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TWO DIE IN FIRE TRAGEDY NEAR ANGORA

MR. AND MRS. R. L. GORIN ARE THOUGHT TO HAVE PERISHED.

Physicians Decide Remains of Two Bodies in Ruins—Others Have Different Theories.

A fire, discovered about 4 a. m. Wednesday, destroyed a portion of the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gorin, living seven miles southeast of Angora. The remains of what Bridgeport physicians believe to be two persons were found on a bed, and these are believed to be Mr. and Mrs. Gorin, although the bodies were charred beyond recognition.

When the fire was discovered, the alarm spread and neighbors gathered to fight the flames. At the time, it was believed that both Mr. and Mrs. Gorin were in Scottsbluff, the couple having indicated that they were going to that city. Neither of them had been seen in Angora for a few days prior to the fire, and it was known that a trip was contemplated. During the blaze, some of the spectators thought they discerned a body lying on the bed, but it was not until the ruins were searched that the suspicions were confirmed. Inquiry developed that the Gorins were not in Scottsbluff.

The sheriff and county attorney at Bridgeport were called, at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning, and at 4:30 they arrived and began their investigations. They searched the ruins, recovered all portions of the body or bodies obtainable, and these were taken to Bridgeport for examination by physicians. Late last night word was received at Angora that the physicians had decided, after an examination, that the remains included portions of two bodies.

The Gorins had been married for about a year, both of them having been married previously. Mrs. Gorin had lived in and near Angora for a number of years, and was well known. Mr. Gorin came from Scottsbluff at the time of the marriage. Mrs. Gorin is survived by a son and daughter and five brothers. It is reported that Mr. Gorin has a son, a daughter and aged father living, but no relatives had been located up to last night. The couple were around forty years of age.

Suspicion Is Aroused.

According to Rev. B. J. Minort, who returned from Angora last night, there are a good many rumors in Angora, and one suspicion of foul play. The people there are not at all satisfied that there were two bodies in the ruins. It is pointed out that there was but one skull recovered, and that there are several suspicious circumstances. It is said that a rifle was found in the bed room, lying near the bed. There was a cartridge in the rifle that had been fired, and it bore the marks of a firing pin, thus showing that it had not been exploded by the heat. The Bridgeport officials, it is said, lean toward the theory that a crime was committed.

The house was not burned to the ground. It is a two-story structure and the fire, which was reported to have started from the kitchen range, apparently originated in the bedroom. The kitchen is still standing, and is not materially damaged by the fire. The bedroom portion was destroyed by the flames, however, and the floor had fallen in, carrying the bed with it.

According to the Alliance man, a neighbor, Mr. Brown, had called at the Gorin home Tuesday evening. While he did not see either Mr. or Mrs. Gorin, he thought he heard footsteps inside the house. A smell of smoke was coming from the basement, but he did not stop to investigate. Saturday evening both Mr. and Mrs. Gorin were at the farm. William Powell, a neighbor, saw a light in the house Tuesday evening, it being Mrs. Gorin's custom to keep one burning.

Mrs. Gorin is a sister of L. D. Carline of Angora.

An inquest will be held at 2:30 this afternoon at Bridgeport, it is announced.

Had Financial Troubles.

It is known that Mr. and Mrs. Gorin had been having some domestic difficulties over financial matters. In October, 1921, Mr. Gorin mortgaged some forty head of cattle as security for a loan from an Angora bank. This note was later transferred to the First National bank of Alliance.

At the Alliance bank, a letter from Mrs. Gorin was received, dated April 24, in which she declared that of the forty head of cattle mortgaged by her husband, twenty-three were her own property, and she told her intention of contesting the mortgage. She declared that the loan and mortgage had been made without her knowledge or consent, and requested that no further loans be made without consulting her. She requested that the reply be made "on the back of this letter", but the letter was not returned to her. It is understood that Mr. Gorin had hopes of inducing her to consent to the mortgage on her cattle, and it was believed that the couple had gone to Scottsbluff to draw up the necessary papers in the case.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska: Unsettled weather tonight and Saturday, with showers Saturday and in northwest portion tonight; cooler Saturday.

Alliance Telegrams Well Received at O'Neil Convention

Mrs. S. W. Thompson, who returned this morning from the Sixth district convention of the Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs, which met this week at O'Neil, reported that although the next meeting place has not been decided upon, the telegrams forwarded from Alliance were well received and had the matter been left to the convention, there is no question but that Alliance would have been chosen.

