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## A VICTIM OF THUGS.

### H. J. Walker Receives a Death Wound at the Hands of an Omaha Nigger.

A telegram was received in this city Saturday afternoon informing the relatives of the murdered man that H. J. (Bert) Walker, who had been shot by a negro named Pat Jackson in a saloon on the corner of Tenth and Capital Avenue, in Omaha, had died about 12:35 o'clock that day at the Clarkson hospital.

Immediately after the shooting, which occurred about 8 o'clock Friday night, and the wounded man had been conveyed to the Clarkson hospital, a dispatch was sent to Mrs. Walker apprising her of the shooting of her son and that his death was momentarily expected. Mrs. Walker was at the time in the country, to which point the sad news was conveyed, but she arrived in Plattsmouth too late to catch a train for Omaha that night. On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Walker, accompanied by S. Waugh and H. N. Doyce, went to that city where the body was prepared for burial.

The facts in the case, as near as we can learn them, are about as follows: Walker had been in Plattsmouth on Friday and had left on the 3:30 train for Omaha. However, previous to his departure he drew \$50.00 from the First National Bank. In Omaha he met Judge Sullivan, who had left here at 5:30 on the Missouri Pacific, and it must have been after six when this occurred. Walker was then going in the direction of the resort where he met his fate, and could not have been there very long when he was shot. The saloon in which he received his death wound, is not one of the finest in the world, and its reputation for order and decency is not of that character as to command the respect of the better element, and always looked upon with suspicion by the police.

At the time of the shooting the resort was filled with a lot of bums and nigger women of the lowest type, and if Mr. Walker had \$50.00 upon his person when he entered that notorious den there can be but one theory advanced and that is he either spent his money awful fast or else he was held up and robbed, as but 50 cents could be found when he entered the hospital.

The deceased was about 35 years of age, and was born near this city, where he lived until five years ago, when he went to Colorado, bought a ranch and engaged in the stock business. A few days previous to his murder he had shipped to South Omaha over \$900.00 worth of live stock from Akron, Colo., and was the possessor of considerable property in the west. He was possessed of a quiet disposition, and many of those who knew him best are not disposed to believe that he done anything to cause the nigger to shoot him.

The remains were brought to this city Sunday morning and taken to the home of his mother on north Fourth street, where they lay in state until 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, at which hour the funeral occurred.

The services were conducted by Dr. J. T. Baird, assisted by Rev. H. B. Burgess. The pall-bearers were H. N. Doyce, J. D. Robbins, A. C. Helms, D. O. Dwyer, Robert Sherwood, of this city, and Ed Heenan, of Omaha.

Among those who attended the funeral from out of town points were M. P. Cannon, Mrs. Cannon and Harris Rose, Weeping Water; Carroll Walker, Norfolk, Neb.; Hon. E. M. Pollard, F. P. Sheldon, Vilas Sheldon and Mr. Wolf, of Nehawka; Misses Clara and Emma and Conway Feenan, of Omaha, and Mr. Hart, of Chicago.

The Journal, together with the entire community, extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

Since the death of Mr. Walker, the charge against the nigger Jackson has been changed from that of shooting with the intent to kill to that of murder. The Sunday World-Herald says that "when brought before the detail of police at the station Saturday morning, Jackson did not appear in the least worried by the serious charges filed against him. The murderer is a low-down hanger-on at the saloon, who plays the guitar and sings for the entertainment of the patrons of that resort, and it is the general supposition that Walker was robbed of his money and that when he began to complain about it, the nigger was told to shoot.

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Jackson assumed the aggressive and approached Walker before shooting him, and several others who were in the saloon at the time of the shooting. The verdict was that Walker "came to his death in Clarkson hospital from the effects of a pistol shot wound fired by Pat Jackson in T. Garrity's saloon, Tenth and Capital Avenue, on the night of April 3."

### Drowned at Louisville.

A special from Louisville, under date of Saturday, April 4, says: "Alfred Urwin, 19 years of age, was drowned in the Platte river here at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The body has not been recovered.

"While young Urwin, accompanied by Eddie Guess, John Helvie and John Carter, were rowing on the river above the bridge their boat was caught in the strong current at this point and whirled with great rapidity against the piling of the bridge. Such was the force with which the frail craft struck the heavy logs that it was smashed and broken into two parts. The lads, who were all about the same age, were thrown into the river. Urwin was seen by his companions clinging to a piling. Helvie also caught one of the piles and was able to drag himself into a place of safety and render heroic assistance to Guess and Carter, but when he looked for young Urwin he had lost his hold upon the piling and had passed out of sight.

