

A VERY SERIOUS ACCIDENT NEAR THE VILLAGE OF CEDAR CREEK

Automobile Collides With Horse and Buggy and Both Vehicles Badly Demolished and Horse Killed.

From Monday's Daily.
A disastrous accident took place last Saturday night at Cedar Creek which came near ending the lives of six estimable citizens of that town and its immediate vicinity. The accident consisted of a collision between the big, high power, Mercer motor car of John Gauer and a horse and buggy driven by Henry Fornoff. In the car with Mr. Gauer who was driving, was Chris Metzger and Henry Leuchtweis while there were two other gentlemen in the buggy with Mr. Fornoff.

The accident took place at a point just west of the Burlington station and almost in the village of Cedar Creek. According to one of the parties in the car, the latter was driving along a smooth, level piece of road by Mr. Gauer at a speed of some 15 to 20 miles an hour. The front seat of the car was occupied by Mr. Gauer and Mr. Leuchtweis while Mr. Metzger occupied the back seat himself.

The night was a windy and dusty one and very dark at the time of the accident, which took place about 8 o'clock. The lamps on the car, it is claimed, were lighted and according to the occupants of the car, all necessary precautions against accident had been taken. The scene of the accident was at the curve in the road. The car approached the curve at a speed from 15 to 20 miles an hour, according to their statements, and Mr. Fornoff was driving slowly as he approached the curve. The light from the lamp on the car projected straight ahead as the curve was approached and the driver of it could not see the horse and buggy.

According to those in the car, Mr. Fornoff did not turn to the left as he should have done, but turned toward the right and the big heavy car struck the horse and buggy squarely. The force of the collision was terrific and the horse was hurled in the air lighting in the car between the front and back seats. Mr. Metzger, who was in the back seat, leaped from the car and escaped injury. After floundering about in the car for several minutes, the horse got over into the front seat from which Mr. Leuchtweis had leaped but in which Mr. Gauer was still sitting. The horse kicked him a number of times in the face and about the chest and rather badly bruised and lacerated him, but fortunately no bones

were broken. The remainder of the party escaped injury.

The buggy in which Mr. Fornoff and the other two gentlemen were seated was totally demolished, only two of the wheels being left intact. Fortunately the occupants of the buggy escaped injury, although it was a little short of miraculous that they were not killed. The body of the automobile was badly torn up and the car put out of commission, a large part of the damage being done by the horse in its wild plunges about. The animal was so badly injured that it was found necessary to kill it Sunday morning. It had both shoulders broken and was otherwise hurt, the injuries being of such a nature that a veterinarian recommended killing.

The damage amounts to several thousand dollars, the largest amount of the monetary loss being said to be to Mr. Gauer, whose automobile is said to have cost about \$2,000 not long ago and is now so badly damaged as to be almost worthless. Mr. Fornoff's horse was a valuable one and the buggy was also a good one. His damages will be several hundred dollars.

According to the story as told by those in the automobile, the entire cause of the accident was the failure of Mr. Fornoff to turn to the left of the curve instead of turning to the right. As he turned in that direction, the car swerved out to the left with the result both came together. It could not be learned just what Mr. Fornoff had to say on the matter nor whether his story was the same as that of the other parties. The affair was a very unfortunate one and serves as a warning to drivers of machines to exercise great care in their operation. That serious injury or possible death did not come to some of the parties is surprising and very fortunate.

From parties who came down from Cedar Creek this morning it is learned that a claim is made that the automobile was running at a speed of thirty-five to forty miles an hour when the accident took place and that Mr. Fornoff claims he did not have time to prevent the machine crashing into his buggy. As none of the parties came to the city this morning the only statement of facts available for the Journal is that given by the occupants of the car and the above rumor is printed merely as such.

DEATH OF AN ESTIMABLE LADY

Mrs. Otterstein Passes Away at Her Home in This City.

From Monday's Daily.
DIED—Otterstein, Mrs. Marie, wife of William Otterstein, at her home in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, aged 42 years, 4 months and 10 days. Funeral on Tuesday, April 26, 1910, from the St. Paul Evangelical church at 2 o'clock p. m. Rev. Steger officiating. Interment at Oak Hill cemetery.

After an illness of several weeks duration Mrs. Marie Otterstein, the beloved wife of William Otterstein, passed into rest yesterday morning. Deceased was a most estimable lady, well known and greatly liked by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who will learn of her passing with the deepest regret. She had lived in this city for quite a number of years and during that long period of time she had earned a very high place in the esteem and estimation of the public. All who had come in contact with her had appreciated her many noble qualities and her attractions and the close of her life comes to them as a great shock and the bereaved husband and children are assured of the deep and sincere sympathy of all in their loss.

