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FARMER COM- MITS SUICIDE

Prominent Pioneer of Sherman County Dies By Own Hand

FOUND HANGING IN HIS BARN.

Last Friday morning, J. F. Wilhelm Jaeschke of Rockville was found hanging to a joist in his barn in the north part of Rockville, this county, life having become extinct, and the deed being done some time between midnight and the time the body was found.

The particulars as far as could be ascertained are as follows: Mr. Jaeschke had been in a morose state of mind from business worries for some weeks, following his return from Texas, where he had invested in large parcels of land. In conversation with his daughter, Mrs. Carl Jacobs, with whom he was making his home since his return, he had frequently expressed the wish that he might melt away like snow and be done with life. However, to no other person had he expressed any special degree of despondency. The evening preceding his death he had retired to his room and the family had gone to rest perhaps an hour or two before midnight, and nothing unusual had occurred, either in his actions or demeanor. About 7 o'clock Friday morning, a farm hand employed by Mr. Jacob on going to the barn to attend to the stock was horrified to find the body of Mr. Jaeschke suspended by a rope from a low rafter in the cow barn, so low in fact that his feet rested nearly fully on the earth floor of the barn. Giving the alarm, Marshal Seabek, accompanied by Louie Hanson and Ed Isaacson, were soon on the scene. The door leading into the barn was found tied with a big rope, which the men cut away and entered, finding the body suspended as aforesaid with a small quarter-inch rope fastened to the joist, while about a foot below was standing in an upright position the body of the ill-fated man, his feet almost firmly on the ground, his hands by his side and his head thrown backward with the rope around his neck, where evidently he had strangled to death. The men instantly cut the rope and laid the body down, hoping to find some signs of life. Dr. Dickenson was then summoned and found that life must have become extinct some hours previously.

It would appear that shortly after retiring and the house was quiet, Mr. Jaeschke arose, put on his clothes as usual and retired to the barn and deliberately did the deed. Sheriff Williams, Coroner Main and County Attorney Pedler were notified of the terrible affair and autoed to the scene, followed a little later by a reporter for the Northwestern, accompanied by Rev. J. L. Dunn and Mr. Miller of this city who found the facts as stated above. On the arrival of the proper officers, a coroner's jury was impaneled, witnesses sworn and a verdict was rendered as follows, to the effect that deceased met death by his own act, by hanging, while in a state of mental derangement and despondency from cause or causes not stated nor known to them.

At an inquisition holden at the home of deceased in Rockville, in Sherman county, on the 5th day of December, 1914, before me, A. S. Main, coroner of said county, upon the body of J. F. Wilhelm Jaeschke, lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereunto subscribed, the said jurors upon their oath do say: That the said J. F. Wilhelm Jaeschke came to his death by hanging himself, while in a temporarily demented or depressed condition of mind, brought

TRACY SCHOOL HOUSE BURNED

Early Morning Fire Totally Destroys School House in District Ten.

SEVERAL THEORIES AS TO CAUSE.

Last Friday morning, sometime between 3 and 4 o'clock, the Tracy schoolhouse, District No. 10, a few miles up the valley, on the Arcadia road, was discovered to be on fire and before help had arrived was laid in ashes. The fire was discovered by people living across the river west, who telephoned E. E. Tracy and other patrons of the school to the effect that their school building was in flames. Mr. Tracy lives nearest the ill-fated building, but hidden from it by a small hill. When he and others arrived, the school house was too far gone to be saved. The fire seemed to have started in the north end of the building, while the furnace is situated on the south side, so it could not have been set on fire from that source, and the only cause probable was from some party or parties who may have taken possession of it wherein to spend the night, although no trace of such party or parties has been found. The building was as nearly up-to-date as any of our rural school houses, being provided with a furnace and latest school furniture. The directors are already figuring on a new building to replace the one destroyed at the earliest possible moment.

Will Settle in Sherman County

Clarence McLaughlin came up from Aurora last Friday with a car load of household goods for himself and Alva Lewis, returning Monday for another car load. He was accompanied by S. N. Watson of Aurora, who came up to rent a farm in Sherman county, if a suitable one could be found. Any one having a farm for rent might do well to see him, or leave their address with us and we will so inform Mr. Watson. Mr. McLaughlin and family will occupy the August Jaeschke place, adjoining Loup City on the east, which he will farm the coming season, in addition to his farm west of Loup City.

