

FAIL PROVES FATAL

E. L. BARRITT LOSES LIFE FALLING OFF LADDER.

PUT WEIGHT ON FLIMSY BAR

Yardman at Rome Miller Eating House, Sixty-seven Years Old, Falls to Brick Platform, Fracturing the Base of the Brain.

Falling from the top of a short ladder, and striking with head and shoulder over the brick platform below, E. L. Barritt, aged sixty-seven, sustained injuries from which he died two hours later at the Rome Miller eating house yesterday afternoon. Mr. Barritt had been yardman at the eating house for two years.

Barritt was assisting in putting up screen windows. During the momentary absence of Fred Miller, who was handling the screens at the top of the ladder and to whom Barritt was handing them, Barritt climbed to the top of the ladder to try to nail on a screen. Placing his right foot upon a flimsy iron bar which projected from the side of the building to hold an outdoor electric light bulb, Barritt sank with the yielding bar and was precipitated to the brick platform. Turning a half somersault, he struck upon the side of his head and his right shoulder, fracturing the skull at the base of the brain, which proved fatal, and breaking his right collar bone. He sustained lacerations on the head and cheek.

Warned, But Too Late. Barritt was warned not to step upon the electric light crane, but too late. Fred Miller, who had gone to a shed for more nails, returned to find Barritt at the top of the ladder, trying to nail a screen. Barritt placed his foot upon the electric light iron and Miller called him. "Don't step on that," he called.

Miller doesn't know whether or not Barritt heard the warning. At that moment his weight was shifted to the iron bar and the two little screws which pinned the bar to the wall of the building, came out. The crane swung down and the man's body was dropped. He had one foot still upon a rung of the ladder, but his weight was on the iron and this overbalanced him.

"I had asked Barritt to help me with the screens," said Miller, "but I was doing the ladder work. I had not wanted him to go up the ladder, but when I left a moment to get nails, he climbed up to see if he could fix a screen that I was working with."

Miller thought Barritt was dead when he first fell, but the injured man lived for two hours. He was carried into the eating house and Dr. H. T. Holden summoned. Consciousness, however, never returned. Dr. Holden set the fractured collar bone and fifteen minutes later the man died. "Fracture at the base of the brain caused death," said Dr. Holden. "Those who got to him first told me Barritt bled from the ear."

No inquest was deemed necessary under the circumstances. Mrs. E. D. Perry, who was walking toward the depot with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Milo Perry, looked up just in time to see the man throw up his hands and fall backward to the pavement.

His Home Quarantined. The remains of the dead man could not be taken to his own home because the house is quarantined. A small boy in the house is critically sick, fatally it is feared, and three attending physicians disagree as to his disease. At all events, the house is quarantined for a contagious disease and the remains of the father could not be taken home. The remains were transferred from the hotel to the home of a married son, P. E. Barritt, who is in Chicago taking an examination to become an engineer on the Northwestern.

Another married son, Eli Barritt, lives at Livingstone, Mont. There are three small sons in Norfolk and one daughter. Mrs. Barritt, the woman bereft of her husband, is not well and the shock proved doubly distressing to her because of the serious illness of her little son.

A sister, Mrs. Margie Frye, at Ainsworth, was notified. Belonged to Modern Woodmen. It was said that Mr. Barritt was a member in good standing of the Modern Woodmen of America at Ainsworth, and the head of that lodge was notified by wire.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made. Rome Miller of Omaha, in whose employ Mr. Barritt had been for two years, telephoned instructing George Wheaton, local manager, to do everything possible for the grieving family. Mr. Barritt was a faithful, loyal workman and was a source of satisfaction to his employer and others about the eating house.

A telegram was received from the head of the Ainsworth lodge, Modern Woodmen of America, stating that Mr. Barritt was a member in good standing and that the Ainsworth lodge would appreciate any courtesies that could be shown the family by Norfolk people.

