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## BOY ARRESTED FOR BURGLARY

Editor of "Western Boy" Has Eight Burglaries to His Credit—Case set for September 30.

Guy W. Olmsted, the nineteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Olmsted of this city, was placed under arrest Tuesday afternoon charged with burglarizing George Apple's hardware store on two different occasions. He was released from the custody of the sheriff on \$300 bond given by his father and his preliminary hearing was set for September 30. Young Olmsted had confessed to entering Apple's store on December 28 and April 21. The first time he went in with a key which he had taken from Apple's desk and the second time he entered through the basement window.

About six weeks ago Editors Beal, Purcell, and Myers got together for a sort of a conference to consider the advisability of getting out a search warrant to search young Olmsted's "Western Boy" office for printing material that it was believed he (Olmsted) had taken from the different printing offices. It was decided that the better plan would be to give the boy a chance to straighten up and make a good citizen. The men went to the "Western Boy" office and young Olmsted was told that they had become convinced that he was stealing from them, that he was a young man who had made a mistake, and that he would be given an opportunity to straighten the matter out without being prosecuted provided that he would promise to turn everything over and quit his stealing. He readily agreed to do that and began to the astonishment of the men to pile out about \$200 worth of type, leads, s, g's, rules, job printing material, etc. The men were convinced that he had taken some things from each of the offices but had no idea that he had the volume of stuff that he did.

The matter ran along then until last Saturday when Mr. Myers dropped into the office to talk with Dr. Cole, who has an office in the same building, and noticed some of his type and other material there. He, with Roy Stratton, of the Beacon office, went to the Western Boy office Monday morning, after young Olmsted had returned from a picnic on the South Loup, to get the property.

A thorough search of the office was made and Olmsted admitted that he had stolen each article as it was brought to his attention though he made no attempt to find things and turn them over. He claimed that he had stolen nothing since he had been caught about six weeks ago and that everything he had was stuff he had at that time and did not turn over as he agreed.

A speed meter was found in the office and he admitted stealing this and a faucet from O. H. Conrad. A pearl handled knife and a ball of twine he stated after much questioning had been taken from George Apple while he was working for him. Mr. Myers told him that he must take every piece of stolen property that he had back to the man he had stolen it from and tell him when and where he got it. This he agreed to do.

Two suspicious looking keys were found in one of his desk

drawers and these were found to resemble very much the keys to Apple's store building. When asked after dinner for the keys young Olmsted stated that he had thrown them in the Creek. Mr. Myers then told him that he was convinced that the keys were the keys to Apple's store and after inquiring how he came to find out that they were he admitted using them to enter the store on December 28 and stated that he went into the store on April 21 through the basement window. He had to go in the second time through the basement because Apple had changed the locks.

Mr. Myers then took him to Apple's store where he gave a list of the stolen property. He secured \$15.50 from the safe the first time he entered the store and took some shells, pocket knives, and other small articles such as he could carry in his pockets. One striking thing about this is the fact that a little over \$4 in silver was in the safe at the time and he took but \$15.50. This would seem to indicate that it was his intention to take small amounts so that it would not be noticed. The second time he was in he secured but \$1.65 in money from the cash drawer and some shells, a hammer, a searchlight, a Yale lock, a box of small locks, six or eight knives, a large ball of twine, a pair of scissors and a 22 revolver. After giving the list he went with Mr. Myers to a place along the creek south of the Olmsted residence where he had what was left of the stolen property buried. This when returned to Mr. Apple was valued at about \$16.

He also admitted having broken into Mrs. Ellis millinery store one night without getting anything, and in one other place about \$50 worth of property was secured. He has later admitted stealing a Remington typewriter from Custer College building last winter. The total value of the property taken from the three newspaper offices is about \$200.

### SOCIETY ITEMS.

By Mrs. Amanda L. Xanders.

#### FAREWELL PARTY.

Miss Adah D. Bowen gave a farewell Kensington Thursday afternoon at her pleasant home in the north part of the city in honor of her friend, Miss Nell Gutterson, who will shortly return to her school duties at Rochester, New York.

