

THREE LOSE LIVES

TRIO OF SKATERS IN OMAHA DROWN IN LAKE.

FIND ONE BODY AND TWO HATS

ICE BROKE UNDER CROWD OF MERRY MAKERS AT NIGHT.

THOUGHT ALL HAD ESCAPED

The Body of Frank Tinkler, Union Pacific Clerk, Together With Two Other Hats, Revealed Triple Horror in Omaha Saturday.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 29.—The body of Frank Tinkler, a clerk in the Union Pacific railroad offices here, was found in Cut Off lake this morning.

Two more hats were found, which indicate that three men were drowned. The ice broke last night under a crowd of skaters and it was believed at that time that all had escaped with their lives.

Not until this morning was it realized that three lives were lost.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

Bret McCullough returned from Omaha last night.

Clyde Hayes has been at home for a few days' vacation.

Mrs. Frank Benser of Hoskins was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

Adam Pilker of Stanton was in the city on business yesterday.

Hon. A. A. Welch was over from Wayne yesterday on business.

A. R. Olson, a lawyer of Wisner, was in the city on business yesterday.

Mrs. L. A. Sims left for Plainview Saturday morning for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hall leave for Columbus tomorrow where they go to spend New Years.

Hon. H. E. Teachout of Des Moines is a guest at the Waldo and Dillenberg homes.

Miss Edna Loucks returned yesterday from Iuman where she spent Christmas with relatives.

Frank Ahlman has resigned his position in the Hayes jewelry store and will work his father's farm the coming year.

George Scott of Kansas City is visiting his friend Will Hall. He leaves tomorrow for Columbus to visit relatives.

Clyde Bender returned yesterday from Albion where he spent his vacation and has resumed his duties in the Johnson Dry Goods store.

C. O. McDaniel, who has been visiting friends in Creighton, returned Saturday morning and left for Giltner, where he will visit relatives.

Miss Nora Jounge of Osmond is in the city visiting friends, having come over to attend the wedding of Miss Margaret Barnes to Julius Bostrom.

Mrs. Alex Peters, Miss Elizabeth Peters and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Berner returned yesterday from Stanton where they spent Christmas with Mrs. Peters' daughter, Mrs. R. F. Kitterman.

Martin Conway of Bonesteel was in the city yesterday.

P. L. Best of Battle Creek spent yesterday in the city.

Carl Bush of Creighton was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

Miss May Willis of Battle Creek was in the city yesterday.

A. Conley of Humphrey was in the city on business yesterday.

Mrs. E. W. Briggs of St. Edwards was a city visitor yesterday.

P. D. Ludwig of Cedar Rapids was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

Jack Prichard of Meadow Grove came down to attend a dancing party.

Miss Helen Tanner of Battle Creek came down last night to attend the guild dance.

Miss Margaret Potras is among the sick this week.

Frank Hackett left for Omaha on train No. 40 last night, to visit relatives.

Mr. Potras returned home from O'Neill today where he has been visiting.

Mrs. O. E. Schrider is in Omaha visiting with relatives for the holidays.

Miss Mae Shively and sisters, Ruth and Louise, went to O'Neill today to visit with relatives.

Lester Kertz of Long Pine is here visiting his brother-in-law, Alva Plumber, a few days.

Mrs. Potras returned yesterday from a week's visit with relatives in Clearwater.

James Rowland came back from Omaha last night where he has been working. He intends to remain here all winter.

Mrs. White of Fremont is visiting with Mrs. Mose Horner for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ryan left on the noon train yesterday for a few days' visit in Creighton with Mrs. Ryan's parents. They were accompanied by Mrs. Ryan's sister, Miss Marty, who came down to attend the trainmen's dance and has been visiting here since.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shippee returned home from their visit with relatives in Beaver City last night.

A merry crowd of skaters walked out to Mr. Wagner's pond east of the Stanton road last night and had a fine time skating.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Beck received a message last night that Nic Lund of Battle Creek is quite ill. They left on the evening train for there.

