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Police Capture Safe Wrecker at the High School

Attempt to Force Open Safe in Superintendent's Office Results in Capture of Culprit.

From Friday's Daily—
A very daring attempt to force open the safe in the office of Superintendent R. E. Bailey, of the city schools, in the high school building, was nipped in the bud Wednesday night by the night police. Officers Joe Libershal and Dave Pickrel, and the man, George Murray, is now in jail as the result of the prompt action of the police and two high school boys, Robert Fitch and John Nelson.

The attempted robbery occurred close to 11 o'clock and at the time Bob Fitch and John Nelson were on their way to their homes on High school hill, when they noticed a light in the office of Superintendent Bailey, and which at that time of night attracted their attention, and they watched for a few moments in front of the school until Officer Dave Pickrel, who was coming up the hill to switch off the electroliners, arrived in the vicinity of the school building and was also attracted by the light and with the two school boys came up to the building. Officer Pickrel going to the east door of the school building could hear the sound of pounding on steel that led him to suspect that an attempt was being made to break into the safe and as he had no key to get into the building, he hastened to the residence of George Petring across the street south from the school and called for Officer Libershal and also O. C. Hudson, the custodian of the building.

On the arrival of the custodian and Officer Libershal the police were able to get into the building and quietly made their way to the office of the superintendent, the two boys being left on the outside of the building to see if the parties tried to escape. On reaching the office of Superintendent Libershal made his way into the room connecting with the office of the superintendent while Officer Pickrel entered the room from the hall entrance. As the police entered the room they flashed their lights over the room and saw the safe that was battered by the efforts to get into it and also discovered crouched down behind a filing case the burglar.

The officers on discovering the man hidden in the room commanded him to step out and to hold up his hands and they then searched him a bit, but failed to find any gun or weapon on the man.

The safe had the dial badly battered and the handle of the safe broken off, but the man had been unable to get into the safe and its contents were still intact.

The weapons used in the attempt to break into the safe were a large pry bar such as is used by railroad track workers in getting out railroad ties and which is thought to have been stolen from the local track workers of the Burlington, as well as a smaller wrecking bar.

The captured man stated that his name was George Murray and he was from the east, his home being in Pennsylvania, that he had been on a bum over the west and was broke and down and out. When reaching this city, the man stated, he had walked around over the city and decided to try and sleep in the school building. The story of the man and the fact that he carried along the two large bars does not seem to fit up very well, however, in the opinion of the authorities. Murray made his entrance to the building by prying up a window in the music room, the bar being used to force the lock of the window.

The burglar made a very small haul for his efforts, as he found only 24 cents in change in the desk of Superintendent Bailey, also there was something like \$100 in the safe, representing small sums from school activities and the Thanksgiving offering of the school that was to have been given to the city library.

Officers Libershal and Pickrel escorted their prisoner to the city jail, where he had his much desired sleep safe from doing further damage, behind the strong bars of the city jail.

GO BAREFOOT AND BE HAPPY

Dr. C. F. Schmidtman recently told a Tech High gym class that if the boys and girls wished to have strong feet without corns and other defects, they should go barefoot.

"The physical foundation of a person is in the foot," the doctor said. "If you have poor feet you will have a weak back. Go barefoot and have no foot worries."—Omaha Bee-News.

ALICE LORENZ IMPROVING

From Friday's Daily—
Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Lorenz were at Lincoln yesterday where they enjoyed the day at the hospital with their daughter, Alice, who has been there since March receiving treatment. The parents were delighted with the wonderful improvement that their daughter has made in the last few weeks and speak highly of the splendid efforts that the physicians and nurses at the state hospital have made for the restoring of the young lady to health. The state hospital has benefited the patient a great deal more than the private hospitals where the patient has been taking treatment since suffering a serious nervous breakdown and the present improvement makes the parents hopeful that the daughter will have a permanent recovery from her illness and be able to return home restored to health.

Death of Mrs. Adah Elizabeth Messersmith

Well Known Lady Who Has Lived Here Many Years, Goes to Last Long Rest.

