

The American Telephone

The United States has less than 6% of the world's population, yet it has more than 64% of all the world's telephones. The five states of Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota and the Dakotas have more telephones than all Great Britain.

The City of New York has more telephones than all of France and Spain combined. Chicago has more telephones than all of Austria.

The Cost of Operating

The telephone companies in this country pay double the wages for the same kind of work that is paid in Europe, and telephone equipment costs a great deal more here.

Fully half of the European telephone exchanges are closed at night and on Sundays and holidays. It is the general rule in this country to give all-night and all-day Sunday telephone service.

When the efficiency of the service and the cost of producing it is considered, American local and long distance telephone rates are by far the lowest in the world.



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OLIVER OLSON BACK

Convicted in 1905 of Murder of Michael Sirek at His Home 14 Miles West of Alliance

Oliver Olson returned to Alliance last Saturday after thirteen years in the state penitentiary at Lancaster, for the murder of Michael Sirek in 1902. His sentence was for twenty years, but he was released just seven years before it had expired.

The real murderer, according to the evidence, was August Jahnke, who was first tried for the crime and was sentenced to prison for life by Judge Westover. Olson made a confession shortly after the crime was committed, giving the details of the horrible tragedy. From this confession Jahnke was convicted and sent to the penitentiary. Several months afterward, Olson stated that he had made his confession under the "third degree", and then proceeded to retract his statements. This

gave Jahnke a new trial, which was held at Rushville.

The crime for which Jahnke was convicted was the shooting of Sirek. County Attorney Mitchell handled the case for the state throughout, assisted by Attorney General F. N. Prout and Deputy Attorney General Norris Brown. R. C. Noleman, B. F. Gilman and Hamer & Hamer for the plaintiff in error—Jahnke.

The special motive for the crime was found in the fact that there were two insurance policies on the life of Sirek, amounting on their face to \$4,000. The insurance was payable to August Jahnke and there was evidence that Jahnke had persisted in procuring the insurance and had made some payments to the company thereon. This insurance, however, was in a local company which had been in business only a few months. It was a mutual benefit association. Evidence was offered that there had been but one death in the membership since its organization, that upon his life there was a policy of \$2,000, and that there was only \$500 in the treasury for its settlement.

Jahnke, the defendant, and Olson, who at the time was the witness for the state, lived in Alliance. Olson testified that he and Jahnke went to the home of Sirek on March 4, 1902, "to get a pump out of the well". The well was about 110 feet deep, and on the suggestion of Jahnke they decided to let Sirek down by a rope to recover a certain piece of pipe. When they started to draw him up Jahnke got his team and hitched it to the rope, telling Olson to cut the rope when they had Sirek nearly to the top. Olson objected to this, and it was agreed that Jahnke would cut the rope while he was driving the team, Olson giving him a signal when Sirek was nearly to the top. Jahnke cut two or three times before the rope parted, and Sirek went to the bottom of the well. Feeling sure the fall was fatal, but wanting to make sure of it, Jahnke went to the edge of the well and called. He was immediately answered by Sirek, who said he was not hurt. He was then hauled to the surface.

Olson testified that he and Jahnke had had a talk, at which time Jahnke told him of being the beneficiary of Sirek's will and life insurance policy, and told Olson that if he would assist him in killing Sirek, he would give half of the amount of the will and insurance, deducting doctor and funeral expenses.

That same night another attempt was made on the life of Sirek. Jahnke told Olson to point a revolver at Sirek's back while they were in the house and let it accidentally go off

and kill him. Olson made the attempt, but Sirek said he was not hit, although he was but two feet from Olson when the gun was fired. Three days later, according to the testimony of Olson, Jahnke returned to Sirek's home to make sure whether or not he had died after they left. The two plotters thought it possible that Sirek had been hit in the stomach, and had afterward died. However, Jahnke found him in a healthy condition, and later reported to Olson that he was "not hurt a particle".

Olson then procured some corrosive sublimate. This plan was agreed to by Jahnke when they had decided that "a bullet would not kill Sirek". According to the testimony, a teaspoonful of the sublimate was put in Sirek's sugar that he used in his coffee. Sirek drank the cup of coffee, but said it tasted bad. He then proceeded to make himself some fresh coffee, using the same poisoned sugar in it. This had no visible effect, and the next morning the same plan was followed, Sirek using two teaspoonfuls of the sublimate and sugar. According to the testimony, this also had no effect on him. Experts who were present at the trial testified that a tablespoonful of corrosive sublimate contains 400 to 480 grains, and that 3 to 5 grains would cause death. Olson said he put a full tablespoonful of the poison in the sugar, and that he thought most of it was used by Sirek.

