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STORY OF THE WEEPING WATER IS RECITED

J. C. LINDBERG, OF SPEARFISH, S. D., TELLS OF LEGEND OF CASS CO. STREAM.

From Monday's Daily. The Queen City Mail, published at Spearfish, South Dakota, has a very interesting article to the people of Cass county concerning the legend of the Weeping Water creek or river, and which H. L. Kirkham of the Northwest Post of Belle Fourche, South Dakota, thought so well of that he sent a copy to the Journal, and which appears below.

"The following is a descriptive and poetic account of an Indian legend pertaining to Weeping Water. Mr. Lindberg was for ten years a resident of Spearfish, connected with the faculty at the state normal school. He is at present a member of the faculty at the Aberdeen normal school. His story is as follows:

"Nebraska has but few legends to lend pith to the ordinary prosaic routine of her busy life. The following legend of Weeping Water, is an interesting one, and is well worth a hearing, as well as preservation. Doubtless there are many people in the state who have perhaps not heard of it, and some of those perhaps not far from the scene of action. The Weeping Water is a beautiful little stream in the southeastern part of Nebraska, too large to be called a creek, but scarcely large or dignified enough to be called a river. Be that as it may, those who live within easy reach, and are able to enjoy its scenery wish it none other than it is.

"But it is with the origin of the stream and not its beauty, that we are concerned, and here it is that the legend becomes of interest. Many years, perhaps centuries ago, two Indian tribes lived the plains of what is now eastern Nebraska. They were very hostile toward each other, for each claimed this particular territory as its ancestral hunting ground. As years passed on this hostile feeling grew more and more strident. These were not the days of arbitration, compulsory or otherwise, and it soon became evident that the only means of settlement lay through an appeal to the sword of war. It also came that upon the same night each tribe planned to surprise and destroy the other, with the result that at early dawn, each found itself face to face with its dreaded enemy. The battle was fierce. Upon the result hung the fate of the whole tribe, and of all that is dear to the heart of an Indian. Each warrior fought with the desire for revenge. All day the battle lasted with varying successes and defeats on both sides. Now one of the tribes seemed to be the complete master of the field, when suddenly from an ambush would rally forth a swarm of men and overawe the victors with a shower of arrows. No point of the compass pointed out safety of escape. Every tree, every bush, every bank hurled forth its deadly weapons. The result was the total annihilation of one of the tribes and only a handful of the other was left to tell the story.

"As the days passed on and no tidings came to those of the vanquished tribe who were left in the camp, they became uneasy. They knew only too well the meaning of a council war had and it was decided to go in quest of the buried dead. It was indeed a sad sight that greeted them when they arrived upon the scene. There were tears, many tears! After they had buried their dead another council war was held at which it was decided that each year upon the anniversary of the battle the whole tribe should journey to the scene of the slaughter and there lament their dead heroes. This custom was dutifully kept up until the white man appeared upon the scene and nudged the Indians farther west. But meanwhile a great many tears had been poured out, so many, indeed, that a little stream was formed and made its way down the valley. The bed of the stream is very uneven and broken by many little falls and because of this (as well as from the ceaseless murmuring and complaining, and so it was christened the Weeping Water. It was in these complaints that the water heard the following voice:

"The Voice from Weeping Water Though all nature around us is smiling, There's a note of despair in the song. Come tell me, no longer beguiling, Come tell me the tale of thy wrong. Then a murmuring soft as the breeze— 'Tis wailing as the sighing of waves— 'I'm grieving the death of my kinsmen, 'I'm grieving the death of my braves.' There is joy in the bobolink's singing, There is music in every nook; But deep in my heart keeps ringing The longing lament of the brook. 'Tis the wailing of an Indian maiden, Like the moaning of far distant waves. 'Return me, return me my lover, 'Return me, return me my braves.'"

LIKE OF BRIGHT LIGHTS CAUSE OF HER DEATH

ALICE RINEHART, OMAHA WOMAN SHOT, WELL KNOWN IN HIS SECTION.

From Monday's Daily. The experiences of Alice Rinehart, former Nebraska City woman, are like the lurid movies stories, ending when her life went out in the fire of a revolver at her apartments, 2102 Chicago street, Omaha, early Saturday morning.