Death of Mrs. Hahn at Stuart. Stuart, Neb., April 29.—Special to The News: The funeral of Mrs. George Hahn, who died at her home in this place last Saturday, took place from the Methodist church yesterday afternoon, the services conducted by Presiding Elder Julian. The deceased is survived by three sons and one daughter—George J. Hahn of Hastings, William Hahn of Norfolk, Arthur J. Hahn of this place and Mrs. Ed Nelson of Creighton, all of whom were at the bedside of their mother

when she died. Also there were a brother and a sister, Mrs. Dunn of Atkinson and John Smith of Bristol. The husband of the deceased died about a year ago. They were among the earliest pioneers of this county and were highly respected by all.

SIGN PETITION AT PIERCE.

Pierce Business Men and Shippers Sign Railroad Men's Petition. Pierce Leader: "Jack" Welch, engineer, and E. B. Taylor, conductor, on the Bonesteel line, were in Pierce Wednesday afternoon, circulating a petition among the business men and live stock shippers, addressed to the railway commission, and asking that no further reduction of freight rates be forced upon the railroads of the state, they believing that the freight rates are just and equal. This action is taken by the railroad employees for the reason, they declare, that if freight rates are cut lower than they are at the present time, it will not make the earnings of the railroads sufficient to pay running expenses and that the railroads will then be compelled to cut the wages of all the employees in order to pay running expenses. The petition was signed by the majority of the business men, besides a number of live stock shippers.

WANT STATE CONTEST.

Norfolk Business Men Offer Auditorium For Contest Use. The state high school declamatory association will be invited to hold its state contest in Norfolk. The invitation will be backed by the donation of the Norfolk Auditorium for the night of the contest. A subscription paper to cover the actual expenses of the Auditorium was circulated on Norfolk avenue during the morning and the necessary amount soon secured. The contest date is May 8. If it is held in Norfolk it will fall on the evening of circus day, a fact which will probably tend to increase the attendance.

Each of the five districts of the state are represented by three contestants. The invitation to hold the contest in Norfolk and the offer of the free use of the Auditorium was made at the suggestion of Superintendent Doremus of Madison, who is president of the state association.

PERTURBED BY THE MARQUIS.

Objections Raised Here Have All Been Whipped Over in Cities. Several very worthy Norfolk citizens who have some time or other taken the time to get a line or two on the English nobility, were somewhat perturbed yesterday by the presence in Norfolk of an English marquis of Canadian birth but a man who very plainly said that he had been and was quite content to be "a short handed-American."

The status of Mr. St. Lawrence Chandler as the Marquis of Eckerley has been pretty widely discussed pro and con for some weeks by the metropolitan press. All of the objections raised by Norfolk men and several more have been whipped over. The title of the Duke of Livingstone, as was stated in the story of yesterday, is said to be a title of French origin, though the estate is an English estate. The present duke as his father before him was engaged at times in diplomatic service.

English titles cannot be transferred. In connection with the story of the Duke of Livingstone and his adopted heir, it has been stated that there are only two titles in all England which can be transferred. There is a story that W. W. Astor, the American Englishman, offered the Duke of Livingstone 5,000 pounds for the title of Marquis of Eckerley.

After all has been said, however, Mr. St. Lawrence Chandler is a very interesting personality with as interesting a story as any visitor Norfolk has entertained for some months.

KENNEDY GOES TO SPEARFISH.

Popular Norfolk Instructor to be at Head of German Department. A. G. Kennedy, who declined to accept a re-election this spring as an instructor in the Norfolk high school on account of a desire to engage in higher work, will be at the head of the German department of the Spearfish state normal school at Spearfish, S. D. Mr. Kennedy will enter on his new work in September, spending the summer at the state university summer school. Mr. Kennedy's home is in Weeping Water. He came to the Norfolk high school three years ago from Lincoln, where he had just taken his A. M. degree at the University of Nebraska. He received his lower degree at Doane college. At one time Mr. Kennedy taught in the Chadron academy. His work as an instructor in Norfolk has been with Latin and English classes. He will have some English work at Spearfish and expects to get into that line of work finally. The Spearfish normal has an attendance of about 500 students. The school has been growing rapidly in the last four or five years. Mr. Kennedy has been a popular as well as an efficient instructor in the local high school and has made many friends in Norfolk who are glad of his success.

Plainview Whittier a Hoodoo. Plainview, Neb., April 25.—It is rather dangerous to fool with Frank Friend, the town whittier. A few weeks ago a fellow shot himself in the leg while scuffling with him and one day last week, Ernest Nurnberg had a hand badly cut on the whittier's knife in a friendly scuffle.

