

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Ex-Navy Boatman Fatally Wounds Former Pal and Kills Self.

ANGERED AT OTHER'S REMARK

"Folks Say You're Nuts," John Barker Tells Walter Dresser, and Then Shooting Begins.

"Folks say you're nuts," John Barker told Walter Dresser, his former roommate and cronie, at the Dresser livery shop at 307 N. street Saturday night while Dresser, Barker and Dave Callahan were preparing to enjoy an old-time stew or mulligan.

Dresser, 65 years old, an ex-navy boatman, stepped into a room and got a gun with which he shot at Callahan, fatally wounding Barker and then killed himself.

Dresser's taller shop on N. street. Barker was a carpenter and an all-round builder. A week ago he left Dresser and put up with Callahan at the Industrial home in Omaha. This seemed to have preyed on Dresser's mind and when Barker returned last night with Callahan to visit Dresser and have supper, Dresser complained because he moved away without warning. Barker took the scolding jokingly and remarked that folks considered Dresser unbalanced mentally. Then Dresser stepped into a rear room where he was preparing vegetables for the stew.

A minute later he came into the room where Barker and Callahan were, firing a revolver as he fired. The first shot appeared to be directed at Callahan, who sped through a rear room and out into the street. Three bullets hit Barker, one in the side of the head, another in the stomach and a third under the heart. Then Dresser is supposed to have sent a bullet into his own brain. He was dead when the police came.

Dresser recently came to South Omaha, where he ran a small tailoring shop at 807 N. street. Barker lived with him until recently. Dresser seemed melancholy. He had a small account in the South Omaha Savings bank.

Barker is from Lake Forest, Ill., where his father is said to be a big contractor. He is 38 years old and is said to have been married twice. Dr. E. J. Shanahan, who took care of the man after the shooting, stated that his chances for recovery were small. Barker told Chief of Police Briggs that he had no quarrel with Dresser.

Dresser's body is held at Larkin's funeral parlors awaiting word from relatives in Minneapolis.

Negro Lost in Shuffle. In the shuffle of twenty-seven negroes from the South Omaha jail to the county jail yesterday one "ace," Fred Reinhart, got lost. Reinhart, with the other twenty-six, was sentenced Friday by Police Judge Callahan for gambling at Sam Palmer's place on N. street. Chief of Police Briggs, Police Captain John Zalouek and Officer Corrigan took fifteen of the men to the county jail yesterday. Eleven negroes were in one batch under the charge of Zalouek, who says he delivered his men to Jailer Cahill in Omaha. Briggs says he delivered his four also to Cahill. Cahill says one of the fifteen does not answer roll call at the county jail.

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Magic City Gossip. Uphurch lodge No. 2 Degree of Honor drill team will meet Tuesday, April 7, at 8 o'clock.

FOR SALE—Indian Runner Duck Eggs for hatching. Phone South 666.

Miss Gladys McAdams was hostess for the members of the Junior Normal

club Friday afternoon at her home, 215 G street.

Mrs. James Trimble will entertain the members of the O. T. W. club Saturday evening.

Miss Inez Mangan and Miss Goldie Johnson visited with friends at Tekamah, Neb., last week.

FOR RENT—3-room modern cottage; on Caroline; good neighborhood. 518 N. 15th.

Mrs. Ed Kohansky entertained the members of the Duffelate Whist club at her home Friday evening.

J. B. Ryan, who visited friends in South Omaha for a few days, has returned to his home in O'Neil, Neb.

Office space for rent in Bee office, 215 N. street. Terms reasonable. Well known location. Tel. South 27.

The German-American Independent club will meet Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Fink's hall, Twentieth and Missouri avenues.

An interesting meeting of the Mothers' club was held at the home of Mrs. H. B. Berquist, Friday afternoon. Musical selections were given by Mrs. J. D. Ringer.

