

NEBRASKA NEWS

A FREMONT BRIDE OF 3 MONTHS ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

NO CAUSE IS ASSIGNED

Taken to Hospital and Cared For—May Pull Through—Happenings of the State Collected and Condensed.

Mrs. Frances Hanlon, a bride of three months, wife of Ed. Hanlon, a well known local singer, shot herself with a 22-caliber revolver while sitting in Mortensen & Christensen's grocery store, Fremont, in which Mr. Hanlon is employed as head clerk. Mrs. Hanlon entered the store, called for her husband, found him busy and sat down upon a stool near the middle of the room. A moment later Walter Matthews, another clerk, saw her take a revolver from the front of her dress and finger it. The shot rang out and Mrs. Hanlon fell forward over the counter. The bullet had entered below the heart, taken a downward course and lodged in the liver.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanlon were married at Platte Center in April. Mrs. Hanlon for a year had made her home with her sister, Mrs. A. J. Bender, in Fremont, and for a time had been employed as bookkeeper in the Mortensen & Christensen store. She is a beautiful young woman. She was twenty-two years of age.

KILLED BY LUMBER WAGON.

Infant Son of Fred Burke Fell Into a Wheel.

Floyd Burke, the two-and-one-half-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burke, Lincoln, was killed by a lumber wagon belonging to the Oberlies Lumber company and driven by Peter Berner. From the story told by the mother, the children had been across the street to see a neighbor girl and it was on their way back that the wagon passed. Accounts conflict as to how the accident occurred and it will probably never be known just how it happened. Berner says he stopped to fix the wagon where a bolt had jostled loose. Before he started the children asked for a ride, after which they got on but the boy fell between the standard and the spokes of the wheel crushing his body. Berner says he carried the boy to the sidewalk and drove on, not suspecting that the injury was so serious.

Dies While Saving Son.

Word has just reached Hastings of the accidental death by drowning of Charles Gentert, a well known farmer residing northeast of Holstein, about twenty miles southwest of Hastings. The accident occurred while Mr. Gentert and two of his sons were fishing with a seine in a small pond near their home. It seems that one of the boys got in deep water and being unable to swim called to his father for help. Mr. Gentert responded and succeeded in getting the son out beyond the edge of a deep hole when he himself became entangled in the net in some manner and met death before it was possible to rescue him. The young men succeeded in recovering the body shortly afterwards, but not until life was extinct.

Run Down by a Train.

Alexander Maril, a Bohemian farmer who lived near Morse Bluff, lost his life on the Superior line of the Northwestern when freight train No. 204 ran over him. Maril was asleep on the track. He had been in Morse Bluff and had been drinking, so it is said. The trainmen did not see him till it was too late to stop. His body was horribly crushed. Maril was a well known farmer of the vicinity. He had lived there for fifteen years.

Sues for Libel.

Supreme Judge J. B. Barnes has authorized his attorney, Burt Mapes, of Norfolk, to commence action against George A. Miles, editor of the O'Neill Independent for criminal libel. The basis of the suit is found in an article which appeared in the Independent in which vicious and libellous charges are said to have been made against the character of Judge Barnes.

Fireman Falls From Engine.

W. A. Wadick, aged 29, a fireman on the Burlington, died while being taken to St. Francis hospital in Grand Island, as a result of injuries received in falling from his engine. A plug in a flue blew out letting steam escape and Wadick evidently leaned out of the engine to escape the steam and fell. The train was making thirty miles an hour and Wadick struck some ties, fracturing his skull.

PROMISE 1,000 CARS FOR WHEAT.

Missouri Pacific Says It Will Furnish Needed Rolling Stock.

At a meeting of the Nebraska Grain Dealers' association in Nebraska City it was shown that the wheat promises a bigger yield than last year. This association is composed of dealers who have elevators along the line of the Missouri Pacific railway. One of the officials of the road was present and promised to put 1000 grain cars on this division within the next two weeks and agreed with the dealers to take up any complaint they might have regarding cars and right the wrong at once by supplying them with cars. He assured them that no trouble like last fall or spring would occur on this division this year.

DROPS DEAD AT HIS HOME.

Prominent Dodge County Man Suddenly Expires.

R. H. Schurman, a prominent resident of Scribner, Dodge county, one of the early settlers of the place, dropped dead from heart failure. Mr. Schurman was chopping down a tree in the yard at his home when he became faint. He sat down and in five minutes he had expired. Mr. Schurman was a director of the Lutheran Orphan's Home in Fremont. He is survived by three grown children.

