

DISTRESSING TRAGEDY AT R. R. CROSSING NEAR ALVO

Victims Were Students at University Place High School—One Man Was Injured, but Will Recover.

FOREMAN FAMILY WELL KNOWN

One of the most terrible tragedies that has occurred in Cass county was enacted yesterday at Alvo, and in which Misses Edith and Belle Foreman and Miss Alma Godby met their death and J. H. Foreman was injured most severely. The State Journal of this morning contains a very complete account of the accident, giving the following details of the sad occurrence:

Three persons were killed and one was seriously injured when Rock Island passenger train No. 5 crashed into an automobile on the crossing west of the depot at Alvo, twenty miles east of Lincoln, Sunday afternoon. The three were students at the University Place high school.

The dead:
EDITH FOREMAN, 17, Alvo.
BELLE FOREMAN, 20, Alvo.
ALMA GODBY, 19, Alvo.

The injured:
J. H. Foreman, about 50, Alvo.
Edith Foreman and Alma Godby were killed instantly. Belle Foreman died in the ambulance on the way to St. Elizabeth's hospital. The injured man, father of two of the dead girls, was rushed to St. Elizabeth's. He will recover. His left knee and hip were broken and his side badly shattered. The injured man and the dying girl were brought to Lincoln on No. 5. The two dead girls were taken to the undertaking parlors in Alvo. An inquest over the three bodies will be held at 10 o'clock this morning.

The Rock Island train was running three hours late. It does not stop at Alvo. There is a cut in the road at the crossing some fifty feet west of the station. The view from the north is obstructed by the depot. Mr. Foreman was attempting to cross the track from this direction and at this point when the tragedy occurred shortly before 5 p. m. When seen at the hospital he said he believed his engine had gone dead on the tracks. He was not told of the death of his daughters.

President of Her Class.
Belle Foreman was a member of the graduating class and Edith Foreman and Alma Godby were juniors at University Place. All were prominent in social affairs, and Miss Godby was president of her class.

Mr. Foreman with the three girls had attended a funeral near Alvo Sunday afternoon. From the funeral the car was driven to Alvo. The girls had been home over Sunday and were to take the local train, No. 17, for Lincoln. The train was about due and Mr. Foreman had driven his car at a high rate of speed. He did not know that No. 5 was late. He heard no sound until the fast train crashed into the car. The automobile was hurled into a telephone post and demolished. Parts of the car were found three hundred feet from the track. The four bodies were picked up within a radius of eight or ten feet from the scene of the accident.

The two girls were killed instantly. The bodies were not mangled. The train was held thirty minutes until the arrival of Doctor Muir, who ordered the injured be brought to Lincoln. Doctor Mitchell, surgeon for the Rock Island, met the train in Lincoln. He called the ambulance and sent the dying girl to the hospital. She did not regain consciousness and died before reaching the hospital. The body was taken to the undertaking parlors of Castle, Roper & Mathews. There were no bruises on the body. Blood issued from both ears. Death was caused by concussion of the brain, according to the physicians. Dr. E. B. Finney assisted Doctor Muir in the dressing of Mr. Foreman's wounds.

Family Well Known.
J. H. Foreman and the members of his family are well known in and near

Lancaster county. For several years he has been farming two miles north of Alvo. The family has lived in this vicinity for thirty years and prior to moving to Alvo, lived on a farm near Cheney. A mother, father and four brothers, James, Clay, Carrol and Glen, survive the sisters. Alma Godby was a neighbor. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Godby. The Godby farm adjoins the Foreman farm on the south.

Alma Godby is survived by a father, mother and one sister. H. O. Weese of College View is a cousin of Mrs. Godby. Mr. Weese said late Sunday night that he had tried to get in communication with the parents but had not succeeded. He was of the opinion that they had already learned of the tragedy.

Night Police Captain Dee has known the two families for fifteen years. For many years he lived across the road from the Foreman's when the latter lived near Cheney. When the captain learned the mission of the trip of the patrol, he was greatly shocked.

"Why, I've always known those girls," he said. "Our farm was just across the road from the Foreman farm. The girls used to delight in playing pranks on me. I dread to think of the effect the tragedy will have on Mrs. Foreman. She is naturally a nervous woman. They were a fine family and we always thought lots of them."

