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FIND BODY OF BOY IN MISSOURI RIVER NEAR THE FERRY

Body is Recovered Near the Ferry Landing This Morning—May be St. Louis Youth.

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This morning at an early hour the discovery was made by fishermen near the Burlington bridge of the nude body of a youth floating down the Missouri river and which was towed into shore and the fact of the finding of the body communicated to County Attorney J. A. Capwell and Sheriff E. P. Stewart.

The authorities with Undertaker John P. Sattler drove to the ferry landing to inspect the body and arrange for its care. The body was entirely nude and in very bad shape from the stay in the water and it was almost impossible to determine anything of the features of the man.

The drowned man was five feet and four inches in height and had apparently been a young man or boy and had reddish blond hair.

It is thought that the body is that of the St. Louis youth who was drowned while trying to swim the Missouri river near the Douglas street bridge in Omaha last Saturday, but the fact that the body was in such bad shape is unusual as it had not been in the river long enough to get so badly decomposed.

The boy drowned at Omaha was one of a trio of youths from 17 to 19 years of age who had bummed their way from St. Louis to Omaha and had been picked up there by the police and warned to leave Omaha. They had tried to cross to Council Bluffs, but having only a nickel between them they had given this to the one member of the party who was unable to swim and the other two boys had stripped off and given their clothes to their companion to carry on over the river for them.

In swimming across one of the boys was overcome and unable to make the swim and sank despite the efforts of his companion to rescue him. The name of the drowned boy was given as Sullivan.

Owing to the condition of the body, Undertaker Sattler will hold the funeral this afternoon, and securing a minister will give the remains of the wonderful boy a Christian burial in the cemetery here—the end of his wanderings that led to the tragic close of his life.

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ENTERTAINS BIRTHDAY CLUB

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Yesterday, Mrs. J. R. Stine of this city was hostess to the members of the Birthday club composed of the former friends and neighbors in Omaha, and who came down to spend the day with Mrs. Stine as the occasion was the anniversary of the hostess. The members of the party came by auto and train and enjoyed to the utmost the opportunity of enjoying the heat of the day in the pleasant surroundings of the Stine home. The time was spent in music and a general good time that will long be very delightfully remembered by those taking part. At the noon hour there was a fine dinner served by the hostess that added to the delight of the fine time. The members of the party returned to their homes last evening. Those attending the occasion were: Mesdames McHale, Rickard, Meyers, Murphy, Lindberg, Nelson, Lambert, Mark Lambert, Hayworth, Garner, Yarb, Mrs. Stuffer and son, Jack, Mrs. Leuder and children, Merle and Marjorie; Mrs. Henderson and children, Charles and Dorothy, Suds, Billie and Elaine; Mrs. Iverson and daughter, Betty Jane; Mrs. Masoka and children, Mary Ann and Katherine; Mrs. Trathen and children, Matthew, Tommy and Lillian; and Mr. Verne Harlan, all of Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lane of Lucas, Iowa; Mrs. Selma and Ruth Johnson of Courtland, Nebraska; Mrs. C. Sydebotham and Mrs. Fred Sydebotham of this city.

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WILL ABANDON BUS LINE

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The reasons given for the abandonment of the line is the lack of equipment and the falling patronage that has been felt in the past weeks due to the irregular service of the buses owing to bad road conditions.

The schedule that has been in force for the past few months was one that did not draw very much patronage out of Plattsmouth, as the best paying bus, the one leaving here at 6:30 for Omaha in the evening, was taken off several months ago and the newer schedule substituted has not proven very popular although on the return trip from Omaha in the evening the bus line has been pretty well patronized from here.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express to the friends and neighbors our heartfelt appreciation of the many words of sympathy and acts of kindness in our bereavement. We also wish to thank those who took part in the funeral service and for the floral remembrances.—Mrs. Emma Read and Children.

GOOD ROADS PROGRAM BOOSTED BY OMAHA CHAMBER

Want Free Bridge at Plattsmouth and Fort Crook Boulevard Paved.

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DEATH COMES TO HOMER M'KAY

Well Known Resident of the City Passes Away Last Night at Home in This City.