Friend continues to whittle and is allowed to pursue his peaceful vocation without interference. The hoodoo sign has been hung on him.

PLAY BALL FOR Y. M. C. A.

FIRST GAME WILL BE PULLED OFF NEXT FRIDAY.

MAPES AND HOSPITAL TEAMS

The Baseball Season Will Open in Norfolk Friday When Mapes' Team and the Hospital Team Will Compete For Amateur Honors.

Mapes' "own," Norfolk's champion amateur nine, are figuratively straining at their leashes to be up and doing on the baseball diamond. The weather indications are that they will break loose next Friday afternoon with results disastrous either to themselves or the baseball line from the Norfolk hospital.

The baseball season will open next Friday afternoon at the driving park diamond. The game will start at 3 p. m. The price of admission will be twenty-five cents. The proceeds will go to the Y. M. C. A. fund if the Mapes aggregation of lawyers, real estate and insurance men win. The game, it might be mentioned, will be between Mapes' "own" and the Norfolk hospital nine.

Mapes' "own" have constituted themselves for the season of 1908 the champions of the Y. M. C. A. building fund. The not proceeds of all their games are to go into the building fund.

The line-up for the new season is about the same as last fall. Friday afternoon the team will line-up as follows: L. B. Nicola, p; Jack Koenigstein, c; Leo Pasewalk, 1b; Will Powers, 2b; Chris Anderson, 3b; Bert Mapes, ss; S. D. Mathewson, rf; Cleo Lederer, cf; J. S. Mathewson, lf; M. D. Tyler and M. C. Hazen, substitutes.

The hospital nine is being managed by Lon Gutzmer. The players who are in the line-up at present are: Hodgkin, Hoemstein, Rony, Lawton, Byerly, Gutzmer, Klentz, Dr. Young and Mont Robb.

Dr. Kelley is the hospital's choice for umpire. The opening ball game was scheduled for May day some weeks ago. While the cold wave made baseball prospects look chilly for a time, the weather indications point to a pleasant day Friday.

Rev. Mr. Hinds Called.

Julesburg, Col., April 28.—Special to The News: Rev. John N. Hinds, pastor of the Second Congregational church of Norfolk, has accepted a call from the First Congregational church of Julesburg.

At a meeting of the board of the Julesburg church Monday evening Mr. Hinds was unanimously chosen. Six other able divines had been tried before the selection of Mr. Hinds was made.

STATE R. R. EMPLOYES.

Meeting is Held in Omaha to Organize Against Rate Reduction. Members of the railroad men's committee, appointed to represent the employees of this division before the state railway commission in protest against any reduction of railroad revenue at this time, went to Omaha yesterday to attend a conference of railroad employees before appearing before the state commission. The call for the meeting was general, including other roads than the Northwestern.

The members of the Norfolk delegation of railroad employees appointed to attend the hearing before the commission are J. F. McGrane, C. Briggs, C. J. Hibben, C. M. Wornbacher, John Daugherty, W. T. O'Donnell and R. J. Rye.

Monday was the day set by the commission for an open hearing for shippers who had opinions about existing freight rates. Norfolk was not represented at this hearing. No representatives of the Commercial club attended and the railroad delegation did not go to Lincoln.

The date for the hearing to be accorded the railroad men by the state commission has not been fixed. It will be sometime in the next few weeks. A state organization of railway employees for the prevention of further reduction of freight rates was planned.

Railroad Notes.

Lincoln Journal: The railway commission yesterday received a request from employees of the Northwestern railroad for a hearing in the matter of a proposed reduction in railroad rates. The commission received a similar request or rather a protest from employees of the Burlington road and at that time told the men they would be given an opportunity to be heard before the commission acted upon rates. No definite date was set. The request from a Northwestern employee came from Omaha. As the commission desires to hear shippers and railroad officers May 27 before listening to railroad employees no date can be set at this time. It is reported that the employees throughout the state will be asked to sign a written protest against any change in rates for the alleged reason that such action will result in a reduction of their wages.