Child Eats Lump of Lye.

Elva, the little two-year-old daughter of Mrs. W. H. Henderson, of Callaway, got hold of some concentrated lye. The child's mother was doing her work, and had use for some of the lye. She took the can from its place, took out a lump of the lye and laid it down, and while she was replacing the can, the child got hold of the lump, and child like, put in it her mouth, the mother not knowing it until the little one began to spit. A doctor was immediately called and administered emetics. It is thought the little one swallowed but little, if any of the poison, but her mouth was fearfully burned, and she can now take no food of any kind except milk. It is thought she will recover without any bad results.

Boys Arrested for Swindling.

Abe and Nicholas Reimer, sons of N. B. Reimer of Jansen, have been arrested by Postoffice Inspector Thompson, charged with using the mails to obtain money under false pretenses. They will be brought before Commissioner Cobbey, Beatrice, for trial. They are charged with sending jewelry to Sears & Roebuck, claiming that they purchased it of the firm and demanding their money back. After sending the money claimed to be due the boys, the company discovered that the jewelry had not been purchased at their establishment.

Wymore Without Lights.

City officials, in an effort to cut expenses, have left Wymore without street lights for some months past. Merchants became tired of this condition and started a subscription paper among themselves for funds for lighting the main streets. The city council then took action and has ordered 150 incandescent lights strung along three blocks in the center of the main business streets. These are being put in.

Farmer Hurt in Binder.

August Sobofsky, a prosperous farmer in the south part of Jefferson county, on the Kansas line, was thrown from a binder and got mixed up in the sickle blades of the machine. His left leg was terribly cut and mangled. He was taken to Fairbury and placed in care of physicians who examined the wounds carefully, at first concluding it would be necessary to amputate the injured leg, but later decided it might possibly be saved.

Alliance Wants Sewers.

Alliance citizens are beginning to talk sewerage again. The offensive smell and odors from cess pools and from the garbage wagons on the street has set the people to thinking. It is realized by many that if the present system is kept up that in time it will result in an epidemic of typhoid fever that will cost the city more than a good sewerage system.

Small Boy Is Drowned.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bassett, residing seven miles south of Elmwood, drowned in a tank of water. The little one went out with his mother to shut up the chickens. Playing about, he wandered to the watering tank, where he fell in head-first, and was found dead by his parents a few minutes after the accident happened.

Accused of Kidnapping Girl.

Recently at Bladen a warrant was issued charging men named Goulding and Staffen with kidnaping Sophia Anderson, aged fifteen years. The warrant was placed in the hands of Constable Norris, who at once started in pursuit, tracing the parties across the state line into Kansas, where he lost track of them.

CAPITAL CITY CHAT

VETOES OF GOVERNOR ARE HELD TO BE VALID.

KEARNEY LOSES ITS CASE

Will Not Get the \$85,000 Appropriated By the Last Legislature for New Building—Other Items of Interest.

The supreme court has sustained the validity of Governor Sheldon's veto messages, and in effect holds that the legislature did a poor job of stopping the legislative clock. The records of the two houses contain conflicting dates, one showing that the legislature adjourned April 4, and other entries showing that business was transacted after that day.

An appropriation of \$85,000 for an additional building at the state normal at Kearney was the bill in question. This validates vetoes of acts appropriating a total of \$225,000, including buildings at Beatrice, Omaha and the wolf bounty claims, and all other vetoes filed after the legislature adjourned. An application for a writ of mandamus was filed by John F. Crocker to compel Secretary of State George C. Junkin to authenticate the act passed by the legislature appropriating funds for the normal school building. It was alleged the governor did not approve the bill, nor did he file it with his objections in the office of the secretary of state within five days after the adjournment of the legislature, and that by reason of this, the enactment became a valid law. In computing time to ascertain how long the governor had retained veto bills in his possession it was necessary to show when the legislature adjourned. Part of the records showed that it adjourned at noon April 4. Other portions of the legislative records showed that the legislature was in session as late as April 6. The court admitted parol evidence in regard to the date of adjournment, and evidence showed that the governor did not retain the bill longer than five days. The court holds that where the evidence furnished by the journal of the legislature is ambiguous or contradictory as to the actual time of its final adjournment, so that it is impossible to tell with certainty upon what day the legislature adjourned sine die, recourse may be had to other competent evidence to show the actual facts, and to supply the evidence which the journals fail to set forth. The governor, as respects approval or veto of bills, acts as a part of the law-making power, and may approve or reject within the time limited by the constitution as long as bills remain in his possession or under his control.

