

Girl Is Held For Alleged Car Swindle

Telephone Operator Admits Part in Plot to Steal New Auto, Detectives Declare.

A new wrinkle in auto thievery was introduced to Omaha police Saturday, police say, when Serphine Lenner, 23 year old, a telephone operator, living at the Y. W. C. A., attempted to get a coupe from the Nash Auto Sales company by means of a bogus telegram from the Wilson Motor company of Algona, Ia., authorizing her to sign a check in payment for the car.

The young woman was arrested and confessed that she had been promised \$500 by Joe Albert if she should get the car. Chief of Detectives Anderson says Albert is an ex-convict.

Claim It's Forgery.

Miss Lenner went to the Nash agency Friday afternoon and presented a telegram addressed to T. H. McDarmon, manager of the agency. The message read: "We are sending Miss Ethel Dailing for a Nash coupe. She will sign the check." (Signed) "Wilson Motor Co., Algona, Ia."

McDarmon engaged the young woman in conversation while another employe telephoned the Wilson Motor company and found that the telegram was forged, it is said.

The police were notified and Chief of Detectives Anderson went to the Nash company offices for Miss Lenner. She made a telephone call to the police station, Anderson said.

Found Second Telegram.

Another telegram was found in the young woman's hat when she was searched at the station. It read as follows: "Buick Automobile Co., We are sending Miss Edna Buell after a Buick coupe. Give her the car and have her sign the check." "Wilson Motor Co., Algona, Ia."

Among Miss Lenner's effects were found a Y. W. C. A. application for employment form on which she had filled in as reference the Omaha Van and Storage company, where she is said to have been employed for a short time as telephone operator.

While Miss Lenner was being measured and her thumb prints taken at police station she seemed very indifferent to her fate.

"If I have to go to the penitentiary for this, I'll go, but I won't be an aquawker," she declared defiantly.

Purse Is Given Preacher by Members of Congregation

A well-filled purse was presented to the Rev. K. M. Holmberg, new pastor of Salem Lutheran church, 3219 South Twenty-third street, at a reception given there Wednesday evening by the congregation for the minister and his family. Rev. Mr. Holmberg took up his pastorate here August 27, succeeding Rev. F. A. Linder, who resigned last May to become chaplain and instructor at Immanuel Deaconess institute.

"I've Got You Now," Says Hubby at End of Ceremony

Business in the Omaha immigration office on the fourth floor of the federal building was postponed Saturday morning while Tony Mascarello and Maria Bavarisco were married by the Rev. Father J. M. Stenson of St. Philomena church of the South Side.

Omaha Men Tap Gusher in Oklahoma Oil Fields

E. R. Wilson, former Omaha automobile man, who is now with some Omaha associates tapping oil in the south, has received word that a 2,000-barrel-a-day well has been brought in on one of his leases in section 28-13-13 Oklahoma county, Oklahoma, at a depth of 1,728 feet. This is the second flowing well Wilson and his associates have struck in this lease, the first having a flow of 800 barrels a day, was brought in August 5, at a depth of 1,753 feet, which was unlooked for at that depth.

Dodge Street Will Be Opened During Ak-Sar-Ben Festival

City Commissioner Roy N. Towl has arranged to open traffic across Dodge street at Eighteenth street to relieve congestion in the downtown district during the Ak-Sar-Ben festival. The step is to be taken at the suggestion of the thoroughfare committee of the Chamber of Commerce of which L. C. Sholes is chairman.

Federal Charge Is Filed Against Policeman Ford

A complaint charging illegal possession of intoxicating liquor was filed against R. E. Ford, policeman, whose home was raided by police last Saturday night, by Assistant United States Attorney Lloyd Magney yesterday.

Man Who Saw Ingersoll Captured Visits Omaha

"Don't Shoot," Exclaimed Patron Saint of Athiests When Confederates Robbed Him.



Omaha was visited the other day by the only living man who witnessed the capture by the confederates during the civil war of Col. Robert "Bob" Ingersoll, America's patron saint of athiests.

The visitor was William Campbell, a long-time citizen of Auburn, and one of the real pioneers of Nebraska and Nemaha county.

Mr. Campbell belongs to a race of pioneers. His forebears settled in the western wilds of Pennsylvania before the day of the Braddock massacre. They were among those who blazed the pathway of civilization through West Virginia and Ohio they were among the early settlers of central Illinois.