From Thursday's Daily—
Following an illness of some duration, Homer McKay, one of the well known residents of this city, was called to his last reward last night at the home on Granite street.

Mr. McKay has been a resident here for the past twenty-eight years and has in these years made a host of warm friends who share with the family the grief that the passing of this good man has occasioned. The deceased was born July 22, 1841, in Pennsylvania, and grew to manhood in that state. In early life he embraced the Christian church and was a firm believer in this faith and in his younger days served as minister of the gospel, bringing the word of the Master to the pioneer west. In his later years he moved to Iowa and at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, July 2, 1890, was united in marriage to Sarah Rogers. The family came to Plattsmouth twenty-eight years ago and where since made their home here, and have Mr. McKay followed the trade of a carpenter. For many years the family resided in the north part of the city, but later located in the present home, where they have since resided. To mourn the death of Mr. McKay there remain the widow and three children, Mrs. Maude Bunch of Omaha; Mrs. W. E. Maxon, of Santa Ana, California; and Mrs. Minnie Pickard of this city. There are also two grandchildren, Hazel Burley and Wilma Pickard, left to survive this splendid old resident.

The funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 from the home on Granite street and will be conducted by Rev. Walter R. Robb of the Christian church.

R. W. Porter was a passenger this morning for Omaha where he is having his injured back looked after by a specialist in that city.

OMAHA CLUB PICNIC

From Thursday's Daily—
This morning a large sized caravan of automobiles bearing the name of the Atlas club of Omaha, passed through the city en route to Auburn where they will spend the day in a picnic party where they will be the guests of Dr. R. R. Schafer there. The caravan made a short stop here as one of the autos had some engine trouble and delayed the party for some little time.

UNDERGOES EYE OPERATION

Miss Gerda Peterson, of this city, who has been troubled with an affliction of one of her eyes for some time, was operated on at the Methodist hospital in Omaha on Wednesday for the removal of a small cataract from one of her eyes. The operation is thought to have been very successful and while the eyes are still bandaged and will be kept in that condition for another week, it is thought that the operation will be entirely successful as the nerves of the eye are in the best of shape.

OPENING OF THE STORES A BOON TO THE FARMERS

Commencing Wednesday Stores Will Be Open Every Wednesday All Through August.

From Friday's Daily—
In order that the farmers of the community may have a better opportunity for looking after their shopping and trading after the close of the day's work, the stores of this city are planning to remain open on each Wednesday evening for the month of August and will hold the first Wednesday night opening of the coming week and continue this on thru the end of the month.

This change in hours will allow many who desire to get in the stores during the evening after work in the field, a chance to do their shopping and will be much appreciated by the residents of the country districts.

The change will mean extra hours for the business men and their employees in the stores but they are willing to do their part to assist the farmers who are kept busy in the fields all day and find their only opportunity of getting in to trade in the evening.

YOUNG BOYS MAKE TROUBLE AT PARK WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Police Round Up Parties Last Night and the Law will See if They Cannot be Tamed.

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JUST A TAXPAYERS' LODGE, IS CHARGE

That Is What Allen G. Fisher Is Accused of Organizing at Chadron.

According to County Attorney Crites of Dawes county, in a brief filed Wednesday in supreme court, Allen G. Fisher has organized a taxpayers' lodge at Chadron and is trying to induce the court to sanction its performance. Mr. Crites says he infers this is a lodge because part of the testimony introduced is a signed pledge of candidates for office that if elected they will cut down public expenditures to the bone.

Mr. Fisher filed with the county commissioners a blanket remonstrance declaring that all of the real estate in the city was assessed at about half more than the farm property and submitted testimony gathered by the railroads in their federal court case to show that the state board had directed assessors to let the farmers off with a 68 per cent valuation.

The county commissioners turned down the protest, claiming that the members couldn't digest the mass of stuff presented, but in the district court Fisher won. Now the county board raises the point that no one person can file a mass protest, and that the law is that only the person directly interested in a piece of property may make complaint and maintain action to reduce the valuation for tax purposes. Anyway they say the protest was filed too late, and that nothing can be done now with all the taxes levied and most of them collected.