The governor had offered to file the Kearney normal bill with the secretary of state at midnight, April 10, and called up the secretary of state by telephone for that purpose. The secretary did not go to his office, but said he would consider the bill filed as of that date. The court holds that this does not take the place of the actual filing if the bill remained in the governor's possession subject in all respects to his control. Judge Letton wrote the opinion of the court.

Epworth Assembly Approaching.

The program of the eleventh year of the Nebraska Epworth assembly which meets in Lincoln July 31 to August 8th is one of the best in its history.

The vice president of the United States, Hon. Charles W. Fairbanks, is to be present and address the Assembly. This will be a great opportunity for the people of Nebraska to see and hear this distinguished citizen. Senator "Bob" Taylor of Tennessee, the great southern orator, wit and poet is also to speak. Bishop Galloway, admitted to be the most eloquent minister in Methodism, is on the program for two lectures. Dr. Storms, the president of Iowa State College, and Frederick Warde, the great Shakespearean lecturer, are features of the great 1907 assembly, also Dr. Frank M. Bristol, the famous Washington preacher; Dr. George R. Sturt, only lecturer engaged for three successive seasons at the assembly. Kokichi Mortimoto, professor in the Imperial University of Japan, has been secured for one of his lectures on his native land. Alton Packard, the popular and well known chalk talker and who ranks among the best as an entertainer and humorist, has been secured for one day. The musical features of the program are by far the strongest ever offered by the Assembly. Two grand concerts will be given by the famous Innes Band. They come direct from the Jamestown exposition where they have been especially engaged as the principal musical attraction of the entire fair. The Parland-Newhall Co., who have so captivated the Assembly audiences at Epworth Park before, have been engaged for four concerts.

State Assessment Board Sustained.

The supreme court has refused to issue a writ of mandamus to compel the state board of assessment to reconvene and distribute the value of railroad property according to average value per mile, as asked by Judge Sullivan on behalf of Platte county. The board found the value of the Union Pacific worth \$75,000 a mile over the system in Nebraska, but distributed the value according to main and branch lines. Branch lines traverse Platte county, consequently the road in that county was not valued at the average, or \$75,000 a mile. The court held, Chief Justice Sedgwick writing the opinion:

"When a statute has for nearly forty years been practically construed by the officers whose duty it is to enforce it, and has during that time been several times re-enacted by the legislature in substantially the same terms, such construction will be regarded as adopted by the legislature, although the language of the statute would indicate a different meaning."

The state board of assessment in Nebraska have valued the main and branch lines separately, or at different value, and this method has been upheld by the court.

In the mandamus case of the Union Pacific against the state board of assessment, a suit to compel the board to reconvene and tell of its methods in assessing railroads, the court has given further time to both sides to argue the case. The railroad is given thirty days to file briefs, and the state board, as respondent, is given thirty days thereafter to serve and file briefs. A re-argument is to be heard at the first session of the court in September.

Ingredients of Stock Food.

The last legislature endeavored to incorporate in the food law a provision that will make manufacturers of stock and poultry food show to the world something about the ingredients of their dope and the proportions of the mixture. Some of the provisions of the law are still in doubt and the millers of the state are much interested in the interpretation to be placed upon the law. Some have written to Food Commissioner J. W. Johnson to ask whether they will be compelled to stamp the ingredients and amount of each on ground feed sold to local consumers. Mr. Johnson has appealed to the attorney general for an opinion but that officer has been too busy to answer.

The pure food law cannot be enforced for some time, owing to the fact that the governor did not appoint a commission until a few days before the law took effect. In the meantime every dealer will do as he pleases and none feel safe for fear they may be prosecuted for violating the law. The commissioner has not had time to organize the necessary machinery to enforce the law and no rules or regulations have been promulgated and no inspectors have been appointed.

Fonda Files Complaint.

H. E. Fonda, manager of an elevator at Genoa, has filed an informal complaint with the railway commission. He has been notified that the Union Pacific road will not renew a lease for an elevator site at Genoa and that the building now on leased ground must be removed. The lease expired July 1. Mr. Fonda says he has been in business ten years and desires to continue, which he asserts will be impossible if he is compelled to give up his trackage. He runs a mill in connection with his business and he is of the opinion that another miller in that part of the state is trying to get him out of business.

Convicts on Bread and Water.

