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Murdock Store Suffers \$300 Loss from Robbery

Business House of Gottlieb Bauer Visited by Gang of Robbers Early Sunday Morning.

The general store of Gottlieb Bauer, at Murdock, was looted of some \$300 worth of merchandise sometime early Sunday morning, the robbers being able to make their getaway before the robbery was discovered Sunday forenoon and the sheriff's office notified.

The store building had one window with a broken pane of glass and which had been nailed over by a cardboard covering and it was through this window that the robbers were able to make their entrance to the store.

The articles taken were largely overalls, shirts, gloves, cigarettes and a large amount of these had been loaded into a truck and car and hauled away.

Efforts of Sheriff Thimgan to secure finger prints were fruitless as the parties had evidently worn gloves.

The investigation of the sheriff at Murdock disclosed that last week a car containing two men had been seen around the town and the party had driven away only to return a short time later with another car and different numbers on it.

That the party who made the survey around the town is the same that committed the robbery is borne out by the fact that a car with the same numbers and containing two men crossed the Platte river bridge at Louisville early Sunday morning, apparently headed for Omaha.

It is thought by the officers that the robbery was committed by a gang that has been operating over this part of the state, hitting the small town stores in this part of Nebraska.

HOLD OTOE COUNTY MAN

From Monday's Daily
Clarence Thacker, a resident of Nebraska City, was taken in custody late Saturday night by Sheriff Ryder of Otoe county, at the request of Sheriff Ed W. Thimgan of this county.

The arrest of Thacker was made on the charge that he was operating a motor vehicle on a number plate other than that issued to him.

A car bearing the number plate issued to Thacker was one of three cars found near the Glenn Todd farm near Murray on Thursday night, which contained a large number of sacks in which there were chicken feathers and which Sheriff Thimgan to hold the parties but who were later released as there was no evidence to connect them with the chicken stealing cases.

One of the parties arrested was fined on the charge of the possession of liquor and is now serving a sentence in jail here.

This morning Thacker was arraigned in the county court before Judge A. H. Duxbury and to the charge as preferred by County Attorney W. G. Kleck, he entered a plea of guilty. On hearing the plea and the inability of the prisoner to pay the fine, he was remanded to the custody of the sheriff to serve a thirty-day sentence in the county jail.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Fritz A. Fricke has returned home after a stay of several weeks at the Methodist hospital at Omaha where he has been for the past several weeks. Mr. Fricke has undergone a very severe operation and the friends are much pleased to find that he is now feeling much improved and it is hoped will soon be on the highway to complete recovery.

VISITING IN COLORADO

Sunday morning Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Schneider departed by auto for Colorado where they are to visit for a short time at Loveland, with Mrs. John Ramsey, a sister of Mrs. Schneider. While in the west Mr. and Mrs. Schneider will visit the various points of interest in the mountain state.

ABLE TO RESUME DUTY

Miss Alpha C. Peterson, county superintendent of schools, who was quite seriously ill for several days the past week, has so far recovered that she was able to be at the office a part of the time Saturday. Miss Peterson has not been well for the past several months and has been confined to her home several times in the last few months. The many friends trust that Miss Peterson may soon be entirely over her indisposition and be able to carry on her usual work which will be much heavier than usual with the opening of the schools, but a few weeks away.

Cass County Farmer Loses in Pipe Line Appeal

District Court Judgment of \$2,556 for Damages Is Held to Be Excessive Amount.

The Nebraska state supreme court has set aside a verdict obtained by Phillip Schater, in the Cass county district court, on the ground that the verdict of \$2,556, was excessive and not warranted.

The action was commenced by Mr. Schater against the Missouri Valley Pipeline Co., asking damages for the laying of the natural gas pipeline through the farm of the plaintiff. Damages were asked for the destruction of a spring on the farm, as well as the foundering of several cows that had ate too many oats from a field in which the cows had been permitted to enter by the employees of the pipeline company, it was claimed.

In the trial of the case here in the district court the jury in the case returned a verdict for Mr. Schater.

The state supreme court in its findings says that the verdict is beyond any reasonable limit of compensation warranted by the facts and the result of prejudice.

