

EXCITING TIME IN RAILROAD YARDS

Hattie Kirby Says Bert Bramble Threatened Her With a Knife Last Night.

HER WAY TO STATION

As Going to Enter Complaint—Several Other Informations in Police Court.

Bert Bramble furnished considerable excitement in the vicinity of sixth and Johnson streets last night when he chased Hattie Kirby around the railroad yards until an engineer stepped down from his engine and interfered with the merry-go-round stunt, according to the story which Hattie Kirby told Judge McNamara this morning when she swore out an information against Bramble.

According to Hattie's story Bramble came to her house and threw a bottle through her window and that she started to the police station to enter a complaint against him. She said she was crossing Sixth street when she met Bramble and that he started after her. She claims he had a knife and that he was threatening her.

The chase continued through the upper yards on Johnson street and Bramble was proving more than a match for the woman who was exerting every effort to get away from him but for the timely interference of an engineer who climbed off his engine.

The Kirby woman fears that she might have gotten in the worst of the deal. The engineer put a stop to Bramble's ambitions, and gave the woman a chance to make her getaway.

This morning Hattie Kirby appeared in the superior court to swear out an information against Bramble. She charges him with threatening her with a knife. Bramble was arrested and will have his hearing today.

Several informations were filed in police court today for various charges. The hearings were held this afternoon.

Several Are Arraigned. Before Judge McNamara this afternoon, M. Estrada, the Mexican, found in the Spicer jewelry store last Wednesday morning was arraigned on a charge of breaking and entering. He waived preliminary examination and was bound over to the grand jury. His bond was fixed at \$500.

Lewis Dade was given 30 days on a charge of intoxication.

William Baynard, who was charged with assault to commit murder was arraigned and given time to plead. His bond was placed at \$2,500.

WILL EXTEND THE PARCEL POST

Second Jolt to Express Companies Will be Given Before it Recovers.

United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—"This department is entirely an executive one and we are going to extend the parcel post system to the full limit allowed by the law, regardless of how it affects the express companies."

Such a reply was made by Assistant Postmaster General Roper today when asked if the jolt given the express companies by the parcel post last week would not tend to make the private carriers more amenable to government ownership.

"I have no information, direct or otherwise, as to the Christmas business handled by express companies, but I feel that the post department has made an unqualified success of the new system," he said.

"Telegrams to me from all over the country show the business of many postoffices was increased from 50 to 1,000 per cent but that the tables were generally clear by one o'clock Christmas day.

COOPER'S PARTY MADE FINE TRIP

Ernest G. Robinson, Keokuk Boy Who Drove Car, is Home to Spend the Holidays.

REPORTS NO ACCIDENTS

Algiers Most Interesting Country and Switzerland Strictest for Machines Robinson Declares.

Ernest G. Robinson returned to Keokuk Wednesday evening from his trip through Europe as chauffeur with the Hugh L. Cooper party. Mr. Robinson landed in New York Monday and made all speed in getting to Keokuk in order to spend Christmas with his wife and daughter.

Mr. Robinson today in speaking of his trip said that everybody had a fine time and that he was glad to be home and that he knew the rest of the party would be as glad. He said the car made the trip on the continent without a mishap or an accident.

The most interesting country which the party visited, to Mr. Robinson, was Algiers, where they encountered the Arabs, and made a short trip into the desert. The car was driven as far as it was thought expedient from the gate of the desert to the first oasis, where the oldest mosque is said to be situated.

"You can push the little donkeys off the road without any trouble," Mr. Robinson remarked, "but you can't do that with camels, and the pesky animals bothered us a little in Algiers."

The auto is nothing new or strange to the Algerians as many English people spend the winter months there.

Comment From Paper. In the English Notes of one of the papers published in the city of Algiers is the following comment on Hugh L. Cooper:

"Mr. Hugh L. Cooper, the famous American hydraulic engineer, after having completed one of the engineering marvels of the age, the famous Keokuk dam across the Mississippi river where 300,000 horse power are developed, is reposing from his Herculean labors by making an extended tour of Europe and North Africa with his family. Mr. Cooper landed in Hamburg with his 1914 Packard touring car early in September and since that time has visited most of the European centers of touring and many of the great cities." Then follows a list of places the party visited. The article closes with this comment: "Mr. Cooper will spend several weeks visiting the world renowned curiosities of Algiers, and then after a short visit in Egypt will return home where he will probably startle the engineering world with some daring project."

