

HANGS HIMSELF TO RAFTER

Chris Peterson Gives Up the Struggle of Earthly Toil.

DEPENDENT ON ACCOUNT OF ILLNESS

Body is Discovered by Mrs. Peterson Early Sunday Morning—Suicide Had Been Ill Some Time.

Chris Peterson of 951 North Twenty-seventh street, who had for some months been in feeble physical condition, gave up the struggle yesterday morning and committed suicide by hanging. He arose about 6 o'clock and went into his back yard. About an hour later his wife, becoming uneasy, looked for him and was horrified to find his body dangling from a rafter in the woods. Mrs. Peterson hurriedly secured a knife and cut the rope but it was too late, for the life of her husband had evidently ended some minutes before.

Mr. Peterson was employed as a driver for the Omaha Bottling company, having been in the service of this concern for fourteen years. He came here from Denmark about twenty years ago and has four brothers, Ferdinand, Frederick, John and William, living in the city. He leaves a wife and three small children.

For some months Peterson has been complaining of stomach and chest troubles, and he has been unable to eat. He declared his ailment almost unbearable. He deplored his inability to take a long rest so that he might possibly recuperate his failing health. Six months ago he weighed 160 pounds and at the time of his death his weight was only 133 pounds. Deceased was a member of Triangle lodge No. 54, Knights of Pythias, and the Danish Brotherhood, and his funeral, which will occur Tuesday afternoon, will be conducted by the last mentioned order. A representative of the coroner visited the Peterson home yesterday morning and after investigating the case pronounced it suicide beyond question. Therefore no inquest will be held.

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NEW SACRED HEART CHURCH

Beautiful Gothic Structure in Kountze Place is Rapidly Approaching Completion.

The new Church of the Sacred Heart, in Kountze place, is rapidly approaching completion. The structure is gothic throughout. The main front, facing Twenty-second street, is imposing, with a lofty tower on the southeast side, tapering gracefully to the top, surmounted with a plain copper cross surmounted with gold. The arch of the front door is a beautiful piece of carving and over the door is a religious design emblematic of the title of the church. The door of the south entrance on Binney street is like the front door, save for the emblem over the door, which in this case is a monogram over two keys in the form of St. Andrew's cross, emblematic of the power to bind and loose from sin.

The chapel of the Madonna on the southwest corner of the building for the winter use is a practical and much-admired feature. Under the chapel is a library and reading room. On either side of the chancel are arranged very artistically the confessionals, vestibules and hallway entrances to the church, chapel and vestry rooms, all harmonizing with the general lines of the architecture. The building is wired and piped for combination gas and electric light. Plastering is now in progress.

Last week the contract for the art glass windows was let to a St. Louis firm. They are to be of antique glass and will cost \$2,500. Arrangements are being made to have the interior painted and decorated. There is a large amount of work yet to be done before the church can be dedicated. Altars, altar rails, pews, organ, bells, stations and statuary, as well as the steam-heating plant, have to be provided for. The parishioners are taking on new energy and enthusiasm to push the work to a successful completion. A committee of representative parishioners has been appointed to supplement the work of Father Judge in raising funds by calling on the patrons and well-wishers of the institution. The committee consists of William Gentlemen, D. J. O'Brien, H. H. Claiborne, E. E. Muffett and J. H. Conner.

As soon as the church is completed Father Judge will give his attention to the building of the school, convent and academy.

Given Up to Die with Croup. Mrs. L. C. Cordier of Mannington, Ky., writes: "My 3-year-old child had a severe case of croup. The doctor said she could not live and I gave her up to die. I went to the store and got a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar. The first dose gave quick relief and saved her life."

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PLENTY WORK IN SIGHT

Large Number of Men Are Wanted by the Railroad Contractors.

Omaha men are going out of the city for the spring work on the railroads in groups of fifty, the annual exodus having set in. The work is late this year because of the continued bad weather, but it is said the contractors are sending in their orders for men at a lively rate.

The first of last week a bunch of twenty-five graders was sent by the Rock Island to the southwest for work on the Liberal-Ellaso extension. Thursday evening a bunch of fifty men was sent out by a local labor agency for grading work on the Union Pacific near Buford, Wyo. Friday a like number of men went west for work on the same road, being graders and stone workers.

All through the last month or more there have been large numbers of men in this city negotiating with the labor agencies and waiting for the weather to settle down so that they could commence work on the railroad building for the year. The work is under way in the west now. In Iowa the ground is still wet, but the start is being made and in a few days the contractors will be swinging large gangs into the districts which are to be the scene of extensive track modifications this summer.

Calls are coming in for men on the Burlington, and the double tracking on the Northwestern will soon be resumed. The work laid out for this year by that line is the stretch of forty-three miles between Ogden and Carroll. The grade was raised there last year. The construction of several bridges and culverts and the finishing of the grade remains before the track-laying can be completed. It is expected that this track will be down by September. This will give the Northwestern a double track across Iowa, with the exception of thirty-five miles between Carroll and Missouri Valley.

