

### Brother of Mail Robber Is Unable To Find Position

**Railroad Refuses to Employ Brother of Merle and Orville Phillips, Now in Prison.**

Sentence imposed on the \$3,500,000 Council Bluffs mail bandits wreaks a heavy punishment on their families.

The F. A. Poffenberger family, 2439 Sixth avenue, with both father and son in federal prison, suffers most from the loss of bread winners. If it were not for kindly friends, Mrs. Poffenberger and her large brood of children would suffer actual want, neighbors say.

Only one daughter, about 16, is able to contribute to the family's support. She was in school until her father and brother were sentenced; then she left school and went to work.

**Telephone Is Removed.**

The telephone has been removed from their home in the interest of economy.

The brother Clyde, released from custody, has his own family to support.

Earl Phillips, brother of Merle and Orville Phillips, has been unable to find employment since the mail robbery. The railroad would not hire him, and he can find no other work, an aunt stated. He is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Phillips, 2121 Avenue F.

**Happy Over Visit.**

The old parents were delighted with the opportunity of seeing their two boys last week when they were brought back from Fort Leavenworth for the Poffenberger trials, because they could not afford to visit their boys, she said.

The aged mother of Keith Collins, the debonair one who attempted escape and posed as an army officer, is supported by two other sons, railroad men. She has a fourth son, still in school.

Mrs. Collins attempted suicide shortly after the implication of her son's name in the robbery.

Ohio, with a total of 618,000 motor vehicles, has 103 times as many as Japan.

### Villagers Protest Removal of Telegraph By Missouri Pacific

Lincoln, March 16.—(Special).—Two dozen citizens of Manley and Wabash, Neb., villagers on the Missouri Pacific, appeared at a hearing before the Nebraska railway commission Tuesday requiring the railroad and the Western Union telegraph company to show cause why the railroad had removed the station telegraph instruments from the two towns on February 3.

On behalf of the road, W. F. Kirk, division superintendent at Falls City, told the commission that the revenue from the Wabash instrument was \$26.57 last year, and from Manley, \$26.52.

He said the instruments were removed to effect a saving by placing the agent, formerly in the classification of an operator, in a lower classification. The saving would amount to \$32.95 a month in Wabash and \$26.70 a month in Manley.

Citizens protested that the telephone service was inadequate and claimed discrimination, because Avoca and Nehawka, villages of the same class, still have telegraph service.

**Tuberculosis Association to Hold State Meet Here April 1**

Members of the Nebraska Tuberculosis association will meet in their annual convention and conference at the University club in Omaha, April 1.

Mrs. K. R. J. Edholm, executive secretary, said yesterday more than 100 members would be in attendance.

Sessions will be held at the University club. The annual business meeting and dinner will be held at the University club Friday at 6 p. m., April 1. Dr. W. A. Evans, commissioner of health of Chicago, will be the principal speaker.

**Negro Woman Drops Dead During Church Services**

Nebraska City, Neb., March 15.—(Special).—Mrs. Lucy Minor, 75, negro, dropped dead in the A. M. E. church while attending services. She had just completed testifying and had taken her seat after shaking hands with the congregation and minister when she gave three short gasps and fell limp in her pew. A physician gave heart disease as the cause of death. She had been a resident of this city for 40 years.

### Mother Who Gave Children Poison Is Told They Died

**Although Only One Succumbed—Physicians Fear Psychological Effect Might Be Fatal If Told Otherwise.**

Blunt, S. D., March 16.—Believing that the psychological effect on her might prove fatal if she knew the truth, Mrs. Anna Collins, of this city, who administered poison to her three daughters last Saturday and then drank a quantity herself, lives under a false belief that all of her children are dead.

Attending physicians feared today that if Mrs. Collins learned that only one of her daughters, Alice, 2½, had died from the effects of the poison and that her other children, Mildred, 12, and Mabel, 14, were well on the way to recovery, she could not withstand the shock. Therefore, she was told, during her moments of consciousness that her daughters are dead.

A coroner's jury, investigating into the death of the youngest girl, found a verdict that she died from the effects of poison administered by the mother while temporarily delirious. She gave the children the poison in some fig syrup and then drank a quantity herself.

**Dentists Hold Quarterly Convention at Fairbury**

Fairbury, Neb., March 16.—(Special).—The Southeastern Nebraska Dental association is in session here today with a representation of 35 members. Dr. E. A. Litchfield of Humboldt is president and Dr. Kischner of the same town is secretary. The association meets four times a year and at each meeting one subject is considered. The subject today was cast restoration.

**Nominate Oshkosh Trustees**

Oshkosh, Neb., March 15.—I. T. Shields, W. W. Fought and W. F. Gumaer were nominated at the citizens caucus for village trustees for the ensuing year to succeed King Rhiley, George E. Melvin and W. F. Gumaer.

