

LIFE LOST IN BAD WRECK

FEAR THAT ONE VICTIM WAS BANKER BURMEISTER.

WHO VISITED HERE LAST FALL

Name of One of the Dead in Frightful Rock Island Wreck is the Same as That of Davenport Man Known Here, Boy Caused Collision.

(From Thursday's Daily.) It is feared here that Julius Burmeister, of Davenport, Iowa, one of the many killed in the Rock Island wreck in Kansas Wednesday, is the same Julius E. Burmeister who visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Butterfield last fall and who has been for years cashier of the Iowa National bank of Davenport, Iowa, of which Mrs. Butterfield's father, A. P. Doe, is president.

Up till after noon no word had been obtainable to clear up the fear. The name of Julius Burmeister was given among the dead in Associated Press dispatches together with the place of residence as Davenport, Iowa. The age was given as thirty-eight. The Mr. Burmeister known here was twenty-eight, but it was thought that error might easily have been made.

The name of Julius Burmeister among the dead created greatest apprehension in the home here where he visited. Some hope, however, sprang from the fact that no private message from Davenport had been received and further hope came from the fact that the Burmeister mentioned in the news story was reported as one of a party of eight home-seekers, was said to have been riding in the chair car when the wreck occurred at 5:30 a. m., and to have gone forward into the smoker. The only fear, when these facts were considered, was that there might have been error regarding these details, though it was thought if the report was accurate that it could scarcely be the man because it was believed J. E. Burmeister would have been in the Pullman, unless he had chanced to get on the train for an hour's ride or so.

One incident that tended to give a serious view to the matter was the fact that friends here knew of no other "Julius" Burmeister in Davenport, though there are many other families of them in that city. A telegram was dispatched immediately to Mr. Doe to learn definitely. Mr. and Mrs. Burmeister visited in Norfolk last fall for a week with Mr. and Mrs. Butterfield.

This paragraph in the telegraph report did not tend to clear up the uncertainty: "It is not known to a certainty that Julius Burmeister, of Davenport, Iowa, is dead, but there is practically no chance that he is alive. He was one of a party of eight home-seekers from Davenport who were riding in the chair car. Shortly before the collision he had gone into the smoker, and since the wreck his companions have been unable to find any trace of Burmeister or his body. It is thought that he was burned to death and the corpse charred beyond recognition."

Details of the wreck are reported as follows: Four white men, a negro train porter and about thirty Mexican laborers lost their lives and fifty-five persons were injured.

The dead: Julius Burmeister, of Davenport, Ia., aged 38. William T. Miller, of Soldier City, Kan.

Albert Link, 1039 Pine street, Topeka, colored porter. Frank Sayre, passenger, New London, Mo.

Mexican laborers numbering supposedly between twenty-five and thirty persons. W. H. Osgood, of Mitchellville, Ia. The fatally injured: Holy Alvaro, Mexican laborer, left leg broken, left arm broken, injured internally and badly crushed.

Berlalla Barra, Mexican laborer, head crushed, left leg fractured, right leg so badly crushed that amputation was necessary.

A man who returned from the scene of the wreck said that over thirty persons were burned to death.

It is impossible to identify the dead Mexicans.

The trains were Nos. 29 and 30, running between Chicago and El Paso. They met on a sharp curve with fearful impact. Adding to the horror of the collision, fire from the lamps in the cars and locomotives was communicated to the splintered wreckage and spread rapidly, consuming five of the forward cars of train No. 29, west-bound, and burning a number of passengers. All but three of those who perished are thought to have been Mexican laborers who were on their way from Columbus Junction, O., to Mexico.

Boy Operator Blamed. The officials of the company place the blame on John Lyne, the 19-year-old telegraph operator at Volland, who failed to stop train No. 29 at his station after receiving orders to hold it until No. 30 had passed. Lyne is being held by the authorities of Wabasha county at Alma for investigation.

By the light of the flaming wreckage the passengers who were uninjured worked heroically to save those who were pinned fast beneath the mass of splintered timbers and twisted iron work. The lack of tools to work with in chopping away the sides of the cars was a great hindrance to the early rescue work.

Knew Wreck Was Inevitable. Five minutes before the trains

crashed together the operators for miles along the line of the Rock Island system knew that the collision was certain, as Lyne wired from Volland, and he had let No. 29 pass, but there was no earthly means of preventing the disaster.

