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POLICE SURE OF MEN

CHAIN OF EVIDENCE TIGHTENS ABOUT TRAIN ROBBERS.

Rifled Sacks Are Secured—Found in Attic of South Omaha School Building—Valuables Taken from Pouches, but Letters Not Molested.

Developments Friday in the running down of the men who last Saturday night held up and robbed the Overland Limited train on the Union Pacific railroad near the Omaha city limits had their climax in the discovery in the attic of Brown park school in South Omaha of six large and two small registered mail pouches, the contents of which had been rifled.

Following the arrest Thursday night in the vicinity of the school of three suspects as they were approaching a point where they had hidden revolvers and other material, 100 secret service men, private and city detectives early in the day began to search the locality for further evidence. The principal and teachers of Brown park school were thrown into a small panic when they learned what had occurred during the night and an open basement window which had been discovered during the morning formed the basis of an investigation.

Mrs. Nora Freeman, one of the teachers, noticed that a ladder used for reaching the attic of the building, and which is usually suspended from the ceiling by a rope, had been displaced, and the janitors were called. Lanterns were produced and two men crawled into the attic. They were astonished to find eight registered mail sacks, two raincoats, a long top coat and a pair of overalls. The police authorities were notified and made a hurried trip to the school building. Examination of the contents of the packages showed that every letter and package had been torn open and the contents of value removed. In each case the letters were stuck back into the envelopes, the robbers having satisfied themselves with removing of money and other valuables. There were several jewelry packages, the contents of which had been taken by the robbers. There is every indication that the robbers took the mail pouches to near the school Saturday night and removed them to the school house attic Sunday night. They secured entrance through the basement window, went up the stairway to the main corridor and into the attic by means of the ladder. They were secure from detection in the attic, which is dark, and were able to examine the contents of the pouches at their leisure.

The postoffice authorities and railroad officials are fully convinced that in the arrests of Woods, Gordon and Tortensen Friday night they have secured the right men. The chain of evidence already secured is, in the minds of the police, sufficient to convict the men, and Chief Briggs believes he will be able to secure a confession from one of the trio.

TEXAS MOB KILLS PRISONER.

After Being Refused Admission by the Jailor Crowd Opens Fire.

The Taylor county jail in Abilene, Tex., was stormed by a mob at 1 o'clock Friday morning. Demand was made for the delivery of Tom Barnett, who was recently convicted of the murder of Alexander Sears in the district court there. Being refused admission by the jailer, the mob worked unsuccessfully for an hour to open the cell doors. Having failed to get at the victim, he was shot to death inside his cell by the attacking party.

The proceedings were conducted with comparative quiet and few citizens of the town were aware of the lynching until it was finished.

Signs "Joy Riding" Bill.

Gov. Hughes, of New York, Friday signed the so-called "joy riding" automobile bill. It provides that "any chauffeur or other person who without the consent of the owner shall take an automobile or motor vehicle and operate or drive, steals the same and is guilty of larceny and shall be punishable accordingly."

An Old Sea Captain Dead.

Capt. David F. Edwards, 90 years old, for half a century builder of lake vessels, died at Toledo, O., Friday. In early seafaring life Capt. Edwards was ship's carpenter on the warship Constitution.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Friday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$6.75. Top hogs, \$7.25.

Gives Himself Up.

Harry Robinson, claiming to have been identified with the Jesse James gang and that he is wanted in Chicago for bank robbery and burglary, surrendered himself at Sandusky, O., Thursday to Sheriff Reuter. Robinson gave the sheriff no details of his crimes, but said the Chicago police knew his record.

TAFT TO BLACK MEN.

Colored "Grads" of Howard College Addressed.

Speaking to the colored graduates of Howard university, near Washington, D. C., Wednesday, President Taft declared that never at any time has the future of the negro, as a race, appeared more hopeful and bright than at the present day.

