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MAN HURT BY CAR DIES OF INJURIES

Unknown Man Run Over by Box Car in Yards at Rockville, Severing His Left Arm, From Which He Died Later, After Undergoing an Operation.

HIGH WIND STARTS CAR TO MOVING.

Saturday night at Rockville an unknown man was run over by a car in the yards, which had been blown from its place by the high winds, having his left arm severed, and dying later, after undergoing an operation.

The circumstances attending the accident and death are about as follows, so far as we have ascertained. Saturday evening four strangers walked into Rockville from Boelus. They were fairly well dressed, had more or less money, but were of the hobo, or possibly the yeg element of humanity. That night the men occupied an empty box car in the yards. From what could be gleaned from the men, it seems that the dead man had gotten up in the fore part of the night and left the car because of the heat and laid down in the runway of the stock yards. When the storm came up, it is supposed the man attempted to get into the car and in some way was run over by the car which was in motion from the wind. The companions of the dead man, as soon as they found the accident had occurred, they notified George Tockey, George Woten and others, who had the man taken to Dr. Dickinson's office, who made examination of the injured man, finding an operation was necessary, which was later made by the doctor, assisted by a surgeon from Ravenna. About 6 o'clock Sunday evening, however, the stranger died, it being evident that besides the injury to the arm he had undoubtedly suffered internal injuries, which had caused his death. From the time of the accident, on through the operation and up to the time of his death, the injured man refused to divulge his identity, only admitting he had a mother and that he was 58 years of age, but to all inquiries further he abruptly answered inquiries by the remark that it was none of their business. The other men claimed they did not know him, refused to tell their names and his own account of themselves, save one, who made affidavit of what he knew, gave his own account of how the accident might have occurred.

Hold Children's Day Program

The Children's Day program published by the Baptist Publication society was given as printed with the exception of one or two numbers which were substituted for something even better, one of which was a drill song by Mrs. Main's class of boys. The boys did exceedingly well. The songs by the school was lively and inspiring. The program closed with a piece entitled "The Water of Life" which meant a lot of work for the committee. A fountain was constructed on the platform in such a way that the water flowed through the center of a large white cross dropping into an open well. The church was pleasingly decorated with flowers. The children certainly enjoyed the evening as did the congregation in attendance.

The W. O. W. lodge, just organized here, had a dance at Jenner Park last Saturday night and a most enjoyable time was reported. Some forty or more couples were in attendance. The dance closed promptly on the stroke of twelve, in deference to the dawning day.

though not one of them knew positively. Sheriff Williams and County Attorney Pedler went down to Rockville Sunday, but as it was not deemed necessary, no inquest was held. The dead man was described as weighing perhaps 175 to 180 pounds, of the age above named, smooth shaven save for a mustache, somewhat above medium height and with a good, looking specimen of manhood. He was the older of the bunch. Nothing was known of the men, where they came from, or where going, or any information whatsoever, they being uncommunicative regarding themselves, save from the affidavit of one mentioned above. Of course, all sorts of rumors are afloat, but the fact remains that they are founded on mere suspicion and perhaps their history will never be known. The fact that the dead man refused to reveal his identity and in his delirium raved about chiefs of police and officers and matters of like kind, bears out the belief that he and his companions were of the criminal class, while his allusion to his mother gave evidence of fine feelings of manhood in wishing to save her the sorrow of knowing of his tragic and untimely death.

Since above was in type, we receive another report of the accident, differing somewhat as to details, but not so as to cause elimination of the article in type. Thanks, however, to our belated reporter.

Is \$75,000.00 to Much for a New Court House

The population of Sherman county it between 8,000 and 10,000 people. The conservative approximate value of Sherman county's taxable property is \$25,000,000, of which \$75,000 is 3-10ths of 1 per cent. Granting the net wealth of the average farmer of Sherman county is \$5,000, of which 3-10ths of 1 per cent is \$15, that is the limit of credit he could justify himself in asking for or assuming, were he to practice in his personal affairs what he preaches in county affairs. The above thoroughly illustrates the folly of the contention that \$75,000 is too much for between 8,000

Mrs. Conyers of Illinois and Mrs. Magnuson and Mr. Ogden of Chapman, aunt, cousin and uncle of Mesdames Chase and Waite, arrived Monday on a visit, the uncle returning home yesterday while the ladies remained for a longer visit.

Mrs. W. T. Owens and daughter, Bessie, visited over last Sunday with Mrs. Landers at Arcadia.

Play Good Ball at Arcadia Tuesday

Arcadia lost to Loup City, Tuesday in a ten inning game, by a score of 4 and 3. Loup City had three of Sherman county's fastest ball players, Rowe, Gilbert and Prichard. The game was featured by the hitting of Gilbert and Prichard, and clever base running by Lofholm for Loup. Sensational stops by Ward and fielding of Charlton for Arcadia.

Batteries—Loup City, Dieterich and Conger; Arcadia, Callen and Hollingshead. Umpire, Bill Callen whose eyesight was very, very bad.

PROGRESSIVES RE-ORGANIZE

Progressives of This County Met Saturday and Held Convention.

