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CLEVER SWINDLER IS NOW LODGED IN JAIL

Was Writing Insurance Illegally in This County.

Claimed to be a Special Representative of the Great Lloyds Company, of London, England.

Another slick swindler, who gives his name as "Joe Gibson" is behind the bars of the Grant county jail, face to face with the grim-eyed law. Gibson, who is a man about 55 years old, with almost snow white hair and mustache, has been operating in this section of country for several weeks past, posing as an agent for the great insurance company Lloyds, of London, England, and his business has been that of writing insurance upon high class registered horses and cattle, particularly horses, with a fondness for racing stock and breeding stallions.

Lloyds is one of the oldest and best known of the companies handling this class of insurance, and as the rates quoted by Gibson were considerably lower than ordinary he had little difficulty in finding plenty of business. He explained this low rate by saying that he was a special salaried representative of the company, direct from London, and his price represented the Lloyds' net rate, exclusive of brokers' commissions, etc.

He wrote a number of policies in Lancaster and vicinity, including horses for Joe McCoy, Sheriff W. B. Dyer, Cardy and others, collecting at once, the premiums in most cases averaging \$25 and \$50 from each patron.

On May 6th he went from here to Cassville, thence to Dubuque, Cuba City and Platteville. Suspicion was aroused here over some of his actions and the question arose as to whether or not he was authorized by the state to write insurance in Wisconsin, as required by law. McCoy and Dyer, each acting without the other's knowledge, made inquiry at the state capital and found no such authority or license had been granted, and Sheriff Dyer received orders from the state authorities for Gibson's arrest.

He was accordingly arrested at Platteville Wednesday and brought here, but examination was postponed and he was not committed, but allowed to go to the Wright house for the night.

At about 2:30 Thursday morning Gibson quietly dressed and quitted the hotel, walking to Stitzer, where he secured a team and driver to take him to Fennimore to catch the early train on the narrow gauge road. He did not leave there by train, however, but hired a team, without a driver, and drove to Boscobel, where he crossed the Wisconsin river and proceeded to Prairie du Chien.

After his disappearance from here Sheriff Dyer phoned in all directions a description of Gibson and asked for his arrest. Sheriff Harris at Prairie du Chien located his man in the Commercial hotel Thursday night but delayed the arrest for further developments. Gibson had left a call for 4:30 o'clock at the hotel, saying he was going north on the early morning train.

About 1 o'clock in the morning he left his room and came down into the office, saying he had dyspepsia and could not sleep, so he settled his bill and left the hotel. He went to the depot, where he purchased a ticket for St. Paul, and was standing along side the track north of the depot when he was arrested, just before the arrival of the north-bound Burlington train, about 2 o'clock a. m.

Deputy-sheriff Decker, of this county, arrived in Prairie du Chien that night and he took charge of the prisoner, bringing him to Lancaster on the noon train Friday. He was taken before Justice Burrows on Friday evening, where he waived examination and was bound over for trial at the October term of court in the sum of \$900 bail. He is now in jail and has nothing to say concerning his case.

When arrested he was searched and \$1680.50 in currency was found upon his person. The officers also found a large number of written applications representing policies he has sold since April 1, and he claims he has not sent any in to the company since that time.

Following his investigation of the company's right to do business in Wisconsin Mr. McCoy on Friday cabled to Lloyds, in London, asking whether or not such a man was in their employ and has received a

reply from them saying that he was not.

In issuing the policies as he has done it therefore appears that Gibson has not only been transacting an illegal insurance business in the state but has committed forgery as well in affixing false signatures to the policies. If such is the case he has placed himself in a very serious position, over which he will have plenty of time to ruminate behind the bars.

Stand by the Local Merchant.

