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COMMITS SUICDE BY LEAPING THRU CAR WINDOW AS TRAIN SPEEDS ALONG

MAN BELIEVED TO BE C. J. SETTER OF ANNA, ILLINOIS WAS INSTANTLY KILLED BY JUMP FROM BURLINGTON PASSENGER TRAIN NEAR ALLIANCE TODAY.

Body Brought to this City by Freight Crew and Message Sent to Address Procured from Papers Found In Dead Man's Clothing.

BY NARROW MARGIN

Seventeen-year-old Boy Becomes Lost in Sand Hills—Finds Railroad and Takes Nap on the Rail.

Jack Thurmon, aged seventeen years, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. P.

The train, which runs from Casper

Chas. C. Starman, on rounding a

started back at top speed on foot along the train, declaring that he bad killed a man. He was joined

the pitch darkness along the track.

looking for the mutilated body of the

man whom engineer Starman felt

certain he had struck with the en-

After searching the track and roadbed for nearly half a mile back

sured by the relieved trainmen for sleeping on the track, he declared that he had not been asleep but that

he had become tired from a long tir-

ed sandhill walk and that when the

the top of the bank along the rail-

heard the approach of the train or

started to drive his Hudson car from

Alliance to Bridgeport, leaving Alli-

started on foot for the railroed, hop-

very tired, had seated himself on the

rail to rest and perhaps had been a bit drowsy, but that the coyote or

other animal which had followed

parents live in Lakeside, from where

he had started early Tuesday after-

noon for Bridgeport, going via Alli-

ance. He stated that he formerly

lived in Bridgeport and that Superin-

tendent Barge of the Hord potash

plant at Lakeside was his uncle. He

went back to the train with the train

Add Materially to Appearance of Store Front and Street.

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and disappear at regular intervals.

This addition to the front of the

The young man stated that his

him and kept him awake.

scared.

Young Thurman said that he had

road right-of-way.

gine pilot.

A man, believed to be C. J. Setter. of Anna, Illinois, was instantly killed YOUTH MISSES DEATH when he leaped through a window of a passenger coach of Burlington train number forty-four and in the fall suffered a broken neck.

From the only available source of information, a young lad who shared the same seat, it seems that the man, who is apparently about sixty years | Years, son of Lakeside, came near losof age, had started for Portland, ing his life at 11:30 o'clock Tues-Oregon, but upon reaching Craw- day night when he fell asleep while ford had for some reason decided to seated on a rail on the Denver line discontinue his westward journey of the Burlington nine miles southand return east. He is said to have passenger number thirty-two woke told the young man that he had tired him just in time to leap from the riding to the west. As the train was track and roll down the embanknearing Alliance, when but about ment. three miles out, he, without the to Alliance, was making about thir-slightest warning of his intentions ty-five miles per hour, when engineer made the leap.

Upon the arrival of the passenger curve in the sandhills, suddenly saw in front of his pilot the form of a train, which was late and did not sleeping man, seated on the right reach this city until about 12:30, a hand rail. He pulled the whistle freight crew was dispatched to the cord and gave the speeding passenscene and the lifeless body brought but the train did not come to a stop to this city and placed in the Glen for a third of a mile or more. The Miller morgue. County Coroner Lee engineer climbed from the cab and Bayse immediately wired to the bank at Anna, Illinois, asking for information and instructions, after formation and instructions, after by conductor Harry Bayliss, the checks were found among the be-lengings and other papers which porter, who hastened back through lengings and other papers which would signify the dead man had had Fusiness with the institution. No word had been received up to the time The Herald went to press.

ILROAD MAN HURT they suddenly came upon young Thurman, hatless, breathless and scared stiff. He was unable to speak for a few moments, and assessed RAILROAD MAN HURT

L. R. Rosell Injured Near Angora Last Priday—Brought to Alliance Hospital.

L. R. Rozell, for more than fifteen years on employee of the Burlington at this point, was seriously injured st Friday afternoon near Augora, when he was thrown backwards off a motor car used by the workmen in making the journeys to and from their work.

Mr. Rozell is employed with telegraph lineman's gang and as the crew started for their camp at Angora the gasoline motor car for some reason came to a sudden stop and he was thrown from it. In the effort to save himself injury he was dragged several feet. He was immediately dical attention, but Wednesmy it was found advisable to bring im to Alliance that he might be laced in the hospital and the best ternal injuries have been suffered.

IMPERIAL BUILDING WILL OPEN NEXT WEEK

New Structure a Credit to Owner and to Alliance—Best in the State.

