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SUSPECTED AUTO THIEVES NABBED BY CLAYTON COPS

Woman Member of Party Walked to
Textline After Dark to Avoid
Arrest.

W. E. Smith and Mrs. Smith, J. B. Burnett and Patrick Stevens were arrested by local officers Saturday night upon information from Denver police stating that the three Ford cars the suspects had in their possession were stolen from Denver. Detectives W. A. Rinker and J. A. Schumacher arrived in Clayton Tuesday and took charge of the quartet. It is thought by Denver police that they have operated extensively in the auto stealing business between Denver and Dallas.

Stolen Spark Coil Gives Them Away

The quartet and cars drifted into Clayton Saturday afternoon and left the cars at the Clayton Garage and Auto Company. The people took rooms at the Commercial hotel. A garage man at Des Moines wired Clayton officers to watch for three Fords as a driver or one had stolen a spark coil from him. The coil was found in the car Burnett was driving. Burnett was arrested and taken before Justice Kingdom. There was not sufficient evidence to convict him and he was released. Chas. Monroe of the Clayton Garage got a hunch that the Ford trio was not according to Hoyle and had "Spec" Chilton get data from the sheriff's office of recent car robberies. The data, of course, gave the license and engine numbers. Monroe and Chilton compared these and found the engine number to be that of a stolen Denver car. The remaining two cars were evidently recent accoutrements, as the Union county sheriff had not yet been notified of their theft.

Mrs. Smith Walks to Textline

Officer Crumley wiced the other numbers to Denver police and received reply to cause the arrest of the four. It seems that Mrs. Smith's intuition, or something, convinced her that there were breakers ahead. When officers arrested Smith, Burnett and Stevens Mrs. Smith was not to be found. At that time it was dark and although a diligent search was made she was not located. Sunday, a call from Textline told officers that she was there. Mrs. Smith had walked the entire distance from Clayton to Textline, arriving there about 1 a. m. It is said that Mrs. Smith was a victim of circumstances and not altogether a willing accomplice of her husband. She is said to have shown signs of a recent "beating up" at the hands of somebody.

Beside the three Fords the quartet sported two bleary-eyed blanket-clad dogs, a large assortment of diamonds and a trunk full of auto license tags.

A reward of \$100 came to Clayton officers with \$50 more coming up if the suspects are convicted.

A. L. Wikoff took charge of the Fords and shipped them to Denver.

Mrs. Greer Dies

Mrs. Jas. Greer, 68, died at her home nine miles south of Clayton Tuesday at 10 p. m. of tuberculosis. Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon by Rev. J. Q. Herrin. Interment in the Clayton cemetery. Mrs. Greer is survived by her husband, two small girls and her mother, Mrs. Moore.

Mrs. Greer was very popular with all who knew her and the bereaved have the sympathy of many friends.

Hill Bros. in Corner Office

Hill Bros. transfer offices are now established in the corner office room of the Mission building. This firm intends to install new office furniture in the near future. Occupancy of this office fills all the vacant space in the structure.

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE MEETING CALLED

Meeting of the Democratic County Central Committee is called to be held in Clayton at the Court House at 7:30 p. m., January 27. The purpose of the meeting is to outline a plan of campaign and to attend to any other business that properly comes before the meeting.

All Democrats and other good citizens who have the promotion and welfare of Union county at heart are invited to attend this meeting.

JOHN SPRING,

Chairman.

C. O. DUNN,

Secretary.

CLAYTON'S BUSINESS MEN ENJOY PROMISED LUNCH

Speeches After Feed Teem with the
Optimism that Gave Clayton a
Place on the Map.

Despite the sassy wegether a goodly share of Clayton's business men turned out Thursday to partake of the first of the fortnightly business men's lunches at the Pullman Cafe. After consuming the delectable eats a few short and pertinent speeches were made. H. J. Hammond leading off with an earnest appeal for more adequate educational facilities in Clayton which of course was a direct argument in favor of the bond issue which comes to a vote in February. Mr. Hammond sees the figures of 10,000 population for Clayton in the not very dim distance.

Other speeches were made by H. B. Woodward, Chas. Suthers, G. C. Smith and Fulgencio C. de Baca. The principle point in Mr. Woodward's talk was the putting of the school and city records into the form of permanent public record.

