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THE RIGHT MEN.

Sheriff Holloway Returns With the Gillispie Brothers.

SOME OF THE GOODS RECOVERED.

Two Sets of Harness Brought Back and Identified as Elam Parmele's—Trying to Thwart the Ends of Justice—Other Notes.

The Right Parties.

Sheriff Holloway returned last Friday from Kansas City with the two Gillispie brothers, charged with stealing harness in this vicinity. Two sets of harness, which have been positively identified by Elam Parmele as his property, were also brought back by the sheriff. Mr. Holloway was quite fortunate in getting his prisoners, as the sheriff from Trenton, Mo., wanted the men upon a similar charge, harness stealing. The police inspector at Kansas City, however, was inclined to favor the Cass county sheriff, and the prisoners were turned over to him. Sheriff Holloway, upon arriving in Kansas City, immediately set about to locate the harness, and, with the aid of the police, soon found the stolen goods at a second-hand dealer's shop, who informed them that he had purchased seven sets of harness from the Gillispie brothers for \$35. As the prisoners did not know that the harness had been found, they readily consented to accompany the sheriff to this state with out requisition papers, saying that no evidence could be obtained against them here for the offense. It is supposed that the harness was first shipped to Hamburg, Iowa, and then forwarded to Kansas City.

The men formerly resided in Auburn, Neb., and only lived here six weeks. Sheriff Holloway reports that there are at present over two hundred sets of stolen harness at police headquarters in Kansas City, and that city appears to be the rendezvous of most of the thieves of the country, as stolen property is shipped there from all sections.

A Deplorable Condition of Affairs.

It is becoming quite evident that the friends of Alonzo Moore, who is confined in the county jail on a charge of rape, are doing all in their power to defeat the intentions of the county attorney. Since the young girl was brought home from Sidney by her parents, she has been carefully watched by them, as it was not deemed advisable to have her communicate with outsiders until after Moore's trial. Consequently she has not been permitted to leave the house, except when absolutely necessary. The other day a woman called at the Patterson home, and when she discovered that the door was kept locked, with the key inside, she started a number of rumors as to the alleged ill-treatment the girl was receiving at the hands of her parents. In some manner the story was circulated that Mr. Patterson had whipped the girl with a buggy whip, and that her face bore marks of punishment. As a result, some of Moore's friends circulated a petition demanding that the matter be investigated, and succeeded in obtaining some fifteen signatures. The other day two residents of Rock Bluffs came to this city and showed the petition to the county attorney, demanding some action in the matter. When asked by Mr. Polk what they knew about the alleged ill-treatment, they confessed that they knew nothing, except from hearsay. They said that the Patterson girl did not want to live at home. As to this latter statement, the girl's own words will best explain. Mr. Patterson and his daughter, Veronica, were in the city last Monday, and called at the county attorney's office. The father shortly afterwards left the office, and the girl was then asked to make a statement of the facts, as to her wanting to remain away from home. She said that she "wanted to stay home and be a good girl again." She was "sorry for the trouble she had caused her parents, and would do all she could to make their home pleasant in the future." The girl also related some facts (which will be brought out at the trial) that are almost too revolting to believe. Moore's pals evidently want to get the girl away from her parents, in order that her testimony cannot be used against him, and are circulating the report that the girl will make no statement on the witness stand that will convict him.

Col. Mayfield of the Elmwood Echo, was in town Monday, soliciting job-work from the county officials.

Is Still a Mystery.

Several days ago the water company was filling a cistern for a man named Ohm, living out in the western part of town. In filling the cistern it was necessary to stretch the hose across the lots owned by Joe Warga. The latter gentleman and Mr. Ohm have not been on very good terms for some time, and when Mr. Warga came home from work and discovered the hose stretched across his property, for the benefit of his neighbor, he uncoupled it and threw it over the fence. Shortly afterwards it was discovered that the hose had been cut in three different places. Mr. Warga was at once suspected of having cut the hose, and T. H. Pollock, superintendent of the water company, filed a complaint in Justice Archer's court charging him with destroying the property, and asking damages in the sum of \$10.

Monday morning, after several witnesses had been examined, the case against Mr. Warga was dismissed, for want of sufficient evidence to convict him, and the costs were taxed to the water company.

