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## STRUCK BY TRAIN AND IS KILLED

### Peter Johnson, While Seeking Shelter From Storm Hit By Schuyler Train

From Saturday's Daily.

The disastrous storm which swept over Cedar Creek yesterday afternoon about four o'clock was indirectly responsible for one death at least. Peter Johnson a resident of that place, was struck and instantly killed by the locomotive of the Schuyler train about four o'clock in the afternoon.

From reliable reports it would seem Johnson who formerly had been employed on the section at Cedar Creek, had been fishing at Metzger's pond east of the village when the terrific rain and hail storm came up. As the hail is reported to have been as large as hen's eggs and big walnuts, it naturally gave him a bad beating up. He started to go down the track to the iron bridge which spans the creek west of the pond and it is presumed he was struck by the engine before he could get to the bridge. From the appearance of the body it is evident he was struck from behind as the back of the head was crushed in and there were other bruises on the body which plainly showed the direction from which the crushing blow had been struck.

After being struck by the train the unfortunate man was dragged for probably one hundred and fifty or sixty yards. One leg was cut off and the body badly mutilated. The engine crew did not know of the accident at the time and it was not until South Bend was reached that the discovery of Johnson's fishing rod in the plot of the engine served to notify them of the accident. Information was at once telephoned down the road and the body was found. It was taken to the Burlington station at Cedar Creek where it was held pending the inquest today. The facts as to the cause of the disaster may never be known but doubtless they are as above stated. The storm which was raging at the time served to drown out the noise of the oncoming train and the unfortunate man rushed on hoping to escape from the pelting hail until death overtook him. Fred Miller was engineer on the train which struck him.

Johnson was a man about 35 years of age, well known in Cedar Creek and vicinity. He was married and leaves a widow and one child to survive him. He was a Spanish-American veteran, having been wounded in the service and drawing a pension. Owing to his injuries he had not been able to work a great deal. The widow and orphan are in receipt of the sympathy of all in the loss of their husband and father.

The entire eastern part of the state last evening received a very heavy rainfall which is of great benefit to the ground and to the newly planted crops. In this city the heaviest rain fall occurred about 7 o'clock and it was sufficient in volume to arouse anticipations of another flood which, however, did not materialize. It was the first heavy rain since the completion of the new pavement and considerable speculation was indulged in as to how the pavement would carry the water. It is a complete success and there was at no time any danger but what the pavement would be ample to handle all the water which would get to it. The worst feature of the new scheme, however, seemed to be at the corner of Sixth and Main streets where the street was full from curb to curb according to eye witnesses there. As the rain was not near so heavy as flood rains usually are, considerable apprehension was manifested by the occupants of the buildings at that corner. The water also washed great quantities of mud into the pavement at Sixth and Pearl and Sixth and Vine streets. This was doubtless caused by the fact of Pearl and Vine streets being higher than Sixth. In other sections of the city the rain did a great deal of washing on the hills and several of the streets are left in bad shape and will have to be repaired whether the road fund is overdrawn or not.

The creeks leading to the sewers were in many cases, clogged with

branches of trees and other debris which impeded the flow of the waters and caused miniature floods along them. The necessity of cleaning out the tile and ditches and that, too, speedily was demonstrated. One good feature of the rain was the washing of a great deal of the mud off of Main street. This left the street in fairly passable condition save that it is impossible to cross the street during the progress of a rain without having to swim in the center of it. The report that a man caught a bass and a croppie in the street center during the rain is denied.

A very heavy soaking rain is reported to have passed to the west and southwest of the city during the evening. People coming in from near Murray report a very heavy rain west of that town while dispatches tell of a terrific downpour which passed down the Platte yesterday afternoon crossing to the northeast and striking Bellevue about 4:40 p. m. It is reported last evening that another cyclone had hit that town but, fortunately, this was untrue. The rain did wash an immense amount of trash and mud down on the Burlington tracks about one mile north of town and No. 2 was delayed nearly an hour and a half during the mud could be shoveled off the tracks. It passed through here about 6:30 last evening. No track was washed out and the delay was occasioned simply by the blocking of the track by trash.

