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ALLEGED ATTEMPTED ASSAULT ON WOMAN IS FOILED

Crawford Courier:

H. H. Pilster of the Pilster rooming house was arrested last night, about 11:30 o'clock, on charge of attempted assault on a woman guest in her room, which was foiled by other guests, and his arrest followed, and at present is now in the city bastille.

The story comes to us as follows: Just before midnight, last evening, Miss Miner, who works at Pinney's garage, and one of the McCoy boys from the Table, who occupied rooms at Pilster's, were awakened by the screams of a woman in another room and hurriedly dressing made for the scene of the disturbance, thinking some one was hurt or in sore distress. Going to the door of the room from where the cries emanated, Miner knocked at the door, demanding what was the matter, but received no answer. At the suggestion of McCoy, Miner opened the door and claimed to have found a woman prone upon the floor, with Pilster holding her down, and the girl crying for help. Miner made a dash for Pilster, threw him off the girl and, landing him a stiff punch, and threw him down stairs. He claims Pilster made a threat of what he would do, when Miner knocked him down again, afterward going for the police and the arrest followed.

Miner is employed at the Pinney garage. The victim of the alleged assault is Miss Nellie Lane, and will be remembered as the girl who attended the baby rack at the McMahon shows when here two or three weeks ago. Miner says he has known Miss Lane for a number of years, and formerly she did the motordrome work with him in carnival shows. He was injured in motordrome acts some time since and was forced to quit that kind of work and came here lately to take the place of Frank Larkin who joined the McMahon shows to do the motordrome act. He speaks highly of Miss Lane and claims she will remain and with him appear for the prosecution of the case against Pilster.

AUTO AND FIREMEN GO OVER EMBANKMENT

Kimball Observer:

A large Hup automobile belonging to Mr. Casselman, a real estate dealer of Sidney, missed the bridge and went over a stone embankment, landing upside down, twenty feet below,

two miles west of Kimball last Sunday afternoon.

How it happened that so large and heavy a car, carrying five men, could take a plunge of twenty feet over an embankment of stone and no one killed is more than can be understood by those who saw the wrecked car, or explained by occupants.

The car was occupied by five men: Christ Hinkey who was driving, Mr. Casselman the owner, and three others. They were on their way to Pine Bluffs and from there expected to go into Colorado to look at some land. Mr. Hinkey stated that when they reached the hill just above the bridge he applied the foot brake but as it was not working well the car gained much headway and he reached for the emergency. Mr. Hinkey was the only man scratched and his only injuries were several lacerations on the nose and face. The others were not as much as scratched. Dr. Mockett was called and dressed the wounds of Mr. Hinkey. Mr. Casselman was so weak from fright that he was unable to walk for an hour after the accident happened.

The car was badly damaged. The top crushed, the windshield broken, the front springs twisted into a knot and all that remained of one front wheel was the hub. The car was picked up Monday and brought to town for repairs.

OIL PROSPECTING IN THE SOUTH HILLS

Gering Courier:

Too much money is being spent in bringing in equipment for drilling test oil wells over in Banner county for it to be a wildcat scheme of any kind. As stated last week, the first well will be on the Kelly land northwest of Harrisburg, where machinery is now being set up. As a companion piece of news for this week, Scottbluff county is also to be in the game, emissaries of an oil company have spent several days this week in procuring leases on lands for oil purposes along the south range of hills, and it is reported to us that practically everyone who has holdings along the hogback are signing them. There seems to be no reason why a man should be unwilling to do so, as he has nothing to lose and the company is under contract to sink at least one well on his land within a year, which would if it proved to be a gusher make him a potential millionaire in royalties. The share un-

der the agreement is said to be one-eighth to the owner of the land.

DOOMED TO FATE WORSE THAN DEATH ITSELF

Ord Quiz:

One of the boys who should have gone to Ft. Riley last Friday, but did not answer to the roll call is Lee Larkin of North Loup. When the other boys of the second consignment went away from Ord he lay at the St. Frances Hospital at Grand Island in a critical condition and will never be able to go to his country's call, if indeed he is ever able to even care for himself.