The president pressed upon his hearers the fact that it is for the negroes themselves to work out their own future and to make themselves valuable citizens in the communities in which they live. Conditions for the negro in the south, the president said, he believed are growing better and better. Southern people of the better class are coming to look more and more upon the negro as one of their valuable assets. Mr. Taft declared, and he again urged upon the negro the importance of gaining the respect and the friendship of the white people among whom he is to live.

The task of educating the negro, and especially of educating leaders among the race, the president asserted, was a debt owed by the government, a debt only too difficult of repayment because of the constitutional limits of the government in dealing with the individual.

President Taft personally handed to the more than 100 candidates for degrees their parchment rolls. When the commencement exercises were ended he was escorted to the foundation of the new Carnegie library of the university, where he officiated at the laying of the corner stone. The president evidently enjoyed the privilege of being a real mason, for he not only applied the customary first dash of mortar, but worked industriously with the silver trowel until he had covered the entire resting place for the well proportioned stone.

Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, Minister Leger, of Haiti, and President Thirfield, of the university, also were called upon to wield the trowel.

ILLINOIS DEADLOCK ENDS.

Congressman Lorimer Elected—Fought Lasted Many Days.

The long senatorial deadlock in the Illinois assembly ended Wednesday afternoon when Congressman Lorimer was elected senator.

The feeling of unrest which has marked the senatorial deadlock for days was rampant Wednesday when the general assembly convened. In the minds of many there was a probability that Congressman Lorimer would enter the race, although no authoritative statement had been made to that effect before the session opened.

When the balloting began there was a break to Lorimer.

At 12:50 p.m. Lorimer's total was 53, Hopkins 47, in both houses.

At 2 p. m. Lorimer's total was 77, Hopkins 61.

TWO SHOT TO DEATH.

Four Corned Duel in Remote Section of North Carolina.

Arthur and Andy Franklin were shot to death Tuesday night in Laurel township, a remote section of Madison county, N. C., in a four cornered duel in which the Franklins were arrayed against the Tweed brothers.

Robert Tweed and Arthur Franklin met in the store of Arthur Franklin and opened fire. Andy Franklin endeavored to stop the fight, it is said, but Maj. Tweed interfered, and both drawing pistols the fight became general. Andy Franklin was instantly killed. Arthur Franklin died Wednesday of his wounds. Maj. Tweed received a serious wound in the thigh. Beverly Stanton, a bystander, was shot.

America Sends \$10,000.

The Portuguese Red Cross has received \$10,000 from the American Red Cross to be devoted to the relief of the sufferers from the recent earthquake in Ribatjo district. Shocks continue intermittently in that region, two violent shocks occurring Wednesday, but no damage was done.

Unitarians at Boston.

The annual meeting of the American Unitarian association occupied practically all of Wednesday's anniversary week session at Boston. The reports of the nominating and business committees and the election of officers were considered in the forenoon.

Fight Promoters Are Ill.

Almost simultaneously with the news of the illness in New York of Pat Sheedy, his former partner in many enterprises, Parson Davies was taken quietly from New Orleans to Chicago and is said to be seriously ill in that city.

Automobile Overturns.

Mrs. Warren Jones, wife of a wealthy farmer, and the 3-year-old son of her sister, Mrs. Isaac Robinson, lost their lives in an automobile accident at Stockton, Cal. They were drowned when the automobile was overturned in two feet of water.

Is Carried Through Sluice Gates.

Four persons were drowned and four others were rescued from a capsize gasoline launch which was carried through the sluice gates of the dam of the Consolidated Water Power company of Grand Rapids, Wis., Tuesday night and dashed to the rocks below.

C. N. HASKELL HELD.

Federal Grand Jury at Tulsa Indicts Governor.

Indictments charging fraud in the Muskogee, Okla., town lot cases were returned by the United States grand jury against Gov. Charles N. Haskell, F. B. Severs, W. T. Hutchins, C. W. Turner, A. Z. English and W. R. Eaton.

The accused men are charged with obtaining title from the government to town lots in Muskogee by illegal methods.