The wreck occurred on a grade, on a curve and in a cut. No. 29 was running slow on account of the heavy grade and heavy train. No. 30 had just reached the top of the hill when the engineer saw the reflection of the headlight of the train ahead. He shut down and the passengers on his train said they were not running more than ten miles an hour when the crash occurred. No. 29 was not going more than fifteen miles an hour at the time.

The injuries were caused more by the setting of the emergency brakes than by the wreck itself, according to the passengers. The engineer of No. 29 set his brakes and almost every passenger was thrown out of his seat or berth. Immediately following this came the collision. The Mexicans were pinned under the seats and the doors were jammed so that they could not get out. In the chair car many passengers were held down by the seats. The train caught fire from the gas lamps, which were broken.

The passengers in the rear cars escaped in their night clothing and dressed in the mud beside the tracks. Then came the cries for help among the Mexicans in the smoking car and the people pinned fast in the chair car. Every man and nearly every woman on the train turned out to help rescue the unfortunates. Seven Mexicans were rescued from the smoker and then the flames became so bad it was impossible for the men to go inside the car.

The injured were removed from the chair cars with less difficulty and apparently were all rescued alive from these cars. However, some of the passengers on train No. 29 declared that a woman and little girl about 3 years old were burned alive in the chair car.

Statement of the Operator. John Lyne, the telegraph operator at Volland, who fled after letting No. 29 get by him, was arrested at Alma, ten miles away. There, after making a statement before the clerk of the district court, he was placed in jail. Lyne, who is but 19 years old, said in his statement:

"I had been awake all night and was perfectly sober. At about 4 or 5 o'clock this morning the dispatcher gave me four orders; one was for second No. 29 to meet No. 30 at Volland instead of Altavista; No. 29 also to meet No. 14 at Volland at the same time. No. 29 headed into the east switch and let No. 14 pass, backed out of the east switch and headed down the main line. I thought it was going to stop at the depot to take water, as trains have been doing, but instead it went by at from six to ten miles an hour. Both boards were at 'danger' from the way the level stood in the office. I cleared No. 14 by pulling down the right hand board for that train, as I had no orders for No. 14, leaving the westbound board at 'danger,' as my lever was in proper place in the office; but No. 29 did not stop and I ran out with my lantern, but with two swings across the track it went out. I then ran to the pump house, grabbed the pumper's lantern, waved it a few times, and it also went out. I also called the pumper, telling him what had happened. I went back to the depot and told the dispatcher that second No. 29 was by, and we waited to see if they were going to come back or not. I told the dispatcher that I was coming to Topeka, and was trying to get there."

Lyne fled before the wreck occurred, after first forecasting the impending collision. Five minutes before the trains met he called up the dispatcher and wired him as follows: "No. 29 has gone and I have gone also."

Then he left his key. Even with this dispatch in hand there was no possible way of preventing the wreck.

GOOD FEELING IN GERMANY. Great Empire is More Friendly to America Than For a Long Time.

Berlin, Jan. 3.—Prof. Muensterberg of Harvard university, in an interview says that lately there has been a marked change for the better in the relations between Germany and the United States. He gives three causes for this. The first is the popularity of Baron Speck von Sternburg, the German ambassador, and his close familiarity with President Roosevelt; secondly, because affairs relating to the United States are now handled in the ministry of foreign affairs by Herr Busch, for many years an attaché at Washington, and, third, the growing antagonism between the United States and Japan.

Formerly, Prof. Muensterberg said Americans believed that the next nation they would have to meet in war was Germany. Now the California question, the Philippines and the Sandwich Islands all presented points of difference which might easily cause serious trouble.

The reports that he was entrusted with a secret mission to the kaiser for the conclusion of a secret treaty between the United States and Germany, the professor declared, were pure fancy.

Ainsworth Notes. Ainsworth, Neb., Jan. 2.—Special to The News: Dr. T. K. Jones of Waco, Neb., is here looking over the town with a view of locating here.

The M. E. church, with Rev. Johnson as their pastor, held quarterly conference here Sunday, Rev. Julian officiating.

DENTISTS COME TO TOWN

NORTHEAST NEBRASKA TOOTH-MAKERS IN NORFOLK.

