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KILLED IN A GUN FIGHT

Bingham Men Engage in Duel Wednesday Afternoon—One Dead and Other in Hospital

George Rowding, aged 25, was almost instantly killed at Bingham at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, and Ralph Dayley, aged 23, lies in St. Joseph's hospital in Alliance in a serious condition, with a bullet in his chest, the result of a duel between the two men.

Dayley was brought to Alliance this morning on forty-one by his father, J. C. Dayley, and Dr. Barr of Hyannis. He was shot under the left arm, the bullet entering his chest and passing through to his right side. It has not been located and will not be probed for until he is in a stronger condition.

The story of the fight and its cause, as told to a Herald reporter by J. C. Dayley, father of the injured boy, is as follows:

Ralph Dayley attended a dance at the Blake homestead, fifteen miles southeast of Bingham, Saturday evening, accompanied by his three brothers and three sisters. The Dayleys have homesteads close together twenty miles south of Bingham. At the dance was a man, another homesteader, by the name of Geo. Rowding, and a homesteader by the name of Hutchinson.

Rowding was dancing suggestive dances when the Dayley girls noticed it and objected, telling their brother, Ralph, who went to the floor manager and asked him to have the dancing of this kind stopped. The floor manager, Clyde Thompson, told Rowding to stop, whereupon Rowding grew insulting and invited Ralph Dayley outside to settle the matter. Rowding was a heavy man, weighing perhaps 200 pounds, while Ralph Dayley is slight of stature. Friends interfered and the two men went back to the dance without further trouble.

Wednesday morning Ralph, who had been sick for a couple of days, took his father to Bingham in a farm wagon. His father was on his way to Hastings, Nebraska, for medical treatment. Instead of going direct from Bingham to Hastings he stopped off at Hyannis on business. When the two men arrived at Bingham they saw Rowding and Hutchinson, who refused to speak to them but who passed them several times, as if they were looking for trouble. Ralph's father suggested that he stay and not take the train for Hyannis, but Ralph stated that there would be no trouble.

At 2 o'clock Ralph went to the livery barn to hitch up his team. Rowding and Hutchinson came up to the wagon and Rowding said to Ralph, "Are you going to take back what you said to me, or fight?" Ralph, according to the story told by his father, reached into the wagon and took out a thirty-two calibre rifle, telling the men to take a walk, that he wanted no trouble with them. They left, going west of the hotel.

A young man by the name of Wiley, working in the livery stable, where the team was fed, was an eye witness of the trouble. Ralph had hitched up his team and raised the lines, to climb into the wagon, when Rowding, who had gone to the harness shop and secured a revolver, appeared suddenly about twenty feet away and fired without warning, the bullet striking the wagon seat. Ralph grabbed the rifle, which was lying on the wagon seat, aimed and fired at Rowding, striking him in the left arm.

Rowding fired again, missing Ralph, whose gun had stuck, the shell refusing to eject. Ralph kept working with the rifle and finally got the shell out. The two men then fired at the same instant, Ralph's shot striking Rowding in the right side of the chest and Rowding's shot striking Ralph under the left arm.

Rowding was carried to the hotel but lived only a few moments.

Ralph dropped his rifle and climbed into the wagon seat, losing consciousness. He was carried into the hotel with the body of Rowding and Dr. Barr was wired for at Hyannis. An auto was taken by Dr. Barr and Ralph's father. The trip was made in the high wind of Wednesday afternoon.

The elder Dayley returned to Bingham this noon to attend the inquest to be held there during the afternoon over the body of Rowding. Rowding's parents, who live near Broken Bow, were notified by telegram of his death.

Bingham, Nebr., March 27.—The coroner's jury, impaneled to investigate the death of George Rowding, who shot and killed on Wednesday by Ralph Dayley, who now lies in the hospital at Alliance, returned a verdict late Thursday night that Rowding came to his death at the hands of George Dayley. The body of Rowding will be buried here this afternoon at the expense of the county.

Sheriff A. D. New acted as coroner at the inquest. The jurors were F. A. Williams, E. Shaferberg, E. R. Davis, Robt. Howell and B. D. Stephenson. The following witnesses were called: Mrs. B. D. Stephenson, Ralph McConkle, Geo. Lovett, Roy Willey and Rose Hutchinson. Hutchinson and Willey were eye witnesses to the shooting. Both testified that Dayley had previously called Rowding a vile name. They stated that Rowding came down to the livery barn where Dayley was hitching up his team and asked Dayley if he was going to swallow the vile name he had called Rowding. Dayley did not reply but walked to the wagon, pulled out his rifle and pointing it at Rowding told him to go away and not bother him again. Rowding ran away but returned in about three minutes and began shooting at Dayley.