The Laa Misato club, an organization of the high school was entertained at the home of Miss Theresa Mullaly, Thursday afternoon. Prizes at games were won by Misses Marie Krug and Ruth Derbyshire. Those present were: Misses Grace Sturges, Gethy Miller, Helen Tyler, Marie Krug, Margaret Carley, Ruth Derbyshire, Katherine Shanahan, Lois Richard, Mary Wyness, Mable Lee, Aenes Beal, Theresa Mullaly.

Field Club Residents Pick Out Site Where They Want a School

That a new school building be procured for the Field club district in the southwest part of the city is the aim of the Field Club Improvement club. The members have been investigating and find that members of the Board of Education are willing to favor the erection of a new building in this district and the club has discovered that a site may be secured at Thirty-fifth and Pine streets, which location is in close proximity to the entire district.

A special meeting will be called for next Thursday night when President Walker of the school board will consult with the members of the club on the feasibility of a school house at the location named.

The proposition that a heating plant be installed to heat the entire district was also discussed. Members of the club reported that heating plants were in operation in Hyde Park, Chicago, and Missouri Valley and Clarinda, Ia., and that all were very successful, although the Missouri Valley plant was improperly installed. An engineer will draw plans for a heating plant which he believes would heat the whole district.

A plan is on foot to have a competent watchman and an American District Telegraph service for the members of the club.

Vice presidents of the club were instructed to consult residents of the Field club district for the purpose of employing one tree trimmer by all so that the trees be trimmed at the same time and in a uniform style.

DETECTIVES DRAW NET ABOUT MRS. WILSON

Mrs. Jessie Wilson, arrested here several weeks ago for passing an alleged worthless check at the Omaha National bank, has much trouble ahead of her, even if she is released or acquitted here. She is now wanted at Sioux City for a similar offense, it is said. A detective agency here is said to have received information from Kansas City that she has been positively identified as the woman who under the name of Hattie M. Bell cashed a forged certificate of deposit for \$100 on February 14 at the National Reserve bank in Kansas City.

OMAHA CIVIC LEAGUE TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL

The Omaha Civic league will hold its annual meeting Friday night, April 10, at the council chamber in the city hall. Retiring officers and committees will report, an amendment to the constitution, enlarging the directorate, will be considered; new officers will be elected and committee work for the year will be outlined.

CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Brandt Married Fifty Years Ago Thursday.

DAUGHTER'S ANNIVERSARY, TOO

Well Known Omaha Pioneer is Cooper by Trade, Also a Musician and Veteran of Grant's Civil War Campaign.

A joint celebration of wedding anniversaries was held Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Brandt, 224 South Twenty street, with a large number of relatives and friends present. The fiftieth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Brandt was observed, with the twenty-fourth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Drexel, their daughter. The latter live just next door to the Brandts, who have made Omaha their home for forty-seven years. Mr. Brandt was a pioneer in the local cooperative business, and in the organization of the Omaha Musical union. He served in the civil war with General U. S. Grant. He is 78 years old, and his wife is 85.

Among those present in honor of the double anniversary were the following relatives: John R. Brandt, the oldest son, and his wife; Mrs. A. C. Harte, the oldest daughter, her husband, County Commissioner Harte, and their children, Clara and Gertrude; W. H. Brandt, another son, his wife and son, John G. Brandt, second; John and Herbert Rexel, children of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Drexel; Mr. and Mrs. William F. Lorenzen; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Groth; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Plombeck; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Plombeck; Harry Plombeck; Mrs. Clara Sweet and Dr. and Mrs. Harry Arnold.

Text Book Writer Compliments Local Commercial School

J. A. Puffer was a visitor at the High School of Commerce Friday. Mr. Puffer has formerly been employed as a teacher, and is now writing a series of text books on vocational education. He is visiting a few of the larger cities; the cities where vocational training is making the most progress.

His concern recommended the Omaha High School of Commerce to him as a place to study commercial education conditions. Mr. Puffer complimented the High School of Commerce on its practicality and stated that there is a strong demand for commercial students everywhere, and that the west is far in advance of the east as regards vocational training.

The model office of the school particularly impressed the visitor and he declared that the equipment and methods employed here surpassed those of any school he had yet visited, as the training received in the model office serves to overcome the gap between the school and the business office.

