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'DIPS' MAKE A CLEANUP IN LOCAL STORES

TRIO OF MEXICANS VISIT STORES OF CITY AND SECURE LARGE AMOUNT BEFORE CAUGHT.

ARRESTED AT M. P. DEPOT

Placed in County Jail and Jose Roldes Comes Clean With Story—Escapes and Makes a Get Away.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon three very slick "dips" were taken into custody by Sheriff C. D. Quinton after they had made a very good cleanup in several of the local stores and at the time of their arrest had in their possession goods amounting to \$250.00 which they had accumulated in their tour of the Plattsmouth stores. The men were very clever in their movements and made a clean getaway from the different places of business with their spoil and that they were apprehended before making their escape from the city is due to the clear sightedness of M. Fanger of Omaha who happened to be in the city looking after his line of ladies costumes in the H. M. Seemichsen store. It was at the Seemichsen store that the party made their largest haul, securing seven fine silk dress patterns amounting to their wholesale price to \$114.25. The three men visited this store during the time which a number of the clerks were at dinner and inquired of the ladies in charge of the ladies department as to the prices of the various silk dresses and after a short examination stated that as they wanted to purchase three dresses they would be back later when Mr. Fanger was there and have him show them more of the stock. It was sometime later when Mr. Fanger returned to the store and he was told of the incident and on inquiry as to the names of the men and their appearance the description of the man aroused his suspicions and he at once started a check of the dresses that were put on the racks with the result that it was soon discovered that seven of them were missing. Mr. Fanger at once called the sheriff and hastened to the Burlington depot to discover whether or not the men were there and not locating them he and Sheriff Quinton started out to the Missouri Pacific depot as it was nearing time for the south bound flyer and as the car passed out the avenue they discovered the three men walking along near the Masonic home. The trio disbanded at this point, one of the men carrying a grip bag on out toward the depot while the others started to walk north toward the home. Sheriff Quinton stopped the men with the grip and requested him to open it up which he refused to do and the sheriff then did the opening act himself and the first article disclosed in the grip was one of the missing dresses from the Seemichsen store which was identified by Mr. Fanger. The other two men were then rounded up by the sheriff and brought back to the court house where the stolen property was sorted out and it was found that they had considerable more than the goods from the Seemichsen store in their possession. Inquiry was at once started and it was discovered that two of the silk skirts in the possession of the men had been taken from the store of P. P. Busch, as well as two leather coats from the clothing store of Philip Thieroff and a large amount of furs which had been lifted from the store of E. G. Dovey & Son.

Inquiry at the different places where the goods had been taken showed that the men employed practically the same methods in getting away with their work. The visits were made during the time when most of the clerks in the stores were engaged in going and coming at the noon hour and this gave them a better advantage of getting away with the goods. At the Ladies Toggery the three men had called about 12:30 and were waited on by Mrs. Busch, one of the party stating that they wanted to purchase some tailor-made suits and the one man looked over

samples of goods while other two stood around and glanced over the ladies skirts which were in holders in different portions of the salesroom. The loss of two skirts valued at \$75 was not discovered however until after the arrest of the men. They claimed they would return later to decide on the suit and walked out of the Toggery with their spoils. The Dovey store was visited shortly after the Toggery, but here it is stated that only two of the men made their appearance, one of them purchasing a handkerchief and inquiring as to prices of a number of articles and spending a little there and during which period they made away with the furs. George E. Dovey, manager of the store, last evening stated that as near as could be estimated the furs taken would amount to \$75. Two visits were made by the men at the Thieroff store and it is not known on which trip they made away with the coats as their work was of a slick order and they displayed a professional touch in their shoplifting.

The three men also visited the store of C. E. Wescott's Sons but their appearance there aroused suspicion and in remembrance of several other experience with this kind of customers the clerks kept a close watch on the men as they left that place empty handed after trying a stall of wanting to buy a suit of clothes.

When arrested by Sheriff Quinton the men gave the names of Jose Roldes, Pete Riso and Jose Ortega, and all gave their home as the land of Villa, and their actions was in keeping with the general characteristics of the Mexicans. The party at first refused to come through with a clean breast of the affair but finally when they were separated the sheriff and County Attorney Cole secured a confession from Roldes as to the stealing of the different articles. The man making the confession seemed in deadly fear of the vengeance of his companions and urged the officers to protect him from their wrath which they learned that he had "squealed."

