

Sorry They Killed Hellman.

While they were at the Hall farm Sunday, the convicts spoke of their escape and their murders.

A Running Fight for Three Miles.

Omaha, March 19.—Two of the convicts—John Dowd and John Taylor, alias "Shorty" Gray—who escaped last Thursday from the state penitentiary at Lincoln, and Roy Blunt, an innocent victim of their murderous attempt to secure liberty, are dead as the result of an exciting battle between the bandits and officers of the law yesterday afternoon.

Charles Morley, the third member of the trio which escaped from the state prison after killing three officials of that institution, saved his life by surrendering to the officers with whom he had fought a running battle over two and a half miles of country with horses on the gallop.

The three escaped convicts were within striking distance of the goal which they hoped might secure their safety when the final desperate struggle for liberty occurred.

It Was Rifes Against Shotgun.

From the moment of their escape, the three men had employed the same desperate methods to protect themselves from recapture which featured their escape from prison, and they did not hesitate, at the crucial moment, to attempt to sell their lives as dearly as possible.

The Death Chase Begins.

Chief Briggs of South Omaha and his deputy, John C. Trouton, were leaders in the party which finally overtook and vanquished the three convicts and shot an innocent victim of their desperate dash for liberty.

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Reaching a point eight miles from here, the officers came up to the vehicle carrying the convicts, near Miwinkle school. Young Blunt was forced to keep his horses on a run, but the officers kept up the chase until they were within a few hundred yards of the fleeing convicts.

Farmer First to Fall.

Finally there was a halt, when young Blunt toppled back into the wagon, the victim of a bullet. Chief Briggs jumped from the buggy in which he was riding and with deliberate aim fired at the men in the wagon.

Chief Briggs, who was leading the party, shouted to Morley:

"Drop that gun or I'll blow your head off."

They are all dead," declared Morley.

Briggs then went to the wagon, taking Morley with him, and found the lifeless bodies of the victims of the battle.

Blunt Just Married.

Blunt was 22 years old and had been married but two months. His young widow was prostrated when his body was returned to the family home by his brother.

Morley Sorry About Blunt.

Lincoln, March 19.—Charles Morley, the living member of the trio of convicts captured after a four-day hunt yesterday and who killed three men to escape from prison, probably will be given his preliminary hearing the latter of the week.

An Inquest Over Blunt.

Papillon, Neb., March 19.—Coroner Armstrong of Sarpy county left here today for the Blunt farm to hold an inquest over the body of Roy Blunt, the young farmer who was killed during the battle between escaped convicts and officers in the northern part of the county yesterday.

Melick For Warden.

Lincoln, March 19.—It is announced that Gov. Aldrich will appoint Samuel M. Melick, former chief of the Lincoln police force and former sheriff of Lancaster county, warden of the state penitentiary.

Relatives Saw Blunt Killed.

Omaha, March 19A.—Roy Blunt, the innocent victim of yesterday's battle between the three escaped convicts and the officers of the law near Chalco, Neb., was 22 years old.

Young Telts of Experiences.

Morley told the story of the escape, the pursuit and the battle. He said the volley from the posse in the fight near Gretna first killed young Blunt, the convicts' hostage, who was driving them across country.

Attended Madison County Fairs.

Sheriff Smith has known "Shorty" Gray for the past fifteen years. He knew him as the pretending horse trader, when Gray used to attend the Madison county fairs.

Gray Would Kill Anybody.

"Gray was a desperado of the worst type," says the sheriff. "He would kill anyone who came in his way when he was committing a crime.

Fire Sweeps Through Hotel.

The South Norfolk firemen, led by Firemen Schaeffer and Taylor, were on the ground immediately after the alarm was turned in.

Ex-Convict Is Arrested.

Omaha, March 20.—H. D. Reed, ex-convict, released from the state penitentiary March 1, was arrested last night by Detectives Donohoe, Hartfield and McDonald upon the suspicion that he knows something of the smuggling of arms and explosives into the penitentiary.

Another Great Blanket of Snow.

The weather bureau forecasts further heavy snow, falling temperature and high northerly winds.

The Bryan Birthday Dinner.

Lincoln, March 20.—Representative democrats of the state and nation who declare allegiance to the progressive wing of the party conferred in Lincoln on questions of party policy and last night paid their tribute to William J. Bryan at a banquet given in his honor on the occasion of his fifty-second birthday.

"Shorty Gray" Dealt in Death.

"It is a blessing for the entire state and a great relief to every officer in the state," said Sheriff C. S. Smith last night, after reading of the killing of the convicts who murdered three penitentiary officials at Lincoln last week.

Tie Farmer and Wife; Cut Phone.

"We stopped at a farmer's named Elmer Hall and there we ate. We left them tied up and cut their telephone wires. Near there we stole a handcar. We thought we were sure to get away and we were headed for the rock quarries at Louisville, but changed our route.

Trailers could find nothing more of him.

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Congressional Lineup.

Democratic Entries.

Big Fire in Sioux City.

Flood at Sheridan, Wyo.

Taxicab Chauffeur Sentenced.

Candidates in Madison County.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES

Order of Hearing on Original Probate of Will.

Willing to Give Her His Reward.

Saloon Issue at Oakdale.

Two Delegate Tickets.

Buy Stuart Church.

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