GOLFERS VISIT CITY

Sunday morning, despite the rain that had prevailed for several hours, a party of some fourteen golf enthusiasts of Ashland arrived in the city to play the local golfers at the Elks country club. The visit was a return of the Plattsmouth visit at Ashland last Sunday. While the weather was not all that had been hoped for, it was an event that everyone enjoyed to the utmost and some interesting matches were staged during the forenoon and early afternoon.

In the play on the course the Ashland players proved to be the most successful and the aggregate score of the visitors exceeded the locals. The visitors were a fine jolly group and comprised some real golfers and who enjoyed the hospitality afforded them by the Plattsmouth golfers. The weather served to keep a number of the local players from joining the party at the course.

VISITS IN THE WEST

Otto E. Lutz has returned home from a very pleasant trip to the mountain country, visiting many points of interest. Mrs. Lutz and little daughter, will remain at Denver for some time as Mrs. Lutz is a sufferer from hay fever.

The party made the trip by auto and had a most pleasant time in viewing the various places of interest in that section. They spent some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Puls at Cornish, Colorado, as well as at the John Kreager home at Fort Collins, these being old friends and former residents of the vicinity of Murray. They also attended the Frontier days at Cheyenne as well as visiting Denver, Colorado Springs and Estes Park.

PAYS VISIT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Samek of Brule, Nebraska, and Miss Virginia Samek of Weston, Nebraska, are here to pay a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Capwell and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Oterdorsky. Mr. Samek and Miss Virginia are sisters of Mrs. Capwell and Mrs. Oterdorsky.

Interesting Account of Florida Trip

"Herb" Sundstrom Tells of Sleeping Above Clouds on Stone Mountain—En Route Home

Concluding what is described by Scoutmaster Murphree as the "greatest trip we have ever made in spite of tire trouble," Louisville Scouts are due to arrive home late tomorrow night or some time Friday. They left Birmingham at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Sunday night at Louisville the 20 boys making the round trip (one, a brother-in-law of Rev. Murphree, remained at his home in Alabama) will occupy a place on the rostrum of Rev. Murphree's church and individually tell the congregation some of their experiences and impressions of this four weeks' trip.

Accompanying Rev. Murphree's note was the weekly report of "Herb" Sundstrom, Louisville Scout, who was elected as the official reporter prior to their departure July 11th, as follows:

By "HERB" SUNDSTROM, Official Press Representative, 1932 Louisville Scout Trip

This is sort of a farewell letter, as we are leaving for our home in the best state of all the U. S. A.—Nebraska—and home—and we are all more or less anxiously awaiting that time.

We will go first to Florence, there to make a little more extensive study of Muscle Shoals and Wilson dam. Here we will pick up Mrs. Biggs (a Louisville lady who made the trip that far with the party on the way down) and will then continue on, expecting to arrive home Thursday night or some time Friday.

We spent a very quiet Sabbath yesterday, observing it in a quiet, wholesome manner. We went to church and Sunday school in the morning. Robert (Rev. Murphree) preached the sermon that morning and evening also.

The Trip to Jacksonville

After spending almost all day last Monday (July 25) in preparation for our departure for Atlanta, we finally got started about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. We were accompanied by Mr. Murphree's two sisters, Alma and Agnes. We made good time with our new and larger trailer. We camped that night at the Passbender filling station about 15 miles from Heflin, Alabama. (Near Anniston, where W. T. Distell was located in charge of a large refrigerator car repair shop before coming to Plattsmouth).

Tuesday morning we arose early and continued on to Atlanta. We arrived there at 2:30 and prepared a late dinner which we ate in Grant's park. After dinner we spread out to view the wonders of this magnificent park. We saw the animals and all of the other points of interest. We left the park and continued on to Stone Mountain. We arrived there and camped for the evening at the bottom of the mountain. This mountain is one solid rock—the largest in the world—and has been set aside as a monument to the confederacy. Statues of a large group of Confederate generals on horseback are to be carved in the stone along its side, visible for many miles. Only a small portion of this work has been completed as yet, but when finished our Georgia friends tell us it will be the eighth wonder of the world.

Slept Above the Clouds

Five boys had a very thrilling night when they pitched their tents at the summit of this mountain. The splendor of a rising sun was spoiled by a dense fog, but the sleep above the clouds was thoroughly enjoyed.

Our first plans had to be continued on from here to Charleston, S. C., an Atlantic seaboard town and site of one of Uncle Sam's navy yards, coming back via Chattanooga and Lookout Mountain, but the plans were changed and it was decided to head for Jacksonville, Florida, instead.