It is quite evident that some one cut the hose, but the guilty party is not known.

The Seventh Annual Reunion.

A circular letter is being sent out to all the old soldiers in the state, announcing that the seventh annual reunion of the Nebraska Soldiers' association will be held at Tecumseh, Johnson county, Nebraska, on Wednesday and Thursday, January 22 and 23, 1896. The comrades of Tecumseh, not only of the Nebraska veterans, but also the G. A. R. post, located there are preparing to give a hearty and a cordial reception and welcome. They will do all in their power to make the stay with them pleasant and agreeable. A camp fire, a reminder of the days gone by, will be held on Wednesday evening, at which a number of the old veteran war horses will talk to the boys, and stir again to life the feelings of patriotism, and that love for Old Glory that have been for a time, as it were, slumbering in our bosom.

Good Descriptions.

The Missouri Pacific officials at Atchison, Kansas, have furnished the following description of the men who held up and robbed the crew of a freight train on that road the other night: First—tall, slim, about five feet ten inches, sandy moustache, weight, 150 pounds; wore light gray overcoat, corduroy pants, dark shirt, lark coat and vest, black hat. Second—small, heavy-set, sallow complexion, smooth face; wore dark clothes and striped cap. Third—low, heavy-set; wore dark clothes, brown overcoat, black slouch hat; supposed to be a railroad man.

The local authorities are keeping their weather eye peeled for people answering the above description.

A Plea of Manslaughter.

Tuesday's Daily. The celebrated Ish murder case at Omaha took an unexpected turn yesterday afternoon. Ish was charged with the murder of Wm. H. Chapple, but a plea of not guilty was entered and the jury failed to agree upon a verdict. Yesterday the defendant withdrew his former plea, and asked permission to be allowed to plead guilty to manslaughter. The county attorney accepted the plea, and the order was entered by Judge Fawcett. Sentence will probably be imposed some time this week.

The action taken by Mr. Ish practically disposes of the charge of murder against his wife, and she will probably be given her liberty.

Will Discontinue Business.

H. G. Spencer, who has been operating a grocery store on lower Main street for several years, last Tuesday made a voluntary assignment for the benefit of his creditors. The liabilities are very small—\$282.99—and the assets will amply pay off the indebtedness. The largest creditor is a Council Bluffs man, his claim being some \$95. Mr. Spencer has been in failing health for some time, and has been unable to properly look after his business, so he considered it best to discontinue his store. Mr. Spencer is to be commended for his honest course in safely insuring his creditors against loss.

A notice of the insanity of Jos. Droga was made in THE JOURNAL a few days since, in which it was stated that he had apparently tried to injure his family. This appears to have been a mistake, as his wife says he merely wanted to get outside of the house, in his delirium, which was brought on by la grippe. He is now happily recovering.

WERE BOUND OVER

The Gillispie Brothers Will Answer to a Burglary Charge.

JUDGE SPURLOCK WAS NERVOUS

The New County Judge Performs His Initial Marriage Ceremony, and is Considerably Rattled—Other Local Happenings.

Harness Thieves Bound Over.

The two men, Nelson and William Gillispie, who were arrested at Kansas City last week, for the burglary of a lot of harness from Elam Parmele, about the 30th of November last, were given a hearing before Justice Archer yesterday and were bound over in the sum of \$500 each to the district court at its May term.

The testimony showed that some one or more persons broke into the barn of Elam Parmele and stole a set of double harness and a single harness. The harness was produced in court and fully identified by three witnesses—Mr. Parmele, his hired man and Harness-maker Sauter, who had repaired them. They were found in a 2nd-hand store at Kansas City, owned by a man named Kern, who identified one of the men, (William Gillispie) as having arranged to receive harness from him, giving the name of George Smith; that the harness was shipped to him marked "household goods" and by correspondence George Smith directed him to send the money by postal order to Thomas Ellis, which he did. Testimony also showed that the other of the two men, (Nelson) had, in company with one Tom Ellis, appeared at the Plattsmouth depot early in December and shipped the box of harness marked "household goods" to Thomas Ellis, Hamburg, Ia. This was about the thread of the testimony. The prisoners are brothers and were arrested together at Kansas City. There is a similar charge against them at Trenton, Mo. The elder of the two, Nelson, is known to have served a term in the Missouri penitentiary for mail robbery.