Mrs. Otterstein was born Marie Koehn in Germany on December 14, 1867, and she made that her residence for the larger part of her early life, meeting and wedding William Otterstein in that land. Later

they removed to this country and came to this city a number of years ago when Mr. Otterstein entered the employ of the Burlington road in the shops in this city. Of the union with Mr. Otterstein seven children were born and are now living, all being present when the end came.

The funeral will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon from St. Paul's Evangelical church in this city. Rev. Steger officiating. Interment will be held at Oak Hill cemetery.

Fine Management.

C. E. Klett and wife of Fairbanks, Alaska, who were in the city for several days making a visit with Mrs. Parr at the Masonic home, departed this morning for their home. Mrs. Parr is an aunt of Mrs. Klett. The latter lady spoke very highly of her visit and was especially complimentary of the management of the home, warmly praising Superintendent Askwith for the care and attention which he has given the inmates and the excellent treatment which they have received. Mr. and Mrs. Klett were visitors at the home several years ago and noted the many improvements made with great pleasure.

New School House for Elmwood.

A special from Elmwood under date of April 23, says: "Bonds were voted here today for a new school building. Forty-one votes were cast against the proposition and 150 for it." This is the second election Elmwood has had on this proposition. Before it was defeated. The Journal congratulates the good people of that enterprising little city on their prospects of soon having a new school house for the Lord knows they need one bad enough.

TAKES PRISONER UP TO OMAHA

To Try and Locate Diamond He Swindled Express Company Out of in Wyoming

From Monday's Daily.

Sheriff Quinton this morning took McMichael, the diamond swindler to Omaha where an effort was made to locate the diamond ring which that fellow had bilked the Adams Express company out of. The mission was only partially successful as the ring was not recovered. The fellow had told Mr. Pickett that he had pawned the ring with an Omaha pawn broker and the trip was made to see if he could locate the broker. This he did with ease. The broker admitted that he had had the ring and that McMichael's story so far as it related to that part of it was correct but he claimed that he had since sold the ring to a traveling man for a New York suit case house and was unable to say where he was. The visit to the pawn broker was made by McMichael, Sheriff Quinton and Agent Pickett together with an officer assigned to them by Chief Donohue of the Omaha force. McMichael was brought to this city by the sheriff on the noon train. The express company will continue its search for the diamond and will recover it is possible.

McMichael was quite ill at ease while at the depot and nervous. He had quite a long talk with Agent Pickett of the Burlington, at the station and discussed freely the job he had confessed to Saturday by which he swindled the Adams Express company out of a valuable diamond ring at Newcastle, Wyo. He frankly admits his part in the job and evidently feels that he will have to face trial again at the expiration of his present term for that job. In that case as told in the Journal Saturday, he visited a jeweler at Sheridan, Wyo., and examined a number of diamonds, one of which he had set aside and sent him by express C. O. D., at Newcastle. When the agent at that point received the diamond, McMichael induced him to let him take it out and examined it and while doing so cleverly substituted a paste diamond for the original. The paste diamond was returned to the jeweler who promptly refused it and held the express company for the value of the diamond. McMichael took the real diamond and later disposed of it for the sum of \$142. The express company has been on the lookout for him since that time but he was not located until Agent Pickett got into conversation with him and learned his story. The route agent for the company was present at the conversation and has all the facts which will be used by the company to prosecuting him just as soon as his present term is served. McMichael showed the effect of his confinement, being pale from his confinement and having several days growth red, sandy beard on his face.

A New Maxwell Car.

Dr. George H. Gilmore of Murray, who recently purchased a Maxwell runabout, drove up from Murray last Saturday, being accompanied by his sister-in-law, Miss Margery Walker. The latter remained in the city for a visit of several days with relatives while the doctor returned home in the evening with his wife and little son Walker, who had been spending the day in Omaha. The doctor is well pleased with his new machine and on Saturday drove in it from his office at Murray to Weeping Water where he transacted some business, thence to Union and then to his home and to this city, making the round trip in fast time. The new machine is just exactly what he has needed for his country practice and enables him to get to his calls in quick time. It is a very pretty little machine and capable of great speed. This make of car, the Maxwell, has earned an excellent reputation throughout this section for strength, durability and reliability and quite a large number of them have been sold in this county by the county agent, Bert Philpot, of Weeping Water. Dr. Gilmore had been in charge of his car but a couple of days, yet he found it to be easily handled and experienced no difficulty in learning its management. Despite the high wind and the dusty, sandy atmosphere he made fast time over the roads and the machine worked excellently.

Severe Injury.