Tuesday eleven telegrams from the chamber of commerce, the Rotary and Lions clubs, the county commissioners, the Country Club, Mayor R. M. Hampton, farmers committees, the chamber of commerce, and others, were forwarded to O'Neil. The action simply overwhelmed the convention. Seven Nebraska cities, including Sidney and Scottsbluff, were asking for the convention, but they confined their efforts simply to a written invitation. There was no demonstration while the first few telegrams were read, but from the seventh on the club women were visibly impressed.

The next meeting place will be chosen by the executive committee. It is understood that eastern Nebraska, which has not had a convention for some time, is insistent that the next meeting be held in that part of the state, but it is possible that Alliance's efforts will be rewarded anyway. The convention passed a resolution thanking this city for its invitation.

NEW MODELS OF AUTOS DISPLAYED AT ROOF GARDEN

LARGE CROWDS ATTEND EXHIBITION THE FIRST DAY.

Special Programs Arranged for Afternoon and Evening Today and Saturday.

The Alliance auto show opened Wednesday night with twenty-three cars exhibited. The Schafer Auto Supply, also has a very interesting booth, in which ignition systems, and parts for these, and tires and their construction are shown. The Lincoln car shown by Coursey & Miller, attracted a good deal of attention, this being the first of this make seen in Alliance. This is the new car that is being put out by Henry Ford. The model shown here is a four passenger phaeton. There are also three Fords being shown by this company.

The Buick garage's two passenger sport roadster also came in for its share of attention, this being a beautiful low hung roadster, painted a dark red, and finished with a number of regular models. This display also contains a coupe, and a five passenger touring model. Three coupe models will be displayed before the show closes.

The Rumer Motor company is showing a Cadillac open car and three Chevrolets. The Cadillac is a new model, and is considerably different from those seen here before. In the Chevrolet display is a sedan which is interesting many of those who are looking at the smaller cars.

Lee Sturgeon is showing two Essex cars, one a closed model. The distinctive lines of these cars, and their fine coachwork mark them interesting to a great many.

The Reo company is showing three of this make, one of them a speed wagon. The speedwagon is of interest to those whose needs are more along the commercial line. The other two are coming in for their share of attention, however, and this makes a very good display.

Lowry and Henry are showing three Studebakers and two Dodges. One of the Dodge's is the light delivery truck, and the other is of interest to those who are contemplating the purchase of a good medium-priced car.

All of the dealers are presenting pamphlets to those interested, and the displays as a whole are very well arranged and managed. The program which was presented was well received and served to interest the crowd and keep up interest. Lois Harper's number, and Willetta Cox's dance were particularly good, and each received a good deal of applause.

The show will continue until Saturday, closing Saturday evening when the drawing for the Ford car which is being given away by a number of local merchants will be held.

It is safe to bet that members of the agricultural bloc will not leave Washington to get their plowing done. —Boston Shoe and Leather Reporter.

Any father who has just married off his daughter in handsome style knows why King George is offering his private yacht for sale. —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

GADDIS TALKS ON ROAD BUILDING IN THIS TERRITORY

FAVORS BUILDING OF ROAD TO SCOTTSBLUFF.

Surveying Crew Now Working on Alliance-Hemingford Road—Potash Highway Next.

A. M. Gaddis of Scottsbluff, division engineer of the state highway department, was in Alliance Thursday, spending his time with the county commissioners and the chamber of commerce, on matters relative to roads in this territory. Mr. Gaddis is much pleased to learn of the increased activity in interest in the building of good roads in this part of western Nebraska and particularly to note the constructive program being adopted, under direction of the chamber of commerce.

At the present time a surveying crew is surveying the state road from Alliance to Hemingford and on to the Dawes county line, via Lawn church. This crew will be busy on that project probably thirty days, after which he stated they will be immediately put to work surveying the "missing link" of the Potash highway through Lakeside and Ashby, in accordance with the request of the chamber of commerce.

Mr. Gaddis would also like to see a state road designated between Alliance and Scottsbluff and believes that this would receive the approval of the state department. He stated that he was pleased to learn of the solution of the "missing link" on the North Star highway between Alliance and Bridgeport, by a temporary connecting road between Atterill and Box Butte counties.

