

STARTLING IF TRUE.

Hon. W. B. Shryock Careless in His Accounts.

A STATEMENT OF HIS AFFAIRS.

As Treasurer of a School District He Allowed the Funds to Pass From His Hands—Sensational Claims of a Life Insurance Company

This morning's World Herald prints the following concerning the late W. B. Shryock.

"When Hon. W. B. Shryock of Louisville, one of the two representatives from Cass county in the Nebraska legislature, was found dead at the Murray hotel, in this city, the night of July 2, there was great sorrow, not only in his house but also in Omaha and Lincoln, where he was well known and popular. When his funeral took place delegations attended from various parts of the state, costly floral tributes were laid upon his casket, and sorrow at the loss of an active and public-spirited citizen was unmistakably expressed.

Will Shryock, as he was popularly called, was a self-made man, had made a high mark in public life, and enjoyed a great deal of existence for one 37 years of age.

About ten years ago, after learning the printer's trade in THE PLATTSMOUTH HERALD office, he settled in Louisville, the bustling little village that nestles at the base of the stone quarries and clay banks on the north line of Cass county, adjoining the Platte river. He soon dipped into politics, and was elected treasurer of the school district. He cast his fortunes with Louisville's by opening a drug store, now the largest in the town. He did not confine himself over-closely to business, but took pleasure trips to Colorado, California and other resorts, on which his wife was often his companion.

As treasurer of the school district he was twice re-elected. The largest sum he had to handle was not over \$5,000, and he gave bonds in that amount.

At the last school election, June 25, this year, there was a strong sentiment for a change, attributable, if to any one thing more than another, to a belief that he was getting more than his share of the use of school money. There was no designated depository, and nobody questioned his right to use it. But he was always in favor of large levies and there seemed no particular call to expend them. So it came about that he was defeated by a vote of 104 to 30.

Shryock was greatly dejected over this state of affairs. The school directors met June 30 and that night he was expected to meet with them and settle his accounts. But instead he came to Omaha, stating that his business here was to close up the sale of a \$1,500 piece of property in Plattsmouth. During that night he came to his hotel account. The next evening he was found dead in his room at the Murray.

An autopsy was held, the coroner had an inquest and the verdict was that Mr. Shryock had died of heart failure, the result of falls on his hip and knee.

Two years previously he had been struck by a base ball on the right knee and this had practically crippled him. A year later he had been thrown from a pony, aggra-

vating the injury to the knee and also injuring the hip.

It was known that the school fund amounted to nearly \$5,000, of which \$1,500 had been paid in to Shryock in June. The directors and the newly elected treasurer, Herman Pankouin, a hardware merchant of Louisville, had the accounts examined by a committee consisting of Judge White, William Thomas and Dr. Straight, but the latter, who was comparatively a newcomer, declined to finish the work. The others reported that Shryock owed the school district \$4,133, and they did not find any securities or other things to show for it. As Pankouin says, "The treasury is empty."

A demand was made on Shryock's bondsmen, two Plattsmouth men, Director Robinson says he has no doubt that they will make the bill good, in fact they have promised to do so if necessary. However, they and Shryock's friends were not satisfied and Attorney Halderman of Weeping Water and Expert Wilson of Plattsmouth are now at work on the books and a new report is promised soon.

Shryock was administrator of the estate of the late "Uncle Dick" Lewis, and after the report of the shortage of the school fund was made public there was consternation among the Lewis heirs. His final accounting was due in May, but he had postponed a settlement, though promising it in June.

Mrs. Ben Ward of Louisville, one of Lewis' heirs, has been appointed administratrix. The funds due the estate are estimated at about \$3,000.

County Judge Ramsey has assured Mrs. Ward that the affairs are not in such bad shape as was first feared, and as a Plattsmouth banker is on Mr. Shryock's bond, the heirs are not now borrowing trouble.

Hon. F. E. White, who was Mr. Shryock's colleague in the legislature, Mr. Thomas W. Shryock and Mrs. Celia Shryock, the widow, are the administrators of the Shryock estate.

In his will Mr. Shryock provided for the distribution of an estate which would amount to \$9,000 to \$10,000. His visible assets consist of his drugstore, his house and lot valued at \$2,500 and mortgaged for \$1,000, a building valued at \$1,500 and his life insurance.

Mr. Shryock carried \$3,000 in the Modern Woodmen, which was promptly ordered paid, upon the receipt of the coroner's verdict. It goes to the daughter, Lillian, a girl about 7 years old.

He also carried \$5,000 in the National Masonic Accident association. One of its agents—at least his business card said he did—has asked leading questions about Louisville and said that the company would contest payment, and he has advanced the startling theory that Shryock did not die from heart failure caused by accident and shock, but instead that he suicided, in view of financial embarrassment.