From Friday's Daily—
The death of Mrs. Adah Elizabeth Messersmith, old time resident of this city occurred on Wednesday afternoon at her home in the north portion of the city, where she has made her home for the many years that she has lived in this city. The deceased lady was the widow of W. D. Messersmith, who preceded her in death some time ago, and at the time of her death was near her 83rd birthday.

The deceased lady was born on January 22, 1845, and was a daughter of Carlos William and Julia Larkin. After her marriage to Mr. Messersmith the greater part of her married life has been spent in this city, where she was held in the highest esteem by those who had the opportunity of knowing her. In the last few months her health has been failing and she gradually has been sinking into the last long rest.

Mrs. Messersmith is survived by her son, Harry Messersmith, wife and two granddaughters, Helen and Mary Elizabeth. There are several nieces and nephews to mourn her loss, they being Mrs. Minnie Pickard, of this city; Mrs. Maude Bunch, of Omaha; Mrs. Anna Carrigan, of Havelock; Albert Funk, of this city, and Clyde F. Funk, of Havelock. A sister-in-law, Mrs. Joel Messersmith, also mourns her death.

The funeral services were held today from the late home on North Sixth street.

SEARCH FOR MAN ENDS

From Friday's Daily—
Sheriff Bert Reed and Deputy Sheriff Rex Young have ended a search that has covered several years for a man by the name of S. H. Arrants, formerly residing in the vicinity of Cedar Creek, who was sought in connection with the disposition of mortgaged property.

The defendant was charged with having disposed of from \$2,700 to \$3,000 worth of mortgaged property and had made his get away after the disposal of the property and for many months was lost track of by the authorities.

Deputy Sheriff Young, who had been in touch with the matter in his previous service in the office of deputy sheriff under E. P. Stewart, has, with the aid of Sheriff Reed, kept after the man and by their diligent search and inquiries were able to finally locate the man in Omaha, where he had been for a short time.

Following the information of the whereabouts of Mr. Arrants, Deputy Sheriff Young journeyed to Omaha and placed him under arrest and brought him to this city, where he is now resting at the county jail.

The apprehension of this man represents a great deal of work and untiring effort on the part of the sheriff's office and shows the real efforts that are being made to apprehend the violators of law in this county.

DIES AT MASONIC HOME

The death of C. Francis Barras, one of the residents of the Nebraska Masonic Home, occurred there on Thursday morning at 12:45 following his illness of some years duration and which at his advanced age of 75 years made his chances of recovery practically hopeless.

The deceased was born at Huntington, Pennsylvania, and has for a great many years resided at Lincoln and where he was a member of East Lincoln lodge No. 210.

Mr. Barras was brought here two months ago to make his home and has since that time been gradually failing until death came to his relief.

The body was taken to Lincoln where the funeral will be held on Sunday at 1:30 under the auspices of the East Lincoln lodge of the Masons and the interment made at the Wyuka cemetery.

Blue and White Close Season in Turkey Day Win

Blue and White Overcomes the Nebraska City High School 13 to 0 on Local Field.

From Friday's Daily—
The ideal Thanksgiving day yesterday brought out a fine group of the fans to enjoy the turkey day game on the local ground between Nebraska City and Plattsmouth high schools and which resulted in the locals winning by the margin of 13 to 0.

The game was hotly contested by the visitors but their chief dependence lay in Chapman, quarter of the team and who largely accounted for their team being in the game to any extent.

The contest also marked the last high school football game for a large number of the local players and Westcott and Gansamer, backfield men featured with Perry in the plays that resulted in the gains of the locals through the course of the game.

In the opening Plattsmouth kicked off and Nebraska City after fruitless efforts to gain ground was forced to punt and Plattsmouth on gaining the ball sent Westcott through for a gain of twelve yards with Wurl carrying the ball around the end for an additional five yards but the team was held and Perry punted Nebraska City after a few plays that were blocked punted and Gansamer returned the ball for twenty yards. Westcott in a fine end run gained another fifteen yards and the ball was brought into the Nebraska City territory on the play and Gansamer again in two end runs drew the ball down within striking distance of the purple and gold goal with Westcott in another end run plunging five yards nearer the visitors' goal. A fine pass from Westcott to Perry was good for the touchdown and Bob Fitch placed the toe of his foot against the ball for the extra point.