An encouraging statement by Mr. Gaddis, while in Alliance, was to the effect that the policy of the department in surveying a route for the Potash highway through the sandhills between Lakeside and Ashby will be to follow "the line of least resistance" rather than to adhere too closely to a line along the railroad. This will make the problem of constructing a temporary passable road much easier than if the line followed closely to the railroad, through some places which are so sandy that they could not be made passable without much expense. It will allow volunteer and county work to be done as soon as the route is designated by the engineers.

Potash Highway in Good Shape.

Walter Newberg, of Ardmore, S. D., traveling representative of the American company of Grand Island, arrived in Alliance Thursday from Grand Island, making the trip by auto from the latter point by the Potash highway. He called at the office of the chamber of commerce in company with Director Lee Moore to give up-to-date information on the condition of the Potash highway through the sandhills.

Mr. Newberg stated that the state aid road from Grand Island to Anselmo is in excellent shape, well graded, and in most places like a boulevard. From Anselmo west through the sandhills he experienced some difficulty, chiefly from lack of proper marking of the highway, rather than from impassible places. He stated that he only "got stuck" at one place and that was on the main street of a small town. He believes that the Potash highway when completed will be one of the most traveled and popular highways in the west, due largely to the fact that the tourist will save from 200 to 300 miles traveling to the Black Hills and Yellowstone park.

Johnny King is Bound Over to Federal Court

Johnny King was bound over to federal court at Chadron Wednesday, by Judge L. A. Berry, district court commissioner, on the charge of having liquor in his possession, illegally. King was arrested Monday night by Chief Jeffers and Night Policeman Stilwell. The officers followed King, as from his action they believed him intoxicated to the door of the Alliance hotel annex where he entered. They then went around to the back door of the building, where they found King. He was placed under arrest and taken to the city jail. A pint bottle containing hooch was found in his possession. This, according to the officers, is the rankiest smelling booze that has been taken so far.

Bond was set at \$1,000 which was furnished. This is double the amount that has been set for past offenders, but this is due to a new ruling of the department.

According to Night Policeman Stilwell, who searched King's cell at the jail, a recently emptied bottle of hooch and a four foot iron bar was found in King's cell. Just how he could get these is beyond the officers.

King's case, with the other booze cases will come up early in September in the United States court.

If you need a wash boiler, better see us while our supply of specials lasts, \$2.00 to \$3.25. Rhein Hardware Co.

BIG BUILDING PROGRAM READY TO BEGIN NOW

PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR A BUSY SUMMER IN ALLIANCE.

New High and Grade Schools, Academy Addition and Residences Being Constructed.

Spring building is now in full swing, four houses, the new high school, the grade school, an addition to the academy and the completion of the Methodist church being the present program. The contractors are busy, there apparently being plenty of work for them. The new Methodist church and the high school will probably be the most important insofar as the town as a whole is concerned, these both adding a great deal to its beauty. The Methodist church, at Seventh and Box Butte is probably the most noticeable improvement, the tall white pillars on the front of this structure being plainly visible from the business section of town. This also includes a gymnasium, at present the largest in town, and facilities for the serving of large crowds, which make it the most desirable place in the city for the serving of banquets, etc.

The academy is planning on building a wing which will give them more classroom, and greatly increasing the number of students who can be accommodated. This will be on the north side. The bid for this has not yet been let, as this will be done sometime in the course of a month.

The new high school, which will be one of the best in this part of the state, will include all the modern improvements, one of which will be a gymnasium, which will be large enough for a full-sized basketball floor. There will be an auditorium, capable of seating seven hundred people, etc., will be held, and which will be used in the morning for general assembly and chapel.

The new grade school will not be large, but will be a great help to relieve the congestion in the grade schools, which at present is partially taken care of by the city hall school. This will also help take care of the smaller children from the east side, who at present have to come a considerable distance to school. This will be located just at the north of the Fairgrounds, and on the west side. It will be a one story building only, and of the same brick with which the high school will be built.

Four Residences Going Up.

Dick O'Bannon is building a fine nine room Dutch colonial house at 917 Toluca. This will also have a large den with a fireplace in the basement. The nine rooms in this house include a sun room, a large breakfast room. This house will embody practically every modern feature, having a double vapor heating system, a California cooler, built in features, including a buffet. The rooms in this house are exceptionally large. There will be French doors connecting all the rooms, these to be of French beveled plate. There will also be a garage in which three cars can be kept. A. S. Mote is in charge of construction.