Switzerland is Strictest. Switzerland is the strictest country for auto driving the party visited, Mr. Robinson said. All of the continental countries have strict enough rules, but the little republic has the most iron clad ones. The roads through the mountains are of the bet, and there is a law prohibiting the use of chains. They are not needed, Mr. Robinson added.

In Italy the party found the greatest number of children. The old cemetery in Italy where 70,000 persons are buried was extremely interesting to the party. The underground river in France was another very interesting sight to the tourists.

"We had a wonderful trip and a fine time," Mr. Robinson said today, "but I'm glad to be back, and I guess we all are for that matter. We had the best kind of a trip, no accidents to mar it in any way."

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper and their daughters will return the middle of January, it is expected at the present time.

GREEN VERMILION INJURED IN FALL

Slipped Off Bluff at Cemetery and Sprains His Knee and Wrist in Tumble.

Green Vermillion, deputy county auditor, had a narrow escape from a serious accident and possibly worse, yesterday when he slipped in the snow and fell off of a bluff in the cemetery. He landed in a heavy bank of snow, and suffered a sprained knee and wrist. He was at first in the cemetery at the time and alone was unable to move. He managed to drag himself to a street car and get home.

Mr. Vermillion had been visiting his wife's grave for the purpose of laying some flowers there when he started home. He slipped in the snow, and kept on sliding and before he could regain his balance went over the edge of the bluff into the ravine. He was stunned by the fall at first, but managed to get up and get out of the cemetery. His fall happened just back of the city vault.

Just Found It Out. QUINCY, Ill., Dec. 26.—Thomas Hammaek, civil war veteran, today brought suit for divorce from his wife Hannah, alleging she committed adultery forty-one years ago.

Killed by Interurban. CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Dec. 26.—Going to church to attend a Christmas entertainment, Mrs. Elizabeth Huffman of Mayview, stepped in front of a fast interurban car and was instantly killed.

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SOCIETY

The Tango Tea. Keokuk had its first taste of a tango tea yesterday afternoon in the ball room of the Elks club. Judging from the energetic way in which everybody entered into the spirit of the affair, Keokuk is a convert to this popular form of amusement and entertainment which is sweeping the state east. To the strains of the "raggy music" fifty or more couples whirled, swayed, dipped and hesitated across the big ball room of the palatial club. A large gallery of admiring and applauding people watched dancers from their places at the sides of the big room.

At one corner of the ball room the tea table was placed. In its center bloomed a miniature Christmas tree, and the table was prettily decorated in evergreens and holly and with the Christmas colors of red and green. Presiding at the table during the afternoon were Mrs. John N. Hueston and Mrs. A. Weber. The entire affair was in charge of committees of which Mrs. Hueston was chairman. The dance was under the direction of Miss Maude Marshall.

The following were the patronesses: Mrs. C. M. Rich, Mrs. J. J. Ayres, Mrs. E. S. Baker, Mrs. H. C. Hulskamp, Mrs. Wm. A. Brownell, Mrs. D. A. Collier, Mrs. D. B. Hamill, Mrs. Louis Sterne, Mrs. Mary Miller, Mrs. W. J. Roberts, Mrs. Wells M. Irwin, Mrs. C. H. Dodge, Mrs. H. A. Gray, Mrs. J. B. Well and Mrs. John W. Hobbs. The tea was served by Mrs. Harry Phillips, Mrs. E. E. Hawkes, Miss Katherine Youker, Miss Dorothy Youker, Miss Frances Melgs, Mrs. Ralph Brownell, Miss Agnes Trimble, Miss Elsie Buck, Miss Laura Alton, Miss Elizabeth Collier, Miss Alexine Reid, Mrs. D. H. Sage and Mrs. B. C. Taber.

Christmas Wedding. Miss Barbara Anna Engle and Mr. George Edward Sibbach were united in marriage Christmas afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of the groom's mother Mrs. Josephine Sibbach, 421 North Tenth street. Justice James S. Burrows performed the ceremony. The groom is a stereotyper in the employ of The Daily Gate City. Mr. and Mrs. Sibbach will make their home in this city at 421 North Tenth street.

