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BOOZE CONVOY IS CAPTURED AT THE PLATTE RIVER

Ford Truck Carrying Two Omaha Men Runs Into Booze Hounds at Bridge Saturday Night

From Monday's Daily.

Saturday night there were reports of a car scheduled to pass through this city carrying a load of the much sought after and invigorating corn juice and on the receipt of the word, State Officer Grebe accompanied by Frank Diefel hastened out to the Platte river wagon and auto bridge to see if it might not be possible to snag the car, and while they did not secure the one they were looking for, they got something just as good.

After laying in wait for some time, a few cars passed and then the Ford truck approached and while they were waiting to pay over the necessary toll, Officer Grebe glanced into the truck where a number of quills were piled in one corner and on lifting up the quills several glass jugs were discovered and which on examination revealed the fact that they contained corn juice of recent vintage and the parties were notified that they would have to come on to Plattsmouth and face the music.

One of the men gave the name of Joseph Duda and the other that of John Tondl, and both were lodged in the county jail until last evening when a number of their friends came down from Omaha and put up the necessary security to secure their release until they have their hearing in the county court. They will lose their truck in all probability under the state law as being used in the transportation of illicit liquor.

TENDERS A FAREWELL

On Friday evening the home of Mrs. W. W. Wasley was the scene of a very delightful farewell party given for Mrs. Helen Wallick, chief operator of the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Co., by the telephone "bunch." Mrs. Wallick is returning to Weeping Water to reside there with her son, and also to take over the position of chief operator of the Weeping Water exchange.

The evening was spent in games and music and at an appropriate hour a dainty and enjoyable 4-course luncheon was served that aided in completing the evening and in remembrance of Mrs. Wallick was presented with a number of beautiful gifts.

Mrs. Wallick has been chief operator of the Plattsmouth exchange for nearly four years and under her management the service has been raised to the highest degree. She has made possible the splendid service given by the exchange in case of fire alarms. Socially she is a member of the Eastern Star and Rebekah and also the Oracle of the Royal Neighbors of America, and possesses a host of friends who will wish her well in her new home.

Those attending the farewell were Misses Edith Wallengren, Alice Johnson, Clara Mumm, Sophie Selver, Hulda Goss, Pauline Bajack, Lettie Foster, Mrs. Helen Wallick.

ASKS FOR DIVORCE

From Monday's Daily.

This morning an action was filed in the office of the clerk of the district court entitled Martha J. Fitzpatrick vs. John F. Fitzpatrick, and in which the plaintiff seeks to secure a decree of divorce from the defendant. The plaintiff alleges that the parties were married in Lincoln February 13, 1913, and that the defendant has been guilty of cruelty, neglect and abandonment since that time. She asks for the restoration of her former name of Martha J. Drum. Attorney D. O. Dwyer appears for the plaintiff.

FUNERAL OF LITTLE ONE

The funeral services of Vernon Richard, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stander, was held Sunday afternoon from the late home and conducted by Rev. A. G. Hollowell, pastor of the Christian church. The pastor spoke words of comfort to the sorrowing parents taking the words of David as the consolation and hope of the future meeting with their loved one. Mrs. Minnie Pickard and Mrs. A. G. Hollowell sang during the service, "Face to Face," "Sweet Flower of Morn" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus."

Little Vernon Richard was born September 23, 1921 and died April 1, 1922, at the age of six months and eight days and his death has brought to the parents a deep and lasting grief, in which they have the tenderest sympathy of the friends.

RETURNS HOME

Saturday afternoon Edgar Wescott who has been at the Methodist hospital in Omaha for the past few weeks recovering from an operation for appendicitis, returned home and is now feeling in the best of condition following his sickness and operation and it is hoped will soon be able to be around and resume his school work.

Advertising is the life of trade.

RECEIVES SAD NEWS

From Monday's Daily.

Last evening a message was received here by Mrs. M. S. Briggs announcing the death of her brother-in-law, Albert Davis at Farmington, Iowa, following an illness of some duration during which time he has been a sufferer from hardening of the arteries. The deceased was fifty-seven years of age and leaves a wife and four children. Mr. M. S. Briggs departed this afternoon on No. 2 for Salem, Iowa, where the funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon. The members of the family here will have the sympathy of their friends in the bereavement that has been visited upon them.

LOSE FIRST GAME OF STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Local Legion Team Meets Defeat at Kearney Saturday by Fast Central City Quintet.

From Monday's Daily.