Mrs. Rinehart was attracted to the wild life of the city, her aged mother, Mrs. Effie Holman of Tarkio, Mo., told the Omaha police yesterday, when she came sorrow-stricken from her home to look her last upon the wandering daughter who had died at the hands of one of her admirers, the police claim.

Members of the family of the girl reside in Nebraska City and it was from there that she came to Omaha and entered her bohemian life that terminated in death in a few months.

On one of her trips to and from Nebraska City it is alleged she was a member of a party captured here carrying booze and while not the party charged with possession of the liquor she assisted the members of the party in securing the funds to settle their fines.

The aged mother with all of the tenderness of a mother, recalled the kindnesses of the dead girl as she waited in the Omaha undertaking rooms where her child lay and offered many instances of her thoughtfulness for her family even when she was living in Omaha.

The alleged murderer, Mike LaPorte, carnage singer and musician, in his cell declared his love for the dead girl. LaPorte was arrested by Detectives Gurnea and Anderson at 1:30 Saturday, after the day had been spent hunting for him in dives and resorts. He was found at the home of a friend at 629 Pierce street. He said he had roamed the streets until daylight and then sought refuge with his friend. He said his real name was Adams.

The singer and guitar player would not admit he shot the woman. "I don't remember shooting her," he said. "We had been going from place to place, drinking and having a good time, all night," he said. "In the last place we stopped she asked me to bring, 'Leave me With a Smile.' It was her favorite, I did."

"Then she wanted me to sing it again, I refused. She seized my guitar and broke it over my back. Then we began to quarrel and started for home. All the way we kept quarreling and when we got to her room she screamed, 'I'll kill you!' and seized a gun.

"A Shot was Fired "She hit me over the eye. I tried to take the gun from her. We staggered back and forth across the room upsetting furniture. Then a shot was fired. I was scared and ran from the place."

LaPorte told detectives the woman began drinking last night, and when she refused to stop he joined her. He said he had known her three months and that he met her in a place where he was playing. "She was attracted to me by my music, I guess," he asserted.

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She had been married twice. Her second husband was Verl Lisbey, formerly of Nebraska City and now living in Waterloo, Ia. She lived with him but a few days and then took the name of her first husband. At Nebraska City it was not believed she had obtained a second divorce.

Frank Stewart, who completed Friday night's fortunes, also came to Omaha from Nebraska City. He and the Rumbaugh woman were held as witnesses.

The gun used in the shooting has not been located. N. P. Swanson, undertaker, Saturday night got in touch with the woman's husband, Lisbey, in Marshalltown, Ia. He told the undertaker they had not been living together for some time but that he might come to Omaha Sunday night.

HAS PAINFUL FALL From Monday's Daily. Mrs. Nicholas Holmes Saturday afternoon had a very painful fall at her home on North Fourth street and which it was thought for a time had resulted in the fracture of one of her lower limbs, but fortunately the result was only a severe bruise and which at the advanced age of this estimable lady has made it difficult for her to get around. She was taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Moeckenhaupt where she will be cared for until she is over the effects of the fall. The reports from the Moeckenhaupt home are that she is doing very nicely.

Farm loans now made at 5%.—Searl S. Davis, 201 Plattsmouth State Bank Bldg.

SALE DRAWS HEAVILY

The special aluminum sale held Saturday at the hardware store of Bestor & Swatek proved one of the greatest events of its kind held in the city in many months and from the opening of the sale at 10 o'clock and the morning until the last hours in the evening the shoppers filled the store and from the way in which the shoppers visited the various counters where the bargains at 5c, 6c and 7c were displayed, G. E. Pawley, factory representative of the Quality brand, was on hand to assist in the search and it kept all the clerks and proprietors of the store on the run to handle the sale and something like 1,000 pieces of aluminum were sold during the day. The result of the sale proved that advertising is the real thing in modern business life and the offer was advertised in the Journal and the result proved more than the greatest expectation of the proprietors of this wide awake hardware.

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WEDDING OCCURS IN SOUTHERN CLIME

Miss Helen Louise Wilson and Mr. Dwight Arthur Propst Married at Lake Worth, Fla.

The wedding of Miss Helen Louise Wilson, daughter of Mrs. J. A. Wilson, and Dwight Arthur Propst, was celebrated at Lake Worth, Fla., on Saturday afternoon, December 9, at 4 o'clock, by Rev. Daniel Stewart, of the Christian church.

