

Box Car Thieves Are Rounded Up

New In Jail at Dickinson, Where the Robberies Took Place.—W. H. Nevills, Former Beach Character, One of Gang.

The mystery surrounding the epidemic of box car robberies which has been puzzling Dickinson people for a long time was finally solved last week when five of the gang was rounded up by the Dickinson police force and are now awaiting hearing in the Stark county jail.

Mayor Alf White and Chief of Police Pat Corbett were instrumental the past week in unearthing a gang which, it is alleged, has been engaged in the systematic stealing of grain and merchandise from North-western Pacific freight cars for several weeks past.

It seems that W. H. Nevills and J. O'Connor, better known as "Slim" and "Coil-oil Johnnie" boarded a west bound freight train at Mandan some time last Thursday night, and during the trip to Dickinson picked out about \$1,800 worth of merchandise, consisting of clothing and dry goods, and dumped it on the ground just as the train pulled into the Dickinson yards.

It was later ascertained that there were others implicated in the gang, and in addition to merchandise robbers, they had bored holes in the bottoms of freight cars containing wheat, filled up a sleigh or wagon load and later sold it again to local elevators.

In addition to Nevills and O'Connor, it is alleged that Pat Peters and Wilbur Skude were implicated in the grain stealing deals, Peters doing most of the hauling to the elevators and selling.

Peters was married only a few months ago, and lately moved with his wife to Miles City, Mont., where he was placed under arrest on Wednesday and brought back to Dickinson the following day by Chief of Police Corbett.

Hough, who is alleged to have received the stolen merchandise and secreted it about his premises, moved to this city from a homestead in Dunn county a couple of years ago, and has until recently been doing teaming work.

Nevills is quite well known throughout the State country, having been at one time a policeman at Beach, and later as a guard at the state penitentiary at Bismarck. He has

been hanging around Dickinson for several months past, and is alleged to have been carrying letters of the gang.

O'Connor was a transient, who worked for a time at threshing in this vicinity last fall, and is but slightly known in the city. Skude is a young man who came to Dickinson from the Midway country a few years ago, making his home here since.

Orpet Is Held to Grand Jury

Chicago, Feb. 24.—William Orpet, University of Chicago junior, was held to the grand jury today in connection with the death of his former sweetheart, Marion Francis Lambert.

The inquest ceased suddenly this afternoon and the jurors retired immediately after counsel for the defense had given a brief outline of their plans. The verdict follows: "We, the jurors sworn in to inquire into the death of Marion Lambert, on oath find that she came to her death by cyanide of potassium poisoning and we recommend that Wm. H. Orpet be held to the grand jury of Lake county until discharged by due process of law."

Orpet is 23 years old and Miss Lambert, a high school pupil, was 17.

MR. AND MRS. SINGER'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

One of the most pleasant social events of the city occurred last Sunday when Mr. and Mrs. H. Singer entertained over one hundred guests at dinner, and a dancing party, using the Elks Hall to accommodate their large host of friends and relatives.

Following the dinner, the guests indulged in dancing to the music of a local orchestra until about two o'clock the following morning. Many very beautiful costumes were worn, and a number of valuable gifts were given Mr. and Mrs. Singer by the guests and relatives.

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FARMER HAD BEST ARGUMENT

A farmer who was carrying an express package from a city mail order house, says one of our exchanges, was accosted by a local merchant: "Why didn't you buy that bill of goods from me? I could have saved you the express and besides you would have been patronizing a home store, which helps to pay taxes and build up this locality." With characteristic frankness the farmer asked: "Why didn't you patronize your home paper—advertise? I read it, and didn't know you had the goods I have here nor do I see your name in the paper inviting one to come to your store."

200 Silos Sold in One Day

Thompson Yard, Inc. Make a Notable Record Following An Extensive Advertising Campaign.

Over \$80,000 worth of silos were sold by the Thompson Yards, Inc., in less than one day, following an extensive advertising campaign inaugurated January 20th and ending January 27th by the company's advertising department, in which the announcement was made that the sale would begin on Tuesday morning, February 1st, at 8 o'clock.

It is interesting to note, also, that local papers only were used exclusively in advertising the offer, and that only two ads., or "changes of copy", were used—certain proof of the value of the local paper as an advertising medium, and that announcements appearing in its columns are carefully heeded.

Maager O. C. Holtz of the local Thompson Yard has an important announcement on another page of this issue, to which we invite the attention of our farmer readers. Other important announcements will appear in the Chronicle during the coming season.

WESTERN COUNTIES OVERTAKE THE EAST

The issue of the eastern portion of the state against the western raised in the capitol removal campaign has led to much speculation as to the proportionate strength of these sections.

A glance, however, at census statistics shows that it will be but a short time until the population of the western counties will be in excess of the eastern counties. In 1890 the western counties contained 31,450 persons as against 159,533 in the eastern counties; in 1900 the western counties contained 88,405 against 236,741 in the eastern counties; in 1910 the western counties had 285,779 population as against 291,177 in the eastern counties.

