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Truck Lines Still the Prey of Hold-Up Parties

Watson Bros., Operating Line Over Highway No. 75, Seem to Be Target for Holdups.

The Watson Brothers Transfer Co. of Nebraska City seems to be the target for the operation of holdup artists plying along highway No. 75, a holdup being reported north of this city on Wednesday, the third in a month.

In this case the would be robbers were unsuccessful in securing any money or valuables, while in the two previous hauls they had secured \$600 and \$400.

Ray Price, driving the truck was en route to Nebraska City early Wednesday and as he was north of Oread he found an automobile barring his way on the highway. A woman remained at the wheel of the Chevrolet while two men armed with guns came to the truck and demanded that Price turn over money that they believed he was bringing from Omaha to the offices of the company at Nebraska City.

The driver of the truck assured them that they were mistaken as to his having money with him, but the parties continued to search the truck, breaking the lock on a toolbox on the running board of the truck.

Failing to find any cash the parties proceeded to disable the truck so that the driver was some time in getting it started and the trio were able to drive away and avoid pursuit.

Last night Ellis Lacy, the victim of two previous holdups, called Deputy Sheriff J. E. Lancaster from the vicinity of Oread and asked his assistance as he stated his truck was being followed and that he was afraid of a holdup attempt.

The deputy sheriff motored out and joined Mr. Lacy and as the truck proceeded on its way the deputy sheriff followed in convoy and was unable to discover anyone in pursuit, altho the driver was greatly alarmed.

Mr. Lacy stated that a car that appeared to be an Essex had followed him from Omaha and several times had approached as if to stop him.

The deputy sheriff followed the Watson truck through this city and for several miles south to see if a holdup would be attempted.

START NEW SERVICE

The Burlington and Missouri Pacific railroads, following the general plan of the transportation companies to enter an intensive fight to regain lost freight business in short hauls, Wednesday launched their new delivery system. The railroads have suffered in the past from the fact that in addition to freight costs that added drayage to the place of business of the consignee of the freight added to the cost. Truck transportation was able to deliver the articles direct to the consignee.

The railroads as has been announced before that on November 1st the rate of less than carload lots of freight moving wholly in the state of Nebraska, would be extended to include drayage between the shipper's warehouse and the place of business of the consignee.

The delivery system will be handled by contracts with trucking firms in the various cities and towns in which the railroads operate.

Locally the drayage for the railroads will be in the hands of the McMaken Transfer Co.

MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

The marriage of Miss Marguerite McTaggart and Oran E. Ferris, both of Omaha, occurred on Wednesday at the office of the county judge in the court house. The marriage lines were read by Judge Duxbury in his usual impressive manner and at the conclusion of the ceremony the bridal party returned to the metropolis.

Leo R. Rikli and little son and daughter, of Murdock, were in the city Wednesday for a few hours looking after some matters of business and while here spent a short time at the court house and visiting with their acquaintances there.

ATTEND BANKER'S MEETING

From Thursday's Daily
Last evening a meeting of Cass county bankers was held at the Hotel Resthaven at Weeping Water. The meeting was attended by representatives of the various banks over the county and occupied with the discussion of problems of the banking business. Those who attended from this city were H. A. Schneider and Frank A. Clodt, president and cashier of the Plattsmouth State bank and T. H. Pollock and Rea F. Patterson, president and cashier of the Farmer's state bank.

Central Building Pupils Stage Activity Program

Little Folks of the School Have Splendid Program Arranged and Ably Presented.

The second grade at Central building of which Miss Bernese Ault is teacher, gave an activity demonstration last Tuesday afternoon in the form of a Halloween circus. The theme revolved chiefly around hand work in which the children built animal wagons and carved the animals from beaver board. The painting and construction work was all done by the children with the aid of saws and hammers. This activity led to a great deal of reading about animals and inspired the children to read more than they would under usual circumstances. In addition to this the activity carried over to the art work as they had to design the circus wagons and animals. They wrote up their experiences for a language lesson. The entire affair was brought to a climax in a circus in the second grade room with the first grade for guests. The children had designed the box office, paper money and carried out the entire activity by themselves under the direction of their teacher, Miss Ault.

