

# BELLERS' STORE ROBBED

### Burglars Attracted by Stock of Bright Silks.

VALUE OF GOODS \$400 OR \$500

The Best Goods Not Taken—Crime Committed Sunday Morning—Two More Shop Lifters Sent to Jail. Frightened From Vail's.

The dry goods store of Beeler Bros. was broken into about 2 o'clock Sunday morning and robbed of silks worth between \$100 and \$500. The police have been working hard on the case ever since, but up till late this afternoon found no clue to the robbers.

The store was entered at the rear. A storm window was cut, the glass of the inside window broken and a hole made large enough for a man. Leaving the building, the thieves unbolted the door and walked out.

The burglars were not good judges of silk. In fact they picked out stock that was cheap compared with goods on the adjacent shelves. Bright colors attracted the eyes of the robbers. Without exception the silks taken were of a brilliant hue, and quality seemed to play no part in the discrimination. Neither did the store-breaker make the most of his opportunity on the quantity line. Instead of \$500 worth, it might just exactly as well have been a \$3,000 haul. Everything points to the fact that the work was done by an inexperienced man and this, together with the bright colors to work on, may lead to the catch.

The safe, which was not locked, was opened, but nothing found. Drawers of the desk were also pulled out, but nothing disturbed. A few burnt matches lie about the spot.

The theft was discovered Sunday morning, when a passer by noticed that the rear door was open. A woman living upstairs in an adjacent building, heard a noise in the alley between 1 and 2 o'clock, but was afraid to investigate.

A report was brought to the officers this morning that a wagon driven by a suspicious looking character north of town, appeared as though there might be cloth in it. Investigation and search of the wagon, however, floored the clue.

Fifty Days Between Them.

At least two thieves who did "work" in Norfolk last week are behind the bars at the county jail in Madison. For three dollars in cash, Frank McCarthy and John Shaffer have 50 days confinement ahead of them.

When P. J. Fuesler closed up his tailor shop Friday night, he was shy of a new fall suit pattern, worth a dozen dollars, or so. As a result of tracers sent out on the Beeler robbery case, the pattern was secured at Stanton yesterday afternoon, where it had been sold to a barber, for three dollars.

Chief Kane and Mr. Fuesler went to Stanton yesterday afternoon where the goods were identified, and the men arrested. They were brought to Norfolk last night, given trial this morning before Justice Eiseley and taken to Madison on the afternoon freight. McCarthy pleaded guilty to the charge and was given the limit, 30 days. Shaffer pleaded "not guilty" and was sent over for 20 days.

The theft was committed Friday evening while the shop was open. The two fellows came in to look around and shortly went away again with the cloth hid under McCarthy's coat. Then they hit the ties toward Stanton, sold their prize, and were nabbed.

McCarthy and Shaffer are both minors and miserable looking specimens of humanity. "You had better tell your friends on the road," said County Attorney Mapes to the thieves this morning, "that Norfolk will be a good place to keep away from after this. We are tired of this business, and it is going to stop. A bread and water diet will greet somebody soon."

Shaffer claims to have had nothing to do with the steal. He is trying, he says, to get into the warmer climate of Arizona. He fears that it will be too cold for him to go, when his 20 days have gone. He is in poor health, he insists. "Is there a hospital I could go into?" "No." "Can I go into the poor farm as soon as I get out, then?" "It will depend," replied the court.

Frightened Away.

The Vail candy kitchen was another business house on which it is evident that some of the thugs had serious intentions, but prompt discovery interrupted the proceedings. Saturday night about 7 o'clock when all were in the front part of the store and the kitchen was deserted, a noise was heard at the back door. Miss Myrtle Templin, sister of Mrs. Vail, went out to investigate. She saw a gentleman of color there and asked him what was wanted. He did not stop to reply to the query but ran. His eagerness to disappear from sight is taken as evidence that his intentions were far from good and it is considered fortunate that he was discovered that early in the evening, as it admitted of proper precautions being taken to prevent a raid on the house later in the night.

Don't Want His Safe Blown.

O. W. Braesch, the coal man, is afraid that some of the rousers who have

been operating in this vicinity may visit him some night and do him some damage. He is not worrying particularly over his stock of black diamonds. That has been repeatedly assaulted lately and the fellows who call there have not only helped themselves to the coal but have carried away the padlocks in several instances. His immediate concern is that they may blow open the safe with the possibility of finding untold wealth. The safe is a valuable one but it is kept mainly to protect his books from possible fire and he would be sorry to have it damaged by burglars. He is seriously considering the policy of hanging a card on the door announcing that the safe is not locked and instructing burglars not to blow it, but to open it and take what they want.

Will Sentence Niengenfrid Friday.