Bond in each case was fixed at \$5,000, and was promptly furnished. Arrangements for the trials have not been made, but it is thought the cases will be heard at an early date. This is the second indictment for Gov. Haskell in the Tulsa case. The first bills were dismissed on a technicality. The federal authorities at once began preparing new evidence along the lines indicated by the court's ruling. The fight before the grand jury had many sensational features. Numerous witnesses from Ohio and elsewhere testified. Twenty were on the stand Thursday.

Gov. Haskell, in discussing his indictment Thursday night, said:

"As a result of four government attorneys and an army of secret service men surrounding the grand jury and limiting the testimony to just what suited them, indictments have been secured against me. I am thoroughly satisfied that when the whole facts are made known in the open government at Washington will not approve of these cases, which practically all the people of this locality know have no merit and that there has been no violation of law in any particular."

"The later disclosures in this case will speak for themselves and show plainly the origin and intent connected with them. The only embarrassment to me in the trial is that many witnesses must be brought from a great distance and will result in much other expense, which, unfortunately, I have not the means to bear. However, my numerous friends in Oklahoma, including many republicans, have generously shared the expense up to date, a kindness that I have sincerely appreciated, and I only regret the expense of further proceedings on that account."

GROOM HELD FOR MURDER.

Michigan Man Arrested as Wedding Dinner Begins.

Married Wednesday morning to Anna Lyster, Roland Rich, of Bay City, Mich., 23 years old, was Wednesday afternoon arraigned on the charge of murdering his aged grandmother, Mrs. Christine Coryeon. The young man stood mute in court and was committed to jail to await examination Thursday. He has always borne an excellent reputation. Mrs. Coryeon, about 70 years of age, was found dying in her bed room early Wednesday with her skull fractured, three wounds on her head indicating that she had been beaten with a club. The young bridegroom prisoner, who was first to report to the discovery of his grandmother's plight, said that he found her lying in a pool of blood on the floor with the mattress and her bed clothing hanging on the walls in flames. The aged lady was taken to a hospital and the wedding was carried out as planned, the young man being placed under arrest just as the wedding dinner was about to begin. Mrs. Coryeon died at the hospital without recovering consciousness.

THAT BLUEFIELDS TROUBLE.

Secretary Knox Giving Situation His Closest Attention.

Close attention is being given by Secretary Knox to the trouble at Bluefields, Nicaragua, where the issue involved is in some respects similar to that brought before the secretary when he was attorney general and involved the purchase of grain in the middle west by favored dealers, who, it was alleged, were receiving rebates from the railroads. At Bluefields there is a serious difference between the banana planters and the Bluefields Steamship company, of New Orleans, which in its earlier stages gave rise to rioting and strikes. The trouble grew out of the price to be paid for bananas, the steamship company having exclusive right of the river navigation at Bluefields and incidentally controlling the port trade in fruit. Because of the increased cost of living the planters say they cannot turn over the fruit at the agreed prices, and the result is business is greatly hampered. Secretary Knox has directed that all interests be given a full hearing.

Sauerkraut Won by Taft.

President Taft held the ticket that drew a barrel of sauerkraut, worth \$3, at the Elks fair, at Sandusky, O., Wednesday night. It was presented to him by William H. Reinhart, president of the Perry Victory and international centennial-peace commission, who was in Washington recently.

Destructive Forest Fire.

Forest fires started by a spark from a railroad engine Wednesday night destroyed a large part of the village of Dalton, Mich., together with 3,000,000 feet of lumber and a big mill. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

Killed by Boiler Explosion.

J. Slocum and his brother, R. L. Slocum, were killed and three other men were dangerously injured by a boiler explosion at Tilton, Ark.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

PEREMPTORY WRIT ON SALOON.

Sterling Village Board Must Cancel a License It Issued.

The Sterling saloon case came up for hearing in district court at Beatrice Tuesday afternoon before Judge L. M. Pemberton. The court granted a peremptory writ of mandamus compelling the Sterling village board to cancel a saloon license recently issued there to Henry Seele, on the ground that the demonstrators were not given sufficient time for a hearing. The defendants gave notice of an appeal to the supreme court.

