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TELLS VERY STRANGE STORY OF HOLDUP

LIONEL ASHMAN, FORMER CANADIAN SOLDIER, SPENT THREE YEARS ON FRONT.

WAS RELIEVED OF HIS MONEY

Descendant of Prominent English Family has Exciting and Varied Experience in His Career.

From Thursday's Daily

There arrived in this city a few days ago a stranger whose account of his experiences reads as a chapter from some stirring work of adventure, and reaches from the halls of the nobility of England to America and back to blood stained fields of Flanders, where the man, Lionel Ashman, served for the land of his ancestry as a member of the Candian expeditionary forces.

Mr. Ashman came to this city from Omaha where he had an experience on Saturday that rivaled any of his battle front adventures with the Hun. He had come to Omaha from the harvest fields of Kansas where for the past summer and fall he has been employed in working on the farms in that state, bringing with him \$470. He had intended going out to Benson he stated and being unacquainted with the city got on the wrong street car and was taken out on the Cuming street line and when at Twenty-fourth street was informed that he was not on a Benson car and of course he alighted and started to look around for a car that might lead him to his destination. He was near Twenty-fourth and Cuming when two of the famous Omaha "stick up" men appeared on the scene and requested Mr. Ashman to "kick in" with his cash which he did at the point of a revolver and the men then relieved him of his overcoat and turned him loose. Desirous of getting out of Omaha and not having the necessary money with which to travel he started out to walk to some nearby town and finally landed at LaPlatte Sunday and Tuesday he continued his journey to Plattsmouth where he arrived and will remain until he has secured funds to continue on his way to a more favorable location.

He tells a strange story of his life and that of his family that leads back to the old families of England of which his ancestors were members and the great grandmother of Mr. Ashman was a member of one of the families that have long been prominent in diplomatic life of that country. His grandfather on the paternal side was one of the men of wealth in England and his vast estate was in dispute between the heirs for a number of years as the estate was willed in such a manner that under the very confusing inheritance laws of England the father of Lionel Ashman was kept from his proper share in estate but as his father at that time was quite wealthy enough nothing was thought of the fact that the younger son could not recover his share of the estate.

The elder brothers of Lionel Ashman were presented by their father each with a sum of \$25,000 on their arrival at their majority but when his turn came to share in the inheritance the family wealth had shrunk to such an extent that his portion of the wealth was but \$1,000. The young man was for a few years employed in different portions of east and in a tire factory at Akron, Ohio, but in 1914 as the clouds of war rolled over the land from which his ancestors had come the call to service reached him and going to Canada enlisted with the troops of the dominion and was sent overseas with them and for three long and blood-stained years served in the trenches with the brave and daring troops of Canada, being wounded four times and suffering from a severe dose of gas which has affected him to a greater extent than the wounds. Of the brothers of Lionel Ashman, five sleep in the sacred soil of Flanders where they fell fighting against the invading foe and another brother is now located in France as a priest of the church. After the war young

Ashman returned to the United States but found that his physical condition was undermined as the result of the gas and has been unable to find inside work and was forced to leave the tire factory and come west and finally located in Kansas where he was able to save a neat sum from his summer's work only to have it stolen in Omaha.

The young man has his discharge for honorable service in the army of Canada with him and his appearance is prepossessing and bears out his story of adventure.

MARRIED IN OMAHA A FEW DAYS AGO

George C. Matthews Formerly of This City and Miss Rose Rogers United in Marriage on Wednesday.

From Friday's Daily.

The friends in this city of George C. Matthews, who for a number of years was a resident of this city, will be pleased to learn of the marriage of this excellent young man to Miss Rosa Rogers at the home of the bride in Omaha on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. Matthews is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Matthews who made their home in this city for a number of years when Mr. Matthews was employed on the Journal as a linotype operator. The groom is a young man of high character and worth and was during the war in the service of his country as a member of the army of the United States and since his discharge from service has been making his home in Omaha. The young people will make their home in the metropolis in the future.

SNOW DOES NOT HINDER TRAVEL

Auto Parties Continue to Travel to Omaha Over Snow Roads and Successfully Make Trips.

From Friday's Daily.

The heavy snow that has blocked a great many of the country roads has not stopped the travel to Omaha as the cars are spinning out each day from this city to the Nebraska metropolis and the parties making the trip report that is not a bad trip at all and as the snow packs the roads become really better than the rough roads of the summer months.

Up to Monday the snow was packed down very hard and it was being heavily patronized by the traveling public but the snow on Monday interfered with it somewhat but this condition is now passing as the roads are opening up and the snow beginning to once more pack and make travel very enjoyable over the auto road.