John Carlson, employed at the Burlington blacksmith shop, last Saturday had the misfortune to receive a severe injury to his forehead while engaged in work. The accident was caused by a large piece of flange iron slipping and striking him across the forehead, badly bruising him and lacerating the skin. A cut in the forehead was treated by the company surgeon who took one stitch in it. It is not believed the injury is dangerous and it is hoped that Mr. Carlson will be able to return to work in a short time. His many friends here will be glad to learn the injury was no more severe than it was although it might easily have been very dangerous.

SUDDEN DEATH AT POOR FARM

John Erwin, an Old Resident Passes Away

From Monday's Daily.

John Erwin, an aged inmate of the county farm, died at that institution last Saturday night, after an illness of some time. The deceased was found by J. H. Tams, superintendent of the farm, in his room yesterday morning, having passed away some time during the night. He had been in ill health for some time past and his demise was not altogether unexpected. He had reached the ripe age of 74 years, having been born in Pennsylvania and had been a resident of Cass county for many years, having lived near Murray and Union for a good many years. He is survived by a son who now resides near Murray, and who was notified of his father's death but who had not at the time this is written, made any arrangements for a funeral nor had he answered Mr. Tams' message. Father and son had been estranged for a number of years, and it is said that in his last few days he had frequently called for the son. Deceased will be quite well remembered by many from the vicinity of his former home as he had at one time been quite an active man in that locality. He will be buried at Oak Hill cemetery.

Narrow Escape.

Henry Hinz, Jr., this morning had a very narrow escape from serious injury and possibly death while coming into the city from his home west of town. The young man was driving a team of horses to a buggy which he had borrowed from a neighbor and just as he came to the Missouri Pacific railroad bridge west of Mr. Wiles' place and just out of the city limits, the tongue of the buggy dropped down, scaring the horses and causing them to run away. Mr. Hinz stayed with the team for a distance of half a mile hoping to get them under control as they dashed up the hill this side of the bridge, but he was unable to do so. When the top of the hill was reached and the team started down the hill by Luke Wiles' place, Mr. Hinz concluded it was not safe to remain in the buggy longer and leaped from it. At this time the buggy was swaying from side to side of the road and threatened every moment to be overturned. As he jumped upon his feet in such a manner as to severely sprain his left ankle. Aside from this he was uninjured. A passing team picked him up and brought him to this city where a physician examined the foot, finding no bones broken and the only serious injury being the sprained men-tioned. He secured a ride to his home from this city this afternoon. The team which was stopped after running quite a distance, was uninjured but the buggy was pretty badly broken up, the tongue being splintered into many pieces and the box badly damaged. Mr. Hinz regards the accident, however, as having terminated exceedingly fortunate and was glad to have escaped as easily as he did.

Promotion for Waterman.

There is much talk among local railroad men about a change in the store department of the Burlington. Rumor has it that J. H. Waterman, now store keeper at Lincoln, is to be promoted to a higher position somewhere in the lines east of the river, but so far nothing official has come out of it.—Lincoln Journal.

Barred Plymouth Rock eggs. 75 cents per 15. \$4.50 per 100. Four miles southwest of Murray.

Mrs. Wm. Troop,

CLOSING OF AN EVENTFUL LIFE

William P. Bailey Passes Away at His Home in This City

DIED—Bailey, W. P., at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Garrison in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on April 26, 1910, at 12:30 noon, aged 94 years, 10 months and 1 day, of apoplexy. Funeral announcement later.

After a hard struggle death proved the conqueror today and took as its toll the life of W. P. Bailey, the aged citizen whose years had almost crossed the century line. Several months ago the fatal illness seized this aged citizen but he had made a determined fight against its inroads and had won the right for longer life by a remarkable display of vitality. So strong had he seemed at times that there had been hopes for his ultimate recovery and the attending physician had marveled greatly at the sturdiness with which he had battled his complaint. However, his great age proved too strong a handicap to overcome and for the past twenty-four hours, the approaching end had been foreseen by the anxious watchers at the bedside. He had lapsed into unconsciousness early in the evening of Monday when the physician saw the beginning of the end and from this lethargy no words could rouse him.

So closes a life long one of usefulness to himself and the country. Few better men have lived than W. P. Bailey. He was of that high type of man to whom all paid tribute. He was the soul of honor and integrity and during the long time he has dwelt among this people, he had well earned the encomiums which they have bestowed upon him. No longer ago than last September this aged man who seemed as one from another age, had appeared before a large assemblage in this city when the early settlers of Nebraska had gathered together, and his marvelous energy had attracted the attention of all. This occasion was pioneer day at the merchants carnival on September 2, 1909, when Hon. B. S. Ramsey in a strong, eloquent and able address had presented Grandpa Bailey, as he was affectionately known, to the assembly and made a brief review of his long life. This occasion was a red-letter day in the memory of this veteran and he has often since recalled the pleasure it gave him.

To the able address of Judge Ramsey on this occasion, the Journal is much indebted for many of the facts in this article.