St. Louis Tribune: Reports that the Burlington railroad had nearly consummated a deal whereby it becomes the owner of the 130 miles of track from Sioux City to Garrettsville, S. D., now controlled by the Great Northern railroad were rife. It is said that the outcome of this large deal will make Sioux City the division point for not only this line, but also for the Burlington lines to O'Neill, Neb., and to Ashland. This will bring much in-

crease of business, traffic and people to Sioux City. In addition to the train crews that will find Sioux City the logical place to reside when this change goes into effect, the number of transients to be cared for will be large. Official confirmation of this report could not be secured at the local Burlington offices today, but the news is nevertheless believed. Some time ago when the O'Neill change was made the local offices were not notified for some weeks.

ROBERTS FOR ALLISON.

Speaker at Norfolk Convention Says Word for Allison on Way Home. Sioux City Journal: Hon. Geo. E. Roberts, president of the Commercial National bank of Chicago, with deposits of \$42,000,000, former director of the mint and, in his younger manhood a city editor of The Journal, was in Sioux City on his return to Chicago from Norfolk, Neb., where he addressed the Northeast Nebraska Bankers' association on "The Lesson of the Panic."

Mr. Roberts, who is a republican of the republicans, said he was deeply interested in seeing Senator Allison retained in his place as he thought every other Iowan away from home was. He said his desire was to see the senator kept in his place so that he may continue to do honor to Iowa. This, he thought, was the unanimous desire of Iowans outside the state. The common expression is that it cannot be there is any serious possibility of his being displaced.

Mr. Roberts is in fine health and declared he liked his work in Chicago. It returned him to business life and that was what he had been hoping for. Mr. Roberts left for Chicago last evening, but will stop off for a day at Fort Dodge, his old home. During his stay in Sioux City he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Perkins at luncheon.

Coleridge Man Weds Indian.

Coleridge, Neb., April 25.—Herman Hirschman, a Coleridge boy, has entered the tepee of a Cherokee in Oklahoma and won the love and promise of an Indian maiden. It is expected that Hirschman will soon return with his bride.

TO SUPREME COURT.

The Gibbs Estate Case is Appealed to Higher Authority. The Gibbs estate case is going before the supreme court of Nebraska for review. This case, which has figured prominently in Madison county politics, is being appealed from Judge Welch's decision by both parties. The heirs who brought the suit are appealing from Judge Welch's decision, holding that the case was effective only against Allen & Reed and not against George Losey, the administrator. Allen & Reed are appealing from the finding of the court against them in the sum of about \$11,000. Judge Welch while in Norfolk on his way to Neligh was called on to pass on the bill of exceptions. The case is a rather intricate one. Friends of Allen & Reed say that if the case finally goes against them it will be on technical points.

Lets The Auto Do The Work.

Wayne Democrat: After making considerable sport of Fred Beneshoff's automobile, Fred is now showing his friends that he does what some hubbies auto do but don't. He attaches the machine to the washing machine and it washes the clothes; to the churn and it churns; to the cows and it—milks 'em.

NEW RAILROAD PROJECT.

Talk of Electric Line Across North Nebraska Just Now. Springfield Herald: J. F. Bladl, of Herrick, S. D., was in town in the interest of a railroad project. A bunch of promoters about Herrick have projected building an electric line from that place to Valentine touching at all towns in this county on the way, e. g., Jamison, Brooksburg, Mills, Burton, Springfield, Norden, Sparks in Cherry county. They expect to raise about \$35,000 in this county for the line. He had already secured \$15,000 and eight acres of land on the Keya Paha river for a power plant before he arrived here. They expect to get the power from this river.

Classen-Jurgensen.

Father Walsh of Norfolk officiated at the marriage of John P. Classen, the Madison photographer, to Miss Marie M. Jurgensen, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jurgensen of near Tilden.

Recovered From Poison.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ahlmann, who were dangerously ill with an attack of ptomaine poisoning, have regained their former health.

THURSDAY TIDINGS.

It cost Carl Dunkel second cook at a local hotel, \$5 and costs, to slap Miss Albertine Wolf, a dishwasher. The fine was assessed in police court. It was paid.

The postoffice at Smithville, S. D., has been discontinued and people living there now get their mail at Wall, S. D. John Kloke is a resident of that place.