Norman Dickson of Lincoln was here last evening visiting for a few hours with his relatives and friends and departing this morning for Omaha where he will spend the day before returning home.

"KID" GRAVES IS MAKING A REAL COMEBACK NOW

Old Time Welterweight of Omaha is Pushing Them Over Out in the Wild and Woolly West.

From Thursday's Daily—
"Kid" Graves, fighting relative of the well known Graves family of Cass and Sarpy counties, who back in the days when a fighter was out for the honors more than for the gate receipts, is staging a real comeback although he is years older than average ring champion. The "Kid" was at one time the welterweight champion of the world and exchanged blows with the best of them and many were sent to the land of nod by the fist of this hardy farmer boy from Nebraska.

For the several years past the old time fighter has been taking it easy with only a few exhibition and training bouts but he is now in Wyoming making the younger comers in the ring game get up and step. At the fight at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, the past week, the "Kid" fought a draw with Billy Warrick of Denver and despite the efforts of the Denver buzer to hang the kayo on the old timer, he kept the fighting well evened up and secured a draw. The comeback is one the many friends are glad to see.

From Thursday's Daily—
Planning to reside in this city upon their return, Mr. and Mrs. Courtney R. Chandler are enjoying a honeymoon trip to San Diego following their quiet wedding at Orange yesterday morning.

Mr. Chandler was Miss Cleone D. Meisinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Meisinger, 1045 West Third street and has been the popular and efficient bookkeeper at the Spicer store. Her wedding to Mr. Chandler was a quiet one at the Presbyterian manse in Orange, with the pastor, the Rev. M. L. Pearson, officiating.

For her wedding gown, Miss Meisinger chose a soft silk crepe in poudre-blue, with which she wore a smart little blue and sand hat with other accessories in tan. She was assisted by Miss Leila Stevenson, an honor maid, while Lloyd Meisinger was Mr. Chandler's best man. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Meisinger and Gilbert Meisinger were the only other guests.

Returning from their honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Chandler will go at once to a charming cottage on West Fourth street which awaits their arrival and Mr. Chandler will resume his duties at one of the Shell Oil stations while his bride will return to her desk in the office of Spicer's until the conclusion of the vacation season. She has made many friends during her connection with the store which has been practically ever since her arrival here less than two years ago with her family after a motor trip from her former home near Omaha, Nebraska—Santa Ana (Cal.) Reolster.

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DEATH OF A WELL KNOWN ALVO LADY OCCURS MONDAY

Mrs. J. C. Vincent Passed Away at Her Home There July 21st—An Old Time Resident.

Demaris A. Daugherty was born August 6, 1844, at Spencer, Ohio. She was the daughter of Nathaniel and Amelia Daugherty and grew to young womanhood with her two sisters and one brother at the farm home in Ohio. Her brother lost his life in the Civil war.

She joined the M. E. church in early life and lived a Christian life. Her last act was to send magazines and flowers to a sick neighbor.

She was married to J. C. Vincent June 11, 1862. In 1866 they came to Missouri and in 1894 they came to Alvo to make their home, going into the hardware business and she has continued to live there ever since and for the past fifteen years she gave untiring and efficient service to the community in acting as its postmistress and our government never had a more zealous or faithful servant than was she.

Mrs. Vincent died July 21st, at her home in Alvo, being survived by three nieces, Mrs. W. E. Straif, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Mrs. Ida Bred, of Vancouver, Washington, and Mrs. Minnie Wilson, of Maxville, Kansas.

NO WORD OF MISSING BODY.

So far the relatives here of Jack Patterson have received no word from Chicago of the finding of the unfortunate young man who was drowned in Lake Michigan and the efforts of the searchers have have so proven fruitless although they are still continued. The last word received from Chicago was from Carl Schmidtman, who is now there, arriving the day following the drowning of Mr. Patterson. Dr. Schmidtman states that a party of some fifty expert swimmers was organized and made a search of the shallow water along the beach in the vicinity of where Mr. Patterson disappeared and with out success, although the search covered the distance of several blocks. The searchers also secured grappling hooks which were weighed with heavy chains and with which the deeper water was dragged in hopes of reaching the body, but unsuccessfully. The friends here have been deeply interested in the efforts to secure the body of the unfortunate man and trust that it may be discovered from the depths of the waters to be laid at rest in the old home.

