

Hero of Fatal Battle Gets Mystery Call

Watchman Again "Two-Gun" Man Following Telephone Messages from Excited "George."

Does a plot exist to kill Samuel C. Curtis, 57, watchman, who engaged a gang of alleged boxcar robbers in a gun battle to death in the Great Western yards the morning of February 22?

"Yes," answers Curtis. "I know it," says Mrs. Curtis, who prays every night in their little home at 816 South Nineteenth street for the safe return of her husband.

Mysterious telephone calls add to the worries of the couple.

As a result Curtis, who decided after the battle to pin his faith to a single .45-caliber revolver and abandon a smaller one, again has become a "two-gun man" and in addition has fortified himself with a "sawed-off" shot gun.

Mysterious Call

The Curtis telephone rang violently week ago Saturday night and Mrs. Curtis answered. An excited voice responded to her cheery "Hello."

"Tell Curtis to come down to the yards at once—there's something doing," the voice said.

"Who is this speaking?" Mrs. Curtis asked.

"George" was the reply.

Curtis hurried to the railroad yards fully armed, made a thorough investigation, found "nothing doing," and failed to learn who called him.

Marty Maher, 22, believed by detectives to have been a member of the "gang of six" engaged in a gun fight by Curtis, was led dead by the gang Curtis surprised February 22.

Fear Trap

"Somebody wants revenge for Sam's part in the fight," Mrs. Curtis said yesterday. "and, while I didn't worry before, I now fear for him every time he leaves for work. I feel sure someone is waiting for a chance to lure him into a trap."

Curtis has not been rewarded for his battle, which he waged from the north end of a boxcar near Sixteenth and Mason streets, but takes it as a matter of course and feels he'll give an account of himself if called again for gun-to-gun action.

"My eyes are failing," he said, "but I remember the days when I could have shot a man's hat off from the back of a broncho. All I ask is a man's chance, an even break."

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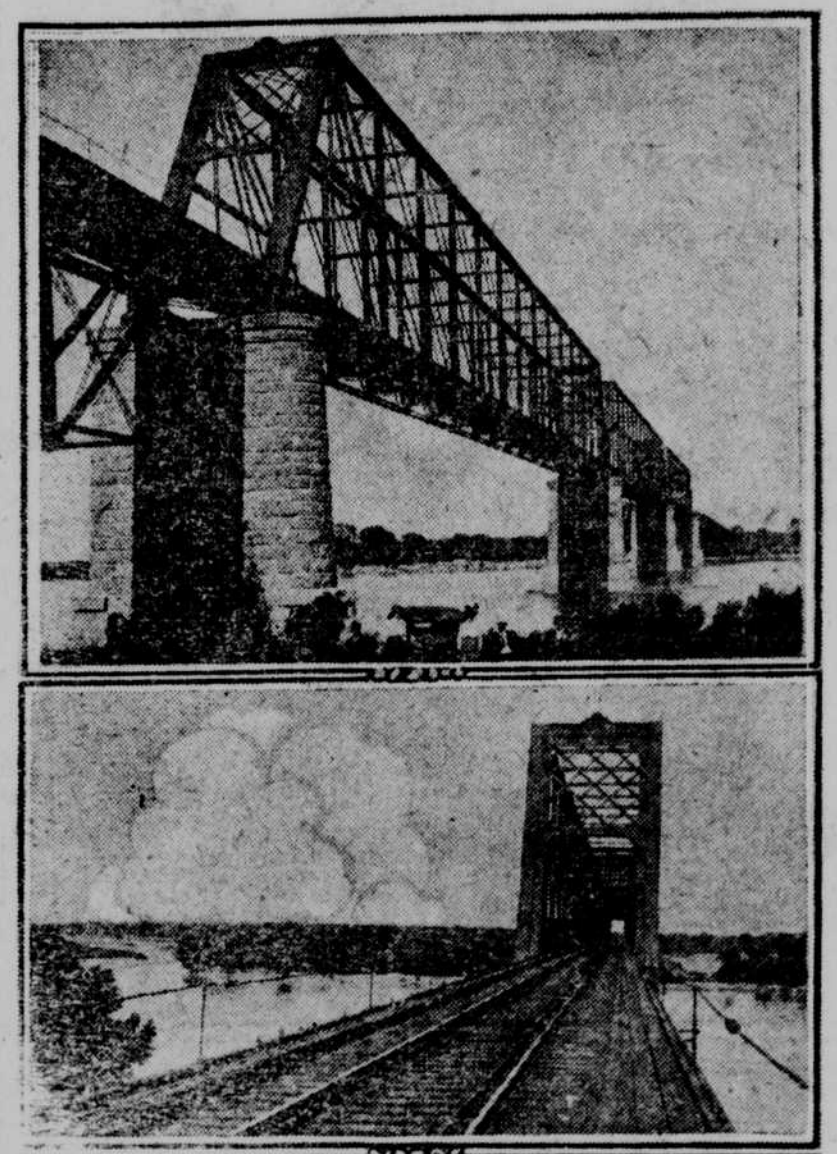
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Northwestern to Build New Bridge Over Missouri River, Work to Start This Summer



Two views of the Northwestern bridge over the Missouri river at Blair, which is soon to be succeeded by a new and better bridge.