### Slayer of Seward Mayor Too Ill to Appear for Trial

Seward, Neb., March 16.—(Special Telegram).—The case of Patrick Farlan, alias Arthur Andrews, charged with the murder of his father-in-law, George Merriam, mayor of Seward, has been continued, due to the inability of the defendant to appear here for trial. Farlan is in the hospital at the state penitentiary, where he was taken after he had slashed his throat in an attempt to end his life following the slaying of the mayor in front of his home the night of December 18. His condition is said to be too serious to permit removal from the hospital.

Attorneys for the defense appeared before Judge Corcoran, asking for a trial immediately. The judge, however, set the case for some time during the term of the district court, providing the defendant is able to appear.

**Temporary Postmaster Appointed at Columbus**

Columbus, Neb., March 16.—(Special).—Harry B. Reed for many years employed in the local postoffice here, has been appointed temporary postmaster to take the place of S. E. Marty to be removed. Mr. Marty admitted that he had received a letter from the postoffice department asking that he resign, which he refused to do.

Mr. Marty was elected six years ago, according to the plan adopted by former Congressman Dan V. Stephens, receiving almost one-half of the votes in a contest of five candidates. There are a number of candidates besides Mr. Reed for the permanent appointment. The office pays \$2,800 a year.

**Columbus Couple Divorced After Filing Three Suits**

Columbus, Neb., March 16.—(Special).—In district court Judge Post granted Mrs. Laura E. Herchenhan a divorce from Carl Herchenhan, who did not contest the action. It was the third divorce suit in which they had figured as principals, the two prior ones having been dismissed without coming to a hearing.

The couple were married in Papillion in 1914. Mrs. Herchenhan secured the decree on grounds of cruelty, alleging that on several occasions her husband had struck and choked her, and accused her of infidelity.

### Geneva Community Club Elects Officers for Year

Geneva, Neb., March 16.—(Special).—At the annual meeting of the Geneva Community club, the following officers were elected: President, H. P. Wilson; vice president, Harry A. Warner; treasurer, W. H. Stewart. The secretary, Tyler Edgecombe, received his appointment from the executive board. C. E. Buehrer, James Burk, F. J. Gunther and R. A. Matteson were elected to the board of directors. The county seat road was discussed, and a committee reported the fund to be raised by the club practically assured so that work will begin on improvement of the highway connecting Geneva and Clay Center at an early date. A dinner preceded the business meeting.

**Geneva Entertains 200 Eighth Grade Students**

Geneva, Neb., March 16.—(Special).—About 200 eighth grade pupils of the rural schools visited Geneva at the invitation of the county superintendent and were shown through the court house and other institutions. A program of motion pictures was given for their benefit.

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### Business Women of Holdrege Hold First Annual Style Show

Holdrege, Neb., March 16.—(Special).—The most elaborate entertainment ever given in Holdrege was the annual style show staged under the direction of the Holdrege Business Women's club, an organization composed of young women employed in the business houses of the city, together with those establishments catering to women's and men's furnishings trade.

More than 100 young women and men of the city assisted in the program and the display of costumes, each of the six stores exhibiting models from the simple house dresses to elaborate gowns for evening wear, and the men's wear running the scale from plain business suits to full dress. The demonstration of the costumes was interspersed with a program of chorus numbers of latest musical hits, with the models in the solo parts.

### Burwell Couple Celebrate Fiftieth Anniversary

Burwell, Neb., March 16.—(Special).—William W. Hennett and wife celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at their home here. There were over 100 invited guests besides their children and grand children. They were married in Allegan county, Michigan, 50 years ago, but have been residents of Garfield county for over 40 years, coming here when the Indians yet inhabited this country. They settled on a homestead and have aided in the development of the town and county.

**Civil War Veteran Dies**

Beatrice, Neb., March 16.—(Special).—J. H. Ramsey, 77, a civil war veteran and pioneer of Gage county, died at his home in this city. He is survived by five children.

### Miss Catherine Coons Addresses Fairbury Club

Fairbury, Neb., March 16.—(Special).—Miss Catherine Coons, a representative of the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce, spoke on "Extension of the Chamber of Commerce Work," at the noon luncheon of the Fairbury chamber. She spoke from a financial viewpoint.

Fred Pierce, secretary of the National Y. M. C. A., addressed the club for a short time along the lines of his work.

### Robbers of Gage County Home Escape With Bont

Beatrice, Neb., March 16.—(Special).—Robbers entered the home of Jack Haley along the river north-west of the city and carried off a small amount of jewelry and other articles. Bloodhounds put on the trail of the thieves followed to the river banks and it is thought they made their escape in a boat.



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