The Rock Island was tied up about the same time by a washout near Meadow opposite Louisville. The rain swept down the hills in such volume that a section of their track was taken out and trains were delayed or detoured over the Burlington tracks to Lincoln. Wire communication was also broken with Omaha.

The Missouri Pacific was tied up on account of a washout between Kansas City and Leavenworth and the morning train seriously delayed. From other points in this state and Kansas comes reports of bad washouts and delay to trains and mails.

Kansas and Oklahoma report bad tornadoes and cyclones at several places with attendant loss of life and great property damage.

From passengers who were on No. 2 last night from Omaha it is learned that the rainfall near Bellevue must have been enormous. The train first encountered fallen trees from the hills west of the tracks which caused it to stop until the obstacles were removed, when it ran on a short distance only to meet with further obstructions in the shape of mud and trash washed down from the hills and covering the rails to the depth of several feet. This ended progress until the section men could remove the litter. Meanwhile the water was rushing down the hills behind the train with such force that a portion of the track was torn out and the train left hung up between two troubles, the slide on the track ahead and the washout behind the train. Eventually after more than an hour of work the train was released and came on to this city.

Passengers coming down from Cedar Creek this morning report that the storm at that place was terrific in violence. Hail stones of unprecedented size fell covering the ground to the depth of several inches. Some of the people aver that hail as large as hen eggs fell at intervals while all agree that walnuts were at least the smallest they were. Exposed cattle and hogs suffered greatly from the stony hail. In addition there were regular deluges of rain and creeks and streams were soon beyond their banks. One spectator stated that standing in the depot at Cedar Creek during the height of the hail storm, the rails of the track only a few feet distant were invisible. After the storm had passed hail stood over the ground to a depth of six inches or more.

Incoming farmers from the precinct and southwest report the rain in that section as very heavy and

streams as being out of their banks. A number of bridges have been taken out and the loss will run up into the hundreds of dollars easily. No damage from hail is reported to amount to anything, the entire loss being caused by excessive water fall.

#### K. of P. Elects Officers.

Hastings, Neb., May 12.—The state convention of the Knights of Pythias and the Pythian Sisterhood adjourned at Hastings at a late hour Wednesday evening. Two hundred and fifty delegates were present and a splendid convention was enjoyed.

The officers for the coming year were elected in the afternoon. The balloting lasted for two hours and a half with the final result as follows:

Grand chancellor, W. T. Denny of Omaha.

Grand vice chancellor, W. H. Correll of Plainview.

Grand prelate, John W. Long, of Loup City.

Grand keeper of records and seals, W. H. Love of Lincoln.

Grand master of exchequer, ohn B. Wright of Lincoln.

Grand Master at arms, A. C. Waffer of Schuyler.

Grand inner guard, John W. Fetter of Norfolk.

Grand outer guard, W. S. Pettitt of Fairbury.

Supreme representative, W. W. Young of Stanton.

Grand lodge trustee, Carl Kramer of Columbus.

The Pythian Sisterhood adjourned this noon.

The election of officers of the Pythian Sisterhood resulted as follows:

Grand past chief Mrs. Alice Truell of Lincoln.

Grand chief, Mrs. A. Parks of Central City.

Grand junior, Sister Leyda of Falls City.

Grand senior, Mrs. Caroline Potham of Lincoln.

Grand manager, Mrs. Doty of Omaha.

Grand mistress of records, Mrs. Minerva Bushnell of Fremont.

Grand mistress of finance, Sister Kennedy of Genoa.

Grand protector of temple, Mrs. J. E. Wilson of Broken Bow.

Grand outer guard, Mrs. Mary Stoddard of Auburn.

Grand representatives Mrs. Sarah Dinick of Fremont and Mrs. Rose Tivey of Silver Creek.