He took great interest in the "Know Omaha" classes and the classes in city government also.

Miss Bronson Pleaded With Omaha Meeting

Miss Minnie Bronson, anti-suffrage leader, expressed herself as highly pleased with the meeting Thursday evening at the American theater, saying that the cause she represented was promoted a great deal by it. Miss Bronson went to Bismarck, N. D., where she was booked for an address Saturday.

While in Omaha Miss Bronson conferred with Mrs. J. W. Crumpacker, who is in charge of the Nebraska suffrage and with the executive committee of the Nebraska Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage in regard to the work ahead in this state. They decided to wage vigorous warfare against woman suffrage in the larger cities of Nebraska and it was agreed that Miss Bronson would return to Omaha in a few weeks prepared to fill speaking engagements at Lincoln, Fremont, Grand Island, Beatrice and other cities. The program will be arranged by Mrs. Crumpacker, who will deliver a number of addresses in the state this month. It was learned that Mrs. William Archibald Smith, 102 South Thirty-fifth street, is receiving many applications of membership in the anti-suffrage organization.

Ralston to Celebrate Rebuilding at Show

Some wonderful changes have taken place in Ralston, aptly named "Omaha's Factory Suburb," since the ravages of the tornado one year ago. Many substantial brick and stone factory buildings replace the ones almost totally destroyed by the storm and fire, and the homes that have been rebuilt are numerous.

To fittingly commemorate the rebuilding and to show Omahans that Ralston is on the map and very much so, the officials of that place, of the clubs and commercial organizations, the labor unions, and the town site up-builders will have a big Ralston Night at the fourth coming "Low-Cost-of-Living-Show," in the Omaha Auditorium, Monday April 20. The event will really cover both afternoon and night for a program will be carried out by the Ralston club women and housewives in the afternoon and at night the men-folks will take a hand.

PUBLIC LIBRARIANS MEET AT NORFOLK WEDNESDAY

A meeting of public librarians of northeastern Nebraska will be held at Norfolk April 8 and 9. It will be the first sectional meeting ever held by the librarians of that part of the state and has been called because it is not always possible for them to attend the state library convention. The problem of small libraries will be discussed among the outside librarians who will attend will be Miss Edith Tabbet of Omaha, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith of Chadron and Miss Charlotte Tompkins of Lincoln. The latter two were president and secretary, respectively, of the Nebraska Library association.

MISS MARY HANSEN GETS TAKEN FROM HOTEL PEOPLE

Miss Mary Hansen, 286 Chicago street, received an unpleasant surprise at the Paxton hotel Saturday noon. She had been a well known and popular telephone exchange operator there for several years until recently. Suspecting the transportation, employees and a number of regular guests invited Miss Hansen to the hotel and presented her with a handsome gold watch as a token of their esteem.

"Have Faith in God," Is the Title of Rev. C. W. Savidge's Book

A story that reads like an epic from Homer, or like a romance from Jack London, according to the phases of life it touches, is the new book, "Have Faith in God," by the Rev. Charles W. Savidge, otherwise known as the "Marrying Parson" of Omaha. Here it is book hot off the press, which has a great deal of red blood, spice, and dash in its pages than its pious title would indicate. Rev. Mr. Savidge has touched the shores of almost every emotion in his book.

"What is it?" "It is everything. As a whole it is a story of the author's life. By spells, however, it is a vivid account of thrilling events in the civil war where his father fought and was wounded. At other times it is the tale of a pioneer hero of a dozen years or less trotting along beside his father's wagon through the Minnesota forests in a flight for life from the battle axes of the Indians.

Another page gives an inspiring drawing of the author as a school kid riding a raging lion down the street. This portrays his youthful idea of the adventures his parents decided to move to the west. He braved about capturing lions to the boys of his day and got licked for it.

The book reviews in a racy manner the author's early days in the ministry, his break with the Methodist church, his determination to step out independently and conduct a church of the people, and his varied experience since that time.