F. Berry of Omaha has arrived in the city to take a position with the

candy factory of Paucett-Carney-Hager company.

Mrs. Dan Blue, who spent Christmas with her parents at Wahoo, returned at noon.

Miss Lucy Carberry left Saturday for Sioux City to visit her sister, Mrs. Henry Kennedy.

Bert Weston and his sisters have returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Tuxberry at Albion.

Miss Ruth Mount has gone to Denver to spend the rest of the holidays with her uncle, Dr. Watson.

Mrs. E. P. Hummell and son returned to Sioux City at noon, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Brummund.

The engagement of Miss May Durland of Norfolk and C. I. Bernard of Lincoln is announced. Miss Durland is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Durland of Plainview and has scores of intimate friends in Norfolk, where she has made her home for several years. Mr. Bernard is a commercial traveler representing a Kansas City house.

Word has been received from Miss Jessie Sturgeon that the condensed milk company at Buena Park, Cal., by whom she has been employed, have bought a new factory at Tempe, near Phoenix, Arizona, and she has gone there as their bookkeeper. Miss Roxie and Myron Sturgeon will follow her soon to the new location, to accept positions.

A daughter was born last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Blake-man.

A literary society has been formed in the Pleasant Valley school district and the first meeting was held in the school house Friday night. It was largely attended and a good time was enjoyed.

Yesterday was one of the warmest days of the present mild season, the mercury rising to 61 above zero. The lowest point reached up till 8 a. m. was 34, or one degree above freezing. A falling barometer indicated atmospheric disturbance.

George Carsen, the young man who confessed to having robbed a slot machine in the Junction railway station, was given a county jail sentence and taken to Madison yesterday afternoon. He did not break the lock to the slot machine, but removed the screws and thus secured the \$1.89 in pennies.

As a result of the generosity of farmers living around Norfolk, the five rural mail carriers out of this city received large quantities of Christmas remembrances. Many received sacks of oats, wheat, corn, etc., and handkerchiefs, money, chickens, raspberry jam, and the like. The carriers say that the farmers around Norfolk are the most generous lot in the state.

Norfolk people are getting ready to pay a higher box rent for postoffice boxes after January 1. On that date an increase over the United States goes into effect. Boxes that were formerly fifty cents will now be sixty per quarter; those that were sixty will be seventy-five; those that were seventy-five will be \$1. The box rents hereafter will have to be paid in advance instead of at the end of a quarter, and notice will be given ten days in advance of the quarter's beginning, so that boxes upon which the rent has not been paid by the beginning of the quarter will be closed. The order for increase came from Washington.

A Washington dispatch says: "Inspector James McLaughlin, who is one of the most successful agents of the interior department, arrived in Washington today to make report to the secretary of the interior as to the progress of his negotiations with the Indians of the Rosebud reservation in South Dakota for the opening of Tripp county in that state to homestead settlement. Major McLaughlin, who has written into the statutes more treaties made with the Indians than any living man, said today that he believed the Indians of the Rosebud band would accept the conditions presented by the government. He had a four days' council with the Indians and with private talks thought the conditions very favorable to the opening of the entire county of Tripp in South Dakota to white settlement."

Automobile Fatality at Oakland.

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 2.—In a collision between an electric car and an automobile in East Oakland, George G. Young, one of the leading citizens of Alameda, was instantly killed and Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Swain of East Oakland and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Martin of Alameda were painfully injured.

Western Stock Show at Denver.

Denver, Jan. 2.—The second annual exhibition of the Western Stock Show association will open in Denver, Jan. 9. It is said the exhibition of live stock will be the greatest ever held in the west. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Gifford Pinchot of the forest service and Dr. A. D. Melvin, chief of the bureau of animal industry, will attend.

Found Dead in Hallway.