"All I know is that the train hit me. My engine must have gone dead. How are the girls?" said J. H. Foreman at the hospital. He was not told of the death of his daughters and their chum.

The injured man showed wonderful nerve while the physicians were dressing his crushed leg. He was taken to the hospital in the police patrol. The physicians ordered this to avoid the delay in waiting for the return of the ambulance. Dr. Muir, family physician and an old friend of Mr. Foreman, said he believed the injured man would recover and that the leg would not require amputation.

R. C. Appleman, friend of the injured man, accompanied him to Lincoln. He said Mr. Foreman had been driving the car but a short time. W. J. Lynch and wife of University Place reached the Rock Island depot a few minutes after the arrival of train No. 5. Mr. Lynch is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Foreman. He could not account for the accident.

Clarence Bucknell, a student of University Place, was a passenger on the train. He told the following story: "The train was running three hours late and probably was making up time when the accident happened. The first that passengers knew of the horror was when the bodies were viewed at the side of the road and in the depot. The automobile was wrecked beyond recognition. The bodies were within eight or ten feet of the tracks. The train ran about eighty rods before it was stopped. I did not hear a whistle or warning."

Crossing Has a History.
The cut in which the death scene was enacted has a history. Dr. Muir said there have been a number of serious accidents at this point and that one man was killed there about fifteen years ago. His only wonder, he said, was that there had not been more accidents there. "The view is obstructed. One driving from the north could not see an approaching train until the train was upon him," he said.

That the parties in the death car saw the train just as they hit the track and that Mr. Foreman attempted to back the car to avoid the tragedy, is the theory of some of the train passengers and members of the crew. It is believed that the front of the car was struck. Mr. Foreman and one of the daughters sat in the front while the other daughter and Miss Godby occupied the rear seat. The track to the east of the crossing is obstructed not only by the cut but by the depot some fifty feet distant. The opinion was general among passengers that a car which had stopped on the track did not have time to clear itself after the passenger train came in view.

The engine of train No. 5 showed the effects of the crash. The pilot was badly shattered. Several of the rods were torn out. Stories of the position of the bodies after the accident were confusing. One witness said a wheel of the automobile had been hurled 400 feet and that one of the dead bodies was found 300 feet from the crossing. All witnesses agreed that the bodies were thrown in the clear.

Conductor Hinshaw and Engineer

D. J. Ireland were in charge of the train.

Engineer's Statement.
Fairbury, Neb., Jan. 16.—Engineer Ireland and Conductor Hinshaw of Rock Island train No. 5 terminated their tragic run here Sunday night. It is understood that the engineer gave out this statement after reaching Fairbury: "As near as I can tell, the driver tried to cross the track ahead of the train. Seeing that he hadn't time to cross, he appeared to make an effort to back his car, which did not respond."

Murray, Neb., Jan. 16.—When informed of the Alvo tragedy, Coroner J. S. Brendel of Cass county said: "We cannot reach members of the train crew and other witnesses in time for an inquest tonight. It will be held in Alvo between 10 o'clock and noon Monday."

WEDDING AT CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ELMWOOD WEDNESDAY

From Saturday's Daily.
A quiet wedding ceremony was solemnized Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at the Roman Catholic church in this city. The contracting parties were Frank Erhart, of near Manley, son of Mrs. Kate Erhart, and Miss Loretta Kelly, daughter of Mrs. Rose Kelly of near this city. Miss Grace Erhart, cousin of the groom, and Aaron Rauth, both of Manley, were the only witnesses. The Rev. Father Casimir of Lincoln spoke the words uniting the lives of these happy young people for the remainder of life's journey.

The bride is a young lady of many accomplishments and she has a wide circle of friends who wish her a pleasant and continually happy wedded life. The groom is a cousin of Mrs. Albert Seiker of this vicinity. He is a highly respected and worthy young man. The young couple will make their home on a farm belonging to the groom's mother, near Manley.

This paper joins the many friends of the bride and groom who are offering to them their heartiest congratulations.—Leader Echo.

MRS. R. D. O'BRIEN OF MANLEY PASSES AWAY SUNDAY MORNING

Yesterday morning Mrs. R. D. O'Brien, one of the most highly esteemed ladies in the entire country passed away at her home on the farm near Manley where the family has made their home for the past several years. Mrs. O'Brien has been in very poor health for the past few years and her death was not unexpected as she has been gradually growing weaker in the past few months as the result of a general breakdown and despite all that loving hands could do she faded away from the midst of the family circle to her final reward.