Poor George!

County Judge Spurlock was called upon to perform his first marriage ceremony yesterday, the contracting parties being Wm. Hagerstrom, aged 23, and Anna Anderson, aged 26, both of Omaha.

George has been telling people for some time past that he would have no occasion to feel nervous on an occasion of this kind, and that when the auspicious moment arrived he would perform the ceremony in his graceful way as calmly as he would fill in a "final settlement" blank.

But was this the case?

Not on your life it wasn't! George got exceedingly nervous, his face grew pale, and the words of the marriage ceremony, which he has been carefully committing to memory since last November, fled from his mind like a summer's dream. He lost all his self confidence. He forgot all his promises to send for his friends. He forgot all about his promise to admit the general public at twenty-five cents a head. He took the expectant couple into his private office, called in Mrs. Haase and the janitor as witnesses, locked the door, and then read the marriage ceremony to them, his legs trembling very perceptibly the while, and the perspiration running down his glowing countenance.

It is believed by George's friends that he will be able to overcome this bashfulness before the expiration of his term of office.

A Worthy Undertaking.

One of the principals of the Woman's club is to encourage a taste for fine art and higher life and to encourage and assist talented persons. For this reason the Woman's club of Plattsmouth has undertaken a concert to be given Feb. 11, for the benefit of Chas. Keefer, an aspiring artist in the instrumental line. Herr Joseph Gahn, the distinguished pianist, will give the recital, and will be assisted by the celebrated Dovey children, who are becoming famous throughout the United States.

Work on the cold storage building and ice house is being rapidly pushed in spite of the unfavorable condition of the weather. It looked as though the ice house would be completed too late for a supply of ice this winter, but the weather in the last twenty-four hours warrants the belief that there will still be plenty of ice.

Has the Matter Under Consideration.

A special from Lincoln in yesterday's Bee says: "There was a hearing this morning in the governor's office on the application of James Lindsay, prize fighter, convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to two years, and others for a pardon. Lindsay was represented by Attorney Root of Plattsmouth. Letters recommending executive clemency were on file from Attorney Wooley, J. O. Adams and William Neville of the Pabst brewing company. Judge Chapman, who tried the case, also wrote a letter, as well as a number of Omaha parties. It is said that Judge Archer, who conducted the original examination, would also write a letter. The case was submitted on these letters and argument, and Governor Holcomb now has the matter under consideration. Judge Chapman does not, in his letter, recommend pardon, but leaves the matter with the governor after stating the facts. Lindsay was received at the penitentiary April 5, 1895, and with good time his sentence will expire November 21, 1896."

Verdict for the Plaintiff.

The case of James Skomal vs. the Home Fire Insurance company of Omaha, which occurred in the county court and a jury of five Monday, was completed at eleven o'clock in the evening the jury returning a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$662.50, this being the value of the personal property burned, as shown by the figures of the adjuster, plus the amount of the policy on the realty, there having been a total loss. The defense admitted an indebtedness of \$500, and offered to pay that much. The question at issue was upon the claim of \$200 additional and of this the jury agreed on a verdict of \$162.90—just the amount, practically, that the adjuster had agreed to as the amount of the loss on personalty. It was the first contested case tried before the new county judge, and it is conceded that his rulings were both fair and impartial. The jury was out but a short time.

That O'Brien Matter Explained.

Dick Straight, who was down yesterday from South Bend, is quite certain that M. E. O'Brien, late superintendent of the fish ries, did, or intended to do no harm in leaving Mr. Ferguson's team at the Rock Island depot north of Louisville. That he not only tried to hire the depot agent to take the team over, but that as soon as the train arrived at Omaha he telegraphed his brother at South Bend to send somebody down to the R. I. depot to care for the team. He says further that it was well known at South Bend where Mr. O'Brien was going to, and there was no mystery as to his departure. The only thing he mismanaged was the matter of paying for the team, and of sending it over the river when he had got through with it, and if he had taken the time to do that himself he would have missed his train, lost a day, and disappointed people whom he expected to meet at his destination.