Dr. G. A. Young of the Norfolk hospital has been appointed by Governor Sheldon as a member of the Nebraska delegation to the international congress on tuberculosis.

I. M. Rice, secretary of the Elkhorn Valley Editorial association, is sending out invitations to the newspaper men of this region, calling attention to the annual meeting which will be held at Valentine on the first Saturday in June.

The local lodge of the Knights of Pythias initiated four candidates

Tuesday evening. The work being put on by the degree team from Winside. About twenty-five Winside lodge men were present. A banquet was served at the close of the initiation.

Creighton News: W. A. Woodbury came up from Norfolk and went to Center to visit his parents. Mr. Woodbury was badly injured about six weeks ago by jumping from an engine. He is able to get about by the aid of crutches and is recovering nicely from his injuries.

The new Methodist church at Albion was dedicated Sunday, free of debt. Bishop H. W. Warren preached and managed the finances. He asked for \$8,000 and \$8,500 was raised. The church is built of pressed brick, trimmed with stone, making a beautiful structure. The cost was over \$20,000. Rev. F. M. Sisson, formerly presiding elder of the Norfolk district, is the pastor.

Nine of the Union Pacific motor cars have been ordered by the Southern Pacific from Superintendent McKee of Omaha. These cars are to be placed on branch lines out of Los Angeles. The San Joaquin line itself has ordered seven more, making a total of sixteen cars to be delivered. These are already rapidly nearing completion at the shops. The cars will run by their own power to Los Angeles. They are said to be of a far more improved type than those of the past.

Clearwater for the third time in four years won the degree team contest at the district meeting of Odd Fellows held in Tilden. Clearwater, Tilden and Oakdale competed. Neligh and Elgin were represented at the meeting but not in the contest. About 300 people attended the afternoon program. Past Grand Master Hoagland of North Platte and Rev. Mead of South Sioux City, grand chaplain, being the principal speakers. The judges of the contest were Mr. Hoagland, Rev. Mr. Mead and F. H. Beels of Norfolk.

Fremont Herald: Carson H. Reamer, a Northwest brakenman of this city was seriously injured and his right foot was crushed so that amputation was necessary Tuesday evening. The accident occurred at Charleston, a little town near York, and immediately afterwards he was conveyed to the York hospital and attended by Dr. Conway, the company physician there. The foot was so badly crushed that amputation was found necessary and the leg was severed shortly below the knee. Mr. Reamer was resting well at a late hour last night.

Upon recommendation of the interstate commerce commission the president has awarded a railroad life saving medal to Frank Larson of Fremont, Neb. Larson is a fireman on the Chicago & Northwestern. On January 19, last at Exeter, Neb., he distinguished himself by crawling out on the pilot of his engine and saving the life of a three-year-old child which was in the center of the track and but for Larson's heroism would have been run down and killed by the moving train. The president has written a personal letter of commendation to Larson.

General Crozier, chief of ordnance, has announced that the request for cannon and obsolete shells for the grand army post at Wayne, has been granted. The request for condemned cannon was made to Senator Burkett, through the commander of Casey post No. 5, Wayne, who desires this trophy for ornamental purposes and the cannon to fit their wishes has been discovered at the Rock Island arsenal in the form of a three-inch parrot gun, and this and three projectiles will be shipped to Wayne. General Crozier in his letter to Senator Burkett cautioned him to advise his Grand Army friends in Wayne not to attempt to load and fire the cannon they are about to receive, as it might prove disastrous to the surrounding territory and its people.

Bassett Leader: Last winter the hardware store of Smith Bros., of Newport, was broken into and articles to the value of \$300 to \$400 taken. The plunder consisted principally of knives, watches, jewelry and revolvers. The firm has been quietly working on the matter and finally received what they deemed sufficient evidence to cause the arrest of Carl Pettijohn, a man of from thirty to thirty-five years of age, who had been around Newport for a number of years and also had relatives at Long Pine. Pettijohn was arrested at O'Neill by Sheriff Hall of Holt county, brought to Bassett and turned over to the authorities here. A preliminary examination was held before County Judge Spann, Friday the 17th and he was bound over to the next term of district court which convenes Monday, April 27. The state offered evidence but Pettijohn made no defense in the preliminary hearing. County Attorney Douglas represented the state and Attorney Carlin the defendant.

