

## **BANK ROBBERS GENEROUS WITH MONEY**

MADDINGS YOUTH LOANED AND GAVE OVER HUNDRED DOLLARS AWAY TO FRIENDS OF GRANT BANK MONEY. BOTH CONFESS.

Willis, the Confederate, Held Sack by Failing to Get His Share of Robbery Proceeds.

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When Ollie Madding was placed under arrest by Sheriff Loftin Friday at Sawyer there was found on the person of the youthful bank robber the sum of \$216.67. When Deputy Cash and Burns searched the man they took, Ben Willis, no money at all was found upon him. Both were brought to Hugo and this morning made confession to the county attorney admitting that they were the persons wanted for robbing the Bank of Grant last Tuesday afternoon.

They said that they had planned the robbery some days before and laid their plans. They also admitted that they were the guilty parties in robbing the store of Silas Bacon at Goodland Academy west of town. From the store they had taken dry goods, clothing and articles of wearing apparel. Some of this Mr. Loftin has been able to recover.

After robbing the Bank of Grant the two young men kept together until they had gotten into the field where they turned off from the railroad track. Both had become greatly alarmed by then and they separated without waiting to divide the spoils of the \$385 which they had secured from the bank. Maddings had taken the money and still had it when the two separated. Willis left penniless and was in the same condition when taken at Rattan Friday. Madding had on himself \$216.65. The remaining odd hundred and sixty nine dollars he said he had spent or given away to friends. To one he gave twenty five dollars, others ten, fifteen and varying amounts.

At the examining trial held Saturday morning before Judge Oakes both waived examination and said they would go before the district court.