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SIX HOMES ENTERED BY BAREFOOT BURGLARS

Barnett, Glafke, Desmond, Richards, Hynds and Burgess Residences Visited Last Night---Police Arrest Three Negroes

Wholesale burglaries in which five residences of the city were entered or attempts made to enter, occurred last night, rings, watches, wine, food-stuffs and jewelry to the value of about \$100 being secured.

Two negroes, George Woods and Joe Pierson, are in jail charged with the crime, and the police have strong evidence that they are the guilty parties.

At the Will Barnett residence, 1909 House street, the greatest amount of plunder was secured and Mrs. Maupin, who stays there and was aroused by the noise made by the burglar, was knocked senseless when she attempted to grapple with the intruder. The burglars secured five bottles of wine from the cellar, a gold locket, and a gold bracelet. They had also gone under the pillow of Mrs. Maupin and taken four valuable diamond rings and a diamond pin, but in their haste to get away after being discovered, these were strewn over the floor.

At the home of Mr. Richards on West O'Neil street they secured a gold watch. This also was dropped at the Barnett residence in their hurry to escape.

At the J. E. Glafke residence, 2422 Ferguson street, they entered the back shed kitchen and ransacked the ice box, taking a supply of provisions with them.

Unsuccessful attempts were also made to enter the homes of Dr. L. P. Desmond, at 314 West Twenty-third street, John Hynds, at 514 West Twenty-fourth street, and at the home of Dr. Burgess, 2322 Ferguson street, but were scared away by the doctor, who was awakened.

All by Same Men, Barefoot.

The stunt seems to be the work of the same men, as in all cases the burglars were in their barefeet. At the Barnett residence, the only place where the intruder was seen, he was described as a colored man, and in other places where the would-be robber was detected and talked with the occupants of the houses, his voice was described as a negro's. He also seemed to be well acquainted with the parties, as at both the doctor's residences he called them by name.

As soon as the robberies were reported to the police, Night Sergeant Hawkins and Policeman Kohle, accompanied by Will Barnett in his auto, started out on a search of the colored residence district. About twenty-five colored men were brought up and two were held as the guilty parties.

At the Barnett residence the burglars entered by prying the screen out of the back window. They searched the room in which Mr. Barnett and his wife were sleeping and then passed through the bath rooms to the room occupied by Mrs. Maupin. As he was taking the jewelry from under her pillow, she was awakened and jumped out of bed to grapple with the intruder. As she started for him, she called loudly to Mr. Barnett, when the burglar struck her and knocked her back on the bed helpless. Will arrived on the scene just in time to see the fellow's heels go out the window of Mrs. Maupin's bed room.

Got Watch at Richards'.

At the Richards' home on O'Neil street, they entered through a window and secured the watch which was dropped at the Barnett residence.

At the Glafke place, they entered by cutting a slit in the screen that surrounds the back porch, opening the door and entering through that. They secured some butter, meat and other eatables here, and left without disturbing the occupants, who were sleeping in the front of the house. At the Hynds place they were frightened away just after they had attempted to enter through a window which they had pried open.

At the Dr. Desmond residence the parties appeared and demanded that Mrs. Desmond open the door and let them in. She refused to do so, asking them what they wanted. They refused to tell her, but one said she need not be afraid, that he was Big George, who worked for Talbot and would not hurt her. She still refused to open the door, and the doctor, who was aroused by this time, frightened them away.

At the Burgess place the intruder entered through a door which had not been locked, after he had pried up a window and propped it open. The doctor heard him and called, when the

burglar ran through the door and slammed it shut after him. Before going he remarked to the doctor that he should not leave his doors unlocked at night.

Two Under Arrest.

The two men arrested for the crimes are Joe Pierson, a colored laborer at the fort, and Geo. Woods, a well known character about town. Pierson claimed when arrested that he was home and in bed at 9 p. m., but the officers have already secured evidence that he was out much later than he claimed. His wife refuses to talk about the affair and claims not to know when he did get home, but other negroes are ready to swear that they were drinking with him about 12 o'clock, and it was shortly after this that the first robbery occurred.

Woods, the other man, has been in police court on several previous occasions, having been charged with several robberies, but always managed to escape punishment. When taken at his home 1609 Bent street, he was without shoes, and claimed that they had been stolen from him. A search of the house, however, discovered the shoes hid in the stove. Part of the wine was also recovered and identified as that which was stolen from the Barnett residence.

The police believe that others were interested in the robberies and are working on clues to discover more of the supposed gang that is operating in the city.

Feet Fit the Tracks.

