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MURRAY BUSINESS HOUSE IS BURGLARIZED

STORE OF PULS & GANSNER IS VISITED LAST NIGHT—NO CLUES UNRAVELED.

DRY GOODS WERE RANSACKED

Overalls and Shirts to the Value of \$300 Being Picked Out and Taken by Burglars.

From Monday's Daily.

Our neighboring town of Murray was visited some time last night by burglars and as a result of the raid, the robbers secured a stock of overalls and shirts that totaled close to \$300 in value.

The robbery occurred at the store of Puls & Gansner and was discovered this morning when A. L. Baker, employed in the store, arrived to open the place up for business. The robbers had evidently made well arranged plans for the robbery as the rear door of the store was unlocked and the stock of goods thoroughly overhauled and the shirts and overalls taken.

Mr. Gansner one of the members of the firm, stated today that as far as could be judged by a hasty examination of the stock that had been gutted by the burglars, the loss would reach in the neighborhood of \$300.

As soon as the robbery was discovered Sheriff Quinton was notified and hurried to the scene of the robbery, but the night visitors had left no clue of their identity. The completeness of the job indicated that it was evidently the work of a well organized gang operating with autos to remove the stock of goods.

This is the second time this store has been burglarized, having suffered a similar visit a year ago, although at that time the robbers did not secure as good a haul as they did on this visit.

GRACE YORK PASSES AWAY IN LINCOLN

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. York Dies at Hospital, where She Has Been for Year.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday at the hospital in Lincoln, where for the past year she has been taking treatment, Miss Grace York passed away. The deceased lady was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. York of this city and since the removal of the family from the old home in Missouri some twelve years ago, had made Plattsmouth her home until her health became such as to make it necessary for her to take treatment at the hospital.

For the past several weeks the condition of the patient has become much worse and the parents and members of the family have been with her the greater part of the time assisting in the care of the unfortunate lady. To the departed the death messenger came as a relief from the long months of suffering and while the end was foreseen many months ago, the death came as a shock to the parents as well as the brothers and sisters who have been called to part with their loved one.

To mourn her death there remain the parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. York of this city, two sisters, Mrs. William Gravitt and Mrs. Charles Jelinek, of Omaha and three brothers, Don C. York and Jesse York, residing in Alaska.

The body was brought to Omaha this morning and will be taken to the old home at Watson, Missouri, where it will be laid to rest in the family lot in the cemetery there.

MASON WESCOTT QUITE SICK

From Tuesday's Daily.

For the past few days Mason Wescott has been confined to his home quite seriously ill and since Saturday his temperature has ranged at 103 and his condition has given the family a great deal of apprehension. The illness seems in the nature of a cold but has steadily refused to yield to treatment. The many friends of the young man are hopeful that his condition may soon take a turn for the better and he will be able to take up his school work at the opening of the fall term next week.

GIVEN DIVORCE DECREE

From Tuesday's Daily.

In the district court of Cass county a decree of divorce has been entered in the case of Robert Shrader vs. Margarette J. Shrader and in which the plaintiff is given an absolute divorce by the court.

A FINE LITTLE SON

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wooster, in the west portion of the city was made very happy by the arrival of a fine little son and heir and who is surely a prize baby in every way. This is the first boy in the family and the little one has brought much joy not only to the parents but to the little sisters as well. Both the mother and little one are doing nicely and Joe is about the happiest man in this portion of the country, and in their happiness the parents will receive the hearty well wishes of the host of friends for the future welfare of the young Mr. Wooster.

SUSPICIOUS CAR IS FOUND AT MURRAY

Fliver Discovered in Rear of Hotel May Have Some Connection With Store Robbery.

From Tuesday's Daily.

While at Murray yesterday investigating the looting of the store of Puls & Gansner, Sheriff Quinton discovered that someone had abandoned a Ford car in the rear of the Murray hotel and the ownership of the car could not be ascertained. The car had evidently been left there sometime Sunday evening as there were no reports of the car having been seen there during the day. The car had an Iowa license number that is being looked upon in the hopes that it may shed some light on the robbery.

The manner in which the robbers entered the store is very puzzling as the store has a good, modern lock and one that is extremely hard to pick or force open and from indication it would seem that in some manner a key had been secured that worked on the lock, as it bears no trace of any forcing or picking. The owners and employees of the stores are practically sure that the rear door was locked all day Sunday.

From the fact of the finding of the abandoned car at Murray it would seem that there were a number of persons interested in the burglary, as the parties undoubtedly made their getaway by automobile, for the loot secured was too extensive to be carried away by individuals with out some car or truck to haul the goods.

