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Sheriff Young Just Escaped a Holdup

Sheriff J. R. Young, who returned yesterday from Colorado, bringing with him A. F. Strange, charged with forging a check on the First National bank of Herington, had rather an exciting experience last Friday night which brought him into pretty close contact with crime of a more spectacular nature than that charged against his prisoner.

Just three minutes after Al Buckley, a lone bandit, had held up the southbound Texas fast mail on the Colorado and Southern at Bessemer, a way station in the outskirts of Pueblo, only to be captured as he was making his escape, Sheriff Young's train pulled up on the siding at Bessemer. They had caught the robber by that time, but intense excitement prevailed among the passengers. More than fifty shots were exchanged. Mr. Young was informed, before Buckley surrendered to the officers. He states that it was common talk at Pueblo that the robber secured a much larger amount of booty than was reported in press dispatches, some claiming that he got as much as \$500. All money and valuables taken were restored to their owners. The prisoner, Strange, whom Mr.

Young brought back is now safely lodged in the county jail, where he will await trial at the next term of district court.

Sheriff J. R. Young left Thursday for Colorado, and rumor has it that when he returns he will not be unaccompanied. Mr. Young's destination is believed to be Trinidad.

A. F. Strange, formerly an employee of the city of Herington is under arrest at Trinidad, on the charge of forgery. Letters received by F. E. Munsell of the First National bank of Herington indicate that the Trinidad officers believe Strange a wholesale forger.

Strange left Herington about six weeks ago. Before he went B. L. Dreese cashed a check for him, given by a Mr. Potter of Shawnee, Okla., and drawn on a Shawnee bank. The check called for about \$28.75 and passed through the First National there. It later came back marked "forgery." Mr. Dreese asked County Attorney Rugh to issue a warrant for Strange and have him brought back here for trial, and it is understood the warrant has been issued.

Flack's Bondsmen Sued for Shortage

John A. Flack and his bondsmen, the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co., are made the defendants in two suits filed in the district court this morning by S. S. Smith, attorney for Ollie McDonald (see Luckenbaugh) and for W. C. Grigg, guardian of Harvey Luckenbaugh, a minor. Each of the plaintiffs asks for \$500.

The petitions recite that on February 27, 1906, John A. Flack was appointed by the probate court of Dickinson county the guardian of the

estate of Ollie and Harvey Luckenbaugh, who are brother and sister. It is alleged that during his guardianship Flack received for the estate sums aggregating \$2028.80, half of which, \$1014.40, is said to be due and unpaid. Flack gave bond in the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co. for \$1,000 Feb. 26, 1906. He continued as guardian of Harvey Luckenbaugh until Sept. 15, 1910, when W. C. Grigg was appointed in his place. The plaintiffs live in Navarre.

Herington Man Gone; He May Be Dead

Herington, Jan. 31.—Has Verne Hood, switchman, met with foul play, or has he simply deserted his family? This is the question the city officials have been asked to answer. In the absence of any evidence to the contrary the officials believe it is a case of desertion.

Hood's disappearance was reported by his wife and mother. The last seen of him was a week ago Monday night. According to the story told Mayor Murry and Marshal Ketcham by the wife and mother, Hood came home early in the evening and went to sleep on the couch. About twelve o'clock he was heard in the kitchen. The family thought he was getting something to eat and gave no further attention to the matter. The next morning he was gone and his whereabouts are as yet unknown.

The day previous to his disappearance, Hood cashed a check for \$60,

half of which he gave to his wife and then went up town presumably to pay some bills. One party has been found who said Hood told him Monday that he had been paying his bills and had but 65 cents left. About one o'clock Tuesday morning, a man answering the description was seen in a restaurant here. Marshal Ketcham has been unable to find out whether or not Hood left on any of the night trains. From the information he has the marshal is not inclined to believe that Hood met with foul play.

Hood is a small man and is about 30 years of age. He has lived here four or five years, coming to Herington from Abilene. He was once in the employ of the city. Mrs. Hood says that there was no family trouble and she cannot readily reconcile herself to the belief that her husband abandoned her and his two children.

merchant said yesterday, "and butter at 25 cents. That is country butter. This is much cheaper than what we bought them at last year at this time, but because of the unusually good weather the farmers have been bringing all of their produce to town and we have always had fresh goods on hand."