Recently Judge Pemberton granted an alternative writ of mandamus requiring the village board of Sterling to meet and revoke the saloon license granted Henry Seele and to allow the citizens of that place an opportunity to present a remonstrance, it being alleged that the board took snap judgment in granting said license to Seele. After the writ was granted Seele's saloon was closed pending the hearing of the case. A number of remonstrators, comprising residents of Adams and Sterling, attended the hearing.

YOUTH TRIES TO SUICIDE.

Officer and Insane Patient Terribly Injured by Cars.

Frank Kent, a Fremont youth, is dead, and Deputy Sheriff W. P. Condit is lying in the hospital with his left foot gone as the result of a desperate struggle in which the deputy sought to prevent Kent from throwing himself under the wheels of a moving train. Kent had been adjudged insane and was being taken to the state hospital at Lincoln. The two were at the depot when the insane youth made a leap for the track over which a Northwestern train was moving. The officer pulled Kent back, but in the struggle both rolled under the wheels. Kent was terribly crushed and Condit's leg was severed at the ankle. Kent died Thursday evening as a result of his injuries.

FATAL WHIRL ON A SHAFT.

Polish Laborer Dies as Result of Having Clothing Caught.

While at work Tuesday in the glue department at the Cudahy Packing company in Omaha, Victor Kukinski, a Polish laborer, met with injuries which resulted in his death. His clothes became entangled in some machinery and he was dragged around a revolving shaft, crushing his shoulder and inflicting other injuries. The accident happened at about 9:30 and he was immediately removed to the South Omaha hospital, where he died at 11 o'clock. He was 49 years old and leaves a wife and four children. The body was taken in charge by Coroner Healy and an inquest will be held.

AFTER BETTER SERVICE.

Hebron Citizens to Extend Water and Sewerage Systems.

Hebron took the initiatory steps at a meeting of the citizens Tuesday night toward the extension of the water service and a complete sewerage system for the city. The meeting was held in the court house and was well attended. It is proposed to have the city platted by a competent engineer, and the plans drawn as to the location of the mains and sewer pipes, and to vote sufficient bonds. The council was authorized to commence proceedings as to the practical cost of the system.

Fake Advertising Hit.

The directors of the Fremont Commercial club at their monthly meeting voted to turn down such schemes as cook books, directories, except the local director, hotel registers, programs, map and time cards, which will practically confine advertising to newspapers. The city has been worked extensively by advertising schemes during the last year and business men were getting tired of them.

Bonno to Pueblo.

Lincoln Wednesday announced that Gus Bonno, an Italian and a star pitcher in the Western league last season, had been traded to Pueblo for James, a southpaw. Bonno was a hold-over early this spring and did not report until after the season had started.

Burglars at Winslow.

Weikamp's hardware store at Winslow was broken into one night recently and about \$100 worth of knives and cutlery was taken. The burglars ransacked the store and picked out what they thought was the best. They left no clue.

New School for Clay Center.

At a special election in Clay Center for the purpose of voting bonds, the proposition to vote \$12,000 for the purpose of building a new school house carried by a vote of 149 for and 33 against. The building will be erected at once.

Bond Issue is Defeated.

Although only one-half of the average vote was polled for the proposed issue of \$100,000 bonds for the new high school building at Hastings, the proposition was defeated by a majority of 242 votes.

Cullen Taken to Ponca.

James Cullen, who, with Frank Brice, broke jail at Dakota City Friday night, have been captured by Sheriff Nascall at Ponca. He has been turned over to Sheriff Brockwell and will be sent to the penitentiary to serve one year for larceny. Brice is still at large.

Belden Sold to Waterloo.

William Belden, center fielder of the Omaha Western league club, was Thursday sold to Waterloo. He has been with Omaha three years.

CASES READY FOR COURT TRIAL.

Nebraska Prepared for Long Siege in Adjustment.

Testimony will be taken for the first time next month in the various railroad cases in the federal court involving the validity of the 2-cent fare law, the maximum freight rate commodity law and other legislative enactments of 1907. These have been in court for nearly two years and the lawyers have just about got all the underbrush cleared away for trial on their merits. In the statutes in question are the anti-pass law and the act creating a railroad commission. If the state loses, all the work of the past four years in legislative regulation of railroads will fail, but the attorney general is confident that he can sustain them all.