New York, Jan. 2.—William R. Cobb, for many years a well known character along Park Row and who was said to have been at one time a man of high position in educational and social circles in the west, was found dead in a hallway just off the Bowery. It is believed he sat down to rest, when his heart gave up. Cobb was more than seventy years of age. Of late he made a precarious living by doing odd jobs in a big business building. Cobb often told of having been at one time a professor in a western university and he also claimed that he was the author of forty books and miscellaneous publications, one of which, a treatise on morphine, "Dr. Judas," is still known to the medical fraternity.

Successful Balloon Trip at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Jan. 2.—In the presence of a distinguished gathering of New York and St. Louis men the balloon Orient sailed away on a preliminary flight, bearing Alan R. Hawley and J. C. McCoy, both members of the Aero club. Word was received from Pearl, Ill., eighty-six miles northeast of St. Louis, that the balloon had landed in safety eight miles from there. Both the aeronauts reported a fine trip, unattended by any accident. They were out of sight of the earth most of the time, the highest altitude registered being 2,100 feet above the clouds.

CUBANS WANT U. S. RULE

Petitions Being Signed Insisting on American Protectorate Over Island.

Havana, Jan. 2.—A petition for an American protectorate is ready to be sent to Washington from Remedios, the richest district in Cuba, signed by 200 native Cubans, the poorest of whom is worth \$40,000. Another petition will soon follow with the signatures of more than 500 Cuban property holders at Cienfuegos.

Similar petitions are preparing in other parts of the island and money is coming in so fast to further the campaign for a protectorate that a weekly newspaper is to be established advocating the settlement of the Cuban middle in this way.

It is considered by all serious men that it is time to take some action to relieve the tension under which the country is suffering. The shadow of a prospective new republic is paralyzing business and destroying confidence in the country's future.

Hope to Secure Lighter Sentence.

Kansas City, Jan. 2.—The attorneys for William C. Anderson, former assistant teller in the First National bank, who pleaded guilty to embezzling \$9,000 and received a sentence of four years in the penitentiary, filed a motion asking that the verdict be set aside and the case reopened. It is alleged that at the time he pleaded guilty, Anderson was sick and that his mind had become weakened by years of illness. The motion will be argued later. Anderson's attorneys hope to secure a reduction of his sentence.

MAKE THEM CLUB MEMBERS

TRAVELING MEN SHOULD BELONG TO COMMERCIAL CLUB.

WOULD BE BENEFIT TO CITY

It is Also Suggested That Commercial Travelers Living in Norfolk Would Appreciate Local Orders—Want Street Lights All Night.

It has been suggested by a Norfolk business man that the commercial travelers who have their headquarters in this city, ought to be made honorary members of the Norfolk Commercial club, exempt from dues. There are several reasons with which to back up this suggestion.

There are about 100 commercial travelers now living in Norfolk. They are one of the most important factors in the city's life. They spend their incomes largely in Norfolk. They live here because it is a convenient point, but Norfolk's growth would have little to do with their sales out on the road.

On the other hand, however, their work out on the road could be of much benefit in Norfolk's upbuilding. If they were made honorary members of the Commercial club they would feel more interest in the city, because they would know that their efforts in behalf of Norfolk were more fully appreciated.

It would be a tribute to the commercial travelers which they would appreciate—and something that Norfolk would no doubt be glad to do.

Aside from helping to advertise the city, the commercial travelers would bring in many new and excellent ideas for adoption in Norfolk. They travel over a good bit of this continent in the course of a year and they see pretty nearly everything that is going on. They have their eyes open and they know a good thing when they see it. They could give Norfolk's Commercial club many a worthy suggestion. And they would be glad to do it if their suggestions should be courted by the organization.

Would Like Orders.

It has also been suggested that Norfolk merchants and business men, wherever possible, ought to give orders to the commercial travelers who reside in this city and who help to build it up. The commercial travelers believe in home industry and they would appreciate it, it is said, if it were worked both ways.