Invitations were issued to about forty-five young ladies, who came prepared with an unusual variety of dainty and useful fancy work.

During the afternoon the following program was given:

Piano solo.....Miss Edna Russon  
Vocal solo.....Miss Eva Caldwell  
Vocal solo.....Miss Ina Sullivan  
Violin solo.....Mrs. George Russon  
Piano solo.....Mrs. Bernice McComas  
Vocal solo.....Miss Irma James  
Reading.....Mrs. James K. Hermon  
Piano solo.....Miss Frances L. Wilson

The guests enjoyed an afternoon of rare pleasure.

A delicious course supper was served by Miss Bowen, assisted by Misses Eleanor Richardson and Miss Imilda Irene Xanders. Orange punch was served during the afternoon.

### SURPRISE PICNIC.

A few of the D. of H. friends of E. R. Purcell dreamed of giving him a surprise basket picnic on the lawn of his home in the north part of town last Monday evening.

The dream materialized—Emerson was undoubtedly a very much surprised man, but then, so were the picnic party, when for various reasons, they found it impossible to hold the picnic

on his lawn.

After some discussion the bountiful supply of good things were transferred to the lawn at the Episcopal rectory.

After the picnic feast the party scattered about the lawn in groups and enjoyed themselves in a social way. Late in the evening watermelons raised on the Jilling farm were served the guests. The same party are laying plans for another picnic in the near future.

## LIFE IN JAIL IS WEARING ONE.

Man Under Thirty Day Sentence Anxious To Get Out.

Charles Davies, the New Helena blacksmith who was sentenced to thirty days in jail about a month ago was released Tuesday. Davies seemed to take jail life coolly at first, but the last few days he was in he showed very clearly that it was wearing on him. He received a letter from his wife a few days ago stating that their baby was very sick. This together with the monotony of looking through the jail bars changed his countenance from a pleasant one to a serious look, and brought forth a continuous spell of crying. He was charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. While in Omaha about a month ago he pretended that he was sick and wrote to his partner and obtained money on that plea.

## SCHOOL BONDS

### GET A BIG VOTE

Carried on Both Sides of School District. School Opens Monday.

After an interesting, but one-sided election last Saturday the school bonds carried by 263 votes. The most of the strength of the opposition to the bonds was on the south side of the district, but even at the south polling place the bonds carried by a majority of eleven. The majority on the north side was 252. The necessity for the building and the desire of the people for good school facilities was so strong that the opponents of the bonds were not able to make much headway. An inspector examined the boilers of the furnaces in both of the school buildings this week and found them in safe condition. School opens next Monday.

J. M. Kimberling is in Franklin this week. He expects to return to the city Monday.

Dr. Bass has moved his office from over McComas' to the rooms up-stairs in the Todd building.

D. W. Lanterman and daughter, Merle, returned this week from a visit of two weeks in Custer, Okla.

John Dalton, who has spent the past year at the naval academy at Annapolis, Md., is expected home the last of the week to spend his vacation with his parents. John is now a guest at Christian Brothers college at St. Louis, Mo.

Manager Groat of the north side opera house has secured the Benjamin Stock company to play every night during fair week. Mr. Benjamin and his company have played to crowded houses whenever they have been in Broken Bow and the people of this city will be glad to know that they will be here fair week.

## COUNTY FAIR TO BE GREAT SUCCESS

The Admission Fee Will Not Be Raised to Fifty Cents as Previously Announced.

The Board of Directors of the Agricultural Society are putting forth every possible effort to make the coming county fair a success. In this effort the Board is keeping constantly in mind two things. The first is to make the Fair instructive by demonstrating the possibilities of this county, its soil and the importance of seed planted, the advantages of breeding the best possible classes of horses, cattle and hogs. The second thought of the Board is to make the Fair entertaining.

All classes of people attend the Fair. Some attend for the purpose of education, others to be amused. In each class there is an infinite variety of minds. Of those desiring information, one will probably confine his investigation to the cattle department; another to the horse department; still another may wish to see the various kinds of millet, corn and alfalfa. Others may care little or nothing for any of these and give their entire attention to the stables where are housed the race horses, and to the races upon the track. Still others may take little interest in any of these things but be greatly interested in the aeroplane, the diving horses or the riding of the "outlaws" and bucking steers.

