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NOTED OUTLAW . PASSES AWAY

Frank James of the Notorious James and Younger Gang Passes Away at His Home Near Excelsior Springs, Mo., at a Ripe Old Age.

HAS BEEN IN ILL HEALTH NUMBER OF YEARS.

Frank James, of the former James and Younger bandit gang, which so terrorized the middle west back in the 70s, died at his home near Excelsior Springs, Mo., last Thursday, Feb. 18, caused by apoplexy, following ill-health for a number of years. Probably no man in the history of the world has been more maligned and more condemned and more crimes added to those he was guilty of than this same Frank James, the oldest brother of the equally notorious Jesse James, who following the war, in which they were members of Quantrell's guerrilla, joined with the Youngers and made life throughout those states a terror to the people. Did people believe the books and novel series exploited in past years of the doings of the James and Youngers, they must have believed the impossible. Many times the gang, according to the published tales committed train and bank robberies on a certain day, in which every member was hundreds of miles away from the scenes in which they were published as principles. The writer of this, while publishing a paper at Hotchkiss, Mo., in 1886-7, was privileged to meet Frank James, before and after he had given himself up and Gov. Crittenden had promised him fair trial and later paroled or pardoned him, and can vouch for the fact that he was a quiet, reserved, gentlemanly acting and appearing man, and had nothing of the appearance or actions of the border ruffian and wholesale murderer he was reputed to be, and may be pardoned for disbelieving the thousand and one wonderful stories exploited of his crimes, prowess, as a Robin Hood or Captain Kidd, and a man capable of being in robberies and murders hundreds of miles apart at one and the same time. There is no doubt but that he was a leader and a man of daring, and no doubt but that he was the brains and head of the James and Younger gang of train and bank robbers, and was guilty of many of the crimes of which he was claimed to be guilty, one of the

August Johnson's Move Away

We received a pleasant call last Monday from August Johnson of Davis Creek, who has sold out and was on his way east. He and family left Tuesday morning for Aurora, where he will visit a few days and then go on to Clinton, Iowa, and perhaps on to Chicago, later returning to Clinton, where he will go into a sash and door factory, where he used to work years ago, and in which city he and family will make their future home. Mrs. Johnson and children will remain in Aurora for a short visit and then join their husband and father in their new home. May success and happiness attend them. August promises us a letter later to let friends here know of matters along the old Mississippi.

We received a pleasant call on Tuesday of this week from Mr. Edward Saunders, an enterprising business man of Hazard, who took occasion to give us a nice order for several jobs of commercial printing.

worst of which was the capture and killing of Will Wieher, a Pinkerton detective, in 1873, we believe, the circumstances of the crime appealing more especially to our memory from the fact that the writer was engaged in the printing business at the time at Indianola, Iowa, and having at that time a younger brother of Wieher working with him in the same office, but we are not inclined at this late day to believe Frank James was one hundredth as bad as he was painted. But be that as it may, Frank James has at last capitulated to the greatest of all conquerors, death, and whatever his crimes, his faults, his character, we do not believe he was all bad, neither do we believe he was worse than thousands of others might have been had they been placed as he was, with all that came into his life and forced into the awful life of crime and desperation that made up the history of one of the most noted characters of the past number of decades.

Omaha, Feb. 18.—The Twentieth Century Farmer of this city have taken figures compiled by the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture and show that between April 1913 and April 1914 Nebraska farmers purchased 115 per cent more silos than during all preceding years. The March 3d issue of the Twentieth Century Farmer will be devoted almost exclusively to silo and dairying subjects and will be well worth looking for.

Harrison's Lecture Last of Lyceum Course

The next and last number of the Lyceum Course will be moving pictures and travelogues by Frank A. Harrison, politician, writer, traveler, and one of the best known and most cussed and discussed, loved and hated, feared and respected, known and quoted of newspaper men in Nebraska and for that matter most anywhere in the middle states. Frank has just returned from his 'steenth trip to South America, and what he can't tell you of the topogra-

phy, manners and customs of that little known part of God's footstool isn't worth while. His lecture is illustrated by 150 stereopticon views from photographs taken by Mr. Harrison, covering the territory he has seen, including twenty pictures of U. S. marines and soldiers in Nicaragua. Frank is all right and you will miss a most entertaining, instructive and historical treat, if you are not on hand to hear it next Monday evening at the opera house.

Mr. J. E. Scott of the Daily Furniture Co., with his bride, arrived in Loup City last Wednesday evening and will reside in the young John Needham cottage. May success and happiness attend the young home-makers.

Word received from E. G. Taylor a few days ago, who is at Excelsior Springs with his brother-in-law, A. B. Conklin, is to the effect that Mr. Conklin was much improved. Mr. Taylor returned yesterday, leaving Mr. Conklin still improving nicely.

Mr. Victor Bartunek and Miss Eva M. Wilson, both of Rockville, Neb., were joined in marriage at the county judge's office, Tuesday of this week, that urbane official performing the ceremony in his usual happy manner.

COUNCIL HEAR SEWERAGE PLAN

Committee From Commercial Club Also Present.