Walter Minor, another colored man who was known to be with Woods late last night after he claimed to be at home, has been held on suspicion. Woods, after being confronted by two of the victims of his robbery, and being identified, and having his bare feet exactly fitted into the tracks around the houses, even to the peculiar bunion on one of his feet, finally confessed his part in the robbery, and gave up the plunder he had in his possession. Woods claims to have been alone in the work, but the police are of the opinion that the other two will be proven equally guilty when it comes to trial.

LOCK MAN IN BOX CAR AND COMMIT ASSAULT ON WIFE

Albuquerque, N. M., June 26.—Florence Pfeiffer was arrested here today and placed under a \$12,000 bond for a preliminary hearing, charged with being one of the two men who assaulted Mrs. Goldie Majorbanks in a lonely spot in the foothills east of the city while her husband was locked in a box car in the railway yards.

Feeling is at a high pitch and lynching is freely talked of. The woman, 23 years old, is in a critical condition. The couple were coming in on a freight train from San Marcial and got off in the lower yards, when they were accosted by two men pretending to be policemen. At the point of a gun they locked the husband in a box car and saying they were going to put the woman in jail, took her to an old powder magazine in the sand hills and maltreated her. Half dead with fright and her injuries, the woman ran to the telegraph office in the yards and told her story. The husband was soon located and liberated, raving like a lunatic when he saw what had happened to his wife.

Pfeiffer is a former Santa Fe railroad policeman, discharged some time ago. Officers are on the trail of his partner.

SENATOR DOLLIVER TO COME

Iowa Senator One of the Many Big Attractions at the Chautauqua the First of August.

The many Iowa people of this community will be pleased to learn that Senator Dolliver is to be one of the principle speakers at our Chautauqua. The stalwart senator has been doing some strong work in the senate recently and has awakened the interest of almost the whole nation by his fearless attack on Aldrich and his methods.

We are sure when Dolliver comes that Cheyenne will turn out en masse to hear him.

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SAY HE PAWNED DIAMONDS

Police Declare Now That Robbery Was the Motive for the Murder of Mrs. Woodhill.

St. Michaels, June 26.—Robbery as a motive for the murder of Mrs. Edith Thompson Woodhill is now advanced by the police who say they have evidence that Robert Eastman, who killed himself when sought for the crime, pawned valuable diamonds in Baltimore following the murder, receiving \$500.

Church Refuses Burial.

St. Michaels, Md., June 26.—Without ceremony the body of Robert E. Eastman, alias "Lame Bob" Eastman, stockbroker, who was at first believed to be Emmett E. Roberts, attorney, who murdered Mrs. May Edith Thompson Woodhill and then killed himself, was buried here this afternoon at the expense of Talnot county.

No church would permit his burial in its church yard and the body was buried on the man's own land.

Eastman Says Woman Did It.

The text of a letter written by Robert Eastman to his wife Winnie Bradcombe, was made public this morning. It says Eastman, Mrs. Woodhill and two other men and two women went to Eastman's bungalow for a "time."

Mrs. Woodhill paid attentions to another man and a jealous woman struck her with a wine bottle, killing her. Eastman was left alone with the body and, fearing trial, decided to kill himself. He asked his wife to come and take possession of his property, consisting of twenty-two acres and the bungalow.

MORE TIME IS GRANTED TO WRIGHT BROTHERS

Washington, June 26.—An extension of thirty days in the time accorded the Wright brothers to complete their contract to furnish an aeroplane to the war department was made by the department today. This action was taken upon application of the inventors. The time in which they were to comply with the army tests would have expired June 28.

The Wright brothers stated in their application that they did not think they would need more than ten days additional time, but in order to avoid the possible necessity of asking for a further extension, the request was made for thirty days.

SNAKE SKINS TO TWINE KNEES OF GIRL FADDISTS

Richmond, Va., June 26.—The new fad of Virginia girls has put a price upon the head of vertebrates, for the brilliant skin of the garter snake is now to be utilized for its legitimate purpose of supporting the open-work hosiery of Virginia beauties.

Exactly where and when the fad originated appears not to be known, but jewelers have found it to be worth their while to prepare the skins of snakes to be used as bows and buckles on women's garters. The snakes are being killed as fast as they make their appearance after their winter hibernation.

Many men are beating the woods as a summer business, slaying reptiles of proper size and coloring to grace the pretty knees of Virginia women. Dealers in this necessary adjunct to apparel of women say that there is a growing demand for garter snake adornment.

U. P. WILL BEAUTIFY ROAD

Plans to Make Road Bed a Flower Garden Continuous for 2,000 Miles.