To please and satisfy all is the motto of the management of the County Fair, and this they feel confident they can do from September 14th to the 17th, inclusive. But they cannot do this alone. They must have the assistance of the citizens of the county.

There must be a large and varied exhibition of agricultural products. You have a part of these products, if not all growing on your farm at this moment. A little effort on your part in selecting from your crops the best of the various products you have the arrangement of them in tasty order and the bringing or sending of them to the Fair will be a great aid to the Society and you will be surprised at the pleasure you derive from this work, yourself.

The happiest woman at the Fair last year was the one who has some eighty different varieties of agricultural products. It is true she took home in aggregate premiums something like \$60, but the real pleasure was in the raising and selecting of these products and the exhibition of them to the hundreds of interested neighbors. Won't you take hold at once and prepare something for exhibition? If you haven't anything in the farm products, that you desire to exhibit, look through your yard and you will be surprised at the number of splendid chickens, turkeys, geese or ducks that you will discover are worthy of exhibition. Look your horses and mules over and see if there isn't something there that you would take pleasure in exhibiting.

In the list of premiums for horses and mules, lot 1, are thoroughbreds. Six different premiums offered; one for stallions, three years old; one for stallions two years old; one for stallions or fillies one year old, one year old sucking colts, mares three years old and over, fillies two years old and over. The aggregate of these premiums is for first premium \$26, for second premium \$12. Lot 2 is the standard bred, same premium. Lot 3 is Percheron, Norman and Belgium with the same different classes.

Lot 4, Shires and Clydes. Lot 5 is the heavy carriage horses. Lot 7, best farm teams. First premium \$6, second premium \$3. Lot 9 is mules with five different classes; first class is jack of any age; second class is mule two years old and over; 3rd, mule one year old and under; fourth, single mule, sucking colt; fifth, pair of mules three years old and over in harness. Lot 10 is sweepstakes with four classes. In this lot, to the owner of the best stallion is paid a premium of \$20; best mare \$20; best mare with sucking colt showing breeding qualities of mare is \$15; and best colt \$10.

CATTLE DEPARTMENT: In this department six premiums for short-horns are offered. First premiums aggregate \$26, second premiums \$12 some Jerseys with the same premiums; Holsteins, the same; Herfords

same; Galloways and Polled Angus the same, and the aggregate premiums for sweepstakes is \$80.

Class 4 is the hogs with thirty-three different premiums.

In the poultry department is an aggregate of four hundred premiums; first in each class \$1, second 50 cents. In the farm product department there is paid an aggregate of 125 premiums besides the special premiums ranging from \$1 to \$6 first premiums and fifty cents to \$2 for second premiums.

There is a special premium for farm products as follows: \$2 each and a season ticket for a collection of not less than fifteen varieties which must include corn, wheat, oats, potatoes, millet and alfalfa in proper form for exhibition.

While we mention the above as a special premium, in fact it is not a premium. It is simply a reward for as many as will bring in this special exhibit. Every one who brings the fifteen varieties in proper form are given the season ticket and \$2.

There is a special premium also of \$40 for sucking colts, four in number by same sire. Owners not necessarily the same.

If you have never exhibited before do so this year. You will find it a real pleasure, and while no single is very large the premiums will pay you something for the trouble. Your repayment, however, will be in the pleasure you derive from the effort.

### Attractions.

The cost of attractions this year is the greatest ever paid out by the Association and will unquestionably be the greatest and give the most pleasure. The diving horses from a forty foot tower will certainly please every one. It is the perfection of this class of amusements. A few years ago a fake attraction of a diving elk was advertised. The management of the Fair sent a representative to witness this exhibition who discovered that Mister Elk had to be dragged to the top of the tower and then pushed off into the pool below and the Association refused to make a contract with the diving elk. These horses of their own accord and at the command of their owner from below, Dr. Carver, walk up the long incline to the tower, proudly, in style and with seeming pleasure. On reaching the platform at the top of the tower, they walk out to the margin, stand there with arched necks intelligent faces, proud of the achievement they are about to accomplish and at the word swing out into the air, descending in a circle to the pool beneath. There is not an attraction in the world like it.

