estimable lady had died at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon of hemorrhage of the brain at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. Byers, at Lincoln. Mrs. Calder was born in Aroborath, Scotland, December 21, 1833. She came to Kingston, Canada, and later, in 1876, with her family, removed to Plattsmouth, where Mr. Calder died in 1879. Mrs. Calder will be remembered by many of the Plattsmouth people as a very lovely woman. She is survived by three children—Mrs. Byers of 1605 K street, Lincoln; Mrs. A. B. Pirie of Atchison, Kansas, and George Calder of Prescott, Arizona, and a sister, Miss Elizabeth Simpson, of New York City. Unless changed by announcement later, the funeral will take place from the Burlington station at 1:15 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, in Plattsmouth.

Since the above was put in type a message has been received by friends in the city saying that the funeral of Mrs. Calder will occur Thursday from the Burlington station at 1:15 p. m.

Mrs. Tillman Worse.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mrs. Tillman of Union, who underwent a complicated operation last week and who has been in a critical condition since, was reported worse this afternoon. The patient retains her consciousness, but is very weak and her husband 'phoned Mr. Glugey this afternoon that she was worse and that her symptoms were bad.

LANCASTER COUNTY LIABLE FOR THE EXPENSE FOR HUNTING THE CONVICTS

County Attorney Jesse B. Stroud of that County Expresses Opinion Citing Barker and Price Cases Showing Liability of County for Crimes Committed Within Its Borders.

According to County Attorney Jesse Stroud, Lancaster county will have to stand the expense of the chase for the three convict-murderers. In a letter to the county commissioners, Judge Stroud gives the following opinion:

"Relative to the question of the expense incurred and to be incurred by the sheriff's office of this county in searching for and capturing the three murderer convicts who escaped from the penitentiary March 14, I beg to advise you that in my opinion it is the duty of this county to capture and prosecute these men just the same as it would men who had committed any other crime within the borders of Lancaster county. These men committed three murders, and the fact that they were committed at the penitentiary would not in law relieve Lancaster county from the obligation of pursuing, capturing and prosecuting them for their crime. It would be just the same as if they had committed the murder of any private citizen after having escaped from the walls of the prison within Lancaster county."

"We have a parallel case in the decision of our court upon the question as to the liability for the expense of holding the insanity investigation of Frank Barker, sentenced by the district court of Webster county to hang and who was brought to the penitentiary in Lancaster county for the ex-

ecution. Later his attorneys set up the plea of insanity and that question was tried by the district court of Lancaster county. Relative to the liability of Lancaster county for the expenses of that hearing the supreme court held in the case of Jesse Chapman against Lancaster county in a suit brought to recover jurors' fees, that the county of Lancaster was liable therefor.

"Furthermore, there is now pending in the district court of this county a prosecution against one Albert Prince, charged with the murder of Deputy Warden Edward D. Davis on February 11 last. There can be no question but that Lancaster county is the only place where a court would have jurisdiction of the crime.

"In performance of the duty devolving upon this office, I beg to say that I have already filed complaints against these three murderers in the justice court of W. T. Stevens, and warrants for the arrest of these men are now in the hands of the sheriff. The law imposes upon him the duty of pursuing and capturing these men forthwith, and it is for the purpose of enabling him to perform and carry out the duties imposed upon him in that particular that this expense is being incurred.

"It is therefore the opinion of this office that Lancaster county will be liable for whatever expense is necessary in the pursuit and capture of these men. Yours truly, Jesse B. Stroud."

DAN CUPID AGAIN SHOWS HIS HAND

Popular Young People Happily United in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony.

On last Thursday afternoon, March 14, 1912, at 2 o'clock, at the home of the bride, occurred the happy marriage of Miss Minnie Jochim and Mr. Henry E. Heil, it being a very pretty home wedding. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. Hartman, in the presence of only the relatives of both families. The bride was attired in a beautiful gown of blue satin with pearl and bead trimmings, wearing a bridal veil and carrying white roses. Miss Katie Heil, a sister of the groom, was bridesmaid and was dressed in white. Mr. Fred Jochim, brother of the bride, acted as best man. The groom and his best man were clad in the conventional black.

The Jochim home was tastefully decorated in pink and white carnations, intermingled with wedding bells and green foliage. A large wedding bell was suspended from the ceiling of the parlor, under which the happy young couple stood during the marriage ceremony. After the wedding ceremony the bride and groom and guests participated in an elegant wedding feast.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. Stephen Jochim of near Louisville, Neb., and has resided there all her life. For the past few years she has been keeping house for her father and brothers. She is a most excellent young lady and well liked by all who know her. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Heil, residing near Cedar Creek, Neb. He was born and grew to manhood in this vicinity and is a young man of sterling worth and has a large number of friends, who will join the Journal in wishing him and his estimable young wife much happiness and prosperity.

Mr. and Mrs. Heil have gone on a few weeks' wedding trip to Denver, Colo., and other points, after which they will return to their home on a farm east of Manley, Nebraska.

L. H. Young in Town.

From Tuesday's Daily.

L. H. Young, a prominent farmer of near Nehawka, was in the city a short time today and registered his name on the roll of the Journal family. Mr. Young was on his way to Omaha to consult Dr. Allison, who is treating Mr. Young's leg, which was broken two years ago last November and which has only within the past few months been far enough recovered to be of use to Mr. Young. Only a week ago he discarded his cane and is now able to walk with a slight limp. Mr. Young has had a serious time with his injured leg, but is much pleased that it is now fast recovering.

A Valued Reader of Ours.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mr. Henry Horn, one of the good-natured corpulent readers of the Journal, was in the city today for the first time in the past five weeks, owing to the heavy snow storms rendering the roads in such a condition that it was almost impossible to reach here. He called at the Journal office, and in addition to renewing for his daily, he places the credit mark for one year in advance for the weekly going to his son, Geo. W. Horn, near Plainview; also for Mrs. Geo. Nickej at Pekin, Ill. Country publishers are favored with but few such readers as Mr. Horn, and are greatly appreciated.

First Visit in Two Months.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lohnes of Cedar Creek came in on No. 4 over the Burlington this morning to look after some business matters. While here Mr. Lohnes was a pleasant caller at this office and renewed his subscription for his paper. In conversation with Mr. Lohnes we learned that this is his first trip in two months, since he underwent an operation at the Presbyterian hospital in Omaha for appendicitis. He also said they undertook to drive to this city yesterday, but succeeded in getting only two miles in about two hours.

Charles Lovell, from near Myrard, was in the city today, driving up for a few hours' trading with county seat friends. He paid the Journal office a brief call.