It is hardly probable that Dayley will be prosecuted for the shooting if he survives his wounds.

DIRECTORY IS BEST ISSUED

Herald Job Department Turning out Fine Piece of Printing Work—Mostly on New Machine

The new telephone directories now being turned out by The Herald's job department are pronounced the finest ever gotten out in Alliance. All of the typesetting, borders and rules used in the directory, excepting the largest display type, were made on The Herald's new Intertype. The color of the cover this time is blue.

The Nebraska Telephone Company's end of the work—furnishing copy, reading proofs, etc.—is progressing rapidly and efficiently under the direction of Manager Currie of the Alliance exchange.

FATHER DIES; CALLED EAST

Alliance Postoffice Employee Received Telegram Telling of Death of His Father

F. W. Hicks, a member of the Alliance postoffice force, received a telegram Saturday morning telling him of the death of his step-father, C. W. Parkyn, at Algona, Iowa. Mr. Hicks left that noon for the funeral. Mr. Parkyn was a retired business man of Algona. He had been sick for about two years. Mr. Hicks will be gone about a week.

LANDS NOT THROWN OPEN

Forest Service Denies Report That Plans Were Being Made to Open Forest Reserves

A report that the remaining forest reserve lands in Nebraska were about to be thrown open caused considerable agitation among parties who were concerned, letters being received in Alliance by the newspapers and commercial club, asking them to use their influence in the matter to prevent it.

The matter was taken up with the forest service, which denied that there was any intention of throwing open the lands. Parties of surveyors had been classifying the lands for the service.

Dennis Landrigan Buys Ranch

Dennis Landrigan returned from Ellsworth Thursday where he has purchased from Wm. Boland a 640-acre ranch. He will load his car Monday and move there. He also purchased several head of cattle and will become a full-fledged rancher.

HOWARD ATTENDS MEETING

Burlington Immigration Man Attended Meeting of Executive Board of Commercial Club

S. B. Howard, successor to D. Clem Deaver of the Burlington immigration department, attended the meeting of the executive committee of the commercial club Friday evening. Mr. Howard was in Alliance for the purpose of ascertaining the kind of advertising desired by the commercial club. While here he visited and became acquainted with a number of the business men. In company with J. C. McCorkle he also made a trip out over the surrounding country. He was agreeably surprised at the large amount of building which has been going on in the country lately.

Ed Marks was appointed a special committee to secure and compile the statistics and information desired to furnish to the Burlington. It is very probable that a special booklet will be printed for Box Butte county and distributed free of charge by the Burlington.

That dairying is the best paying proposition for the farmers of this section is the belief of Mr. Howard, who has been with the Burlington immigration department for seven years and who has made a study of the proposition.

In the opinion of Mr. Howard, there will be a big movement of farmers towards this section this coming fall. Eastern Nebraska and western Iowa will be the location from which most of those who emigrate will come.

SAVED TOWN OF ARDMORE

People of Neighboring South Dakota Town Give Credit for Saving Town to Motor Truck

Ardmore, S. D., March 26.—Fire which started in an implement warehouse in the northwest part of town at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon threatened for a time to destroy the entire business section. The wind, according to the government gauge, was blowing forty miles per hour at the time of the fire.

The people of Ardmore are today giving credit to their new motor chemical truck for saving the town. The water supply of this town is very meagre, there being no water system. When the motor truck arrived the warehouse was a mass of flames. It was so hot the firemen were unable to pass between this building and other buildings on each side.

Seeing that they would not be able to save the warehouse the chemical streams were turned on the buildings on each side, putting out the fire each time they caught. The efficiency of a chemical truck in fighting fire was demonstrated here.

ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES

Petitions Filed Today for New Candidates for School Board for Coming Year

Petitions were filed with the city clerk today asking that the names of A. J. Macy, Mrs. C. E. Willis and Mrs. J. A. Mallory be placed on the ballots as candidates for members of the school board. The present candidates, to fill three vacancies, are C. A. Newberry, W. H. Swan and A. S. Mote.