SNOW CHECKS CARRIERS.

From Friday's Daily.

The extreme snowy weather of the past week has proven a stumbling block to the rural carriers over the country as they have been unable to make deliveries over their entire routes since the first of the week. The routes out of Weeping Water and a number of the towns in the central and western portions of the county have been compelled to await more favorable conditions before making their deliveries. The Plattsmouth route carriers have had much better luck in their deliveries as they have been able to get through the snow the greater part of the time although the trip has been one of the greatest severity as the snow has been almost impassable at times.

STILL CONFINED TO HOME.

From Friday's Daily.

William Hassler is still confined to his home as the result of a severe fall sustained on Monday evening and which resulted in his sustaining a very severe strain to his back. Mr. Hassler was descending the steps on the south side of his residence on North Fifth street late Monday evening and as he came down the steps his feet slipped on the icy coating of the steps and he fell a distance of several feet, striking the ground on his back and bruising and straining it quite severely. Since that time he has been confined to his bed but an examination has failed to disclose any broken bones.

A SUIT FOR FIVE THOUSAND DAMAGE FILED

WILLIAM S. DOUGHTY FILES ACTION IN DISTRICT AGAINST PARR YOUNG.

PARTIES LIVE NEAR NEHAWKA

Petition Recites Defendant Struck and Wounded Plaintiff on Public Near Nehawka August 18.

From Friday's Daily.

This morning an action was filed in the office of the clerk of the district court entitled William S. Doughty vs. Parr Young and in which the plaintiff alleges that on August 18, 1919, the defendant in the action did beat, wound and injure the plaintiff to such an extent that \$5,000 damages are asked.

The petition recites that August 18 the plaintiff was engaged in the operation of a threshing machine and was on the public highway three miles west and a half mile north of Nehawka and was met by the defendant, who it is stated without provocation or cause struck the plaintiff a number of blows which inflicted injuries and one blow in the mouth destroyed the false teeth of the plaintiff and the breaking of the plate of teeth caused a damage of \$50. The plaintiff further claims that he has been suffering from the effects of the injuries received since that time and that as a result his health has suffered to such an extent that he asks \$5,000 damages. Attorney William A. Robertson appears as the attorney for the plaintiff in the action.

CLOSE OF GRAND CHAPTER, R. A. M.

James M. Robertson of This City is Advanced to Office of Captain of the Host at Closing Session.

From Friday's Daily.

At the session of the grand chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, held in Omaha yesterday, James M. Robertson of this city was elected to the office of captain of the host in the grand chapter. Mr. Robertson is one of the prominent and active figures in the Masonic circles of Nebraska, and is also a member of the official board of the Masonic home in this city and his friends in the order and throughout the county will be pleased to learn of his advancement in the grand chapter of the order. The grand chapter selected as grand high priest, Hon. Alpha Morgan of Broken Bow, Louis E. Smith of Long Pine as king, L. D. Richards of Fremont as treasurer and Hon. Francis E. White of Omaha as grand secretary. The session of the grand chapter was held at the Masonic temple in Omaha but owing to the conditions imposed by the fuel administration it was necessary to hold the sessions in the offices of the grand secretary, Francis E. White.

HOWELL SATISFIED WITH THE G. O. P. MEETING

From Friday's Daily.

R. B. Howell, republican national committeeman of Nebraska, is very well satisfied with the result of the national meeting held in Washington a few days ago. At least he told reporters so yesterday, and he intends to stick to it when he gets back home.

But Mr. Howell is not thoroughly satisfied with the indications of the presidential matter. He did not give out many things for interview with respect to this matter, but it is said that he and some of those who believe as he does do not want to have the party carry the burden of a standpat candidate when the next year's campaign comes on.

How they propose to check this, however, was not divulged. The intention to checkmate the nomination of a Penrose candidate, though, is going to be worked into deeds of

valor in the party between now and convention time, and when June 8 rolls around at Chicago, the country will know something about it.

Under the surface in Washington, it might be well to state for the information of Nebraska republicans, Mr. Howell is credited with having more than his share in the selection of William Hays to head the national committee.

The matter of Hays' election was so highly commended at this, the first general committee meeting held since that event, that those who planned and executed it were singled out for party crosses of honor. Mr. Howell worked in conjunction with George Perkins and Senator Calder in the matter and the trio were generally praised for their astuteness and discretion.

SETTLEMENT OF ROAD QUESTION

Commissioners Can Not See Way to Donate Additional Amount for Extra Work on Aid Road.

From Thursday's Daily.