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OPPOSES THE BOND ISSUE

Thomas Kilpatrick Expresses His Opinion of the Emporia Railroad Proposition.

OMAHA, April 20.—To the Editor of The Bee: I attended the meeting held at the Commercial club today where the meeting voted that Douglas county should bond itself for \$250,000 to be paid to the railroad directors who propose to build a railroad from Emporia, Kan., to Omaha.

It was to me a very strange meeting. The committee from abroad were jolly and good-natured, and at least two of them made good, strong arguments from their standpoint; but our own people, while they were apparently unanimously in favor of giving away \$250,000 for some reason strangely dumb as to why they wanted to do so. Mr. A. L. Reed was, indeed, the only one who made any prolonged remarks, and even he spoke with his usual conservative caution and ability. It seemed, indeed, as if the meeting was anxious to please their Kansas friends, and yet avoid putting themselves on record as anxious to increase the bonded indebtedness of the city and county.

The proposed donation, or gift, is to be given by the county, but everyone knows that the bulk of such expense falls upon the city. Notwithstanding the earnest and sincere approval of the chairman, both myself and such others as were opposed to the measure, said nothing, and so everything was done essentially by unanimous consent, yet, as I have said, without enthusiasm.

For my own part, I felt that I was about alone in my opposition to bonding the city, and consequently my remarks, which I might offer would probably be misunderstood, and tend to disturb the meeting, as well as that feeling of silent harmony which seemed to pervade it. It might also seem unkind to the gentlemen from abroad, so for that and other reasons I kept silent, so far that the very silence was due to the fact that I felt strongly opposed to increasing our present burden of indebtedness. My silence was not to be interpreted as meaning "consent to issuing bonds for \$250,000," or for any other amount. It was curious to note in the remarks of many speakers that a quarter of a million dollars seemed a mere trifle—a pittance, scarcely worth mentioning, and one man looked at it in that light—thought it strange that we did not offer half a million. How happy must be the condition of the man who looks upon the spending of a quarter of a million as if it were a mere bagatelle.

Mr. Editor, after this preface, let me say distinctly that I am opposed to any increase of our bonded indebtedness for any purpose of this kind, and in the present condition of the city for any purpose whatever. It is due myself and the public that I should give my reasons for this opinion, let me therefore explain. First, our present indebtedness is at present more of a burden than we can well bear, and we will never have the prosperity to which we are otherwise entitled in Omaha until we reduce our indebtedness and curtail our annual taxes. Probably not one in a hundred of your readers realizes the present condition of this community as regards indebtedness. Let me spread before your readers in a concise form the facts as they appear by the books of the county and the city on January 1, 1901. If anyone doubts the correctness of this statement, I respectfully refer him to the county and city treasurers:

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS IN DOUGLAS COUNTY AND OMAHA, JANUARY 1, 1901. City of Omaha, bonded indebtedness \$3,470,000.00 City of Omaha, special assessments 1,320,000.00 City of Omaha, school bonds 835,000.00 \$5,625,000.00 Special taxes unpaid January 1, 1901 1,421,345.00 Regular taxes unpaid January 1, 1901 1,123,289.00 County bonded indebtedness \$75,000.00 Tax indebtedness, at least 1,000,000.00—1,975,000.00 \$10,150,632.00

This does not include \$148,000 of city bonds which are to be issued on May 1 of this year, and it does not include the floating indebtedness of the city and county in the shape of registered warrants, bearing 7 per cent interest. This amounts to over \$100,000,000 and has to be paid by the citizens of Omaha and Douglas county. Surely that is a bold man and no friend to Omaha the man who will vote to add a single dollar to the above amount. We are in some ways a peculiar people. In January last, when the council was preparing a new levy and when they decided to make it 34 mills, there was a hue and cry against the council for their extravagance and there was good reason for it. We have now an increased valuation and an increased rate of taxation. Indeed, the increased valuation decided upon a few years ago was adopted for the very purpose of permitting us to float such schemes as the present one. After the vote was made one would suppose we would never hear of anything else but care and economy and yet no sooner is that over than we begin to promote schemes which necessarily add to our future taxes, providing for the future to pay our debts, if we go to extravagance why find fault with the council for providing means to pay?

We are always happy if we can only spend money and put the burden upon posterity, as if posterity would not have its own burdens and requirements. Unfortunately, we are now ourselves posterity, for in the year 1882 we began to boom the city and issued twenty-year bonds, and yet we have continued this extravagant habit every year since then, and now 1902 is near at hand. The twenty years have gone and we are no better prepared to meet the burden than we were in 1882.

These bonds will no doubt be refunded instead of being paid and the new burden will be placed each year on a new posterity some twenty years hence. Second—I am opposed to issuing bonds at any time for railroads or any other form of private enterprise and our state constitution ought to contain a provision making it unlawful to do so. I need not enlarge upon this, for, fortunately, all the important legal decisions are tending to establish that principle.