Union Pacific officials are about to inaugurate a gigantic campaign for beautifying the right of way of the road from one end to the other, that will be the greatest landscape gardening feat ever accomplished by any company. It is the plan of the officials to plant flowering shrubs and grasses along the entire right of way from the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean, a distance of 2,000 miles. This will be done in order to give passengers on their through trains a taste of true beauty, and relieve the monotony of hill and plain. A competent landscape gardener will be employed to lay out and tend the grounds between stations, and the right of way in a few years will be one continuous flower garden.

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CORPORATION TAX PLAN GOES TO SENATE

President's Amendment-Proof Measure for Taxing Incomes Now in Congress May Be Taken up Monday

Washington, D. C., June 26.—President Taft's much heralded corporation tax plan was presented to the senate by Senator Aldrich. If schedules are completed by Monday the amendment will be taken up.

In general form the measure follows the outline heretofore published. As drafted by Attorney General Wickersham and Senator Root the measure is intended to be amendment proof and an effort will be made to put it through congress unchanged. It is designated "The Taft Plan."

The plan imposes a tax of two per cent upon the net earnings of every corporation, joint stock company or association organized for profit and having a capital stock represented by shares, and every insurance company in any state or district or organized under the laws of any foreign country, and engaged in business within the United States.

Every latitude is given to concerns for exemption of expansion, cost of maintenance, depreciation of property, debts and the interest thereon, other forms of taxation and all expenditures usually taken from carrying accounts. Every corporation is also given an exemption of \$5,000 of earnings before the tax shall apply.

All machinery relating to the collection, remission and refund of internal revenue taxes is made applicable to the corporation tax and the responsibility for the enforcement of the proposed law rests with the commissioner of internal revenue in the same manner as other internal taxes.

While the corporation are required to supply intimate information relating to their business, provision is made to safeguard them against wrongful use of data obtained for the purpose of assessing the tax. Penalties are provided in cases of false or fraudulent returns.

Practically every character of incorporated institution organized for profit is brought within the provisions of the tax. The provision defining the

SIX BIG FIRMS BIDDING ON "Q" EXTENSION

Engineers in Field at Kirby and Material for Trackage Is Arriving by the Trainload ---Will Begin at Once

Thermopolis, Wyo., June 26.—Six of the largest railroad construction companies in the United States have been represented in Thermopolis this week by men who are figuring on building the Burlington road from Kirby to this city and on through the cañon to connect with the Northwestern a short distance west of Shoshoni.

The firms bidding on the work are: McArthur Bros. of New York, who have recently bought the Kilpatrick outfit and added it to their already extensive equipment and who are represented here by F. C. Hitchcock, D. Madden and George Penglas; Maney Bros., bankers and railroad contractors of Oklahoma City, represented by John Maney and E. J. Wells, the former a member of the firm; Phelan & Shirley of Omaha, represented by M. Shirley, Winston Bros. of St. Paul, represented by W. O. Winston and G. O. Foss; A. Guthrie & Co. of Minneapolis, represented by Charles Pfollett; McShane Bros., the well known contractors and railroad builders, represented by J. H. McShane. The importance of the work may be judged by the character of the firms that have been asked to bid on it.

A camp of surveyors has been established at the Kirby end of the line and will have the grade stakes ready for the builders on their arrival. Many train loads of ties and other material are arriving there, and the work will be pushed as rapidly as men, money and energy can do it.

T. E. Calvert, chief engineer of the whole C., B. & Q. system, came in today on a trip of inspection and supervision of the work, and will remain a short time until the plans are fully settled and the engineers have the matter well in hand. He is accompanied by A. L. Hoagland of Lincoln, who will have general supervision of the construction.

KENTUCKY STILL WET

Whiskey State Resolves to be Garden Spot for Liquor Interests Driven Out Elsewhere.

Louisville, Ky., June 26.—Through resolutions adopted by Louisville's chief commercial organization Wednesday and Thursday, Kentucky has decided to open her doors to the liquor interests of the United States. Particularly was an invitation issued to plants in the prohibition states of the south which will have to move out shortly, notably Tennessee.

Both the Commercial club and the board of trade adopted resolutions against state wide prohibition. Telegrams by the hundreds from the smaller Kentucky cities' most prominent men have poured into the business men's clubs endorsing the resolutions and pledging themselves to see that local option is not extended to the entire state.

WYOMING AND UTAH PRODUCE \$25,000 IN OIL PER YEAR

A bulletin by the United States geological survey gives the production of petroleum in Wyoming and Utah, the two states being combined in the statistical table, as 9,339 barrels in 1907, of the value of \$21,883, an average price per barrel of \$2.343. In 1908 the production in the two states amounted to 17,775 barrels, valued at \$27,920, an average price per barrel of \$1.57.