Dr. C. E. Slagle is building a home at 812 Laramie which will be veneered with light brown brick. This will be a seven room house 36x28 feet. The house will be finished in oak down stairs with white enamel and mahogany doors on the second story. The garage is at the back of the house and a part of it, being heated from the same furnace. There will be a large sun room, and a small breakfast room. The bath will have a tiled floor, and there will be three sleeping rooms. C. H. Fuller has the contract for this.

F. H. Buelow is building William LaMon a five room house at 932 Nebraska. There will of course also be the bath, and there will be a front hall and three closets. This building is particularly well situated, facing the city park.

A. S. Mote, in his odd moments between the O'Bannon house and the Methodist church is putting up a five room bungalow for himself at 713 Yellowstone. There will also be a bath and two closets. The finish in the house will be white enamel. This is directly across the street from his present home.

Railroad Meeting Is Held Here Thursday Morning

A big meeting of officials from all over this section of the country was held at the C. B. & Q. depot Thursday morning. The purpose of the meeting was to make plans for improvement by increasing co-operation between the different departments and between railroad employees and the public.

Those present at the meeting included master mechanics, superintendents, agents, roadmasters, road foremen, etc. About seventy were present at the meeting. It is thought that by meetings of this kind where employees can get closer together and make plans for the improvement of service a more harmonious and more efficient system can be brought about.

McConnell Held to District Court After Hearing at Columbus

Columbus Telegram: A several months' search by county authorities for Bert McConnell, of Spalding, ended the first of the week when County Attorney Walter received word that McConnell was under arrest at Alliance. Sheriff Kavanaugh brought the prisoner back from there, arriving last evening. Complaint was filed in the county court last winter by Irene Bryant, of Humphrey, charging McConnell with being the father of her child. Shortly after that time he was jailed by the marshal at Spalding, and Sheriff Kavanaugh brought the prisoner in the meantime, however, McConnell had induced the mayor to release him from custody, contending that the only charge that could be pending against him here would be for speeding, and that he would return the following morning. He dropped out of sight, and only recently did County Attorney Walter receive a tip that he could be found at Alliance.

In county court Tuesday afternoon, McConnell waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to the district court, Judge Gibbon fixing his bond at \$2,000. He did not deny the charge against him.

McConnell when arrested here by Chief Jeffers asked to be paroled to some local man until the sheriff from Columbus came after him. As Mr. Jeffers had no authority to release him he wired to the Columbus sheriff asking his permission to do this. The answer that came back said, "Do not release prisoner under any circumstances." Evidently there was some fear of his repeating the Spalding episode. He was therefore safely lodged in jail until the arrival of the sheriff.

PATRONS ASKED TO CO-OPERATE WITH POSTOFFICE

SHOULD PAY ATTENTION TO MAILING.

Postal Improvement Week Brings Suggestions for Speeding up the Postal Service.

Postal Improvement Week, May 1 to 6, has been set aside by the postmaster general as a time in which closer cooperation between patrons and post-office employees is to be particularly cultivated. The local postoffice is carrying out all the suggestions of the department with regard to the week. The greatest difficulty encountered is giving satisfactory service to the public is the lack of understanding of the process of distribution, and the small realization of the difficulties to which the postal employees are put. Many suggestions as to the proper way of handling the mail of the large concerns in a city, who send out a large number of circular letters, etc., are made. The proper grouping of city and out of town lists aids materially toward speedy and efficient service.

Co-operation Beneficial.

Postoffice employees point out that not only the postoffice force, but the patrons will benefit alike if the public will co-operate with them in expediting the business of the office. Business men, in particular, it is urged, should be willing to follow the suggestion that will speed up the service, as customers and others like to get prompt answers to their replies and shipment of mail orders.

Following is a list of the hours at which the mail closes for the various trains leaving the city. It is suggested that patrons get their letters over at least fifteen minutes prior to the hour of closing the mails, as this will make certain that the mail will go out. If every man waits until the last minute, somebody's mail is due to get left. The mails close:

Train No. 42—12 midnight.
Train No. 301—12 midnight.
Train No. 41—1:10 a. m.
Train No. 44—10:40 a. m.
Train No. 43—12:40 p. m.
Train No. 31—12:40 p. m.
Train No. 302—1:10 p. m.

