

### Sleuths Led Over Scene of Kidnaping

Manager of Downtown Drug Store Tells of Harrowing Experience With Lone Bandit.

J. J. Prather, 1126 South Thirty-fifth avenue, manager of the Sherman-McConnell drug store at Twenty-fourth and Farnam streets, who Monday night was kidnaped by a lone highwayman in a Ford car and forced to return to the store and open the safe, went over the scene of his kidnaping yesterday morning with detectives in an effort to discover additional clues to his captor's identity.

At police headquarters detectives were inclined to be skeptical, but a thorough investigation was in progress yesterday afternoon.

Charles Sherman of the Sherman-McConnell drug company, said he has utmost confidence in Prather and will retain him as an employe.

**On Way Home.**

Prather said he was kidnaped, bound and gagged and then later released to open the safe in the drug store by a lone motor bandit early yesterday morning.

The bandit accosted Prather at Thirty-fifth avenue and Leavenworth street, hauled him in his car to a point in the Country club addition, bound him hand and foot, then reconsidered, released him, forced him to the car once more, took him to a point about one mile farther out, bound and gagged him then once more changed his mind, released him and took him to the store where he forced him to open the safe door and turn over \$215 cash.

**Prather's Story.**

"I had closed the store about 12:30," Mr. Prather said. "As I left the store I noticed a car parked nearby but thought nothing of it. I rode on the street car to Thirty-fifth and Leavenworth then started south on Thirty-fifth avenue.

"About 50 yards from the corner a man sitting in an automobile called to me and asked for an address on North Twenty-eighth street. I told him that he was a long way from home then he said 'Well never mind you are the guy I want anyhow.'

"I tried to run away but he yelled at me to stop. 'Halt,' he said, 'or I will blow your brains out.' Then he told me to get into the car, and I did.

**Takes Keys.**

"We drove south on Thirty-fifth avenue, then right past my home. Somewhere out in the Country club district we stopped and he told me to get out. There was a lone house on a hill north of us but I was unable to see any more than that. The bandit refused to let me face him at any time and I could not see what he looked like.

"When I got out of the car at this place he searched me and took my keys away from me. Then he tied me up and stuffed something soft into my mouth.

"If you yell or make a move I'll kill you," he said. "You wronged me six years ago and I would just as soon kill you now as look at you."

**Farther Out.**

"After a little while he decided to loosen me and take me to a point farther out. I don't know just where we went but it was in the hills and there was a lot of freshly turned earth around.

"Here he tied me up again and left me. After a few moments he came back. 'I am not going to leave you here while I crack that box,' he said as he untied by bonds. 'You might get loose and call the cops so I'll just take you along and let you open the thing and give me the money.'

"When we got to the store he made me get out and open the side door. He stayed in the car and kept his gun pointed at me all the time. When the door was open he made me face the wall while he dashed across the sidewalk and into the store. Then he put a flashlight on me and made me open the safe. He took \$195 that belonged to the company and about \$15 that had been taken in for stamps in the branch postoffice that is located there.

**Property Found.**

"After I had locked up the store he made me get into the car again and drove west on Farnam street. We drove around for awhile, and finally, when we were about at Thirty-second and Dodge streets, I asked to be put out. I am not sure of the location. He let me go and told me to go home. Then he drove north. I went to Mr. Sherman's home at one-fifth North Thirty-eighth avenue, and told him.

"The bandit told me that if I called the police he would kill me and my little baby as well."

The bandit had Prather in his power for nearly two hours, he said, before he released him. Mr. Sherman called police, who searched through the Country club addition and found some of Prather's property he said had been lost when he was bound.

**Founder of College at Elkhorn Dies at His Home**

Special Dispatch to the Omaha Bee. Atlantic, Ia., April 17.—Easmus Hansen, 82, founder of the Danish church and college of Elk Horn, died at his home there Sunday. He had lived in the Elk Horn vicinity for a half century and was prominent in the affairs of the community. He leaves a wife and 12 children.

**Road Conditions**

Furnished by the Omaha Auto Club. Lincoln Highway—Roads good. Lincoln Highway West—Roads good. O. L. D.—Roads good. Meridian Highway—Roads good. Cornhusker Highway—Roads good. Highland Cutoff—Roads good. S. T. A.—Roads good. Black Hills Trail—Roads good to Norfolk. Washington Highway—Roads good to Sioux City. Omaha-Tulsa Highway—Roads good to Topeka. Omaha-Topeka Highway—Roads good to Topeka. King of Trails north—Roads good to Sioux City. King of Trails south—Roads good to Kansas City. River to River Road—Roads good. White-Water Highway—Roads good. I. O. A. Shortline—Roads good. Primary No. 2—Roads good. Weather reported clear at all stations.