The news of the death of this estimable lady will be learned of with the greatest of regret by the friends of the family throughout the county and to the sorrowing husband and children the community will extend their most sincere sympathy in this hour of grief and sorrow. The funeral will be held tomorrow from St. Patrick's Catholic church at Manley and will be conducted by Rev. Father William Higgins, pastor of the church.

"Dry" Forces to Meet.

The "dry" forces of Cass county are preparing to gather at Weeping Water on Thursday at 10 o'clock a. m. in mass convention, which will be held pursuant to a call issued by the Dry Federation of Nebraska. The secretary of the state organization will be present.

Mrs. Steinhauer Improved.

The many friends of Mrs. Henry Steinhauer will be very much pleased to learn that this lady is now able to be up and around, after suffering for the past two weeks with a very severe attack of the grippe. This malady has been very annoying and it is with relief that it is learned that this estimable lady has recovered so nicely from its effects.

SUIT AGAINST THE M. P. FILED IN DISTRICT COURT

From Friday's Daily.
A suit has been filed in the district court entitled Henry Hubbard and George Stall vs. the Missouri Pacific railway, a corporation, and B. F. Bush, receiver. The case is one appealed from the justice court at Weeping Water in which the plaintiffs were given judgment for \$75 and costs in a suit brought to collect damages for the loss of six pigs which were run over by a train belonging to defendant company last July. The case was tried before Justice R. G. Glover at Weeping Water and the verdict found there for the plaintiffs and now the railroad company seeks by carrying the case to a higher court to have the judgment set aside on the ground of excessive judgment. J. A. C. Kennedy of Omaha appears as the attorney for the railroad, while C. E. Tefft represents the plaintiffs in the case.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMERCIAL CLUB AN IMPORTANT ONE

From Friday's Daily.
The meeting of the Commercial club which will be held next week will be one of the most important of the year as the officers of the club will be selected to guide the destinies of this, the principal civic body of Plattsmouth and where the origination of many of the projects for the benefit of the city must find its start. The gentlemen who, in years past, have served the club as its officers have given the city the best possible service and often at a sacrifice of time and money, but in each case it was willingly given and the present officers have faced the same problems and in the limited resources at their command have succeeded in advancing to quite a degree the progress of the city. Whoever takes over the reins to head the Commercial club during the coming year is entitled to expect, and should receive, the hearty co-operation of the citizens in general which is essential to the advancement of the city and of the club. There will be a number of public enterprises started during the spring and summer which should receive the support of the Commercial club and every citizen in general, and to make the year 1916 a good one for the city and those who are interested in the welfare of the city should be present at the meeting of the club next Thursday, and by their personal work and their presence aid the officers who may be selected in carrying forward the plans and desires to advance the city's best interests.

THE CULLOM SOCIAL CLUB ENJOY A PLEASANT TIME

From Friday's Daily.
The Cullom social club enjoyed a very pleasant social gathering Wednesday evening at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Keil, which was the occasion of a great deal of pleasure to all fortunate enough to be present. The evening was spent in dancing, games and music until a late hour and at 12 o'clock the well laden baskets were brought forth and their contents made the base of a most delightful repast while the steaming coffee prepared was served to help in making the supper a grand success. Those who partook of the pleasant event were: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Seybert and family, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Fornoff and family, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Keil and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keil and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hicks and family, Mrs. Philip Tritsch and sons, Ernest, Carl and John, Mr. True and sons, Chris and John, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blotzer, George Pick, Bals Meisinger, John Blotzer and friend, Mr. Jordan of Greta, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Helflicker and family.

We will buy chickens at our store Tuesday, January 25. We will pay highest market price.

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FINDS MANY FRIENDS IN PACIFIC JUNCTION

Plattsmouth Boy Found Destitute in Pacific Junction Who Had Been Driven From Sister's Home.

