

THE NORFOLK WEEKLY NEWS-JOURNAL.

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THUGS WORK AT MADISON

COUNTY SEAT IS IN REIGN OF TERROR OF LATE.

LOCAL MEN ARE SUSPECTED

One Old Man Was Robbed Near the Depot When the Thug Put a Hand Over the Victim's Mouth and Took a Purse Containing \$40—One Fought

Madison, Neb., Dec. 6.—Special to The News: Madison is in a state of high excitement over a reign of hold-ups that have been perpetrated here recently. Two within the past few days, added to that in which Mr. Smith was robbed of a large amount of money some time ago and left lying unconscious in an alley, have created much consternation on the part of the community.

Gustav Dittberner, an old man, is the latest victim. The hold-up occurred near the city depot. The thug placed his hand over Dittberner's mouth and took his pocket book, containing between \$40 and \$45. The old man was too frightened to make resistance and the hold-up man escaped. August Leu, a farmer living in this county, was in town and had been paid considerable money. He flashed it and somebody warned him that he might be held up. He tucked the money, \$60, into his boot. A half mile out of town, near the Sam Dopsos farm, he was stopped by three men. One held the team, another got into the buggy and flashed a gun. A struggle ensued. Leu's clothing was torn. Leu does not know whether or not he knocked the gun from the robber's hand. At all events the thugs never got to the boot and the victim escaped with his money.

Parties Suspected.

Local parties are suspected and it is believed there is enough evidence to convict. It was thought that complaints might be sworn out during the day.

DITTBERNER IN NORFOLK.

County Attorney Heard That There Were Three Hold-ups at Lately.

Mr. Dittberner, the latest Madison hold-up victim, was in Norfolk during the day. He did not call on the county attorney, but County Attorney Koeningstein has been informed from Madison of the crimes. He heard that there had been three hold ups, and was told that there is evidence enough to convict. He thought that complaints would soon be issued.

BAND DISORGANIZES.

Musical Company at Plainview is up Against Financial Trouble.

Plainview, Neb., Dec. 6.—Special to The News: The American Concert band, organized here, disorganized today because of financial difficulties. The company was booked for Norfolk tonight. The members of the company are pretty well "strapped" but the business men intend to give a dance and help them out as much as possible.

Routzahn and Bentley Acquitted.

Lincoln, Dec. 6.—After a ten days' trial in district court, former Chief of Police O. M. Routzahn and Detective Bentley were acquitted of the charge of extortion and blackmail. The ruling of the court was that the testimony of a keeper of a disorderly house is not conclusive without corroborative testimony, especially when the keeper is herself of necessity an accomplice in the alleged crime.

EIGHTEEN PASSENGERS HURT

Monon Train Goes into Ditch in Indiana When Rail is Broken.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Train No. 36 on the Monon road, which is the fast limited of that line between Cincinnati and Chicago, was derailed two miles north of Frankfort, Ind., by a broken rail. Eighteen passengers were injured, but nobody was killed and it is not believed any of the injured will die.

The train was going at a high rate of speed and the rail broke beneath the engine, which, however, passed the place in safety. All of the baggage and mail cars, coaches and sleepers left the track and some of them were badly damaged. The injuries of the passengers are bruises and cuts received by being thrown about the ears.

EIGHT GIRLS BURNED IN FIRE

Explosion in Match Factory in Indianapolis Causes Injury to Workers.

Indianapolis, Dec. 6.—In a fire that started from an explosion in the match factory of F. A. Rathbun & Co., West Indianapolis, eight young women were burned, four of them seriously. The others were painfully burned and injured in their frantic efforts to escape from the building. The most seriously injured are Helen Stapp, badly burned about the head, face and arms, also hurt by jumping from a second-story window; Hattie Bree- love, burned about the face, arms and head; Lizzie Richards, burned about the face, arms and back, also hurt by jumping; Myrtle Stapp, burned about the face, head and arms.