The case of eggs is the same as with butter. There is too much of it in storage and the farmers in this vicinity have continued to make enough almost to supply the local market.

A reason for the slow sale of butter which has been advanced is that many families used oleomargarine and butterine last year when butter sold from 25 to 40 cents per pound and have never changed back.

J. W. Young Better.
J. W. Young, who has been down with a gripe is much better. His father, Charles Young, is very low and it is feared he will not recover.

NEW PROBLEM OF DEFENSE



Will They Fortify the Panama Canal from Aeroplane Attacks?

Carbolic Acid Aids Stranger to Die

A man about fifty years of age, well dressed in a grey suit, and with a hat bought in Denver, Colo., was found dead about 11:30 this morning under a cattle chute at the stock yards west of town.

By his side was a twoounce bottle marked carbolic acid, bearing the label of the Palace Drug store. The bottle was nearly empty. The man, who is a total stranger here, bought the acid between three and four o'clock yesterday afternoon, saying he wanted it for a wash, to be used for a horse with a sore shoulder.

The man was discovered by Dick Sedberry and Russ Low, who claim Clifton, exas, as their home. They first noticed a man lying under the cattle chute about 8 o'clock this morning and passed by thinking he might be asleep. Later they saw him in the same position, flat on his stomach, with his arms crossed

under his face. They then called Chas. and Floyd Buchanan who were nearby. The under sheriff and county physician were summoned and the body removed to the Elcholtz undertaking rooms.

Dr. Chaffee, the coroner, was summoned, from Talmage, and an inquest was being held at the hour of going to press. Every indication points to suicide.

There is no clue to the man's identity. He was about 5 feet 4 inches tall and weighed about 150 pounds, had sandy hair and mustache, otherwise smooth shaven. He wore a button bearing the name of the American Accident Insurance Co. of Lincoln, Neb. He had lost his first finger of his left hand. On his person were found a cheap watch, and about \$13 in money.

A telegram has been sent to Lincoln in the hope of learning the man's identity.

C. W. Holland, who has a penchant for preserving interesting old keepsakes, exhibited to the Reflector a letter written by his uncle, Samuel Swortwood, formerly of Manchester and now residing in Longford, to his father, Charles Holland, dated March 25, 1859. The letter is an interesting witness to the great changes that have taken place in fifty years.

Keeps Men Smiling

The consciousness of a bank account that affords opportunity for judicious investment and a competency for old age, keeps men smiling, even in the face of calamity.

Don't say you can't have a bank account because your salary is small, but bring a dollar to this bank today, open a savings account and add to it each week, a stated portion of your salary and you will be surprised what you'll have in a year from now.

Abilene National Bank

Abilene, Kansas

Real Estate Mortgages, Bonds—If you desire a safe investment in Real Estate Mortgages or Bonds you are invited to call and obtain full information.

Legislative Mill Continues to Work

The railroads are centering their fight upon the administration public utilities bill, introduced in the house by the speaker, G. H. Buckman, and in the senate by Senator Fred H. Quancy. The bill is now in the hands of the house judiciary committee and the senate committee on railroads. It and the other utility bills introduced are being considered by the committees, and it may be a week or more before any report is sent back. In the meantime, the representatives of the railroads are doing all in their power to defeat the administration bill. Three representatives of the railroads, Paul Walker, of the Rock Island; W. R. Smith, of the Santa Fe, and J. G. Sloaner, upon invitation appeared before the senate railroad committee, and expressed their sentiments as to the different measures under consideration by the committee.

Kansas Democrats have taken a hand in the New York senatorial fight. Democratic members of the senate telegraphed a request to Gov. John A. Dix, of New York, that he use his influence in the interests of decency in the senatorial contest now in progress in New York, and do what he can to bring about the election of a progressive Democrat. The message of the Kansas Democratic senators was a slap at Wm. F. Sheehan, the leading candidate in the New York senatorial race at the present time, who is an avowed candidate of the interests of Tammany hall.

The judiciary committee of the house held an important session to consider the various public utility legislation wanted. After a lengthy and in some instances a heated conference, the committee agreed to recommend the administration bill for passage. But one amendment is made to the bill, and that is the "home rule for home utilities" idea. In the senate it is understood that the administration bill has been swatted into submission, and that a public utility bill drawn by some member of that body will be reported. What effect this cross action will have on the ultimate passage of a utility bill of any description, is purely a matter of conjecture.