Judge Boyd of the district bench announces that he will hear arguments for a rehearing in the Niengenfrid case next Friday afternoon at Pierce and that Niengenfrid will be sentenced on that date. John Wooley was found guilty of stealing a harness and saddle from persons living near Osmond. Wooley made such a poor case for himself on the stand that his attorney, Douglas Cones, apologized to the court for endeavoring to defend him and declared himself convinced of his client's guilt. Wooley will also receive his sentence Friday, which will undoubtedly be a term in the penitentiary.

A Few of Them Caged.

Chief Kane, who took the two thieves to Madison this afternoon, has chugged five prisoners behind the county jail bars during the past week. With the multitude of crimes that have been recently committed in Norfolk, it takes about all the time one man has to spare transferring criminals from the city to the county jail. Two men slashed with razors, one beat upon the head for a concussion, three stores robbed and another attempted, this has made something doing in police circles for a short while, at least.

Complaint Against Her Spouse.

Christian Manteufel is before Justice Conley's court this afternoon, on complaint of his wife, charged with cruelty and abuse. It is understood that Manteufel, who lives south of the city, undertook to chastise Mrs. Manteufel Saturday night. She objected to the treatment and invoked the aid of the officers to settle with her worst half.

Object to Physiology.

The possibilities of the effect of the recent supreme court decision, ruling the Bible out of the public schools, are just beginning to be realized. It is possible that the democratic state organization will soon object to arithmetic being taught as study of arithmetic as contrary to their tenets. They believe in doing all the figuring themselves, especially regarding election forecasts. The druggists may unite in a protest against chemistry, desiring an exclusive market in the sale of chemical concoctions at a large profit. From Long Pine comes the report that the Christian Scientists are to object to the teaching of physiology, the report saying:

"The recent decision of the supreme court in regard to the constitutionality of reading the Bible and singing hymns in the public schools, is likely, it is said, to result in some interesting developments at this place. There are quite a number of Christian Scientists in this town and it is understood that they are preparing to mandamus the school board to prevent an infraction of their constitutional rights. The ground of this complaint is that the board compels instruction in physiology, physics and other studies which perjure existence of matter. The doctrine of the non-existence of matter, they assert, is one of the cardinal tenets of their religious belief, and they cannot be taxed for the support of schools engaged in 'tearing down their religion. They will ask that the court forbid the teaching of such studies. Their position seems to be in line with the recent decision of the court, and the outcome of such a suit will be awaited with great interest."

A Nebraska Pioneer.

The Illustrated Bee of Sunday contains a half-tone likeness of Hon. James Gow, of Bellevue, this state, who is a brother of John Gow of this city and uncle of W. J. and C. C. Gow. The Bee contains the following write-up of Mr. Gow:

"Hon. James Gow of Bellevue, Sarpy county, Neb., is another venerable father in the republican party whose first vote was cast for Henry Clay and who has only missed voting for the whig or republican candidate for president since by reason of the fact that he came to Nebraska in 1854 and as a resident of a territory had no vote in the election of president. Since Nebraska was admitted to the union he has not missed voting for the republican candidate. He came to Omaha in October, 1854, but removed to Bellevue the next year, where he has made his home ever since. From 1859 to 1862 he kept a hotel at Bellevue. Five terms he served as county judge of Sarpy county and one term in the legislature as representative from that county. He has taken the Omaha Bee from its first issue to the present day, and despite his 90 years is hale and hearty and bids fair to vote for the next republican candidate for president."

Mr. John Gow of this city is 83 years of age and with James and a sister are the survivors of a large family.

# PIERCE MURDERER TO HANG

### Jury Returns Verdict of Murder In First Degree.

SENTENCED BY JUDGE BOYD.

The Finding is as the People Would Have it—Defense Closed its Case Thursday Night and Arguments Made Yesterday.

From Saturday's Daily:

Niengenfrid is to hang.

That is the judgment of the court and the verdict of the jury at Pierce, the decision being reached this morning.

The jury was out the greater part of the night, but there was little doubt of what the verdict would be when the case was given to the 12 men to deliberate on and when they came into court this morning and returned the verdict of murder in the first degree there was no surprise felt unless it was by the prisoner, who appears to have been confident that he would not receive the extreme penalty.

After the verdict by the jury Judge Boyd was not long in pronouncing sentence upon the prisoner, which was that he was to hang by the neck until dead. The date of the hanging has not yet been set.

The people are very well pleased with the verdict and do not hesitate to say that it was fully deserved by the man who shot down his wife and his wife's father in cold blood.

It may be that the defense will carry the case up to a higher court but it is not believed that the result will be changed.

The defense closed its case Thursday night and the state placed Dr. J. M. Alden of Pierce and Dr. Greene of Lincoln on the stand to rebut the insanity plea.