The Iowa Farmer says: It pays to stand by the home dealer. The store in the small town may not be as large and pretentious as the department store in the community. Just think of the inconvenience that would result if the country store were wiped off the map. It affords a market for farm produce and enables the farmer to get his necessary food supplies right at his door. The storekeeper in a small town seldom makes much money. Just sit down and count up how many merchants even in county seat towns have been able to retire with a competency. Not many. There is nothing like the profits in mercantile transactions that most people imagine. We have in mind a farmer who had an idea that hardware men were getting rich and he traded a good farm for a big stock of hardware. He is now the most disgusted man you ever saw and would give anything if he could let go without too great a sacrifice. The country merchant deserves well of the community which he serves.

DARE-DEVIL BEACHY QUILTS THE FLYING GAME

Famous Aviator, Who Always Created Sensation in the Air Has Decided to Retire.

Lincoln Beachy the aviator who seems to have gloried in the title of "dare-devil manipulator" in fancy and trick flying and who has made many ascensions in Wisconsin and Iowa, announces that he has decided to quit the business forever. There have always been thrills a plenty when Beachy gave an exhibition and he seemed to have no fear of anything when he was in the air.

With Beachy at the Dubuque exhibition last summer was Charles Walsh, another Curtis aviator, who met death at Trenton, N. J., shortly after his appearance at Dubuque. It was while attempting one of Beachy's reverse spirals that Walsh fell and was killed. His wife blamed Beachy for the death of Walsh because of his ambition to imitate the former. Beachy in making the statement in California that he will fly no more, added that the only thing that drew the crowds to his exhibitions was desire to see something morbid happen—to pay to see him die.

It was often predicted that Beachy would be killed some day in one of his daring flights.

NEW MARRIAGE LAW MAY FOLLOW JOHNSON TRIAL

Testimony Will Be Used to Push National Legislation Prohibiting Miscegenation.

Chicago, Ill., May 14.—National legislation prohibiting miscegenation is expected to result from the conviction of Jack Johnson, negro champion prize fighter, of violation of the Mann act.

Representative Roddenberry of Georgia, who has introduced legislation in congress forbidding intermarriage of blacks and whites, Wednesday sent word to local federal officials asking for a transcript of the testimony of the case. Representative Roddenberry said he intended to use the story developed in the Johnson trial to show that relations between the races are impossible.

Johnson was crushed at the realization that the conviction might send him to prison. The negro said the prosecution had broke him financially and that he had spent about \$60,000 financing his defense. Johnson's attorney declared that if Judge Carpenter refused a new trial he would carry the case to the Supreme court.

Different Arrangements.

Chas. F. Austin and Mabel Dennis, both of Platteville.

Geo. C. Miller and Matilda Severson both of Boscobel.

Louis H. Cliff, Detroit, Mich., and Minnie C. Lange, Boscobel.

Will H. Redmond and Marie B. Burckhardt, both of Boscobel.

ELECTRIC BATTERIES DEAD AND ALIVE

How and Why These Useful Storages of Power Produce Supply of Electricity

The automobile stood beside the road, as automobiles are sometimes wont to do. The driver stood helpless, beside the car—as so many drivers do upon occasion.

"What's the matter?" asked a passing tourist as he slowed down to help a comrade in distress. "Can't crank her up," answered the helpless one. "Don't know what is the matter, either."

The tourist found the gasoline supply all right. He tested the spark plugs and found them dead.

"Magneto is out of business," said he, as he switched the ignition over on the batteries. "Batteries out too," he muttered.

With trained fingers he disconnected the little dry cell batteries under the driver's seat and replaced them with fresh batteries which he took from his tool box. When the crank was whirled the engine began to throb with power.

"Well, I'll be—" began the helpless one.

"No juice," explained the Good Samaritan. "Batteries wore out. Just a question of replacing them with new ones. Well, so long and better luck next time."

The helpless one could only stammer his thanks and marvel at the superior knowledge of the man who was fast fading from sight down the dusty turnpike.

Still puzzled the man picked up the worthless batteries and looked them over carefully. To all appearances they were just as good as new. He could see nothing the matter with them. Being of a frugal turn of mind he replaced them in his tool box and drove on.