Engagement Announced. Mr. Montgomery Melgs announces the engagement of his daughter Frances to Mr. Elisha Noel Faes of Lake Forest, Illinois.

To Entertain Card Club. Mrs. George Well will entertain the Dixie Card club on next Tuesday afternoon.

Social Club Meets. Mrs. Bert Clark will entertain the Social club on Wednesday of next week at her home at North Seventh street.

Christmas at B. U. Home. The old ladies who live at the Benevolent Union Home enjoyed a very happy Christmas celebration this year. On Christmas eve all received a potted plant, a bag of candy in which was placed a piece of money and a gift. The celebration this year had an added interest because it was the nineteenth birthday anniversary of Mrs. Mary Sheppard who is the oldest resident at the home. A number of friends called on her and she had both birthday and Christmas gifts. On Christmas day a turkey dinner was enjoyed, the turkey being a gift of one of the members of the board of directors. A cocoa-nut cake was given by two neighbors, Mrs. Kellerman and Mrs. Marsh. Mrs. J. J. Ayers and Mrs. H. E. Ratcliffe of the board had the supervision of the pleasure of the day.

Family Dinner Party. Mr. and Mrs. John H. Cole entertained at a family dinner and supper yesterday, covers being laid for nineteen. Mr. Frank Cole, Miss Kate Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Zest and Mr. Wm. Zest of Tacoma, were among the guests.

Civic League Saturday. The Civic League will hold its regular monthly meeting Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Y. W. C. A. auditorium. Mr. O. B. Towne of the Industrial Association and Mr. Myrtle Baker will speak. A large attendance of the directors and members is hoped for.

Teaching the Hens. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 26.—"Eggs are sixty cents a dozen," reads a sign C. E. Brison, district passenger agent for the Northern Pacific, has placed in his chicken house. Brison declared today that he had decided the only way to reduce the high cost of eggs was through an educational campaign among his hens.

"I talk to the hens, make companions of them and reason with them. Education, cultured environment, and cajolery are the means to win hens to the laying game," he said.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Creer of Kahoka, are visiting relatives in the city.

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Warsaw, Ill., Dec. 25, 1913.

Wednesday was pay day at the button factory, the pay roll for the week being \$1,476.09, one of the best weeks since the factory started. Manager Schram is having new benches put in all machines as fast as possible. Warsaw is largely indebted to Mr. Schram for his many gifts of shell refuse for street paving; he also sells the refuse very low, only 30c per ton, which makes it available for private parties. Some few auto drivers complain that the shells nick their tires, but if the shells are spread thinly on a solid bottom, and then covered with enough sand or fine gravel to bind them, they will shortly make a road smoother and harder than macadam, and one that will wear longer, bearing constant traffic from heavy loads. The famous old shell road from New Orleans out to Lake Pontchartrain is proof of what shells will do for a road. As is well known, these shells make excellent chicken grit which is always in great demand. There is an opening here for some enterprising man to start a factory for its manufacture.

The absent ones are arriving for Christmas. Ralston Winnard, son of Dr. W. L. Winnard, a student in the freshman class of Hohemann Medical college, arrived Tuesday; Wm. Shepherd of St. Louis, came Wednesday; Thomas Hill and sister, Miss Emily, arrived the same day from Beaver Dam, Wis.; Miss Julia Edwards is home from Milwaukee, Wis., and accompanying her was Mrs. John Edwards, her daughter, Miss Eunice, and her little son. Senator John Edwards is to meet them here today and a family reunion will be held at the old family mansion of Mrs. Anna Edwards. Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards are from Forsyth, Montana.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wendell Sack of Chicago, are here to spend the holidays with Wendell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Halsey K. Sack.

Guy E. Bell of the Davenport, Iowa, chiropractic school, is here to spend the holidays with home folks.

Dr. and Mrs. Thos. Hartley, and Mrs. M. E. Wolfe spent Christmas with the doctor's father, Chas. Hartley, of Keokuk, and Dr. Bruce L. Gillfillan and wife.

Carroll Sack of Hammond, Ind., is home to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sack.