Street Lights All Night.

There is one more suggestion that has been made in this regard. The commercial travelers in many instances leave home early in the morning for early trains. The streets are dark and they often go stumbling along strange streets, feeling their way. They would like, it is said, to have street lights all night. They claim that they are an important part of the city and that they are entitled to this consideration.

The request for night street lights is also made in behalf of the railway trainmen. Many of them are called out during the dark hours of night, many others of them get into Norfolk before the dawn and in both cases they are compelled to walk along dark streets, in some cases for a mile or more. It is claimed for them that they represent the two largest factors of people who bring money into Norfolk, and that the city could easily afford to light the streets all night for their benefit.

ASK RECEIVER FOR ROCK ISLAND

Oklahoma Shippers Allege Inability of Railway to Handle Traffic.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 2.—A large number of millmen and grain, lumber, cotton and coal dealers in Oklahoma sent to President Roosevelt a petition asking that a receiver be appointed for the Rock Island railroad, alleging inability on the part of the corporation to properly handle the freight and passenger business offered to it for transportation.

The petition is the direct outcome of the car shortage, from which the interests represented by the signers of the petitions are still suffering. The petition cites that the Rock Island is able to handle but a small part of the public traffic.

STARR BACK FROM CONGO

Chicago Professor Returns Silent About Alleged Outrages.

New York, Jan. 2.—Professor Frederick Starr of the University of Chicago, whose specialty is anthropology, returned on the liner Vanderland from a visit to the land of the pygmies in the Congo Free State.

His study of the dwarfs along the two rivers of Congo, where the pygmies are smaller than elsewhere, showed that the average height was only three feet, ten inches, and the extreme height four feet, three inches. Professor Starr refused to say anything about the report that King Leopold was murdering Congo natives. He said he had his opinions, but that he preferred to put them only over his own signature.

Two Records Broken.

Lincoln, Jan. 2.—Two North American indoor Y. M. C. A. records were broken here by the following margins: Snap for height, George Schnurr, 8 feet 9 inches, former record 8 feet 4 inches; high dive, Frank Winter, 6 feet 5 inches, former record, 6 feet 1 1/2 inches.

Michigan Republicans Caucus.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 2.—Republican members of both houses of the legislature held caucuses and agreed upon the officers, the nominations being equivalent to elections, as there are only a handful of members of both houses who are not Republicans. The house Republicans chose for speaker, Nicholas J. Whelan of Holland. The senate Republicans nominated for president pro tem, Michael Moriarty of Crystal Falls.

NO AMERICAN CARDINAL

Any Appointment at This Time Seems Unlikely.

Rome, Jan. 2.—The Giornale d'Italia publishes an interview with a prominent English prelate concerning the appointment of an American cardinal. The prelate in question reviews recent events, particularly the encyclical of Pope Leo against Americanism, which he declares was written by Cardinal Mazzella. This encyclical displeased Cardinal Gibbons, who, thinking it was inspired by Cardinal Rampolla, joined the Austrian and German cardinals in defeating Rampolla at the last conclave. Continuing, the prelate says it was thought that Archbishop Ireland would be made a cardinal when Pope Leo called him from Paris, where he was representing the United States at the unveiling of the Lafayette statue. This, however, is now unlikely in spite of the fact that President Roosevelt has urged another American prelate to approach the vatican privately to this end. The situation has been aggravated by the Storer incident, and if Archbishop Ireland should be given the red hat the appointment must be ascribed to his personal merit.

HEARST ACCEPTS OFFER

Hearing on New York Mayorality Contest Set for Jan. 7.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 1.—William Randolph Hearst was prompt in accepting the offer of the new attorney general, William E. Jackson, to consider an application for a rehearing of arguments on Mr. Hearst's petition for leave to begin quo warranto proceedings to test the title of George B. McClellan to the office of mayor of New York city on the basis of the mayoralty election of 1906. Attorney General Jackson had just assumed office when a representative of Mr. Hearst's counsel served on him an application for reargument. The attorney general gave instructions that copies of the papers be served on the attorneys of Mayor McClellan and informed both parties that he would give them a hearing Jan. 7.