FULL REPORT TO BE HEARD LATER

According to an announcement made in the Northwestern previously, the city council met last week Wednesday evening in adjourned session for the purpose of hearing Messrs. Standevan of Omaha and A. Freitag of Grand Island present their propositions, blue prints and arguments favoring the sewer proposition for Loup City along preliminary lines. With the council appeared the municipal committee of the commercial club composed of City Clerk Rowe, E. P. Daily, and J. S. Pedler, the third member of committee being absent on account of sickness. Besides these, President Gallaway and Secretary Petersen, and other members of the Club were also present. The gentlemen, requested that they meet with the council proper and the committee, rather than before the commercial club in mass assembly, which was granted and no complaint has been heard in that regard save from a self-constituted owner and would-be controller of the club's destinies, who insisted the talks of the gentlemen should have been before it, instead of as it was before the council as a council. The propositions made by the gentlemen are in and of the records of the city clerk, and the commercial club committee will make a full report before the club at an early meeting. The meeting was open to the public and everybody was welcome, but as it was a matter specially in the province of the council to hear and could be handled, argued and heard complete in a much better manner than otherwise, the meeting was held. The city council holds no secret meetings, as the critic intimated.

WILL WRESTLE WESTERGARD

Joe Stecher Has Agreed to Meet Westergard at Lincoln or Fremont

PROBABLY FIRST WEEK IN MARCH.

Wrestling fans will be interested in knowing that Westergard has agreed to meet Joe Stecher at either Fremont or Lincoln some early date after Feb. 27, possibly the first week in March. Cutler has asked to meet Stecher, but Joe wants first to get through with Westergard and make Hussane either come across on his \$5,000 bluff or take water, after which he will take on Cutler. Joe was to take on Jack Taylor, the Canadian champion, Tuesday night of this week at Lincoln, who bested Doc Roller a few weeks ago, but we may not hear the result before going to press. Taylor weighs 216 to Stecher's 202, and is a veritable giant in stature and strength. About Hussane, who defeated Westergard in Omaha two weeks ago, winning the third and deciding fall by a dirty trick, we regard him as a disgrace to the game. He is simply a beast and should be discontinued. When he wrestled Stecher at Dodge some time ago, he threw Stecher over the footlights into the audience two different times in an endeavor to disable him, when he (Hussane) found Stecher was too much for him, and when warned by the referee not to repeat or the decision would be awarded Stecher, Hussane deliberately bit Joe so a foul would be called before the Dodge boy pinned the beast down. Then again at the Westergard-Hussane wrestle in Omaha the tough drove Joe from the ringside, threatening to knock him off, if he didn't go. Nice dope that Turk, isn't he?

Very Easy for Secretary Bryan

Germany wants us to tell her how a submarine mine is going to be able to distinguish between a British flag and the United States emblem of safty. Ah, there's the rub.—Hastings Tribune.

Still, that will be very easy for Secretary Bryan! The distinguished and dignified secretary of state, needs only to take the chaquetaqua platform once, at so much per minutes, and explain exactly why any old mine that hits a United States vessel is surely a submarine. And if, perchance, he should forget the lines, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice will be in the flies to prompt him!—G. I. Independent.

A bill passed both houses last week Tuesday, known as a court house law legalizing county boards in levying a 5 mill tax for five years to build court houses, upon receipt of petitions containing signatures of 55 per cent of the voters of counties wishing such public buildings. Senator Wink was a loyal supporter of the measure and to him more perhaps than to any other one senator be the honor of securing the passage of the law. Now, perhaps, Sherman and other counties sorely in need of such civic improvements may be able to take the necessary steps to secure the same.

Mrs. C. A. Seamans, who had been here visiting her son, G. W. Collipriest, for a couple of weeks, left last Thursday for her home near Webster City, Iowa.

As Sunday's visit to Omaha has been postponed from May to September, the ministers' siege guns may cause Mayor Jim to capitulate even before Billy gets into action in that wicked mart to help renovate things generally.

LITTLE CHILD BADLY SCALDED

Accident Proves Fatal to Small Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Waters.

DIES TWO DAYS LATER.

A sad accident occurred in the Custer neighborhood Tuesday of last week when the nineteen months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Waters, who live nine miles from Callaway, received a severe scalding from the effects of which she died two days later. The child's mother had been boiling potatoes and, after taking it from the stove, placed the pan of hot water on a table. Unobserved by her mother, the little girl grasped the pan and in some manner managed to pull it from the edge of the table and empty its contents over her body. Her face breast and arm were so badly scalded that it was at once apparent that the child was in a dangerous condition. Dr. Bryson of Callaway was summoned but when he arrived he found the little sufferer beyond recovery. Aside from the severe body scalds she had sustained, it was apparent that the child had swallowed some of the boiling water and was injured internally. Death occurred on Thursday morning at seven o'clock, the funeral being held the following day. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community.—Custer Chief.