A reception was held after the pair had become united, over fifty guests being present. After which supper was served, four young friends of the bride, the Misses Jennie Thomas, Leah Allison, Dorothy Drink and Irene Christie assisting in waiting upon the guests.

Later the happy couple went upon their honeymoon trip to the south. The bride wore a travel dress of rose colored Canton crepe.

The bride has been a resident of Lake Worth for over a year, while the bridegroom, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Propst, has lived here for the last two years. Both have made many friends here who attended their friendship in a substantial way. Mrs. D. W. Gans loaned for the occasion a real live handkerchief used at her own wedding and also a score of others.—Lake Worth (Florida) News.

DEATH OF MRS. ANDY RUSSELL IN WEST

Former Resident of Plattsmouth is Called to Her Reward at the Age of 33 Years.

From Monday's Daily. The many friends here of Mrs. Andy Russell will regret to hear of her death which occurred at the home at Haxton, Colorado, on November 18th. The funeral services were held there on November 18th. Mary Evelyn Conant was born at Plattsmouth, March 3, 1889, and was married to Mr. Andrew Russell in 1905. She died at Haxton, Colorado, November 16, 1922.

She leaves to mourn her death the husband and three children, Hazel, age 12; Virgil, 10, and Edna, 6, besides one sister, Ivy Ford, of Waltham, Kansas, one brother of Rapsine, La., and the father and aunt, Mrs. Lina Kilbow who also live at Rapsine. She was a great niece of Mrs. A. Graham, of Pacific Junction and a niece of V. W. Price and Mrs. Charles Piper of Plattsmouth. Mrs. Russell lived in Plattsmouth for a great many years, spending her time here until about twenty years ago when the family moved to Haxton, Colorado, where they have since lived.

The family have the sympathy of the many old friends here in their bereavement.

VISITS FRIENDS HERE

Henry Hoffart, county commissioner of Pierce county, together with his estimable wife, was here visiting with old time friends in this vicinity and as guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Falter, the last of the week. Mr. Hoffart was at Omaha attending the convention of the commissioners, supervisors and clerks and as usual decided to drop down and visit his dear county friends for a time. They returned yesterday to their home at Plainview and before returning home Mr. Hoffart called at the Journal and had his subscription renewed for another year.

LOTS OF PEP AT SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL

COMPLETION OF PAVING AND SEWER BRINGS UP MATTER OF SETTLEMENT.

From Tuesday's Daily. The city council indulged in one of their long winded sessions last evening that made the clock mark their stipend and a great many matters came up for attention ranging from the removal of corpses, to the new lighting contract.

In the opening of the session a communication was read from J. C. Kowalski, district manager of the Nebraska Lighting company, in which he answered the request of the council as to why the new street lights ordered had not been installed. He stated that pending the installation of the electric system the company had refrained from putting in the lights as a part of the material of the present service would be used.

City Clerk Duxbury reported that he had collected the sum of \$192.65 for the month and this report was referred to the finance committee as was that of City Treasurer Harford who reported the various funds in the city treasury at this time. The funds over and over amounted to \$12,000, the net balance in the treasury \$20,928 and registered warrants for \$12,000.

The chief of the fire department gave his report for the year which covered the history of his department for the entire twelfth month.

The judiciary committee of the council gave a report on the matter of parking automobiles on Main street through a resolution that provided for the parking of the cars on the sides of Main street instead of the center as has been the custom heretofore.

The judiciary committee also reported on the application of Clifford Park for permission to install a filling station at 4th and Pearl street. It was recommended that the same be not allowed. These reports were both adopted.

The cemetery committee through Chairman Vroman reported that the committee had looked over the matter of prices for disintering bodies in the city and submitted them to the council and after reading the various rates charged it was decided that the price of \$15 per body charged by Mr. Tulane was not excessive and the city clerk ordered to notify the Crisly Undertaking company of Omaha who had raised the question.