GOOD CROWDS—POOR GAMES

From Tuesday's Daily.

With the baseball season drawing to a close it is remarkable what close contests have developed in the two major leagues and our own Western league. New leaders appear at the head of the National and American per centage columns nearly every day. Of the probable winners Cleveland has been hardest hit, due principally to the accidental death of Roy Chapman, shortstop.

In the Western league the contest is largely between Wichita and Tulsa with Omaha third in line, although considerably behind the leaders. Despite the fact that Omaha is one of the best paying baseball towns in the league, Kourke continues to give the fans a poor exhibition of the national game. But, like anything else, good ball players cost money, and Kourke believes in hanging onto his.

Of late years there has been considerable talk of obtaining a berth for Omaha in the American association, but as yet no one has been found willing to take quite the chance this would entail. But, thanks be, Kourke has done better this year. Last year his "Sterlings" finished in the cellar and with good luck these remaining three weeks they will be able to hold a place somewhere in the first division.

OPERATED ON IN OMAHA

From Tuesday's Daily.

This morning Sheriff C. D. Quinton departed for Omaha, where he will visit his sister, Mrs. J. M. Dunbar, of Avoca, at the St. Joseph hospital, where she is to be operated on this morning by Dr. Dermody. Mrs. Dunbar has been very poorly for some time and last week it was decided that an operation would be necessary to give her relief and the patient was accordingly taken to the Omaha hospital.

Mr. Dunbar is at the hospital at the bedside of his wife and will remain there until the patient recovers from the effects of the operation.

Mrs. J. M. Palmer of Nehawka, a sister of Mrs. Dunbar, is at Avoca caring for the aged mother, Mrs. E. J. Quinton, during the stay of Mrs. Dunbar at the hospital.

HERE FROM SOUTH DAKOTA

From Tuesday's Daily.

The homes of W. J. Hartwick and M. S. Briggs was made glad yesterday by a visit from their children who motored down from their home at Winner, S. D., and made the parents a surprise visit. The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Briggs and babe and Mrs. Glen Edwards and little son, Billy and Chester B. Briggs. The visitors will remain here for a time visiting with home folks before returning to their home in South Dakota.

SCHOOL TERM TO OPEN IN ANOTHER WEEK

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 BRINGS RETURN OF DUTIES TO THE YOUTHS OF CITY

EVERYTHING IS IN READINESS

With the Exception of One or Two Teaching Vacancies Which are to be Filled This Week.

From Monday's Daily.

The Plattsmouth city schools will open Tuesday, September 7th. Children becoming five years of age or before October first may enter the beginners' class. After October first no beginners' class will be organized during the remainder of the school term.

According to the state compulsory law, children under sixteen years of age must attend school for the full period of the school term. Pupils under sixteen years of age, who have completed the eighth grade are not excused by this law.

Tuition for non-resident pupils is as follows: High school, \$1.50 per week; Seventh and Eighth grades, \$1.00 per week; Grades C, to Sixth, inclusive, 50 cents per week. All tuition is payable one semester in advance.

Following is a list of the city teachers and their assignments:

HIGH SCHOOL

H. A. Stromberg, principal; Hallie Lewis, history; Laura Mackprank, English; Gladys Caldwell, commercial; Estelle Baird, language; Pearl Staats, normal training; Myra L. Heine, domestic science; Jessie Moore, science; Minnie Stevens, mathematics; A. D. Bell, manual training.

DEPARTMENTAL

Seventh and Eighth: Anna Heisel, principal; Cora Owens; Golda Noble; Clara Weyrich.

Central: Amelia Martens, principal; Frances Faulkner, 1st and 2nd; Marie Svoboda, 3rd; Florence Rummel, 4th; Elizabeth Rossler, 5th; Theresa Hempel, 6th; Alice Gilbert, 3rd; Anna Rys, 6th; Mattie Gopen, 4th and 5th.

Columbian: Nettie Hawksworth, principal and 5th; To be supplied, 4th; Fay Poppewell, 2nd and 3rd; Ruth Wolford, C and 1st.

Wintersteen: Norene Schuhof, principal, C, 1 and 2nd; Catherine Bimner, 3rd and 4th.

First Ward: Adelia Sayles, South Park; To be supplied, East Second; Edith Bonze, West Second; Rose Prohaska, Mercerville; Vera Moore, Special; Marie Kaufmann, penmanship.

AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

By the POST ADJUTANT

Read the bulletin board in Conis' shining parlor frequently.

Don't forget the executive committee meeting Wednesday evening, Dr. Caldwell's office at 8.

If the roads continue good prospects are favorable to a large delegation from here attending the reunion of service men at Krug park Friday night, being given by the Douglas County Post.

Post Commander Shopp is in Sioux City on railroad business and it is quite probable will not return in time for Wednesday night's meeting. This will give one of the vice commanders a workout at presiding.

Plattsmouth delegates stood with the winning side on all the important contests at the convention. They supported Simmons of Scottsbluff for state commander right from the beginning and also voted solidly to hold the next convention at Fremont. Good work.

The overseas edition of the Stars and Stripes recently ordered has been received and is now in the custody of the adjutant. It is expected some action will be taken by the executive committee relative to its safekeeping until such time as the post may acquire club rooms.

Delegates to the state convention came home greatly enthused and it is contemplated holding a smoker and luncheon some night next week when they may transfer some of their enthusiasm to their less-active comrades. Definite announcement in regard to this will be made following the executive committee meeting of Wednesday night.

That special committee chairman should attend executive committee meetings this year is the desire of Post Commander Shopp. In so doing they will be present to give reports of information at any time, and it is believed will receive inspiration at the hands of the execu-

tive committee which will aid them in properly conducting the affairs of their own particular department.

The nice growth of the legion as evidenced by the delegations at the state convention, is most encouraging. In a little over a year's time the Legion has reached out to include among its membership more than half of those who served this nation honorably during the Legion wants none other—during the world war. But, like the sheep of olden times, they should all be secure within the fold. Will you, Comrade, do your part to see that every eligible person you know is enrolled?

RAILROADS TO RESIST TWO CENT FARE LAW

Seven Carriers of State Secure a Restraining Order Against Nebr. Railway Commission.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The seven railroads operating in Nebraska, consisting of the Union Pacific, Burlington, Chicago & North Western, Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha, St. Joseph & Grand Island, Missouri Pacific and Rock Island, have filed bonds in the office of the clerk of the United States district court for Nebraska, to cover the costs of the temporary restraining order asked by these railroad lines against the state railroad commission of Nebraska.

The state commission has held that on the return of the railroads to private ownership on the 1st of September the increased rates made during the time of federal control cease and that the status of the fares is covered by the state law passed in 1907 and which made two cents the legal fare to be charged in the state of Nebraska. The railroads in their restraining order ask that the state be prevented from enforcing the law and that the fares remain as they are at present.

The case is to be heard at Omaha on Monday in the district court before three federal judges and upon their decision rests whether or not the state law will govern.

This matter is one of great interest everywhere in the state as it would result in a considerable lessening of the fare on the various lines over the state if the old law is allowed to govern. A great deal of city and Omaha and in this case the travel is made each day between this city and Omaha and in this case the saving will be considerable to the passengers as the rate at present is 68 cents, whereas under the state law it would be but 35 cents.

RETURNS FROM OUTING

Joseph Fetzer has just returned home from an extensive auto trip through western Kansas and eastern Colorado and through the state of Nebraska. The trip was made by Mr. Fetzer in company with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Patterson of Union in the car of Mr. Patterson and was one of the greatest of pleasure. Mr. Fetzer reports that they found considerable rain enroute and south of Arapahoe in the state of Kansas some evidences of the hail that has visited that section. The party also enjoyed a portion of their time in Denver and viewing the sights of the mountain country.

NEW MINISTER IS HERE

From Tuesday's Daily.

The St. Paul's Evangelical church of this city which has been without the services of a regular pastor since the illness of Rev. J. H. Steger for the past year, is to once more have a resident minister. Rev. H. Kottich who comes from the state of Kansas, to assume charge of the church here is now arranging to locate here and will in a short time be permanently located in the city.

Rev. Kottich comes very highly recommended to the church here and will at once resume the church activities that have been handicapped by the lack of a minister. Rev. Steger and family who have been occupying the parsonage are now removing to the Curtis property on North Sixth street.

CHANCES FOR RECOVERY GOOD.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Reports from the Immanuel hospital in Omaha state that Roy Wright, the Iowa boy who was taken there a few days ago suffering from a very serious laceration of the left leg as the result of falling into the side bar of a mowing machine, is now doing very nicely and the brightest of hopes for his recovery and the saving of his leg are now entertained by the attending surgeons.

RETURNS FROM DES MOINES

From Tuesday's Daily.