MISS AGNES BOTSFORD ILL.

Suddenly Taken Violently Ill, Operation Was Performed.

Tilden, Neb., Dec. 6.—Special to The News: Miss Agnes Botsford was taken suddenly violently ill yesterday afternoon and her condition was extremely serious this morning. Four surgeons who were hastily summoned determined that an operation alone could save her life and this was performed. She has recovered from the effects of the anaesthetic but it is too early to determine whether she has a chance of life. Internal hemorrhages were the cause of the serious condition.

DEATH OF DAN C. GIFFERT

PROMINENT NORTH NEBRASKA CITIZEN SUCCUMBS.

ONCE RAN ON STATE TICKET

Formerly State Senator From the District in Which Cuming County is Located, a Man of Wealth and Liberal Tendencies, Was Highly Esteemed.

Point, Neb., Dec. 5.—Special to The News: Daniel C. Giffert, former state senator from this district, once a prominent politician, died at his home here early today. He was fifty years of age.

Five times mayor of the city and long a resident of West Point, former Senator Giffert was much liked and esteemed in the community. He was a candidate for lieutenant governor in 1896. A man of great wealth, he was characterized by liberal tendencies. He leaves no children, but is survived by a wife. He was a brother-in-law of former State Treasurer Steuffer.

WAS PROMINENT MASON.

Norfolk Lodge is Notified of Death of Daniel C. Giffert.

C. P. Parish received a telephone message from the West Point Masonic lodge, of which Mr. Giffert was a member, announcing the death and stating that the funeral services would be held Saturday noon in West Point, when Masons will accompany the remains to the train. The interment will be in Omaha.

BANK TELLER IS SHORT

Employee of Kansas City Bank Takes \$9,000 Before Leaving.

Kansas City, Dec. 6.—William C. Anderson, collection teller of the First National bank of this city, is missing, and E. F. Swinney, the president, admitted that he was short \$9,000 in his accounts. Mr. Anderson, who had been in the employ of the bank for nineteen years, left the city on Monday last, supposedly on a hunting trip. It developed that he had abstracted \$9,000 from the bank's funds, taking the money in three lots, during last week.

Anderson is forty-nine years old and has a wife and grown daughter here. The bank officials have sworn out a warrant for his arrest and claim to know where he is. Anderson was under bond in a surety company.

JUMPS TO ESCAPE HANGING

Texas Cowboys Try to String Up Negro on Train for Wearing Pythian Pin.

Topeka, Dec. 6.—Two Texas cowboys tried to hang John E. Lewis, a negro of Wichita, on a westbound Santa Fe passenger train between Lawrence and Topeka. Three times they placed a rope around Lewis' neck, but each time he got loose, and after the third attempt he jumped from the train and escaped.

The Texans prevented the other passengers from interfering by flourishing revolvers. Lewis wore a Knights of Pythias pin, and the cowboys said they did not like to see a negro "putting on airs."

UTES ARE ALMOST DESTITUTE

Women and Children Especially Are in Need of Clothing.

Deadwood, S. D., Dec. 6.—The Ute Indians, who are now government charges at Fort Meade, are almost destitute, the women and children especially being in need of clothing. Their long march through a rough country was the finishing touch for such garments as they had, and local relief bodies have been busy providing for their wants until government requisitions are honored. Aside from the men, there are in camp 121 women, 330 boys and girls and 12 babies.

Dismiss Charges Against Smathers.

New York, Dec. 6.—The Memphis gold cup dispute was officially ended when the board of review of the National Trotting association decided that the trophy had been won on merit and dismissed the charges against E. E. Smathers. The case grew out of the drugging of Lou Dillon at the Memphis meeting in October, 1904. Smathers, who owned Major Delmar and drove him in the race, was charged with having been cognizant of ill treatment of C. K. C. Billings' mare, which resulted in the latter's utter failure to show form in the race and the winning of the \$5,000 gold cup by Major Delmar.