A. M. Lewis is a severe sufferer from rheumatic troubles the past number of days.

about by conditions unknown to the jurors.

In testimony whereof, the said jurors have hereunto set their hands the day and year aforesaid.

Henry Bushhausen, Geo. W. Woten, John Hehenke, A. J. Wilson, A. E. McCullough, Wm. H. Bowen.

Attest: A. S. Main, Coroner. Just preceding the findings, the coroner made a search of the effects and room of deceased to find if possible writings or evidence leading to an explanation of the cause or causes leading up to the suicidal act, but finding none repaired to the barn and examined the body for enlightenment but found nothing further. In his pockets were some \$20 in paper money, a dollar and twenty cents in silver coin and a small vial of strychnine nearly full of the poisonous drug, from which vial he had taken very little, if any, his lips being slightly discolored, which might have been caused wholly by the strangulation.

Deceased left one daughter, Mrs. Carl Jacob, and three sons, John, Martin and Herman, all living in the vicinity of Rockville, we understand.

LAST SPECIAL VOTE OFFER TO BE MADE

75,000 Extra on Every Club of Three Ten Year Subscriptions 35,000 Extra on Every Club of Three Five Year Subscriptions, 45,000 Votes on Each \$40.00 Not Included in Five and Ten Year Offers.

MAKING A BIG TRIPLE OFFER.

The time is near. The way is clear. The question on the lips of all is who is going to win that automobile? Now, I wonder who will?

This week we will give 75,000 extra votes on every club of three ten year subscriptions, 35,000 extra votes on every club of three five year subscriptions, and 40,000 on every \$40 not included in five and ten year offers. Subscriptions to count on this offer must be turned in between December 9 and December 16 or bear a post mark of the above dates. Now, candidates, this is the final offer that will be made during the contest, and absolutely your last chance to get extra votes. After the 16th all votes will be given according to the regular schedule, and no extra votes will be given in any way, form or manner. Now is the time to get all those promises, for they won't count so much later as now. If you don't understand the offer, ask the Contest Manager.

Say, who is going to win that car? Are you? Do you want to win it? Well, if you want to win it the thing to do is to put in every minute from now on, and never give up. Do you remember that great naval commander, Perry? Hope was almost lost, but the motto was "Don't give up the ship." The result was that he won. The same principle holds true here. If you "don't give up the ship" you win. Every subscription is as a shot fired into the midst of an enemy. You can't win without firing the shots, but you can win if your ammunition holds out. It is sure that the

ammunition will hold out in this case for there are people all over the county and in every locality that want their candidates to win and are willing to help them. There is your ammunition, so start firing it just as rapidly as you can. You can't fire too much for every one is going straight to its mark, and you are sure that you won't run out.

Of what benefit is this offer going to be to you? Are you going to get right out for every vote that you can get? Yes! All right. That is the way to win.

Just let me tell you of a little experience, and the disasters, as one may call them, that followed. I have seen candidates who became discouraged about this time before the close, and got the idea that they couldn't win. For that reason they "gave up the ship" and didn't put in the effort they should have for the last two weeks. These same candidates lost out by a very small margin and could easily have won if they had worked persistently for those last two weeks. You'd call that a real disaster wouldn't you? Then I have seen others who were absolutely sure they were going to win, and thought they didn't need to work anymore. As a result there were a couple of others who weren't quite so confident, but more ambitious, and they took advantage of the others' delay. The too confident one lost out by a small majority and the ambitious one won.

Now just take advantage of these experiences of mine, and don't let any such disaster occur to you. Did you ever see anyone

who did his best that people didn't consider a success. When you do your very best you are always a winner. Don't delay a minute, but put in every possible effort from now until the close.

I will now explain to you how the final count will be made. The last count made by the Contest Manager will be made on Wednesday night, December 16. On Friday the ballot box will be sealed and locked, and the keys placed in the hands of the judges. The judges will be three well known business men of Sherman county, and their names will appear in the next issue of the paper.

To make your report you must be in the office by 6:00 p. m. and have everything made out as far as possible. Give your report to the Contest Manager, and he will make a ballot for it and place it in the ballot box. Four-fifths of all reports must be in actual currency. For instance, if your report is fifty dollars, there must be forty dollars in actual cash. Candidates will be allowed time to make their reports but must have their reports in the office by 6:00 Saturday.

