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Horse Thief Caught at Callaway.

Last Wednesday night Marshal Penney of Callaway captured a horse thief who had been evading the officers for about two years. The sheriff of Buffalo county phoned him that the thief was on his way north and for him to be on the look out. Mr. Penney got his man in a few moments after he landed in Callaway.

\$20.00 Got the Machine.

Mrs. Warren Johnson was the successful bidder on the Goodrich "B" sewing machine offered by D. C. Konkel, to the highest bidder. The bids were sealed and were opened by the newspaper men of Broken Bow. The bids ranged from \$9.99 to \$20.00 and as Mrs. Johnson's bid was the highest she got the machine. It was valued at \$35.00.

"NOT GUILTY" SAID THE JURY.

COURT AND PEOPLE WERE SHOCKED AT VERDICT.

JIM CARLAND A FREE MAN.

A Hard Fought Legal Battle Ended Saturday Night When The Jury Returned The Verdict of "Not Guilty" in The Carland Case.

"Not Guilty!" was the verdict the jury returned in the case of the State of Nebraska vs. James Carland, charged with murder of John Sanderson on Saturday, March 28, 1908. The case had consumed nearly five days of the Court's time, going to the jury at about three o'clock Friday afternoon. For nearly thirty-six hours the jury deliberated on the case, and when it was ready to return its verdict at about nine o'clock but few people were in the court room, many thinking the jury would be out for another day at least. The verdict was received with surprise by the Court, attorneys and the people who were present, and as the news spread over our city, people shook their heads and manifested their disapproval of the verdict, many of them saying that it was an insult to the community and to the laws of the state of Nebraska. Not a man, perhaps, in Custer county who was familiar with the case or heard the testimony expected the jury to return a verdict of "not guilty." Many, in fact, looked for either a verdict of manslaughter or a disagreement after the jury entered the court room Saturday forenoon and asked the Court if he could not give them some new instructions so that the jury could "return a verdict that would be pleasing both to the Court and the defendant."

Judge Hostetler was surprised at this request and emphatically told the jury that he had given it all the instructions within his power as a Court, and for them to retire to the jury room.

The Judge Breaks Down.

When the jury returned its verdict of "Not guilty," the Judge in a voice blended with indignation and emotion had the following to say to it:

"Gentlemen of the Jury, under the constitution and laws of this state you are the judges of evidence in a case like this; you alone are responsible for your verdict. I believe that you have honestly and conscientiously, under the obligations of your oaths decided this case as you thought right. I do not, nor have I the right to criticize you. I have the kindest feeling for each one of you. Gentlemen, you are discharged from the further consideration of this

case. Good bye! I believe however, that as Judge of this Court and as a conservator of the law, it is my solemn duty to say that I believe a most grievous mistake has been made. I believe the evidence in this case justified, beyond a doubt, the conviction of the defendant of murder in the first degree. I believed the evidence of some fifteen reputable men of Broken Bow, who were eye witnesses to the scene, instead of the uncorroborated evidence of the defendant himself. As crime remains unpunished the white robe of justice has the blood stains of a victim upon its folds. God pity society when trembling men refuse to do their duty and enforce the law."

Various Opinions.

Some there are who think the jury was right in its verdict of "Not guilty," and advance various reasons for it. Some of them are plausible and some are not. Some say that Sanderson was a mean man and that Carland done the community a favor when on the 28th of March he shot to death John Sanderson in front of the Broken Bow Bank. And others say that while Sanderson was a mean man life was as dear to him as to anyone and Carland was not justified in dealing out death to him. There is some difference of opinion on this case, but the majority of the people who listened to the evidence and are familiar with the facts, are of the opinion that a mistake has been made.

A Hard Fought Legal Battle.

The case from start to finish was one that taxed the lawyers on either side to the utmost of their ability. On the part of the State Guttererson, Dean and Gadd prosecuted, and no trio of attorneys ever worked harder for the cause of justice than they did in this trial. For the defense, Sullivan, Squires and Sinclair fought every minute to save their client during the trial. The arguments by the attorneys on each side were masterpieces and were highly spoken of by those in attendance. The trial was a hard strain on each one of them and also on Judge Hostetler, who patiently listened to the testimony and to the objections interposed by the opposing attorneys. The lawyers at the bar say that he was fair and impartial in all his rulings.

The Callaway Fair.

The fair at Callaway last week was a success financially and otherwise. It was even better than a good many expected to see. The horse, cattle and mule departments were exceptionally fine and goes to prove that Custer county ranks with the best when it comes to showing stock. The floral hall exhibits were good but the display was somewhat marred for lack of room and many exhibitors of farm produce were turned away on this account. This difficulty the officers of the association say will not happen again as they propose to have ample room next year. The racing was good each day and would have been better if it had not been for a strong south wind which blew almost continually. The association at Callaway can boast of having one of the best race tracks in this section of the state and they are justly proud of it. The attractions on the grounds were splendid and would have done credit to any fair association. The music furnished by the Callaway band was of high order and lovers of music who heard it pronounce the band to be second to none in this section of Nebraska. The members of this band are genial fellows and were ready to play on call. The citizens have erected a band stand for them and of evenings during the fair the band discoursed sweet music until about ten o'clock. Taking it all around Callaway has good reason to feel proud of her fair.

Sold Residence Property.

R. A. Hughes has sold his residence property in the northwest part of Broken Bow to A. E. Graham. Mr. Hughes will move to Koshkonong, Missouri, after he has voted for Taft and Sheldon.