The fourth attempt at the life of Sirek was successful. Jahnke suggested that they again try Olson's revolver. Olson said his revolver was not effective and told Jahnke to get his shotgun. A few days later they again went to the Sirek place and stayed all night. The next morning Olson stepped out of the bedroom into the room where Sirek was sitting, and as he passed through the door he discharged the shotgun. The load took effect in Sirek's back, and death resulted almost instantly.

Olson is a large man, being six feet four inches tall. His ignorance of the consequences and his weak mind were the cause of his downfall, for which he paid the penalty, while the instigator escaped punishment.

Fire in Essay's Store

A conflagration that would have proved serious had it not been for the quick discovery and the timely arrival of the fire department occurred at the rear of E. Essay's store, four doors from the Herald office, Friday. In some unknown manner a twenty-five gallon can of gasoline at the rear of the building became ignited, and in a few seconds the blaze was leaping thirty feet into the air. The gasoline can was only partially filled, and this fact probably prevented more damage than was done. The rear end of the building is constructed of brick, and while it was not damaged, the flames went through the window, burning the sill and catching the wall paper on the ceiling inside. The damage was about \$25.

SIDNEY HERE FRIDAY

Will Clash With Alliance High Football Squad on the Local Field

—Alliance Confident

The Sidney football squad will be here Friday "forty strong", or at least nearly that strong. Anyway, they are coming here with their minds set on making Alliance sit up and take notice. Scottsbluff beat Sidney, but the local team is taking no chances, and are spending their evenings practicing and getting in shape for Friday's game. The Sidney boys have a reputation for playing clean football, as have the Alliance boys, and this game promises to be a good one from start to finish. Coach Crawford says the Alliance team is almost in the pink of condition, and that they will be able to put up a stiff game. The "rooters" were out in a goodly number last Friday when Alliance played Chadron and all seemed interested in the home team, and it is expected that there will be an even better representation at tomorrow's game. The game starts at 3:30 prompt.

Horses Burn at Ashby

The Wolf-Freymuth livery barn at Ashby burned to the ground Monday, and with it four head of fine horses and a considerable amount of hay. No one knows how the fire started, but it had gained such headway before it was discovered that the efforts of the Ashby bucket brigade proved fruitless. Every effort was made to rescue the horses, but only one animal was loosed. This was one of the best horses in Ashby, and when it was finally brought out from the barn its ears were burned off and its nose and lips were burned crisp. Several men chased it for a mile or so before they finally succeeded in shooting it. A pitiful sight was an old man, a homesteader in the Ashby neighborhood, who lost a fine team of draft horses in the flames. He had brought a load of potatoes to town and had barely put his team into the stable when the fire broke out. The team was valued at about \$400, and represented all the old man's earthly possession beside his homestead and his little sod house.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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Will Open New Tailor Shop

John Bennett has leased the building on West Third street, formerly occupied by the Pryor Grocery company, and next to the Alliance Auto supply company, and will open there in an up-to-date cleaning, pressing and repairing shop this week. Mr. Bennett is here with his family, and they will start housekeeping as soon as they can find a house. Mr. Bennett comes to Alliance from Chadron, where he has been in the tailoring business for a number of years, and will no doubt be successful.

There should be a law to protect hard-working telephone poles from drunken joyriders.

Help Me Tell Eastern People About Your Wonderful Crops

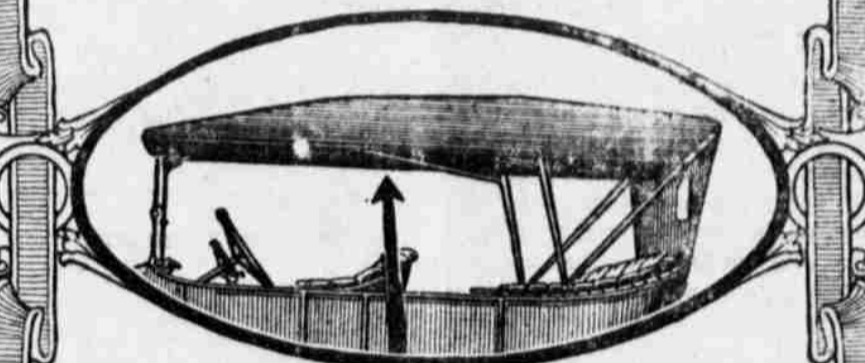
How? Give me the address of your old friends back East that you believe would profit by becoming a land owner in your neighborhood. I will do my part to locate them in the West. Farmers of the Middle States have had good crops for the past two seasons and with their surplus money are in good position to either homestead or buy outright low priced lands in Western Nebraska, Eastern Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota and Montana. The coming season is our best chance in years to locate Eastern people on Western lands. Let us tell them of our big crops and the splendid chance the West offers them for a home and increased land value. Do you want them or shall some other locality secure them?

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