In order that the men might not confer or frame up a story, the prisoners were placed in separate rooms and the man who had come clean was placed in the room on the third floor of the jail and seemed well satisfied that he would not have to remain with his companions and his pleasure seems well founded as this morning it was found that he had made his getaway. The window in the room which has in the past allowed two other prisoners to gain their freedom once more was used as the open door to liberty and Roldes is now a free man. The bars on the window were forced and as they offer little resistance to anyone desiring to get out it was a repetition of the old story and the informer was soon on his way.

Just what disposition will be made of the two prisoners remaining is not known as yet, while it would draw them a sentence to the penitentiary for the offense they committed it may be decided by the county attorney to turn the matter over to the federal authorities to have the men shipped into Mexico where their talents will be more appreciated by their fellow countrymen.

RETURNS HOME FROM SERVICE

Louis Kirschenblatt, Engaged as Radio Operator in Naval Service. Returns to Home Here.

From Monday's Daily.

The many friends throughout the city of Louis Kirschenblatt were greatly pleased to see him return home once more after a service of two years in the naval service of the country. Mr. Kirschenblatt arrived home Saturday evening having just returned from Scotland where he has been engaged in special work for the government near Glasgow. Louis has been out of the active service since August but was sent on two special trips to England and Scotland in connection with the government work and has just returned from the Scottish port to the United States and decided to spend the holiday here with his relatives. He is looking fine and the carrier as a sailor seems to have agreed with him in every way.

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CHIEF HOLDS COPS BLAMELESS FOR ACT

EBERSTEIN SEES NO WRONG IN ARREST OF UNION BUSINESS MAN.

WHO WAS PINCHED IN OMAHA

Officer Justifies Act by Saying He "Thought Man Might Be Dope Fiend."—Case Pending

From Tuesday's Daily.

Robert Samardick, police detective and head of the "moral squad," was held blameless by Chief of Police Eberstein for the arrest of C. W. Clark, hotelkeeper of Union, Nebraska, who narrowly escaped a 30-day jail sentence on a vagrancy charge before Police Judge Charles Foster. Chief Eberstein gives Samardick a clean bill on the case in a letter sent to Mayor Smith.

The chief refused to make public a copy of the report made by Samardick, explaining his actions in the arrest.

According to the letter sent to the mayor, Clark was arrested in company with three acknowledged "dope fiends" in a hallway in the Douglas block, State and Dodge, and was held for federal authorities. The latter, however, were not inclined to pursue the case as a police surgeon found the quartet free from the drug habit. Vagrancy charges then followed.

The four men were arraigned in court at the same time. All entered pleas of "not guilty" but their pleas were summarily interrupted by termination of the argument with a 30-day jail sentence from Judge Foster. All began to protest, but were herded back toward the "bull pen." Clark's protestations to the court finally gained him a suspension of the jail sentence.

Samardick claims Clark did not tell him who he was when arrested. "I asked him who he was and what he did," Samardick declares, "and he told me he used to work in a hotel out in Nebraska, but hadn't been doing anything for about a week. I had been watching the four men in the hallway from an upstairs window and thought they were waiting for a 'shot in the arm.'" The detective says he arrested the men and ordered them held for investigation by Russell Eberstein, who was in charge of the federal roundup of alleged dope fiends.

Clark had \$10.00 on him when searched at the jail. "I told the officers who I was," Clark said. "I asked him to call up the Merchant's hotel. He said 'tell that to the desk sergeant.' I tried to tell it to the sergeant, but they shoved me into a cell. I tried every way I could to get word to Omaha people who knew me. I gave a negro \$2 to send word to the Merchant's hotel but he never arrived there. The police told me I was held for investigation."

In regard to an assertion by police that he admitted being a "dope fiend" Clark said:

"All that I said about that was that I had never taken cocaine except under doctor's orders."—Omaha World-Herald.

FORMER PLATTS-MOUTH GIRL WEDS

Miss Della White and Albert J. Godwin United in Marriage Saturday Afternoon.

From Monday's Daily.

Two of the well known and popular young people of this city, Miss Della White and Albert J. Godwin, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the Presbyterian manse on Saturday afternoon. The ceremony was a very quiet one with only the contracting parties and members of the family of the pastor being present to witness the marriage. The beautiful and impressive ring service was used as the marriage lines were read by the Rev. H. G. McClus-

ky. The young people will make their future home in this city where the groom is employed in the Burlington shops.

Both the bride and groom possess a large circle of warm personal friends throughout the city who are extending to them their best wishes for their happiness and success in the married life upon which they are entering. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. White and a lady of more than usual charm of personality and has made her home in this city the greater part of her lifetime. The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Godwin and was born and reared in this city where he is held in high esteem by a large circle of friends. During the late war Mr. Godwin was a soldier in the service of his country and was discharged from service early in the summer and since that time has been employed in the Burlington shops of this city.