In the latter part of the first quarter Nebraska City broke forth with a series of plays that looked bad for a few moments with Chapman making substantial gains through the Nebraska City defense until the game was brought to a close by the excellent tackle of Ralph Mason. The ball was deep in the Plattsmouth territory at the close of the first quarter.

On resuming the play in the second quarter Gansamer intercepted a Nebraska City pass and carried the ball for the locals and on a try around the left end Westcott gained twenty-five yards with the local interference working good. The Plattsmouth plays were broken up and the ball lost on downs. The remainder of the quarter was largely a punting match between the two teams and at the half the ball was Nebraska City's on their own forty yard line.

In the opening of the second half the visitors grew dangerous when they held the offensive largely through the quarter and brought the ball to the Plattsmouth territory where the ball was halted on the Plattsmouth eight yard line. On an attempted pass on the fourth down, Chapman was thrown for a loss by George Perry and the hopes of the boys from the City faded as they had no other real opportunity of scoring.

The final score of the Platties came in the closing minutes of the game when Gansamer intercepted a pass and secured the ball for the locals and the purple and gold drew a penalty that gave the locals first downs with the ball on the Nebraska City twenty-four yard line and a brilliant pass from Westcott to Perry placed the ball on the Nebraska City two yard line where attempts on line plays failed to gain and then a short pass from Westcott to Perry placed the ball over but George was beyond the limits of the playing field and the touchdown was declared null and void but was followed in the next few seconds of play by another short pass from Westcott to Perry that was good for six points more. The try for place kick was no good and left the final score at 13 to 0.

The local players who are closing their high school football career in this game are Ed Westcott, Frederick Gordt, Ralph Gansamer, Virgil Hutson, George Perry, George Caldwell, Oliver Schneider, Ralph Mason, Lester Stout and Dean Snyder.

HAVE SMALL SMASHUP

From Friday's Daily—
This morning on the K. of T. highway south of this city a small auto accident occurred when a coupe carrying two traveling men, skidded in the roadway that had just been graded up and was overturned with the result that both of the occupants of the car suffered more or less injury. One of the men had his right ear lacerated very badly with broken glass while the other of the party had his nose quite seriously injured. The injured men were brought on to this city where they were given aid at the office of the Drs. Livingston. The car was more or less damaged in the smashup.

VERY HAPPY OCCASION

From Friday's Daily—
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brubacher, of this city are enjoying the distinction of being very happy grandparents as a result of the visitation of the stork to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Brubacher, at Murray, and who left in their care a fine little daughter. The little Miss has been christened Beverly Ann, and is one of the finest little ladies in the land and the event has been one that has brought great joy to the parents and the grandparents as well. Gus has been busy for the past few days in receiving the congratulations of the friends in Murray.

Get your school supplies at the Bates Book and Stationery Store, where you will find the complete line at all times.

JOURNAL WANT ADS COST BUT LESS, AND THEY SURE DO GET RESULTS.

PURCHASES MEAT MARKET

E. H. Krug, veteran meat dealer of Shubert, Nebraska, and father-in-law of Mr. Frank Mullen of this city, will be interested after the first of the month with his grandson, Edward Mullen, in a meat market at Missouri Valley, Iowa, that they have purchased and will operate in the future.

Mr. Frank Mullen and Edward Mullen have been at Missouri Valley for several days arranging the market and preparing to take over the operation of the business. Mr. Frank Mullen and his sons are owners of the Sanitary meat market on South 6th street and which they have made a great success of operating since taking it over.

New Fords to be Shown on Next Friday

Local Representative, George Petring Attends Meeting of Ford Dealers at Omaha Yesterday.

From Monday's Daily—
"The New Ford," which has been in the process of incubation for the past several months is promised to be ready for showing at a large number of the leading cities on next Friday, December 2nd, is the message George K. Petring, local Ford dealer, brings from a meeting of the Ford dealers held at the Omaha plant yesterday.

The new car that the Ford company states will be responsible for the expenditure of some \$800,000,000 in 1928, will be exhibited on next Friday was the announcement received at the Omaha meeting and the new car will be officially known as "Model A."

