

"Trusty" In Pen Holds Up 2 Boys; Returns to Cell

Convict Assigned to Pilot Truck In Warehouse Stages "Stickup" While Out—Drives Back to Prison.

Lincoln, Dec. 16.—(Special)—Martin Harmon, 22, a trusty at the Nebraska penitentiary, with two months yet to serve, has confessed, according to local police, that he helped hold up two boys last Wednesday night at the foot of the Tenth street viaduct.

Harmon was implicated in the robbery by Claude Halloway and Jack Settles, two of a gang of three ex-convicts rounded up within the past week.

Drives Truck. Harmon drives a furniture truck for the industrial plant at the penitentiary, and has been bringing the plant foreman back to Lincoln after working hours. After the holdup Wednesday night, Harmon drove the truck to the industrial plant.

Made Harmon a trusty when he came to the penitentiary eight months ago, to serve one to 10 years for automobile stealing in Knox county, said Warden W. F. Fenton.

Wounded in War. "He was an honest, looking country boy who had seen service in the war and who had been wounded and honorably discharged. The sheriff and other Knox county citizens gave him the highest recommendations. Naturally he will get no further consideration from me," said the warden.

Warden Fenton recommended to the police that a highway robbery complaint be filed against Harmon, so that he could be taken up on it as soon as he was released from the prison after serving his present term.

Harmon received \$30 a month on his trusty job, which consisted chiefly of trucking furniture from the penitentiary to the Lincoln warehouse.

Pleads Guilty. Jack Settles, who was arrested just 30 hours after his discharge from the penitentiary, pleaded guilty to the charge of carrying concealed weapons and was bound over to the district court for sentence. He was committed to the county jail in default of \$1,000 bond.

Claude Halloway, discharged from the prison five weeks ago, pleaded guilty to a charge of assault with intent to rob in connection with the viaduct holdup and was also bound over.

Gas Company Refuses To Lower Fremont Rate

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special)—The Fremont gas company representatives stated to the city council that they would continue to charge their increased rates until direct action was taken against them and they were defeated, although the district court held the advance illegal. The ordinance requesting an increase in gas rates was carried by the vote of the mayor. The validity of the ordinance was taken to court, but when the gas company threatened to transfer the case to the federal court, the plaintiff dismissed them from the action. As a result the gas concern contends that their increase is not affected. The company refused to refund increases paid.

Madison County Fair Body Elects Officers for Year

Madison, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special)—At the annual meeting of the members of the Madison County Fair and Agricultural society the following officers were elected: Henry F. Sunderman, president; George F. Kellow, secretary; M. S. McDuffie, treasurer; August Boyesen, general superintendent; Ed. F. C. Knoll, R. E. Nichols, H. M. Purdy and Chas. J. Kelzow, vice presidents; directors: J. Sterling Trine, Joe Rye, L. R. Kinder, C. O. Schmidt and William Wendt. The hold-over directors are J. Q. Wakley, Fred Tegeler and Andrew Dahlsten.

The report of the treasurer showed that gross receipts of last year's fair were \$12,005.24.

Postoffice Orders.

Washington, Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram)—Civil service examinations will be held on January 15 at Omaha, at Council Bluffs and Sioux City, Ia., for railway mail clerks. Postoffice orders: Sarah E. Pool at Adair, Sheridan county, Nebraska, vice L. W. Ruscher, resigned; J. E. Hoover at Winton, Washington county, Iowa, vice W. C. Hollie, resigned. Civil service examinations will be held on January 15 for presidential postmaster at Minnare, Neb., salary, \$1,750; Buffalo Center, Ia., salary, \$1,800; Gillette, Wyo., salary, \$1,800; Hayes county, Nebraska, has been discontinued, mail to Hayes Center, and Pawlet, Garden county, Nebraska, mail to Mamer. Robert M. Silvers appointed postmaster at Cedar Creek, Cedar county, Nebraska, vice Ashley Ault, resigned.

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Woman Rides Car for Four Hours Before Man Offers to Give Up Seat

Chicago, Dec. 16.—A reporter with \$50 provided by his newspaper to be given to the first man who offered his seat to the reporter's companion, an elderly woman carrying a large market basket, rode Chicago elevated and surface cars for four hours yesterday, before getting rid of the money. Late in the afternoon William H. Riley, an insurance salesman, qualified for the prize.

Alliance Woman Unmoved During Murder Trial

Testimony of Witnesses for State Ignored by Stylishly Dressed Defendant; Crowd Packs Court Room.

