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WOOD RIVER MAN  
TAKES OWN LIFEMat Smithwick Tires of Life on Farm Near Litchfield, Elderly Lady First  
Discovered Rash Act—Left Note in Drawer.

## SHOOTS SELF AND CUTS THROAT WITH RAZOR

(Grand Island Independent)  
Litchfield, Sept. 11. — Mat Smithwick, aged about 45 years and a single farmer living four miles east of here committed suicide at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He cut his throat from ear to ear with a razor and shot himself in the forehead with a 22-caliber rifle. An elderly lady is the housekeeper at the place and when she left for a short time the rash act was committed. A physician was called from here but there was no chance to save the man. Henry Smithwick, a brother, arrived today and will accompany the remains to Wood River where the funeral will probably take place tomorrow. Mr. Smithwick lived on the ranch here for about three years. There is no cause known for taking his own life though he was very despondent of late.

Sheriff Wilson, of Custer county, gives a more graphic story of the suicide, and in looking over the effects of the man found a note which was locked in a drawer of the dresser, which reads as follows:

"September 8, 1914.  
To whom it may concern:  
Please give me a decent burial, my brother, Mat Smithwick.  
"If anything is left after my debts are paid, please give it to my brother's children."

Ella Bedford, aged about 50 years, is the elderly lady who kept house for Mr. Smithwick. She came from Omaha six months ago. Yesterday afternoon she was asked to get the mail and Mr. Smithwick hitched up the team of mules for her. When she returned he did not come out to unhitch the team and on entering the house she made the horrible discovery, and at once notified the neighbors. For the last few days the lady states, the man acted very stupid and seemed to be brooding over something, and this tallies with the date the note was written.

Cheaper in Europe  
Than in the U. S.

It is claimed that products purchased in America are sold cheaper on the European markets than here at home, and that the higher prices here are due to the manipulations of the fellows controlling the markets on such products. To prove the above, we give quotations of American goods sold in London cheaper than in Omaha, according to the Bee, as follows:

England formerly received its sugar supply largely from Germany, and some from the United States. The war cut off its supply from Germany, and it brought a lot from the United States. Immediately sugar took an enormous jump in America until many grocery stores in Omaha are selling it at 8 1/3 cents a pound with none too much profit to themselves at that. This London paper quotes sugar at 7 1/2 cents, American money.

Lump sugar is quoted in London at 8 1/2 cents, while in Omaha people are paying 12 1/2 cents, "because there is war in Europe."  
Butter is quoted at 36 1/2 cents in London, while in Omaha, one of the greatest butter producing towns in the world, and not at war with anyone, consumers are paying 37 cents, or 1 cent more than in London.

Cheese is quoted in London at 19 cents while in Omaha the same grade of cheese is sold at 22 cents. Bacon is quoted at 29 cents, while in Omaha people are paying from 30 to 35 cents.

Flour is quoted at \$2.85 at hundred in London. In Omaha it is selling for \$1.75 for a 48-pound sack, or, in round figures, \$3.60 a hundred. Here is a difference of

Sheriff Wilson, who was on the scene, reports that from appearance the man cut his throat first, severing the windpipe half in two. A mirror was on the wall just in front where his body lay in a tub of cobs. It is believed that when the shot was fired he fell over in the tub. After a thorough investigation the sheriff came to the conclusion that it was a plain case of suicide. The bullet which entered the forehead, penetrated the skull and brain, either wound being sufficient to cause death. Mr. Smithwick lived three hours after the act was committed.

Mat Smithwick was about 45 years of age and was born in the vicinity of Woodriver. He farmed for many years in the western part of the county and three years ago located in Custer county. Four brothers and a sister are left to mourn the loss of the brother. They are Mike, Jack and Henry Smithwick of this locality, and Will Smithwick of Illinois. Mrs. Stewart, the only sister, resides at Amherst.

Vic Swanson left for St. Joe Monday morning after new goods stopping off at Aurora between trains for a few hours' visit.

Falls Down Stairs and  
Escapes Serious Injury

Last Sunday morning, as Mrs. Vic Swanson was descending the stairs at her home, with her little daughter in her arms, her heel caught in some manner at the head of the stairs and she and the little one fell the full length to the lower floor. By presence of mind, and to save herself and little girl from injury so far as possible, she threw herself backward and in

this way saved a forward fall, which might have meant death or serious injury to herself or daughter, or both. While the lady was badly bruised and rendered unconscious for a time, she escaped otherwise and the little girl received one slight contusion on the arm. It was a most fortunate accident.

about three-quarters of a dollar between the price of flour in London and the price of flour in America, with the lower price obtaining in London, while much of this flour in London comes from the United States.