Mr. Petring states that the dealers had the opportunity of seeing the moving pictures of the new car in all detail and it is a real development in auto construction. It is hoped by the local dealer to have one of the new cars here a short time after the showing on Friday.

A dispatch from Detroit gives the following statement from the Ford plant and Henry Ford as to the new car.

"My outlook for the coming year is based on ample evidence of continuing and increasing material prosperity," Ford declared. "National wealth is increasing. Individuals have more money. Taxes are on the decrease and governmental economy has made for better business in all lines.

"That has been said," Ford commented, "that national business has suffered during the months when we were preparing to produce the new car. I do not believe it. It may be true that fewer cars were sold than would have been sold if our factory and sales organization had been operating on a normal basis. But we actually built and sold more cars than we were still spending hundreds of millions of dollars for wages, materials, new machinery and in experimental work."

DEPART FOR COLORADO

From Friday's Daily—
Father W. C. Middleton, wife and little daughter, departed from this city on Wednesday afternoon for Denver, Colorado, where they are to make their home in the future, and where the genial rector will take over the charge of the St. Luke's church in that city.

It is with much regret that the many friends here see this estimable couple depart from this city, where they have grown into the affection of a large circle of friends and where Father Middleton has had charge of the St. Luke's church, serving earnestly the cause of his church and congregation.

Both Father and Mrs. Middleton are of a very genial and pleasant personality and their residence here has endeared them to a large number of the residents of the city.

The new charge to which Father Middleton has been called is one that will give him a greater opportunity for service in a wider field of activity and where his splendid work can give real results.

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Journal Want Ads cost but less, and they sure do get results.

Receiver of First National to Pay Claims

Checks in Payment of the Twenty Per Cent Dividend Here for Distribution.

From Monday's Daily—
Receiver Fred Buerstetta of the closed First National bank of this city will be able to act as Santa Claus to the depositors of the bank as he has received back from Washington the checks in payment of the twenty per cent dividend that was declared several weeks ago and he will be able to start the payment of the claims that were given with the bank and on which a dividend was declared.

The exact amount of money that Mr. Buerstetta will distribute on the dividend will be \$47,671.50, and will be divided among some 671 claimants and the checks range from large sums down to a quarter.

Mr. Buerstetta states that the checks must be claimed by the party who carried the account with the bank in person, that they must also bring along with them the receipt that was issued to them and which certifies their claim number which is necessary in securing the payment of the checks.

The payment of this dividend leaves Mr. Buerstetta with some \$40,000 more on hand in the bank and which is held for the protection of the bank in matters that are now in litigation, covering the claim of the county and city deposits, which total some \$20,000 and he will have sufficient even above these claims to make another ten per cent dividend in a few months if it is approved.

The attempt to secure a restraining order against the receiver in the federal court in Lincoln on the claim of Frank Baskin and wife to make the creation of a preferred claim, was overruled in the U. S. district court and permitted the payment of the dividend as was arranged by the receiver.

Mr. Buerstetta is anxious to make as large a return to the depositors of the bank as possible and is bending every effort to see that all the assets possible are realized from the bank and the money repaid to those who had deposits in the bank.

VISITS WEEPING WATER

From Monday's Daily—
The field man of the Journal was a visitor in Weeping Water on Friday this week, and found that hustling city looking fine, and all the people happy, with the exception that they had lost one of their oldest citizens, Mr. Jones, who for many years has been engaged in the pursuit of the blacksmith trade, and was one of the best, as it is said that he could make anything from iron or steel.

The farmers are getting along nicely picking their corn. We picked a few ears at O. E. Domingo's and found an excellent crop of corn, some making as high a yield as sixty bushels and good quality at that.

As we stood conversing with J. E. Renner, he called our attention to a scene along the Weeping Water creek, and looking we saw four boys in swimming and it the twenty-fifth of November. No use to go to Los Angeles or Texas or Florida, for winter bathing when the kids go in swimming this near to the first of December.

We noticed that a new filling station was being erected just west of the Republican printing office, and that looked like there was going to be some good business in this line for there seems to be plenty of stations to care for the business, but competition stimulates business and we all want more business.