The county commissioners and the representatives of the contractors on the government aid road south of the city in their informal discussion of the settlement of the expenses of the building of the road yesterday could not agree as to the amount to which the county was expected to pay. The difference has been caused by the fact that it was necessary to grub out a number of stumps along the roadway and which the contractors found amounted to several thousand dollars extra expense. Under the contract the hedges are defined as rows of trees used as fences and these were removed by the county as under the contract but it was found that there were a large number of trees and clumps of trees standing in the new roadway that had to be removed and the stumps grubbed out and for this it was desired that the county help in the expense but the board of commissioners are loath to let go of the amount which will be in the neighborhood of \$5,000 as they do not believe that under the contract they are liable for this extra cost.

SNOW DOES NOT STOP THE FORDS

Local Agency of the Ford Car Busy Receiving and Disposing of Ford Cars.

From Thursday's Daily.

The fact that winter is upon us has no effect upon the demand for the famous Ford and Fordson tractors as is demonstrated by the amount of business which the T. H. Pollock company has had in this line in the last few days. The company has just received one sedan model as well as four touring cars which were driven down from Omaha for the new owners and will be in the hands of the purchasers in a short time. The Pollock company has also received a car load of Fordson tractors which were unloaded at the local Burlington freight house and placed in the garage at the corner of Pearl and Sixth street to await delivery to purchasers.

LEAVES FOR CALIFORNIA.

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon Fred Hild and wife and son Henry and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wolf of Avoca, parents of Mrs. Hild, departed from Murray for the Pacific coast where they expect to spend the winter and will on their trip visit at Los Angeles and other of the southern California cities. The health of Mrs. Hild has been very poor for the past few years and it is hoped that a change of climate will prove beneficial to her and if it is found that she improves in the climate of southern California the family may decide to locate there for the future.

CASS COUNTY FARM FOR SALE.

160 acres improved, 1 1/2 miles from Manley, land lays nearly level, one of the best farms in the county, possession March 1 if sold soon, price and terms reasonable, for further particulars enquire of O. A. Coon, Manley, Nebraska. 4xw

COLLISION IS CAUSE OF BIG DAMAGE SUIT

THREE CASES FILED IN DISTRICT COURT AGAINST AUGUST AND JOHN KOUKAL.

AGGREGATE OF \$12,210 ASKED

Suits are Based on Injuries Received by Plaintiffs as Result of Collision Between Buggy and Automobile.

From Saturday's Daily.

This morning three cases were filed in the district court which are the outgrowth of a collision that occurred in the west part of the city on the evening of August 24, 1919, at which time a single buggy occupied by the plaintiffs, Mrs. Mary Blunt and Mrs. Edna Taylor, was struck by an automobile owned by John Koukal and which was being driven by August Koukal, a minor son of the owner. As a result of the mix up between the car and the buggy the two ladies were thrown out and sustained injuries which they make the basis of the suits.

The petition of the plaintiffs cover practically the same ground as to the collision and resultant injuries to the two ladies. It is alleged in the petition that the defendant, August Koukal was driving the car owned by his father, John Koukal, on the night of the accident and at the time of the wreck was driving on the public highway without lights in violation of law and it is also claimed that the defendant August Koukal was driving in a negligent manner at the time of the accident and coming up behind the buggy occupied by Mrs. Blunt and Mrs. Taylor, struck it with great force as a result of which the buggy was forced into a barbed wire fence and the occupants thrown out with the result that they sustained injuries which have since incapacitated them from work.

The plaintiff Mrs. Mary Blunt recites in her petition that prior to the time of the accident she was capable of earning the sum of \$100 per month in the management and care of a household and since the time of the accident had been unable to properly look after the work of her household and for the injuries received asks the sum of \$5,000 and which amount is also asked for by Mrs. Taylor.

The plaintiff Elmer A. Taylor asks for a judgment in the sum of \$2,210 for the damages did to the harness and buggy of the plaintiff as well as for sums paid out by the plaintiff for medical attention given to his wife as well as the hiring of extra help that the condition of the wife has made necessary. Attorney William A. Robertson appears in the actions as the representative of the plaintiffs.

DEATH IN OMAHA IS INVESTIGATED

Death of Mrs. Emma Beeson McAdams Investigated by Omaha Coroner's Jury Results in Charges.

From Thursday's Daily.

The coroner's jury in Omaha that has been investigating the death of Mrs. Emma McAdams which occurred on Saturday at the Nicholas Senn hospital have returned a report, which according to dispatches from Omaha have recommended that a doctor performing the operation on the unfortunate woman be held as well as the husband of the deceased as an accessory.