From Saturday's Daily.
The following taken from the Glenwood Opinion of this week gives the details of a very interesting case in which a former Plattsmouth lad seems to be the central figure, and it will be of a great deal of interest to the residents here who are acquainted with the family:

A few years ago a family named Hunger conducted a hotel here, later removing to Arkansas. They were known to be in limited circumstances, but regarded as respectable. A daughter and her husband live in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, where the latter has a good position. Last week a son, Elmer Hunger, aged 12 years, came to Mr. J. J. Marrin here in Pacific Junction almost destitute of clothing, and having only four pennies in money. He told Mrs. Martin that his brother-in-law at Plattsmouth would not let him stay at his house and told him if he did not leave he would have him sent to the reform school at Kearney, Nebraska. It appears that the people here knew the lad quite well while living here and that he had always been well behaved. The lad was a great lover of music and was an unusually good singer for a child.

While living here he visited at the Marrin home often and Miss Blanche Marrin would play the piano while the lad would sing, to the delight of his very soul. In those days he would take dinner or tea at the Marrin home and the family enjoyed the company of the child.

On coming here last week he told Mrs. Marrin that his brother-in-law in Plattsmouth had driven him away from his home and that he was going to steal a ride on the train to Arkansas where his parents are, as he had no other place to go. Mrs. Marrin told him he must not do that and she would see if some better method could not be devised for his welfare. She thereupon telephoned the sister of the boy at Plattsmouth to know why she would not take care of her destitute brother and she 'phoned back that he was so bad and unruly that she would not have him about.

Mrs. Marrin replied that that was not the reputation of the child while in Pacific Junction and gave her to plainly understand that she did not believe the report of the boy's conduct.

Mrs. Marrin thereupon made known the condition of the lad to friends and neighbors. Mrs. W. Moore found a warm and comfortable second-hand overcoat for him. Mr. and Mrs. Marrin, a number of teachers, Dr. Bacon and others raised a purse and bought shoes, socks, other needed articles of clothing, besides a few dollars in money which they gave to him. County Supervisor Estes was solicited and he took up the subject with the county board and that body kindly purchased a ticket to Arkansas for the boy. Sunday night he boarded a south-bound train, no doubt with a very thankful heart for the kind friendship shown him here.

Quite a little company of those interested in his case gathered Sunday evening and accompanied the lad to the train to see him off safely.

WHAT IT COSTS TO RUN CASS COUNTY

From Friday's Daily.
The board of county commissioners at their session this week made the annual estimate of the expenses of the county that will be necessary during the coming year and the amounts are divided into the different funds of the county as follows:

General fund	\$ 53,540
Bridge purposes	38,500
Road purposes	38,500
Soldiers' Relief fund	1,200
Mothers' Pension fund	4,000
Total	\$135,740

FARM LOANS, at 5 per cent and 5 1/2 per cent. No delays. T. H. Pollock.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY TREASURER FILED

From Saturday's Daily.
The republican crop of candidates in Cass county was increased by one yesterday when Arthur L. Baker of Murray filed his intention to be a candidate for the office of county treasurer before the primary next April. Mr. Baker is well known in Murray and vicinity, where he has made his home for a great many years and was postmaster in that place under the administration of Presidents McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft, and is a very pleasing and genial young man. This makes the second filing to come from this party, while as yet the democratic representatives have not shied their castors into the ring. However, as the time draws shorter, there will probably be a number of candidates for the different offices brought to try out their luck in the preliminary heat of the great political game which will be staged this fall.

COLD WEATHER EFFECTS RAILROAD TRAFFIC ON ALL LINES

From Friday's Daily.
The train service continues to be quite noticeably affected by the cold weather and trains on both the Missouri Pacific and Burlington into this city were very late yesterday from both the east and the west, while the north-bound Missouri Pacific due here at 4:15 p. m., was over three hours late in getting here. In a great many cases trains were double-headed over the lines owing to the difficulty in getting the trains moved on account of the drifting snow, which while not very deep, was drifted in cuts where it made the task of the railroad men very difficult. The freight trains on a number of the roads were annulled in order to push through the passenger trains, save here the perishable freight was concerned, and with these everything possible was did to hurry them to their destination. Old railroad men state that one of the greatest troubles was not so much in running as in getting the trains in operation after stopping at stations, as the wheels and boxing on the cars were very easily affected by the cold and held the trains from moving.