There will be deep sorrow when the news of the passing of this worthy man is heard in this section. Known far and wide as Grandpa Bailey, he was considered by man, woman and child alike as a close and intimate friend, one whom long association had taught them to respect and admire and his sorrowing children will receive from all the deepest and most sincere condolence in their great bereavement.

Deceased was of sturdy English stock and to this fact is perhaps due a great degree of the vigor and strength with which he had buffeted the storms of years and the hard trials of an active life. He first saw the light of day on June 25, 1815, at Yorkshire, in England, and he had but turned the third birthday when his parents removed to the United States settling at Schenectady, N. Y. Here the child Bailey, was to go through his boyhood, his early manhood and the strong, vigorous years of full power as he lived in that city until the year 1879 when he removed to this county. These long years cover a remarkable epoch in the history of the United States. They are the years in which railroads came into being developed, the years in which the telegraph, the telephone, the electric light, the phonograph, the wireless wonders and the millions of other marvels of the Nineteenth century had their rise—the fruitful years of America's great industrial development. And the deceased saw all this.

When he was nine years of age he was among the throng which stood upon the boat landing at Schenectady and witnessed the great triumphal entry into that city of the Marquis De LaFayette, then as now a great hero of the American revolution, and his feelings on that memorable occasion are wonderfully well told in the eloquent speech of Judge Ramsey spoken of above.

In the early manhood deceased had

also seen the sight which is vouchsafed men but once in the ordinary lifetime and had he lived but a few days longer he would again gazed upon it. This was the mysterious wanderer, Halley's comet, now flaming into view. He saw this great sight in the year 1835 when he was twenty years of age and he had often spoken to his family of its appearance and the terror which it had spread in that period. His many friends had hoped that he might live long enough until the comet had appeared once more.

It was in Schenectady that Mr. Bailey entered into matrimony and the adventure was a long and pleasant one. Of this union there was born eleven children of whom six are now living. These are Mrs. Sarah A. Howland of Lebanon, Conn.; Mrs. Jane Halse of Milwaukee, Wis.; W. P. Bailey, Jr., of Greenwood, Neb.; Nicholas Bailey of Morrill, Neb.; Mrs. Harriet Garrison of this city who was her father's companion for the past twenty-one years and who cared for him during his declining years and Charles H. Bailey of this city. The beloved wife of the deceased departed this life on January 11, 1892 and was laid to rest in Oak Hill cemetery. In addition to the above the deceased is survived by twenty-one grand-children, thirty-five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grand child.

It was in the year 1879 that deceased with his family emigrated from Schenectady to Cass county, locating upon a farm west of this city where he lived for many years, taking a very active part in the farming operations and to this he can lay much of the strength which his declining years had.

Throughout his long and useful life deceased had taken an active interest in politics, being an ardent Democrat. His first vote was cast in 1836 when he cast a ballot for Martin Van Buren and at each succeeding election since his voice and his vote had been for Democracy. He was a great admirer of William J. Bryan and took great pride in being able to cast his vote for him in the election two years ago.

While no arrangement as to the time of the funeral have been made as yet; the remains will be interred at his old home at Schenectady, N. Y., it being his desire that his beloved wife be also taken to that point for interment so that this pair of lovers all through a long life, may rest peacefully in the shade of the old home.

Owing to the fact that the death of this splendid man occurred this noon no arrangements have yet been made for the funeral due announcement of which will appear in the Journal later.

Will be Transferred.

Announcement is made of the transfer of Thos. B. Salmon at present chief clerk in the storehouse department in this city to Burlington, Ia., where he takes a like position at an advanced salary. The change will be effective Wednesday when Mr. Salmon reports for duty. His many friends in this city will regret to learn of his change of location but are glad to know that his many merits are being duly recognized by the company and they are united in the belief that he will rapidly climb to the front in his new position. He is young, capable and energetic and full of activity. His family will not follow for some days. Grandpa Kelly Fox is deeply moved over the prospective loss of his little grandson to whom he has become much attached and he has not fully decided yet whether he will permit the youngster to go or not.

Why That Big Broad Smile?

County Treasurer Schlater this morning bounced in this office with a wide smile, a box of new cigars, and the announcement that he was now ready to meet the census taker. The cause of all this was the visit of the Stork at his home this morning when a fine, handsome young lady arrived to gladden the household and make a sister for the four bouncing young men who had preceded her. Frank is naturally highly pleased over the pretty addition to his family and things about the treasurer's office today have been mighty pleasant. Both Mrs. Schlater and the little daughter are doing nicely and the father as stated above is in rare humor.

Death at Elmwood.

A special from Elmwood under date of April 23, says: "N. P. Lefler, formerly of Gordon, but having made his home with his son William Lefler, of this place, the last few months died last night after a short illness."