TWO WELSHES ARRESTED

JOHN AND MIKE, FROM NEAR TILDEN, TAKEN.

WERE CAUGHT NEAR NORFOLK

John Welsh Was Wanted on Statutory Charge and the Arrest of Mike Grew From Mike's Deceiving the Sheriff. Drove Here Trying to Escape.

John Welsh of Tilden has been arrested on a charge of paternity and Mike Welsh, a cousin, on the charge of resisting and abusing an officer. The two men, who were pursued by Sheriff Clements near Tilden Wednesday afternoon, were apprehended at the home of Henry Meyer, four miles west of Norfolk, at daybreak Thursday morning. The prisoners had suddenly disappeared and drove rapidly to the Meyer place when they found the sheriff was after them.

Sheriff Clements arrived in Norfolk Thursday morning from Tilden and immediately drove to the farm west of town, where he found the men wanted. Both were placed under arrest. Tilden, Neb., Dec. 6.—Special to The News: Sheriff Clements arrived here yesterday afternoon and drove to the Mike Welsh place, near here, in search of John Welsh, who was wanted. Mike Welsh told Sheriff Clements that John was not in the house but that he had gone to Pohlman's place, but he thought Pohlman had driven to Neligh. Investigation showed that John Welsh had not been at the place designated. Returning to the Mike Welsh farm, sheriff Clements found that Mike had disappeared and that a top buggy was gone. He followed tracks that led east. He suspected they had driven to Norfolk. Taking the early train, he went to Norfolk where he later caught the two men.

TAKEN ILL, WAS NOT IN DEBT.

Prof. Fred Richards of Denison, Iowa, Taken Suddenly Ill.

Ainsworth, Neb., Dec. 6.—Editor News: The item in your paper concerning Prof. Fred Richards was a mistake. He left here Sunday morning but was taken sick with appendicitis and just had time to catch the train. He owed no board bill and the music got on approval from J. W. Mefford will be returned as soon as he is able to return it. He lives at Denison, Ia. F. C. Barnette, Manager City Cafe.

FIRST DIRECT NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Flood is Receding and No More Damage is Apprehended.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 6.—A special from Clifton, Ariz., the first authentic news out of that city since the flood prostrated all the wires, says: The river is receding rapidly and the weather has cleared, hence no further damage is apprehended. Two bodies were recovered from the wreckage along Chase creek, but the number of deaths cannot be told. Three Mexicans, caught in the act of looting and who refused to surrender to officers, were shot and fatally wounded. The flood in Chase creek was caused by the breaking of the dam of the Detroit Copper company, impounding a vast amount of tailings, which ran down the creek with a seven-foot breast.

Only one business house on Chase creek escaped damage and many were entirely destroyed. The loss is appalling. North Clifton was badly wrecked. Nearly all of the residences in that section were destroyed or damaged. So many restaurants and hotels have been destroyed that it is almost impossible to find a place to eat or sleep in the town, but there will be no shortage of provisions, as many stores have escaped the floods.

TRAIN DERAILED IN WYOMING

Seven Persons Reported Injured, but None of Them Very Seriously.

Salt Lake, Dec. 6.—Eastbound passenger train No. 4, the Atlantic express, on the Union Pacific railroad, was derailed near Church Buttes, Wyo., 140 miles east of Ogden. Seven persons were injured, as follows: Rev. J. H. Gearhart, University Place, Neb., hand cut; Ralph James, Osceola, Ill., leg bruised; Clara Mana, Oakley, Ida., arm hurt; Frank Marks, Ogden, Utah, scalp torn; P. E. Harbough, Standish, Colo., wound in side; Brake-man H. T. Marsh, Ogden, scalp wound; Abble J. Klepin, postal clerk, Union, Neb., hip bruised.

According to reports received here four sleepers were overturned and two coaches were thrown crosswise of the track. A broken flange was the probable cause of the wreck. The train is said to have been running sixty miles an hour when the accident happened.