Will Sconderid left Tuesday morning for Davenport, Iowa, where he may conclude to stay, but his primary purpose is to visit his sister, Mrs. Emil Schneck and family. Later he will go to Rockport, Ill., for a visit with his sister, Mrs. Roy Fisher and family.

Mrs. E. S. Hayhurst and Miss Harriet Hayhurst left Monday noon of this week for a visit with Rev. Madeley and family at Palsade, Nebr.

Paul Myers, the young man held in Hyannis on \$500 bond awaiting trial for forcing a ride on a Burlington train at the point of a gun last week, escaped from the Hyannis sheriff Sunday night and hasn't been located since.

Special Agent Kish was notified, but as he was in Lincoln at the time the young man was far away before he could reach the scene, Kish captured the lads at Hyannis last week after being notified that they had the train in their power and would not get off when ordered by the train crew.

Myers pleaded guilty to the charge before the Hyannis authorities and was facing a ten year term in prison. The other lad entered a plea of not guilty and his trial is set for Thursday of this week. — Ravenna News.

MRS. F. HAPKA  
LAID TO RESTWas An Invalid For Over Fourteen  
Years.

DIED SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13.

Again a resident of our city has been called away by the grim reaper. On Sunday the 13th of September, Mrs. Fred Hapke was called to her reward after a long and lingering illness, she was born at Wilhelmshaven, Germany, the 1st of May, 1871, and thus attained an age of 43 years, 4 months and 13 days. At the age of eight years she came to this country, and while quite young lost both of her parents. In the year 1890 she was united in holy wedlock to Fred Hapke, and made her home with him on a farm a mile and a half from Ashton, always delicate of health she became quite sick a few years after her marriage and fourteen years ago became so incapacitated that she was forced to take a chair and from that time on has not been able to walk. Some four weeks ago she was taken with a bad fever and herself realizing that the end was near received Holy Communion and in every way made ready for that long and final journey from which no one ever returns. From that time on her condition rapidly became worse, and on Sunday the 13th, surrounded by relatives and friends she breathed her last. Her husband, and children, three sons and three daughters remain to mourn her loss, also a great number of relatives and friends.

The funeral was held at the German Evangelical St. Paul Church with burial at the Evergreen Cemetery. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved husband and to the sorrowing children.

Burned in a Very  
Peculiar Manner

While working in his shop welding a piece of steel a man named Smith, at Shelton, was accidentally burned in a most peculiar manner. At the time he was working with a blow pipe, preparatory to welding. A helper passed carrying a can of gasoline and stepping on a plowshare or some other piece of scrap iron he stumbled. Smith turned to see the cause of the trouble and the gasoline can struck the red hot piece of steel which he held in a pair of pinchers with his left hand. The gasoline exploded. The helper reached for a fire extinguishing powder and scattered it over the clothes of Smith, putting out the flames. While the hand was badly burned it is also feared that the fire extinguisher may have poisoned the hand and for this reason a specialist will be consulted regarding the injury. — Ravenna News.

Train Hold-Up  
Breaks Jail

Harve Owens and wife and Harve Farrington and wife, all of Fullerton, Nebraska, drove up in their car last Saturday and visited over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Hunt in Webster township. Mr. Farrington and Mrs. Owens are brother and sister of Mrs. Hunt. They returned home Monday.

Omaha, Sept. 16.—Great plans are being made by the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben for Omaha Home Coming Week. It will be one of the big features of the Ak-Sar-Ben fall festival, September 30 to October 10.

Mrs. N. E. Jensen of Dannebrog came up last Thursday evening to visit a few days with her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Gardiner.

Mrs. R. E. Dale and sister-in-law, Mrs. Neutzen, and their children, left yesterday for a visit at Denton, this state.

W. FULLITON AT  
NAT. CONVENTIONComrade Willis Fulliton Tells of the  
G. A. R. Time at Detroit, Michigan.

FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND THERE.

St. Joseph, Mich., Sept. 8, 1914.—Friend Burleigh: As I promised you a letter while absent in attendance on the National G. A. R. Reunion, here goes. Mrs. Fulliton and I arrived at St. Joseph Sunday and found our cousin well and glad to see us. She remained there while I visited the great re-union at Detroit. I arrived in the city on Monday evening and had a very pleasant time with the dear old comrades. There were some 30,000 of us old coffee coolers present. Some 20,000 were able to march in the parade, while 275 autos were provided to carry those who were too feeble to fall in line. The people of Detroit sure did give us old boys a grand reception. They showed us every kindness, had places provided for us to stay and guides to take us to all places of interest provided free of charge, and gave us a fifty-mile ride on the lake. The parade was over three miles in length and the march was five miles from start to finish, while all along the line was one solid mass of people cheering and waving us welcome. It is estimated that there were at least 400,000 in the city besides old soldiers and everything passed off so pleasant.