Alliance, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram)—Stylishly attired in a blue serge suit and a chic blue hat to match, Mrs. Evelyn Preist McElhane, on trial on a charge of first degree murder in connection with the shooting of Earl B. Anderson here December 7, sat beside her husband and attorneys throughout the session today without a trace of emotion or nervousness. She wore the same suit she wore yesterday, but the hat she wore today gave her an even more chic appearance.

Mrs. McElhane appeared, to show little interest in the testimony of the eight witnesses who testified for the state. She sat most of the time with her chin in the palm of her hand, her elbow resting on the attorney's table. She looked into the faces of each witness while they were testifying but displayed little interest in what they said.

The first two witnesses called were Doctors Hand and Baskin, who performed an autopsy on the body of Anderson the day of the shooting, without finding the bullet. Charles Hill, a laundry man, testified that he with several others went to the Wilson rooming house conducted by Mrs. McElhane on the morning of the shooting and that he found a revolver in the sideboard drawer in Mrs. McElhane's kitchen. The revolver was identified by A. J. Le-sage, clerk at the Rhein Hardware company, as one he had sold Mrs. McElhane on Saturday preceding the day Anderson was killed. Shortly after the revolver was found a search was made of the alley where the shooting took place, and an empty shell corresponding in size and make to the cartridges found in the revolver was picked up, testimony showed.

Oscar W. Reed, former police chief, testified that Mrs. McElhane had asked him shortly after the shooting, "If they had found the gun, at this point the witnesses said Mrs. McElhane, without completing her inquiry, wiggled her forefinger as if pulling the trigger of a gun, and the witnesses told her that the gun had been found.

Doctors Slagel and Weyrens testified to the finding of the bullet in Anderson's body by means of the x-ray. One of two other witnesses were called whose testimony corroborated that of the others. Hundreds of people were unable to get seats in the court room. More than half of the spectators are women.

Polk County Farm Bureau Elects Officers for Year

Osceola, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special)—The Polk county farm bureau perfected its organization here by holding a county convention and electing the following officers: J. N. Norton, president; Polk; Mrs. W. E. Prozier, vice president; Osceola; F. A. Swanson, secretary; Stromsburg; H. A. Jones, treasurer, Osceola; members of the executive board: Mark Timm, Glenn Anderson, Mrs. Clyde Hennings, Mrs. J. E. Renner and Miss Ursula Wade. The Polk county farm bureau recently concluded a campaign for members in which about 750 names were enrolled.

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Leaders Plan Resumption of Dingley Tariff

Duty on Agricultural Products As Carried in Payne-Aldrich Bill Urged by Iowa Congressman.

By E. C. SNYDER, Washington Correspondent Omaha Bee.

Washington, Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram)—Republican leaders, realizing the seriousness of the situation that confronts the growers of wheat, corn, wool and cattle and impressed with the importance of enacting remedial legislation in the early days of the 67th congress that will have a stimulating effect upon those industries, have about decided that the most expeditious way to get a protective tariff on the statute books would be to repeal the present Underwood tariff act and substitute for it the Dingley tariff act of 1897 by joint resolution.

Both senate and house republicans were discussing in camera today this proposition on the ground that the legislation could be put through in a comparatively short time and then with a real simon-pure protective tariff law on the statute books the ways and means committee could leisurely take up the Dingley schedule and adjust them to present day needs.

It is understood that members of the senate committee on finance are in sympathy with this new idea and only await the sanction of President-elect Harding to start the ball rolling, just as soon as the new congress convenes.

Congressman Green of Iowa, a member of the ways and means committee, after a great deal of consideration, today introduced an emergency bill affecting agricultural products by placing a duty on wheat, corn, wool and cattle equivalent to the duty on these products as carried in the Payne-Aldrich bill. Judge Green is not hopeful of getting his bill through because of the opposition of the president, but he was asked to prepare the measure by members of the ways and means committee to furnish the committee with a working basis for whatever may be finally agreed upon.

Senator Hitchcock is hopeful that his bill, amending certain features of the federal reserve act permitting the farm loan banks to be loaned in turn to farmers and stock raisers, will be considered Friday morning by the banking and currency committee of the senate. Senator Hitchcock said his bill would be considered with an almost identical bill introduced by Senator Sterling of South Dakota and he had hopes that favorable action would be taken thereon.

Land Value Decrease Evident at Columbus

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special)—Two farms sold here at a farmer's sale reflect the difference between farm selling prices today and one year ago. The Leffer place, three miles south of Creston, was bid in at \$235 an acre. Land of equal value joining this place sold a year ago for over \$100 an acre more. The other farm, near Duncan, brought \$40 a acre.

The cotton industry of Spain utilizes over 2,100,000 spindles, 200,000 of which are located in Catalonia and employs over 360,000 hands.