Some of the convicts at the penitentiary who refused to work at their tasks and who were put back into their cells on a diet of bread and water, refused to accept the invitation of the warden to go to work. Those who refused were left in their cells and will continue to eat bread and drink water. The cause of the strike as explained by the convicts, was that the hash which forms the principal article of food for breakfast, was spoiled one morning. It is admitted that this is true, but Warden Beemer says the prisoners have no cause for complaint as a general thing. Private Secretary M. W. Dimery of the governor's office, went to the prison to investigate and talked to several convicts. He said they told him the food was good ordinarily but that on the morning complained of it was an exception.

In Federal Court.

An imposing array of legal talent appeared in the federal court Friday to argue the case in which the railroads seek to remove the attorney general's injunction from the state to the United States tribunal. It was an imposing array on the bench also, the two Judges Munger sitting together for the first time in Lincoln. Although the matter is of great public interest it attracted no audience to speak of.

DEATH ON THE RAIL

SIX NEGROES KILLED IN SOUTHERN RAILWAY WRECK.

CAR CRUSHED IN COLLISION

Negro Laborers Killed and Maimed When Their Coach Was Demolished in a Tennessee Railway Accident.

Six persons met instant death and twenty were injured when eastbound No. 42 on the Southern railway collided with a switch engine one mile west of Johnson City, Tenn.

The switch engine was in charge of a hostler, who, when he saw the fast passenger train coming toward him reversed his engine and jumped to safety. He had scarcely done so before the passenger crashed into the light engine with fearful force.

The engine of the passenger, baggage car and mail car and second class coach were derailed and overturned, but the switch engine was not lifted from the rails and with a full head of steam started on a wild run which was not ended until a switch was thrown for it and it was ditched at Carnegie.

The lives of the mail clerks were saved because of the fact that their car was of heavy steel construction. This car, however, played havoc with the light second class coach behind which was entirely telescoped.

The second class coach was occupied by George Moore, white, a labor agent for the Virginia Southeastern railroad, who was conducting a party of twenty negroes from Alabama to North Carolina. Moore was perhaps fatally hurt and of the negroes six were killed outright and all the others maimed and injured.

The list of victims follows:

The dead:
SIX UNIDENTIFIED NEGROES.

The injured:
Sam Bush of Knoxville, right arm broken and slight internal injuries.

Fireman Harry Bryson, Knoxville, slight injuries.

F. O. Shipe, Knoxville, mail clerk, seriously injured.

Archeola Moore, mail clerk, one leg slightly hurt.

George Moore, labor agent, badly crushed, perhaps fatally hurt.

Reports received at Washington tonight by the Southern railway say that the deaths from the wreck near Johnson City, Tenn., number from six to ten and that the wreck was caused by the telegraph operator making a mistake in copying train orders.

TAILORS WILL GO ON STRIKE.

Fifty Thousand Men Demand a Nine-Hour Day.

Fifty thousand members of the brotherhood of tailors, including local unions in Newark, Brooklyn, Brownsville and New York will go out on strike.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the brotherhood, a vote was taken, and the strike formally declared.

At a special meeting forty-five workshops, which employ non-union men, were organized, and joined the union. They, too, will go out.

The men include the operators, basters, finishers and pressers. The demands of the tailors are a nine-hour working day and a 10 per cent advance in wages. The operators, who are earning \$18 a week, the basters \$15 and the finishers and pressers from \$9 to \$10, say they do not make enough money to keep their families on.

SURPRISE FOLLOWS INQUEST.

Physician Testifies at Inquiry Into Girl's Death

The first bit of evidence in any way connecting Representative Charles E. Ward with the operation which led to the death of Edith Presley, who was the state senate proforeader, was introduced at the inquest, at Detroit, Mich. Dr. Russell P. Wixom, a former family physician of Ward, testified that on April 18 Ward met him in Detroit and tried to make arrangements for the care of a woman friend who needed medical attention. The inquest was adjourned to July 23, to permit Ward, who is now in Duquoin, Ill., at the bedside of his sick father, to appear.

TOM NELSON UNDER ARREST.

Man Wanted for Years Is in Custody at Deadwood.

Sheriff Moses of Belle Fourche and Joe Farrell of Sundance, Wyo., have taken Tom Nelson to Deadwood, S. D., for safe keeping. For ten years a reward of \$1,000 has been hanging up for his capture. It is charged that he was the leader of a gang of horse thieves which stole thousands of dollars worth of horses on the Sundance and Belle Fourche ranges.