After an all day ride the Plattsmouth American Legion basketball team hopped off the train at Kearney Saturday afternoon at 3:30 and at 4:30 had taken the floor to play the first game of the Central City and with the result that Central City carried away the grapes by the score of 36 to 23, in a fast and grueling game that tested the metal of both teams. The locals have not been practicing for some few weeks and this told against their playing when they started on with their formidable rivals from Merrick county.

During the first half the locals led the greater part of the time and at the intermission the score was 12 to 16 in favor of Central City.

The Central City team, however, was humbled in the final round by the Cambridge team and which team was acclaimed the champions of the state in the Legion circles.

The Plattsmouth team returned home early yesterday morning without having had any rest and it is needless to say the members of the team kept close to the feathers for the remainder of the day.

GETTING LISTS ARRANGED

From Monday's Daily.

The committee in charge of the community monthly sales, held on the third Wednesday of each month are busily engaged now in the plans for the forthcoming sale on April 19th and which will offer unusual buying opportunities to the people of Plattsmouth and vicinity. One of the new features of this monthly sales day is the public auction that Auctioneer Rex Young presides over the M. E. Smith building and where everything that is brought in for sale finds a market. The list of articles to be sold is already being arranged for and anyone who has anything they would like to dispose of should get their goods listed with Mr. Christ, chairman of the committee, or Auctioneer Young and to insure it being given the proper amount of publicity. It is a splendid chance to dispose of articles that may be cumbering the home but which are such that others would be glad to purchase them. Bring in your goods and have them listed.

EXPRESSES APPRECIATION

From Monday's Daily.

The Athletic Committee of Hugh J. Kearns No. 56 wish to publicly extend their thanks to the following named organizations and individuals who made it possible financially for the post basketball team to compete for the state championship at Kearney April 1st, 1922. We sincerely appreciate the co-operation on their part. The following contributed to this cause: Chamber of Commerce, Eugene Lister, Carl Wohlforth, Thomas Walling, Sr., John Wickman, Jr., Harry Winscot, Dr. J. S. Livingston, Graham & Thome, Frank Dunbar and A. W. Cloidt. Athletic Committee, Hugh J. Kearns Post No. 56, by ALBERT JANDA, Chairman.

RECEIVES HEAVY FINE

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon in the county court Wayne Goehsen was brought before Judge Bescon on a charge of having taken a carbureter and a fan of a Ford car belonging to Marion Rouse and which was of the value of \$7.50. The court after hearing the evidence and the plea of the young man assessed a fine of \$50 and costs amounting to \$60.10, and also to pay the owner of the property, Mr. Rouse double the amount of the value of the property taken.

MORAN WILL CARE FOR THINGS

W. F. Moran, former county attorney, will look after and prosecute all criminal cases in the courts for County Attorney Heinks in his absence in Texas, where he has gone to visit his father and brother. Attorney Moran was one of the best prosecuting attorneys that the county ever had and he is looked upon as one of the leading criminal attorneys at the bar.—Nebraska City News.

TELEPHONE MANAGER GOES TO A LARGER FIELD

H. R. Cole Accepts Position in Omaha that Will Offer Greatly Enlarged Opportunities

From Tuesday's Daily.

Plattsmouth is soon to be called upon to part with one of the most popular families as H. R. Cole, local manager of the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company, is to leave soon for Omaha to make his home and the family will reside in that city in the future. Mr. Cole has received a very pleasing offer from the Bell Telephone company in Omaha, and which promise not only a larger salary but offers a greater opportunity for further advancement than would be possible in one of the smaller towns. Mr. Cole will have an opportunity in the new location to take up the work with the new automatic system that is being placed in Omaha and which is to be largely used over the country in the future.

It is to be regretted that the Cole family have to leave the city and they regret very much to part with the many good friends they have made in the time they have lived here. Mr. Cole has been very active in the Masonic and Elks lodges and with his wife in the Episcopal church work and Mrs. Cole as well has been one of the leaders in the work of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mr. Troy Rinehart of York, Neb., will be the successor of Mr. Cole here and is expected to reach this city Thursday with his family to take up the work as manager of the local telephone exchange.

FORMER PLATTS-MOUTH BOY PICKED UP IN MINNESOTA

Edward Wittstruck, at Liberty Since Escape from Penitentiary in 1919, is Captured.

From Tuesday's Daily.

After spending five years in the enjoyment of liberty, following his escape from the state penitentiary on July 5, 1917, Edward Wittstruck, formerly a resident of this city, has been captured at Walker, Minnesota, and will be returned to the Nebraska penitentiary as soon as the extradition papers are prepared and Warden Fenton can reach Walker to take over the prisoner.