Death Tortures Too Mild for Initiation

"No, the death tortures are not yet severe enough." That is the cry that is going out from Fred Paffenrath and George West who are almost daily visiting the Ak-Sar-Ben den to inspect the internal machines Gus Rense is building there for the humiliation of some several thousand innocent men who will visit the den this summer and fall.

These two have been circus managers for the den a good many times in the past, and their opinion is worth considering. Also, "Fifty Years A Clown" in the words of Dan Rice may have handed them to the torture of others. So although Gus Rense the artisan has contrived some ingenious deviltry, they are calling for "worse and more of it."

And Rense is preparing to give it to them. As the first show of the year at the den is to be given about June 1, things must soon begin to hum. The first rehearsal is to take place about May 1. Between now and that time Rense will pick his working team, his initiation team, as it is properly called.

Some time this month Charles Black, as chairman of the home coming committee is to call a meeting and begin to make arrangements for the special entertainment features that are to be given for the benefit of the thousands of former Omaha people who will be in Omaha during Ak-Sar-Ben week for the home coming.

New Program for Creighton Schools

The week of April 21 will be one grand holiday for Creighton men, students and alumni, according to the plans of the executive council of the recently organized Pan-Alumni organization.

It is planned to make this a home coming week for the alumni of the professional departments, which will graduate about 100 students, April 20.

Red-Headed Bandit Collects \$47 Toll

When a bushy red-head popped into the drug store of Nels H. Sells at 213 North Twenty-fifth street shortly before midnight yesterday, Mr. Sells laughed and said to himself: "Huh, here comes some lark with one of those red wigs!"

His enjoyment was cut short, for when the newcomer entered the store so far it was certain he was a man, Sells saw bushy red whiskers to match the wig—and a great big revolver.

Husband's Arrest Strikes Woman Dumb

When neighbors notified her that her husband was in jail charged with the theft of a pair of shoes from a local department store Mrs. Fannie Cooper, 81 Webster street tried to utter an exclamation of surprise. It was then that she learned that the shock of the bad news had in some way paralyzed her vocal chords and she was unable to utter a word.

BURGLAR STOCKS UP FOR MAY FEVER TIME

If your nose happens to become a little stuffy today and you do your duty with a silk handkerchief, be sure that no thief of Steve Masterson is lurking in the offing.

News from the Insurance Field

HUNDRED AND SEVENTY MEN FREEZE TO DEATH IN BLEASARD AT SEA. FORTYADORE HIT KANSAS BURG. Two Probably Fatally Hurt as Result of Wind.

PEOPLE ARE CLOSER TOGETHER. Storms of Frederick Nearly Smothered across seas; many Trister Comes—Build.

WOMAN IS FATALLY KILLED IN AUTO UPSET NEAR BENEFELMAN.

PROLAPSED SOLDIER DIES FROM TYPHOID IN ALTON IS BURNED. BARKER SLIDE TAKES MANY HOUSES IN ITS PATHWAY.

CRACKED TO DEATH WHEN CEMENT WALLS GAVE IN GREAT FIRE AT ST. AUGUSTINE. Five Hotels, Court House and Residences Destroyed.

TWO BLOCKS ARE BURNED OVER RUBLED THROUGH WINDOW AND CRACKED TO DEATH. AUTOMOBILE FALLS FROM HIGH BRIDGE.

WOMAN AND THREE CHILDREN KILLED WITH AKE; HOME BURNED. OMAHA MAN KILLED BY TRAIN AT AMES.

VICTIM OF BLEASARD LOSES HANDS AND FEET. YOUNG MAN ACCIDENTALLY KILLED NEAR OSKOSH.

SUSPENSION BRIDGE BREAKS. FIVE DROWN. FIRE TOWN SCHOOL HOUSE TO GREAT ATTENTION, BOB BANK SIXTY-FOUR DIE IN STORM.

Insurance Notes. The insurance on the Pittsburgh Railway company, amounting to \$15,000,000 and with a premium of \$2,000, has been lost to Pittsburgh agents and brokers, being taken by an estate of a bankrupt concern.