Attorneys Barnhart and Free, for the state, and Kelley, for the defense, made eloquent pleas. Yesterday morning Attorney Berryman spoke for the defendant and Judge Jackson made an eloquent argument for conviction.

The judge's instructions to the jury were given after dinner yesterday and the jury sent out to deliberate over a verdict.

AMATEUR WORK.

### Looks as Though Thieves Wanted to be Caught.

It looks very much as if Frank McCarthy and John Shaffer, who robbed the tailor shop of P. J. Fuesler Friday night, wanted a chance at the county jail. Taking a pattern of cloth that could hardly net them enough for their trouble, and one that could be easily identified, selling it at a town only 12 miles away, after a day had passed, and then, to cap the climax, the one pleading guilty and the other asked for a bed in the poor house after he gets out, makes it look like a cinch that they stole for the purpose of getting caught, and played into the officers' hands at every trick.

This together with the lack of cleverness in the Beeler case, would make it seem that the crooks operating in the city are not old hands at the business and not organized. They are dishonest but not even admirable for their skill. They take goods that can be easily identified, and that is unprofessional. In this connection a well known local thing who had been up against the road thing once said to a News reporter, "A man who takes goods is fit for the asylum rather than the pen. A fellow on the road has no business to go after anything but money or precious jewels, and the settings for the stones have to be thrown away. If you take stuff that can be spotted, it's a ten to one bet they'll cinch you in a week. A man's a fool to take goods."

GAS MAINS LAID.

### Several Lights will Burn Tonight at the Station.

The gas mains for the Norfolk Light and Fuel company were all installed today and work on that part of the plant is finished. The company will start the gas machinery this afternoon and expect to have one or two street lamps and two or three indoor lamps burning at the gas house.

It will take several days for the air to be removed and the gas to fill the mains entirely so that the light shown tonight will not be as good as will be shown when they are ready to have their regular opening. The contract with the Practical Gas Construction company through C. J. Colby, general western agent, calls for about 65,000 feet of different sized pipe, to be laid in the streets and for making the service connections.

The work of laying pipe from the streets to residences for cooking ranges is progressing rapidly and this part of the work will be completed within the next ten days. The Geo. M. Clarke Co., write that they have been delayed in furnishing ranges but hope to make shipment of one car load the latter part of next week. This is a delay which the local company very much regrets but they are crowding the service pipes, etc., so that when the ranges arrive the service can be supplied at once. Notice will be given later when the opening night will be and service started.

# BIG VICTORY FOR HAY MEN.

### Case Against Railroads Won Before Interstate Commerce Board.

The Chicago Post of October 28, contains the following item of interest to hay growers in the northwest. The George S. Bridge referred to is a brother of C. S. and W. H. Bridge of this city:

"George S. Bridge, ex-president of the National Hay association, today received word from Washington that the interstate commerce commission had granted the petition of the association and would order the railroads affected to reduce hay from the fifth to the sixth classification.

"In 1900 the railroads in the Central Freight association, including practically all the lines from Illinois points east, raised the rate on hay 20 per cent. Dealers in hay suffered severe loss as a result and some of them having large contracts to fill were ruined.

"In August of the next year the interstate commerce commission was petitioned for redress and its decision was given to-day in favor of the hay men.

"Mr. Bridge, who is a Board of Trade director, was president of the Hay Association when the case was taken up by the interstate commerce commission. He said to-day that he thought the roads would comply with the decision of the commission without further litigation."

McGrane-Crotty.

From Thursday's Daily.

One of the prettiest weddings held in the city for some time was that of this morning, when Miss Vina Crotty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Crotty, was united to Mr. John F. McGrane at the Church of the Sacred Heart, which took place at 9 o'clock.

The church had been decorated with flowers and palms by friends and the effect was very pretty when the hour for the ceremony arrived. The wedding march was played by Mrs. George Castle, and the ushers were Messrs. Gerecke and Swoboda, who were followed by Mr. Fred Cashin and Miss May Harshman, groomsmen and bridesmaid. The little ring bearer, Clara Crotty, preceded Mr. McGrane and the bride came in on the arm of her father, who gave her away.

The impressive ritual service was used at the foot of the altar by Rev. Thomas Walsh and was followed by the nuptial high mass, the singing being led by Mrs. Nelle Gerecke-Emery. Father Walsh preached a beautiful sermon on the subject of marriage and closed by bestowing on the bride and groom all the blessings of the church and good wishes of himself and congregation.

The bride was becomingly dressed in heliotrope silk, trimmed in white silk and applique. She wore a bride's veil fastened with smilax and roses, and carried a bouquet of bride's roses. Miss Harshman was dressed in old rose crepe de chene, trimmed in all over lace and applique. She also wore roses. The gentlemen were dressed in conventional black.