The young man was arrested in this city in the first part of 1917, charged with having broken and entered a corn bin on the Wills farm north of the city and for which offense he received a sentence of one to ten years. Shortly after he was placed in the state prison he was made a "trusty" and at meal time on July 5th, 1917, he disappeared and has not been heard of since until his arrest.

FUNERAL OF HOWARD NEWTON

From Monday's Daily.

The funeral services of the late Howard Newton were held Saturday afternoon from the home at the south portion of the city and the body laid to rest in Oak Hill cemetery. The Rev. John Calvert, pastor of the Methodist church, conducted the service and spoke words of comfort to the sorrowing family and friends. During the service Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wescott sang a number of the old familiar hymns, which brought with them a sense of comfort to the bereaved family.

FURTHER FOOD PRICE DECLINE IS RECORDED

Washington, April 2.—Food costs at retail continued to decrease in all of the sixteen principal American cities where observations are maintained by the labor department during the month ending March 15, according to the monthly report issued today. The average of decline under February 15 on the date given amounted to 3 per cent in Detroit, Philadelphia, Rochester, Salt Lake City and Scranton; 2 per cent in Norfolk and San Francisco, and 1 per cent in Chicago, Cincinnati, Columbus, Little Rock, Louisville, Mobile, Minneapolis, New Orleans and St. Paul.

OVERDRAFT INCREASES ON STATE GENERAL FUND

Lincoln, April 2.—Overdraft on the state general fund increased from \$1,609,000 to \$1,800,000 during the month of March, according to a summary being prepared by State Treasurer Dan Crosey.

Disbursements for the month exceeded receipts, \$187,317. The amount taken in was \$792,581.12 against expenditures of \$979,896.60. Monthly receipts of state taxes from county commissioners will not increase until real estate taxes begin to come in next June according to Crosey.

Phone us the news!

TO LEAVE CITY

From Monday's Daily.

The many friends of Mr. A. C. Davis, chief clerk of the mechanical department of the Burlington shops, will regret to learn that Mr. Davis and his charming family are soon to leave this city to make their home in Omaha. Mr. Davis is to leave the mechanical department of the Burlington and to take up work in the offices of N. C. Allen, superintendent of the Omaha division of the railroad. Mr. Davis will remain here, however, until his successor can be secured in the local office.

CELEBRATES 70TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

D. J. Pittman, One of the Old Residents of County, Passes Milestone of Life's Highway.

From Tuesday's Daily.

April 4, 1852, saw the advent on this sphere of David J. Pittman, who has since become one of the foremost citizens of Cass county and in honor of the event, the children of this county and his friends gathered at the home of Mr. Pittman on last Sunday arranged a family dinner and celebration in honor of the happy event at the O. A. Davis home at Murray, where Mr. Pittman has made his home for the greater part of the time since coming to this state to reside. The occasion was one of the greatest of pleasure and especially to the aged gentleman who was the guest of honor of the day. Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Perry and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Pittman and family were in attendance at the dinner and to participate in the very happy time that was enjoyed.

During his residence in Murray Mr. Pittman has been very actively identified with the business interests of that place and has also been very prominent in the general life of the county and has been active in the democratic party of the county. That he may enjoy many more years of success and happiness is the sincere wish of the friends over the county.

FOR SUPERINTENDENT

From Tuesday's Daily.

This city was visited today by Miss Ruth Pyrtle, candidate for superintendent of Lancaster county, and who is a candidate for the office of state superintendent at the forthcoming primaries on July 18th. Miss Pyrtle has been filling out the term of Miss Jeannette Nelson as superintendent of Lancaster county and is a lady well qualified in every way for the office to which she aspires and has in the past few years been one of the leaders of educational work in the state and a favorite teacher at the various institutes over the state. The office is nonpartisan and the two highest candidates at the primary will be placed before the voters at the regular election and the friends of Miss Pyrtle are hopeful that she will be one of the candidates at the fall election. Mrs. Vilas P. Sheldon of Nehawka, accompanied Miss Pyrtle in her swing over Cass county.

FAMOUS MEN TO ATTEND "ANTI-DRY" MEETING

New York, April 2.—A number of famous men will attend a mass meeting of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment at Carnegie hall on April 6. Stuyvesant Fish will preside and boxes have been reserved by Kermit Roosevelt, Augustus H. Thomas, Irvin S. Cobb, Hudson Max and others of equal prominence.

The executive committee of the Empire State Voters' league has unanimously adopted the resolution endorsing the activities of the anti-prohibition organization.

Edward S. Brogan, former assistant district attorney, is one of the leaders in New York state in an attempt to obtain legislation to permit the sale of light wines and beer.

