

AGED COUPLE DIE WITHIN FEW HOURS

Theodore Runker Passes Away Just Before New Year Arrives and Wife Dies Just After.

STEPSONS GAIN PROPERTY

How death awarded a prize of \$2,200 to three step-sons of Theodore Runker, favoring them over his own children by three hours in a contest which the grim reaper staged on New Year's eve, is a story given to the county court by the filing of petitions for probate of the estates of Runker and his wife.

Theodore Runker and Sophia Runker, his wife, an aged couple, who lived on West Center street for many years, were found by neighbors in a dying condition, both suffering from pneumonia in an advanced stage. Having depended on each other for assistance in all emergencies for more than half a century, they summoned no outside aid when both approached their death agonies.

Medical attendance was summoned and all possible aid was given the aged couple, but physicians said they were dying.

Three children had been born to Mr. and Mrs. Runker, all of whom have reached middle age. Mrs. Runker was also the mother of three sons by a previous marriage. He was possessed of property valued at \$13,000 and she had \$4,000 which she had inherited from her former husband.

Neither Made a Will.

Neither had made a will and according to law a portion of the estate of which ever died first would go to the survivor, then by a second death to the next heirs. Shortly before the sounding of bells and whistles which announced the new year the old man passed away.

The wife at that moment became the heir to one-third of his estate.

Before daylight New Year's morning the wife and mother died. All of her children, including the three born of her first marriage, shared equally in her estate, more than doubled in value by her husband's death.

Mr. Runker's father will receive two-thirds of their father's estate and one-half of their mother's property. They are Charles G. Runker, Grand Island; Mrs. Elizabeth Brock, Florence, and Mrs. Hannah Horner, Benson.

The three stepsons will receive one-half of their mother's estate, thus gaining one-sixth of their stepfather's property by his death prior to that of their mother. They are Fred and H. Kirschner, Bonnington, Ill., and Henry Kirschner, Pueblo, Colo.

N. N. G. to Escort General Dodge On His Last March

Adjutant General Hall's order that the Omaha battalion of Nebraska National guard participate as part of the escort for the funeral of Major General Grenville M. Dodge this afternoon at Council Bluffs, will be promptly observed. Major Strickler and Major Elasser have completed their arrangements for the movement. Special cars for transporting the troops will leave the Omaha armory promptly at 10:45 this morning. The noon train will be given at the Grand hotel, Council Bluffs.

Men who are not completely equipped with service overcoats and equipment were ordered to report to the armory last night or as early as 9 o'clock this morning, that they may be properly furnished.

Every member of the National guard in Omaha, whether enlisted in an Omaha company or not, is ordered to report to the armory for service in this escort.

HARRISON IS RELEASED ON CHARGE OF ASSAULT

William O. Harrison, charged by Abraham Babich, former musical director of the Empress, with "attempt with intent to do great bodily injury," was discharged by Judge Foster in police court.

Harrison testified that he came upon Babich talking to Mrs. Harrison at Thirty-fourth and Jackson streets, and after carefully removing Babich's glasses, smote him in the eye. Harrison returned Babich's glasses in police court. The Harrisons have recently been divorced and Mrs. Babich is suing Mrs. Harrison for alienating her husband's affections, as well as suing her husband for divorce.

DIETZ WANTS BUDGET WORKED OUT IN OPEN

The city council finally has decided to start work on the 1916 budget Thursday morning. In all probability the preliminary work will be transacted in executive session.

Chairman Dietz of the municipal affairs committee of the Commercial club believes the work should all be done in open session.

MANY SIGNS NOW ARE POINTING WAY TO OMAHA

Over 300 big signs are now firmly placed on main automobile thoroughfares within a radius of seventy-five miles of Omaha, telling the distance to Omaha. These signs were bought by the Commercial club and placed by the Omaha Manufacturers' association and the Auto club.

Six-Year-Old Had Croup.

"I have a little girl 6 years old who has a great deal of trouble with croup," writes W. E. Curry of Evansville, Ind. "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar, obtaining instant relief for her. My wife and I also used it and will say it is the best cure for a bad cold, cough, throat trouble and croup that I ever saw." Those terrible coughs that seem to tear one to pieces yield to Foley's Honey and Tar. Sold everywhere.—Advertisement.

RESOLUTION PASSED FOR LATE VICTOR B. CALDWELL

Resolutions of respect for the late Victor B. Caldwell, former president of the United States National bank, were adopted by the executive committee of the Commercial club.