At the fair grounds two weeks ago today Lee was hit by a hot foul and his skull was broken. The writer happened to be close to him when the accident occurred. Lee stood back of the race track fence near the judges' stand, in line with the batter and pitcher. Something attracted the attention of onlookers and Lee, with the rest, turned to look to the west. Just then a hot foul came and struck the young man on the side of the head a little above the temple. The blow made a distinct crack and we remarked that had it hit him on the temple it would have been his finish. As it has now turned out death on the spot would have been a blessing. Lee received the blow in a sort of dazed manner, not moving from his tracks for a moment or so and saying nothing. Finally he took his arms from the fence on which he was leaning and went away, staggering slightly as he did so.

The following from the North Loup Loyalist tells the rest of the sad story up to a week ago:

"During the ball game at Ord Thursday Lee Larkin was hit on the head by a foul ball and as a result his entire right side was paralyzed and he was not able to walk. He did not respond to local treatment and Sunday he was taken to Grand Island for an operation. Dr. Hemphill went to Ord Monday to assist in the operation.

"There seemed to be no possible chance for his recovery but he is gaining and will probably be at home next week. The doctors say he will never be right—will probably be partly paralyzed and that he will never be mentally right as quite a portion of his brain had to be removed."

It was reported on the streets last Saturday that the young man was dead, but this proved to be untrue.

Talking with a member of the family this week we learn that Lee was taken to Grand Island Sunday and operated on Monday, when it was found that the brain was so badly injured by the blow that much of it was diseased and had to be removed. As a result of this it is not even yet hoped that he can recover either his physical or mental strength.

LA DSHOT IN KNEE— BULLET LODGED IN HEEL

Scottbluff Star-Herald:

Estel Shoemaker, the 12-year-old son of D. T. Shoemaker, of Torrington, is lying at the Midwest hospital

in this city suffering from a serious wound in his leg caused by an accident which occurred last Sunday afternoon. While two children were playing with a rifle the weapon was discharged, the bullet striking the lad in the knee, coursing down the limb the entire length to the heel, where it lodged.

The wounded boy was brought to this city on the first train and placed in the hospital, where he was operated upon and the bullet removed. At last reports he is getting along nicely with fair chance of complete recovery, the only danger now being that blood poisoning may set in.

AUTO HIT BY FREIGHT TRAIN—TWO KILLED

Chadron Chronicle:

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Cade, of Belle Fourche, were instantly killed when an auto in which they were driving to Rapid City from their home was hit on a crossing by a northbound freight train two and a half miles west of the city. The accident happened at a crossing where the train was visible for a mile in either direction. The car was traveling in the same direction as the train when the accident occurred.

It is said that Mrs. Cade, seeing that an accident was unavoidable, jumped, but was caught by the engine and dragged for seventy-five feet. Mr. Cade stayed in the machine and with it was thrown fifty feet. When found, the body was pinned beneath the car. Both must have been killed instantly.

Mr. Cade formerly was in the federal land office at Rapid City, but moved to Belle Fourche ten years ago and engaged in the real estate business. He was 50 years old and his wife 45. They were the only occupants of the car.

ACCIDENTLY KILLED WHILE HUNTING NEAR GORDON


Chadron Chronicle:

Wesley Calance was fatally shot while hunting ducks on his father's ranch near Gordon Saturday morning. With a brother and brother-in-law Wesley went hunting in a buggy. The latter sat in the seat and held the guns while Wesley is reported to have sat on a box in the rear. When he suddenly saw a flock of ducks going over, he grabbed the barrel of one of the guns and jerked to get it out of the hands of his companion in the seat. He drew the muzzle toward himself, the gun was discharged, and half his neck was torn away. Medical aid was hurriedly summoned, but before the doctor arrived the boy had bled to death.

Wesley was a brother of James, who lives northwest of Crawford, and who at one time attended Normal school here. He passed through Chadron Saturday evening for the scene of the tragedy. The funeral services were held at Gordon Tuesday.