The deceased lady was a member of the Beeson family of Red Oak, Iowa, and well known in this city to a number of the residents. She was 24 years of age at her death.

FOR SALE.

I have for sale several good milk cows, tuberculin tested. Will be fresh soon and are good heavy milkers. See Nell D. Cameron, Bellevue Blvd., block north of Omaha road, Telephone South 3517, Childs.

STORK PAYS A VISIT

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday morning the stork in his flight over the vicinity of Plattsmouth, made a hurried visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Meisinger, near Mynard, and left with them a fine little daughter. The mother and little one are doing nicely and Henry is very proud over the addition that has been made to the family.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Meisinger will rejoice with them in the happiness that has been given to them.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS ELECT OFFICERS

Meeting Yesterday Afternoon Well Attended Despite Bad Weather—Officers Are Elected.

From Thursday's Daily.

The ladies of the Royal Neighbors of America met yesterday afternoon at their rooms in the Modern Woodmen building to take up the matter of the annual election of officers and the following were chosen:

Oracle—Mrs. Margaret Tulene. Vice Oracle—Mrs. Carrie Ghrist. Past Oracle—Mrs. Frances Schultz. Recorder—Miss Garnet Cory. Receiver—Mrs. Jennie Tulene. Chancellor—Mrs. Elizabeth Buttery.

Marshal—Mrs. Katie Hild. Inner Sentinel—Mrs. Stella Goodwin.

Outer Sentinel—Mrs. Laura Andrews.

Manager—Mrs. Emma McMaken. Musician—Mrs. Dollie Hudson.

STATE IN GRIP OF A BLIZZARD

Storm from Northwest Sweeps Over State and Adds to Demoralized Condition of Travel and Fuel.

From Friday's Daily.

At an early hour this morning a blizzard swept down from the Rocky mountain states over the central states bringing with it a sudden drop in the mercury that ranges from 25 to 10 below zero and accompanying the cold wind storm was a heavy snow that in the western portion of the state added to the general suffering due to the coal shortage and inability to move trains through the snow packed areas.

Reports from Alliance, Grand Island and North Platte report the storm as being intense in these localities and the most severe of the season so far and coming on top of the heavy snow of the first of the week has completely checked the rail traffic over the western roads.

The storm comes at a time when the fuel supplies of the western towns are at the lowest stage and a great deal of suffering is expected in the sections where there is a lack of wood for fuel and the need of immediate relief for the western portion of the state is pressing.

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DEATH OF AN AGED LADY OF COMMUNITY

MRS. ELIZABETH E. GOODWIN, 87, PASSED AWAY LAST EVENING AT SON'S HOME.

WAS PIONEER RESIDENT HERE

Mrs. Goodwin Came to Cass County in 1869—Has Resided Near Here Since That Time.

From Friday's Daily.

Last evening the death messenger removed another of the old time residents of this portion of Cass county when Mrs. Elizabeth E. Goodwin passed away after an affliction of three years and during which time she has been confined to her bed for the greater portion of the time. During the years of her sickness Mrs. Goodwin had been making her home with her son, Robert L. Propst and family in this city.

The departed lady was at the time of her death lacking only a few days of 87 years of age, having been born on December 21, 1832, in Pendleton county, in what is now the state of West Virginia, but which at that time was a portion of the Old Dominion. It was in this locality that the girlhood of the deceased was spent and in the year 1853 came with her parents to Scott county, Iowa, where for a number of years she made her home. Mrs. Goodwin came to Nebraska for the first time in 1869 and was so favorably impressed with the new and undeveloped country of the west that in 1869 she came to this locality and secured the farm eight miles west of this city where for many years she made her home. The deceased has lived long in the community from which she has now departed forever and during these years of life had labored long and diligently to aid in the development of the community and has seen the country develop from the wastes of the frontier civilization to a great and prosperous commonwealth. She was during her lifetime a faithful member of the Methodist church and it was her delight and pleasure when her health permitted to gather at the house of worship each Sunday, but for the past few years during her illness she has been deprived of this privilege. Of the family of ten children of which the deceased was a member there now remains but one, a sister, Mrs. S. L. Willis, residing at Brighton, Colorado. One son, Robert L. Propst, is left to mourn the loss of this kindly lady as well as ten grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Three years ago Mrs. Goodwin sustained a severe fall at her home in this city that resulted in the dislocation of the hip and at her extreme old age this proved too severe a shock and since that time she has been confined to her home and bed the greater part of the time.

No arrangements have as yet been made for the funeral.

A SERVICE MESSAGE

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