TO HAVE FULL TICKET THIS FALL

Last Saturday afternoon, pursuant to call published in the Northwestern, the progressives of this county met at the court house and held their county convention. The call was for 2 o'clock, but owing to an error, the hour was not specified in the call and it was between 3 and 4 o'clock before a sufficient number had assembled to call the meeting to order, principally on account of the farmers being so busy in their fields. E. F. Jones called the meeting to order and read the call. R. L. Arthur was selected as chairman of the meeting and central committee, with power to select his own central committee from the various precincts. E. F. Jones was elected as secretary. The following delegates were elected to attend the state convention at Lincoln the 29th: A. L. Zimmerman and E. F. Jones of Hazard; A. E. Wanek of Ashton, Carl de la Motte of Hazard; David Kay of Logan and George Curry of Elm; Mr. Zimmerman being selected as the delegate at large. While no other business was done, it has been insisted by members of that party that a full county and legislative ticket will be put in the field here this fall.

On last Saturday, when Charlie French was mowing among the tall trees on the court house square with a big horse mower, he nearly clipped off the top of the little court house in the grass. However, the clippers were set quite high and the court house, though touched, was not damaged. Let us build a larger structure and avoid the worry and risk.

For Representative of Valley County

Jolly J. B. O'Bryan was over from Ord this week greeting old friends. Sunday's Bee contains Joe's picture, with a fine write-up of everybody's friend, giving an account of the time he saved his train from tornado wreck a year or two ago on the Ord branch. By the way, J. B. has filed for the democratic nomination for representative in Valley county, and if the people of that county feel towards him as do the people of our county, nothing short of a cyclone that would sweep him off the face of the earth can prevent him from winning out, politics or no politics.

Popular Young Couple Wedded

The Northwestern last week received the following interesting announcement of the nuptials of two popular young Loup City people; which occurred at Galva, Ills.: "Mr. Edgar B. Foster and Miss Lettie M. Peugh married Tuesday the 16th of June, 1914, Galva, Ills. At home after July 8, 1914."

Disastrous Hail Storm Visits Sherman County

Saturday night, or rather about 2 o'clock last Sunday morning, Loup City was visited by a heavy rain of some 86-100ths, which did some damage by the accompanying hail to the crops of farmers in a strip from Joe Kowalewski's in Webster township in an easterly direction into Oak Creek. Sunday night about midnight another rain of one and three-quarters inch followed, but did no serious damage, save flooding the some tract of land west of the creamery which was overflooded following the big rain of a week previous.

DEATH OF MERLE McLAUGHLIN

Passes Away at a Hospital in Omaha After a Brief Illness.

FUNERAL 2 O'CLOCK WEDNESDAY

On Monday morning of this week, June 22, 1914, at about 7:40 o'clock, Merle McLaughlin of this city, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McLaughlin, passed away at a hospital in Omaha, where he went last week Tuesday noon for treatment. The body was brought in from that city Tuesday evening and the funeral occurred from the Methodist church at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, under the auspices of the W. O. W. lodge, of which he became a member a few weeks since, when the same was organized here. Deceased was one of our very best and most enterprising young men, had had studied for, graduated in and was practicing his profession as undertaker and embalmer, in which he was most proficient. Some few weeks ago he was taken ill and for a time life hung by a slender thread, but later he became convalescent and was thought to be on the fair road to recovery. On Tuesday mentioned above he went to a hospital at Omaha and only the day preceding his death cheering words had been received that he was doing nicely, but the result above proves otherwise. In his death Loup City mourns the loss of an exemplary young man and one who had much promise of a long and useful life, and who left a large circle of warm friends who will feel heartfelt sorrow and sympathy with parents, brothers and sisters who are called upon to suffer the loss of their loved one.

Disastrous Hail Storm Visits Sherman County

Among the losers in the hail storm that passed through this county last Saturday night was our good friend, Ben Klimper, who estimates his losses at fully \$1,000, but added that the following evening he was a gainer by at least \$5,000, in that the stork brought to the home a fine baby boy. That was a splendid gain all right, all right, and the Northwestern offers choicest congratulations.

R. P. Starr Denies Being Candidate

The State Journal of a few days since has quite a lengthy article and supposed interview with R. P. Starr of this city, in which the Journal gave the impression that Mr. Starr was going to make another try for the state senatorship from this district, comprising Sherman, Buffalo and Kearney counties. Space prevents us from publishing the article entire, but in an interview with Mr. Starr, he insists he has not made up his mind to again enter the race, although acknowledging that he would like to serve a term in the upper body of the state legislature and for which he is well qualified we all will admit. However, the fact that the progressives propose to put up a candidate for the senate, while the democrats will tip the Wink for the same honor, make it a three cornered fight, with an almost mortal cinch on the dems winning, and it is doubtful if Mr. Starr will conclude to get in the race.

Pastor Leaves for His New Home

Rev. Jueling and family leave at noon today for their new home in northern Colorado. Rev. Jueling has made a splendid reputation as pastor of the German church here and built the society up nicely, and he and his wife have made a legion of choice friends. His new charge is composed of a large membership and a field many times larger than here. May success attend them in their new home and field of labor.