This method of teaching inspires the children to read, write and develop an appreciation for art. In the program Jean Goodchild acted as master of ceremonies and the following program was given:

Song, "The Elephant"-----2nd Grade
Elephant Stories-----
"Tots and the Red Balloon"-----
Shirley Burcham
"Tillie's Birthday Party"-----
Jean Goodchild
Song, "The Clown"-----2nd Grade
Clown Act-----Melvin Swanda and James Short
Story, "The Pony Race"-----
Catherine Kaffenberger
Poem, "The Animal Show,"-----
Joann Traudt
Tap Dances-----Dona Faye Mason, Bonnie Jean Walters
Story, "The Monkey and the Peas"-----
Delores Ruse
Story, "The Lion and the Mouse"-----
Ruth Ann Favors

Circus riddles made by the children were read by Bonnie Jean Walters.

Jean Goodchild announced the program. Merle Shryock operated Jo-Jo, the puppet clown, which performed during the clown act.

Popcorn was donated and sold for paper money to the first grade.

The paste board animals were designed, painted, and mounted on carts and put in cages by the children.

INSTALL OFFICERS

From Thursday's Daily
The Catholic Daughters of America held installation of officers last evening at the close of their regular business meeting.

Miss Veronica O'Connor of Omaha, state regent, also one of the national board of directors, installed the officers. The chaplain, Rev. George Agius, delivered a few pleasing remarks.

Miss Meyer, grand regent, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Ramold of Nebraska City were present.

The court decided to give a food and clothing shower for Father Flanagan Boys home.

At the close of the meeting dainty refreshments were served by the daughters of three members, Misses Pauline Nowacek, Constance Rea and Helen Woolcott, the girls carrying out the Halloween colors.

Read the Journal ads for news of unusual values.

Say Warehouse Law is Workable in This State

Railway Commissioners Dissent from Opinion of Congressman Burke, Omaha.

Nebraska agricultural college authorities received a wire from Washington Wednesday afternoon which said that the Nebraska warehouse law as passed by the last legislature was satisfactory and Nebraska farmers would be eligible for the loans.

All three state railway commissioners joined Wednesday in declaring that Congressman Burke of Omaha is wrongly informed as to the workability of the existing farm warehouse law, and that no special session is necessary to pass a new one. They disagree with the opinion of Manager Kuning of the farm rural credit corporation that it imposes an excessive cost on farmers for inspection of grain on which loans are sought and is wrapped in red tape. The following statement was issued by the commission:

"When there is such a demand for federal loans on corn held in storage on farms, it is unfortunate that these gentlemen should give out such statements for publication. Just the opposite of their statements is true. Nebraska has a workable farm storage act, one which is stripped of all red tape which is attached to the Iowa and South Dakota laws. Within thirty days after adjournment of the legislature the Nebraska state railway commission adopted rules and caused five thousand copies of same to be printed, together with copies of the act. All necessary blanks were printed, and the commission is ready to administer the act on a moment's notice. Our supervisor of public warehouses has been designated as the farm storage inspector, and is ready to inspect the bin and structure in which corn is stored upon the filing of an application for a farm storage receipt.

"The law provides that the commission shall designate a qualified person to make this inspection, and if our farm storage inspectors are unable to keep up with the demand the commission will appoint qualified assistants in the several counties.

"One objection made by these gentlemen may prove to be sound, and that is the cost to the farmer for securing farm storage receipts. The law provides that a minimum fee of \$5 from each applicant shall be collected, and that if the grain to be inspected exceeds one thousand bushels, an additional charge of one-half cent per bushel shall be made for the excess grain sought to be inspected. The legislature made no appropriation for the administration of the farm storage act, and the commission is bound by the fees fixed by the legislature. A general use of the law by the farmers would, in my judgment, create a larger fund than would be required for the actual administration of the act. If such should be the case, the commission will keep an accurate account of the expenses actually incurred, and will recommend to the next legislature that any balance not used for expenses should be prorated back to the farmers who created the fund. The commission also will exercise the greatest liberality in approving the bin or structure in which such corn is stored to the end that every farmer who desires to do so may secure a federal loan."