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J. H. Prather.

### Omaha Accountants Will Seek Regional Conference

Herbert M. Temple, chairman of the regional conference of American Institute of Public Accountants, of St. Paul, Minn., spoke before a number of public accountants in Omaha yesterday at the Fontenelle hotel. "I have come to Omaha for the purpose of interesting Omaha accountants to get together and lay a foundation to have next regional conference of the central regional district of the American Institute of Public Accountants, which is a national organization, hold its conference in Omaha next November. There is no question but that there is plenty of material right here in this city, and sufficient public spirit to make this possible," said Mr. Temple. The central regional district embraces 16 states.

### President of Dartmouth Addresses Alumni Here

Thirty-four Omaha alumni of Dartmouth college were addressed informally Monday night at the University club by Ernest M. Hopkins, president of the university. Mr. Hopkins left here for Denver. His talk dealt with various phases of undergraduate work at the institution.

### Mrs. Harrison Appears in Court

Relative of Late President Summoned for Parking Rule Violation.

A relative by marriage of a former United States president appealed for leniency at Central police headquarters Tuesday.

She is Mrs. Russell Harrison, wife of the son of the late President William Henry Harrison, who accompanied her mother, Mrs. H. A. Williams, 212 South Thirty-fourth street, to the station to answer a summons for overstaying the auto parking limit in front of the Brandeis store building. About three months ago, Mrs. Harrison, who has been visiting her mother for some time, accidentally injured her eye with a pair of scissors. Monday, she and Mrs. William drove downtown and left their car parked in the street while they went up to the offices of Dr. Harold Gifford, where Mrs. Harrison has been receiving treatment for her injured eye.

While they were in the building, their car was "tagged" by Police Sergeant Sigwart with a summons to appear in municipal court Tuesday morning. Mrs. Harrison and her mother failed to appear in court, but went to police headquarters later, where they "squared things" with the officers.

Mrs. Harrison expects to return soon to her home at Norfolk, Va.

### Wives of T. P. A. Members to Be Entertained at Meet

When Nebraska members of the Travelers' Protective association meet in convention at Hotel Fontenelle Friday most of them will be accompanied by their wives. It was announced Tuesday morning. A program of entertainment by the women has been planned.

### I-M-P-O-R-T-E-D D-R-E-S-S-E-S

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### Farm Bureau Calls Meeting to Discuss Deep Waterway

Duluth, Minn., April 17.—The American Farm Bureau Federation will invite industrial and business leaders of the United States to attend a conference at Chicago, May 24 and 25, to discuss the proposed canalization of the St. Lawrence river and other matters of great interest.

Charles P. Craig, executive director of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater association, announced today.