A new bridge over the Missouri river at Blair is planned by the Chicago & Northwestern railroad.

Bridge engineers from Chicago have been inspecting the structure the last few weeks, but according to General Superintendent Dickinson of the Northwestern headquarters here have not completely decided whether it is advisable to build an entire new bridge or make use of the existing super-structure in rebuilding.

A new bridge is needed. This is the only bridge the Northwestern has over the Missouri river and an average of 25 trains a day operates over it from Fremont to Missouri Valley, Ia.

The present bridge was completed in 1883 at a cost of more than \$1,000,000. Work was begun in September, 1882, and in October, 1883, 13 months later, the structure was ready for use.

The bridge is 1,000 feet long. The approach on the Nebraska side is 176 feet long, on the Iowa side 110 feet long. The four piers are 60 feet from roadbed to the low water mark and 60 feet from the low water mark to bed rock.

The necessity for a new bridge has been created by the use of heavier engines and rolling stock by the railroads of today. In 1883 when the bridge was built it was in every way satisfactory. But heavier engines and heavier and larger cars are used now, and bridges must support much greater weights and withstand much greater strains.

The larger engines now used by the Northwestern—the "Big Z" types—are not permitted on the Blair bridge. They bring trains in from the west, but stop at Blair, where smaller engines are attached to the trains to continue the journey to Missouri Valley.

Work on the new bridge is expected to start this spring or early in the summer. Contracts probably will be consummated within a few days.

Cost probably will greatly exceed the cost of the first bridge as the cost of labor and material is now twice as great as in 1883.

Other improvements are planned by the Northwestern north of Omaha. Surveyors have been making estimates on the reduction of high grades on the Fremont-Missouri Valley line.

There is a bad grade three miles west of Blair and another one near Arlington, where long freight trains have to be cut in two and doubled. It is reported a double track may be laid from Fremont to Missouri Valley, except over the new bridge, which will remain single track because of the expense which would be involved by widening the piers to permit a double track bridge.

A contract was let recently for the erection of a concrete and steel water tank and other buildings in connection with the pumping station in the Blair yards.

Fremont Light Rates Are Reduced by City

Fremont, Neb., March 10.—(Special.)—The approach of the spring city elections is given credit by many for the reduction in light and power rates allowed by the municipal plant and approved by the city council at a special meeting. The cut will amount to nearly 10 per cent when the new sliding scale goes into effect.

It is estimated that the reduction will save the consumers of Fremont about \$18,000 a year. The light plant is one of the city properties that is paying a profit and has been for some months past. The minimum rate of \$1.26 remains for the same. Cost of production made a cut in this impossible, declared Mayor Green.

The new light rate will be 10 cents for the first hundred kilowatt hours a year for the second, 7 1/2 cents for the third, 6 for the next thousand, 4 1/2 the next thousands and 3 1/2 for all over that.

Grand Island College Would Merge Forensics

Grand Island, Neb., March 10.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the student body of the Grand Island college, the plan of merging the Intercollegiate Forensic Association of the state with the Intercollegiate Debate League was proposed and discussed. Other colleges of the state in the association will be asked to consider the proposal. The new organization would be known as the Intercollegiate Forensic League. Economy and centralization of management is the principal argument advanced.

Wizard Manager Denies His Salesman Kissed Girl

M. H. Bailey, manager of the Wizard Products company, Inc., wants it known that it was not one of his salesmen who forcibly kissed Marjorie Beach, 15, 4526 Franklin street, Friday, when she declined to buy some of the "cleanser" he was selling.

"Our product is a liquid," Mr. Bailey said. "I find that this man was selling a cleanser which comes in small cakes. Although it is called 'Wizard Cleanser,' it is not our product. Our salesmen have been let in for a lot of heavy kidding since the incident."

Norfolk City Election Campaign Waxes Warm

Norfolk, Neb., March 10.—(Special.)—Norfolk voters are quite in campaign over the selection of nominees for mayor. John Friday, eight times mayor and democrat, is opposed for nomination in his party by John Flynn, once chief of police and life-long democrat. The republicans nominated reform delegates who may select George Phelps, insurance man, as their candidate for mayor. Conventions start here Monday.