FOR THEIR ANNUAL MEETING

The People of Northeast Nebraska Were Given at Least One Day of Peace and Rest, if Not Comfort, by Closed Shops Among Dental Men.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Dentists of northeast Nebraska locked up their shops early Thursday morning, turned away prospective patients, put away their sledge hammers and pick axes—and came to Norfolk. It was for the annual winter meeting of the Northeast Nebraska Dental Association, which is growing more and more popular every twelvemonth, which thus called from their homes and offices the toothmakers of this section of the state. Once in each year they give their patrons a day of peace and rest, if not comfort, by letting their grind wheels run down. And Thursday was the day in Norfolk.

Among the early arrivals was Dr. Barber of Creighton Dental college, Omaha.

It was arranged that the afternoon should be given over to discussion of shop matters, while the evening was laid out for a banquet. Dr. H. J. Cole of Norfolk was selected as toastmaster. The following were placed on the program: C. E. Brown, G. B. Baird, T. B. Heckert, G. M. Mullen, J. F. Daly, W. M. Condon.

It was expected that a large number of dentists would be in town.

ELKHORN VALLEY DOCTORS.

Will Hold Annual Meeting in Norfolk January 15.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Elkhorn Valley Medical society will be held in the Elk club room, Norfolk, Tuesday, January 15, afternoon and evening. Following is the program:

Call to order—2 p. m.
Reading of minutes.
Report of committee on credentials, and election to membership.
Payment of annual dues.
Reports of secretary and treasurer.
Reports of committees—on auditing; on arrangements; on grievances; on necrology.

Annual election of officers.
Papers.

"Some Facts of Importance in the Treatment of Certain Infections," D. W. Beattie, Neligh.

"Corneal Ulcer and Its Treatment," F. E. Franchere, Sioux City.

"The Diagnosis of Skin Diseases," Albert Schalek, Omaha.

"Duodenal Ulcer—With a Report of a Case of Perforation," M. J. Ford, Omaha.

"A Few Cases of Leptomenigitis in Practice," J. J. Williams, Wayne.

"A Discussion of the Pessary," Palmer Findley, Omaha.

"Pulmonary Stenosis," Halle L. Ewing, Lincoln.

"The Field Where the Work of the Surgeon Approaches That of the Physician," C. C. Allison, Omaha.

"Report of Cases of Interest to the General Practitioner," H. G. Morris, Creston.

"The Origin and Progress of Chorio-Epithelioma," E. F. Henry, Omaha.

"Diseases of the Gall-Bladder; Their Surgical Treatment," R. H. Rhoden, Fremont.

"Functional Neuroses," J. M. Aikin, Omaha.

Officers of the association are: President, F. L. Frink, Newman Grove; vice president, D. W. Beattie, Neligh, and E. A. Weir, Chadron; secretary, W. R. Peters, Stanton; treasurer, W. H. Hagey, Norfolk.

Articles of Incorporation. Know all men by these presents, That we, W. N. Huse, Norris A. Huse, Eugene F. Huse and Mary E. Huse do hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation under the laws of the state of Nebraska, and do adopt the following articles of incorporation:

Article I. The name and title of this corporation shall be the Norfolk Auditorium Company.

Article II. The principal place of business of this corporation shall be at Norfolk in the county of Madison and state of Nebraska.

Article III. The capital stock of this corporation shall be the sum of one thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of \$100 each.

Article IV. The object for which this corporation is formed is to carry on the business of managing and operating the Norfolk Auditorium in the capacity of lessee or owners and to carry on the business of bill posting and distributing.

Article V. This corporation shall commence business as soon as its articles of incorporation are filed in the office of the county clerk of Madison county, Nebraska, and continue for a period of fifty (50) years thereafter, unless sooner dissolved by the consent of the stock holders.

Article VI. The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which this corporation shall at any time subject itself shall not exceed the sum of \$1,000.

Article VII. The officers of this corporation shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer and one person may hold two offices. The officers are to be selected by the board

of directors of said corporation who shall have full power to prescribe the salaries and duties of each officer.

Article VIII. The board of directors shall consist of four share holders, and the following persons, W. N. Huse, Norris A. Huse, Eugene F. Huse and Mary E. Huse are hereby appointed directors of this corporation to hold their offices as such until the regular annual election takes place pursuant to article IX. of these articles of incorporation and until their successors are chosen and qualified.