On Wednesday evening I left Detroit for my dear old home in Ohio on business and pleasure. I found friends and relatives well and glad to see me. I was also at Youngtown that state, and visited the old home of my mother. It is on the banks of the Mahoning river and is a beautiful place, still kept in the family. A history of my mother's people is now in preparation, with some 4,000 names attached, tracing back to Scotland and Ireland. Many took part in the Revolution and in the War of 1812. We have a reunion each year on the 13th day of August, but I was not able to be present this year and make report of my side of the house, so had to make this a part of my business east this time.

At this writing, I am back at St. Joseph where I left Mrs. Fulliton, and where she has been enjoying herself immensely.

St. Joseph is a beautiful city overlooking Lake Michigan. It is one of the finest fruit countries in the United States, peaches, apples, grape and other fruits growing to perfection.

I have a full and correct report of encampment and will hand it to you when I return home, some time next week. With kindest regards to all inquiring friends,  
Yours, Willis Fulliton.

Brown, a Billy Bryan democrat, has been nominated by Wilson postmaster of Lincoln. Judging by the ease in which Bryan palmed off Beushausen for postmaster on Loup City, the democrats down there may be assured that what Bryan says goes. William Jennings is still cock of the roost in democratic circles, and all others are merely ten-pins in Billy's bowling alley.

M. P. Kinkaid received the republican, progressive, socialist and prohibition nominations for congress in this district, while Frank Taylor was favored with the democratic and populist nominations. It is thought that Mr. Kinkaid will accept neither the socialist nor prohibition nominations.

Attorney Stephens returned the first of the week from a trip up in the north part of the state.

Mrs. S. F. Reynolds leaves this morning for a visit at Waterloo and Dubuque, Iowa.

Mrs. Floyd Howard and Mrs. Anna Cash and children went to Albion, this state, on a visit yesterday morning.

Mrs. R. E. Dale and sister-in-law, Mrs. Neutzen, and their children, left yesterday for a visit at Denton, this state.

Thomas' plurality for state superintendent of public instruction over Elliott was 1,463.

Mrs. J. H. Froehlich returned last week from her extended visit with her daughter at Walkhill.

AUTO ACCIDENT  
NEAR ARCADIAMachine Strikes Hog, Turn Turtle  
Three Seriously Injured.

NO FATALITIES OCCUR.

Last week Wednesday evening, Clayton Ward, while driving his Ford car on the road just north of Arcadia, with Miss Flint, Miss King and Miss Nygren, teachers in the Arcadia schools in the car taking a joy ride, and in attempting to pass another car, the machine struck a hog, the car turning on one side and then righted itself, resulting in all the occupants being thrown out violently, Miss King suffering paralysis from the waist down, Miss Flint rendered unconscious for the time, and Chauffeur Ward suffering from a broken collar bone. The only occupant of the car escaping injury was Miss Nygren, who fortunately came out of the general mix-up without the least bad results. Albion Ohlsen of Loup City, who was just ahead of the Ward car, picked up the injured parties and took them into Arcadia, while Mr. Baird, garage man of that village went out and drove the Ward car in, which outside of badly bent fenders was but little damaged. As near as can be ascertained, Ward was running his car at a pretty rapid rate, perhaps twenty miles an hour, when he attempted to pass Ohlsen and struck the porker, hence the contact came with severe force, and only wonder is that one or more of the occupants of the Ford were not killed, instead of getting out of the accident in so fortunate a manner as above. Reports as late as Friday evening from Arcadia were to the effect that Miss King was still in a paralyzed condition as stated above, Miss

GERMANS FALLING  
BACK EVERYWHEREReports Are to The Effect That The German Armies Have Reached The  
Apex of Their Efforts.

## THE BEGINNING OF THE END.

Sunday's, Monday's and Tuesday's war news are to the effect that German armies are moving backward from French soil, and that the allied forces are pressing fast on their heels. Up to Tuesday the entire five German armies had been pressed back some 75 miles, and all prospects for the kaiser's forces to take Paris are seemingly at an end. The crest of the Teuton wave seems broken and they are rapidly retreating, while offering but feeble resistance to the allies, who are much encouraged and enthused and pressing on after their common foe with renewed energies.