FORMER LARAMIE MAN KILLS HIMSELF IN COLORADO

Special to The Tribune.

Laramie, Wyo., June 26.—Word reached this city yesterday afternoon of the death by suicide, at Oak Hills, Colo., of Albert Severson, formerly a resident of this city and the brother of Mrs. Ole Peterson of Pine street. Mr. Severson once owned property here, but went first to Kremmling, Colo., and later to Oak Hills, where he engaged in the saloon business. He was a native of Norway.

concerns from which the tax will be collected follows:

"That every corporation, joint stock company or association, organized for profit and having a capital stock represented by shares, and every insurance company, now or hereafter organized under the laws of the United States or any state or territory of the United States or under the acts of congress applicable to Alaska or the District of Columbia or organized under the laws of any foreign country and engaged in business in any state or territory of the United States or in Alaska or in the District of Columbia, shall be subject to pay annually a special excise tax with respect to the carrying on or doing business by such corporation, joint stock company, association or insurance company, equivalent to two per centum upon the entire net income, over and above five thousand dollars, received by it from all sources during such year, exclusive of amounts received by it as dividends upon stock or other corporations, joint stock companies subject to the tax hereby imposed, or if organized under laws of any foreign country upon the amount of net income over and above five thousand dollars, received by it from business transacted and capital invested within the United States and its territories, Alaska and the District of Columbia, during such year exclusive of amounts so received by it as dividends upon stock of other corporations, joint stock companies or associations, or insurance companies subject to the tax hereby imposed.

"Such net income shall be ascertained by deducting from the gross amount of the income of such corporation, joint stock company or association or insurance company from all sources.

Local collectors will transmit the returns to the commissioner of internal revenue at Washington.

"Upon evidence justifying the opinion that the return is incorrect, or whenever insufficient or no return has been made the commissioner is empowered to designate any regularly appointed revenue agent to examine the books or papers of such corporation in order to produce the information required, for the purpose of assessing the tax. The commissioner is authorized also to invoke the aid of any United States court to require the attendance of such officers or employees and the production of books and papers. Upon this information the commissioner may amend any return or make a return."

If any corporation subject to the tax refuses or neglects to make a return in the manner required or shall make a false or fraudulent return it is liable to a penalty of not less than \$1,000 and not exceeding \$10,000. When any person authorized by law to make or to verify a return, shall make a false or fraudulent statement for the purpose of evading the assessment he becomes liable to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or a prison sentence of not more than one year, or both.

"TIL" ASHFORD, NEGRO LEADER, SHOT TO DEATH

Killed in Front of His Saloon at 7 o'clock This Morning By Negro With Whom He Had Fought

T. W. (Til) Ashford, a negro saloon keeper and politician, is dead as the result of gunshot wounds inflicted by the hand of Harry Allen, another negro who has been selling hot tamales on the street. The latter is in jail charged with the murder.

The shooting occurred this morning about 7 o'clock on West Seventeenth street while both men were under arrest for fighting in the Ashford saloon. Five shots were fired, three taking effect. All were fired while Ashford was running down the street in an effort to escape. At the fifth shot he fell and was unable to get up, though he tried several times. The slayer, when he had finished his work, made no effort to escape but quietly surrendered to Officers Kohle and Henderson who were on the scene at once. All three of the bullets entered Ashford's body from the back and went entirely through. He died in less than half an hour.

Trouble Started Over Dog.

The trouble started in Ashford's saloon across the street from the police station on Seventeenth street, where Allen had gone to buy a drink. He had a little dog with him in the saloon, and this animal jumped onto the bar of the saloon, sitting scratching the counter. Ashford went across the street to the police station to get an officer for the purpose of forcing Allen to pay for the damage done his bar by the dog. Officer Henderson went over and tried to settle the trouble. In the dispute that arose, Ashford called Allen a liar, and Allen struck Ashford in the face with his fist. Henderson stepped between the two men, but the fight continued, the officer receiving several blows, and Allen coming out with a badly cut face and otherwise beaten up. Henderson took Allen across the street to the police station and left him in care of Policeman Morgan. He then went over after Ashford.

Got Gun Instead of Doctor.

While Henderson was after Ashford, the policeman told Allen to go out and see a doctor about his injured eye, he having two other prisoners in the cell whom he could not leave. Instead of going for a doctor, Allen made a straight run for his home on O'Neil street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, where he got his gun, a new army 38 Colts, and came back to the Ashford saloon.

Ashford in the meantime had returned to his saloon and Officer Henderson had started out after Allen again. Allen came in the back of the saloon with the gun and Ashford ran for the front door.