The management guarantees to pay back to every person who attends the Fair his money if he is not pleased with this performance. Many of our citizens saw the performance at Grand Island a year ago. Our former sheriff N. E. Armstrong could not talk of anything else for a week and was often heard to say that he would not have missed seeing this performance for a hundred dollars.

The interest in this performance is perfected and intensified from the fact that the horses are ridden by a beautiful and cultured young woman in their wild leap to the water below. The pool of water into which the horses dive is twenty by twenty feet with a depth of sixteen feet of water.

The performance of Lady Weaver the most famous guideless wonder in the world, never fails to arouse the enthusiasm and affection of her audience. Her every movement discloses grace, activity and strength, and the intelligence she displays seems to be human. She will make her mile on this track, decked by her ribbons, bunting and flags, in 2:15 without a cart and without a driver.

The three relay races, one each day will greatly please the audience. The management is anxious to secure all the entries possible in these races. Here is an opportunity for the young men and the young ladies of the county who love horse and horse back riding to earn some good premiums.

### The Aeroplane.

Prof. Sorensen assures the management that he has his aeroplane complete. It is built upon the plan of the aeroplanes of the east, pictures of which are frequently seen in the leading dailies of the country. While Prof. Sorensen's escape from his former experience seems miraculous, it is believed he will make good in his effort at the Fair without an accident. The management, on learning of his fall in his first experiment, hesitated somewhat to engage him, fearing he might meet with another

like accident and felt that they could not afford to allow him to greatly endanger his life or lose it in the presence of a large audience; but he has assured them that there is no danger and they finally decided to engage him and have done so, and he feels most confident of a successful flight.

Because of the enormous expense of premiums and attractions, and because the surrounding counties all have charged fifty cents admission, the management for a while felt that it would be necessary to raise the admission this year to fifty cents, but they have become satisfied that the attendance will be sufficiently large so that they can pay out without charging the extra fifteen cents at the gate and therefore have determined to announce that only the usual price of thirty-five cents admission will be charged.

### Stock Markets.

South Omaha, Sept. 1st, 1909.

There has been a good run of cattle here this week, but supplies have been made up largely of western range stock. Few corn-feds have been offered, two loads of the E. T. Graham steers, from Creston, Nebr., selling at \$7.50 this week, averaging 1550 lbs. This price is top for the week and at the top for the season. Good beef is steady to strong for the week, which is also the case with desirable feeders. Good cows are steady, with others a shade easier. Feeders of good flesh and quality have been strong, others slow and weak. Good to choice heavy feeders are quotable at \$5 to \$5.35; fair to good \$4.65 to \$4.85; good to choice light and medium weights \$4.15 to \$4.50; fair to good \$3.65 to \$4.

The hog market today opened a nickel higher, but closed with advance lost. Bulk sold at \$7.65 to \$7.90; top \$8.10.

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### FALL OPENING.

Next Sunday will be the fall opening day at the Presbyterian church. Subject 11 a. m., "Open Doors." This contains a message to those just entering school, and gives a general outline of the church's work for the coming season. 8 p. m., "The King's Insurance Company."

New singing books have been purchased for the C. E. and the evening services. You are cordially invited.

J. E. AUBREY, Pastor.

### ELTON.

Farmers are busy putting up hay.

Charley Kilmore visited with Albert Powell's Sunday.

Albert Kleeb and wife were county seat visitors Monday.

Mr. Hollenbeck purchased some steers of Mr. Mottinger last week.

Miss Bernice Piper, who has been spending the summer in California, returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Mottinger, of Merna, were visiting near Elton the first of the week.

Chub Spencer has purchased a telephone on the Farmers line.

Miss Mabel Pinckney, of Broken Bow, has been hired to teach the Elton schools.

E. Mottinger, who has been under the doctor's care for some time, is some better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Pirnie and daughter, Elsie, went to Merna Friday to visit Mr. Pirnie's brother.

Two automobiles made their way on the table by the lone tree road Sunday. We think they found rather rough traveling.