Could Not Work with Rheumatism. A satisfied patient writes: "Sloan's Liniment cured my rheumatism, am grateful; I can now walk without pain." Only 25c. All druggists.—Advertisement.

Village Cutups Are Not Able to Josh Al Scott Any About Jane Elizabeth

Down at the Commercial club and at the Omaha Manufacturers' association business men have been wondering what was the cause of a certain phenomenon observed in the person and physiognomy of "Al" Scott.

Mr. Scott is a large man who assays about 88 per cent jollity, mirth, laughter, joviality and jousiveness. But in the last week or two he has become twice as jolly, twice as jovial, twice as jovial and twice as jolious.

His smile, which formerly seemed to reach for about 130 degrees across his "map," reached a full 180 degrees, going, we are reliably informed, "from ear to ear."

At the office of the Scott Manufacturing company, of which he is president, it was noted that he has become more in a hurry to leave in the evening and get home, it was a mystery.

But it is no longer a mystery. It is explained and the explanation is "one baby girl." The wife of humanity was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Scott and has already become the light of the household at 426 Douglas street. Little "Jane Elizabeth," for that is her name, is the cause of the expansion of "Al's" smile, the reason of his jollity, the completion of his jousivity.

"Didn't step on any ticks last night, did it 'Al'?" is now quite a popular question propounded to him by the village cutups at the office and club.

"Al" is right there to answer the jest with his 180-degree grin and then, if the questioners don't make a quick get-away, he buttonholes them and tells them something cute that Jane Elizabeth did the day before.

"Al," however, denies vigorously, emphatically, categorically and in toto that he walks the floor at night with Jane Elizabeth, or that he makes nightshirt trips about the house in the interests of tiny Jane Elizabeth.

Jane Elizabeth is an ideal youngster, a well-behaved baby, a perfectly ladylike child and she wouldn't cry at night to make "Al" walk the floor. So he says.

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Young Lads Admit Theft of Toys Few Days Before Xmas

Joe Pollin, aged 14 years, 124 South Twelfth street, and Sam Sapienna, aged 12 years, 1014 South Thirtieth street, were arrested by Detectives Dolan and Walker and admitted that just before Christmas they broke into Bulter Bros. store at 1911 Farnam street and stole a quantity of toys. They were turned over to juvenile officers.

Says Omaha Market for Hay Not Glutted

That there is no foundation for the report that the Omaha hay market was glutted by the arrival of 135 cars, as given in an evening newspaper Tuesday, is the assertion of C. M. Rice of the Casso Milling company. "One hundred and thirty-five cars could never bother the hay market in Omaha," said Mr. Rice. "That number of cars wouldn't begin to cover our company's outgoing shipments, let alone the combined shipments of the city. It seems Omaha doesn't realize how big the Omaha hay market is. It would take considerable more than 135 cars to glut the market here."

HOT TEA BREAKS A COLD—TRY THIS

Get a small package of Hamburg Breast Tea, or as the German folks call it, "Hamburger Brust Thee," at any pharmacy. Take a tablespoonful of the tea, put a cup of boiling water upon it, pour through a sieve and drink a teaspoon full at any time. It is the most effective way to break a cold and cure grip, as it opens the pores, relieving congestion. Also loosens the bowels, thus breaking a cold at once. It is inexpensive and entirely vegetable, therefore harmless.—Advertisement.

Alfred Noyes, Great English Poet, Will Speak Here Twice

Alfred Noyes, the English poet, is to arrive in Omaha at 1:30 Friday afternoon over the Rock Island, and is to leave that night after his lectures to the Fine Arts society at the Fontenelle at 4 o'clock and his lecture to the Y.M.C.A. club at the Fontenelle in the evening. He goes to Chicago from here.

"It will be a great privilege to see an English patriot and poet here in Omaha," said Frederick T. Rouse.

"To those of us who have been studying his poems," said Miss Kate McHugh, "it will be doubly interesting to hear them read by him."

Said Mrs. Leonard Everett: "He has taken the past and revisited its traditions, and he has revealed our modern world in the pure light of idealism."

Mrs. W. W. Keyser says: "I have had the pleasure of hearing him, and he is not a bit disappointing."

Mrs. William G. Ure says: "Mr. Noyes never fails to charm his audience with his marvellously beautiful view of life."