R. Hansen of Callaway was in the city Tuesday.

Forward or Backward.

The real question involved in the political campaign to-day is essentially whether the people desire a party in power which does things to enhance the credit of the nation and develop its economic resources, or whether it desires a party which only harps and cavils at things done. An opposition party has its uses, and in many cases it is fortunate that there should be a seesaw in the possession of power. The past twelve years, however, have been years of remarkable events in this country. They have opened the door to an expansion of influence and power abroad such as has not come to the United States for several generations. At home also they have witnessed the creation and carrying out of a great body of constructive policies by President Roosevelt, which Mr. Taft is pledged to continue.

To dismiss the Republican party at the present time from the seat of authority would be to turn the hand backward upon the clock of national progress. The election of Mr. Bryan, with continuance of a great Republican majority in the Senate, would mean a deadlock between the White House and Congress, a persistent playing of politics at Washington, and a complete arrest of all the board reforms and progressive steps which have been accomplished or inaugurated during the past twelve years. Even President Cleveland, sturdy Democrat as he was, recognized that fact that the acquisition of the Philippines was a fact accomplished and that even in the Hawaiian Islands, which were abandoned by his authority, the duty was now imposed upon the United States of carrying out with a firm hand the task which they had undertaken. The resolute policies which Mr. Hay and Mr. Root inaugurated in the State Department—the maintenance of the open door in the Orient and the extension of our relations with Latin America—would be put in hazard by a change of administration. Only by a curious chance did the Democratic National Convention endorse a strong navy, which is an essential factor of Republican policy, but it is not a natural part of the program of Mr. Bryan. Even in the regulation of the railways and the assurance of equal justice to all shippers and all citizens, the orderly and energetic policy adopted by the present administration and the Interstate Commerce Commission would be jarred and confused if put in new hands, more zealous perhaps than competent.

A change in the national administration might be a matter of indifference on some grounds but for two "ifs." The first of these is that the Republican party during the past twelve years had merely marked time without accomplishing or inaugurating any important reforms;

but the work which President Roosevelt has done should be carried on by men who are now in the harness and who have been partners in framing his policies. The second if the important one. If Mr. Bryan were "safe and sane," but his efforts to establish such a reputation by promising to keep within the limits of his platform and to respect existing law are hardly a sufficient guarantee against his kicking over the traces and doing something reckless and injurious to the country before its effects could be fully realized.

The trouble about Mr. Bryan's assurance that he will be bound by Republican legislation as he finds it is that much of this legislation is discretionary. No law can direct the President or Secretary of the Treasury at just what moment they should intervene to avoid a panic or to save the nation from some great financial disaster. No law can compel Mr. Bryan to issue circulation under the recent emergency currency law if he thinks it unwise. Indeed, in a thousand emergencies liable to confront the nation, not only financial but political and international, it is highly important that a man trained by public service and with a mind tempered by knowledge and respect for law should sit in the executive chair of McKinley and Roosevelt.

For The Next Few Weeks

For the next few weeks THE REPUBLICAN will contain considerable political news, perhaps at the expense of the local news. But we feel in advance that our readers will bear with us for four weeks at least. Every one should be interested in the result of the election and we propose to do our part in trying to increase the majority in Custer county for Taft and Sheldon. Also to aid in the election of every Republican on the county ticket. Next week the REPUBLICAN will be printed all at home so read every page carefully.

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BURGULARS ENTER HAYES JEWELRY STORE SUNDAY NIGHT

TAKE ABOUT \$800 WORTH.

Once Before His Store is Entered. Seem to Have a Pick on Him. Not Discovered Until Monday Morning. No Clue.

When F. W. Hayes opened his jewelry and shoe store Monday morning he was surprised to see evidence of some one having been there during the night. Going to his safe he found that it had been opened and the inner vault wrenched out, the drawers pried open and the contents ransacked. Mr. Hayes does not remember whether he locked the safe or not, but if he did, the thieves were successful in working the combination which no doubt saved some damage to the safe. He had about \$150.00 in cash in the safe which the robbers took along with a lot of rings, chains, watches, fobs, etc. amounting in all to about \$700 loss to Mr. Hayes. The sheriff was notified, who, with the help of others tried to find some clue as to the identity of the burglars. Their search resulted in finding the iron vault of the safe back of Johnson's barber shop and one or two checks which the thieves could not handle with safety to themselves.

The Second Time.

This is the second time Mr. Hayes' store has been robbed. The first time was the night of July 5, 1907, at which time about \$800 worth of cash and goods were stolen. It seems that the robbers have a pick on Mr. Hayes and he is of the opinion that in the future they should pass him up and tackle some one else. The officers are at work on the case and it is to be hoped the thieves will be captured and Mr. Hayes' property restored to him.

Goes to New Fields.

Rev. L. N. Early, who has universally pleased the people in his pastorate of the Christian church of this city for the past year or more, will leave for Havelock, Nebraska, Saturday where he has been called. Rev. Early and wife have made many friends in our city who will miss them. All unite in wishing them pleasant and profitable work in their new field of labor.

New Pastor at Christian Church.

Rev. N. T. Harmon, who preached at the Christian church two weeks ago, was called here to take Rev. L. N. Early's place, Rev. Early being called to Havelock, Nebraska. Rev. Harmon will commence his regular work here next Sunday. He comes to our city well recommended as a minister of power. You are invited to hear him.

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