HAS AUTO SMASHUP

Lester Burrows of this city, who is engaged in working on the highway near Elmwood, was the victim of an auto accident that occurred on Wednesday night on the north and south road near Elmwood. Mr. Burrows had completed his shift of work on the highway and was driving north en route to this city. As he drove north a gas truck approached from that direction and the truck sideswiped the Burrows car, doing a great deal of damage. The gas truck tore off one wheel and one fender as well as bending the axle and was in such shape that the owner was compelled to leave it at the scene of the accident until a wrecker could be called to the scene. Mr. Burrows was brought on back to this city in a truck and will be compelled to await the fixing of the car to resume his work on the road.

From Thursday's Daily
Walter J. Wunderlich, Nebraska banker and representing the farm loan association of that place was here for a short time today while en route to Omaha to attend to some business matters.

ARMISTICE DAY SPEAKER

Mr. Alex Geist, manager of the Lincoln Telephone company at Louisville and Cass county American Legion commander, will be the principal speaker at the Armistice day convocation sponsored by the student council of the high school Friday morning, November 10th. Mr. Geist is not only a veteran of the World War but is a native of Russia and is a very interesting speaker and the student body is highly pleased that he has consented to come over to address them on their Armistice day program.

Embattled Farmers Drive Back Force of Road Pickets

Attempt of Some Seventy-five "Pickets" Meet with Bad Luck from Mills County Farmers.

From Friday's Daily
A state of near war existed for a short time last night at the Plattsmouth bridge over the Missouri river when a force of some seventy-five men appeared to try and enforce a picket on the highway and prevent truckers from moving their produce to market.

The men who seemed to be from points near Council Bluffs, first attempted to interfere with the traffic of the truck on the Iowa side of the river near the bridge and soon an embattled army of the farmers appeared and the members of the picket party suffered heavily, one member of the pickets having his jaw smashed by the brawny fist of one of the Mills county farmers. Repulsed, the pickets attempted to take a stand on the Nebraska side of the river but the arrival of Deputy Sheriff Lancaster on the scene settled the matter and the men were rounded up by the farmers and escorted away from the bridge and sent back to the localities from which they had come.

The Mills county farmers have formed an organization to oppose the farm strike and the picket methods and their first tryout last evening was most effective in clearing the situation. There are some 500 farmers members of the Mills county group and who are prepared to deal effectively with any situation that may arise over the travel of the highway with the farm trucks.

While attempts to picket the highway has been attempted several times on the Iowa side near the bridge, this is the first time that the trouble has extended to the Nebraska side of the bridge.

The alleged pickets have generally abandoned the patrolling of the roads leading to the Sioux City and Omaha markets and there had been little heard of the attempts to stop truck traffic until the force appeared last night at the local bridge and suffered repulse at the hands of the farmers and truckers.

VISITS IN THE CITY

Frank E. Schlater, of Denver, was in the city Thursday to meet the many old time friends in the community where he was for so many years one of the leading figures in business and political circles. While here Mr. Schlater was a guest at the home of his cousin, E. H. Schulhof as well as visiting with the host of friends. Mr. Schlater has been at Louisville to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, William Ossenkop and on his return to Denver will be accompanied by Mrs. Ossenkop who will spend some time with her sister, Mrs. Schlater.

TRUCK AND TRAILER OVERTURN

Wednesday evening a truck belonging to Watson Brothers, with its trailer, had a smashup on Pearl street between Fourth and Fifth streets. The truck and trailer was coming from the plant of the Norfolk Packing Co., and was loaded with canned goods. As they were coming up Pearl street the trailer became unbalanced and turned over and this reared the truck back onto its hind wheels. The trailer was unbalanced and righted and this caused the truck to drop forward, but the cab of the truck was damaged to some extent.

Dr. Westover New Commander of Legion Post

Fred Herbster and "June" Marshall Vice Commanders—Defer Appointments Few Days.

From Friday's Daily
A very pleasing attendance was present at last night's annual meeting for the election of officers of Hugh J. Kearns post, American Legion.

After the transaction of various matters of routine business, including unqualified endorsement of continuing the Legion Scout troop under the new regional plans calling for a more active program of sponsorship and decision to start a second drum corps, composed of younger boys, Commander Albert Olson announced that nominations would be in order for post commander for the ensuing year.

The name of Dr. R. P. Westover was presented, followed by a motion that nominations close and he be declared the unanimous choice of the members present for this office. The commander elect made a few remarks in which he pledged his best efforts to put the Legion program over 100 per cent during the coming year and asked the co-operation of every member, whom he declared would be called upon to have some part in the year's work.