They Put Jim In.

James Stewart dropped into town yesterday and proceeded to load up on whiskey, after which he executed a war dance on the sidewalk. The marshal came along about this time, and, not appreciating war dances, "trun him in." He was up in front of Judge Archer this morning, and his honor assessed him \$5 and trimmings, amounting to \$10.20, which he will board out at the Hotel Holloway. He will be allowed to shorten his term of imprisonment, if he wishes, by scrubbing out the police court room.

Burglar Captured.

Sheriff Holloway returned at noon today on the M. P. train from Lincoln, bringing with him Frank Douglas, charged with burglarizing the general merchandise store of S. S. English, at Eagle. Douglas was arrested by the Lincoln officers, and a quantity of the stolen goods recovered on his person and in his room. He was wearing a suit of clothes and smoking a cigar when arrested, that came from the stolen stock.

The Grand Army post in this city is taking some interest in the location of the reunions for the coming years, having at its last meeting voted to request the ex-post commander to attend the coming encampment and to vote for locating the reunions at Lincoln for the next five years. They are opposed to having the reunion at Hastings any more.

Some of Lexington's enterprising citizens are formulating plans for an opera house that will seat comfortably at least 1,000 people.

IT LOOKS ROTTEN.

Depositors In the Defunct Citizens' Bank Seek Investigation.

THINK FAVORITISM WAS SHOWN

Allegations Made That Ex-Judge Chapman's Rulings in the Case Especially Favored Some of the Depositors—Other Affairs.

For some days mutterings of discontent and dissatisfaction have been afloat among depositors in the defunct Citizens' bank at recent rulings of S. M. Chapman while judge of the district court with respect to thereceivership and claims against the bank. One of these depositors, a business man in this city, complained to the writer that favoritism had been shown to certain parties in interest, as had been lately learned by an examination of papers on file in the case entitled H. E. Eikenbary et al., vs. the Citizens bank, which is the title of the case under which Charles C. Parmele had been appointed receiver to the bank. These rumors and complaints took definite form yesterday, however, when a petition was filed in district court by D. O. Dwyer, one of the depositors, and an order of court was made by Judge Ramsey measurably granting the prayer thereof.

The prayer of that petition is in substance as follows: The petitioner sets out that he is a depositor of the Citizens' bank (of which Chas. C. Parmele is receiver) and has an interest in its management, that Judge Chapman had on the 7th inst. made an order allowing W. H. Dearing to collect as a preferred creditor \$2,991.25, with interest from Sept. 10, 1894, that it is detrimental and unjust to petitioner to have said order carried out.

It is also set out that on Nov. 3, '95, an order was filed allowing Chas. C. Parmele \$2,500 a year salary as receiver, which order was not filed till Jan. 8, 1896, and he complains that such sum is excessive and unreasonable for the work done and responsibility incurred and that it was made negligently and without notice.

The petition further sets out that a settlement was made with Susan C. Morrissey by which an indebtedness to the bank of \$10,000 was canceled and a prior mortgage of \$5,000 on 320 acres of land in Platte county was released and 480 acres of land in this county known as the Jno. B. Holmes farm, which was subject to foreclosure was taken in fee, Mrs. Morrissey being allowed \$2,976 in excess, and complaint is made that this deal was outrageously against the interest of the complainant. It is represented that Susan C. Morrissey is a sister-in-law of the then presiding judge and that this arrangement was made from bias and prejudice in her favor.

It is also complained that an order was made on the 31st ult. permitting F. J. Morgan to settle an indebtedness of \$1,500 which he was owing to the bank by the presentation of certificates of deposit which he had purchased, amounting to \$1,542 in liquidation of his note due the bank in preference to the claims of other depositors and creditors of the bank, and to their detriment, and the petitioner prays that none of these moneys shall be paid out until ordered by the court.

On hearing the petition Judge Ramsey made an order directed to the receiver, Mr. Parmele, directing him not to pay out any funds to W. H. Dearing, to himself as salary, or to Susan C. Morrissey, and not to proceed any further in consummating arrangements with F. J. Morgan in relieving him of liability to the bank until the order was modified or set aside.