"This fight," said Brogan, "will be against fanatics and fakers and against any further unlawful interference with the individual rights of all citizens by the enactment of so-called blue laws."

TO REORGANIZE SCOUTS

From Monday's Daily.

Since the removal of Rev. A. V. Hunter from this city the Boy Scout movement has been rather lagging and the once successful organization that was maintained here has been allowed to become broken up, and with a view of getting the Scouts once more in active work, the Rev. John Calvert this morning paid a visit to the scout headquarters in Omaha. While the task is one that calls for much time and work, Rev. Calvert feels that it should be carried out and is willing to make a sacrifice to get it started. All those interested should call on Rev. Calvert.

STILL VERY LOW

From Tuesday's Daily.

The condition of Mrs. John Bingham is reported as being very serious and during the past few days she has gradually been growing much worse and there is but little hope of her recovery entertained by the members of the family.

WOMAN'S CLUB HAS PLEASING MEETING

Enjoy Evening of Discussion and a Program of Parliamentary Drill and Music.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Plattsmouth Women's club met last evening at the auditorium of the public library with a very pleasing number in attendance and the meeting was filled with many interesting discussions among the members as well as offering a splendidly arranged program.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. E. A. Stanfield, Mrs. Nelson Jean presided over the meeting and the ladies took up the discussion of the matter of a playground for children with supervision, such are found in many of the cities of the country and while no definite action was taken, the club felt that this was a most important matter.

On the roll call the members responded with a current event that served to bring the gathering in touch with many of the civic problems of the day all over the nation as well as with international affairs.

The musical program consisted of piano numbers by Misses Genevieve Whelan and Marvel Whittaker and Mrs. E. B. Hayes in charge of the parliamentary law department gave a drill that covered some time and brought the ladies in touch with the procedure of public gatherings.

The musical and literary departments are now reaching a stage where they will be vital factors in the social work and in these the ladies find much that is useful as well as inspirational.

BANDITS MISTAKE SUGAR TRAIN FOR ONE CARRYING SILK

Forty Armed Robbers Loot Dozen Cars After Holding Up Crew—Escape in Automobiles.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., April 2.—Forty bandits held up a special sugar train on the New York Central early today about 11 miles east of here, and after ordering the train crew to disconnect the engine and drive a mile up the tracks, looted more than two dozen cars. They then discovered they had held up the wrong train and after firing a volley of shots in the air, escaped in six automobiles. Eight posses are now conducting a search for the bandits.

Before the train was held up every telephone wire in the surrounding country had been cut. Following the holdup, the train crew was delayed more than an hour in notifying authorities.

The robbers were after the silk and money train which leaves New York City for Chicago every night at midnight except Saturday. When the sugar train reached Chelsea the engine brought in his long train to a stop when red signal was shown. Immediately the bandits swarmed aboard the train. Under threat of death the entire crew was ordered into the engine or on the tender. Four bandits stood guard over them as the engineer was ordered to stop the train about a mile. The rest of the bandits remained to rifle the cars.

About an hour later several shots were fired in the air and the four bandits who stood guard over the train crew, taking this as a signal, ran back to the cars. Fifteen minutes later a volley of perhaps thirty shots were fired at the engine and train crew by the bandits as they climbed into their automobiles and disappeared.

While the engine and his fireman proceeded in the engine to Benson, others of the train crew ran back to the cars. The seals of more than a score of the cars were broken while the locks on others were smashed. Only the most valuable parcels of merchandise were carried away.

BUS DRIVER IS HELD FOR DEATH OF ROOSEVELT

New York, April 2.—David Zalkin, driver of a municipal bus, was held without bail for the grand jury today on a charge of homicide in connection with the death of Robert B. Roosevelt, of Bayshore, N. Y., who died yesterday of injuries believed to have resulted from being struck by an automobile.

Roosevelt, who was 22 years old and a second cousin of former President Roosevelt, was found by a policeman unconscious in Columbus avenue, near Eighth street, with a fractured skull. He died a few hours later in a hospital.

CARD OF THANKS

To our kind friends and neighbors we desire to express our most heartfelt appreciation of their kindness to us in our time of sorrow and also to the Royal Neighbors, Eagles and schools for their beautiful floral remembrances.—Mrs. Ada Newton and family; Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Newton and family.

Blank Books at the Journal Office.

RECEIVES \$100 FINE

From Tuesday's Daily.