For the office of Senior Vice Commander, Fred Herbster, one of the active workers in the post was unanimously elected, as was also "June" Marshall, to the office of Junior Vice Commander. Senior and Junior Vice Commanders are rotated annually between army and navy men and this year's seniority goes to the army.

The nine members of the executive committee were quickly placed in nomination and likewise unanimously elected, they being: Albert Olson, retiring commander; Eugene Vroman, L. S. Devoe, Fred Lugsch, James Farnham, Don Tinscher, Frank Rice, Frank Barkus and Robert Reed.

Leslie Niel, a past commander, acted as installing officer and inducted the officers elect into their respective positions.

An enthusiastic rising vote of thanks was given Commander Olson for his untiring work on behalf of the organization, not only during his term of office but for a long period, during which he has given much time to work at the building in connection with his trade of carpenter.

Dr. Westover, on accepting the gavel, continued the meeting with the reception of reports from Service Officer Duxbury touching on the re-employment program as applied to federal aid projects now under way in this vicinity. When this part of the business session was over the hour had grown very late and Commander Westover announced that a called meeting of the executive committee would be held in the near future to approve appointments of post officers and standing committees, as well as a trustee for the three year term, the appointment of whom will be announced in time for consideration at the next post meeting.

Besides the committees, the officers to be appointed include post adjutant, service officer, historian, chaplain, publicity officer and sergeant at arms. The post finance officer is elected by the executive committee from among its own membership.

The new commander is one of the best known and popular residents of the city and has been engaged in the practice of the medical profession in this city since the close of the world war. Dr. Westover is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, entered the war in the medical corps and was discharged from the service following the armistice in 1918. He has been a leader in the community and will make the Legion an able and efficient pilot during the coming year.

Mr. Westover has had experience in executive lines, as he has served as the head of the Masonic bodies of the city and also was a member of the board of education for two terms. Under his leadership the Legion should be able to show advancement and progress.

From Friday's Daily
John C. Neumann and sister, Miss Anna Neumann, were here from South Bend today to attend to some matters of business and while here were callers at the Journal.

IOWA MAN ARRESTED

Last evening a complaint was received that a strange man was seen prowling around in the south part of the city and which alarmed the residents of that locality. Officer Roy Stewart and Deputy Sheriff J. E. Lancaster made a tour of that section of the city and finally rounded up a man who was apparently under the influence of liquor. The man gave the name of Leslie Allensworth of Glenwood. The man was brought in and placed in the county jail to await his hearing this afternoon.

Barberry Eradication is Being Pushed in County

Several Young Men of Community Elected for Work of Removing the Common Barberry.

A campaign to rid Cass county of the common Barberry bush was started in the vicinity of Plattsmouth during the past week. This activity is a part of the new public works program, intended primarily to put men back to work on useful projects.

Eight men, chosen from lists supplied by the local representatives of the State Re-employment Bureau, are assisting in the work here. They are under the supervision of Mr. Floyd R. Schroeder and Mr. Ira Clark, field agents for the United States Department of Agriculture.

A systematic survey of the county will be made in an effort to locate every Common Barberry bush. This shrub is condemned by both federal and state laws because of its being a factor in the spread of Black Stem Rust of small grains. The leaf of the bush is the breeding place of the infectious rust in the early spring and eradication of the shrub is a method of forestalling epidemics of this destructive disease.

The Common Barberry is described as being an erect-growing shrub ranging in height from one to ten feet. The leaves of the bush have a "spiny" or "saw-toothed" edge, and appear in rosettes. At the base of each cluster of leaves may be found a three or more pointed thorn. The outer bark of the stems and branches is gray while the wood and roots are a bright yellow in color. The shrub blossoms with clusters of yellow flowers in the early spring, later producing currant-like bunches of deep red berries.

A considerable number of Common Barberry bushes were found during the past week by these men scouting the woods immediately north of Plattsmouth.

TALKS ON RIVER WORK

At the luncheon of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce which was held Thursday noon at the main dining room of the Brown cafe, a very interesting program was provided.

A. W. Farney, president of the A. W. Farney Co., contractors on the Missouri river improvement work near this city, was present and discussed the work and the general plan.