LION ATTACKS TRAINER

Harry Ray Fatally Lacerated in Caged Arena at Toledo.

Toledo, O., Jan. 2.—While performing an act called "The Lion Hunt" here, Trainer Harry Ray of the Boston animal circus was attacked by one of the animals and while he lay on the floor had both his sides, his shoulder and breast lacerated. With great presence of mind Ray fired his pistol just as the attendants opened the safety doors of the caged arena. Two other lions which were in the cage immediately made for the opening, followed by the attacking animal, which turned at the sound of the heavy catches on the doors. A physician was summoned and the injured trainer was taken to St. Vincent's hospital. It is feared his injuries will prove fatal. The large audience which was present realized what had happened, but remained orderly while the show continued.

INSURANCE REFORMS IN EFFECT.

New York, Jan. 2.—The insurance reforms secured by the Armstrong committee of the legislature went into effect yesterday. For the year 1907 and thereafter no company will be allowed to write more than \$150,000,000 worth of business a year; agents' commissions will be reduced at least one-fourth; every new policy must contain the full contract under which the holder and insurer alike are bound, and no more deferred dividend policies may be issued.

Horseback Cavass in Mississippi.

One of the representative cotton planters of the south is now engaged in a canvass of his state in the interest of his candidacy for governor of Mississippi, says the Memphis Commercial Appeal. He has gone back to the old time Democratic custom in vogue in the days of Thomas Jefferson and is making a horseback canvass of a considerable part of Mississippi, during which he will ride his horse, Electioneer, from the Tennessee line to the gulf of Mexico, passing through parts of twenty-six counties. The journey will be made alone and is outlined so as to enable him to meet the people, and especially the farmers, who live some distance from the railroads.

Where Women Will Vote.

In Colorado, Idaho, Utah and Wyoming women will vote on equal terms with men on Nov. 6. In Kansas women may vote for municipal officers, and in twenty-five other states they have a limited suffrage.

ROOSEVELT WILL BE NOMINEE.

Democrats in Washington Believe He Alone Can Beat Bryan.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The belief that President Roosevelt will yield to the importunities of his friends and admirers and accept the nomination for the next presidential election seems to have spread to the democratic ranks. Representative John Wesley Gaines, one of the staunchest democrats in the land, and an uncompromising opponent of the third term idea, has expressed himself as being convinced that the republicans will renominate Mr. Roosevelt in 1908. Mr. Gaines says he bases his prognostication on the talk that he hears in his contact with his republican colleagues in congress, and is sure that the Roosevelt star is yet in the ascendancy. Congressman Gaines says that republicans, especially those from the western states, are practically unanimous in their private and semi-confidential conversations that unless Roosevelt is renominated, their party will stand no show whatever against William J. Bryan, whom they

MURDER MYSTERY IS CLEARED UP

League of Russian People Hired Assassins to Kill Hertzstein.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 2.—The mystery surrounding the murder of former Deputy Hertzstein has after months of investigation finally been unraveled. Hertzstein, who was a member of the lower house of parliament from Moscow, was murdered at his country house, near Terioki, Finland, on July 31, 1906. A secret committee of the constitutional democratic party has traced the entire conspiracy and has obtained definite proof that the deed was the work of the League of Russian People. A man named Yuskevitch is a prominent leader of this league and it is said he hired the assassins to kill Hertzstein. The proofs of this assertion have been placed in the hands of the public prosecutor and an effort is being made to bring the case to trial before the next elections.

KILLED BY FIST BLOW.

Angry Husband Lands Fatal Swing on Masher's Jaw.