The electric battery generates a supply of electricity by chemical action. It differs from the magneto, or dynamo, which generates electricity from mechanical energy supplied by the engine. When this chemical action ceases the supply of electricity ceases and the battery is worn out. So far as human eyes can see the battery is just as good as it ever was, but it will not produce any current worthy of the name.

All batteries consist of three essentials, the two metal plates and the chemical solution. The plates are called electrodes and the chemical is the electrolyte. Dry batteries are dry in name only. If they were absolutely dry, they would not work at all. The only difference between a dry battery and a wet battery is that in the former the electrolyte is in the form of a paste and in the latter it is a solution.

The action of all batteries is about the same, regardless of kind. The plates usually consist of zinc and copper, or zinc and carbon. The chemical may be diluted sulphuric acid, blue vitriol, or a number of other chemicals. This chemical solution attacks and destroys the zinc plate when the circuit is complete. When the circuit is broken the chemical action ceases and, consequently, no current flows. When the circuit is completed the chemical immediately attacks the metal plates. It eats up, or burns up the zinc plate. This action produces energy. Some of the energy is wasted in heat, some is changed into electrical energy which flows out over the wires to ignite the gasoline charge in the engine or to do other useful work for mankind, such as ringing the door bell, sending a telegram or carrying speech over the telephone wires.

When either of these metal plates is destroyed, or the chemical has so changed itself by combination with the metals that it will no longer attack the plates, the chemical action ceases. Therefore the electricity ceases to flow out and over the wires.

Ordinary battery cells soon polarize and cease to work. This means that the metal plates become covered with a film of insulation material, such as hydrogen gas, so the chemical action can not take place. This also stops the electric current. Numerous chemicals are put into batteries to offset this polarization. When these polarizing agencies cease to perform their duties, from becoming exhausted or otherwise, the battery will not work, even though the plates remain intact and, seemingly, are good as ever they were.

But there is no remedy for a worn out battery. Dry batteries are so encased and covered with insulation that it would absolutely destroy one to try to remove the plates. The job would not be worth the trouble. It is easier and cheaper to buy new batteries.

Herald Job Printing Pleases.

SENIOR CLASS OF 1913 WILL GRADUATE JUNE 6

Largest Class in History of Lancaster Schools.

A Total of Twenty-nine—Eight Boys and Twenty-one Girls Comprise the List of Members.

Lancaster is proud of its public schools. They rank high and are conducted by an efficient corps of teachers. The annual commencement exercises are important events and the classes large.

This year's senior class is composed of twenty-nine members, eight of whom are boys and twenty-one girls, as follows:

Classical Course—Genevieve Bennett, Leone Bryan, Vera Eastman, Helen Godfrey, Algie Marlow, Velma Richardson, Margaret Schreiner.

German Course—Mae Brockert, Lenora Edwards, Roy Fischer, Fred Henkel, Elgie Houghton, Lena Judd, Vera Ritchie, Ionia Roesch, Grace Walker.

English Course—Lela Bennett, Myrtle Boyes, Pearl Foland, Florence Heberlein, Vesta Johnson, Elma Knox, Elva Knox, Will Rowdon, Orville Trentzsch, Vera Trentzsch.

Commercial Course—Clyde Clanton, Fred Hall, Clarence Kelly.

The commencement exercises will be held at Hatch's opera house on Friday morning, June 6, commencing at 10 o'clock, with the following program:

Selection, Orchestra.

Invocation, The Rev. C. T. Beers.

Selection, Girls' Glee Club.

Oration, "The Essence of Heroism," Elva Knox.

Vocal solo, Lela Bennett.

Oration, "The Play's the Thing," Algie Marlow.

Violin Solo, Roy Fischer.

Address, Kenneth F. Burgess.

Selection, Girls' Glee Club.

Presentation of diplomas, Principal F. W. Traner.

Benediction, The Rev. C. A. Eastman.

Selection, Orchestra.

A play will be given by the Senior class at the opera house on Tuesday evening, June 3, entitled "The Freshman." It is said to be quite clever and the various participants included in the cast are now actively at work upon their parts.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rev. H. A. Studebaker, at the Congregational church, on Sunday evening, June 1.