A three-fourth inch rain, with some hail visited this city Tuesday evening.

SOME SHERMAN COUNTY HISTORY

George E. Benschoter of the Custer County Republican Writes.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS.

June 30th, is the date set by the board of supervisors of Sherman county to take another vote on the court house proposition. Perhaps we are more interested in the success of this grand enterprise than most outsiders because Loup City and Sherman county is our old home and we hope for the success of the effort this time. Sherman county needs a new court house as bad or worse than any county in the state. The old one was built in the early seventies and has served its usefulness. The opposition to the enterprise talks about the expense of the one now old and out of date. If they will consult the records they will find that the first bonded indebtedness of that county was for only \$25,000 which amount was voted to build a court house and also to build a bridge across the Middle Loup and to bridge other small streams in the county. From the sale of these bonds both court house and bridges were built. And it might be of interest to know that the bridge cost as much as the court house, since in those days the materials were freighted overland at a great distance. Most of the bridge timbers from Grand Island. The piling for that bridge was taken from the Cedar Canyons of Custer county, then government land, and it took about four days for a man and team to make the trip. The brick for the old court house was made from the old clay soil south of Loup City. It proved to be of good quality and the Sherman county court house although small and inadequate, still stands.—(Geo. E. Benschoter, Custer County Republican.

LOUP CITY USES WIND FOR POWER

Pumps With Three Big Wind Mills For City Owned Water System Sufficient Water For All Purposes.

COST OF PLANT ABOUT \$39,000.00

Very little has been said and written of LoupCity's water works system in the past, but that's not saying but that it is one of the best and cheapest and most satisfying of any within our knowledge in central Nebraska. We are pretty certain of wind, off an on, in the west, and Loup City has taken advantage of that fact in putting in it's city system of waler for both public and private utility. With good reservoirs, the city supply of water for all purposes and in sufficient quantities can all ways be relied upon. But let us at this time give our readers some idea of the system, to prove our contentions above.

There are three windmills located on the hill just north of the city, one an 18-foot wheel and two 22-foot wheels. One of the wheels, by the aid of a walking beam, pumps from two wells, so that we have three windmills and four wells. The wells are from 165 to 180 feet in depth and reached by piping ranging from 5 to 8 inches in diameter. Each mill has a 16-inch stroke and in a steady wind run about 26 strokes to the minute.

About four years ago, a gasoline engine was installed near the mills for emergency purposes, but has never been used. In fact under ordinary circumstances, but two of the mills have been required during the seven years they have been used by the city, and never during all that time has the

city been without plenty of fire protection and plenty of water for users. The weather does not affect the working qualities of the mills. The mill pumping from the two walls works in good order but does not give any better service, generally speaking, than do the others.

The two reservoirs are near the mills. One is 45 feet in diameter and 10 feet deep and was used for 20 years, when the city used steam pumps located near some wells down town. The new reservoir is of concrete, 30x80 feet, with a depth of 10 feet, and both reservoirs have a calculated capacity of 8,215 barrels, or 258,799 gallons. These reservoirs are 90 feet above the sidewalk of the First National bank, which is about an average of the general level of the city. They supply 147 users and 36 hydrants, through 4 and 6 inch mains, of which there are 51 blocks, or about a length of three and three-fourths miles.

The water pressure is 45 pounds. The water is clear as crystal, even when first pumped. The average consumer pays but little over \$4 a year for water, including household use, lawn and other purposes, the minimum charge being \$1 per quarter.

The cost of installing the system, including, of course, all piping, etc. which had been built when the windmills were put up, all being used at this time, is \$39,000. Little or no income was derived from the system for a number of years but recently the sale of water brings in about \$400 per year, which includes a water commissioner and up-keep. The windmills require very little attention, a man visiting them once each day at a cost of about \$10 per month, including in the above maintenance. In a large measure they are self-adjusting, so that they automatically slow up in high winds.

Loup City hauls no coal or cinders. Has no smokestacks or fire sparks. Requires no expensive building in which to house a steam pumping works, on which to carry insurance and repairs; all steam system repair is eliminated.

Thus in a few words is given a short history of the Loup City's water system, which, as we said above, is one of the best and cheapest in the mid-west.

Much Like the Old One-Lunger

Winthrop (Minn.) News: "These chronic kickers, the kind that lack the ability to do anything themselves and ascribe an ulterior and selfish motive for every public enterprise, remind one of the old style one lung automobile. You can hear their exhaust afar off they are always making a loud noise, but never get anywhere and do not make progress themselves but keep the main traveled path where others who do want to get some where have to turn out and go around. They easily short circuit, for every time they put their hands in their pockets and touch their pocketbooks their enthusiasm oozes out. Their radiator steams a little all the time and any enterprise that seems liable to cause a raise in taxes, no matter how light, causes it to boil over. The carburetor is never working right, due to the mixture, which is mostly hot air. They have a blowout on the street corner about once a day. Their clutch is always slipping for no matter how much energy is expended they never go forward. About the only mechanism that is always working is the reverse."