

Alleged Bandit Gang Held for Iowa Robbery

Double Cross Brings Confession From Gangster Who Implicates Two Omaha Men.

Plattsmouth, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The double cross administered by a couple of Omaha slickers on what they believed to be a boob from the tall and uncut will result in the conviction of a gang of bandits that have robbed numerous stores in southeastern Nebraska and Iowa, according to Sheriff Quinton. He bases his statement on a confession he says Lauron Wilbur made as to his part in a series of robberies and the disposition of the loot.

Wilbur was arrested at Hastings, Ia., by Sheriff Edwards of Mills county on suspicion of being implicated in the robbery of the Market garage at Nebraska City and having information of other robberies.

According to Sheriff Quinton Wilbur implicated two Gillespie brothers of South Omaha, whom he said had double-crossed him. Virgil Gillespie was arrested in South Omaha, December 24, and turned over to Sheriff Quinton.

Wilbur says he first met the Gillespies when their motorcycle broke down at Plattsmouth and they employed him to take them to Percival, Ia., in his automobile. He says he obtained a load of goods at a farm house near that town. He says he did not suspect the goods were stolen until they had him make another trip and he noticed many boxes of shotgun shells. He says he drove them to South Omaha and as they did not have the money to pay for the trip they explained the goods were stolen and had him wait for the money until they sold some of the loot.

He claimed that when he returned for his money he was told by a man at the garage police had seized his car and were hunting for him. He then went to Hastings, Ia. He says he later learned that the police had not taken the car from the garage but had found it at the Gillespie home when they made a search for liquor. He asserts his friends attempted to get his car but were frustrated by the police.

Sheriff Quinton says the men will be taken to Percival, Ia., for trial.

Former Omaha Man to Manage Fourth Bank At Norfolk as Cashier



Charles J. Hulac

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Charles J. Hulac has been selected to manage the Security State bank, a new banking institution which will open its doors in Norfolk about January 15. This announcement was made today by those interested in the new bank, the fourth in Norfolk, and the second state bank in this city.

George Gutru, president of the Newman Grove State bank, who is interested in the Bradish and Pilger banks, and who is considered the wealthiest man in Madison county, will be president of the Security State bank. The other officers will be announced later.

Mr. Hulac is 30 years old. He was born in Omaha and has been cashier of the Norfolk National bank, with which institution he has been connected since 1907. He has a wide acquaintance in north Nebraska and is one of the most popular young business men of Norfolk.

Two Held for Alma Burglary

Sheriff Recovers Loot and Expects to Arrest Other Members of Bandit Gang.

Alma, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Charles Lindsey of this city and John Wheeler, who says his home is in Indiana, were arrested by Sheriff Grant Starkey and Deputy Andrew Legg a few miles north of Woodruff, Kan., at the home of Alty Gipe. Lindsey is wanted by the sheriff of Richardson county to answer charges of being implicated in store robberies.

The sheriff asserts he found a quantity of stolen goods in the possession of the two men. Goods have been identified by the Mead grocery and Burkey Bros. hardware stores of this city and stores at Orleans.

After a grilling in the office of the sheriff Lindsey is alleged to have confessed. Wheeler refused to admit having any part in the burglaries.

Al Mathews, farmer, at whose home the sheriff says he found stolen goods, is being held as a witness. The sheriff is of the opinion he has the ringleaders of a gang that has been operating in this vicinity and expects to round up the other members of the gang.

Fourth Man Bound Over on Charge of Stealing Wheat

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—William Hohenfeldt of this city was bound over to the district court on the charge of stealing wheat valued at \$60 from Oscar Humphrey, living near Avymore. The other men held on the charge are in jail awaiting trial at the next term of court, and another is out on bond. The quintet were arrested by Sheriff Schiek a few weeks ago, and he says he recovered part of the grain alleged to have been stolen.

Mother Returning for Reunion Will Find Son Dead

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Mrs. R. A. Maloney, mother of Dick Maloney, the traveling man who was found dead from heart disease in the Conant hotel in Omaha, is on her way home from California to attend a reunion here at the home of her son, Ned Maloney.

The two brothers had sent for their mother a week ago, and she will learn the news of her son's death upon her arrival here. Ned brought the body of his brother home.

Action on Unit Rule Postponed By Nebraskans

Disagreement on Patronage Already Is Evident and Members Are Playing Individual Politics.

By E. C. SNYDER. Washington Correspondent Omaha Bee. Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman Reavis who was absent from the meeting of the republican members of the Nebraska delegation this morning on account of illness, postponed action on the unit rule which some of the members are seeking to have adopted as the hard and fast action of the delegation.

Already there are signs of disagreement among the members over the question of patronage and it would not be at all surprising if three or four of the members should decide to "hoe their own road," rather than submit the names of competent men for positions only to see them bowled out because of tie-ups with other members in parcelling out the patronage.

Notwithstanding the absence of Mr. Reavis the members of the delegation, who met in Senator Norris' room in the senate office building, informally discussed the unit rule. Senator Norris is outspoken in favor of such action, believing that the action of the majority should govern in all matters affecting recommendations for places.

If such a rift should be finally adopted a majority of the delegation can control the recommendations and Senator Norris would be compelled to send in the names of those favorably voted on with the unanimous recommendation of the delegation. By the same token the negative votes of four could kill any recommendation.