A year's time, it is expected, will be consumed in taking testimony. Four or five years will probably pass before a final decision in the higher courts can be secured. The case is to be heard by both of the federal judges. Before he was appointed, Judge Thompson was one of the strongest advocates of the restrictive legislation in question, and the state goes into the case relieved of the incubus that Missouri had in the person of Judge McPherson, who was a railroad lawyer before he became judge.

McPherson's decision is citable as a precedent, but what governs will be the earnings of the roads. In Nebraska the anti-pass law undoubtedly stimulated the net earnings, while Missouri had no such enactment. The railroad commission's physical valuation of the railroads will be completed before the trial of the case, and it is expected to materially aid in sustaining the state's position. Meanwhile all of these laws will remain in force.

HAS STOPPED GROWING OLD.

Colored Woman at Hastings Said to Be Aged 109 Years.

Mrs. Clara Briley, colored, of Hastings, presumably the oldest person west of the Mississippi river, on Monday celebrated her 109th birthday anniversary. She is apparently as strong in body and mind as she was thirty years ago and is able to talk with remarkable clearness of things that occurred a century ago.

"I stopped getting old about sixty years ago," said Mrs. Briley. "This thing of breaking down in old age is a matter of self-control. I would have died long ago if I had given up, but I made up my mind at the age of 50 that I would live another fifty years, and at 100 I decided to live at least twenty-five more. I think I've made a pretty good start."

MEAT MARKET SOLD LIQUIDS.

Beatrice Butcher Pleads Guilty to Selling and Pays Fine.

On complaint of Mayor Rutherford, of Beatrice, Henry Neitman, proprietor of a meat market on Lower Court street in that city, was arrested charged with bootlegging. The complaint was drawn in two counts. Neitman appeared before Judge Ellis and pleaded guilty. He was fined \$204.80, which he paid. Ever since the saloons closed here, more than a year ago, it was suspected that Neitman had been engaged in the moist goods business and the authorities have been keeping close tab on him since he took out a government license a few weeks ago.

UNWRITTEN LAW SUCCEEDS.

Robinson and Bickley Acquitted at Springfield of Charge of Murder.

A dispatch from Springfield says Anthony Robinson and William Bickley were acquitted there late Saturday night of murdering Warren Sutherland. Robinson shot and killed Sutherland May 12, 1908. He claimed Sutherland had made improper proposals to his 18-year-old daughter. Bickley, a brother-in-law of Robinson, went with him to the Sutherland house near Carnes, when Robinson shot Sutherland.

Lightning Strikes a School.

Monday afternoon during a thunder storm the lightning struck the tower of the public school building at Neigh and damaged it somewhat and started a fire, which was soon put out by the fire department. The children had just been dismissed and were nearly all out of the building before the alarm was sounded.

McCarthy Coming Back.

The police of Lincoln say the amount of money taken by Joseph H. Stores, known there as J. H. McCarthy, administrator of the Helen Horn estate, is close to \$10,000. McCarthy is under arrest at Seattle, and advises from that place say he has less than \$100 of the money left.

Good Rain in Custer.

Except for one or two local showers dry weather has been the rule in Custer county this spring until Sunday night. A general rain began falling early in the night and continued until 7 a. m. The government register showed the precipitation to be slightly in excess of half an inch.

Howard County Gets Showers.

Three light showers Sunday in Howard county Sunday brought a rainfall of .45 and somewhat relieved the drought, but a good deal more is needed, as the ground was getting very dry.

Nebraska Cloudburst.

A cloudburst occurred Monday night between Plainview and Niobrara. No trains ran between Norfolk and the Rosebud country Tuesday on account of damage to bridges. At Verdigris a number of families were forced to move from their homes to escape the water. Washouts occurred also between Oakdale and Tilden and between Albion and Loreto.