Grand Chief Mrs. Nellie Marion of Fairbury.

The rational organization has been present throughout the convention and has taken an active part in the deliberations. Little business of special interest was done by either the temple or the lodge in the way of legislation.

#### Railroad Men Here.

From Friday's Daily.

General Superintendents Byram and Throop and Superintendent Flynn of the Omaha division of the Burlington, were a part who spent several hours in the city this morning and noon making the inspection of the Burlington properties here. Mr. Byram is accompanying his successor Mr. Throop over his territory and making his acquaintance with it. The several superintendents who report to the Nebraska division at Lincoln accompany the general superintendents over their respective divisions. The officials travel in General Superintendent Byram's car and are drawn by "Q" engine No 414 which is especially equipped for that work, having a small enclosed cab built over the front end of the locomotive for the accommodation of the officials when inspecting. They left Lincoln this morning at 7:30 running to Pacific Junction via the old main line, returning to this city at eleven o'clock and taking dinner in the car after which they inspected the local properties and continued to Omaha this afternoon inspecting the property there and on the way. They will likely lay over there this evening. The train is in charge of Conductor Ledwith and Engineer Coffman. There is no particular significance in the trip.

#### Grand Army Closes Session.

York, Neb., May 13.—The grand army of the republic closed its session today attesting its appreciation by resolutions of gratitude. This morning the election of department officers was the most important feature which resulted with much opposition in the election of H. D. Richards, Fremont, department commander; I. N. Thompson, Fairbury, senior vice commander; Henry W. Abbott, York, junior vice commander; Dr. Fred Brother, Beatrice, treas-

urer; J. Hickie, Lincoln, chaplain. All were duly installed during the afternoon session. After a spirited contest Fairbury was selected as the place of holding the next encampment in 1910. Wednesday afternoon business meetings were held by the Grand Army in the opera house, the Women's Relief Corps in the Methodist church. The ladies of the Grand Army in Odd Fellows hall. The report of the Grand Army showed a net membership of 4,641, there having been 500 names added to the during the year and a loss of 500 deaths and suspension, thus leaving the total the same as reported last year. Wednesday evening a camp fire was held in the opera house, presided over by Post Commander John Lett. The exercises opened with the song, "Marching Through Georgia," led by Gen. A. V. Cole. Addresses were made by Judge Lee Estelle, Judge Fawcett, T. J. Majors and Dan Nettleton. A prize essay on our flag was given by Clark Pine, a high school student, who was presented with a handsome badge by the Woman's Relief Corps. The Veteran's Quartette and the Civil War musicians furnished several musical numbers with the audience singing "America." The Woman's Relief Corps elected Mrs. Clara J. Hughes, Fremont, department president; Mrs. Elizabeth Pine, senior vice president; Mrs. Susan Gould, junior vice president; Mrs. Addie Hough, Omaha, treasurer; Augusta Taylor, Broken Bow, chaplain. The Ladies of the Grand Army elected Mrs. Clara Lyons, Omaha, department president; Nora Kidder, Scribner, senior vice president; Jennie Knight, Lincoln, chaplain, and Mary A. Gancher, Lincoln, treasurer.

#### Appoints Two Citizens of Cass.

From Saturday's Daily.

Gov. Shallenberger yesterday honored two Cass County citizens with appointments as delegates to the navigation congress to be held on July 7 to 9 in Yankton, S. D., in the persons of Judge H. D. Travis and Col. M. A. Bates, both of this city. The object of this congress is to promote the navigation of the Missouri River and its tributaries and it promises to be a notable gathering of the interests of the great Missouri valley. It is not yet known whether either of the two gentlemen honored will be able to accept, the date being too far in the future. The delegation is headed by Mayor James Dahlman as chairman.

#### Still Another Rain.

From Friday's Daily.

This city and vicinity early this morning was treated to another heavy rain which did an immense amount of good although it washed the hills badly at places. The rain struck the city about 1:30 a. m. and continued for quite a while, the rain falling heavily. There was no hail mixed with it. The storm was general over this part of the county and seemed heavier west and south of this city than here.

