

HY-VEE

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customers in the bank, and walked out with close to \$2,800. At the time it was seen as one of the boldest and most coolly and quietly executed holdups in this state.

Fortunately the safe was under time lock, a fact which none of the robbers would believe. Abusive language and threats greeted Mr. Lloyd when he told them he was unable to open the safe. The robbers did find a quantity of silver in the lower part of the safe and it was scooped into bags. There was \$800 in silver, \$500 of which was

silver dollars.

Convinced that the safe could not be opened, the robbers herded those in the bank out to the car. When Miss Sloan asked to get her coat, and when Mr. Chaney mentioned that his health would not permit his leaving without his hat and coat, the robbers informed them they were "not going far." Mr. Chaney was placed inside the car and with Miss Sloan and Mr. Lloyd on the running boards the car was started and drove off.

Nearing the Episcopal Church, the bandits in the car told Mr. Lloyd to get off and he, mindful of the threat that one of the robbers was going to "plug" him for not opening the safe, got off the car in a

hurry, fell into a puddle of water, got up and dashed behind a tree.

The car came to a complete stop and Miss Sloan and Mr. Chaney were told to get off. As a finishing touch, the driver of the car, who was the robber who guarded Miss Sloan, gave her a courteous wave of the hand as the car drove off.

The robbers went north on County Highway L, straight North of the University. Several reports have been received that a speeding black sedan was seen going north, but just how far north they went or whether they swung in another direction is not known.

The *Dakota Republican* also reported at the time that the men

who robbed the Citizens Bank had an easy time of it compared to the difficulty that the local newshounds have had in obtaining an accurate story. To date it has been decided by witnesses that the men escaped in a car which was a Buick, Studebaker, Auburn, Hupmobile and Oldsmobile. About the only thing they agree on is that it was not a Ford.

According to Vermillion Police Department files, the four holdup men were reported to be John Dillinger and three of his gang members. Dillinger was known to have a hide out in Minnesota. This crime, however, was never solved and it has never been proven that the robbers were Dillinger and his

gang. The news of this discovery under the Hy-Vee parking lot has made Parker's job a bit more difficult this past week. Store employees have anonymously reported that a large quantity of silver coins, and what appears to be the remains of a canvas bag and a man's jacket were removed from the hole dug by workers in the parking lot.

It has also been speculated that the pocket watch includes words or lettering that indicate that it belonged to Dillinger.

Parker has been busy dodging the media the past week, stating last Monday that he had no comment on the stories that began

swirling about the reported find in Hy-Vee's parking lot.

After several phone calls and numerous requests by the *Plain Talk* to photograph the watch and reported cache of silver coins that were dug up, Parker finally agreed to go on the record and put all of the rumors to rest.

"Nothing but dirt was removed from the hole in the parking lot, but we did dig up a lot of deals for our customers," he said with a smile. "This is all part of an April Fool's joke. And just like that infamous Dillinger gang, local shoppers will leave our store this week with extra loot in their pockets. The bargain prices we're offering are a real steal!"

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