Article IX. The regular annual meeting of the stock holders of this corporation for the election of directors and for the transacting of such business as would regularly come before it, shall be held at the office of the corporation on the 3d day of January of each year. The directors elected at such annual meeting shall hold their office for the term of one year and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Article X. The said board of directors at their first meeting shall enact by-laws for the government of said corporation not inconsistent with the articles of incorporation and not inconsistent with the law for the regulation of business of the corporation and the management and administration of the affairs, and shall have the power to do and perform all acts which may be legal for a board of directors to do under the laws of the state of Nebraska.

Article XI. Each share holder shall at all regular or special meetings be entitled to one vote either in person or proxy for each share of stock held.

Article XII. The articles of incorporation may be amended or changed at any regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose by a two-thirds vote of all the stock of the corporation.

Witness our hands this 3rd day of January, 1907.

W. N. Huse.
N. A. Huse.
E. F. Huse.
Mary E. Huse.

The state of Nebraska, Madison county, ss.

On this 3d day of January, 1907, before me, a notary public in and for said county and state, duly commissioned and qualified, personally appeared the above named persons, personally known to me to be the identical persons whose names are affixed to the foregoing articles of incorporation and each for themselves acknowledged the same to be their voluntary act and deed.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office the day and year last above written.

Carl Wilde,
Notary Public.

PURE FOOD LAW IS WEAK.

Measure Which Came Into Effect Today Found to be of Little Use.

New York, Jan. 2.—The new year finds the federal government impotent to enforce the provisions of the pure food and drug law, which went into effect. There is no machinery to enforce it, the only possible manner in which it can be put into operation being through complaint and prosecution by private citizens before the United States district court. There is no appropriation to pay inspectors and superintendents, and it will be several months before congress can make an appropriation and organization be perfected.

There is no officer of any sort in this city charged with enforcing the law. There is a disposition on the part of many dealers in drugs, groceries and spirits to evade the provisions of the new law through clever subterfuges. While there is a large element disposed to meet the law squarely and comply with all of its provisions, there is an undeniably large contingent of merchants in this city who are willing to seize upon plausible pretenses for evading the law. So, as in the past, consumers will continue to be the sufferers.

In the candy trade there seems to be no disposition to evade the law. The law provides that the introduction of terra alba, barytes, talc, chrome yellow or other mineral substances of poisonous color or flavor, or any ingredients detrimental to health, shall be regarded as adulteration. As the public will not buy candy which shows upon the label that it is adulterated, candy-makers will make no more of it in this state at least. It must be understood that the manufacturers who amount to anything declared that they do not use such adulterants. They say that a perfectly pure candy may be made to retail at 10 cents.

In the grocery trade evasions will be few. The law provides that the old labels shall be used up to October next, and large stocks of foodstuffs have been laid in by some retail grocers with a view to working off on the trade. The trade recognizes that chicory cannot hereafter be added to ground coffee, and sold under the name of coffee.

SENDS PASSES ANYWAY.

John Donovan of Madison Issues Prosperity Transportation.

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NO ALL NIGHT LIGHT YET

MAYOR FRIDAY SAYS THERE IS NO FUND FOR IT.

HE WOULD LIKE MORE LIGHTS

It Would be Impossible to Install an All Night Street Light Service Now Because No Levy Was Made for It Last Summer—Council Meets.

(From Thursday's Daily.) It would be impossible at the present time for the city of Norfolk to install an all night lighting service on the streets, in compliance with a suggestion made through these columns in behalf of the commercial travelers and the railroad trainmen, according to Mayor Friday. There is no levy for such expenditure at the present time, according to the mayor, nor could there be one made before next summer at the regular time for assessing the annual levy. But the mayor believes that there ought to be an all night street light service in Norfolk.

"The plan is simply out of the question at the present time," said that official, when asked about the request that had been made.

"The levy last year did not provide such an expense and as we are spending now all that we can spend under the levy that was made, there is no way of providing for the additional fund that would be needed."

"For myself, I wish that the streets were lighted all night. I think that Norfolk ought to have lights on the streets all night and more light, too."

At the council meeting tonight monthly reports from various city officials will be read. Bills will be allowed and the city engineer will report on the gutter inspection.

THURSDAY TIDINGS.

Mrs. Greening of Clearwater was in the city yesterday.

George Stiers returned to his home in Plainview yesterday.