Mr. Eckstein, who manages the drug store and was Shryock's confidential man, when asked about this says he has talked with Adjutant Dovernan of the National Masonic Accident company and that Dovernan has not intimated that the company had any idea of doing aught than paying the claim. Eckstein says he is surprised at any talk of contest and has not heard it. If any were held a reopening of the post-mortem would be necessary.

Besides the foregoing insurance, Shryock carried \$9,000 in the Union Life of Omaha, \$3,000 in the Woodman Accident and \$10,000 in the Mutual Reserve fund and vari-

ous mutual companies, aggregating \$22,000 insurance.

The Mutual Reserve officials say they have no idea of contesting. Shryock had carried the insurance \$5,000 for three or four years and they do not see anything to show bad faith. The money goes to the wife.

Union Life officials say they do not intend to contest. Shryock had carried the insurance seven months and had made it payable to his estate—that is, to go to the creditors if necessary; and had declined an offer to increase the insurance. His course was not at all like that of a man who insures with the intention of reaping on it.

Insurance men are of the opinion that if an accident company contests payments, it will be on the ground that the time between the accident and the death was over ninety days, or whatever limit is provided by the rules."

The Engineer's Side.

The freight wreck yesterday caused considerable comment by the citizens as to who really was to blame, a good many laying the blame upon Engineer Mayfield; but let that be as it may the matter will be looked into by the officials and if the engineer was to blame he will probably be fined.

Engineer Mayfield's story puts an entirely different light upon the subject. He says a stock train pulled out ahead of his train and after his train had crossed the bridge and before he was aware the train had broken in two, he thought the train was going down the grade too fast and he put on the air to slacken the speed. The first time he was aware of the train being in two parts was after he had succeeded in slackening the speed of his train; the brakeman, who was on top of the car, gave him the signal to go ahead, telling him the train had broken apart. He says he pulled the throttle wide open and had the engine working for all it was worth, but he was unable to get out of the way as the air had set the brakes tight. The brakemen also corroborate him in every statement. If that is the case nobody was to blame.

Dr. J. E. Hall of Weeping Water, who has been confined in his bed for a long time, is able to set up.

Henry Brumhofer and Amalie Kueckler were granted a permit to wed to-day by Judge Ramsey. Both are residents of this city.

Mrs. Harris, of Michigan, who has been visiting for some time past with the family of J. I. Unruh returned home this morning.

Mrs. Etta Holland of Greenwood was yesterday appointed microscopist at the Cudahy packing house, South Omaha, at a salary of \$60 per month.

J. N. Summers, foreman of the machine shop, had the misfortune to drop a large piece of iron on his foot yesterday, mashing one of his toes badly.

Mrs. Samuel Chapman and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Daniel Mattson, left this morning for Colorado, where they will visit with relatives a short time.

Miss Lucy Walcott has recovered from the effects of the poisoning she received on the Fourth of July and has gone to Plattsmouth for awhile.—Weeping Water Eagle.

On account of the wreck yesterday all passenger trains went by the way of Council Bluffs and consequently Plattsmouth only received one mail, and that in the evening.

A family quarrel was given to the public to-day on the street corner. The wife was trying to get her husband home, claiming that he spent every cent he could get hold of for liquor and gambling. A large crowd gathered and the couple amused them for a long while. They finally went away together.

Miss Nellie Beardsley is suffering from an attack of typhoid fever which is giving her parents and friends much anxiety. That she will be able to overcome the disease is the wish of all who are in sympathy with this afflicted family. Her physicians have faith to believe that she will come out all right.—Weeping Water Eagle.

County Court, Charles Vandevanter vs. C. L. Stull et al. Action in replevin. Judgment for plaintiff.

In the matter of the last will and testament of William B. Shryock, deceased. Hearing to admit same to probate, August 1, 10 a. m.

B. A. Gibson vs. E. L. Reed. Hearing on citation to disclose property subject to levy.

In the matter of the guardianship of Lillian J. Shryock, minor heir of William B. Shryock, deceased. Celia V. Shryock appointed guardian, with bond fixed at \$7,000.

C. C. Parmele et al vs. Sarah Gibson et al. Suit on account for rent. Default of defendants entered. Judgment for plaintiffs for \$56.

In the matter of the estate of

Richard Lewis, deceased. Hearing on petition for the appointment of Gilley S. Ward administratrix de bonis non. Prayer of petition granted. Bond in the sum of \$2,500 approved and letters issued.

In the matter of the estate of Antonio Abbi, deceased. Hearing on petition for appointment of John Schiappacasse administrator, August 9, 10 a. m.

In the matter of the last will and testament of John Gilmore, deceased. Hearing on petition to admit same to probate, August 9, 10 a. m.