Russia Probing Famine Relief Grant.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 6.—The commission appointed to inquire into the famine relief exposures is investigating other activities of Assistant Minister of the Interior Gurko, former director of supplies in the famine districts, including the expenditure of large sums assigned for public works in the famine districts. Premier Stolypin has again refused to accept the resignation of M. Gurko.

ELEVATOR SMASH IN SHOPS.

Fall of Lift Kills Three Men and Seriously Hurts Five.

Chambersburg, Pa., Dec. 6.—Three men were killed and one fatally injured and five others severely hurt at Waynesboro by the fall of an elevator in the Geysler Manufacturing company's shops. Eleven men were on the lift, together with a five-ton milling machine and heavy truck, when a cable parted. The men were dropped twenty-five feet with the machine into a pit.

Norton Sentenced for Mine Frauds.

Toledo, O., Dec. 6.—On a plea of guilty to the charge of using the United States mails to promote a scheme to defraud, Charles Whitney Norton, alias Wells, was sentenced to the Ohio penitentiary for eighteen months and to pay a fine of \$100 by Judge Taylor in the United States district court. Norton was indicted by the present grand jury. Norton had operated in various parts of the country. His specialty was mining stocks. He turned the proceeds of sales of patrons' stock to his own use.

Corpse Lost in Transit.

Fort Dodge, Ia., Dec. 6.—Funeral preparations stand delayed and a weeping widow and anxious family are almost distracted because the body of William Wolfe of Fort Dodge has been lost by the railroads in transit. Wolfe died in Oakland, Cal., over a week ago. The body was shipped at once, but has not arrived. Railroad and express companies have tried in vain to trace it.

Mondell Wants Information.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Representative Mondell of Wyoming introduced a resolution requesting the secretary of the interior to furnish the house with complete information concerning all public lands reserved from entry since July 1, 1906. The resolution is designed to make public information which may bear on alleged coal and mineral land frauds.

Charge Against Miss Irvine Modified.

Sheridan, Wyo., Dec. 6.—The charge against Miss Edna Irvine has been modified by the county attorney to aggravated assault. The date for the trial has not yet been set. Miss Irvine's attorney declares the case will be fought.

Standard Files Motion to Quash.

Pindlay, O., Dec. 6.—The attorneys for the Standard Oil company of Ohio filed in the court of common pleas motions to quash the indictments against John D. Rockefeller, J. M. Roberts, M. G. Vilas and H. P. McIntosh of Cleveland, officers of the Standard Oil company of Ohio. It is stated in the motions that the indictments are uncertain and indefinite and do not charge an offense in such a manner as to enable the defendants to ascertain the character of the charge made against them.

Drainage Congress Organizes.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 6.—Temporary organization of the national drainage conference was made by the election of George E. Barstow of Texas, president of the Barstow Irrigation company, as temporary president and J. B. Thornburn of Oklahoma City, temporary secretary. Mr. Barstow was the principal speaker at the session at the Chamber of Commerce. His subject was "National Irrigation a Fixed Quantity—Why Not National Drainage?"

Italian and Officer Shot.

Kansas City, Dec. 6.—An attempt by three policemen to arrest John Rose, an Italian, and Honor Eckton, a Syrian woman, wanted in Columbus, O., on the charge of grand larceny, started a riot in the north quarter of the city, in which Francisco Citalino, an Italian, was shot through the head and fatally wounded and H. B. Morrison, a policeman, was shot and painfully hurt.

Service Obtained Upon Rockefeller.

St. Louis, Dec. 6.—The clerk of the United States circuit court here received notification from the United States marshal's office in New York that service had been obtained upon John D. Rockefeller and others in the government's suit against the Standard Oil company, recently filed in St. Louis.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD

A cold wave is headed southward from the Canadian northwest. The coldest place in Canada last night was Prince Alberta, where it was 14 below.