When all reports have been made, the ballot box will be opened by the judges, and the ballots added to the standing in paper. The only ones present at the close will be the judges, the editor and the contest manager. The winners will be announced at the Northwestern office immediately after the count is made. If there is anything you don't understand about the closing arrangements, be sure to ask the Contest Manager.

I'm just curious to know who'll win that car.

Along Rural Route One

Dymek shelled corn, Wednesday Clarence Wilson marketed corn Tuesday, last week.

Ezra Newcomer marketed corn Wednesday.

Geo. Zahn shelled corn last week.

Joe Caddy is going to have a big sale Dec. 23rd.

Cecil Haddix fixed the road by his mail box very nicely.

Joe Woznick shelled corn for Allie Baile Friday.

Wes Miller, S. Younglund, St. Leibhart shelled corn last week.

Chas. Martin helped Douglas and Tucker shell corn last week.

Anton Dymek fixed a bad place in the road west of Apples', last week.

Mrs. R. W. Curry and children visited at the G. A. Curry home, last week.

The Pinckney and Ling families attended the Farmers' Institute in Loup City, Wednesday.

Stanley Janulewicz has rented the place where Grant Rogers lives for the coming year.

L. Domgard and wife went to Broken Bow last week to visit their daughter, Mrs. Lee.

Clarence Wilson and wife went down to St. Paul, Saturday to see Mrs. Wilson's father who is very sick with a cancer.

The carrier wishes to thank the patrons who burnt the grass by the side of the road, where it

drifts so bad. Burning the grass is a big help to both carrier and patrons.

Another change in business houses is recorded for this week, T. A. Gzehovik disposing of his stock of hardware to L. Banks Hale, the sale taking place the latter part of last week, and the invoicing of the stock being made on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Just what Mr. Gzehovik contemplates doing we have not learned.

Dr. J. H. Long Sells Practice

A card from Dr. J. H. Long at Greeley, under date of Dec. 6, cinches what we said last week regarding his disposition of his practice there: He says: "Have sold out in Greeley and don't know anything about the future. Health bum. Going to a sanitarium for two months, then probably to Florida. If I go 'pesticatin'' round, will drop you a column occasionally on things down south, if acceptable." Shoot your dyestuff, Doc, anytime.

Chris Domgard brought to this office yesterday an eagle which he shot Tuesday out on his farm in Washington township that measured fully seven feet from tip to tip of wings, and was a very impolite chicken thief, his depredations having caused endless grief. Chris was shipping the bird to a taxidermist in Omaha to have it mounted for him.

Good Bye to Tight Skirts

Women are not going to wear tight skirts any more. Such is fashion's decree for next spring and summer.

The makers of American styles for women have decided upon that one point, and are going to confirm their decision at the twenty-fifth semi-annual convention of the National Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' which opened at Toledo, O., Dec. 4th. Statements made are that milady will wear a tailored suit with plenty of plaits on the skirt when she starts out on her Easter morning display of finery.

Styles will be much more severe and practical. The coat must be short—about twenty-four inches—with ordinary sleeves, and a plain quiet color. Skirts will be about six inches from the ground.

If she prefers a single coat to wear with the skirt and shirtwaist, it shall be full from the waist down, with belted effects and patch pockets.

The next number of the Lyceum course will be the Amphion Singers and Players, who will appear at the opera house here next Tuesday, Dec. 15. The Amphion Quartet is highly spoken of wherever they have appeared and Chris was shipping the bird to a taxidermist in Omaha to have it mounted for him.

ASSOCIATION'S NEW OFFICERS

Sherman County Agricultural Society Elect New Officers.

PREPARATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Sherman County Agricultural Society was held in the court house Tuesday of this week, at which the following official directory for the coming year was selected: President, H. J. Johansen; secretary, C. J. Tracy; treasurer, O. F. Petersen, board of managers, Henry Beck, Hans Johnson, James McBeth, A. B. Thompson and W. Hawk; vice presidents: Oak Creek, Charles Petersen; Logan, E. E. Tracy; Washington, Wash Peters; Elm, Andy Coppersmith; Webster, R. D. Hendrickson; Loup City, A. J. Johnson; Clay, C. W. Burt; Harrison, F. T. Richmond; Hazard, C. W. Trumble; Ashton, Rockville, Scott and Bristol to be supplied by the board of managers. The following committee on finance was appointed by the new president: R. D. Hendrickson, A. J. Johnson and O. F. Petersen.

The snow storm which began here last Saturday night is still with us today and promise to remain for some time, unless the weather changes. No wind to speak of accompanied the Beautiful.