In the matter of the estate of William B. Shryock, deceased. Notice to creditors to file claims on or before January 16, 1890, 10 a. m.

In the matter of the estate of Charles S. Allen, deceased. Hearing on petition for final settlement. Accounts of James H. Green allowed. Decree accordingly.

In the matter of the estate of Amalie Hartig, deceased. Fritz Otte appointed special administrator. Hearing for his appointment general administrator, Aug. 8, 10 a. m.

Empire Hardware Co. vs. R. D. McFarlin, constable. Action for damages for failure to levy execution. Trial to court. Plaintiff to file brief by July 23. Defendant to file brief July 30.

In the matter of the guardianship of Winona Nason, minor. Petitioner for removal of Owen Marshall, guardian, failing to appear, cause continued.

In the matter of the guardianship of Freda Klemme, minor. Fritz Otte appointed guardian, with bond fixed at \$800. Bond approved and letters issued.

Edward G. Yamata vs. The Plattsmouth Gas and Electric Light Co. Suit for \$1,000 damages for breach of contract. Judgment for plaintiff for \$4328 rendered July 18.

In the matter of the guardianship of H. Guy Livingston. Hearing on final settlement of Frank E. White, guardian. Balance in hands of guardian found to be \$3,087.50. Voucher showing payment of same produced and decree of discharge entered.

From Friday's Daily.

Will Hyers has returned home from the Black Hills.

Register of Deeds C. C. Parmele is in Nebawka to-day on business.

W. J. Streight returned last night from a pleasure trip through Wyoming.

Geo. Spurlock was yesterday granted permission to practice at the Cass County bar.

Lehnhoff Bros. will move the first of the month into V. V. Leonard's building on Main street.

The little 2-year old girl of Police man Fitzpatrick fell down stairs yesterday afternoon and broke her left leg. The little girl fell a distance of eight feet. She is resting easy to-day and getting along as well and could be expected.

Tony Cornelius, of Kearney, the champion hose coupler of the world, has challenged George Fox, the noted hose coupler of Yankton, S. D., to a hose coupling contest for a purse and the championship medal.

Three machinists have been transferred from Havlock to the shops here. Tom Julian came in and went to work this morning. Fred Havlock and Neek Davis will go to work here Monday. There is lots of work in the machine shop here and another engine came in yesterday to be rebuilt.

Notwithstanding the ladies got scared out by the threatening storm last evening and the wind blowing down a greater part of the decorations they returned to the park and had their garden party and made it a success both in a social and financial way. The band failed to put in an appearance as was expected.

Athor Stotler, son of William Stotler, residing three miles east of Union, died at 2 1/2 o'clock this morning from the effects of a sunstroke. The funeral occurred this afternoon, Rev. Nichols performing the last sad rites. The deceased was a single man, aged 22 years and 17 days, and in the employ of Earl Murphy.

A dispatch to the Lincoln Journal this morning, dated Ashland, says: "Burglars made a raid on the city Wednesday night in a wholesale manner and succeeded in securing considerable booty, consisting mainly of small articles. Owing to the heat doors and windows were freely left open and the robbers had easy access to almost any residence in the place. It is positively known that ten or twelve houses were broken into and many articles of small value stolen. The heaviest loser was R. J. Porter, who was relieved of \$15 or \$20. The burglars were very bold, taking things from rooms where persons were sleeping. They are not known, but are supposed to be parties living in Ashland."

MADE A GENERAL HOLIDAY.

Friday, October 21: Appointed Columbus Day by the President.

As provided in the joint resolution approved June 29 last, President Harrison to-day issued a proclamation appointing Friday, October 21, 1892, the 100th anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus, as a general holiday for the people of the United States.

"On that day," says the proclamation, "let the people, so far as possible, cease all toil, and devote themselves to such exercises as may best express honor to the discoverer and appreciation of the great achievements of four completed centuries of American life."

Columbus stood in his age as the pioneer of progress and enlightenment. The system of universal education is in our age the most prominent and salutary feature of enlightenment, and it is peculiarly appropriate that the schools be made by the people the centre of the day's demonstration. Let the national flag float over every school house in the country and the exercises be such as shall impress upon our youth the patriotic duties of American citizenship.

In the churches and other places of assembly of the people let there be expressions of gratitude to Divine Providence for the devout faith of the discoverer and for the Divine care and guidance which has directed our history and so abundantly blessed our people."

World's Fair Notes.

An exact fac simile of the San Louis Rey mission, perhaps the finest and most celebrated of all the famed old mission ruins in Southern California, will be seen at the world's fair.

The Kentucky building at the world's fair will be a typical representation of a southern colonial mansion, one of the distinctive features of which is great pillared porches or verandas.