The report of the finance committee explaining the claim for services of the special police employed in the emergency caused by the outbreaks in the city over labor disputes, brot some discussion by the council. Councilman Ptacek amended the motion to approve the bill with one condition, the police bills to be paid by the city when an emergency arose, being ordinance 100 and the ordinance passed by the council in July, 1922. Mr. Rawls also pointed out the fact that the mayor in his printed notice had declared the existence of an emergency in the community that demanded the appointment of additional police for the preservation of the peace and dignity of the city.

Councilman Bestor thought a delay in the bills was unnecessary and the council should go ahead and allow them or not as the matter was fully understood.

On the vote to allow the bills, Bestor, McCarty, McMaken, Knorr and Vroman voted aye and Ptacek, Howe, Brittain, Schulhof and Sebaska nay.

The final estimate of the paving work on Main street was read showing the sum of \$12,349.99 and the contractor with a total cost including claims already allowed in the district of \$41,941. On motion of Councilman Ptacek the \$416.09 was retained by the city until acceptance of the work.

The resolution to sit as a board of equalization to levy the tax for the paving was set for January 10th at 3 p. m. and the meeting of a board of equalization on sidewalk resolutions fixed for January 10th at 9 p. m.

On the Washington avenue sewer the final estimate was read showing the sum of \$1,465.15. The Madison Construction company, the contractors, and this was allowed subject to the claim of the Keystone Pipe company for \$1,100. In order to complete the payments the finance committee recommended the transfer of \$800 from the business tax fund to the sewer fund which was carried.

The first partial estimate of labor in the electroler district was read showing the sum of \$1,031.33 due the contractors, and in addition the usual five per cent of the engineers for their services and this was allowed.

The final estimate for material in the electroler district was read showing the cost of forty-eight posts at \$1,920 and with the cable and

MAKES TWO VERY GOOD FARM BUYS

Frank Valley Purchases the Robert Shrader and Lefe Nelson Farms South of City.

Frank Valley, the bustling real estate dealer, has just concluded two very pleasing land deals which put him in possession of two of the excellent farms of this portion of Cass county. He has purchased the Lefe Nelson farm of 155 acres south of this city with all the stock and machinery and crops and as well has bought the Robert Shrader land near Murray with the stock and machinery.

Frank is expecting to hold a sale in the near future on the Shrader farm and later in the spring will sell the Nelson stock and machinery. It is an excellent buy of the two farms and Mr. Valley has shown himself an expert land dealer to secure them.

BURNING OUT OF CHIMNEY CAUSES A SCARE

From Tuesday's Daily. This morning the fire department was called out about 7:30 by an alarm turned in from the residence of Will F. Wurga on high school hill, where a burning chimney caused some apprehension that it might result in a serious fire. The department responded promptly and on their arrival looked over the situation, but found no indications that the burning out of the chimney had caused any serious results. This is very fortunate as with the extremely cold morning it would have made the fighting of fire a difficult matter.

TO TRY CASE

From Monday's Daily. This afternoon C. A. Rawls departed for St. Louis where he goes to defend the interests of School District No. 1 of this city in a preliminary trial of this case in the U. S. circuit court of appeals in the action in which the Pomeroy Furnace Co. is a party against the school district. The matter was tried in the U. S. district court and the school district was sued for \$4,000. At the trial the school district secured a victory and a judgment for \$5,000 against the furnace company on account of a defective heating system. The company appealed to the higher court.

Table with 2 columns: Bill Number and Amount. Includes items like 'Neb. Gas & Elec. Co., street lights', 'McMaken Truck Line, dray', 'Bruce & Group, engineering services', etc.

DOING VERY NICELY

From Tuesday's Daily. The reports from the bedside of Emmett Stone at Falls City state that the injured young man is doing very nicely and that he will probably recover from the effects of his accident of last week which resulted in the loss of his left eye. Mr. Stone it will be remembered was injured when a shotgun exploded with him, destroying his eyesight and also injuring his left hand in the accident. It will be some time before he is entirely over the effects of the accident but the family and friends are hopeful that he may continue to show improvement.

You will find the finest line of Christmas stationery in the city at the Journal office.

Advertisement for The First National Bank, featuring the text 'This Bank will collect without charge. Victory Bonds bearing the letter A. B. C. D. E. or F. Also War Saving Stamps due Jan. 1st, 1923. Registered Stamps Must Be Collected at the POSTOFFICE THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK PLATTSMOUTH NEBRASKA Member Federal Reserve'.