Dyche Re-modeling Shop

Dyche's barber shop is being re-modeled this week to make room for one more barber chair in the establishment. The bath room is being moved back 12 feet. New mirrors and the latest in hot and cold water lavatories are being installed. The shop will have a force of four barbers instead of three.

W. O. W. Will Celebrate

Local W. O. W. folks are planning a jollification at the K. P. hall February 22, to commemorate the coming into the world of Geo. Washington. John Spring, who is on the arrangement committee, says there will be a banquet, music and a grande hop and perhaps other things. The affair is for the members of the order and their families.

H. Herzstein Put Salesman on Road

W. L. Franklin left Sunday on his initial trip as sales representative for the H. Herzstein Seed Co. Mr. Franklin's territory will comprise New Mexico and part of Arizona.

Capt. Snyder Will Bring in Cattle

Capt. T. S. Snyder will leave the first of the week for Tularosa, N. M., to return with a bunch of 200 heifers which he intends to put on the Clayton market for disposal to local buyers.

For Sale Cheap, a child's bed. Call or phone The News.

FAMOUS SOCIALIST TO VISIT CLAYTON



EMIL SEIDEL

Local socialists have secured Mr. Seidel, former mayor of Milwaukee, to speak in Clayton Sunday evening January 30th.

DISTRICT COURT MAY DECIDE LI- CENSE ISSUE

Application of Albert Butler to County Clerk, Juan J. Duran for license to conduct a retail liquor business in Clayton was rejected Thursday by Mr. Duran. As grounds for not granting the license Mr. Duran has the opinion, or rather the absence of opinion of the District attorney who would not advise, according to Mr. Duran's statement, whether to issue the license or not to issue it. Inasmuch as the Board of County Commissioners had issued prior licenses and as Mr. Duran was not legally advised as to whether his act would have legal sanction or not—he played safe.

Through his attorneys, Toombs & Harris, Mr. Butler has made application for writ of mandamus which if granted will bring the matter before the district court and according to our information this being the first case of its kind in the state, may settle a series of controversies over the entire state which are said to have come from the same cause—that county clerks can legally issue liquor dealers' licenses.

The mandamus application had not been granted Saturday at noon. District Judge Lieb is in Mineral Wells, Texas, and it is necessary to go before Judge David Leahy, of Las Vegas, for sanction of the application.

Officer Holds Suspect

R. N. Knutsen and J. H. Knutsen were arrested Thursday night by Sheriff Crumley upon information from Stratford, Texas, which alleges that they had obtained money and merchandise under false pretenses. Two companions were arrested with them but were later released. Officer Crumley says they had a horse in their possession which according to his information had been sold by the Knutsens, they keeping both money and horse. Knutsen was trying to obtain his liberty Friday by wiring for release by his accusers.

Morris Johnson on Vacation

Morris G. Johnson left Sunday noon for Palm Beach, Florida, to be gone about six weeks on his first real vacation in 16 years. He will remain at the winter resort for 2 weeks and will visit nearly all the big eastern markets to buy stock for the Otto-Johnson firm.

Since Mr. Johnson first went into the harness as secretary-treasurer the establishment has steadily increased its stock, its quarters, the number of stores from the beginning of one to the present five and naturally the list of patrons has kept pace. Today the Otto-Johnson company ranks first in northeastern New Mexico.

The News wishes Mr. Johnson a good time on his vacation.

315 CARS SHIPPED FROM CLAYTON

From the figures of Traveling Freight Agent Sam Smith we learn that freight shipments from Clayton during the last year total the flattering sum of 315 cars. This means carlots, consisting mostly of grains—broom-corn and live-stock. On account of the advantage in rates Textline gets about half of the legitimate out-going shipments. Eliminating this condition, Clayton 1915 shipments, placed conservatively reach 600 cars.

Agricultural Commissioner Lamson for the Burlington lines visited Clayton Saturday on an inspection trip and volunteered the statement that his coming was at the personal direction of J. J. Hill, president of the lines. Mr. Lamson said that this would indicate the company spending some money for advertising in behalf of Union county.

UNION COUNTY'S FINEST BUILDING IS COMPLETED

Boge Construction Company Gives
the Mission Building into Mr.
Herzstein's Keeping.

The Boge Construction Company turned over the Mission building to M. Herzstein Tuesday evening complete and ready for occupancy except for the auditorium, for which the chairs are expected to arrive this week.