RETURNS FROM EASTERN WARS

Sam Laskus, a Greek who left Alliance nineteen months ago to join the Grecian army in the Balkan wars, returned Sunday to take up his work for the Burlington, after fighting in all the important battles of the wars. At Salonika he was wounded in the leg, being laid up for four months.

Kaskus fought against both the Turks and the Bulgars. He doesn't like the old country any more, however, and told a Herald reporter that Alliance looks good to him after all.

Advertise your wants in The Daily

MEASLES AT HEMINGFORD

Light Cases of Measles Play Havoc with Hemingford Schools—Half of Pupils Absent

Hemingford, March 27.—The city of Hemingford seems to be the home of measles. Numerous cases have just recently developed. This is playing havoc with the local schools. Throughout the entire school fully fifty per cent of the pupils are absent.

Gertrude Delsing and Blanch Wittsey were in Alliance last week taking exams.

A home talent entertainment is to be given Friday night. Miss Evalyn McBurney, reader; Miss Amelia Brahler, violinist; Miss Mayme Miller, vocalist; Miss Irene Miller, pianist and accompanist.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Curry, and on Friday night one to Mr. and Mrs. Planansky.

Alex Olds and W. L. Clark were business visitors in Alliance Monday.

Frank Mock, a former resident of this vicinity is visiting friends. He arrived on 43 Tuesday.

Russell Miller, who has been attending business college in Lincoln, returned home Sunday.

Otto Klemke has gone to Bayard for a visit with his uncle.

Mr. Hait, who was employed in the garage last summer and who has been spending his vacation in the south, returned to this city Monday.

B. U. Shepherd was an eastbound passenger Sunday.

McKlusky Bros. are loading their car ready to start westward.

FIRST CASE IN ALLIANCE

Herald Office Boy Has Symptoms of Severe Attack of Tangotitis—Examination Asked For

The Herald's office boy, or "devil", was severely attacked by the dread disease early this morning and it has taken the entire office force to restrain him during the day. All of the doctors in town have endeavored to find a remedy but so far have been unable to do so. If the disease of tangotitis takes a violent form he may have to be put in restraint, in which case Sheriff Cal Cox will be called in.

Emil Von Bergen, salesman for the Carpenter Paper Company, stated in an interview Monday with a Herald reporter that the tango craze had reached as far west as Grand Island. A young lady who came up from Mullen stated that several attacks had been received there.

Other parties are liable to be attacked at any time and there is danger of a general epidemic breaking out at the next firemen's ball.

TANGO CRAZE COMING HERE

Well Known Nebraska Traveling Man Says Alliance Is in Way of the National Craze

Emil Von Bergen, traveling salesman for the Carpenter Paper Company, of Omaha, predicted this morning that the tango craze will strike Alliance within a few weeks, if not days. Mr. Von Bergen told a Herald reporter that the wave struck Omaha some time ago and is now as far west as Grand Island, where, said he, even the dogs are tangoing in the streets.

In Omaha, said Mr. Von Bergen, mothers who have been sitting for years with their lace caps on their heads and their hands in their laps have forgotten their dignity and weight of years, and tango as well as the younger set. A stranger from out of town thinks the policemen are either crazy or drunk while pacing their beats. But if you will walk close to one and listen carefully, he says, you will find that the policeman is counting, "One, two, three, four, DIP," as he wends his way.

Mr. Von Bergen knew of no antidote for the craze, but predicts that it is simply a question of time until the craze wears itself out.

LIVE BUNCH OF FIREMEN

Alliance Fire Department Held Enthusiastic Meeting at City Hall Wednesday Evening

The Alliance Volunteer Fire Department demonstrated Wednesday evening that they are a live bunch when they gathered at the club room to discuss the proposition of an auto truck. Every member present manifested much interest and showed by their enthusiasm that they will carry the election for the truck.

The public will be given full information through the columns of The Herald regarding the motor truck, so that when they come to vote they can do so intelligently and know why this should be purchased for the department. The publicity committee is L. A. Surprise, C. L. Hill and Lloyd C. Thomas.

HOWARD OF OMAHA HERE

Assistant to D. Clem Deaver Arrived This Noon From Trip in Big Horn Basin

S. B. Howard, who for seven years was associated with D. Clem Deaver as assistant immigration agent for the Burlington, arrived on 44 this noon from a trip thru the Big Horn Basin. Mr. Howard has succeeded Mr. Deaver in his work and is making a success of it from the start.