Emil A. Lorenz, wife and children returned home this morning from Des Moines, Ia., where they have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Lorenz. While at Des Moines they enjoyed the many interesting sights of the city and visited at Camp Dodge, the great army cantonment and also took in the Iowa state fair that was held there last week. On their trip they found crops excellent and the appearance of the country between this city and Des Moines was for a great crop this year.

PLATTSMOUTH WINS A LONG, RAGGED GAME

ELEVEN INNINGS GIVES BATTLE TO SOX BY THE SCORE OF 9 TO 8

CONNORS PITCHES GOOD GAME

Visitors Gather But Few Hits But Errors Gave Visitors Lead That They Held for Several Innings

From Monday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon the base ball fans were treated to a long and drawn out battle on the local diamond when the Red Sox and the Springfield team mixed in a very ragged exhibition of the national pastime and which resulted in a win for the locals by the score of 9 to 8. The game was very much in favor of the visitors in the opening portion as they acquired a lead of six to 1 when the Sox began to rap Gotsch quite freely and secured in the fifth and sixth innings tallies enough to tie the score.

For the locals Christie enjoyed a good day as his hitting was very heavy, he securing a safe poke at almost every time to bat and adding to the scoring of his team mates, George Washington Fenwick, who played the left garden in the absence of Mason, who was on the sick list, robbed the visitors of several long and hard drives and also made several hits during his performance at bat. Connors pitched a much better game than the score indicates and had the visitors guessing most of the time.

For Springfield Gotsch proved to be out of his usual form as the efforts of a hard game on Thursday, was noticeable in his delivery and he retired from the game in the sixth inning, being succeeded by Beno, who gave the Sox several scores through his wildness and inability to cover the plate.

The Sox registered in the third inning when Herold hit to center and was advanced when Christie hit to the same territory and when O'Donnell hit to second and his hit was judged, Peter was able to register.

In the fifth round of the battle the Sox renewed their offensive and added three to their growing list of scores and threw a scare into the visitors. Connors opened the inning with a safe poke to left and was followed by Herold who was hit by Gotsch and Meisinger made a safety to first. Christie hit to short and Connors came over with a score. Meisinger scored when O'Donnell hit to right and the ball was fumbled by the visitors, and William Patrick came home on a wild heave of Eddie Gradoville finished up the activities of the inning by a two bagger to left.

The sixth saw the entrance of Beno into the game and his wildness gave the locals the hopes that victory would be their's. Grassman, Wolf and Connors were all passed to first and with the bases full Herold hit to second and Grassman registered. Christie made a safety to left that scored Wolf making two for this frame. Connors was out at home.

The visitors in the seventh added another one to the score and once more assumed the lead but this was soon overcome in the same inning by locals who made a one run lead by annexing two runs. Gradoville was hit by one of the slants of the Springfield hurler and later was caught at first. Fenwick was safe at first and Grassman was put out on a grounder to second. Wolf had his wrist slapped by one of the wild heaves of Beno and Connors, who followed hit to left tallying Fenwick and on Herold's hit to center Wolf registered.

The eighth again saw the score tied up as Springfield secured two runs the result of a walk an error, a single and the two bagger of Adair, the right fielder of the visitors.

The battle continued through the ninth and tenth innings and it was not until the last of the 11th that the locals poked out the winning run. Two of the Sox had retired when O'Donnell placed a short grounder in front of the plate and secured first on it through the poor throw of the visitor's catcher. Gradoville proceeded to cinch the game with a rip to the left garden that brought in O'Donnell.

There were a large number of visitors present from Springfield and they comprised almost half of the number present at the park for the game.

RETURNS FROM THE EAST

From Monday's Daily.

James Kuykendall, manager of the local office of the Nebraska Gas & Electric company of this city, returned home this morning from a ten day visit in the east, having been at Philadelphia, Chicago and St. Louis while away. Mr. Kuykendall found that the power and lighting companies over the east were all fac-

ing the rapidly augmenting cost of operation with the prices of all material used going up almost every day. The eastern companies have an even greater cost to face than the smaller companies in the west as their investments in plants and equipment is much heavier. In almost all the cities visited Mr. Kuykendall found that the companies were finding it necessary to ask increased rates and in many cases these were totally inadequate to the cost of operating the plants and unless relief was secured in the lowering of the cost of coal and other fuel stocks used by the companies that many would be practically forced to greatly curtail their plants.