Thieves Rob Bookkeeper Of Store in Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram)—Thieves entered the home of George Bucknall, bookkeeper for the Searle & Chapin Co. here, and made away with \$358, \$103 in cash and the remainder in checks which belonged to the company and which Mr. Bucknall had taken home with him when he quit work in the evening. It is believed to be the work of local talent.

Brownsville Pioneer Dies at Home of His Daughter in Omaha

Patrick Mooney, 74 years old, pioneer resident of Nebraska, died early yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Anne Kenney, 577 South Twenty-eighth street. Death was due to the infirmities of old age.

Mr. Mooney had been a resident of Brownsville, Neb., since 1868, having settled there upon his arrival in this country from Ireland. Of late he had been in failing health.

Four daughters and a son survive. They are Mrs. Anne Kenney and Mrs. John Bridgewater of Omaha, Mrs. William Coby of Lincoln, Mrs. James Maynard of Chadron, and Martin Mooney of Omaha.

Funeral services will be held at 3 this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Kenney. The body will be taken to Brownsville for burial.

Lincoln Man Invited to Conference With Harding

Lincoln, Dec. 16.—(Special)—Col. John G. Maher, lifelong democrat, who swung into step under the Harding banner in the presidential campaign because of the league of nations issue, has been invited by President-elect Harding to sit in conference with him at his home in Marion, O., December 28, it was learned today.

Colonel Maher said today he will go. He scouted persistent rumors at the capital that he is being considered for the post of assistant secretary of war in the Harding cabinet, but said he believed his invitation to confer with the president-elect is due to his service in two wars and his knowledge of affairs in Mexico gained during his service in that country.

Lieut. Gov. Barrows Speaks Before Sons of Veterans

Lieut. Gov. F. A. Barrows, of Lincoln, at the national command-in-chief of the Sons of Veterans, spoke at the patriotic rally of the reorganized Gen. Charles F. Manderson camp in council chamber of city hall Wednesday night. He pointed out the needs of a live camp in Omaha and told of the national activities of the organization.

Department Commander Frank Mills of Lincoln was present with his staff: W. P. Furman of York, Bert Molegde of Hastings, W. L. Gaston and R. A. Drake, Captain and Mrs. C. E. Adams, past national heads of the G. A. R. and W. R. C., made patriotic talks. More than 200 attended the meeting.

Knights of Pythias in Columbus Name Officers

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special)—The following officers have been elected for the coming year in the local lodge, Knights of Pythias: C. C. R. F. Stuart, V. C., W. N. Hensley, P. W. J. Walter; M. W. Paul Baer; W. A. H. B. Souther; I. G. H. F. Brodhufer; O. G. W. H. O'Callahan; K. of R. and S. C. E. Boblett; M. F. C. I. Swartwood; M. E. Carl Rhodes; representative, E. G. Brown, alternate, R. F. Stewart.

Women Prevent Destruction of Homes by Blaze

Bucket Brigade Fights Flames—Ten Fires in Omaha By Noon Sets New Record.

Women forming a bucket brigade to fight flames from a fire on the vacant lot at Twenty-fifth and Evans streets yesterday afternoon saved a number of homes and garages in the vicinity from destruction.

High wind fanned the flames and spread sparks in all directions, threatening homes and garages for several blocks.

The garage in the rear of the home of Mrs. Fred Johnston, 256 1/2 Evans street, was one of the first to be ignited by the flames. She summoned the fire department and then called on her neighbors for aid.

The women in the neighborhood responded in numbers and by forming a bucket brigade had the flames under control by the time the department arrived and extinguished them. The garage of Mrs. J. S. Coulter, 2555 Evans street, was also damaged by the flames.

Ten fires were reported in various sections of the city yesterday five of them within the hour just after noon. The high wind made all of the fires dangerous in their incipency, but all were extinguished with but nominal damage to the homes affected.

The 10 fires reported were at the following homes, the last five named being reported in one hour: No. 4514 South Nineteenth street. Thirty-second and State streets. Twenty-eighth and T streets. No. 825 South Twenty-ninth street. Sixth and William streets. Forty-fifth and Farnam streets. No. 3709 Jones street. No. 2563 Evans street. No. 617 Pacific street. No. 825 South Twenty-ninth street.

Nonpartisan Organizers Active in Platte County

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 15.—Local bankers say that the volume of checks coming in for membership in the Nonpartisan league indicate renewed activity on the part of this organization. It is said there are a dozen organizers working in this county.