Reports from Union are to the effect that there was quite an amount of hail fell there which did some damage to wheat and fruit although the extent is not definitely known.

Further reports from the rain and hail storm of Wednesday evening show it was confined to a narrow belt running almost due east from Murray to the river and crossing over into Iowa. On both the north and south of this belt there was hail but not of sufficient size or force to do much damage. In the belt which was about two miles wide, it is reported virtually all the fruit is destroyed and wheat very badly damaged.

#### Baylor Incorporates.

Articles of incorporation have been filed with the county clerk of the firm of C. W. Baylor & Co. The incorporators are Uri Gillette, C. W. Baylor and Guy H. Reese. The articles set forth that the name of the corporation shall be C. W. Baylor & Co. and the principal place of business shall be Plattsmouth, Neb. The business of the corporation is to handle coal, wood, fuel and feed and they shall have power to erect and maintain the usual and necessary buildings for such purposes and to buy and sell real estate for the purpose. The capital stock is placed at \$2,500 divided into shares of \$100 each. The life of the corporation shall be for five years. The board of directors shall consist of a president, secretary and treasurer who shall hold office for the term of one year or until their successors are selected and qualified. The limit of the corporation is placed at \$1,250. The corporation succeeds to the present business of C. W. Baylor

## VAUDEVILLE MAKES A HIT

### Entertainment Under Direction of Prof. Austin a Success

From Friday's Daily.

The vaudeville entertainment given last evening at the Parmele by the members of St. Mary's Guild for the very laudable purpose of raising a fund to be used in building a parish house and remodeling the rectory, was greeted by a fine crowd, the attendance being beyond expectations considering the threatening appearance of the skies. And all who patronized the entertainment departed more than pleased as it was an entertainment of the highest order of merit. The entire program passed off in splendid shape and scarcely a number on it, but what met with an enthusiastic encore.

The direction of the affair was in the hands of Professor and Mrs. H. S. Austin to whom the greatest praise should be bestowed for their superb work in directing the talent which made up the program. It would be fulsome praise to attempt to add to the many good words which have been said in times past in these columns of the work of these two excellent directors of entertainments. Suffice it to say that this entertainment ranked above and beyond any that they have handled in this city, and this is the unanimously expressed belief of all attending.

One of the features of the evening to score a success and win approbation was the work of Miss Ella Margaret Dovey, who was the accompanist for the several musical numbers of the program. In addition to the opening number "Rags, Ragged Gags," Miss Dovey's work throughout the entire program displayed a superior skill well worthy of the many words said of her.

Miss Edith Dovey, assisted by Misses Nora Livingston, Lillian Dwyer, Marie Fanger, Jeanette Patterson, and Masters Geo. Dovey, Chas. Dovey, Milton Austin, Benjie Fanger, Wm. Coates and Meredith Coates, staged "A Child's Dream"—a bit of fancy which caught the crowd and was very pleasing. The song "A China Doll" from the opera "A Broken Idol" was given in fine style and greatly appreciated. Miss Dovey seems to be well on the highway toward the great success which her older sisters have attained in opera roles, although she is yet but a child.

A bright, witty dialogue was given by Master John Falter and Ben Windham, and they did excellent work in it, each showing a marvelous aptitude for german dialect roles. The piece was also one full of sparkling, up-to-date jokes and kept the audience in a continuous roar of laughter. The act met with a warm reception.

"Harvest Moon" given by Mrs. Austin was one of the genuine winners on a program where all numbers were of that class. Assisted by Misses Catherine Dovey, Marie Douglass, Vesta Douglass, Marie Donnelly, Gretchen Donnelly, Gladys Sullivan and Messrs George Dovey, Chas. Hopping, Wayne Murphy, Clyde Murphy, Fred Mann and Clarence Statz, she presented this musical melange fully as well as the most finished professional could have done, and the audience demonstrated its approval by a hearty encore.