Every member of the delegation, with possibly one or two exceptions, has commenced to play individual politics, with the result that a kilenny cat fight will be a puritan celebration alongside what is threatening to take place in the Nebraska delegation before the patronage question is settled.

Former Nebraskan Dies At Home in California

Falls City, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Judge T. L. Lewis died at his home in San Diego, Cal., according to word received by his brother, E. O. Lewis. Mr. Lewis came to Richardson county with his parents in 1869 and graduated from the Peru normal and the Iowa law school.

He practiced his profession in Oakland, Neb., and was elected to the state senate in 1885 from Burt county. Later he served two terms as county attorney. He resigned as county attorney to move to California 30 years ago.

He was appointed judge of the superior court of San Diego county and has been re-elected without opposition several times. He was judge at the time of his death. He had a large acquaintance among the early settlers of Nebraska.

Danish Pioneer Dies

West Point, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The funeral of Mads Nelson, 89, one of the oldest settlers in Cumming county, was held here. He was a native of Denmark and for many years was leader of the Danish colony in this community.

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Woman Defeats Two Kidnapers

Valuable Coat and Diamonds Worn by Woman Prove Attractive to Two Men.

Alliance, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—What is believed by police to have been an attempt to kidnap an Alliance woman by two unidentified men, one a white man and the other a negro, was frustrated by the woman's screams and her successful struggle with her assailants on a darkened street near the main business section of town about 7 o'clock last night. The intended victim, is Mrs. J. E. Castineau, a young woman whose husband is employed here by the Burlington.

According to her story to police, she started to walk alone from the rooming house where she and her husband stay to a cafe on Main street for supper. When within half a block of Main street the woman said two men, one a small white man and the other a large negro, seized her by the arms and attempted to drag her toward the street. At the same moment a large touring car with curtains closed drove up and halted at the curb with the engine left running.

Her assailants attempted to drag her toward the automobile but she screamed and fought desperately until the two men released her and ran into an alley and disappeared. She ran towards Main street and the automobile followed her, driving close to the curb, and later disappeared at high speed down the street.

Mrs. Castineau told police she believed robbery was the motive for the attack. She wears an expensive fur coat and several large diamond rings and believed the men had planned to kidnap her, spirit her away in the automobile and rob her of her coat and diamonds. She told police that two men had followed her on two previous occasions recently.

Oshkosh Public Service Club Elects Officers

Oshkosh, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—At the annual meeting of the Oshkosh Public Service club B. E. Robinson was elected president, H. J. Curtis, vice president; J. T. Shields, secretary, and John T. Wood, treasurer.

Coal Prices Cut

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 31.—Three large local coal dealers today announced price reductions of from 25 to 75 cents a ton, effective tomorrow, on bituminous coal. The reductions result from declining prices at the mines, and from general business depression, it was explained.

Lonesome Woman Hangs Herself in Bethany Hospital

Despondency at Separation From Loved Ones at Yuletide Believed to Have Prompted Act.

Kneeling in prayer with knees barely touching the floor, and arms crossed on her breast, the dead body of Mrs. J. A. Erickson, 56, Herndon, Kan., was found hanging to a clothes hook in a closet at the Bethany hospital at 7 o'clock yesterday morning.

Despondency caused by loneliness at being forced to spend Christmas many miles from her loved ones at home is believed to have led the woman to take her own life.

The body was found hanging by a sheet from the patient's own bed, face to the wall on beaded knees, near enough to the floor for the hands to have touched.

Search for an Hour. The discovery was made after a search of nearly an hour all through the hospital when Nurse Larimore learned on entering Mrs. Erickson's room that the patient had left her bed.

The police were summoned and after a brief investigation pronounced the case suicide. The family of the dead woman has been notified. There will probably be no inquest.

For several weeks Mrs. Erickson has been despondent because she could not reach her home in time for Christmas, Miss Larimore said. Mrs. Erickson was convalescing from a surgical operation.

Two weeks ago an unfinished letter to her husband was found on her table. The letter contained but five lines of handwriting, all fairly sobbing the grief the woman was

Warrant Issued for Arrest Of Columbus Resort Owner

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—A warrant is out for the arrest of Ed. Branigan, formerly proprietor of Shady Lake, a resort near here, the charge being the issuance of four worthless checks on December 18.

Branigan left town shortly after. His wife and little son live here.

Bank Clearings

Bank clearings for this week totaled \$33,198,760 as compared to \$31,656,936, the total for the preceding week.

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Congregational Church at Alma to Be Dedicated Sunday

Alma, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The new \$10,000 Congregational church built here to replace the structure destroyed by a tornado a year ago will be dedicated Sunday. Services will be held every day during the week. The building is of brick and contains class rooms, and basement, kitchen and dining room.

Bowen's Start the New Year With a Lower Price Furniture Sale

The people of Omaha and vicinity are going to have bargain opportunities such as are enjoyed by very few communities during this Lower Price Furniture Sale, which starts Monday morning, January 3rd.

This is not an odd and end sale, but it means big reductions in everything in Furniture, Rugs, Carpets, Draperies and Linoleums.

Note the place—Bowen's. The time—Monday, January 3. See our ad in Sunday's papers.

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