Girl, Unaided, Brings Auto Thief to Bay

16-Year-Old Miss Overtakes and Grapples With Youth Who Took Family Car for Joyride.

Grand Island, Neb., March 10.—(Special.)—"Why, no, I wasn't afraid," declared Eilo Nietfeldt, 16, daughter of William Nietfeldt, farmer, when asked just what her feelings were when, at midnight, she gave chase to and grappled with Ray Streater, about her own age, but taller. Streater had taken the Nietfeldt car and taken two other girls joy riding for four hours.

"I didn't think anything except that I wanted to catch the fellow that took our car"—and the young girl dropped the subject, just as if it were a very ordinary occurrence.

The Nietfeldt family had a similar experience several weeks ago.

At the later time members of the family were visiting a brother of the girl at the general hospital, near the business center of town. When they left the hospital early in the evening their car was missing. The police department was notified and made a search, but could find no trace of the car.

Officers requested the family to take positions near the hospital, on the theory that if the car had been taken for joyriding the purloiner would bring it back. The officers then were to be notified promptly by telephone.

Family Gives Chase

Near midnight the car was in sight. But Streater was wary and parked the car a block away. William Nietfeldt, the father; a brother of the girl, and Eilo gave chase. They did not stop to notify the officers. Eilo soon overtook both her father and her brother, then passed them.

Streater ran toward his home with the feet-footed girl in pursuit. Streater dashed into the yard, and, employing a ruse, the girl ran around the other side of the house. At the rear the two met.

The girl grappled Streater, who resisted, but did not attempt to treat the girl roughly. He struggled against her hold, but she refused to release him until her father and brother arrived. Streater consented to go with them to the station. He later was released on parole for one year to his Sunday school teacher.

Three Bills Advanced and One Killed by House

Lincoln, March 10.—(Special.)—The lower house of the state legislature advanced to third reading the following bills: The Wells bill repealing the intangible tax law and fixing the tax on intangibles the same as on tangibles, accepting federal aid under the Shepard-Towner maternity law, and the Elbaesser bill increasing the salary of municipal judges in Omaha from \$2,500 to \$3,000.

The house killed a bill giving the governor power to appoint a committee of six to codify and rewrite all school statutes.

Farm Girl Captures Joyrider in Chase

Police Find New Witness to Connect Man in Cleveland With Siefken Deaths.



Girl May Clinch Guilt of Slayer

The state has a new witness to corroborate William A. Rich's confession of the Siefken murders, it was announced Saturday morning by C. H. Van Deusen, chief of detectives.

"In a 1,000-word confession alleged to have been made Friday in Cleveland by Rich," Van Deusen said, "he told of having seen a girl near the filling station at Thirty-eighth avenue and Farnam street. The same girl, he said, went to police headquarters here four days after he was arrested and looked at him."

"What he told about the girl checks up with facts. It had not been known publicly. This circumstance leads me to believe the case against Rich is building up satisfactorily."

The detective chief's announcement was the first public information concerning "the girl." Van Deusen said she is not Miss Sylvia Kulakofsky, who had figured prominently in police attempts to identify suspects.

"The girl called me by telephone Friday night and said she was ready to come down to the station the day Detective William Gurnett and County Attorney Beal return from Cleveland with the prisoner," Van Deusen said.

In his alleged confession Friday Rich gave a story of the murders chronologically correct. In reports previously sent to Omaha there had been errors.

Gurnett and Beal left last night. They expect to return with Rich next Wednesday night.

Judge W. G. Sears Sings 'Swan Song'

Congressman-Elect Bids Associates Goodby, Following Resignation From Bench.

Before 200 members of the Omaha bar gathered in Judge Goss' court room yesterday morning for the regular weekly call of cases, Judge Willis G. Sears, congressman-elect, sang his swan song.

A few moments before, he had received from Governor Charles W. Bryan acceptance of his resignation, effective yesterday.

Judge Sears expressed regret at leaving many pleasant associations in the Douglas county court house. He described graphically the many changes which have taken place since he mounted the bench in January, 1904.

"It makes me pause a moment and think what a short time this professional life of ours is, anyway. It makes me think that for the first time in 20 years I will have no place I can call my own; no room to go to, no place to hang my hat and coat. It will seem more than strange; but I want to say to you that as long as I live I shall appreciate that relationship we have had together during these years."

Judge Sears then expressed his appreciation of the uniform courtesy of the bar toward the bench during his years of service, and paid tribute to the qualities of his associate justices, and concluded by bidding them good-by.

District Judge Goss expressed the regret of the bench and bar at Judge Sears' departure.

Judge Sears left his office shortly after noon for the last time.