CHRISTMAS SHOP WAS SUCCESSFUL

Episcopal Ladies Enjoy the Greatest Success in Their Christmas Shop Last Friday and Saturday.

From Monday's Daily.

The ladies of St. Mary's guild who conducted the Christmas shop on Friday and Saturday at the Hotel Wagner building enjoyed the greatest success in the history of their organization in the disposal of the many beautiful articles of needlework and in the market conducted on the closing day of the shop. The St. Luke's guild, the auxiliary and helpers assisted the St. Mary's guild in the conduct of the shop and their efforts aided in making it a great success in every way. The ladies feel very grateful to Fred Wagner, proprietor of the hotel, who kindly donated the use of the room for the shop and assisted in every way possible to make the shop a great success.

RESTORATION OF TRAIN SERVICE

Public Will Be Relieved Thursday—Old Train Service Will Be Restored.

From Monday's Daily.

The local Burlington officials have received information from the director of railroads that on 12:01 Thursday, December 18, the former schedule of train service will be resumed by that line and all trains discontinued during the emergency occasioned by the short fuel supply will be restored. This action will be followed by the other roads and the Missouri Pacific will also put back the trains which were removed during the last two weeks. The short train service has been a very serious obstacle to travel and many have been kept at home as they were inconvenienced in making a railroad trip under the present schedules of train service. The chances should be noted by the public in order that they may take advantage of them on Thursday.

CHARLES JELINEK HERE FOR A FEW DAYS' VISIT

Charles Jelinek came down from his home in Omaha Saturday evening to visit for a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jelinek, and with his sisters, Mrs. W. A. Swatek and Mrs. Cyril Kellin and families. Charley is still showing the effects of his injuries sustained last August when he had his right arm broken by the kicking of a Ford car which he was cranking. He has been in a very serious condition as the result of the accident and for a few weeks it was feared he might be compelled to undergo an amputation of the arm but fortunately he has recovered so far that it is not thought that he will have any serious trouble in the future. The arm is still slightly stiff and the ligaments of the wrist and forearm quite stiff but are slowly showing improvement.

HAY FOR SALE.

We have begun baling hay and can furnish hay in three grades. Call Roberts & Nelson farm, phone 2913.

CLOSING REGULATIONS ARE LIFTED HERE

COMMITTEE WHICH HAD CHARGE OF FUEL SITUATION LIFTS RESTRICTIONS.

ALL PLACES TO REMAIN OPEN

Churches, Business Houses, Theaters, Clubs, Dances, Restaurants and Pool Halls to Resume Business.

From Monday's Daily.

Until further notice the regulations which have been in force for the past two weeks due to the fuel shortage are hereby cancelled.—Signed: E. H. Wescott, T. H. Pollock, S. S. Chase, E. A. Wurl, E. A. Pricke.

This morning the lid was lifted in the city of Plattsmouth as far as the regulations covering the closing hours of the various business houses and amusement places of the city were concerned. The committee at their meeting decided that the conditions warranted a restoration of the city to the normal conditions prevailing before the enforced restrictions as to opening and closing were adopted as a safeguarding measure during the coal shortage.

The citizens and business men will use their own judgment as to the conservation of the fuel supply as it is not entirely safe to use a greater amount of fuel than is absolutely needed for the interests of the city and the comfort of the homes.

The churches have been restricted to three hours each Sunday morning will go back to their usual hours of service and the business houses are able to remain open in the evenings during the holiday season. The ban on dancing having been lifted the young people will once more be able to enjoy themselves at this oldest of arts, while club rooms that have been cold and empty during the past two weeks will once more take on the usual aspect of comfort. The late diner who has been confronted with a closed restaurant at 9 o'clock sharp can drop in now at any old time and get a bite to eat and the pool halls will also remain open until 11 o'clock instead of 9 as at present. The change will be one that will be greatly appreciated by the citizens of the community who have found the evenings rather chilly and gloomy without any amusement to lighten the time during the necessary restriction.

The changes made as to the opening up of the city has not however relaxed the necessary conservation of coal and the fuel committee will act until a sufficient supply for the city is received by the local dealers and endeavors to have the available supply divided equally among those who need it the most. This is a step that is made necessary for fear of a sudden cold spell that might cause a great deal of suffering if the entire supply was exhausted in the city. It will be at least two weeks before the coal supply will begin to increase.

CLARK CASE IS TO BE INVESTIGATED

From Monday's Daily.