Ashford started to run east on Seventeenth street and Allen opened fire on him. The first shot seemed to take effect, as he staggered and continued his fight with difficulty. Four more shots were fired in quick succession, and at the fifth Ashford fell on the sidewalk, hardly 100 feet from his saloon. Allen snapped the gun again while Ashford was on the sidewalk, but all the loads had been fired. By this time the officers had arrived and he delivered his gun and was taken to the station where he was turned over to the county authorities.

Officers Were Near.

At the time of the shooting Night Sergeant Hawkins, Policeman Kohle and the remainder of the night force were out after the Barnett burglars leaving only Kohle and Morgan at the station. Henderson had started toward the saloon and Kohle had just returned. At the first shot they ran across the street, reaching Allen just as the last shot was fired. Both officers covered the murderer with their guns and Kohle commanded him to hand over his weapon.

Allen quietly turned the muzzle of the smoking revolver to the sidewalk and Kohle took it and his prisoner to the station, while Henderson turned his attention to Ashford, assisting him into the Barnett automobile which hurried him to the St. John's hospital.

There were probably half a dozen pedestrians on the street in line of the

shooting and they scattered in every direction.

Ashford Knew His Death.

Ashford realized that he was fatally shot and the last words he spoke conveyed that information to the officers. Allen, when told that Ashford was dead or dying, became frightened and expressed sorrow at his action. He also stated that he supposed he would hang for it. Allen had been drinking and was under the influence of liquor at the time of the shooting. When being held at the station before leaving with the apparent purpose of going to the doctors, he stated that had he known that Ashford was going to fight, he would not have allowed himself to be beaten up as he was, but that he would have killed him. This purpose evidently possessed him to such an extent that he carried out his threat.

Tilford W. Ashford, the murdered man, was born in Savannah, Mo., in February, 1862. He learned the trade of a barber and moved to Omaha, going from that city to Rock Creek, Wyo., before the railroad went through there, later going to Denver, and coming to Cheyenne in 1884, residing here ever since. For ten years he followed the profession of a barber, and conducted one of the most up-to-date saloons in Cheyenne for that time. About 1894 he entered the saloon business and has conducted a saloon ever since, recently forming a partnership with W. M. Davis, running a business at the place where the trouble started this morning.

Was Political Boss.

Ashford was considered a leader among the colored people of Cheyenne, and many politicians looked to him to deliver the bulk of the colored vote on election days. This he had been fairly successful in accomplishing, and had gained the reputation of being a political boss. He was also high up in colored Masonic circles, being prominent in lodge work, and the colored Masons here will have charge of his funeral.

He was possessed of many good qualities and never drank himself, though engaged in the saloon business. He had many friends even among the white people, but his saloon has born a bad reputation for some time. It is the same saloon where a few days ago a negro named Goings was shot by his companion, and where several crap games have been raided. Ashford himself was under bonds to appear in court on the charge of gambling with eight other negroes who were caught in the saloon.

Allen Well Known.

Allen, who did the shooting, is a well known character about town, having been engaged in selling hot tamales and sandwiches about the streets. He has had trouble on several occasions, though not of a serious nature, and aside from having the reputation of using liquor and cocaine to excess, was not counted dangerous.

Ashford leaves a wife and three children, the oldest, Eunice, being a girl of 14; Tilford, a boy of 10, and Gerald, a baby of 11 months. He has resided at 606 East Nineteenth street, and his wife is a prominent member of the Searchlight club that entertained the Federated Colored Women's Clubs of Colorado and Wyoming here this week.

Ashford had attained the 33rd degree in colored Masonry and his funeral, which will be held from the A. M. E. church at a date not yet set, will be conducted by the colored Masons. He was a brother of William Ashford, the barber.

NEW NOTARY PUBLIC.

George W. Bremer of Egbert, who has been visiting in Cheyenne for a time, has just received his commission as notary public from the governor's office.

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LACK OF FARM HANDS MAKES HIGH PRICES, SAYS WILSON

Washington, June 26.—James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, following a trip through the West, says the lack of farm hands causes the high prices of food stuffs.

"All through the west and north-west, the same situation exists," said Secretary Wilson. "The country is healthy and prosperous and thousands of acres of valuable land are lying idle because there is no one to work it."

"The wages paid in these states equal the wages paid in the large cities. Most of the immigrants who land on our shores flock to the big cities and none of those who have done farming in his own country is able to farm here because he knows nothing of modern machinery.

"The prices of grain and vegetables therefore, are bound to be high and with staples high, meat is bound to be high also."