"The lads made their way home and reported the fate of their companion. Searching parties were made up and the shores of the river carefully scanned, but up to a late hour no trace of the body had been reported.

"Young Urwin was well known in this place as a coon hunter and trapper. He was familiarly known as 'Toots' and had many friends. His father is Thomas Urwin and has lived many years at Louisville."

### Funeral of Jesse Ervin.

The news last evening contained the particulars of the sudden death of Jesse Ervin, which occurred yesterday at morning at 11 o'clock at his home, 815 north Seventh street. Mr. Ervin was one of our substantial and well known citizens, and a very prominent member of the Latter Day Saints church. He was born in Wainfield, Anglaise county, Ohio, June 23, 1839, and in 1854 came to Nebraska, locating on a farm which he still owns, two miles northeast of Union. He engaged in farming until about twenty years ago when he moved to this city and has since made his home here, he managing a dray line. All his children are now at home except Mrs. John Huffman, who lives at Salina, Kansas.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock from the family home and will be conducted by Rev. M. H. Forscutt.—Nebraska City News, Saturday, April 4th.

"The deceased was a resident of Cass county for many years, and at the time of his death owned the farm upon which he settled on coming to Nebraska. He has many friends in Cass county who regret his sudden demise.

### A Good Scheme.

They have turned a "Jack the Huger," loose over in Valisio, Iowa, and after squeezing a number of girls in such a manner as to make the average lemon squeezer turn green with envy, he turns them loose, doing no harm. Jack created such a sensation as to cause all the girls of that town to remain at home after dark, unless accompanied by a male escort. Now, it turns out that he was employed to do this by some parents who objected to their daughters peeping up and down the streets at night. It might have a tendency to keep some young girls off the streets of Plattsmouth who have no business there.

### Search Given Up.

After searching diligently for nearly ten days for the body of William McClellan, the bridegroom who fell in the river during the terrible calamity on Saturday afternoon, March 28th, the work has been abandoned. The river bottom has been thoroughly dragged for quite a distance, and every effort possible made to recover the body of the unfortunate man, and failure has been the result. A portion of the traveler which fell at the same time and went down the river, has been recovered and brought back.

## PERSONAL POINTS.

Of a Purely Personal Nature. Pertaining to Goers and Comers.

Herman Tool, of Murdock, was in the city Monday.

H. R. Gering made a business trip to eastern Missouri this week.

Frank Yelick, of this city, is now an employee of the Havelock shops.

J. L. Burns, of near Louisville, was a business caller in Plattsmouth Saturday.

Edwin Jeary, president of the Elmwood bank, was here on business Friday.

Miss Clara Feenan came down from Omaha to attend the funeral of Bert Walker, Monday.

George Thomas, in the employ of Swift & Co., South Omaha, Sundayed in Plattsmouth.

J. J. Boom and brother, Herman, farmers from near Louisville, were in the city Saturday.

William Krecklow, a prominent farmer of near Louisville, was doing business here Saturday.

Genial Tom Walling, one of the best abstractors in Cass county, called Monday and renewed for another year.

Carl Walker came in from Norfolk, Neb., Sunday to attend the funeral of his brother Bert, which took place Monday.

A. Long, who receives his mail at the Murdock postoffice, renits a dollar this week to apply on subscription to the Journal.

A. L. Tidd, one of Plattsmouth's bright young legal lights, dropped in Monday and renewed for the Journal for another year.

Mark White, of Rock Bluffs, gave the Journal a pleasant call on Thursday of last week, and while here renewed for another year.

W. T. Hindman, of Rock Bluffs, was in the city Saturday, and reports his two children, who have been quite sick considerably improved.

H. E. Weidman, who has been traveling in the interests of the Equitable Manufacturing Co., of Chicago, is here for an indefinite period.

J. R. Perkins, of Omaha boiler and elevator inspector for the Fidelity and Casualty Co., of New York, inspected the court house boiler Monday.

Jay Worley, foreman on the News, is enjoying a lay-off, and will take advantage of it to visit various points. He will probably recreate for several weeks.

John M. Leis, one of the Journal's prompt paying patrons at the Murdock postoffice, renits one dollar on subscription this week—renewing for another year.

Ex-county superintendent Smith and family left for their new home in Table Rock, Nebraska, Friday. They have many friends in Plattsmouth who wish them health and prosperity.

J. H. Bachler, of Thurman, Iowa, who was here visiting relatives last week, called and left his measure for the Journal one year. Mr. Bachler is a former resident of Cass county.