During the afternoon Mr. Howard is visiting a number of the local business men and getting acquainted with them. Plans for thoroughly advertising Box Butte county are being discussed. He will leave for Omaha tonight.

RETURN FROM CALIFORNIA

Alliance Business Man Returns from Pleasure Trip Throughout the Western States

J. H. Vaughan returned Thursday noon from a pleasure trip to California. Mr. Vaughan went to California in October to spend the winter, Mr. Vaughan joining her the 20th of February. They were visiting at Long Beach and other points along the southern California coast. Mr. Vaughan says everything looks nice since the rainy season was over. Mr. Vaughan expects to return the middle of May.

INSTALLS NEW INTERTYPE

Chadron Newspaper Man Installs Machine in Plant Like That Purchased by Herald

Ben Brewster, publisher of the Chadron Chronicle, is installing a new Intertype, like the one recently installed in The Herald plant. Mr. Brewster believes in keeping right up-to-date and recognized the need of a composing machine of this character. The machine will be erected and installed by J. Carl Thomas, The Herald's expert machinist.

MUSICAL RECITAL IS COMING

A recital by the students of the Alliance School of Music is to be given at the Methodist church in Alliance Thursday evening, starting at 8 o'clock. A very interesting program has been arranged.

LOST LITTLE JAMES HUNTER

Little Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hunter Wandered 26 Blocks Before Being Found

Alliance friends of Mr. and Mrs. James Hunter received a card from them Saturday, written on the Pacific ocean between San Diego and San Pedro. The card stated that they expected to start home some time last week, stopping over at San Francisco and San Diego.

The card also stated that little James was lost while in San Diego being found in about two hours twenty-six blocks from the hotel. He was having a good time and did not know he was lost.

BINGHAM NEWS

Bingham, Nebr., March 27.—Mrs. Anna Welch went to Lincoln on 44 Tuesday.

There will be an examination in Alliance, the 28th, of this month for the postoffice at this place.

DEATH OF LITTLE BABY

Infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Marsh Buried at One O'clock Saturday Afternoon

Merle, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Marsh, died Friday morning at 6:30 o'clock. The baby took sick one week before. Merle was aged five months on March 4. The funeral was held at the Marsh home at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Rev. Woten and Rev. Barrett conducted the services.

Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to our friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy in the loss of our little baby.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Marsh and Family.

HIG SOCIAL GATHERING

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Wambaugh Host and Hostess at Hospitable Gathering Saturday

A very pleasant and social gathering took place at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Wambaugh ten miles east of Alliance Saturday evening.

The evening was spent in games, singing and music. A delicious supper was served and was very much enjoyed by all. At a late hour the guests departed, thanking Mr. and Mrs. Wambaugh for their hospitality.

Following is a list of the guests: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rock, Mr. and Mrs. E. Boyer and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sturgeon and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brandt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reeves and family, Mr. and Mrs. Simonson, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Boyer, Mrs. Mary Shave, Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Wm. James, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hier, Mr. Mapps, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes and family, Mr. and Mrs. Brown and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Wambaugh, Mr. Charles Fleet, S. H. Brandt, E. W. Wambaugh, Roy James and Fred Hoffman, and Misses Florence Ralls, Lulu Sturgeon, Inez and Mae Brandt, Josephine Hoffman, Nelly Rock, Gladys Hier, Lessie and Anna Reeves.

RECEIVES A GOOD POSITION

Chas. Hill, a well known Alliance young man, has just been appointed as foreman of the freight transfer department at the Alliance freight house. This involves handling of a crew of fifteen men and is a responsible position. Charley is experienced in this line of work and will make a capable man for the position.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions Passed by Alliance Fire Department on Death of the Founder of Department

Alliance, Nebr., Mar. 27, 1914. WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty God to remove from our midst our esteemed fellow member, Louis Buschenstein, known to all of us as the Father of the Alliance Fire Department, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Alliance Fire Department, hereby express our sorrow in the loss of our faithful and esteemed fellow member. We remember with pride the good work he always did for the Department, and the interest he has taken therein, be it

RESOLVED, That we hereby extend to the bereaved wife, children and other relatives, our sincere sympathy in the loss of one so true and noble, and with them cherish the memory of a man well liked by all, an honorable citizen, and a fellow member of whom we are all proud, be it

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, that they be inscribed on the minutes of the Alliance Fire Department, and a copy of same to be published in the Alliance papers.

T. P. ROLFSON,
Secretary.