Arthur C. Harper, Democratic nominee, was elected mayor of Los Angeles by a plurality of 2,120 over Lee C. Gates, non-partisan candidate. Dr. Walter Lindley (Rep.) was third in the race.

Governor Folk announced that he will not give Aggie Myers, convicted of murdering her husband in Kansas City, any further stay of execution unless Justice Brewer of the United States supreme court asks for further time in the case.

United States Commissioner of Immigration Sargent is making a close inquiry into the conditions attending Portuguese immigration into the Hawaiian islands. He is endeavoring to ascertain whether the immigrants are actually free or whether the planters have furnished money for their importation.

CALIFORNIA QUIETS DOWN

MESSAGE THREAT AIMED ONLY AGAINST MOB VIOLENCE.

COURTS TO SETTLE JAP RIGHTS

Golden State Willing to Educate Mikado's Adult Subjects, but Not in Same Room With White Children. Federal Move in Matter.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The California delegation in congress has received what they consider a satisfactory assurance that the president did not desire to be understood as saying in the Japanese section of his message that he would use the military forces of the United States in forcing Japanese into the California schools in which the white children are taught. It is said to have been his purpose to convey the idea that he would use the militia to protect Japanese against mob violence. Californians take no offense at this interpretation of the measure and agree that the chief executive should do everything in his power to protect Japanese as well as all other foreigners against violence. "This whole San Francisco affair is proving to be a tempest in a teapot," Representative Julius Kahn said. "It will die out rapidly as soon as there is general understanding of why California takes the position it does. The courts and the issue must settle all the legal questions involved in the San Francisco school situation. We are glad to know that the administration is taking steps to institute action which will give the courts a chance to pass on the validity of the San Francisco school board's action."

Inquiry disclosed the fact that the legal proceedings to be taken in San Francisco by the United States district attorney in the matter of the admission of Japanese to the public schools of that city without discrimination were inspired by Secretary Root, who expressed the opinion that it would be one way of effectually disposing of the controversy. That the president's views on the subject met with the hearty approval of the Japanese ambassador was made evident when Viscount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador, said that he had personally thanked the president for what he had said.

A rumor that a new treaty between the United States and Japan was to be negotiated designed to remedy any defects in the one now in force was set at rest when both Viscount Aoki and Secretary Root unequivocally denied that such a thing was now in contemplation.

JAPANESE NOT EXCLUDED

Are Merely Obligated to Attend Separate Schools at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 6.—Consul Henry B. Miller of Yokohama, Japan, who sails for Tokio on Monday, attended a mass meeting of the board of education and was greatly surprised to learn that Japanese are not being excluded from the public schools, but are merely obliged to attend separate schools. In response to the question as to whether or not there are any Japanese children here with their parents who desire to attend the schools, he was informed that there are none; that the pupils are grown men and are for that reason objectionable.

SHERIFF PROTECTS JAPANESE

Rowdies Cause Trouble at Washington Sawmill.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 6.—Manager Chester of the Alder Mill company, thirty-five miles south of Tacoma, says there was a little trouble there, caused by a few hangers-on at a saloon who would not work and who assaulted two Japanese in an endeavor to drive them away.

Two deputy sheriffs arrived and the Japanese are now at work in the yard doing common labor, for which other men could not be secured.

Indicted Officials in Court.

San Francisco, Dec. 6.—The actual court battle against the indicted officials began when Supervisor Fred H. Nicholas and City Hall Janitor Peter M. Duffy appeared in Judge Lawler's court to plead to the charge of perjury and agreeing to receive a bribe. The court allowed the defense to proceed separately and the case of Nicholas was the first. At the appointed time Nicholas and Duffy were present with one of their attorneys. The prosecution was represented by District Attorney William H. Langdon, Francis Heney and H. M. Johnson.

Seamen Strike at Odessa.