Appropriation Bills Are Reported Out by Committee

Lincoln, March 10.—(Special.)—The house committee on state institutions reported the following bills for the general file with a favorable recommendation: Appropriating \$25,000 for purchase of additional land at the feeble-minded institute, Beatrice; additional land at the Norfolk insane hospital, \$30,000; removal of dependent children from one place to another in Lincoln, \$50,000.

Holmesville Minister Accepts California Call

Beatrice, Neb., March 10.—(Special.)—Rev. Edgar Rothrock pastor of the Brethren church at Holmesville since 1917 has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Brethren church at La Verne, Cal., and leaves September 1 to assume his new duties.

Four Bills Killed by State Senate Vote

Lincoln, March 10.—(Special.)—The upper branch of the legislature Saturday killed the following bills: S. F. 226, by Chambers, amending the workmen's compensation law to limit hospital and medical expenses to \$200, with another \$100 in special cases.

S. F. 62, by Barr, taxing all property for bail insurance, county commissioners to be adjusters.

S. F. 213, by Shallenbarger, changing assessment for county fairs from 4 mills on assessed valuation to 5 cents per capita and 8 cents in counties under 14,000 population.

H. R. 431, by Reynolds, allowing names of ranches and farms to be registered with secretary of state.

Senate Passes Two Bills During Brief Session

Lincoln, March 10.—(Special.)—Two bills were passed by the state senate during a brief session Saturday morning. A number of insurance and agriculture measures were reported out by committees. These bills were passed:

S. F. 110, allowing charitable corporations to be named guardians of minor children.

H. R. 20, changing town meetings from March to January.

House Committee Probes Proposed Annexation

Papillion, Neb., March 10.—(Special.)—The house committee on privileges and elections were guests of Sarpy county today to investigate the proposed annexation of Sarpy and Douglas counties. Representative John R. Hughes drove the committee to Papillion from Lincoln and they were entertained at dinner at the home of L. D. Clark. The committee met at the office of District Judge James Bagley, where citizens discussed the proposed annexation.

Merger of State Colleges Is Being Advocated

Grand Island, Neb., March 10.—(Special.)—That unofficial negotiations have been in progress looking to the uniting of Doane and Grand Island colleges—the state departmental institutions of the Congregationalists and the Baptists, respectively—has been definitely learned here. In one or two other states these two denominations have a joint college, and it is said the results are satisfactory.

Two Senate Bills Are Signed by Governor Bryan

Lincoln, March 10.—(Special.)—Two senate bills which have gone through the legislative mill have been signed by the governor. They are: S. F. 7, authorizing loaning of county ac-

cumulated building funds, and S. F. 139, providing that in settling estates heirs living in a foreign country may be notified through consular representatives in Nebraska.

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Girl, 10, Suffers Bruises When Hit by Motor Car

Eleonore Thorne, 10, 423 South Twenty-eighth street, was run down and severely injured yesterday by a car driven by L. D. Ladd, 335 South Fifty-ninth street, when she walked around the end of a street car at Twenty-eighth and Leavenworth streets.

Eleonore falls do see the machine bear down upon her. Ladd declared that he was unable to stop in time to avoid the accident. The girl was severely bruised on the arms and body and suffered a slight contusion of the skull. She was taken to her home.

Rev. Frank G. Smith Will Address Credit Bureau

Rev. Frank G. Smith will speak on "Our Problems: The Children of Tomorrow" at the next regular meeting of the Associated Retail Credit Bureau in Hotel Fontenelle next Tuesday.

Mrs. W. A. Smith will give a reading, "The Marriage of Minerva White," and Harry Disbrow will sing. A demonstration of credit department methods by Mrs. Roy Williams in charge of the class at Technical high school, will precede the program.

William Parrott, 57, Clerk for Sash and Door Co., Dies

William Parrott, 57, 118 North Twenty-fourth street, died Saturday morning from complications. Mr. Parrott was shipping clerk for the Imperial Sash & Door company.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Melissa Parrott, and one son, Lawrence L. Parrott.

Mr. Parrott was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Cairo Man, 71, Climbs to Roof and Extinguishes Fire

Grand Island, Neb., March 10.—(Special.)—The fact that E. H. Whitehead, well known resident of Cairo, is 71 did not prevent him, when a fire broke out on his roof from climbing a ladder and extinguishing the blaze by means of water carried in buckets. By the time the department could be summoned Mr. Whitehead, with the later aid of neighbors, had put out the fire.

Mail Train From Hastings to Aurora Will Be "Extra"

Aurora and Hastings mail train C. P. 49, which has been leaving Aurora at 5:30 p. m., will leave at 7 p. m., beginning March 12. It was announced yesterday, and will be known as an extra.

Hotel Proprietor Bankrupt

H. Roy Dickover, hotel proprietor of Pender, Neb., filed a petition in bankruptcy in federal court, giving his assets as \$1,300 and his liabilities as \$2,510.

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