Wednesday was a rather uneventful day. We made good time and camped at a filling station. It rained during the night, and but for a school house we would have all been soaked.

After a good drive Thursday, we arrived in Jacksonville early in the afternoon and went on to Jacksonville Beach, a distance of twelve or fourteen miles from the town itself, which is located on the St. John's river, a considerable distance inland, but a navigable stream. On our arrival at the beach, we quickly prepared for our first dip in the Atlantic ocean, a most enjoyable event. By the time our first swim in the salty water was concluded it was bed time and we turned in to rest, with the boom of the waves breaking on the shore resounding in our ears.

Friday morning we got up before sunrise to see the tide come in and take another swim in the ocean. After the splendor of the Atlantic had died away we packed up and left for the return trip to Birmingham, over a different route. Although it was almost noon when we left Jacksonville, we made fine time over U. S. 90 thru

the everglades (swamps to you) of northern Florida. On and on we sped, through Lake City, Live Oak, Madison, Monticello and past Tallahassee, the capital, with a record run of some 200 miles that afternoon. This drive was most interesting along tree-lined highways, the trees being covered with moss that hung like drooping willows and gave them a very picturesque appearance.

With 300 miles to make Saturday, we started out early and arrived back in Birmingham about 6 o'clock, pitching our camp on the lot near the church, where we had camped part of the week before and are now anxiously awaiting the time when we will leave for home. We are not exactly sure to see our folks and friends "up north" overhills our desire to stay—so, we'll be "seeing you all" soon.

The weather down here is wet. We had rain for three days on our trip. The last trip (described above) was our best one while down here, and we made 500 miles in one and a half days with but one flat tire to worry us. Well, I will close. There will be one more article (after we arrive home) covering the return part of our journey.

Four Mile Club Enjoys Picnic Party Sunday

Ladies Extension Club with Members of Their Families Join in Fine Time.

The Four Mile extension club, composed of a large group of the ladies residing just west of Plattsmouth, staged a fine picnic party on Sunday at Riverview park at Omaha, which was very largely attended.

The ladies had their husbands and families as guests of the day and who joined in the jolly festivities that marked the picnic.

While the weather man was unkind to the party the great help that the rain was bringing to the crops more than made up for the inconvenience that it might have occasioned.

Owing to the rain the main part of the festivities was held at the pavilion of the park and here the many good things to eat that had been brought in the well laden baskets, was spread and the dinner held.

During the day the members of the party, taking advantage of the intermissions between the showers, visited the various parts of the park and viewed the many interesting features of this well known and popular Omaha park.

VISITS IN OLD HOME

From Tuesday's Daily
Carl Graves, of Sioux City, Iowa, a son of the late A. J. Graves, was a visitor here last evening to spend a short time visiting with the relatives and old time friends.

Mr. Graves, who was more familiarly known as "Cal," was a resident here some twenty-five years ago and was one of the best known baseball players in this city, playing with the local team for a number of years. He later moved to Iowa and has since resided there. He is en route home from Texas where he has been looking after the disposal of real estate. Mr. Graves took advantage of the opportunity to visit with the old friends here. Mr. Graves made the trip from Texas via the bus route.

OMAHA PEOPLE MARRIED

From Monday's Daily
The wedding of Miss Ann Ludwig and Merle Gilbert, of Omaha, took place Saturday afternoon at the office of Judge A. H. Duxbury, who read the marriage lines that made them as one.

This morning Miss Mercedes Jane Dohle and Vincent F. Saitte were joined in the bonds of wedlock at the home of Rev. O. G. Wichmann, pastor of the St. Paul's Evangelical church. The bride party was accompanied by the father of the bride.

TO VISIT AT CHICAGO

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Soennichsen departed Saturday for Chicago where they expect to spend some time visiting with friends and acquaintances in that city. They made the trip by auto and will take in the various places of interest along the way to and from the windy city. Mrs. Mary Hickman accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Soennichsen on the journey.

Death of George Klinger, a Long Time Resident

Honored and Respected Citizen Called to Last Rest After Illness of Several Months.

From Wednesday's Daily
This morning at 6:45 at the family home in the south part of the city, occurred the death of George Klinger, one of the old residents of the community and one highly esteemed by a large circle of friends.