Few expected when work was started that M. Herzstein was setting the high mark in modern structure for northeast New Mexico and while Mr. Herzstein is an old timer in Clayton we feel it our sacred duty to announce again that he is "welcome to our city." Clayton is proud of the Mission and of the man who supplied the hard cash for its erection for such men are never members of the anvil chorus.

The News compliments the Boge Construction Company on its choice of a superintendent, W. A. Fowler, who made it his business to follow the plans and specifications if they "went out the window." Mr. Fowler employed local carpenters and told The News without solicitation that the local force not only proved competent but that they were men who "saved" the game.

Eight Arrested for Alleged Coal Stealing

"I am benevolent, but when I do the giving I want to see who gets the hand-out," so said Geo. Granville. Mr. Granville says coal from his bins has been disappearing with astonishing rapidity all winter and Thursday morning caused the arrest of seven boys and one adult as suspects who were haled before Justice L. W. Kingdom. Jose Casados and two sons, Napoleon and Leon, Elias Levato, Catarino Dominguez, Leonardo Duran, Fenestaro Casados, and Guadalupe Baca, the last named being dismissed. Whether the defendants are guilty or not will be determined at their hearing in the district court. The boys furnished bond for their appearance.

J. B. Duvall Charges Criminal Libel

Officer Lou Cash left Thursday noon for Mosquero with a warrant for the arrest of J. D. Davis, who is charged with criminal libel. J. B. Duvall of Mosquero, is the complainant, who alleges that Davis caused a slanderous article to be published in the Mosquero Sun. Miss Aurelia Trujillo, editor of the Sun, according to our information, will be made defendant in civil action at the hands of Duvall.

Cupid Shoots Threes

The month of January has been prosperous for friend Cupid. County Clerk Juan J. Duran has issued license to wed for three pairs of Clayton young folks this week. They are Hazel Marie Pembleton and John Amos Boyd, Stella Calles and Edward M. Crawford, and Myrtle Jones and Dewey Oldfield. These young folks have many friends in Clayton who wish them a happy and prosperous life.

Cambridge Players January 31st

Cambridge Players, third of the lyceum course attractions are billed for Monday night, January 31st. This company comes highly recommended. Their entertainment consists of sketches from Shakespeare's Macbeth, musical numbers and various stunts.

Dan Quinlan, an old Oklahoma friend of The News man who has a fine ranch on the Cimarron, attended to business in the city Monday. While here Dan boosted his subscription to the popular paper another year.

"SLATS" MAKES DEAL FOR FAMOUS TRIANGLE MOVIES

Rankin will secure "Damaged Goods"
If Patrons will Stand for the
Price.

Seats have arrived for the Dixie theatre and are being installed. The shippers, it seems, just tossed the seats into the freight car promiscuously and some of them were damaged which caused some delay in getting them placed in the auditorium.

Manager "Slats" Rankin made a special trip to Denver last week and closed a deal for the exclusive use of the famous "Triangle" photoplays in Clayton. These pictures are made under the direction of three of the world's most famous producers and the Triangle product is acknowledged the highest type of the silent drama. Raymond Hitchcock, Robert Mantell, Dorothy and Lillian Gish, Wm. S. Hart and dozens of other bright lights of the movie world are billed for Clayton at the Dixie each Friday night.

Manager Rankin is contemplating getting the nine reel feature, "Damaged Goods." This picture has taken every city by storm on account of its vigorous "punch" along moral lines. Press reports say it is most sensational but the motive so plain that the most fastidious are not disposed to censor it. "Slats" says the picture will cost him a cool \$100 for a single night and wants to get expression of his patrons relative to their standing the price it will cost per head to make the picture a break even proposition. "Slats" has been giving his patrons pictures that our haughty sister cities in every direction have not been able to boast and we hope Rankin will be able to make the "riffle" with "Damaged Goods."

Skating Party for the Kids

Upon the completion of Robt. W. Isaacs' brick implement sales-room "Uncle Bobby" will give an afternoon skating party for the kids. The youngsters will be allowed to cavort over a new cement floor to their heart's content. After the room has been stocked with implements a reception will be given for the older folks with cigars for the men and an appropriate present for each lady who attends.

Herzstein Goes on Buying Trip

Simon Herzstein is spending the week in Roswell and Amarillo on business. Mr. Herzstein left Saturday for Philadelphia, Boston, New York, to buy spring stock of his ready-to-wear store.