East St. Louis, Jan. 2.—With a single blow of his fist Charles Smith killed D. F. Myers on the street near the viaduct, and then realizing what he had done, Smith made his escape. Mrs. Smith told her husband that Myers had attempted to flirt with her on the street. This so angered Smith that he accosted Myers and struck him a swinging blow on the jaw. Myers dropped like a log and never moved, his neck having been broken.

Boiler Companies Merge.

Akron, O., Jan. 2.—The Sterling Boiler company of Barberton has been taken over by the Babcock & Wilcox company, thus merging the two largest boiler companies of the world. The merger brings under the control of one organization the manufacture of 75 per cent of the water tube boilers made in the world.

Boys Shoot President of Escotel, Mex.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 2.—Three boys who were out hunting shot and seriously wounded the president of Escotel, Mex., and his two sons when they forbad the boys shooting in the town limits and undertook to disarm them.

Plants That Take Pills.

A very large and sturdy orange tree was growing in a small pot. "If that tree," said the florist, "didn't take pills it would require a pot as big as a bathtub to grow in. But it takes pills like a hypochondriac. Chemists, agricultural experts, make plant pills—pills no bigger than chestnuts that contain sustenance for six months, a kind of tabloid food. These chemists analyze a plant's ash and make pills of the constituent salts. The pills, enclosed in a metal cover, are buried in the earth at the plant's roots, and the salts gradually dissolve and diffuse through the metal, giving the plants day by day the sustenance that they require. Pills are also applied to weak, sickly plants, which they help wonderfully."

Hunting and hunting parties seem to be all the fad at this time here in Washington. Following the president's lead, great numbers of government officials have slipped away from their desks for a week end in the mountains of Virginia, that state being the nearest with anything like virgin forests. Those whose duties have prevented their absenting themselves at this time read the telegraphic reports of the hunting excursions of the various parties with avidity, and curse the luck that keeps them here. With the majority of the hunters, President Roosevelt's favorite sport seems to have taken firm hold. Nearly all are after a brace or so of wild turkey to show when they get back to town, but they all are keen after the fat quail and pheasants which abound in the Virginia hills. The hunting lodges owned or rented by various enthusiasts are crowded with guests, while others have put up at farm houses or at the inns and hotels scattered over the state. The Virginia hot springs, a resort much affected by official Washington of late, is in the heart of the wildest portion of the state, and consequently the big homestead hotel there is the headquarters for not a few nimrods. While the president was at Pine Knot he also kept open house for his friends, but owing to the large party which he took with him the lodge was too crowded to permit of his entertaining any outsiders over one day. It looks as though the fad will keep up throughout the hunting season, but if they all have as bad luck as the president it is not likely that there will be a dearth of game next year. Meanwhile the Virginia authorities are finding no fault with this latest craze, for every addition to the force of hunters means the issue of another hunting license.

Still another joke which has tickled the risibilities of Washingtonians is the one perpetrated by Secretary Shaw the other day on a delegation of Pittsburgers who were here in an effort to influence his department in the location of the new postoffice building which congress authorized for the smoky city at the last session. Some weeks ago Secretary Shaw decided upon a site for the new building, but his decision created such a storm of disapproval from advocates of other locations that he decided to reopen the case. He spent one entire day, from 10:30 a. m. to 4:35 p. m. listening to the arguments of the three or four different factions represented by some fifty delegates, and when they thought that one faction had one, they were surprised to have him say: "Well, gentlemen, come 'round again tomorrow morning at 7:30."

They one and all stood aghast, and questioned him as to the reason for such a request.

"Well," he said, "you haven't given me a chance to have my way today, so I will have to put it off till tomorrow, but be sure to come 'round early as I don't want the interview to break into my regular working day, which begins at 9 o'clock."

Most of them showed up between 7:30 and 8 the next morning, though it is rumored that several had to sit at poker all night in order to be awake at that unearthly hour.