PLEADS NOT GUILTY

From Monday's Daily—
This morning in the county court, S. H. Arrants, a former resident of near Cedar Creek, was arraigned charged with having disposed of mortgaged property contrary to law. The man had been apprehended by the sheriff after a search of several months and was taken into custody at Omaha.

On the information being read to him Mr. Arrants entered a plea of not guilty to the charge and was bound over by Judge A. H. Duxbury to the next term of the district court. The amount of the bond was fixed at \$1,000 and which Mr. Arrants will endeavor to secure at once and secure his release until the hearing of the case in March.

PAINTING UP FRONT

From Monday's Daily—
The front of the Peterson building on lower Main street has been treated to a new coat of paint that has added a great deal to the general appearance of the building and makes it one of the most attractive in that part of the city. The front has been painted in white and the work was carried out by Val Burke for the owner of the building, Mrs. J. C. Peterson, Sr. The first floor of the building is occupied by the Chase & Sons meat market.

ELWOOD BUTTERY VERY LOW

From Monday's Daily—
A message was received this morning from Pender, Nebraska, announcing that Elwood Buttery, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Buttery of this city was in very critical condition at his home in that place and that his recovery was the matter of very grave doubt. Mr. Buttery has been suffering with pneumonia for the past few days and his mother, Mrs. E. M. Buttery, left for Pender several days ago to assist in his care. The patient has failed to rally as was hoped for and has continued to grow weaker until last evening when the gravity of his condition caused the father and brothers to be called to his bedside. The news of the serious condition of this estimable young man comes as a great shock to the many friends here where he was reared to manhood.

Young People Joined in Wedding Today

Miss Helen Cechal and Mr. Frank E. Koubek Married at Holy Rosary Church This Morning.

From Monday's Daily—
At nine o'clock this morning at the Holy Rosary Catholic church on Pearl street, occurred the marriage of Miss Helen L. Cechal and Mr. Frank E. Koubek, the impressive nuptial mass being celebrated by the pastor of the church, Father Jerry Hanck.

The bride wore a very becoming gown of pale pink, gorgeously beaded over dress with picture hat of pink. The bride carried an arm bouquet of pink roses.

The bridal couple were attended at the chancel by Miss Anna Smetana as bridesmaid and Mr. Frank Koubek, nephew of the groom as best man. The groom wore a suit with hat to match. Miss Smetana also carried an arm bouquet of the pink roses.

Following the wedding at the church the members of the wedding party and a group of the relatives were entertained at a wedding luncheon at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Josephine Cechal on west Vine street, where the pleasant surroundings of the home made a most delightful setting for the happy event. In the luncheon the color scheme of pink was carried out. In the serving Mrs. Cechal was assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Frank Rehal and Mrs. Frank Kozak.

Both of the contracting parties were born and reared in this city where they have a very large circle of friends and who will learn with great pleasure of the happiness that has come to these two very estimable young people. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Josephine Cechal and was educated here in the local schools and is held in high esteem by those who have the pleasure of her acquaintanceship. The groom is the youngest son of Anton Koubek, and has been engaged in farming at the home in the northwest part of the city for the past few years.

Mr. and Mrs. Koubek will make their home in the future on the farm of the groom's father and where they will be at home to their friends after December 1st.

FUNERAL OF MRS. McELWAIN

From Monday's Daily—
Services at 2:30 the funeral services of the late Mrs. S. E. McElwain were held at the First Christian church of which the deceased lady was a charter member and the old time friends and neighbors were present in large numbers to pay their last tributes of love and respect to the deceased.

The services were conducted by Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church who spoke words of comfort to the bereaved family and gave a sketch of the life of the deceased lady who had been one of the pioneer residents of this city.

During the service a quartet composed of Mrs. Hal Garnett, Miss Estelle Baird, Frank Clويد and R. W. Knorr gave two of the numbers that had been favorites of the departed, "How Firm a Foundation," and "It Is Well With My Soul." Mr. Clويد gave a special solo number, "Face to Face" during the course of the services.

At the close the body was borne to Oak Hill cemetery for interment, the pall bearers being selected from among the old friends and neighbors of the departed lady.