Mr. Klinger has been bedfast a greater part of the time for the past several months, he having suffered from heart attacks and in the last few weeks there has been little hope of his recovery. In the hours of his illness he received the tender and sympathetic care of the wife and children and who ministered to every want to ease the last days of life.

Mr. Klinger was born in Germany July 22, 1876, coming to the United States when a youth with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Klinger, Sr., the family settling in this community and where the parents resided until their death. Mr. Klinger grew to manhood here and learned his trade as tinner and plumber in the local shops. He was for some time engaged in the hardware business in this city and later at Oehlrich, South Dakota. Mr. Klinger was married to Miss Louise Wolf at Ravenna, Nebraska, some thirty-one years ago and they have since made their home here for the greater part of their married life.

There is surviving, the widow, Mrs. Louis Klinger, three daughters, Mrs. William Ketelsen, Mrs. J. J. Stiball and Mrs. Ray Herring of this city, and one son, Bernard H. Klinger of Omaha. There also survives one brother, Henry Klinger, and one sister, Mrs. Bert McKinney, both of Plattsmouth. The deceased was a nephew of George Shantz, Sr., of this city.

The deceased was a lifetime member of the Evangelical church and very active in the work of the St. Paul's church in this city.

The funeral services of Mr. Klinger will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 from the St. Paul's Evangelical church, with the interment at the Oak Hill cemetery.

EAGLE PIONEER IS DEAD

Mrs. Minerva Trimble, seventy-eight, widow of George C. Trimble, pioneer Eagle, Neb., merchant, died at the home of her son, George, at Eagle Monday at 9 a. m. She had lived there ever since coming to the town with her husband in 1887. She was born in Indiana. Surviving besides George are three other sons, Austin J., Eagle; R. B., Topeka, Kas.; Clyde H., Los Angeles, and three daughters, Mrs. Cora Vinson and Mrs. Bessie Oberle, Eagle, and Mrs. Alma Stewart, Fairmont, Neb. There are also a sister, Mrs. Martha Snyder, Piqua, O., thirteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

SET SCHOOL OPENING

From Tuesday's Daily
The board of education at their meeting last evening set the formal date of the opening of the public schools as Tuesday, September 6th, the day following Labor Day.

The board also let the contract for the new fuel in the boiler at the high school and which was awarded to John Bauer of this city, who will have the work completed and in readiness for the opening of school.

In the matter of the elimination of the teaching place held by the late Miss Gertrude Mortensen, the board decided to await the school census so as to determine just what shifts might be made to permit handling the pupils in a consolidation.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

From Wednesday's Daily
Late last evening A. M. Searle, one of the old residents here, was taken to Omaha to be placed in the Immanuel hospital for treatment. Mr. Searle has been suffering from gland trouble for some time and his case became so acute that it was necessary to hurry him to the hospital for treatment.

TO BRING FAMILY HERE

George Jaeger, new superintendent of the Burlington Refrigerator Express Co., shops, departed Saturday for his former home at Indiana Harbor, Indiana, to arrange to bring his family to this city to make their home.

The family expects to become settled here within the next few days and commence housekeeping in the new home.

The residents of the community will extend a hearty welcome to the Jaeger family and they will find here a most pleasant home and the association of splendid educational, religious and social advantages.

State to Complete Gap in Paving on K T at Oreapolis

Announcement Is Made Work Will Be Done This Week to Place All Paved Highway.

In the announcements made at Lincoln Monday of the various highway projects to be handled this year are two that are of much interest to the residents of this section.

One of the projects will be the paving of the mile and a half gap on No. 75 north of this city, starting from the present paving and running north to the Platte river bridge. As has been stated before, this piece of paving will be laid on the new road to be constructed as near in a straight line as possible from the bridge south to the paving. This will remove a piece of road that has been very annoying to the traveling public and will complete the paving from Omaha to below Auburn.

Another of the projects is that running on No. 24 west from the Union corner and the junction with No. 75, west six miles to past the road leading into Nehawka.

MANY SEEK JOBS

From Monday's Daily
This morning, fired by the report that a large number of additional workmen would be taken on in the construction work at the stock feeding yards of the Norfolk Packing Plant, there was a long line of applicants for positions.

The applicants at the office of William Baird, representing the Burlington, was large, and there were ten for every place that was available. The only ones taken on this morning were those who replaced the men called back to service at the BREX shops.