Mrs. Roberta White, of Plattsmouth, who has been on a visit here since last December at the home of her niece, Mrs. E. J. Whipple, returned to her home Wednesday.—Ashland Journal.

David Foltz, one of the raising young democrats of Weeping Water precinct, was in the city Saturday and was a business caller on the Journal. His brother William was also in the city.

Dr. E. W. Cook left Saturday evening for Chicago, where he will take a special course in Chicago School of Polyclinics. Dr. Cook informed a Journal reporter previous to his departure that he would probably be absent one month.

John Meisinger, of near Cedar Creek, was in the city Monday and called on the Journal and renewed for another year. Mr. Meisinger is like all the family of that name, one of the best farmers in the county.

Mrs. Cory went to Omaha Monday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Sybel Brantner, who has been in the Immanuel hospital under medical treatment for a month. She reports her daughter doing nicely.

## SUICIDE AT UNION

### A Stranger Deliberately Kills Himself in a Hardware Store.

About two o'clock on Friday afternoon, April 3, a well dressed stranger killed himself in Dean's hardware store in Union, in a most sensational manner, the particulars of which are about as follows: "At the hour mentioned a stranger walked into the store and asked the proprietor to let him see a revolver. A 32-caliber pistol was shown him, but he declared it was too small, and asked that a larger one be shown. He selected a 45-caliber weapon and asked the proprietor to load it, saying he would take that one. He then said he would like some loose cartridges, and when Mr. Dean went to get the extra charge the stranger placed the muzzle of the gun over his heart and pulled the trigger. Death was almost instantaneous.

When Mr. Dean found that the man was badly wounded he sent hurriedly for Dr. Walker. A moment before he died he regained consciousness and complained that his collar was chocking, and requested that his collar be loosened. He was then asked where his home was, and he replied that it was in Iowa. Immediately afterward he passed away.

Earlier in the afternoon the stranger had accepted a boy on the street of whom he asked if there was a barber shop in Union, and was directed to one. Of the proprietor of the shop he requested work as a barber, and he declared was his trade, and upon being told that there was no opportunity there at present, he asked that he be allowed to shave himself, and upon receiving permission he performed the job with dispatch. From later developments it is now thought he intended drawing the razor across his throat, but was watched too closely by the proprietor of the shop.

After leaving the shop the stranger inquired the way to the local hardware store, to which he went direct. No one in Union knew the stranger. He was dressed in an almost new dark brown overcoat, black coat and vest and light checked trousers, all of which were almost new and of good material. His hair was dark and curly, and it was noticed that it was very slightly sprinkled with gray. In a pocket of his coat was found a blank book, in which the name "Charles Kelly, Shreveport, Ill.," appeared. Upon his shirt collar appeared the initials, "A. A. P." and a Waterloo, Ia., dealer's stamp. Nothing else which might reveal his identity was found. In age he appeared to be about 35, and was five feet seven inches tall and rather heavy set. In searching his pockets an empty purse was found. Coroner Boeck was notified, but upon learning the facts in the case, decided that an inquest was entirely unnecessary.

The body was kept for twenty-four hours or until Sunday, and every effort possible made to find out where he was from and to learn the whereabouts of some of his relatives, when he was buried by the good people of Union, with appropriate ceremonies.

We learn that he was in Plattsmouth a day or two previous to going to Union and sold a "kit" of barber's tools to one of our barbers, and then walked out of town. And as no money was found upon his person, he perhaps spent the amount he received for them before leaving the city.

### Many Deaths at Union.

A special to the Omaha World-Herald from Union, under date of April 5, says: "Through some remarkable fatality the suicide of a stranger within the town of Union Friday has increased the list of unknown dead within the space of nine months to four and adds another victim to the list of those who have met with a violent death here in the same period, which now numbers eight.

"Today all that was mortal of the strange suicidal victim was laid to rest. The funeral services were conducted at Woodmen hall by Rev. Ayers of the Methodist church assisted by Evangelist Surface. The body was taken from the hall shortly after 11 o'clock and buried in the village cemetery. A large crowd was present at the services and the remains were viewed closely by all, but recognized by none.

"All efforts at identification have thus far failed. The clothing is being held and telegrams have been sent to various points in the hope that the dead man's identity might be discovered.

"He arrived in Union yesterday about 12:45. He conversed with a number of persons before the shooting and all were very favorably impressed with his appearance. To Wes Clark, the barber to whom he first applied for a situation, he stated that he was a barber and had been working in Omaha, but had just arrived from Plattsmouth. All his actions after he entered the village point to the fact that he had determined to end his life."

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### An Envidable Position (Nit.)