Dr. Charlton, who is here visiting his parents on his way to Los Angeles, and who recently was stationed on the battleship off the coast of old Mexico, will address the ladies of the Unity Club on the Mexican situation this coming Saturday afternoon.

John McDonall's little 3-year old daughter has been suffering from pneumonia for the past week but is reported improving nicely.

No Full Moon in the Month of February

The moon will not be full at any time this month. This is due, Professor Harold Jacoby of Columbia university, says, to the fact that full moons follow one another at intervals of, approximately, twenty-nine and a half days. The intervals were irregular, he explained, because our calendar was based on the solar instead of the lunar system.

The last time a month passed without a full moon—in America, at least—was in 1847, he asserted.

Miss Mattie Lane, the Northwestern's most excellent lady typist, is taking a few weeks' vacation, beginning with this week and has returned to her home at Arcadia. Miss Lane has been with us continuously for the past year and a half, has proven a most efficient and reliable help and is certainly deserving of a few weeks' rest.

Rev. E. M. Steen returned Friday from Tekamah, Nebraska where he had been for a fortnight or more conducting the singing in a series of evangelistic services. He occupied his pulpit Sunday and went the first part of the week to Gothenberg to conduct the singing in evangelistic meetings there for a week or more.

Both children of J. R. Gardiner of the Northwestern force were la grippe sufferers last week, but careful nursing and medical attention brought them through safely.

Ike Keath's little son is reported ill with pneumonia, but reported mending.

WINS IN FIGHT FOR HER HONOR

Strange Man Beaten in Attempt to Assault Young Married Woman at Ord Nebraska.—Frightened Away By Womens Screams.

ASSAILANT MAKES GOOD HIS ESCAPE.

Last week Tuesday night, according to the Ord Quiz, an unknown man attempted to assault a Mrs. Frank Norman of that city, but was frightened away before he had accomplished his hellish designs.

The lady had been to a meeting of the Degree of Honor lodge, and was on her way home about 9:30 o'clock, and was at the foot of the draw over which the bridge spans, when she was grabbed by a man who passed a noose over her head and drew it tight about her neck. In the struggle that followed, she fell in the snow and was dragged through the slush under the bridge, where he caught her by the throat and tried to choke her into submission. In her frantic fight for her honor, she managed to loosen the rope sufficiently to enable her to scream which she did several times, in spite of his threats to kill her, if she did not keep still.

Her screams aroused a neighbor's bulldog, whose barking caused the woman of the house to let him out and he ran barking to the scene, frightening the man, who ran away, and the woman fled home unharmed save for the marks on her throat and exhaustion incident to the struggle.

Hysterically telling her husband of the assault, he grabbed his gun and ran to the scene, finding ample evidence of the struggle, with her pocketbook and other small things she was carrying at the time, but the villain had made good his escape. The sheriff was

then notified who made diligent search but with no avail.

The woman's description of the miscreant tallied with that of a stranger who had been seen about the saloons and billiard halls, but no one was found who had heard his name.

Mrs. Norman was small of stature but put up a vigorous defense as everything went to prove.

A. L. Balliman tells us a good story in connection with the recent heavy snow storm. His feed lot was filled with snow banks and while he was shoveling a path, he struck a fat pig. His pigdom had been imprisoned in the snow bank for some hours, but he was sitting down very much unconcerned. The heat of his body had thawed out quite a hole in the snow, making very comfortable quarters.—St. Paul Republican.

Mr. J. Koch of Rockville was a caller at the Northwestern office last Friday, ordering bills for a public sale of his chattels to be held the 3rd of March. Mrs. Koch, who has been a severe sufferer for some four months past from inflammatory rheumatism, and they will go to some springs for relief. We sincerely trust she may be much benefited thereby.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kuhl left on the noon motor last Friday, for Emerson, Neb., called there by the death of Mr. Kuhl's youngest brother, Ferdinand Kuhl, whose death occurred there Wednesday preceding. The many friends of Kuhl will deeply sympathize with him in the loss of a beloved brother.

Mesdames J. W. Burleigh and E. M. Steen entertained the ladies of the Industrial Society of the Presbyterian church at the home of the former yesterday afternoon. A large crowd was present and a dainty lunch was served.

Mrs. A. E. Houser returned to her home at Aurora Wednesday of last week, after several days' visit here with her mother, Mrs. Margaret Leininger, and brother and sister.

Leininger Family Visiting in Florida

From a letter received by the editor's wife from Mrs. G. S. Leininger at Gordon, Nebraska, Monday, we learn that G. S. Leininger and entire family are by this time on their way to Zephyrhills, Fla., where they will remain till about the first of April, when Mr. Leininger will return to Gordon for the purpose of disposing of his lumber business there, to go elsewhere, while Mrs. Leininger will stop for a season at Hot Springs in Arkansas for the benefit of her health, which has been quite poorly for some time. It is to be hoped the lady will receive much benefit from the treatment, and that in the future movements of the family success may attend them in all ways.

Roy Chapman, who has been back here from the Hawkeye state during the winter months, left again yesterday for Rembrandt, Iowa, to resume work at his carpenter trade. May kind fortune follow him.