RAISED PASSENGER RATES OF THE M. P. NOW IN FORCE

From Friday's Daily.
The Missouri Pacific Railway company seems to be taking the fullest possible advantage of the permission to raise the rates on their lines in Nebraska and the latest bulletin from the headquarters is to the effect that after the fifteenth the rates on all points in Nebraska will be based on the rate of 3 cents per mile all over the state where this line operates. The fare to Omaha from Plattsmouth, which has been 38 cents since the passage of the 2-cent fare law, will hereafter be 57 cents over the Missouri Pacific. Nebraska City has received quite a boost in their rate, which will be \$1.38 instead of 90 cents, as it is at present.

Other lines of roads are preparing to increase their rates in accordance with that of the Missouri Pacific, although no official announcement has been made of this fact, and it is reported that the Burlington will have a higher rate in force on their interstate business, although no statement as to their intentions in regard to purely Nebraska rates has been made. Under the new rates of the Burlington the fare to Nebraska City over their line will be \$1.15 hereafter instead of 93 cents, as at present, from this city. The Missouri Pacific has complained to the courts that under the 2-cent law they were not able to operate at a profit, but the lines of the other roads seem to have been very successful in securing the dividends, but will doubtless advance their rates in keeping with that of the Bush road, if their case is won in the United States court.

THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES ENJOY AN INTERESTING MEETING

From Friday's Daily.
Last evening the members of Plattsmouth Aerie No. 365, Fraternal Order of Eagles, enjoyed one of the most interesting meetings they have held for several months and one which was attended by a large number of the membership. The newly elected officers of the lodge were installed with appropriate ceremonies, the installing officer being Past President Joseph Hadrata, who gave the newly elected officers their charges in the stations to which they had been elected by the lodge. The officers installed were as follows:

President—William Barclay.
Vice President—W. H. Mason.
Chaplain—Clifford Burbridge.
Secretary—B. G. Wurl.
Treasurer—James Rebal.
Inside Guard—Gus Carlson.
Outside Guard—J. M. Cunningham.
Conductor—P. H. Field.
Trustee for Three Years—Roy Burdick.
Trustee to Fill Vacancy—John P. Sattler.

After the close of the regular lodge work the members were treated to a most delightful feast, which was in the nature of a "feud" of spare ribs and sauerkraut and pig tails. The attendance was very large and a great deal of enthusiasm manifested by the members for the outlook for the ensuing year in the lodge work.

The Eagles are arranging for their great annual mask ball, which will be held on Saturday evening, February 12th, and preparations are being made to make it one of the greatest successes in the history of the order and the committee in charge will get busy at once on their plans.

OFFICERS OF THE VARIOUS HOSE COMPANIES

From Friday's Daily.
The various hose companies and the hook and ladder company of the Plattsmouth fire department have selected their various officers for the ensuing year and to have charge of the various fire fighting apparatus of the city and the following were picked to head the different companies:

Hose cart No. 1—Foreman, C. M. Forbes; assistant foreman, T. M. Scarborough; captain, James Blaha.
Hose cart No. 2—Foreman, Henry Lashoda; assistant foreman, Carl Cariberg; captain, A. M. Renner.
Hose cart No. 3—Foreman, Gus Carlson; assistant foreman, Frank Sebatka; captain, William Grebe.
Hook and ladder—Foreman, Max Pries; assistant foreman, Dr. O. Sandin; captain, William Hinrichsen.

Our County Clerk.

From Saturday's Daily.
Our poor old county clerk catches the devil all the time from some people and papers in this county. The trouble is mostly with those who don't visit the clerk's office often enough in a year to get acquainted with Frank. Yes, Frank Libershal is the clerk's name, ever hear that before? Well, we met him a couple of times and he left a good impression with us just the same. Probably we didn't leave as good a one with him as he did with us, but that's our fault and not his. Of course the clerk can't please everybody, but he tries to just the same and still there are some that have a kick coming. The clerk needs lots of help in his duties every day and if you go to boosting instead of knocking you will find him a pretty good fellow.—Union Ledger.

Words Truly Spoken.

Did you ever notice that when everything seems the gloomiest, when the failures and discouragements of life come the thickest, that suddenly something happens which turns sorrow into joy and gloom into sunshine, always remember that old saying which applies to life's troubles. "That the darkest hour is always before the dawn," and when life's pathway seems the darkest the dawn of hope will soon appear.

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