Negro Claims He Participated in Bluffs Holdup

Man Under Arrest in Chicago Tells Weird Tale of His Part in Recent Mail Train Robbery.

Chicago, Dec. 15.-Edward Valentine, a negro, arrested here several days ago at the request of Kokomo, Ind., nolice, told authorities today that he had participated in the recent railway mail robbery at Council Bluffs, according to the Daily

Valentine was arrested in connection with the robbery in the Indiana city, but when police searched his trunks they found more than \$13,000 in checks and money orders and several hundred unopened registered letters. Valentine admitted robbing mail cars at Kokomo, St. Louis, Mo., and Sycamore and West Chicago,

Admits Bluffs Holdup.

n his alleged confession of participation in the Council Bluffs rob-0,000 of the amount being cash. ine men and one weman, he is said to have told police, participated. "I met one of the gang in Cleveland when the robbery was being planned," he is reported to have said. "The man who talked to me a railway mail clerk, who had studying the situation at the been studying the sittation between Union Pacific transfer, between Omaha and Council Bluffs, for some time. He had it all figured out that there was nothing to stop anyone who wanted to make a haul on a scontinental train.

Met Gang in Des Moines, He convinced me and I went with him to Des Moines, where we picked up the rest of the gang. There were nine men in it, including three negroes, and also one woman. The ways traveled with a man named

We were all assigned to partiar jobs and went on to Omaha. The woman and Thornton were given the work of following the train in an automobile and picking up the mail sacks as they were dumped from the coach, but it was voman who really drove the

Six of the gang were employes the Chicago, Burlington & incy railroad. That made it easy those of us who had been assigned to boarding the train at the a Chicago, Burlington & river from Omaha. Between transfer and the Council Bluffs not is about a mile of switch ds, ditches and swamps.

Woman in Motor Car. The girl and Thornton had to blow down the railroad track bebetween the transfer and the station we dumped off the pouches.
The others dropped off the train there, but I swung aboard the rear of the train and went into the wash room. I stayed there until we got out of Council Bluffs and then went into the chair car and stayed there until we got to Des Moines. We met again in Des Moines and di-vided the loot, and I came on to

Valentine was turned over to fedfound in his trunks is said to have been part of the loot in a \$75,000 mail robbery at Kokomo last Fri-day night.

Glenn Denies Story.

Postoffice Inspector C. H. Glenn of Council Bluffs, who organized and led the federal officials in the investigation of the mail car robbery in Council Bluffs November 13, when shown the story from Chicago, said:
"It's all news to me and I do not credit it whatever. If it is true that

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Plattsmouth City Council Refuses to Pay Lighting Bill

Plattsmouth, Neb., Dec. 15.— (Special.)—Ascribing its action to the recent decision handed down by Judge Button at Fremont in a case involving the raising of public utility rates by ordinance wherein the mayor casts the deciding vote, the claims committee of the city council has held up payment of the current month's bill for street lighting here to the Nebraska Gas and Electric

this matter a few weeks ago, and made his way to Omaha to seek his matter under considerations. company, pending further action. tract at a later meeting. Manager Kuykendall was present at the meeting last night and the meeting las matter under consideration, cast the meeting last night and threatened to close the plant here unless the higher rates are forthcoming. He was warned by Mayor Schneider that now is the best time

for a showdown and that people could burn kerosene lamps and canbery, Valentine is reported to have said that the robbers obtained \$9,500,000 in cash and securities, \$900,000 of the amount being cash. ter of consumers' rates through the council, the company recently, on its own initiative, raised gas rates to \$2.25 and electricity rates to 15 cents a killowatt. So far it has met with no opposition in collecting the new schedule.

The sewing machine industry is centered largely in Indiana and Illi- Jones streets.

City ways, bright lights, and

Tity Lights Lure . Hubby From Bride
In Grand Island

pretty women caused Edward, she believes, to squander the money he was earning and to fail to save the funds he had promised.

The little wife will let the law take its course, she said, unless Edward gives her proof he intends to mend his ways and do the right thing. registered letters were found in this negro's possession it would indicate that he had some connection with a mail robbery, but I am certain he was not mixed up in the Council Bluffs robbery. We cleared that up to our entire satisfaction."

Hubby From Bride

Little Wife Comes to Omaha And Has Him Arrested-"Wish I Had a Big Brother To Thrash Him."

Nebraska City, Neb., Dec. 15.—
(Special.)—The 160-acre farm of Henry Wells, five miles southwest of Nebraska City, was sold for \$54,000 or \$340 an acre. This is the biggest land transaction in this county for several months. Twenty-two years ago this farm was val-"I'm sorry I haven't a big, husky ty-two years ago this farm was val-ued at \$8,000. brother to administer a lesson to Edward and bring him to his

It was Mrs. Edward Olson of Grand Island. She just had caused the arrest of her husband on charges of wife abaundonment. They were wedded three months

Does Washing. She took a position with the Union Pacific as clerk-and did washweeks passed and she heard no word from her husband. Nor did she receive any money. She wrote many letters asking of the life in Omaha, and finally wrote to tell Edward she needed him. Then, she declares, her husband wrote his answer: "I'll never come back to you.

She reached Omaha vesterday and told her story to Sheriff Mike Clark, who sent for Edward, working at Fairmont creamery, Twelfth and

drawn into the wringer to the el-

Farm Near Nebraska City

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Nebraska Rail Rate Case Comes Up in Washington

State Commissions Guided in Refusal to Grant Increase by Transportation Guarantee Act, Representatives Say.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15 .-Counsel for seven state utilities commissions which have refused to raise intrastate rates to a level with those intrastate rates to a level with those recently put into effect in interstate traffic told the Interstate Commerce commission yesterday that the commissions had been guided in their decisions solely by the transportation act guarantee of a 6 per cent return to the carriers. The commission today completed the cases of Illinois, Florida and started on the Nebraska case. Nebraska City, Neb., Dec. 15.— (Special.)—Mrs. Henry Marunda was seriously injured when her arm was drawn into the wringer of an electric washing machine which she

was operating. Before she could release herself her arm had been on the Nebraska case.

Railroad representatives called the attention of the commission to the geographical location of the states

representing the carriers, called the attention of the commission to a Nebraska law, which prevents the state commission granting an increase in passenger fares, but permits increases in Pullman, milk, cream and excess baggage charges.

The commission was told by the

two railway representatives that the 25 per cent increase allowed by Ne-braska in freight rates in intrastate traffic had cost the carriers \$1.253,-770 as compared with the return which would have been permitted under the 35 per cent increase in interstate rates.

Assistant Attorney General L. E. Masters of Nebraska, appearing for the state commission, declared that Nebraska had been guided solely by the transportation act in fixing both passenger and freight rates. He said the state commission had used the same set of figures as the Interstate Commerce commission. These, he increase of 25 per cent was sufficient whereas the interstate increase amounted to 35 per cent.

"Kickoff" Meeting of Farm

Bureau Drive Is Success Railroad representatives called the attention of the commission to the geographical location of the states refusing the raise, declaring that a continuance of the present situation would result in adjoining states adopting the same attitude in order to compete with neighboring states.

Bruce Scott, opening the Nebrashing of the extension department of the value of \$1 from the Hansen variety store. She pleaded guilty.

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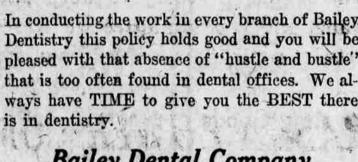
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