Following the ceremony the guests repaired to the home of the bride's parents, 1204 South Third street, where an enjoyable reception was held. Mr. and Mrs. McGrane departed on the noon train for a short wedding trip to Peoria, Ill. They expect to return and be at home to their friends in the house at the corner of Third and Cleveland streets, about the first of December.

The out of town guests were: Mrs. McGrane, mother of the groom, from O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Craft and Miss McCune from Missouri Valley, Mr. and Mrs. McCune of Wayne and Mr. and Mrs. Nichols of Scribner.

Many beautiful and useful presents were received by Mr. and Mrs. McGrane and they have the best wishes of a host of friends for their future happiness.

The bride has long been a resident of Norfolk, is a young lady of pleasant disposition and very popular with a large circle of friends. The groom has been in the employ of the F. E. & M. V. as brakeman for past four years and is highly esteemed by his fellow employes and Norfolk acquaintances.

Struck by a Meteorite.

The Chicago Tribune of November 1 contains the following account of the peculiar experience of Robert Bridge of that city, the aged father of C. S. and W. H. Bridge of this city:

"A mysterious little black stone dropped out of space yesterday afternoon and took a hand in the Halloween festivities. It came with such velocity that it arrived too soon.

"At 4:30 in the afternoon Robert Bridge, 88 years old, was sitting on the porch at the residence of his son, George S. Bridge, 429 Forty-first street, when he was hit on the head by what he thought was a bullet. It glanced off his head to the side of the house to the floor. Mr. Bridge was stunned for a moment, and as soon as he recovered himself he looked around for the bullet. The little black stone, about the size of the end of a man's thumb lay on the porch, where it had fallen. When he picked it up it was so hot that he dropped it at once. It had cut a gash in the top of his head half an inch long.

"The family decided that because of its heat, its mysterious appearance, and general character it must be a meteorite."

# LIFTED A PANTS PATTERN.

### Theft Results in a Ten-Days Sentence.

GIVES NAME OF HARRY BARTELL

Suspicion of Ed Hummel Aroused by His Actions—Police Also Locked up a Couple of Rounders and Pair of Drunks.

From Saturday's Daily:

Harry Bartell is the name of a young man who received a sentence of ten days in the county jail in Justice Eiseley's court this morning, on the charge of stealing a bolt of cloth from Humphrey's tailoring establishment. He came into the store last evening about 9 o'clock and wanted to buy a hat. While the clerk in charge went to the rear of the room to get what he asked for he picked up a bolt from a table and went out the front door, and quickly made his way to the rear of the row of buildings facing south on Main street. There he was seen by E. P. Hummel, proprietor of the Star restaurant, in the act of wrapping the cloth in a paper. Hummel called to him to stop and emphasized his command by a shot fired in the air. The fellow did not attempt to stop, but ran as though forty demons were after him, but he did drop the cloth.

That was the last seen of him until this morning when Marshal Kane located him on Braesch avenue and locked him up. Mrs. Humphrey was able to positively identify the fellow in the justice court, and he was given an opportunity to think about it for a few days as a boarder in Sheriff Clements' hotel.

Besides this man, Marshal Kane had other lodgers in the city jail last night, two professionally designated as drunks and two others, marked grafters. As there was no charge against them they were shown the shortest route out of town. The five were supposed to be part of the same gang of crooks that is operating in this neighborhood, and the community is well rid of them.

Missed the Mark.

Thorwald Christensen, a tailor, took a shot at himself the other night with the apparent intention of blowing out his brains, but his aim was poor or his nerve failed him at the critical time, and he still lives to wrestle with life's problems and the needle. Thorwald had been drinking a considerable for several days and Thursday evening he went to his boarding house, brought a revolver from his room to the parlor and in the presence of a number of other boarders proceeded to throw the muzzle of the gun up to his head and pull the trigger. The ball passed through his hat and made a hole in the window curtain, but neither was much injured. Before he could fire again the revolver was taken from the man and he was put to bed to sober up. Christensen is said to be a very nice fellow when in his right mind, but liquor seems to infuriate him, and if it had not been for his condition he would not have been guilty of attempting to take his own life.

Irwin's Condition.

John Irwin, the man who was found so badly injured in the old Reno barn on Wednesday, and who is being cared for at the Wegner house, had two epileptic fits during last night. His physician attributes these to the fracture of his skull and says that in time he may outgrow them. The man is still in a bad condition but there is a possibility that he will recover. THE NEWS has a telegram this afternoon from H. E. Owen, who is now in Omaha, which says: "Please see that Irwin has proper care until I come."

Hearing on Tuesday.

Max Spahr and J. A. Baird, who are now in the county jail on the charge of cutting the throat and robbing George Hodges, will have their preliminary hearing before Justice Eiseley in this city next Thursday, by which time it is believed that Hodges will be well enough to testify against them.

Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at the postoffice November 4, 1902.

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