Gene C. Duffy, who recently heard the poet, says: "It was a golden hour and one not to be forgotten."

Mrs. Anna P. Morey of Hastings speaks of the great interest their club felt in having such talented men as Alfred Noyes to give a lecture.

Abba Willard Bowen of the Peru Normal school says: "It seems desperately hard to us that while he is to be so near, we at the normal school cannot hear him." She asks of the possibility of getting him to come to Peru.

FARMER GOES BROKE BUYING CANADA LAND

John A. Bolling, a farmer at Fort Crook, Neb., has filed a petition in bankruptcy in federal court, giving the astonishing figures of liabilities, \$55,300.15 and assets \$100. Nearly all the liabilities are money due on Canada land in which he had invested heavily, relying on crops to make the payments.

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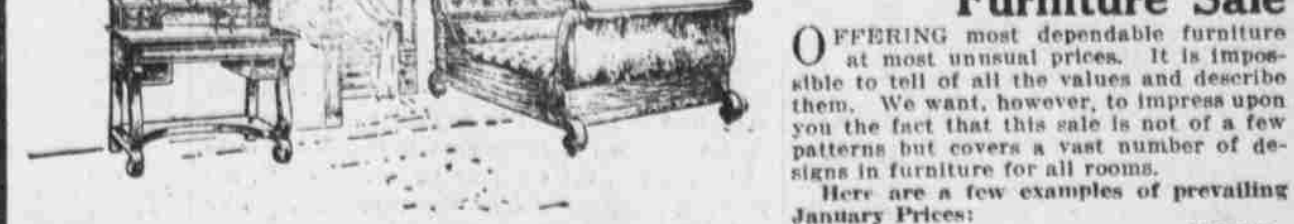


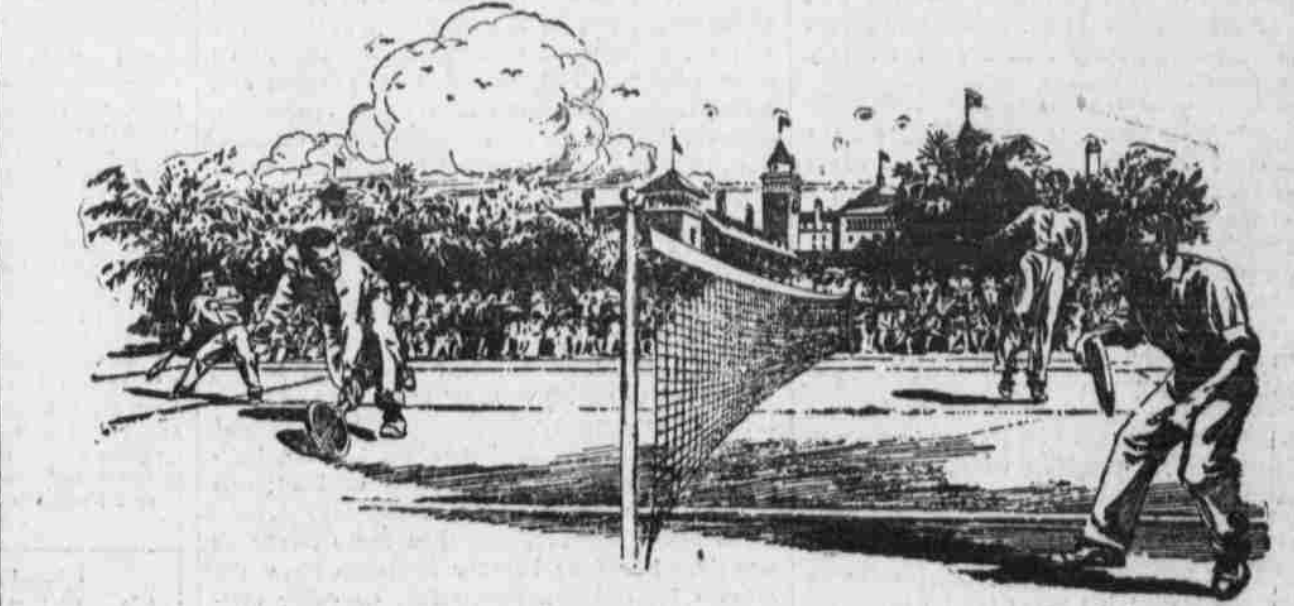
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