DRAWN SIXTY DAYS

From Monday's Daily—
Ray Burton, charged with the second offense in the possession of intoxicating liquor, was arraigned yesterday afternoon in the county court and where he entered a plea of guilty to the charge. On hearing the statement of the defendant the court imposed a sentence of sixty days in the county jail and the payment of the costs of the prosecution and the prisoner was remanded to the custody of Sheriff Bert Reed until he had served the sentence of the court.

Ketelhut Will is Upheld in the District Court

After Four Days of Evidence Taking Jury Sustains Will of Henry W. Ketelhut, Deceased.

From Monday's Daily—
The trial of the contest over the will of the late Henry W. Ketelhut, of Eagle, lasting for four days was brought to a close this morning at 10 o'clock when the jury impeached in the case returned a verdict finding that document offered in court was the last will and testament of the late Mr. Ketelhut.

The case has been in litigation since shortly after the death of Mr. Ketelhut on May 8, 1925, and the admission of the will in the county court when it was offered for probate, was opposed by two of the sons of the deceased, Rhinehart Ketelhut and Albert Ketelhut and six of the daughters, Mrs. Hattie Knadle, Mrs. Agnes Sack, Mrs. Martha Franke, Mrs. Myrtle Blanchard, Mrs. Kate Oberle. The proponents of the will were Henry Ketelhut, Jr., Otto Ketelhut and William Ketelhut, sons of the deceased. One daughter, Mrs. Frances Stange, was not either a proponent or contestant of the will.

At the hearing in the county court the will was admitted and the contestants appealed to the district court where the jury rendered a verdict that the will was not the will of Henry Ketelhut, Sr. The case was taken to the state supreme court where it was remanded back to the Cass county district court for retrial.

The case at this term of the court was opened on Monday morning and has been grinding away since that time with the Thanksgiving holiday intervening. There were a great many witnesses sworn and testifying on both the side of the proponents and that of the contestants.

The will had disposed of the property by bequeathing to Henry and Otto Ketelhut, each an eighty acre farm, to William Ketelhut, the youngest of the family a farm of 160 acres, to Rhinehart Ketelhut a tract of 13 acres adjoining Eagle and to Albert Ketelhut the family residence in Eagle and the household effects. To each of the daughters was given the sum of \$1,500 in cash, this to be raised by Henry and Otto Ketelhut each paying in \$2,500 to the estate and William Ketelhut to pay the sum of \$4,000. It was contended that the document had been secured by the three boys inheriting the farm through undue influence and it was on this phase of undue influence that the jury was called to pass upon.

The court in its instructions yesterday took from the jury the consideration of the mental capacity of the deceased to make a will, no evidence of weight having been produced to show that he was not capable of making the will and no question raised as to his signing the will.

DEATH OF LOVED LADY

From Monday's Daily—
The older residents of this city will regret to learn of the death at the Dominican convent at Sinsinawa Mound, Wisconsin, of Sister Marie Geraldine, formerly Miss Marieta Casney of this city.

The death of this loved lady occurred after an illness of some duration and at the close of many years of service to her church in the work of the Dominican sisterhood.

The deceased lady left Plattsmouth some twenty years ago after the death of her mother, Mrs. Charles McEntee, and at which time she took the vows of the sisterhood and has spent her years of service in the faith at the convent at Sinsinawa Mound, Wisconsin.

The death of Sister Marie Geraldine occurred on Sunday and the funeral services and the interment were at the convent where her years of service had been spent.

The death of this lady marks the passing of all of her family, as her father, mother, three brothers and half brother and stepfather have preceded her in death.

FILES LARGE MORTGAGE

From Monday's Daily—
The office of the county register of deeds today received one of the largest mortgages that has been filed in the county of Cass county land, it being made by the Western Limestone Products Co., of Omaha to the Peters Trust Co., of Omaha is the sum of \$250,000, the filing fee being \$26.

This mortgage covers the property in and near Weeping Water which was acquired by the Western Limestone Products Co., from D. N. Myers and the Weeping Water stone company and which property is to be used in the manufacture of limestone products.

MURRAY ANNUAL BAZAAR

At Presbyterian church Saturday Dec. 3rd. Here is the place to buy gifts for Christmas. Chicken and noodles for dinner, from 6 to 8 p. m. Public is cordially invited. 11w