Obituary of J. H. Bock

Jacob F. Bock was born April 12, 1860, at Iowa City, Iowa, where he lived for the first 30 years of his life. He was married to Miss Ida Smith, Sept. 3, 1889.

In 1890 he moved to Phelps county, Nebraska, where he lived for some years, when he came to Loup City, where he lived until about a year ago, when he moved to Pacific Junction, Iowa, where he died on the 1st of this month, at the age of 54 years, 7 months and 19 days, death being caused by cancer. Funeral services were held from the German Evangelical St. Paul's church, in Loup City, Thursday, Dec. 5th, 1914, Rev. W. Guth officiating, and his body laid to rest in Evergreen cemetery. He leaves to mourn his loss, the wife and two daughters, Mrs. Harry Gardner of this city and Mrs. A. M. Smith of Pacific Junction, besides four brothers, two sisters and a large circle of friends.

Best dozen cookies: Bert Travis cup and saucer, won by Myrtle White. Best dozen doughnuts: R. L. Arthur, one pound Overland coffee, won by Mrs. Clarence Burt. Best dozen light biscuits, made from Loup City flour: one sack of Pansy flour, won by Mrs. L. N. Smith. Best jar of canned cherries: J. Eggers, one dollar's worth of roast beef, won by Mrs. Bangs. Best jar of canned blackberries: C. C. Cooper, one can each of cherries, peas, tomatoes and kraut, won by Mrs. J. A. Arnett. Best jar canned tomatoes, won by Mrs. Brodock. Best pound of dairy butter (printed): Loup City Merc. Co., a sack of puritan flour, won by Mrs. R. Brodock. Best jar canned pears, won by Mrs. Pete Larsen.

Accident to Baby Girl

Last Thursday afternoon about 3 o'clock, the 2-year-old baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. John Czarnek met with an accident which fortunately did not cause death, but her escape was little short of miraculous. The baby was playing about the cellar door, when she broke through and fell to the bottom of the cellar, a cream can falling in upon her. Mr. Czarnek was on his way to town at the time and was called by phone telling of the accident after he had reached here. He immediately phoned Dr. Longacre, who made a hurried ride to the home. He found the little one not necessarily in a dangerous condition, but much stupified by the fall and force of the blow from the can falling upon her, but reported that while her condition was bad he thought she was not fatally hurt and would soon recover. The only wonder is that she was not killed, taking into consideration all the circumstances.

R. A. Henderson, wife and daughter returned last Saturday night from Princess Anne, Md., where they went to make their home some months ago, and expect to locate hereabouts for the future. Their son Orrie, remained in Columbus, O., where he has accepted a position as motorman on the street railway. We are glad to have this family with us again.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Largely Attended and Much Interest Manifested.

LIST OF PREMIUMS AWARDED.

The Farmer's Institute held here Tuesday, Dec. 2, was well attended and a most interesting session was held. Following is a list of the articles on which premiums were awarded and to whom:

Best peck of alfalfa: Hayhurst-Galloway Co., Keen Kutter saw, won by John Petersen. Best peck of millet: S. N. Sweetland, Mellor and Johnson. Ten ears of calico corn \$2, won by Geo. E. Whittaker. One peck winter wheat—Arnett & Son, one picture, won by Johnson Bros. One peck oats—J. P. Leininger Lumber Co., \$2 worth of coal, won by John F. Petersen. One peck early potatoes: Swanson & Lolholm, 25 pound pail of saltone, won by John F. Petersen. One peck late potatoes; James Bartunek, \$2 whip, won by Joe Caddy. Ten ears of White corn—First National Bank, \$2, they to have the corn, won by Clarence Burt. Ten ears of yellow corn: John W. Long, \$2, he to have the corn, won by Johnson Bros. Ten ears of flint corn, won by L. N. Smith.

Best loaf of white bread made from Loup City flour: one sack of White Satin flour, won by Mrs. Ed Angier.

Best loaf of graham bread: Times Independent, year's subscription, won by Mrs. Watts.

Best layer cake: C. F. Boushausen, Times-Independent, year's subscription, won by Mrs. Bangs.

Best loaf of white cake: A. E. Chase, one box of apples, he to have cake, won by Mrs. Bangs.

Best loaf of dark cake: Gus Lorentz, box of ladies' hose, he to have the cake, won by Miss Neva Watts.

Best dozen cookies: Bert Travis cup and saucer, won by Myrtle White.

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