These proceedings have created something of a sensation and their publication will no doubt set many people to wondering. It also appears from the record in the case that Judge Chapman also issued an order allowing Byron Clark \$125 a month or \$1,500 as salary for last year and \$75 a month as salary since, for acting as attorney for the bank. Mr. Dwyer does not complain of that, but other depositors and creditors do not like so much of the assets of the bank paid out for salaries while they get nothing.

Rev. C. E. Fulmer, formerly pastor of a church at Culbertson, is in trouble at Kent, Wash. His affectionate disposition caused him to commit several indiscretions that his flock is not disposed to overlook.

Farm loans made at lowest rates. T. H. Pollock, over First Nat'l Bank.

Strange Disappearance.

John D. Ferguson, the Louisville liveryman, who was in town yesterday, said he came near losing another team Tuesday. Asked for particulars, he said that the day before he had let a team to M. E. O'Brien, the ex-superintendent of the state fisheries above South Bend, to go up to the fisheries, and that Tuesday afternoon the ticket agent for the Rock Island railway at the station across the Platte river from Louisville, brought the team back to his barn. He said that O'Brien brought the team there in the morning the buggy being loaded down with trunks and valises, and after buying his ticket for some eastern point, and getting his baggage checked, O'Brien asked him if he could not get somebody to take the team back to Louisville for a quarter. To this the agent gave a negative reply, and without further inquiry, when the train came he boarded it, leaving the team hitched to the fence, where it stood till he took it over and delivered it to its owner. He said that appearances indicated that O'Brien had left the state "for keeps."

How to Make Money.

The green goods men are again getting in their ready work in the west. A letter received in this city today addressed to Wise & Root, makes the following offer:

My terms are: \$300 buys \$3,000, \$400 buys \$4,000, \$500 buys \$5,000, \$600 buys \$6,000, \$700 buys \$7,000, and \$1,000 buys \$10,000.

After some further talk in which the writer offers to let the recipient of the letter take some confidential friend into the scheme, he concludes as follows:

"When you are ready to come, send me the following telegram, exactly as it is below. Send all telegrams by Western Union telegraph Co."

"K. K. King, Waukesha, Wis: Give me pedigree of Robt. H."

Enclosed with the letter is a half-column newspaper clipping, giving the trial and acquittal of the writer on a charge of counterfeiting, the article stating that the counterfeits were so good that the secret service detectives of the United States were unable to swear that they were counterfeit.

Volunteers are After Billy.

And now Manager Billy Cole is to be sued for sixty per cent of an \$800 house by the Carrie Russell Voltair Operatic company for cancelling the contract at the Lansing theatre. Carrie also takes exceptions to a roast on the company which appeared in the Call a short time since and claims that Billy is the cause of it all. When it is remembered that Carrie's little hand bills which she distributes about town on the day she gives her performance, read as follows she can scarcely blame a paper for commenting on the character of the show even though nothing else were known:

"We are here tonight boys! Naughty and nice. Don't fail to see us. Now, keep it quiet. Bring your glasses, sure. Carrie Russell and her pretty girls."—Lincoln Call.

H. M. Soennichsen, the good natured manager of the Casino saloon, is wearing a very suspicious looking optic and is kept busy making explanations as to how it happened. Melchior was out in the country yesterday, visiting his brother-in-law, and, while putting his horses up, one of the animals became rather frisky and jerked him against the side of the barn. On falling he struck his face, just below one of his eyes, on a harness hook, making a very painful wound, and causing his eye immediately to go into mourning. Had the hook struck a quarter of an inch further up, Mr. Soennichsen would probably have lost his eye.

The overworked bank cashier who was in need of a vacation had written to the agent of a steamship line to this effect: "I am thinking of taking a trip to Central or South America. Please acquaint me with particulars relative to rates of fare, etc., to and from the various ports usually visited by tourists at this season of the year." The answer was by telegraph: "(Private and confidential). One of our steamships will leave for Honduras next Wednesday. Shortest and quickest way out of the country."—Chicago Tribune.

The records of the United States land office at North Platte show that during the past year final proof on 68,800 acres of land was made. There are still in the North Platte district 765,000 acres of vacant land subject to homestead entry.

Leave your orders for job work with THE JOURNAL, an artistic job guaranteed.