FREE LUMBER BEATEN BY OVER TWO TO ONE

Senate Vote Shows Only 25 for Dropping Duty, While 56 Are Against It.

PARTY LINES ARE BROKEN.

Dolliver Furnishes Surprise of Day by Standing with Anti-Radicals.

No single piece of lumber was ever used more effectively as a seesaw by children than was the great lumber industry Monday by the United States Senate. The lumber schedule of the tariff bill was under consideration at most the entire day, with Senators Root, Heyburn, Borah and Dolliver contending on the one hand for a protection for the industry, and Senators Clapp, Burkett and McCumber arguing as strongly against that policy.

The vote closed with more than a two-thirds vote against Senator McCumber's free lumber amendment, the ballot showing 25 for and 56 against. Of the twenty-five affirmative votes fifteen were cast by Republican Senators and ten by Democratic Senators as follows:

Republicans.	Democrats.
Beveridge,	Chris,
Pittman,	Dupont,
Brown,	Gamble,
Burkett,	Johnson,
Burton,	La Follette,
Clapp,	McCumber,
Crawford,	Nelson,
Cummins,	

Republicans.	Democrats.
Clay,	Newlands,
Culberson,	Paynter,
Frazier,	Rayner,
Gore,	Shively,
Hughes,	Stone,

The surprise of the day was the attitude of Senator Dolliver, who heretofore has stood with the "progressives" throughout the tariff fight. He took positive position against the radical demand for free lumber, but expressed the opinion that the industry would not suffer from a reduction of the Dingley rates.

Senator Root opened the day's proceedings with an argument in favor of a differential on dressed lumber. Senators Borah and Heyburn of Idaho contended for the highest duty on lumber, and Mr. Borah entered upon an argument to show that the policy of protection is "a system" and cannot be maintained if there are to be constant exceptions to it as is desired in the interest of free lumber.

On the other hand, Senators Clapp and Burkett argued that lumber can be produced as cheaply in Canada as in the United States, and contended that the lumber industry of this country would not be endangered by the free admission of the Canadian product. Incidentally Senator Clapp paid a tribute to the Canadian government, saying it was equal to the best.

CHILDREN MADE TORCHES.

Five Burned Perhaps Fatally by Fire at a Commencement.

Five children who took part in the commencement exercises of Mrs. B. C. Boyd's school in Central City, Ky., on Monday night were burned, perhaps fatally, and the audience was changed from an applauding crowd to a fighting mob. Men in the audience covered the flaming children with their coats and thus saved them. Little Dorothy Clay was the unwitting cause of the fire. The children had formed in a circle and had drilled in their white muslin dresses. Then the lights were extinguished and a candle in the hand of each child flashed out. The audience applauded so enthusiastically that Dorothy became frightened and dropped her candle. The flame leaped to the white muslin, and in a twinkling five dresses were afire. Mothers fought to reach their children and the children made efforts to clamber over the footlights.

FIGHT FOR THE PENNANTS.

Standing of Clubs in the Principal Base Ball Leagues.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.			
	W.	L.	P.
Pittsburg	.21	11 Cincinnati	.17 18
Chicago	.22	12 Brooklyn	.13 17
Philadelphia	.15	14 St. Louis	.15 20
New York	.14	15 Boston	.11 20

AMERICAN LEAGUE.			
	W.	L.	P.
Detroit	.21	12 St. Louis	.15 16
Philadelphia	.18	12 Chicago	.15 17
New York	.17	13 Cleveland	.13 19
Boston	.17	14 Washington	.9 22

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.			
	W.	L.	P.
Milwaukee	.24	12 Kansas City	.15 18
Louisville	.22	16 Columbus	.18 22
Indianapolis	.20	20 St. Paul	.14 19
Minneapolis	.17	18 Toledo	.16 21

Man and Three Children Perish. John Carter, a veteran, 75 years old, and the three children of his daughter, Mrs. Lela Shaw, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Shaw home at Eldon, Iowa. Mrs. Shaw is employed during the night at a restaurant and left the children with their grandfather. The fire was caused by the overturning of a kerosene lamp during a storm.