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LAYS ASIDE CRUTCHES.

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Kenneth Schultz, who has for the past nine weeks been making his way around on crutches as the result of a broken ankle sustained from a fall from the roof of a barn, has now thrown aside the crutches and is able to make his way around on the injured limb but will exercise a great deal of care and cannot as yet do any speeding on the injured limb. It will be some time yet before Kenneth can return to his work at the packing plant of the Swift company at South Omaha. However he is pleased that he is showing such nice progress.

BERTSCHY PLANT IS GETTING ON MAP THRU ITS PRODUCTS

Orders for a Great Deal of Work in Various Lines are Being Received at Plant Here.

From Saturday's Daily—
The Bertschy machine shop in this city is getting on the map in fine shape in the short time that it has been under the management of Mr. Bertschy and its reputation as a modern and up-to-date machine shop and manufacturing plant is reaching to all parts of the state and over into our neighboring state of Iowa.

One of the latest contracts secured by Mr. Bertschy is an order from the Inland Paper Box company of Denver for special equipment to handle heavy rolls of paper. A similar order is also under way for an Omaha firm.

Mr. Bertschy and his workmen are now making two special milling cutters with inverted blades of special steel for a machine shop in Council Bluffs, Iowa. These tools are usually made by firms in Rockford, Illinois, and Cleveland, Ohio.

Recently Mr. Bertschy made and shipped a large spindle for a machine tool to another of the firms in Council Bluffs.

Mr. Bertschy has men from his shop here in Plattsmouth also engaged in installing the gymnasium equipment at the North High school in Omaha, which is a very large sized job and which he is handling for the Fred Medart company of St. Louis, Missouri.

The farmers are now bringing their broken and worn machinery parts to the plant here for repair, which is a great saving of time and expense to the residents of this community, as it cuts out the necessity of sending away the parts and when they are needed the delay causes the farmers a loss of time that is overcome in having the work handled at the Bertschy factory.

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She joined the M. E. church in early life and lived a Christian life. Her last act was to send magazines and flowers to a sick neighbor.

She was married to J. C. Vincent June 11, 1862. In 1866 they came to Missouri and in 1894 they came to Alvo to make their home, going into the hardware business and she has continued to live there ever since and for the past fifteen years she gave untiring and efficient service to the community in acting as its postmistress and our government never had a more zealous or faithful servant than was she.

Mrs. Vincent died July 21st, at her home in Alvo, being survived by three nieces, Mrs. W. E. Straif, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Mrs. Ida Bred, of Vancouver, Washington, and Mrs. Minnie Wilson, of Maxville, Kansas.

NO WORD OF MISSING BODY.

So far the relatives here of Jack Patterson have received no word from Chicago of the finding of the unfortunate young man who was drowned in Lake Michigan and the efforts of the searchers have have so proven fruitless although they are still continued. The last word received from Chicago was from Carl Schmidtman, who is now there, arriving the day following the drowning of Mr. Patterson. Dr. Schmidtman states that a party of some fifty expert swimmers was organized and made a search of the shallow water along the beach in the vicinity of where Mr. Patterson disappeared and with out success, although the search covered the distance of several blocks. The searchers also secured grappling hooks which were weighed with heavy chains and with which the deeper water was dragged in hopes of reaching the body, but unsuccessfully. The friends here have been deeply interested in the efforts to secure the body of the unfortunate man and trust that it may be discovered from the depths of the waters to be laid at rest in the old home.

From Saturday's Daily—
The many friends over the county of Charles Hitt, Jr., of near Nehawka, will be pleased to learn that he is now improving very nicely at the Lord Lister hospital in Omaha where he was operated on several days ago for a case of gangrene appendicitis. Mr. Hitt has been in very serious condition and his change for the better will be very pleasing to his friends.

Mrs. L. C. Sharp was a passenger this morning for Omaha to spend a few hours in that city visiting with friends.

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