

SHERIFF AND JAILER BLAME EACH OTHER FOR ESCAPE OF FORGER WITH \$300 CASH

And Meanwhile Deputy Dashes Into Iowa in Pursuit of Prisoner on "Tip" From Woman Nobody in Sheriff's Office Knows; Taxpayers Pay for His Ride; County Officers Unworried.

POLICE NOT NOTIFIED OF ESCAPE; COUNTY BLUNDER, THEY SAY

Barton Edwards, penitentiary prisoner, who escaped from jail Tuesday with \$300 given him by another prisoner to buy the latter's freedom, is still at large— Sheriff Endres and Jailer J. G. Sherry pass the buck as to who is to blame for the escape—

County Attorney Henry Beal declares he can do nothing in way of investigation unless a complaint is filed— County Commissioner Unitt declares "something ought to be done"—but what— Nobody knows—

"In the Meantime," And in the meantime Larry Flynn, the only one who knows the name and address of the woman declared by Endres to have given his office the "tip" that Edwards fled to Ames, Ia., is somewhere in Iowa.

"Until he returns I will not know the name of the woman," declared Endres Friday morning. Jailer Sherry was reported confined to his quarters in the jail at the court house ill. His deputies know nothing about the case except that the prisoner is gone, they say.

In the meantime it has come to light that one of the trusties also having the liberty of the building is "Singing Mike" La Porte, serving time for manslaughter after trial for murder. He drives the jail motor.

Edwards escaped from the county jail Tuesday noon. Omaha police were advised of the escape for the first time when they read of it in the newspapers Friday morning.

Every detective in Omaha knows Edwards. He was arrested in November, 1922, on a charge of forgery, preferred by the Scott Bury Packard company, his employers. "If the police department had been notified immediately, Edwards never would have reached Ames, Ia., his first stopping point," declared Inspector of Police Jack Puznowski this

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He was arrested on the larceny charge by Larry Flynn, special officer for the county store. He broke from the officers and fled while on his way to the court house. He evaded pursuit.

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Here's Man Who Fooled 'Em All at County Jail



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First year of Sheriff Endres' term in office. Two prisoners have escaped from the county hospital during the same period.

"Outrage," Says Unitt. County Commissioner Charles Unitt declared this morning that some action should be taken in connection with the escape.

"It's an outrage for the sheriff of a county the size of Douglas county to permit long termers to be trusties," he said. Sheriff Endres admitted he had no knowledge of the provisions of Section 9716 of the Nebraska statutes, fixing a fine of not more than \$500 on imprisonment for not more than 10 years for any sheriff, coroner or jailer in custody of a prisoner charged with or convicted of an offense made punishable by statute, who voluntarily permits the prisoner to escape.

County Attorney Beal said he will take no action unless complaint is filed by some citizen of Douglas county. "Would Have Been No Use." Commenting on his failure to report the prisoner's escape to police, the sheriff said, "We got a tip right away, and found out he had left town, so it would have been no use. We sent a man after him."

He exhibited a note, written by Sherry, reporting the escape of the prisoner. The note was dated December 19: "It grieves me indeed to inform you that one of my prisoners, Barton Edwards, while the two worked in the jail laundry, Edwards often was sent on errands. Soon after the discovery that he had gone, the authorities questioned a woman who had visited him frequently. She told the officers he had been to her home, but said he had to go right back to the jail. Endres doesn't even know who she is, he said. They traced him to the union station and from there to Ames, Ia., thence to Des Moines.

Edwards, who has a wife and three children in Hastings, was convicted more than a year ago. He was apprehended in a small town near Galveston, Tex., after a spectacular flight from Omaha after he is said to have married another girl and to have spent several hundred dollars belonging to her.

The news of Edwards' departure was a bigger blow to Dasovich than it was to the officers. Instead of spending Christmas at home with his wife and children, he will be at his regular place at Jailer Sherry's dinner table and the day will be gloomier than ever with the mortgage against the home, coupled with all the rest of his misfortunes.

"A Good Lesson." Sheriff Endres this morning said he did not know whether Jailer Sherry will be punished for permitting a prisoner to escape or not. "It's a good lesson for Sherry," he said.

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fooled me and all the others around the jail. "Hoping we will be able to run him down, I remain,

"Yours truly, (Signed) 'J. G. SHERRY.'"

At the time of his arrest on the forgery charge Edwards told police a weird story of wine, women and song—and funny little white pills.

He said he went on a party with several women and some other men, and that when he complained of a headache one of the men gave him some little white pills.

"That was the last I remember until I woke up in Dallas, Tex.," he said. "There I found myself with this pretty little woman, garbed in an expensive fur coat. I was surprised, and she asked: 'Why don't you remember me? Don't you remember our wedding?'"

"I grasped her by the shoulders and pleaded with her to tell me all about it. She did. I don't remember going through it all. I sent the girl home. Shortly afterward he was arrested and returned to Omaha on the forgery charge.

Brothers of Fremont Man to Share Estate Fremont, Neb., Dec. 21.—Two poverty stricken brothers in Germany, Frederick and Heinrich Wahlers, brothers of John Wahlers, Scribner farmer and recluse, who dropped dead last spring, will have much to be grateful for this Christmas, when \$1,835.03 and 80 acres of Dodge county farm land, their dead brother's estate, falls into their hands by a decree in county court. County Attorney John Gumb today announced the money now is en route to the brothers.

Wahlers, a bachelor, living alone on his farm near Scribner, was found dead in the yard near his home. He left no will and no relatives claimed the body. County Attorney Gumb was appointed administrator. Investigation revealed two brothers residing in Germany.

In addition to \$900 each, the brothers will receive the money that is derived from the sale of 80 acres of land. As aliens, they are unable to take possession of the property. Attorney J. C. Cook of Fremont was appointed to look after their interests by the German consul. The farm will be sold by the state.

E. H. Gifford, Former Representative, Dies Pawnee City, Neb., Dec. 21.—Former Representative Earnest H. Gifford of Lewistown died at his home near there, following an illness of several months.

Mr. Gifford was a representative from Pawnee county to the legislature during the terms 1918 and 1920 and 1921. Last winter he was elected director of the first district of the Farmers' Educational and Cooperative State union and was serving in that capacity at the time of death.

"I took this man out of the tiers after being confined almost a year, and whose health was falling, after receiving letters from the sheriff and county attorney at Hastings, and also from Judge Leslie, stating that in their opinion he was O. K. "He was a model trusty and has a wife and three small children. He

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LAST DAY "Little Johnny Jones" TOMORROW BABY PEGGY "The Darling of N. Y."

In February, 1916, he was chosen Hereford Breeders' association as its president of the American Polled second president. His wife, two sons, five daughters, Denver, Colo., and three sisters and his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Gifford of one brother survive.

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