The superintendent of the work was out of the city and which held up the further enlarging of the force of workmen who are now busy in getting the yards and its equipment arranged.

The fence is being erected around the new feed yards located south of the present shop yards on Smith avenue, as well as a driveway that has been built from the unloading yards in the south part of the shop grounds, the cattle being driven through the driveway to and from the feeding yards.

The erecting of the new feed yards is a reminder to the old residents of that part of the city of the former stock yards and slaughter houses that were very active in the late eighties and the early nineties.

DeWOLF FAMILY HERE

Mr. and Mrs. George E. DeWolf and children George and John, arrived in the city last evening for a short stay and were guests at the E. H. Westcott home, "Sunnyside," for the time of their stay in the city. The DeWolf family have been enjoying a visit in the west part of Nebraska for some time and are en route to their home at Downer's Grove, Illinois. Mr. DeWolf, former superintendent of schools here, is now located at Downer's Grove, serving his second year at this large and important school. While en route home Mr. and Mrs. DeWolf will stop at Creston, Iowa, where they resided for several years prior to going to Illinois. A few of the old time friends were given the opportunity of visiting them last evening at the Westcott home as they departed this afternoon for their home.

William Baird Tells Story of Railroad Growth

Burlington Veteran Is Chief Speaker of the Luncheon of Local Rotary Club.

Tuesday afternoon at the luncheon of the local Rotary club, William Baird, superintendent of the Burlington shops in this city from 1908 to 1931, was the speaker of the occasion.

Mr. Baird had been asked to tell of his experiences in railroading, but his talk, most interesting was in tracing the development of the railroad interests of the nation from the earliest days down to the present time.

Mr. Baird had his first experience in railroading in Lincoln in 1893 as an employee of the building department of the railroad and was later engaged in St. Joseph, Missouri, and other points until he came to Plattsmouth.

The speaker traced the coming of the Burlington, then the B. & M. R. R. to Nebraska, when the line extended from Plattsmouth west to Kearney, with a side line built into Omaha to compete with the Union Pacific. The first mileage of the railroad was 1,000 miles, exclusive of side tracks, while now it was 4,701.

In the days when the speaker had entered the railroad work the chief mode of travel was by means of trains while now the railroad battles with other modes of traffic for its existence as a passenger carrier. One of the greatest developments in the railroad growth was that of the locomotive, the first light, small locomotives having gradually given away to growing monsters of steel and iron and now locomotives were in service that could haul trains that would require a half dozen of the smaller locomotives of the pioneer days. From his long experience in railroad shop work, Mr. Baird told of the belief that the steel coach was the best and safest, also of the fact in the wear and tear of years the steel becomes infected with a rust that leaves only a thin veneer on the cars. A well built wooden coach, constructed along modern lines, will last fifty years, Mr. Baird stated.

The address of Mr. Baird was followed with great interest by the members of the club of which Mr. Baird is a past president, but this had been the first time he had discussed the subject of his life work—railroading.

As the musical offering of the program which was under the direction of Frank Bestor, a very charming piano duet was given by Anna Margaret McCarty and Lois Bestor, which was artistically presented by the young ladies.

ENTERTAIN FRIENDS

From Wednesday's Daily
Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Rea F. Patterson entertained at dinner, Col. and Mrs. Helms and son, George, of Fort Omaha. The occasion was doubly pleasant by the fact that Col. Helms has just been transferred to Omaha from San Juan, Porto Rico, where the Floyd Harding family is stationed. Captain Harding has just recently been designated as the adjutant of the troops located at San Juan. Mrs. Harding was formerly Miss Edith Dovey, daughter of George E. Dovey and sister of Mrs. Patterson, and the opportunity of hearing from them through the mutual friends was very much enjoyed.

IN SERIOUS CONDITION

The many friends of George Spidell, a former resident here, will regret to learn that the young man is critically ill at his home in Pacific Junction. The young man was first taken ill by what seemed an attack of quinsy and which caused him a great deal of suffering. Later complications arose and a few days ago he was stricken with pneumonia. His case is so severe that artificial respiration has been necessary a part of the time. Mr. and Mrs. Fay Spidell of this city were at Pacific Junction Sunday and Mrs. Spidell remained there to assist in the care of her brother-in-law.