Miss Mildred Cummins who is easily the character artist of this city gave "Dixie"—a negro monologue, and Miss Cummins made a brilliant and pronounced success of her number. From her entrance upon the stage until she had bowed off for the final encore she was the recipient of enthusiastic applause which came from genuinely delighted spectators.

One of the numbers which took well with the crowd was the turning exhibition given by the members of the active turner class under direction of Director Ernest Wurl. The

#### Secures a Fine Animal.

Charles C. Parmele this noon shipped a fine Shetland pony by express to A. A. Hyers of Havelock. The animal is a beauty, one of the prettiest of its kind seen in this section in years. Mr. Parmele raised the little animal from a colt and it pained him to part with it. Certainly Mr. Hyers will have an animal which will

members participating in addition to Mr. Wurl were Messrs Emil Droege, Fred Jess, Fred Dawson, Fred Mann, Charles Reynolds and John Maurer and they did great work performing many difficult feats upon the bars and showing the result of careful and pains-taking work.

The Plattsmouth Quartette consisting of Messrs Glen Scott, Clarence Staats, George Falter and Jennings Selver gave a number of selections which carried them into popular favor at once as fine vocalists. The young men have not been singing together a great while but during that time they have developed marvelously and give promise of soon ranking as the best quartette in this section.

"The Two-two Train" a delightful humorous sketch was given by Prof. and Mrs. Austin and it was an electrifying success. This was another of the numbers which scored heavily with the audience and met with a prolonged and enthusiastic encore. Their work in this little sketch added much to the laurels of this excellent couple, and was equal to the best seen here by professionals.

A novelty depicting the seven ages of woman—baby, child, girl, young lady, bride, mother, grandma—was given by Misses Nora Livingston, Dorothy Britt, Margaret Dovey, Florence Dovey, Mesdames C. W. Baylor and J. H. Donnelly as well as the baby, and it was a charming story of life. As in every other case it was presented in such a manner that the audience could not help being pleased with it and it received its due share of the applause.

A distinct hit was achieved by Miss Catherine Dovey who gave the star number from "A Prince of Tonight" one of the latest operatic successes. Miss Dovey assisted by Messrs Geo. Dovey and Clarence Staats sang most charmingly "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now." In her rendition of this piece Miss Dovey displayed the many excellent qualities of the born comic opera artiste and, always as strong favorite with Plattsmouth audiences, she more than met their expectations.

Perhaps the one feature of the bill which took the audience completely away from itself was the reading of Mrs. Wm. Baird. Having been a resident of the city for only so short a time Mrs. Baird's great abilities were known only to those who had been fortunate enough to hear her in parlor readings and last evening the audience was quite unprepared for the treat in store for them. She read "Bobby Shafto" by Homer Green and her reading simply astonished the audience who had not expected so wonderful a display of art and talent. They were carried away by their enthusiasm and at the close she was compelled to respond with an encore giving the "Poem Without Words," a pantomime which convulsed the audience and caused it to applaud without limit. Plainly Mrs. Baird has installed herself in the hearts of Plattsmouth as one of the best entertainers this city contains.

The closing number, "The Clang of the Forge," given by Prof. H. S. Austin assisted by Mr. Jennings Selver, was a fitting finale to an entertainment of rare excellence. Prof. Austin as can quite well be imagined received an ovation from the audience for his work and it was well deserved.

All in all, the entertainment marks an epoch in such events in this city. Superbly handled in every detail, it was a success of the most pronounced character and the purpose for which it was given benefitted greatly by it. Financially the Guild cleared a nice sum and was put well along on the way toward the goal of their efforts.

be the envy of his Havelock neighbors. The little nag was carefully boxed up for shipment and stood the process as if it was an every day occurrence with it. It is an ideal animal for Mr. Hyers and if he learns to prize it as much as Mr. Parmele did there is small probability of his ever parting with it.