Kerr of Montgomery county has a bill in the house that is directed against the child labor law as applied to theatres. He believes that any law that turns a child of talent from the stage when properly safe-

guarded is an injustice. In his bill he would prohibit the employment or training of children for any line of work that is hazardous, and he names acrobatic feats and contortionist stunts, and wrestling and trick bicycle riding. He would also do away with the custom of allowing children to beg on the streets or pick rags. But he wants it understood that there is nothing in his bill that prohibits children from taking part in any musical concert or theatre that has the sanction of the city officials. Kerr, by the way, runs several moving picture shows in Southern Kansas and the state law will not let him hire talented children to sing in his shows, even though their parents come to the theatre to look after them.

The committee on judiciary has reported the bill by Davis of Iowa providing for four year terms for state officers favorably to the house. It will likely be passed by the house. There has been a lot of discussion over the state lately in favor of the four year term and limiting officers to one term. Mr. Davis was ahead of the time when he introduced this measure two years ago and only got it out of committee by a minority report. This session sentiment has changed to his idea of the question.

J. E. House: So far, no man can foresee what is going to happen in the way of legislation. The house has run away from Stubbs, and the Democrats and standpatters are in control. Stubbs is a wonderful rabble-rouser, but he probably is the poorest tactician who ever sought to lead a political party. When the house convened two years ago he had 110 votes in that body. When the session closed his followers were in the minority. He had a bare majority when the present session convened, and has already scattered it to the four winds. Lamberton, of Brown, who is accredited to a square deal constituency, and who was made speaker protem, with the approval of the administration forces, already is off the reservation, and is assisting the standpatters and Democrats in their manipulation of the gaff. One insurgent senator, discouraged with the outlook for the administration measures, carried the standpatters a proposition to pass the necessary appropriation measures and go home. Veatch, of Washington, made a speech on the floor of the house Thursday, in which he suggested the same thing.

GOOD SHOWING MADE.

Dickinson County Building and Loan Association Prosperous.

Our semi-annual statement appears in this issue of the Reflector. We are a little more than five years old, and in that time have grown from a small sprout to a thrifty young sapling. We have matured and paid promptly to the persistent holders, a few of our earliest certificates, which proves that our plan is sound. We have made seventy-two loans, which means that that number of people have been helped to secure homes or other property of their own, and our demand for loans has always been far in excess of our sources of supply.

Abilene is just now entering upon a new era of growth and development; we are ambitious to keep step with the procession, and we want every person in this community, and especially the wage earners and parents with children to educate, who can spare even no more than a dollar a month to start a savings account with us. We pay 6 per cent interest, semi-annually, on certificates of deposit of any amount, and our installment certificates, if carried to maturity, yield an increase based upon a rate of 8 per cent compounded. Office over Farmers National Bank. The Dickinson County Building & Loan Association.

GO TO WORK OR GO TO JAIL!

Court Says Allen Must Support His Family.

One Allen, initials "N. G."

according to evidence placed before the probate court this morning, entirely worthy of them, is in a dilemma. He must either go to work and contribute to the support of his family, or else go to jail and pay a fine of \$200.

Allen was brought before Judge Anderson this morning charged with failure to support his family. The evidence showed that Allen was in the habit of spending long intervals away from home, and that he sent his wife no money. When about of funds he would return to Abilene to the bosom of his family, and, although able-bodied, would do no work, depending on his wife for his living. Mrs. Allen, it was stated, was obliged to take in washing to maintain the family.

Allen did not deny the charges, but pleaded that he had money and would do better. He was fined \$200 and returned to sixty days in jail, sentence and fine being suspended on condition that he pay \$10 to his wife on the first of each month hereafter.

This is the first case of its kind that has come up in the probate court of Dickinson county.

Announcement.

I wish to announce to the public that I have resigned my position with Hodge Bros. with the intention of opening an exclusive plumbing and heating establishment on West Third street about Feb. 10th.

The business will be conducted under the firm name of Abilene Plumbing and Heating Co. Further announcements later.

A. L. SEHLMAN, Manager.