Bryant Parrott on his way home to Keosauqua, from Wisconsin University, visited a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kirkpatrick.

Dr. T. A. Davis, the dentist, is spending the holidays in Jerseyville, Ill., with his children.

The concert and entertainment of the Iowa Wesleyan Glee club at Saenger hall, Christmas eve, for the benefit of the Eagles, was much enjoyed by a good audience; Warsaw would like to hear them again.

Warsaw's Christmas trade was immense in all lines; no complaint has been heard; money never seemed so plentiful here as during the past three weeks; most of the people of Warsaw and vicinity were loyal to Warsaw and spent their holiday money here. Beers, Sawbuck & Co. did not get much.

Warsaw was unfortunate in not getting her Chicago mail with daily papers and with many Christmas gifts until today; the postoffice was open for the delivery of lock box mail from 9 a. m. to 12 noon, and the general delivery from 11 a. m. to 12, but closed the balance of the day. The Chicago mail did not arrive until Christmas night, too late for delivery.

Ellis Daugherty of Nauvoo, and Russell Daugherty, his brother, of Moose Jaw, Canada, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. L. Daugherty, at Hotel Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hopkins have gone to Rock Island to spend the holidays with the family of their son, John N. Hopkins.

Frank Wallace of Chicago, (Illinois Central railroad) is home for the holidays, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wallace.

Albert Frank of Chicago spent Christmas with home folks. Attorney Laedde, of St. Louis, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. M. Laedde. Miss Bertha Herten has resigned her position as teacher in the public schools, fourth grade.

Geo. Schaefer bought the lands of the late Miss Ellen Cullene (who is supposed was murdered) at chancery sale Saturday, in front of the postoffice. There is 258 acres, for which he paid \$18,100.

At the same sale as above the Fletcher property on Sixth street between LaFayette and Webster streets, was bought by Mrs. J. W. Grant for \$1,255.00.

"The Prince of Peace," a beautiful Christmas cantata, was given Sunday night under direction of Professor Stone, by the church choir. It was a fine performance and reflected credit on the careful training the singers had received. There was a large attendance.

All of our churches held their Christmas celebrations either Christmas eve or Christmas night; some had trees, and all gave fine musical programs in which the children bore a large part.

The Good Fellows, under direction of J. B. Worthen and Geo. J. Risto, and others, made glad the hearts of the poor and deserving, truly Warsaw

had the happiest Christmas for many years. Santa Claus was compelled to dis-appoint his little friends as to his flight in his airship, owing to the non-arrival of a new airship, which was delayed by the railroad on account of Christmas rush; however, he by a drive in his auto, reassured the children that he was here according to promise; he met them in front of headquarters and taking them by the hand, assured them if they were good he would visit them Christmas eve; each child of the 200 and over was given some candy and went away happy. Santa received about fifty letters from children aged from four to ten years old. They were all good and most of them pretty well written, some expressing sympathy for the poor and unfortunate, in fact they were so good in so many points that it was difficult to say which was best. A fine thought has been presented by a writer in one of the many dailies in which he says in reply to the oft repeated remark, "Oh, there is no Santa Claus." Yes, but Santa Claus is, that is "it's the spirit of giving unselfishly, lovingly, that is Santa Claus, and it is right, and may it never die." The community tree idea is spreading, this year, all over the country, and leaving its blessings; it is bringing the poor and the rich together, breaking down foolish barriers and emphasizing the brotherhood of man. Every village, town and city in the United States should have a community tree with its accompanying carols and other music, every year, and 1914 should start the ball rolling. Our country would be better morally and spiritually and get upon a higher plane than it ever was before.

Christmas Money

Invested in a fine Watch, a Diamond Ring or gold jewelry will last longer as a reminder of the giver than the money and the Ayres & Chapman stocks now offer many bargain opportunities that were impossible before Christmas.

Ayres & Chapman Jewelers - Silversmiths - Craftsmen in the Precious Metals

BILLY SUNDAY AT PITTSBURG.

The best reports of the meeting will be in The Pittsburg Dispatch. Send \$1.00 for it during the Pittsburg campaign.

CITY NEWS.