Mr. Farney explained in detail just what the work program is hoped to accomplish for the making of a navigable stream of the Missouri river and also took up the work projects that his company is now engaged in doing, telling of the work and its progress.

The talk was most instructive and gave the members of the Chamber of Commerce an insight into the general plan and workings of the river improvement.

John Flynn, veteran merchant of South Omaha was also in attendance at the meeting and was called upon for a few remarks as Mr. Flynn is one of the well known leaders in the life of his community and this section of the state.

SUFFERS FROM APPENDICITIS

Mrs. Harry Collins of Omaha, formerly Miss Maxine Edwards of this city, is at the Lutheran hospital in that city, suffering from a very severe case of appendicitis. Mrs. Collins was operated on for the removal of the appendix but has not rallied as had been hoped for. It was found necessary to give the patient a blood transfusion Thursday.

C. C. Camp is Removed from Louisville

Group of 200 Young Men Transferred to Red Cloud—Receive Fine Farewell from Residents.

The 200 young men that have for the past summer been located at Louisville in the Civilian Conservation Corps, left that city on Wednesday of this week for the west part of the state, they being ordered to Red Cloud for the winter work.

The young men have made a fine record at Louisville and their going is a matter of regret to the citizens of that place as they have been an excellent group and one that leaves a record of which they can well feel proud. They have made many friendships at Louisville who regret very much to see them departing.

The city band as well as a large number of the business men and citizens were out to see their departure on a special train over the Burlington and extending to the boys their best wishes for the future.

The work at Louisville has not been all completed and it is hoped that the C. C. Camp will be allowed to return next summer to complete the work.

In this week's issue of the Courier, H. H. Mole, one of the members of the camp gives a summary of the work and a part of which is given below:

During the 83 actual working days, an average of 131.37 boys reported for duty daily on the project. These men actually worked six hours each day, making an aggregate of 65,422 man hours. This is the equivalent of one man working every day in the year, six hours a day for 29.8 years. This man in walking to and from the camp would walk 21,806 miles—almost once around the world at the equator. Let us leave our hypothesis to enlarge upon some facts.

During the 83 days, five miles of lovely drives have been constructed in the park. In this road work and leveling of five unsightly mounds of earth, 35,000 cubic yards of earth has been moved. This earth has been moved principally by the pick and shovel method. To comprehend this volume of dirt imagine ten trainloads of 100 gondola cars each and you grasp the magnitude of the task. Before weed seeds could ripen, 32 men worked ten days to cut weeds which covered 130 acres of the park area.

Two thousand two hundred pounds of grass seed were sown over 20 acres of ground prepared especially to receive the seed. Under the direction of our landscape architect, 450 trees have been transplanted. Most of these trees are cottonwoods, although some elms and willows were included. This crew also transplanted 2,550 shrubs of dogwood, coral berry, snowberry and false indigo.

Speaking of trees and shrubs, in making the clearing for roads, ten acres of timber were cut. This afforded 100 truck loads of fuel for the camp. All trees and shrubs which could be removed and transplanted, were taken from the cleared area by the landscaping crew before the clearing crew arrived.

To prevent the trusion of the river bank adjacent to one of the lakes and the intrusion of the river over a low dyke, 200 car frames, furnished by Lyman-Rickey Sand and gravel company were used to form a revetment and retard. Washed out places in the dyke were filled by placing 550 burlap bags of earth therein. The entire dyke was raised four feet by wheeling earth 600 feet in wheelbarrows.

The bathing beach, once overgrown with young cottonwoods, old cable, broken pottery or what have you, was cleaned up, extended and enlarged.

Construction crews built a tool house, two rustic log lean-to shelters and two stone fireplaces. They repaired an derailed the four latrines in the park.

STEAL COAL FROM SCHOOL

From Friday's Daily
Deputy Sheriff J. E. Lancaster was out in the vicinity of Murdock today to investigate the theft of coal from the shed at the Grand Prairie school. The officer found the coal house as bare as the famed cupboard of Mother Hubbard of the nursery rhyme. The parties had driven up and loaded the three ton of coal that had been stored in the shed and made their getaway, the theft not being discovered until this morning when the time arrived for starting the fire in the school and then the lack of fuel was noted. No trace of the parties could be found, as they had many hours to get away with their truck from the scene of action.