When he had just attained manhood he was a "citizen of Peoria county, Illinois," and the Civil war was not even a cloud in the horizon of the national history. Like other young men of the period, he was adventurous and he responded to the lures of gold and joined the "Pikes Peak" boom expeditions in the early '50s. He set out for Leavenworth, Kan., where he engaged a bullwhacker on one of the Russell, Majors & Waddell ox-freight trains, going to Denver. He returned by way of Omaha, arriving there just before the Civil war.

The town was a mere hamlet then, with crude buildings, muddy streets, no sidewalks, and the Indians were almost as numerous and unconventional as the whites.

When he got back to his home town, Farmington, Ill., Fort Sumter had been fired on and the civil war had begun. Abraham Lincoln

had asked for volunteers to put down the rebellion and Robert Ingersoll, the great agnostic, was pleading with eloquent tongue for the men of his vicinity to join a cavalry regiment which he was forming for the preservation of the union.

Ingersoll in Command. It was the 11th Illinois cavalry, and there is not a corporal's guard of the old regiment surviving today. The men who enlisted were all young fellows of the midwest. They were expert riflemen, inured to hardship and as good koters as could be found in the land. They proved themselves hard riders as well as hard fighters.

Col. Ingersoll commanded the regiment, which received its first baptism of blood at Shiloh.

"After that," said Mr. Campbell, "the regiment was detailed to skirmish duty almost all the time. I was 'Bob' Ingersoll's orderly and was with him the day he was captured. This occurred near Lexington, Tenn., between Jacksonville and the Tennessee river. It has been reported that 'Bob' was captured in a call pen, but this was not so.

"On the day of the capture we had a sharp engagement with the enemy near Lexington. We had advanced our light artillery and the colonel and I were out on a reconnaissance. We had approached a turn in the road, where the angle was covered with a dense growth of brush growing out from a 'snake fence' corner. The cannon was just behind us and when we reached the turn in the road the rebels, who were concealed in the undergrowth, jumped up and leveled their weapons on the colonel, who was a short distance ahead of me, and commanded both of us to surrender.

"Bob" pulled his horse on its haunches and he exclaimed: 'Wait! Wait! Don't shoot! I acknowledge your damned confederacy. While he was engaging the attention of the Johnnie Rebs in his surrender I took advantage of the occasion and wheeled my horse and got clean

away without a shot fired at me. "Bob remained a prisoner of war with the confederates for a period of 10 days. Then he suddenly appeared in the camp of his regiment with his pocketbook stuffed with Yankee gold and his saddle bags padded with over \$50,000 in confederate bills. The story was told among the men of the regiment that 'Bob' had engaged in a series of poker games with the officers among his captors and had not only won his freedom, but also all the money

of every description which they possessed. "While a hostage of the Confederates," said Mr. Campbell, Ingersoll took a fancy to a Texas officer, surgeon in the rebel army, and presented the latter with his fine horse, saddle and bridle. The surgeon, according to the rules of war, was permitted to go between the lines of the contending armies and helped to care for the injured on both sides at the battle of Parker's Cross Roads. While thus engaged the of-

ficer was encountered by General Sullivan, commander of the federal forces, who recognized Ingersoll's mount and equipment and demanded that the Texas doctor surrender them. This demand nettled the Texan and he challenged Sullivan to fight a pistol duel for possession—exclaiming as he did so to Sullivan: "Ingersoll has more brains in his little finger than you have in your whole body."

"This tribute to 'Bob,' said Mr. Campbell, "convinced Sullivan that the rebel officer was the legitimate owner of the outfit and he permitted him to retain it."

Mr. Campbell came to Nebraska with his wife in 1867, driving across Illinois and Iowa in a spring wagon drawn by a single horse. He had nothing but his brain and courage for capital when he arrived in Nemaha county. "Omaha today," said he, as he collected its appearance when he first visited it in 1859, "is just a monument of the progress of Nebraska and the west. It is an exposition of the growth in wealth, culture and power of what was the Great American Desert, when I came years, and knowing the possibilities of our soil, and our strategic location with regard to population of the nation, we are only on the threshold of the future, with the door of our greatness merely ajar. Nebraska will become a populous state, and one of the wealthiest in the union, and Omaha will be a real world metropolis."

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