In the east, however, the Russians are not having smooth sailing or marching to Berlin. While for a time there was prospect of Russians taking Berlin and the Germans taking Paris, now it looks little likely that either will be realized. It may be that the Germans, looking backwards and realizing the peril besetting them in the east have concluded to

Flint was still unconscious a portion of the time, and Mr. Ward was getting along as well as a broken collar bone would allow.

abandon their great move to capture the French city and save Berlin from the Russians. There has been some talk of compromises and of stopping the great war, but England balks bullishly and says no peace will be considered till Germany is thoroughly crushed.

Austria-Hungary may now be said to be nearly out of the war game, which spells greater hardship for Germany who will eventually have to go it alone and probably get her quietus some little time later. It is and has been unequal struggle from the first-Germany and Austria-Hungary against the whole Eastern world, and while Germany has shown wonderful fighting powers and capabilities, it has not been thought outside of the war zone that the end could be anything but defeat in the end for the kaiser and his armies. If the whole war will put an end to dynasties and those countries in the end will be changed into republics, there may be some adequate compensation for the horrors of war which have encompassed them about.

and by representatives of each town throughout the county. There will be splendid free attractions, parades, excellent horse races, ball games, motorcycle races, and entertainment of interest for young and old. Two thousand five hundred dollars will be awarded in premiums. Better make your arrangements to attend one or more days of the fair.

Dr. J. H. Long, who had been visiting with his many friends here for a few days, taking the rest cure from his medical practice, returned home to Greeley Center, last Thursday.

Little Girl Has  
Infantile Paralysis

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hinman returned from their trip to Omaha last Thursday evening, where they had been to consult a specialist over the condition of the arm of their little daughter, Katherine. The doctor proclaimed the trouble infantile paralysis, claiming the little one would never again have the full use of that member, but gave medical attention which he said would in six months' time make the the arm as good as it would ever be. The parents have the sympathy of our people over the affliction which has come upon their first-born.

J. W. Burleigh, editor of the Loup City Northwestern, and republican candidate for representative from the 57th Nebraska district, was a Grand Island visitor last evening, being en route to the state fair at Lincoln. Mr. Burleigh has been in the newspaper game in Loup City for the past ten years and has made a success of it, giving the people of that locality a thoroughly readable and reliable weekly publication. Mr. Burleigh reports that The Daily Independent's news service is making a great hit in Loup City, beating the other daily papers there by several hours and keeping the people posted on the happenings of the war.—Grand Island Independent, Sept. 9.

The Hall County  
Fair Association

By the advertisement in this week's Northwestern you will see that the Central Nebraska Agricultural Association of Hall county will hold its annual fair Sept. 29-30 and Oct. 1-2. This is a Hall county undertaking, heartily endorsed by the farming community

What State Veterinary  
Thinks of Bennett

Art Bennett was down to the State Fair last week, especially to look after matters relating to hog cholera which is getting in its work in these parts. While there and witnessing pictures thrown on the screen, his intelligent questions and appreciation of matters pertaining thereto so impressed the state veterinarian and his assistants that they made inquiry as to who he was and pertinently re-

marked that if the state had more such men, who seemed to see through and understand the situation, there would be less of disease among cattle, horses and hogs and a more intelligent understanding of what was needed in stamping out these diseases. All of which shows that in Mr. Bennett our people have a man worth having in the community along veterinary lines.

Sherman County  
School Notes

The school bells have gone into service for another school year and their ringing was welcomed by a large number of pupils who resumed their studies with cheerful faces and fresh minds. The opening of the schools was also welcomed by the teaching force of the county, for this is the work they have been looking forward to for several months past.

The teaching force of the county includes a number of new teachers who are teaching in the county for the first time, but most of these new teachers have had some experience in other counties. All except three of the beginners are high school graduates who are well prepared for school work so far as subject matter is concerned and their success depends upon their interest in and enthusiasm for the work.

We have with us on the whole the highest grade of teachers that we ever had and certainly in most of the schools the best teaching. The high grade of teachers is due in part to the fact that there are enough young men and young women now prepared for teaching who fully realize teaching is a calling that deals with human nature, and that one vital element in the character of the teacher is sincerity, so that the weak and giddy are not needed for teachers.

The teacher has a cause to serve. That cause is the training of boyhood and girlhood, the making of manhood and womanhood. To this cause he must be loyal. He must throw into his work his whole soul. He must be willing to deny himself for it. He must have "A deep, great,