The legislative strength under the present apportionment is distributed between these sections as follows: Twenty-three senators in western counties as against 54 in eastern.

BIG EQUITY MEETING FOR BEACH MARCH 4

Arrangements have been completed for a big Equity meeting to take place in the Beach opera house next Saturday, March 4. President J. M. Anderson of the Equity Co-Operative Exchange will be the principal speaker, and will talk on the co-operative marketing of grain. The terminal elevator proposition also will be discussed. A cordial invitation is extended to the farmers of the Golden Valley.

SHIPS HUNDRED HEAD OF ELK BY EXPRESS

Howard Eaton, well known to the older residents in this locality, as former manager of the Dude Ranch near Medora, passed through Dickinson Tuesday on No. 4, accompanying an express shipment of 100 head of elk, bound for Pittsburgh and other Pennsylvania points.

K. of C's. to Stage Play

The Rollicking Irish Comedy Mистер O'Callahan will be given under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus at the Beach Opera House Friday evening, March 17 and the lovers of good comedy are promised even a better play than was given a year ago.

Two of the actors of last year's company will be seen in the present production of Mистер O'Callahan and we are promised that the new members will be up to the standard of merit of the former members which insures the audience a hearty laugh from start to finish.

The following is the cast of Characters: Mистер O'Callahan Martin A. Egan Mrs. Montague, formerly Mr. O'Callahan's sweetheart, widowed, Catherine Lee Chas. Rivers, Young Collegian, in love with Julia John Power Julia Banks, Daughter of Dr. Banks Frances Matter Dr. Banks Harry Kastien Mr. Rivers, father of Chas. Rivers, Harry Burt Mrs. Banks, wife of Dr. Banks, Estranged Alice Kohlers John, manservant John McCarthy Betty, Maid Mary McCarthy Thomas, the butler Ray Richards

DICKINSON TO HAVE FINE CIVIC CENTER BUILDING

Dickinson, N. D., Feb. 14.—A civic center building combining county court house, city hall, auditorium and commercial club rooms is the suggestion receiving much consideration here following the request of commercial club members of the city commission to issue municipal bonds and erect an auditorium.

PROFIT ON FLAX STRAW

Emmons, N. D.—Two enterprising farmers of Logan county are whiling away the winter hours, baling and shipping flax straw and selling it to a manufacturer of building paper. They have shipped 55 cars to date and are making a nice profit on their time and investment.

This is what Herman Rosenfield, advertising manager of Sears & Roebuck, recently told the members of the American Ad. club at a convention: "We have a bureau whose duty it is to read each week the county try newspapers from all over the country. There is not a paper of any consequence in our trade territory that our bureau does not get. This bureau looks over the papers and when we find a town where the merchants do not advertise in the local papers, we immediately flood that territory with our literature. It always brings results far in excess of the same effort put forth in territory where the local merchants use their local papers. Could we find a stronger argument as to advertising by the local merchants?"

Implement Co. Sold This Week

Important Business Change Consummated This Week.—Prominent Local Men to be Identified With Affairs of New Concern.

The Tri-State Implement Company is no more in Beach. The Donaldson Implement Company are in their stead, as the result of a deal consummated on the 15th of this month.

The Tri-State Implement Company have been in business in Beach for a goodly number of years and had gained a large number of friends and patrons through the good offices of their manager, James Donaldson, but for business reasons disposed of their holdings here last week to a corporation bearing the name of the Donaldson Implement Company.

The incorporators of the new corporation are James Donaldson, J. W. Woods and Charles Doubles, all local men held in high respect in our business circles.

As the Chronicle understands it, the new corporation will put in a branch store at Carlyle, Montana, where they will handle automobiles in connection with their regular implement line. Mr. Doubles will manage their store there. James Donaldson, probably one of the best known implement dealers in this county, and former manager of the old corporation as well as one of the incorporators of the new corporation, will have charge of their business here.

The new concern is incorporated at \$15,000, paid up, and will do a general implement business.

TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF BEACH

Believing that the administration of our City for the next two years should be devoid of all strife and factionalism and that our City be placed upon a sound business and financial footing, we are presenting to you the name of a man for our next Mayor who we believe can accomplish the desired results.

A man who politically stands alone. A man who wears no man's collar. A man who has no friends to reward, and no enemies to punish.

A man who holds aloof from the factionalism of our City, and in presenting the name of W. A. Sprague, who has for a number of years been a resident and tax payer of our City, we believe him to be the man that can accomplish the desired results. Committee of non-factional Voters.

DIVERSITY ON THE FARM PAYS

Farm records show, and good farmers agree in general, that diversified farming is most profitable. Diversified farming means raising live stock and various kinds of crops. Diversified farming gives opportunity for crop rotation, for distribution of man and horse labor, and for the maintenance of soil fertility.