The Junior Class—the class of 1914, will give a reception at Hatch's opera house on Friday evening June 6, at 8 o'clock, in honor of the Senior class, and this will be followed by the annual junior dance, to begin at 10 o'clock.

Baptist Church.

Rev. C. A. Eastman, Pastor
Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Big Grant Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.

There will be no services at the church on Sunday on account of the Union services.

Presbyterian Church.

Prof. Wm. C. Laube will be with us Sunday, May 25th.
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; English preaching 10:45 a. m. Also English preaching at the Hurricane church 2:30 p. m.
All are welcome.

Notice, W. R. C. No. 47, Also Post No. 132.

All members of Tom Cox W. R. C. No. 47, are requested to be present at regular meeting, Saturday, May 24, at 2 p. m. Also all members of Tom Cox Post No. 132, who desire to join the Woman's Relief Corps as honorary members will be admitted at 3 p. m. and receive the obligation for membership as recommended and approved by the last National convention of the W. R. C. A supper and social time will follow the initiation of the comrades.

Auction Sale.

I will have an auction sale of personal property, consisting of household furniture, stoves, sewing machine etc., at my residence on the Beetown road, in Lancaster, on Saturday, May 24, commencing at 1:30 p. m.
12w1* JOHN H. RETALLICK.

Fine wedding invitations, printed or engraved, at this office.

VETERANS WILL MEET ON GREAT BATTLEFIELD

Big Reunion of Survivors of Civil War to be Held at Gettysburg on July 1.

During the first four days of July the battlefield of Gettysburg, Pa., will again be the scene of a meeting of the Blue and the Gray, but this time the old soldiers will meet in amity and affection. A half century will have passed since last these men of two great American armies met on this northern field, in one of the most sanguinary battles of the civil war. They were then face to face, for the issue, it was well understood to both contending forces, was the success of the southern cause, or the beginning of its defeat, to be followed by the restoration of the Union as it had been before the first shot was fired at Fort Sumpter.

In that three days' battle, according to official account, one hundred thousand officers and men of the Union army participated and for the Confederate side 75,500. The casualties on the Union side were 23,049, and on the Confederate side 21,637.

It is expected that 40,000 veterans of the war, not all of them, however, survivors of the Gettysburg battle, will be found encamped on the field when reveille sounds on the morning of July 1.

The government is preparing at great expense to properly take care of the veterans while they are there, and many states have voted to stand the expense of old soldiers living within their borders, who attend the reunion.

The Wisconsin legislature has passed such a bill, a copy of which this office has been supplied with through the kindness of Senator Glenn, of this county. The bill appropriates by the state a sum not to exceed ten thousand dollars, and all soldiers who took part in the battle of Gettysburg on the 1st, 2d and 3d days of July, 1863, or any of said days, and all surviving soldiers of Wisconsin regiments that took part in said battle, if they are residents of the state at the time of this anniversary, shall be entitled to attend, having their actual necessary expenses including transportation to and from their homes, paid by the state. While the bill passed by the legislature takes care only of those whose regiments participated in the battle, there is a general invitation extended to all who desire to accompany them and visit the battle field on this occasion.

The adjutant general of the state, at Madison, will make an enrollment of all soldiers who notify him of their intention to attend the reunion.

Woman's Club Meeting.

The final regular meeting, for this season, of the Lancaster Woman's Club was held at the home of Mrs. Ed. Austin, on Monday afternoon. The weather man was the only person who sought to interfere with this function, and he was both defied and ignored, almost the whole membership being present and several guests as well. It was a disappointment not to be able to stroll about the beautiful hills and valleys surrounding this model farm home, but the home itself is so pleasant, and the welcome so genuine from our well-loved little hostess and her sister Miss Maynette Rogers, that the occasion was one of pleasure throughout.