Third—I am opposed to this granting of aid to private enterprises, because the vote giving away the money is by all of our voters. Instead of being the vote of property owners, who pay the taxes. Taxes without representation is bad enough, but representation without taxation in such matters as this is even worse. I could say much more, but my letter is already long and I will forbear.

What you may think that your readers will read my letter with care and also see if my statements are not correct. If so, they are worthy of serious consideration. I am sorry to be apparently opposed to many of my fellow citizens, and especially my business friends, whose private opinions I greatly value. It is never pleasant to be opposed to what appears to be "public opinion," but sometimes it is a duty. In this case I believe that the great majority think just as I do, notwithstanding the vote of the Commercial club. I will think twice before you vote away \$250,000, however good the object is. If the proposed railroad is a good thing (and I think it is) and much wanted it is sure to find its way to Omaha in due season; perhaps gradually, mile by mile, and not all at once; but that is, after all, the usual course of business and in my opinion the true one. THOMAS KILPATRICK.

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OMAHA LEADS OLD WORLD

Tourist Plumber Shows Where Europe is Slow and Antiquated.

EVEN PARIS BEHIND THE TIMES

Bathrooms With Copper Lining Are Still Used Across the Atlantic, but They Are Out of Date in Omaha.

"Great Britain and France don't know anything about plumbing," said John J. Hanighen, the Omaha plumber who recently returned from a trip abroad. "While I didn't go to the other side primarily for the purpose of learning anything about plumbing, I took occasion while over there to investigate the subject, thinking that I might pick up some valuable pointers. I looked into the heating and water arrangements in London, Paris, Edinburgh, Glasgow and other cities and I found that they were using the same kind of work in those places that we discarded in this country thirty and forty years ago. London and Paris are particularly behind the times, as the plumbers there are still putting in wooden bathtubs with the old-style copper lining. I dare say there haven't been three copper bathtubs placed in Omaha in the last three years; we're tearing them out of the older houses all the time and putting in the modern porcelain tubs. The Londoners and Parisians, however, seem to be satisfied with what the American people will not tolerate.

These Plumbers Are Slow. "London and Paris plumbers have not drawn away from the old boxed-in work and all the lavatories and closets are set in woodwork, with the piping concealed and almost inaccessible. They don't have any of the clean, open plumbing that we have in Omaha. They have not even taken up the syphon let closet, without which any house in Omaha would be considered incomplete. "As to heating apparatus England and France are not in it for a moment with this country. Most of the houses in London and Paris are not fitted with anything but old-fashioned fireplaces. Although a few of the new buildings have been furnished with hot water heating systems, practically all of the progress of the last quarter of a century in heating and water fixtures has been made through American ingenuity and the old world has not yet taken up our inventions. For that reason the plumbers over there are far behind the times and they will have to come to America for their learning if they want to be up to date."

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OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY

J. M. Rolie Makes Explanation of that Street Car Test Run.

OMAHA, April 20.—To the Editor of The Bee: I notice in Saturday afternoon's Bee what appears to be an attack upon me for an alleged attempt to assist the Omaha Street Railway company by failing to stop a car running at the rate of fifteen miles an hour within a certain distance. The article does me an injustice and I wish to make the following corrections: In the first place, Judge Keyser did not order me or anyone else to make the test. A damage case against the street car company was on trial in his court and I was a witness, and he simply granted permission for the postponement of my examination until the test could be made. The test was entirely unofficial, the plaintiff not being represented. The original proposition was: "In what distance could a street car be stopped if running at the rate of fifteen miles per hour, the rails being dry and all the machinery in first-class condition?" My answer was: "In about twenty feet." Then a great corporation attorney asked me if I would try it for his benefit, and I said I would. Accordingly I went out with Mr. Green of the street railway company and several of his friends (the great attorney did not accompany us) and, although the rails were not dry and the car was not in first-class condition in any respect, the test was made, a test wholly unfair and wholly valueless as evidence either way. I stood in the front end of the motor with my back to the street railway officials. I ran the car for about four blocks, down hill, under full power, at a rate of at least thirty-five miles per hour. Still, Mr. Green insisted we were not making more than ten miles per hour.

While running at this rate of speed one man claimed to have rung the bell for me to stop, and another claimed to have placed a piece of iron at the same time from the back end of the car; and when I had stopped another man threw out a stone from the front end of the car, and then they measured the distance between them. In the first place, if by throwing out one mark from one end of the car and the other from the other end, I was given the worst of it by about thirty feet. In the second place, how do I know they threw out the iron at the same time the bell was pulled? I could not see, and a couple of seconds difference in the time the bell was pulled and the iron was thrown out would make a difference of many feet in the stop.

Remember, this test was unofficial, and the Omaha Street Railway company had a \$25,000 damage suit pending. And I wish to say that the Omaha Street Railway company will do much to pay me. Then, again, I knew nothing of the case at the time, and supposed that the car referred to was a closed car, the closed cars working much better and being kept in much better condition than the open cars. Another thing, the Omaha Street Railway company would not have a man in its employ who could not stop a car going fifteen miles per hour.

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