Pilger Herald: A few months ago Mrs. Otto Koehler's sister living in Omaha sent Mrs. Koehler's baby a pair of shoes and in the shoes was a note which said E. McDowell, Rochester, N. Y. Finder please write to me. Algie thinking it was some marriageable young man worth about \$75,000, 000,000, wrote e to the above address and by return mail received an answer from the above mentioned person stating that she was a widow working in a shoe factory in Rochester, N. Y. This led to the frequent exchange of letters and then photographs. Mrs. McDowell asking all about the baby that had got the shoes, also desiring a photograph of the baby which was sent. Last week Mrs. Koehler received a fine pair of baby shoes made entirely by this lady. They also received some beautiful Easter cards. Algie of course was disappointed in one way, thinking the name was some marriageable young man. But she says it pays to answer advertisements any way.

FIRST TRIPP COUNTY BANK.

Messrs. Slaughter and Young Will Open Bank at Lamro.

Gregory Times: Work was begun at Lamro this week on a new building to be occupied by the first banking institution to start up in Tripp county. Lamro has already had a healthy growth and will undoubtedly boom considerably during this season. Should it become the county seat of Tripp county it will be the most important town within the great fertile tract of land to be thrown open to settlement shortly. The establishment of a bank at Lamro will add a great deal to the prestige of the town and will give the business interests of Lamro an impetus which will bring favorable results. H. P. Slaughter and Attorney Young of this city are behind the new institution.

PAPER TRUST HEARING.

Increase in Cost of Product Did Not Keep Pace With Raise in Price.

Washington, April 30.—More evidence tending to show that there is a combination of paper manufacturers to fix the price of news print paper in the United States was adduced before the special committee of the house which is investigating the subject of duty on wood pulp and print paper as affecting the price in the United States. John Norris of the New York Times and representing the paper committee of the American Newspaper Publishers' association continued his testimony and presented numerous letters and documents to bear out his contention. Apparently, the committee was particularly impressed with the annual statement of the International Paper company for last year, showing an increased cost of production of 60 cents a ton as against the raise in price of paper of \$12 a ton. Chairman Mann, appreciating the importance of this testimony, announced that he would go to the bottom to ascertain the cause of so large an increase in the price of paper.

TUCKER WENT INTO POLITICS.

Uncle Sam Oil Man Met the Standard People on the Field in Kansas.

Topeka, April 30.—The Uncle Sam Oil company in 1906 contributed to a campaign fund, according to the testimony brought out in the trial of H. H. Tucker, Jr., charged with using the mails to defraud. A. E. Robertson, an associate of Tucker, told of a meeting between Tucker and a number of Republicans in Topeka in 1906. After the meeting Tucker instructed him to have 20,000 petitions printed to be sent to stockholders of the company in Kansas, asking them to urge the governor to call a special session. The desire of the management, Robertson testified, was to have anti-trust legislation enacted. "It was hoped that the special session," he said, "would pass any legislation adverse to the Standard and the railroads."

Robertson told of going to Washington with Tucker and D. W. Mulvane, Republican national committeeman of Kansas, to appear before Judge Goodwin of the postoffice department to prevent the Uncle Sam company from issuing a fraud order being issued against the Uncle Sam company.

"On the way back," testified Robertson, "Tucker asked me what I thought would be a fair price for Mulvane's services, as the fraud order had not been issued. I replied anything from \$500 to \$5,000. He told me that he had paid him \$2,500 and said he had made a good investment."

LOOT BANK, SHOOT UP TOWN.

Robbers Secure Seven Thousand Dollars in Raid at Scandia, Minn.

Crookston, Minn., April 30.—Robbers looted the Scandia State bank and secured about \$7,000. They terrorized the inhabitants by "shooting up" the town and made good their escape.