Train No. 31 is the Casper train. Nos. 301 and 302 are the Denver trains. Nos. 42 and 41 are headed east, and Nos. 41 and 43 are west-bound. If letters are for fairly long distances, they can be mailed for any train and be reasonably sure of reaching their destination, but for small stations it is well to remember that Nos. 44, 43, and 302 are the only local trains, making all stops. This is important particularly for parcel post and package mail, as through trains do not deliver package mail. If you have a package for Lakeside, for instance, don't mail it for train No. 42 and expect it to be delivered at once. It will go to Seneca and be brought back on the local. First class mail is delivered even by the through trains.

A little study of the train schedule will result in saving some disappointment for customers and friends, and will materially speed up distribution. Demand the promptness of handling from your own employees that you demand of the postal employees after your letters is mailed.

DENVER-HILLS HIGHWAY WILL NOT COME HERE

COMMITTEE REFUSES TO ACCEPT ALLIANCE PLAN.

Possibility That Road May Be Built From Alliance to Scottsbluff.

County Commissioners Calvin Hashman and George Duncan, accompanied by Secretary Lloyd Thomas of the chamber of commerce, journeyed to Scottsbluff Wednesday by automobile to attend the final organization meeting of the newly organized Denver-Black Hills Highway association. The commissioners went on invitation of Miss Hester Ruckman, secretary of the Scottsbluff chamber of commerce and secretary-treasurer of the new highway association. Commissioner George Carrell had been invited to attend also and had expected to go with the party, but was called east and unable to go along.

The new highway will extend from Denver to Kumball, Scottsbluff Crawford and the Black Hills. Alliance, being twenty-one miles east of the tentative route of the highway, was not particularly interested except that the highway extends north and south through the western part of the county. It was the desire of the organizers of the highway that Box Butte county grade a road north and south along the line of the new highway.

The Alliance Plan.

About fifty delegates and visitors were present at the luncheon and meeting, held at the Lincoln hotel. Upon learning of the desire for a graded road through Box Butte county, the following proposition was made to the committee designated to plan the route from Scottsbluff northward: Secretary Thomas, acting as spokesman for the commissioners at their request, stated that the commissioners would grade a road from the Scottsbluff county line, six miles east and six miles north, to the Kilpatrick dam, a total of twelve miles; and from Lawn church, (twelve miles west of Hemingford) north to the Dawes county line, south of Marsland, a distance of twelve miles, making total grading of twenty-four miles, providing the association would route a loop of the highway via Alliance and Hemingford, going east from the dam to Alliance, northwest to Hemingford, and back west to Lawn church. This would have left an ungraded but passable "short cut" northward from the dam to the Lawn church, for the traveler who was in a hurry and did not desire to travel the longer distance around, via Alliance and Hemingford.

The committee was advised that the road from Alliance to Hemingford, westward to Lawn church and north to the county line, had been designated as a state and federal aid road and that the state department now has a surveying party working on it, with

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Bishop Stuntz to Dedicate the M. E. Church August 27

Bishop Homer C. Stuntz of Omaha, bishop of the Omaha area of the M. E. church, which includes Iowa and Nebraska, was in the city two hours between trains last Monday, and met with the building committee of the local Methodist church at an informal luncheon at the Alliance hotel. He was on his way to Scottsbluff to preside at the Alliance district conference of the church.

The bishop was particularly interested in the new Methodist church which is nearing completion. When he was here more than a year ago, he presided at a meeting when it was voted to adopt the present building plan to include the large gymnasium, so having been instrumental in the adoption of the final plan, he was anxious to see what the actual building looked like. He expressed himself as being very well pleased with the beautiful appearance of the structure. Some of his remarks were as follows: "You have a beautiful church. The workmanship is perfect; it could not be better. You have every convenience for a modern church. You were wise in selecting such elegant material for the exterior. Three things especially please me. You have no high dome to spoil the acoustic properties; the building is arranged so that every foot of it can be used, and I especially congratulate you because you have no cheap figures in the windows."

The committee asked Bishop Stuntz for a date for the dedication of the church, and he offered Sunday, August 27, which was promptly accepted. As the annual conference of the Methodist church meets in Alliance the following Wednesday, August 30, he will remain here over the entire week and the next Sunday. This conference is known as the Northwest Nebraska and is composed of the Alliance and Long Pine districts, about fifty churches in all. This conference was held in Alliance eight years ago when Bishop Henderson presided. At this time, the appointments of preachers to various charges are made.