This morning in the county court Joe Duda and John Tondl, both of Omaha, were brought into court to answer to the charge of having transported liquor contrary to the peace and dignity of the state of Nebraska, and for which offense they were arrested on Saturday night at the Platte river bridge. The court after hearing the evidence in the matter assessed upon the two men the fine of \$100 and costs each of which figures \$212, and also ordered the Ford truck in which the men were traveling, confiscated and turned over to Sheriff Quinton for selling as per state law. This was the first trip of the two men with liquor they state and it has proven a very costly one in every way for them.

ENTERS THE RACE FOR COMMISSIONER

Creed F. Harris, Present Commissioner from Second District is Up for Re-Election.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The first filing for the office of county commissioner was made this morning when C. F. Harris, present commissioner from the second district, filed with County Clerk George Sawyer his entry into the race for re-election.

Mr. Harris has been commissioner since 1919, having been elected in the fall of 1918 on the republican ticket, and during his term of office has become well known to the people of all sections of the county. He was for many years one of the prominent farmers of Liberty precinct and is now a resident of Union. During his term Mr. Harris has tried to serve the people of the county to the best of his ability and will now give them the opportunity of approving or disapproving his service of the past four years.

There are to be two commissioners elected this fall and Fred H. Gorder of the third district, who was elected last fall to fill out the unexpired term of Henry Miller, is to be up for re-election and while Mr. Gorder has made no public statement as to his position, his excellent services in his office make it certain that his friends will insist on his being a candidate again for this office.

DISTINGUISHED ATTORNEYS IN PLATTSMOUTH TODAY

From Tuesday's Daily.

This morning the district court was scheduled to take up the case of Laura E. Ryons et al vs. Rebecca J. Ryons, et al, covering the partition of real estate situated in Cass county, but owing to the illness of some of the parties in the action the case was passed until May 1st, when Judge Begley will take it up unless a favorable day can be found in the term in Sarpy county, that will permit the court to hear the case. Ex-Senator Elmer J. Burkett, Judge H. H. Wilson and C. M. Skiles, distinguished members of the Lancaster county bar, were here to take part in the case and Attorney C. A. Rawls of this city was also one of the attorneys in the case.

Office supplies of all kinds handled at the Journal office.

HOLDS VERY FINE MOTHERS' MEETING

Mrs. C. A. Troop and Mrs. F. Spangler are Hostesses for W. C. T. U. Yesterday Afternoon.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. chapter were very pleasantly entertained yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. A. Troop and Mrs. Fred Spangler and Mrs. Troop were the hostesses. The afternoon was given over to a Mothers' meeting with a large attendance of the members present as well as visitors and a most delightful program given.

Mrs. H. G. McClusky, in her usual charming manner handed her subject "Afternoon" and which made a deep impression on her audience, while Mrs. John Calvert in discussing "English Mothers," brought out many interesting stories of the mothers in the old world and the customs of the English people in their home life. Mrs. John Gorder in "Mothers of Musicians" showed a very remarkable knowledge of the women who had brought in the world the great musical artists while Mrs. R. B. Hayes gave a very interesting and helpful discussion of present day conditions that would appeal to the mothers of the nation.

The afternoon program was in charge of Mrs. C. C. Wescott, while the devotional program was handled by Mrs. A. G. Hollowell, and these ladies acquitted themselves in a splendid manner in getting such a pleasant afternoon arranged.

At the close of the afternoon a delectable luncheon was served that came as the climax of a most delightful time.

ELECTION DAY "DEAD ONE"

From Tuesday's Daily.

Today was the regular municipal election day but to the average citizen this fact meant little as there were no contests in the election save in the fourth and fifth wards where the race for councilman has brought on a little excitement and interest. The general city ticket and the first second and third ward councilmen were unopposed and as a result a very light vote was cast in those wards although a number of the voters took the trouble to write in the names of a number of their friends.

The day was in marked difference to the times when political feeling in the city campaigns ran high and when candidates represented the political parties rather than the "blobs" that have grown up in the last few years. The old war horses of the two parties have almost vanished from the scene of action, but in their place they made the occasion of election day one of real purpose and meaning.

OPERATED ON SATURDAY

Mrs. Christine Lowe, former resident of this city and sister of W. F. Evers, superintendent of the Nebraska Masonic Home, was operated on Saturday at the Fenger hospital in Omaha and is now reported as doing nicely. Mrs. Lowe was taken very suddenly ill Saturday morning at her home in Council Bluffs and hurried to Omaha and placed in the hospital there, where the operation was performed.

Blank Books at the Journal Office.

STRENGTH SERVICE

Service With a Vision!

The election is over! Now let's all turn our attention to boosting Plattsmouth. The policy of this bank since 1871 has always been to further by every means consistent with sound banking the steady growth of Plattsmouth and vicinity. And we always shall.

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