"We were overwhelmed with the magnitude of the preparations for the world's fair. Yes, it is on a much grander scale than was the world's fair in Paris. We must admit it. * * * Of course I cannot give anything like definite figures, but the commercial display alone which France will make will not fall short of \$20,000,000 in value. We will have over here an exhibit of everything the country of France produces." These are the words of Baron Alfreo de Vialar, one of the three special French commissioners, who recently visited Chicago to arrange for the erection of the French building at the fair.

One of the novel exhibits in the marine section of the transportation department at the world's fair will be 20 pen engraving of American steam vessels, beginning with the Clermont and following down a typical series to the present day. The pictures will be sent by the New York Seaboard, a marine paper.

Must Come to Terms.

The bill passed by the house to enforce reciprocal commercial relations between the United States and Canada provides that when the president shall be satisfied that passage through any canal or lock connected with the navigation of the St. Lawrence river, the Great Lakes, or the waterways connecting the same, of any vessels of the United States or of cargoes or passengers in transit to any port of the United States is prohibited or made difficult or burdensome by the imposition of tolls or otherwise, which he shall deem to be reciprocally unjust and unreasonable, he shall have the power to suspend the right of free passage through St. Mary's Falls canal so far as it relates to vessels owned by subjects of the government discriminating against the United States.

Last Wednesday evening Matthew Gering of Plattsmouth addressed the democratic club of this city. His remarks might have suited many of the democrats present, but as we heard one say, "It was abuse of the republican party from one end to the other," and another, "that when a man says that every good thing that has been done to benefit the country was introduced by the democratic party, we know that he lies and any such reasoning as that will not help the cause, for people know better." It goes to show that his remarks were not satisfactory to all of them at least. It put the writer in mind of McKeighan's speech to the independents here two years ago—they all agreed that McKeighan could talk, but they forgot to post him on their views on different questions before he commenced talking and it was too late afterwards. Gering said he had studied the silver question the past three months and was prepared to say that he had taken one side or the other, but left his hearers in the dark as to which side he had taken.—Weeping Water Republican.

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One thousand dollars in cash will be paid to the person sending in the largest list of English words constructed from letters in the words "The Canadian Agriculturist."

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As there are more than 1,000 prizes as anyone who takes the trouble to prepare an ordinary good list will not fail to receive a valuable prize. This is the biggest thing in the competition line that we have ever placed before the public, and all who do not take part will miss an opportunity of a life time.

RULES.—1. A letter cannot be used oftener than it appears in the words "The Canadian Agriculturist." For instance the word egg cannot be used as there is but one "g" in the three words. 2. Words having more than one meaning but spelled the same can be used but once. 3. Names of places and persons barred. 4. Errors will not invalidate a list—the wrong words will simply not be counted.

Each list must contain one dollar to pay for six months subscription to the Agriculturist. If two or more lists, the largest list which bears the earliest postmark will take the first prize and so on in order of merit. United States money and stamps taken at par.

The object in offering these magnificent prizes is to introduce our popular magazine into new homes in every part of the American continent.

Every competitor enclosing 30c in stamp extra will receive free, by mail, postpaid one of the Agriculturist's elegant souvenir spoons of Canada.

Prizes awarded to persons in the United States will be shipped from our New York office free of duty. All money letters should be registered.

Our former competition—We have given away over \$25,000 in prizes during the last two years, and have thousands of letters from prize winners in every state in the union and every part of Canada and New foundland. Lord Kilcoursie, A. D. C. to the Governor general of Canada writes: "I shall recommend my friends to enter your competition. M. B. Brandon, Vancouver, B. C. received \$1,000 in gold" and we hold his receipt for the same. A few of the prize winners: Miss J. Robinson Toronto, \$500; I. J. Brandon Fenelon Falls, Ont., \$500; David Harrison Syracuse N. Y., \$335; H. Beavis, St. Louis, \$300; Jas. Baigrie, West Duluth Minn., \$300; Nelsa Georgina Robertson Oak St. Brooklyn, \$1000; Fred H. Hill 350 State St. Bridgeport, Conn, and thousands of others.

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WEEKLY PRIZES—Every week throughout this great competition prizes will be distributed as follows: The first correct answer received (the postmark date on each letter to be taken as the date received at the office of the Ladies Home Magazine) each and every week during 1892 will get \$200; the second correct answer \$50; the third \$30; fourth a beautiful silver service; fifth, five silver silver services; and the next 50 correct answers get prizes ranging from \$25 down to \$2. Every fifth correct answer, irrespective of whether a prize winner or not, will get a special prize. Competitors residing in the southern states as well as other distant points, have an equal chance with those nearer home as the postmark will be authority in every case.

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