The most sneaking position occupied by mortal man is that of deputy game warden. He will stoop to almost anything to catch a person either hunting or fishing without a license. In the past two or three weeks sportsmen have come down to the mouth of the Platte from Omaha duck hunting and as they would return home on the evening train with their game one of these "sneak" individuals would be occupying a seat in the same car. He would immediately demand the little slip of paper termed "license," and if they did not possess this instrument, on arrival at Omaha, they were "pulled" (sometimes their legs) and a fine assessed against them. Out upon such laws, but then the law is not to be condemned so much as the maneuvering of these fellows to get sportsmen "pinned."

We have known instances where game wardens have given hunters permission, knowing they had no license, and then slip around and have them arrested.

### Badly Treated.

Geo. Bowen, a Homestake boiler-maker of Lead, returned Wednesday evening from Chicago, where he was operated on about six weeks ago for an abscess. He came home in worse condition than when he left Lead, which certainly does not speak very well for the management and physicians of the Presbyterian hospital. The institution was recently given a shaking up by the Chicago papers and Mr. Bowen's account of the treatment—or lack of treatment—would indicate that it might not be amiss for the humane society to pay the hospital a visit. Mr. Bowen also complains of very shabby treatment at the hands of the Pullman car employes while enroute home. Lead friends of Mr. Bowen have started an investigation of the wrongs to which he was submitted. Mr. Bowen is a poor man, with a large family and has been unable to perform any labor for a number of months. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. lodge, having joined at Plattsmouth, Nebraska.—Central City (S. D.) Register.

### Champion Wrestler Issues a Challenge.

By defeating Tom Riley, the English champion, at the New Polo A. C., New York City, on April 3, George Bothner became the light-weight champion wrestler of the world. At the conclusion of the contest he was presented with a \$500.00 silver belt by Charles J. Fox, who represented the doctor, his father, Richard K. Fox, proprietor of Police Gazette. The trophy must be won twice more by Bothner before he can own it, and all matches must be made at the Police Gazette office.

Bothner hereby challenges all light-weight wrestlers in the world to meet him for the title and the belt.

### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

#### The "Cannon" Road Ordered Open as Required by Petition.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., March 17.—Board met pursuant to adjournment. All present. J. P. Falter moved to reconsider the action taken March 3rd regarding the "Cannon" road and order the same opened as the petition called for. Conditioned as per agreement March 3rd. Falter and Banning voted for the amendment; Zink voted against same. The minutes of the previous meeting was then read and approved with the above amendment.

Petition for road between Sections 28 and 29-11-11 was laid over until April 7th, 1903.

C. S. Wortman was appointed County Superintendent, he having received a majority of the votes cast.

Claims allowed on the General Fund: W. B. Banning, salary and expenses, \$24.20

Turner Zink, same, 37.60  
J. P. Falter, same, 36.00  
Plattsmouth Gas and Electric Light Co., gas, 14.13  
Adam Kurtz, digging pauper grave, 4.00

Evening News, printing, 25.00  
M. Fanger, merchandise to poor, 12.80  
Wm. McGee, wood to jail, 11.25  
Plattsmouth Journal, printing, 25.20  
Wm. McGee, wood to jail, 6.25  
City Steam Laundry, lowel rents, 21.00  
Fee Bill, insane case, Fordney, 19.20  
Fee Bill, insane case, Volnagle, 31.40  
Union Ledger, printing, 7.00  
L. W. Ingwerson, rent for pauper, 13.00  
John Miller, fees, 2.00  
R. L. Newell and wife, care for insane person, 3.00  
H. D. Travis, defending Shepherd, 25.00

COUNTY ROAD FUND.  
H. J. Stoll, overseer's settlement, 30.60  
Board adjourned to meet March 18, 1903.

March 18th, 1903, board met. Present, J. P. Falter and Turner Zink.

Official bonds of C. S. Wortman and Jno. Albert were approved. Board adjourned to meet from day to day until March 24th.

March 24th, 1903, board met. All present. Ira Bosworth was appointed Overseer in District No. 33, and H. E. Smith was appointed Overseer in District No. 51.

Board adjourned to meet March 31st, 1903.

March 31st, 1903, there being no quorum board was adjourned to meet April 1st, 1903.

April 1st, 1903, board met. Present, J. P. Falter and W. B. Banning. A resolution was adopted requesting the Board of County Commissioners of Sarpy county, Neb., to go into joint contract for the repair of the Platte River bridge, near Louisville.

Board adjourned to meet April 7th, 1903. L. A. Tyson, County Clerk.

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