Miss May Durland returned from Plainview this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burton went to Neligh yesterday for a few days visit.

Mrs. Carrie Johnson visited her daughter, Miss Lulu Johnson, on her way from Wisner to Winside.

The four-year-old son of Mr. Kauffman, living north of the old creamery, fell down stairs last night and cut quite a gash in his head.

S. L. Miller, who has been to Excelsion Springs, Mo., taking treatment for rheumatism, arrived home about Christmas and since then has been very sick.

Train No. 5 was delayed here about an hour Tuesday evening on account of the engine that brought it in leaving the tracks on the way to the round house.

Roy Taylor returned to his work as call boy last night after a week's vacation. Jean Crotty had been taking his place.

Mrs. Nettie Bush and daughter returned to her home in South Dakota after a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long.

George Smith of Long Pine brought his son down here yesterday where he will take a course in the business college.

Mrs. E. Ellenwood and two children returned home this noon from Sioux City, where they spent the holidays with relatives.

Misses Letta and Helen Bain went to Fremont Thursday noon to visit with their aunt, Mrs. Clint Bain.

Leo William returned to his work in Inman today after a week's vacation which he spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Pippen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hans and Mr. and Mrs. George Brubaker of Battle Creek were in the city yesterday to attend the funeral of Mr. Pasewalk.

The Ladies Aid society at the Junction was held at the home of Mrs. Pippen during the afternoon.

There will be a special meeting of Mosaic lodge, No. 55, A. F. & A. M. at Masonic hall Friday night for work in the E. A. degree.

Union service, week of prayer, will be held at the Presbyterian church tonight, Rev. Mr. Vallow leader. The topic is "The World Kingdom of the Spirit."

The annual meeting of the Second Congregational church will be held this evening at 7:30 to elect officers and transact such other business as may come before the meeting. Choir practice at 7 o'clock.

Word has been received here that the Christmas gifts sent by Salter families of Norfolk to the Fred Salter home on the Rosebud reservation, did not burn as was at first feared, but arrived on schedule time. The shipment was in a car in the Bonesteel yards, and was untouched by the flames from the depot.

About fifteen men are now working on the new sewer in Norfolk. The force was reduced because of a shortage in pipe. One or two carloads of pipe are being received every week, which is not enough to keep a large force of men busy.

Seventy-one children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the late Ferdinand Pasewalk attended his funeral in Norfolk Wednesday afternoon. The services were held slightly earlier than had been planned on account of the very rough roads.

Mrs. C. E. Doughty received a telegram announcing the death of her father, L. H. Hutchins at Belle Plaine, Iowa, at an early hour Thursday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Doughty left at noon for Belle Plaine to attend the funeral. Mr. Hutchins was known to be quite feeble but his daughter had nothing to prepare her for the sudden end.

A change was made in rules of the Nebraska Telephone company on January 1. Hereafter there will be two pay days a month, on the 5th and 20th. The daily report hereafter must show the number of instruments placed, discontinued and changed from one location to another. There will hereafter be a charge for all moves unless otherwise provided in the contract.

The new 2,000 mileage book adopted by the western lines was placed on sale for \$50 this week for the first time in Chicago. A rebate of \$4.75 will be paid for return of the cover. The old book cost \$60, and a refund of \$19.50 was made for the return of the cover. The western lines place on sale their credential by which, by the deposit of \$1, one becomes entitled to travel for 2 cents a mile provided he travels 3,000 miles during the year. Heretofore, in order to get this rate on a credential, it has been necessary to ride 4,000 miles within the year.

Letter List. List of letters remaining uncalled for at the postoffice at Norfolk, Neb., January 1, 1907:

Mr. Charlie R. Blodgett, Mr. and Mrs. James Bell, J. H. C. Ball, Mr. Russell Clark, Mr. M. R. Daugherty, Claud Howard, Mr. John Homer, George R. Harmon, Dorothy Kelly 2, Mr. John Lyons, Fance Miller, Miss Elsie Miller, Miss Freeda Muller, Mrs. Sadie Noyes, Rev. Valley B. Nethaway, C. C. Robinson, Mrs. Emma Stephens, Mr. H. L. Settle, Mrs. C. C. Weber.

If not called for in fifteen days will be sent to the dead letter office.

Parties calling for any of the above please say "advertised."

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