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Fremont Auto Victim Asks \$2,600 Damages

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special)—Litigation growing out of an automobile accident last July, in which the life of James Monroe was lost, has been started by Frank Middaugh of this city against Peter G. Catron, also of Fremont. The General Accident, Fire and Life Insurance company, which has paid \$2,315 in damages to Middaugh, has intervened, setting up a claim for any damages awarded.

Middaugh alleges that he was following the Catron car, which was traveling in the center of the road. He states that as he attempted to pass the car ahead Catron collided with him purposely, overturning his car, and damaging it to such an extent that he claims \$2,600 damages.

In the smash-up, James Monroe, who was riding with Middaugh, was killed. Middaugh sued Catron for \$2,600 damages, and the insurance company now claims these damages if awarded, to make up for the payment of \$2,315 they have paid to Middaugh as insurance.

York Agricultural Society Wants Youths to Co-Operate

York, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special)—The board of directors of the York County Agricultural society appointed a committee to get the boys and girls of the county interested in the call and pig club. They will organize a judging club for boys and girls.

Seven new members were elected to the board of directors. E. J. Hayes, York; David Price, Thayer; Elmer Jenkins, Benedict; R. F. Getty, Waco; James Carlisle, Bradshaw; James A. Barr, York and Mr. Whitmore, McCool.

The old officers were re-elected: Con McCarthy, president; R. F. Getty, vice president; George W. Shreck, general secretary.

It was decided to hold the 1921 fair from October 2 to 6.

Platte County Lays Off Patrolmen on Federal Road

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special)—Acting on orders from Supervisor Peterson, County Clerk George H. Bender laid off the seven patrolmen who have been looking after the condition of federal aid roads in Platte county. The action was taken in the interest of economy.

Dempster Plant Running.

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special)—The Dempster plant here is being operated here with a full force of hands under an eight-hour schedule, the first time in 20 years, according to C. E. Dempster, president of the company.

Farmers Sell Grain.

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special)—Some wheat and corn is being marketed at this point, but as a rule farmers are holding their grain for higher prices. They report that winter wheat in this section of the state is looking fine.

Negro Denies Part In Mail Robbery

Man Held at Chicago Says He Confessed to Get Relief From Questioning.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, Dec. 16.—Edward Valentine, a negro, caught last Saturday night in the act of robbing an express office, awoke today to find himself famous.

"Here," said the turnkey at the detective bureau, pointing through Valentine's cell door, "is the man who stole \$24,000.00 from the Burlington railroad."

"Gawd a'mighty," Valentine cried as the whites of his eyes grew the size of saucers. "Boss, where you get that stuff? Hope to die, boss, if I ever seed that much money. Nine million dollars! Hot dog!"

"But you confessed last night," the turnkey reminded him. "Don't you remember, you said there were 10 of you in it, and a white man planned the whole affair?"

Valentine spent some more time denying that he had ever confessed and anything to do with \$9,000,000. Then the turnkey tried once more with the following: "You said you would confess, if we would let you go to sleep. Don't you remember?"

Valentine's face brightened. "O, is that what I confessed?" he said. "I just disremembered what it was. They just wouldn't let me go to sleep, and boss, I sure does admire my sleep. I recollect now I told 'em something so those dicks would go away."

Despite his denial of any wrong doing, Valentine is being held on the possibility that he is connected with the recent mail robbery in Iowa. He is said also to be wanted in a number of cities for robbery.

Collins Is Tailor Now; Poffenbarger Is Mending Shoes

Phillips, Youngest In Big Bluffs Mail Robbery, Is Hauling Rocks—All Hope for Parole.

Leavenworth, Kan., Dec. 16.—(Special)—Fred Poffenbarger, Keith Collins and Orville Phillips, promoters of America's biggest mail train robbery in Council Bluffs November 13, already have become cogs in the big machine of the federal penitentiary here.

Poffenbarger is doing an 18-year trick; Collins, 15 years, and Phillips, 13 years.

Poffenbarger is working in the prison shoe shop. He will be given an opportunity there to learn the trade of a shoemaker, working out his apprenticeship now with the tasks he is performing each day.

Collins is assigned to the penitentiary tailoring shop. There, each day, he goes about his tasks cheerfully.

He sorts and marks for repairs the clothing of his fellow prisoners. Young Phillips handles rocks. He's not making little ones out of big ones, but he's helping.

He trucks rocks in and out of the stone dressing shop. All three boys are breaking in well. Each has his eye on a parole. Each says he wants to make a good record so he can get out on parole when one-third of his term is served.

Collins and Phillips are showing a disposition to mix with the other prisoners in the penitentiary. They both have signed up for try-outs in the various prison sports and show promise of becoming penitentiary athletes.

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