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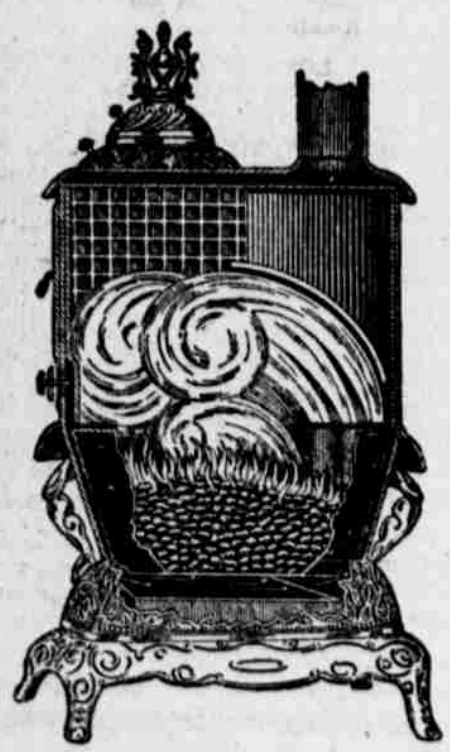
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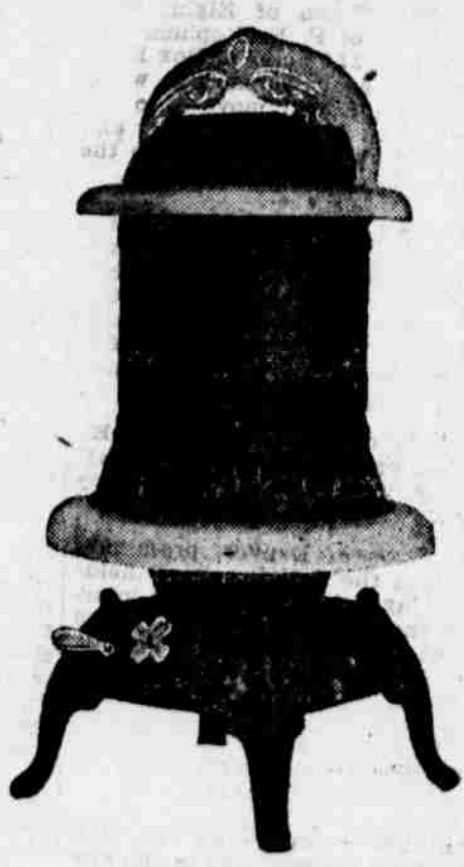


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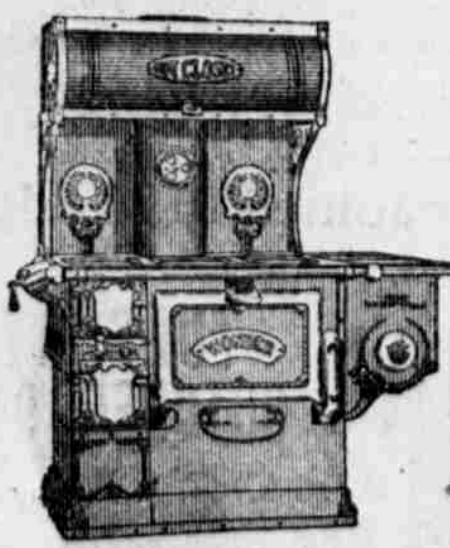
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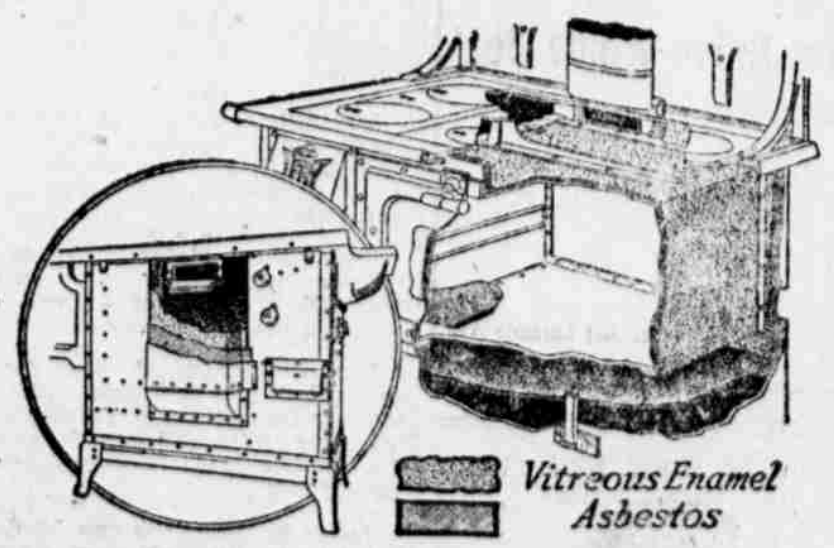
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