The California insurance department has completed an investigation of the Pacific Coast Casualty company and recommends prosecution of R. F. Green, who resigned as president last June. Legal action is also asked against other officers, who are accused of mismanagement.

A tabulation has been made of Kansas fire insurance business for 1913. The ratio of losses paid to premiums received was 64.87 per cent on fire, lightning, hail, tornado and automobile business, and 52.3 per cent on losses incurred to premiums received. On the incurred basis the loss ratio on fire and lightning only was 73.3 per cent, on tornado business 10.5 per cent, on hail business 15.35 per cent, and on marine and automobile insurance 52.3 per cent.

The destruction of the State Normal school at Superior, Wis., was reported to have caused a loss of more than \$200,000 covered to the extent of \$50,000 in the Wisconsin state insurance fund. This exceeds the total amount of the fund, as its net surplus on January 1 was only \$45,124.

The Farmers' Mutual Fire of Shelby and Johnson counties, Indiana, has decided upon a plan which is expected to reduce lightning losses in the country. It will create two classes of policyholders, those with rod buildings and those with unrod buildings, and those having lightning rods will not be called upon to pay losses on the unrod class.

The experience of the mutual showed that of \$15,000 paid out last year on lightning losses the entire amount was on property which was not protected with lightning rods.

THREE HURT WHEN CAR COLLIDES WITH BIG POLE

Fred Haarman, with two companions, Lewis Brandes, 545 South Twenty-fourth street, and Will Haarman, his cousin, living at 272 South Twenty-seventh street, while driving an auto on West Dodge street yesterday afternoon collided with a telephone pole when turning at Fifty-second street to avoid the car of W. E. De France.

The pole was broken in two places, while two wheels of the car were demolished and the tonneau swept clean. De France stopped to see that no one was hurt before continuing his journey. Attorney H. S. Daniel, with his brother, Hawthorne Daniel, who were passing at the time, took Will Haarman and the Brandes boy home in their machine. Fred Haarman stayed with the car. All three boys were slightly bruised and cut. They said they had been racing with a stranger when they were forced to make the quick turn.

OMAHA MAN GAINS FAME AS A LANDSCAPE ARTIST

George E. Schroeder, who lived in Omaha almost a score of years and is well remembered by many residents as a sign painter, has recently achieved considerable fame in the west as a landscape artist, and is now on his way to Rome, Italy, to further his studies along those lines. He will be in Omaha Monday and Tuesday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hamilton, 459 Davenport street.

While in the sign painting business in Omaha, Mr. Schroeder used to go hunting and camping at Honey Creek, Ia. While on such trips he developed a liking for landscape painting, and since moving to Heyburn, Ida., he has devoted most of his time to it. He never had any instruction in painting, and has now decided to go abroad to acquire the finer points of the art.

Several of his canvases are hung in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fell and Mrs. Hamilton in Omaha.

SHAW WILL ADDRESS CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS

William Shaw of Boston, general secretary of the United Societies of the Christian Endeavor will be in Omaha Tuesday and that evening will speak at a general meeting of the Christian Endeavor societies at the First Congregational church. Twenty local societies will take part in this meeting. Towns which are also interested in the meeting and which will send representatives are: Arlington, Fremont, Lincoln, Council Bluffs, South Omaha, North Omaha and Cedar Bluffs.

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MANY ADDITIONAL NAMES FOR UNIVERSITY REMOVAL. Over 230 additional signatures to petitions asking for the submission of the university removal question to popular vote, have been secured in Omaha, mostly during the last few days. The extra petitions have been sent to Lincoln to be filed with the secretary of state. These additional names on the petitions swell the total secured to over 5300 more than is actually required to bring the matter to a vote in the next general election. Anas Raymond, an alumnus of the state university, who is now practicing law in Omaha, was in charge of getting the additional signatures. Correspondence Charles. John Suggs of Burlington, Pa., writes: Dr. King's New Life Pills are the best pills for constipation." See all drug stores—Advertisement. Key to the Situation—See Advertising.

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