The case of C. W. Clark of Union, who was arrested and held for several days in jail in Omaha on a "vag" charge, despite the fact that he had money in his possession at the time, is to be taken up and investigated according to Chief of Police Eberstein of the Omaha police department. Mr. Clark has commenced action in the district court of Douglas county for false arrest and in the case for the holding without opportunity for securing bonds for his release and this seems to have stirred up the police officials as to the situation in that city. Saturday two of the police and detective force were suspended for their conduct in forcing their way into a private house without warrant and greatly annoying the members of the family.

MISSOURI PACIFIC RESTORES TRAFFIC

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Missouri Pacific yesterday afternoon restored the traffic on their road which had been abandoned by the necessity of the coal strike situation and the Kansas City-Omaha line through this city is now back on the old schedule. The change is a very agreeable one to the traveling public as it gives the two fast trains that were taken off about a week ago, No. 107 due here at 7:30 and the 2 p. m. southbound train both operating yesterday on the regular schedule. The branch train between Lincoln and Union has been restored also and will give the residents of the country districts a better chance of getting to and from the county seat.

THE GRAND ARMY ELECTS OFFICERS

Meeting Saturday Afternoon Selects New Officers for 1920 and Prepares to Take Up Work of Year.

From Monday's Daily.

Saturday afternoon the members of the Grand Army of the Republic assembled at their rooms in the court house with a very pleasing attendance of the old veterans of the great struggle of 1861-65, and took up the work of the selecting of the officers for the ensuing year as the most important business of the session. The following were chosen as officers for the year:

Commander—Asbury Jacks.
Senior Vice Commander—John Ficht.
Junior Vice Commander—W. H. Freese.
Quartermaster—Thomas Wiles.
Officer of the Day—T. W. Glenn.

As the delegate to the meeting of the department of Nebraska which will be held in May Hon. R. B. Windham was selected as the representative of the McConchie post.

NOW ABLE TO BE AROUND.

From Tuesday's Daily.

John Palacek, Sr., who recently returned home from the hospital in Omaha where he underwent a severe surgical operation was down in the business portion of the city today for the first time since his operation and is looking wonderfully improved over the past few months. Mr. Palacek is enjoying the bracing winter weather and fast recovering his old time vigor and health which is very pleasing to his family and friends.

SUFFERING WITH BURNED FOOT.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Edward Creamer, who is employed in the Burlington shops is engaged in limping around today as result of having a piece of molten iron fall on the instep of his right foot and as a result it is necessary for Ed to spend a few days on an enforced vacation while the injured foot heals up.

TO BE SENT BACK TO LAND OF NATIVITY

DEPORTATION OF TWO MEXICANS HELD HERE ON SHOP-LIFTING CHARGE ORDERED.

GOOD RIDDANCE TO COUNTRY

General View That Ridding Country of Such Undesirables is Best Method of Handling Case.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The disposition of the two Mexicans held in the county jail here by Sheriff C. D. Quinton has been taken up by County Attorney A. G. Cole with the United States government officials at Omaha who have charge of the immigration department and their opinion is that the best methods of dealing with the men is to ship them back to the land of their nativity. The two men certainly cannot add anything to the citizenship of the United States and their general character and actions should fit them for some high position in one of the numerous bands of outlaws that infest the southern nation like a plague. An officer of the immigration department is expected in the city in a few days to take steps to have the men removed to a place where they will do no more mischief to this portion of the country at least.

The one prisoner who made his escape from the jail on Monday night is still at large and no trace has been found of his whereabouts although by this time he is probably miles away from the scenes of his misadventure. The man made his escape from the window in the jail that has become well if not favorably known and this in spite of the fact that the county has just recently had the window fixed in a manner that was supposed to make it proof against an attempt at jail delivery but it seems a case of mistaken confidence as the dusky hued representative of the land of manana found but little trouble in digging out the bars and getting on his way to freedom.

ANNUAL MEETING FARMERS MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.

The annual meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Fire & Live Stock Insurance company of Cass county, Nebraska, will be held at the Taylor school house in district No. 27, Plattsmouth precinct, on Saturday, January 3, 1920, at 1:30 p. m. for the purpose of electing officers and transacting such other business as may legally come before the meeting.—J. P. Falter, Secretary. 21w

A line of stationery at the Journal office that can't be excelled and is hard to equal.



To Farmers!

March 1st, the day on which most farmers make financial arrangements for the year, is only something like 4 months away.

This year it will be a good thing to keep this date in mind and to make early arrangements for settlements, renewals, etc.

In the matter of accommodations, a word spoken now may save disappointment later on. All signs seem to point to the fact that an unusual volume of business will be handled by us next spring.

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