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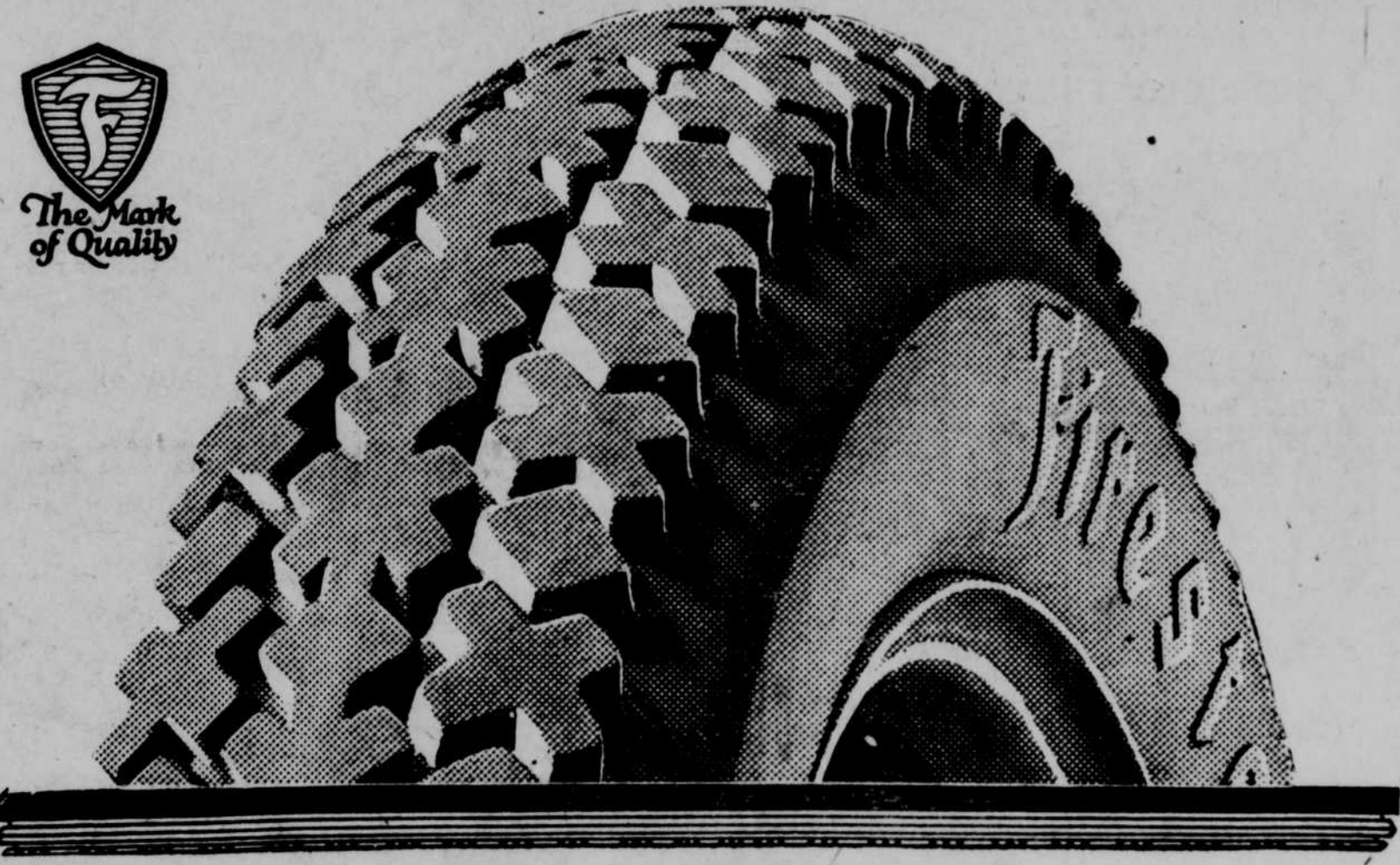
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Choice Veal Chops ..... 16c	Liberty Nut Oleo... 19c
Choice Veal Stew... 11c	Danish Pioneer Creamery Butter, lb... 48c
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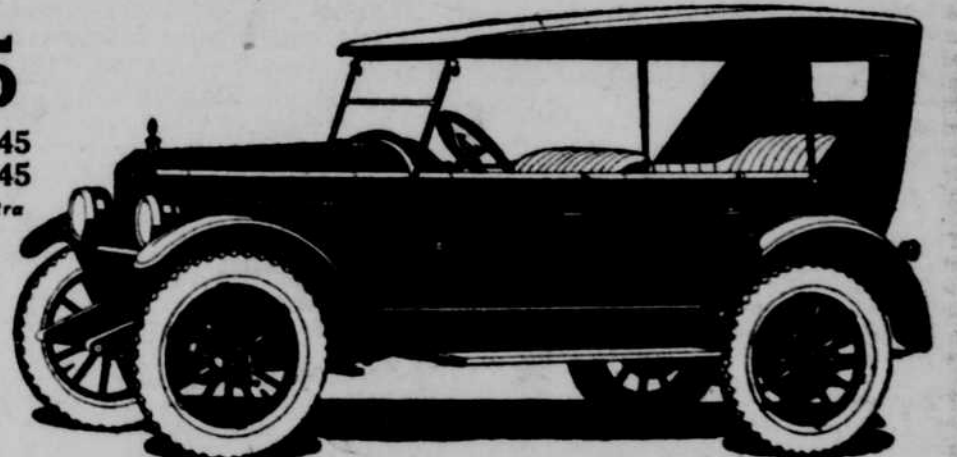
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- Liberty Garage, 8401 North 30th.
- John Larson Tire Shop, 4515 North 30th.
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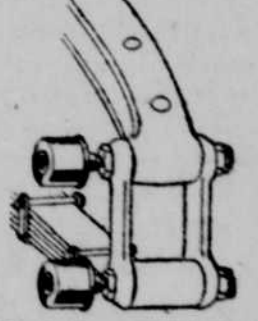


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