Diversified farming is of great importance because it gives the farmer an opportunity to carry out all the best farm practices.

Is your farming properly diversified?

Interested in a Destruction Bomb

Whit Terrell, Wibaux county's greatest "little farmer", returned from the east Monday and left again yesterday for Washington, D. C.

On his recent visit east he took in many of the important business points, including St. Paul, Minneapolis and Chicago, and had an opportunity to size up things in the east as to how things go in this part of the country. That Montana is ahead of them all there is no question according to his opinion. He says that it is a common occurrence back east to see a man dressed fit to kill and wearing diamonds go into a cigar store and call for "five centers" or "three for ten", and then walk down the street with a gold headed cane.

Whit's trip to the national capitol is in connection with a patent or invention of a relative of his. This patent or invention is of an explosive, that if carried out will silence all the bombs heretofore invented for use in either peace or war, and already it has been highly recommended by the war department of the United States.

The patent will first be offered to the United States and if they do not care to handle the proposition it will be offered to the fighting nations of Europe, so that before long we will undoubtedly learn that Whit is hobnobbing with the Crowns of Europe and our old friend Kaiser Bill. No doubt that before this war is ended either side will be using this bomb to good advantage. The bomb when dropped from an aeroplane produces a flame which will destroy any buildings with which it comes in contact, and as the flames shoot out as the bomb strikes, London could be brought to ashes by dropping a dozen of these bombs from a Zepelin.—Wibaux Pioneer.

CO-OPERATION

After all there was profound philosophy in the light remark of the Irishman to his companion as they were traveling on foot and came to a guide board which read "10 miles to Bostad."

"Come along Mike," said Pat, "it's only five miles apiece." If we could, as farmers, learn this great lesson of companionship and co-operation with one another in many of the difficult problems that confront us and which baffle us as long as we try to dispose of them singly and alone, we would find the final truth of that old saying "many hands make light work." What we need is local leadership, some one to say "Come along it's only five miles apiece." We are just entering upon this new view of farming. It is a field of wonderful possibilities and benefits.—Hoard's Dairyman.

Beach Will Have a Chautauqua

Arrangements are Definitely Made Assures Beach of Some Splendid Attractions in June.—Committee Is Appointed.

Beach's annual chautauqua will occur June 24 to 28, inclusive. Definite arrangements to this effect were completed this week when H. A. Hedges, field manager for the Vawter Chautauqua system, conferred with a committee of business men and farmers here. As a result, this year's chautauqua promises some rare attractions, entirely in keeping with the splendid reputation of the Vawter people. Following is the program in brief, as given the Chronicle by Mr. Hedges:

There will be five musical organizations, one for each day. These will be varied in character and are designed to meet the requirements of the people at all grades of musical understanding. The big number, which will delight Beach people is the Military Concert Band, and pressing this hard for popular favor will be Our Old Home Singers.

The Christine Giles company and Mr. Ralph Bingham will furnish music and fun for one day. The Bohannans and the Savranoffs complete the splendid list.

A Big Band.

The Military Concert Band is brought in response to strong demand for big band music. It is said to be by far the people's favorite. The Old Home Singers, as one might suppose, will sing the songs of heart and home; songs that are held dear in the memories of all. Their splendid musical numbers will be bound together by a cleverly designed sketch that adds wonderfully to the effects.

The Parnells are man and wife in the classiest and cleverest of musical literary and make-up skits and fancies. The Savranoffs are musical Russians, who display great versatility and present some novel and interesting instruments, including the Balalaika.

The last day comes the Christine Giles company, and the closing session will be a real joy night. This special thriller will be led by Ralph Bingham himself, who for years has been given exclusive control of the Joy Night festivities of the International Lyceum Association. It will be a scream.

Celebrated Orators.

Yutaka Minakuchi, a celebrated Japanese scholar and orator, will deliver an address. This is the same Japanese who so distinguished himself as an orator in the "Men and Religion Forward Movement" and other speaking tours. Hon. B. F. McDonald, of Ohio; Stewart I. Long, and J. Fred Clarke, all standard Chautauqua orators, are also booked to appear. The lecturer for the fourth afternoon has not yet been selected, but the assurance is given that it will be someone of national repute.

As a big entertainment feature we are to have Ducrot, the magician. Mr. Hedges places Ducrot in the first rank as an exponent of modern magic and says that his tricks are both mystifying and interesting, the delight of the children and of grown-ups as well.

A children's specialist will have charge of the juvenile work forenoons and this will be given special attention in an effort to surpass all similar efforts among the children in the past.

Following is the committee, any one of whom will be glad to render any other information to those interested: S. R. Morris, president; Adam Faris, secretary; T. E. Hudson, treasurer; John L. Denton, William Rockswold, and L. B. Westby.