LADIES ENJOY DELIGHTFUL PICNIC

Wiles Pasture Was Scene of Pleasant Gathering Yesterday Afternoon.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon a number of ladies of the city enjoyed a most delightful picnic party at the Luke Wiles pasture west of the city and one that they will all long remember for its pleasantness. The event was in honor of Miss Mina Kaffenberger of Lincoln, who is spending a part of her vacation here as well as for Miss Grace Nolting who is soon to leave for South Dakota to take up her school work in that state.

The spot selected for the picnic was an ideal one with an abundance of shade and attractive in the greenward that made it a fitting place for the delightful gathering. The afternoon was spent in games of all kinds and at a suitable hour the array of baskets of the dainties prepared by the ladies were brought forth and formed the basis of a very dainty luncheon. Those who were in attendance were: Misses Leone Becker, Grace Nolting, Mina Kaffenberger, Ellen Nolting, Elizabeth Baerjeck, Thelma Wallick, Ethel Tritsch and Mrs. John T. Lyons.

STRANGERS ARE WEDDED

From Monday's Daily.

This morning the office of County Judge Allen J. Beeson was visited by a gentleman giving the name of Benjamin R. Bare of Des Moines, Ia., and a lady giving the name of Sarah J. Smith of Chicago. The parties made the necessary affidavits as to their age and previous state of matrimony and were granted permit to wed and later visited at the home of Rev. A. V. Hunter, Methodist minister, where they were united in marriage.

The bridal party failed to explain fully to the judge or the minister the length of time of the divorce of the groom, judging from the following from the Sunday Bee's Council Bluffs department:

"A decree of divorce was granted yesterday by Judge O. B. Wheeler in district court to Benjamin R. Bare from Vera D. Bare. They were married September 6, 1910, and the husband based his suit on the plea of desertion. He is now living in Des Moines.

"All of the matters in controversy were settled by stipulation. The husband agrees to pay all claim against his wife, allow her the custody of their daughter, 7 years old, and pay \$3,000 as temporary and permanent alimony in addition to \$150 attorney's fees and court costs."

For Sale: 6-room house and 2 lots on North 6th street. Electric lights, bath, city water and gas in house. Priced at a bargain.

H. J. HOUGH.

Miss Neva Latta of Murray, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Holmes in this city over Sunday and Miss Latta gave a delightful solo number at the morning service at the Presbyterian church.

BRIGHT LIGHTS AND BAD ROADS MAKE TROUBLE

FORD CAR DRIVEN BY JACK PARMELE GOES INTO DITCH NORTH OF THE MASONIC HOME

CAR SUSTAINS SOME DAMAGE

Fortunately No One is Injured in Accident That Could Easily Have Resulted Very Serious for All

From Tuesday's Daily.

The peril of the bright and blinding lights on the autos have often been pointed out by drivers of cars as well as the press and public and the danger is far increasing as the number of drivers of cars dash over the roads with their lights on at full power and without regard of the drivers of other machines that might be driving on the same road.

Last night as a Ford driven by Jack Parmele was coming in on the road north of the Masonic home, a car going north came along and with very bright lights that prevented Jack from clearly seeing the road and as he turned out as best he could to avoid the oncoming car, the Ford went into a ditch some two feet deep at the edge of the roadway which at this point is none too wide at the best and as the result the Ford which belonged to John Wolf, was quite badly damaged and will require some little outlay to repair.

This ditch is located on the main road between Omaha and the south and certainly should be fixed up before some serious accident occurs that will result in some one getting badly injured and with this the law in regard to the excessive bright lights should be enforced if the parties owning the cars cannot take any steps to protect others who may be traveling the road. The average auto owner shows a regard for the rules of the road by dimming their lights when approaching another car or have the cars equipped with special devices that prevent the lights from shining in the eyes of the driver of another machine.

The accident last evening was fortunate in that no one was injured and is a warning of the danger that lurks out on the highway when the blinding lights are in use.

LITTLE CHILD IS BITTEN BY DOG

Lucille, Three-Year-Old Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jay, Injured by Neighbor's Dog.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday while Lucille, the little three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jay was engaged in playing at her home with a dog belonging to one of the neighbors, she was unfortunate enough to be bitten by the animal, although not seriously. The dog has not been showing any signs of crossness while playing with the child had evidently pushed her over and inflicted severe lacerations from its teeth on the little one. The child was taken to the office of a surgeon where the wounds were dressed and the little one made as comfortable as possible.

The dog has shown no symptoms of the rabies and it is thought that the child will suffer no ill effects from the injuries received from the animal.

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