The business part of the meeting, being the annual election of officers, was soon disposed of, resulting in the following choice: President, Mrs. Will Reese; 1st vice President, Mrs. Greene; 2nd vice President, Mrs. A. Lewis; Secretary, Mrs. Grace Marlow; Treasurer, Mrs. Laura Bailey.

After this formality, the "covered dish" supper was served, and the various terms used to describe a collection of this nature seem quite tepid and inefficient—suffice it to say, that each person present had prepared a "dish" with consummate housewifely skill, and that our hostess had furnished delicious coffee and several other viands rich with the finest cream. It is no exaggeration to say that a more bounteous repast was never served in Lancaster. The rooms were decorated with white and purple lilacs and the wild crab-apple blossoms; lilies of the valley added their perfume; the wood fire in the dining room fire place furnished the last note of color, comfort and cheer.

We rode home in the rain, wishing we might meet "at Addie's" every time.

The club has enjoyed unusual interest this season, and will meet each month through the summer for social enjoyment only. A Guest.

—Now is a good time to subscribe for The Herald.

CITY GETTING READY TO GREET VETERANS

County Association of Soldiers Meets Here June 19-20.

Lancaster Citizens Will Endeavor to Make Their Visit to Our City a Pleasant One.

The Grant County Association of Soldiers and Sailors will hold their annual reunion in Lancaster this year, the dates being the 19th and 20th of June.

It has been thirteen years since the old veterans were entertained in Lancaster and the people of our city will try to make this years occasion a most pleasant one for all concerned.

Last year the reunion was held in Cuba City and at that time it was voted to accept Lancaster's invitation to meet here this year.

With that end in view James Treloar, of this city, who is the present commander of Tom Cox Post G. A. R., was elected president of the association. A. C. Morse is adjutant and J. G. Harshburger quartermaster.

At a meeting held here in February last, presided over by Mayor W. J. Baillie the following chairmen of committees were elected to look after the preparations for the reunion and they were each authorized to select their own committees and get the work started:

Arrangements—J. T. Bennett.
Finance—A. J. Wiedenbeck.
Music—L. D. Eastman.
Program—James Treloar.
Decoration—Geo. Baxter.
Grounds and Seating—Geo. McCarthy.

A meeting was held at the G. A. R. hall last Thursday evening at which the chairmen of the several committees and a number of others interested were present. Such progress as had been made was reported and it was decided to hold another meeting at the same place next Monday evening, May 26.

Mr. Morse reported that he was endeavoring to secure Ex-Senator Albert J. Beveridge, of Indiana, as a speaker, but he had been unable as yet to secure a definite promise to that effect.

It is the intention to have the speaking and other exercises take place on the court house lawn, which will be appropriately decorated for the occasion.

Music will be furnished during the reunion by the famous Lancaster cornet band, a drum corps composed of five veteran soldiers of the civil war and a Lancaster orchestra.

A full program will be announced later.

Must Publish Report.

High school boards are now required to publish during the week preceding the annual meeting, a summarized financial report of receipts and disbursements for the preceding year for such district, and the recommendations for the following year, in a newspaper published within the town, city or village where such school is located.

DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI IN SMALL ROW BOAT

Government Directs Quartermaster of Navy to Travel the Entire Length of the River.

Quartermaster Andrew Koehn of the United States Navy has been directed by the government to row the entire length of the Mississippi river from Lake Itasca to the Gulf of Mexico, in a ten foot rowboat, starting June 1 from Park Rapids, Minn.

Quartermaster Koehn is said to be an expert oarsman, former member of several champion Navy teams, a champion single sculler and winner of prizes in rowing contests in different parts of the world. He expects to make the trip in ninety days, finishing at South pass jetty, on the Gulf of Mexico, 110 miles below New Orleans.

He has planned a boat especially for the trip, the craft to be of galvanized steel, 10 feet long, 45 inches of beam and having a wooden floor. The forward end of the boat will be decked thirty inches above the floor, to provide a sleeping apartment. Mr. Koehn will take notes on levee conditions during his trip down the river, for the benefit of the government.