Odessa, Dec. 6.—Suppression of the seamen's union by the government has been followed by a strike of the seamen with the result that the business of the shipping companies is completely tied up. About 11,000 men are out.

Rubber Officials Serving Sentence.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Robert D. Bradley, president of the Canton Rubber company of Canton, O., and Edwin Davis, vice president of the same institution, who were sentenced by Judge Landis in the United States district court each to one year in the house of correction, began the active service of their sentences.

THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-four Hours. Forecast for Nebraska.

Conditions of the weather as recorded for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m. today:

Maximum	40
Minimum	19
Average	25
Barometer	30.12
Rainfall	.32

Chicago, Dec. 6.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows:

Fair tonight and Friday. Colder tonight with cold wave east and south portion. Warmer Friday.

STRODE CHOSEN CHAIRMAN

INTERSTATE CONVENTION OPENS AT DES MOINES.

SENATORS BY POPULAR VOTE

Will Ask State Legislatures to Demand That Congress Call a Constitutional Convention—Eleven States Represented at the Conference.

Des Moines, Dec. 6.—The United States senatorial conference in session here expects to adopt a resolution urging the thirty-seven state legislatures which meet this winter to demand that congress call a constitutional convention, at which it is proposed to amend the constitution as to put the election of United States senators in the hands of the people.

A sub-committee of the committee on resolutions drafted a resolution to this effect and the sentiment of the conference plainly is in favor of that action, hope of securing the submission of a specific amendment by congress itself having been abandoned.

Eleven states were represented at the conference when it opened. Governor Cummins called the conference to order. William Larrabee, former governor of Iowa, was made temporary chairman. Judge Jesse B. Strode of Nebraska was made permanent chairman. It is proposed to make the organization permanent.

SLUGGER ON THE STAND

Schultz Tells of Methods Employed in Chicago Teamsters' Strike.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—A startling expose of the methods employed in the teamsters' strike was given in the trial of Cornelius P. Shea and his fellow labor leaders before Judge Ball in the criminal court when Joseph Schultz, alleged slugger, who, with Albert Young, turned state's evidence, was on the stand as a witness for the state.

Schultz declared that Shea had told him to break the legs and arms of the strike breakers and especially to attack the negroes. When this means of bringing about desired results did not work satisfactorily, Schultz asserted that Shea ordered the hired pickets to throw eggs filled with acids at the horses being driven by non-union.

1,683 BIDS AT LAND SALE.

Many Irregular Offers Received for Tracts in "Big Pasture."

Lawton, Okla., Dec. 6.—With the closing of the third day's business, 1,683 bids for land in the "big pasture" had been received. Many prospective settlers are arriving on every train. Major H. D. McKnight, register of the Lawton land office, predicted that after irregular bids are thrown out and awards made, not one-third of the land in the Kiowa and Comanche reservations would be subject to entry under departmental rules. It is his opinion that the remainder of the land would probably be sold at public auction in the summer of 1907.

WOMAN'S SLAYER SURRENDERS

Mail Carrier Who Killed Girl in Fit of Jealous Rage is Placed in Jail.

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 6.—Garland Moore, the mail carrier, who at Bois d'Arc shot and killed Miss Clara West because she refused to marry him, surrendered to the sheriff here and was placed in jail. Moore said he killed the girl in a fit of jealous rage. Moore escaped across country after the shooting. Miss West died at midnight.

COAL HEARING AT DENVER ENDS

Commissioner Clark Concludes Examination of Witnesses.

Denver, Dec. 6.—The interstate commerce commission coal hearing, begun here by Commissioner E. E. Clark, was ended after the examination of several witnesses. J. M. Underwood, a farmer living near Gunnison, was examined at length in regard to the coal entries made in that district for the Utah Fuel company. He raised a laugh by the statement that Robert Forrester of the Utah Fuel company came into the district disguised as a Mormon elder.

P. A. Cannon of Huerfano testified he was unable to get the permission of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company to run a spur line of railroad across the company's property to his mine.