—On Christmas morning at 10 o'clock occurred the marriage of Rev. William Vanderzee of Lincoln, Nebr., and Mrs. M. Davis of this city. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride, 412 North Twelfth street. The Rev. Mr. Lilley performed the ceremony. The bride is a well known colored woman of this city, and Rev. Vanderzee is a colored pastor and real estate agent of Lincoln, Nebr. They will go to Lincoln to live.

—Licenses to wed were granted to Roy V. Bowden, 21 and Miss Alma M. Raber, 18, both of Keokuk and W. H. Vanderzee, 63, Lincoln and Mrs. M. Davis, 56, of Keokuk.

—Coasting is being indulged in by the youngsters of Keokuk since the snow fell two days ago. High street, South Seventh and Franklin streets from Fifteenth to Fourteenth are some of the hills which have been broken in.

—Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Veith who reside three miles north of Hamilton, Ill., are the proud parents of a daughter born on Christmas day. Mrs. Veith was formerly Miss Johannah Nevens of Keokuk.

—J. J. Ashley and Ida M. Ashley have decided to J. S. Miller lot 8 in block 27 in Reid's addition.

—Reports from the hospital this afternoon on the condition of Harry Kelley were that his condition was practically the same as it was this morning.

—Raymond V. Bowden and Miss Alma Kader were united in marriage today by James S. Burrows, justice of the peace.

—Albert Mason, 26, of Warsaw, Ill., and Miss Anna C. Schaeffer, 17, also of Warsaw, were united in marriage by Justice of the Peace John Leindeck, this afternoon.

—A marriage license was issued to George R. Fry, 21, of Canton, and Dana May Harris, 18, of Keokuk.

Hanged Self with Wire. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 26.—Falling to receive Christmas presents from relatives near Bloomington, Ill., Henry Wentz committed suicide today, hanging himself with a wire.

Stomach Gave Way at Last. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 26.—Robert Emmett Kowalsky, 30, was probably the happiest kid in Milwaukee today. It had been so long since Robert Emmett had a square meal that he decided to make the most of the Christmas season. He attended the municipal Christmas celebration, three Sunday school Christmas trees, three settlement Christmas dinners and was on his way to the fourth when he was taken ill and was rushed by a kindly cop to the Emergency hospital where today he was able to do full justice to the post festival edibles.

She Dropped Dead. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Dec. 26.—Mrs. George F. Curtis, wife of a farmer near here, dropped dead yesterday evening after eating a big Christmas dinner.

Monarchs Not Over Cleanly. King Charles II. of England dressed shabbily and Louis XIV. of France disliked to wash, a little cold cream applied with a handkerchief being his only tribute he paid to cleanliness. In St. Simon's detailed account of the king's day, from the closed bed curtains in the morning to the ceremonial placing of the night shirt over his shoulders when he retired, there is no mention of any ablutions.

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Card of Thanks. We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness in our sad bereavement of our mother. MR. O. M. DAVIS AND FAMILY.

Want Column

WANTED. WANTED—Railway mail clerks. \$75.00 to \$150 month. Details free. Franklin Institute, Dept. 104 F, Rochester, N. Y.

WANTED—Chambermaid at the Grand Hotel.

FOR RENT. FOR RENT—Modern cottage, 516 Orleans avenue. Inquire A. J. Rud-dick.

FOR RENT—After Jan. 1st, furnished cottage on north side; water and gas. Inquire 1123 Franklin street or phone Black 662.

FOR RENT—3 or 4 unfurnished rooms at 504 South Ninth street.

FOR RENT—Three furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Gas and bath. North side. Phone Red-1153.

FOR SALE. FOR SALE—A fine 560 acre farm in Clark county, Mo. It is unsurpassed in fertility of soil, in agriculture, production of fine stock, crops of all kinds. So much could be said of its beauty and worth that it would require considerable space. It will be offered at a bargain. Don't wait. Address John M. Dawson, 28 North Fourth street, Keokuk, Iowa, for particulars, or better still go and see him and get full particulars.

FOR SALE—American Adding Machine. Address "Machine" this office.

LOST. LOST—Last night, north side, single weed auto chain. 36x1 1/2. Reward for immediate return. Sam Youker.

LOST—Heifer, eighteen months old, deep red, has brass ring in left ear. Notify Gate City office. Reward.

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