It was found that the robbers took away about \$8,000 in currency. There were at least six men in the gang. The front door of the bank was forced by crowbars. The explosion when the vault door was dynamited awakened William Merdink, a merchant, who resides near the bank. Others were aroused by the second explosion. Merdink got on the roof of a building and when the robbers left the bank opened fire, sending fifteen bullets after them. The robbers fired a fusillade of shots. One robber was injured, as bloodstains were found. Three of the robbers headed toward Standquist and two others took away their wounded pal with a stolen horse and buggy.

WOMAN ORDERED DEPORTED.

Mrs. Clary's Husband Dead in Ireland and She is Arrested on Steamer.

New York, April 30.—The steamer Campania, from Queenstown, was detained at quarantine until detectives from this city, at the cabied request of the royal Irish constabulary, had found and questioned Mrs. Margaret Clary and Mrs. Catherine Bowen of Clare-Morris, County Mayo, Ireland. The cablegram stated that Mrs. Clary's husband, a farmer, had died of poisoning since the two women sailed from Ireland.

Mrs. Clary was examined by a board of special inquiry at Ellis Island, and ordered deported. The other woman was not ordered deported, but made no objection to staying at the island with her friend, and her case will be receive further consideration. It is believed that she will consent to accompany the other woman back without further procedure.

Battle Creek.

The concert given last Saturday by the Battle Creek Valley string band was a success. The opera house was filled with people to its full capacity. T. D. Best, the city mayor, has

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Best by Test

quit riding his white horse, because he has a fine automobile which he bought at Norfolk.

Ralph Simmons had his barn moved to the south alley on Depot street last week.

Mrs. B. Langhoop of Hartington was visiting here from Friday till Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Warnke and other relatives.

Frank M. Srb and family and P. G. Sindelar of Cowells were visiting relatives here Sunday.

On the 21st a daughter was welcomed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Henschel.

The Ladies Union (Frauen-Verein) of the Lutheran church will meet at the parsonage Thursday afternoon.

Lambert and Ludwig Korbel were here from Saturday till Monday on business from Spencer.

A social crowd of young people enjoyed a hop at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Niles Saturday night.

Mrs. J. W. Risk was visiting with relatives at Stanton Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peterson moved back from Madison to this place Saturday.

There will be no meeting at the Lutheran church next Sunday on account of the dedication of the St. Paul Lutheran church at Norfolk.

J. E. Risk was visiting Sunday at the Thomas Dugher home at Wisner.

Tuesday John J. Rodehorst shipped three carloads of cattle, Fred Eyl one carload of cattle and one of hogs, Joe C. Osborn two carloads of cattle and James Gillespie one carload of hogs to Omaha.

Earl E. Cartney went to Fremont Tuesday on a business mission.

A. M. Jones, a real estate broker of Tilden, was here on business Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Srb and son, Paul, went to Howells Wednesday for a visit with relatives and friends. That place was their former home.

CONFESSES MURDER.

Young Man Admits He Killed Theo Sothman.

Sioux Falls, S. D., April 30.—John Steltz, alias John Clark, who was arrested for the murder some weeks ago of Theodore Sothman in a lonely cabin on the banks of the Big Sioux river about three miles northeast of Sioux Falls, was arraigned before Judge Jones, of the state circuit court, and pleaded guilty to the charge against him. He was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Sioux Falls penitentiary.

When arraigned Steltz confessed to the murder of Sothman and also confessed that some years ago he had murdered a man in Philadelphia.

Sothman was murdered on the evening of March 16 last, the crime having been committed for purposes of robbery. That day Sothman had received a check for nearly \$70, and this came to the knowledge of Steltz. The two men came to Sioux Falls that day and, unknown to Steltz, Sothman deposited the check in a local bank, while Steltz believed he had gotten the check cashed and that he had the proceeds in his pocket when he returned home together late in the afternoon. Sothman was shot as he lay asleep on a bed, his head nearly being blown from his body owing to the close range at which the shot had been fired. Owing to the smallness of the room and the position of the bed and other furnishings the muzzle of the gun could not have been over six or eight inches from the sleeping man's head when the shot was fired.

Instead of securing nearly \$70, with which he intended making his way across the country, Steltz found in the pockets of the dead man only about \$2 in cash, and, having no money with which to flee, was compelled to remain and concoct a story to the effect that three mysterious strangers had appeared at the cabin and that one of them had shot and killed Sothman. Steltz gave the