The remodeling of the Imperial heatre building is about completed. Next Wednesday evening the opening will be made at w' ich time the famous minstrel show of Reese Brothers will entertain the first audience the Alliance's fine, new play house. The cast consists of fifteen people and the show is one of the best on the

The construction work is about anished; the mammoth pipe organ tors have nearly completed their operations. An anxious public awaits the grand opening, when it will be permitted to visit and look upon the finest theatre in the state outside of Omaha and one of the best in the country in a town of Alliance's popu-

With the completion of this splendid building several changes will come in the business locations of Al-Hance firms. Dr. George J. Hand second sotry of this building, where he will be offered comfortable, we' appointed offices; Guthrie & Miller's insurance office will be located in the insurance office will be south of the second source and second sou will move his office suarters to the main entrance and Glen Miller will The latest andbest electrical equipestablish in the room north of the establish in the room north of the entrance a first-class, up-to-date lighted the flash system used will cause the word "Harper's" to appear

The job has been a big one, but it has been wel done. Every feature has been taken care of in the best store will materially add to the ap-pearance of both the building and to manner possible and every convenience and comfort has been provided. The decorations, which were made be encouraged by the city council by the decorations, which were made be encouraged by the city council by O. C. Moore and his able crew of inauguration of a low rate for curby O. C. Moore and his able crew of inauguration of a low rate for curby of the city council by O. C. Moore and his able crew of inauguration of a low rate for curby of the city council by the city c artists, are beautiful and signify beyond all question that Alliance workmen are fully capable of doing things equally as well as the decora-tors of the larger cities. J. H. Kane, of the Quick Service Electric Shop, is installing the signs and making the necessary electrical THE LOGICAL LOCATION

Messrs. I fieloog fastroialH etais Sweet, who the matter of perfecting the organization which will conduct the Alliance Packing Company, returned to this city this morning from a flying visit to South Dakota and Wyoming points.

Mess's. Plumbe and Sweet went to South Dakota and Wyoming in order to sound public sentiments as to the feasibility of a packing plant in Alliance. It has seemed to them for a long while that every rule of business logic would justify such an industry, but they were anxious for corroborative were anxious for corroborative evidence; and in Dakota and Wyoming they went into the by-ways and hedges sounding out the farmers and cattle Paisers.

From what the people out in that section told Messrs, Plumbe and Sweet, this is one question which hasn't two sides. Everywhere in quiries were made the reply invariably was, "Yes, indeed; we're for it."

Not alone in Alliance and Box Butte county, but in all the mag-nificent stretch of trade territory contiguous, the realization is spreading that there can be no reason why a packing plant and commercial yards in Alliance should not be a substantial suc-

cess from the very inception. The Herald has heard the question pretty broadly discussed, and thus far no one seems to doubt the legitimacy or the entire feasithe legitimacy or the entire feasi-biltiy of the project. One thing that adds to the feeling of con-fidence is the indisputable fact that these two gentlemen made their appearance in Alliance with an array of gilt-edged evidence as to their personal integrity and performances.

GOLDEN RULE HOLDING

The Golden Rule is beseiged with eager bargain hunters this week since the announcement of the big clearance sale to be extended over the remainder of the month. Mr. W. B. Barnett, the proprietor has pur-chased a big line of fall goods and is determined to clean out all summer lines to make room for the new goods. A good sized ad in this legue construction and absolutely according to the engineer's specifications it was unnecessary) at their own ex-

head. After recovering from his HUMAN FLY SCALES FRONT scare and having been roundly cen-

self "the human fly" scaled the front be used. Brick, though it has a train suddenly came upon him he of the Newberry building at the cor-was intently engaged in watching a ner of Box Butte avenue and Fourth ner of Box Butte avenue and Fourth faults also. Its use will almost cercoyote or other animal which was at street Tuesday morning while a tainly produce a pavement which goodly sized crowd of thrilled spec- will under heavy traffic cause much is from Newark. New Jersey and out a doubt contain the durability. that in the eleven years which he has devoted to such endeavor he has scaled some of the largest buildings to either accept or reject the bid. If seen the headlight until the engine was almost upon him, when he gave a mighty leap and rolled down the bank. His hat, which he had laid be-side him on the rail, was lost and probably had been ground in pieces by the train. He stated that he had in the country, among which are: it is accepted the work will proceed of the principal streets and if such the Woolworth building, forty-seven at once; if it is rejected another call improvement program is carried to stories high; the Flat Iron, Singer for bids will be made.

and Times buildings of New York

It's high time s and Times buildings of New York It's high time something was City, and numerous smaller ones done. Let's go! throughout other sections of the ance about 8:30 o'clock; that he United States. He went from here to Cheyenne to again demonstrate A. H. Jones Company's branch in his ability to climb. In the spring this city is at Logan, Kansas this had run out of gasoline and had ing to find a ranch house where he could find shelter and gasoline. On reaching the railroad he had been he will return he told The Herald man with other feat performers to moving of the family to Alliance in give the people of Alliance another the immediate future. He is expect thriller.

TCITY COUNCIL **GETS ONLY ONE**

BEATRICE FIRM MAKES OFFER FOR CONTRACT IF BRICK IS TO BE USED.

Other Contractors Claim Estimates too Low on Other Kinds and Proposition Up.

Alliance must adopt brick for the pavement if such is to be accomplished this year. This much is certain since at the meeting of the city council held last Friday night held for the purpose of opening the bids of contractors, but one offer was received and that was made upon the brick construction. This bid war made by the firm of Sprague & Nicely, of Beatrice and was for \$4.48 per square yard on the pavement and the square yard on the pavement and the remainder of the work at the engineer's estimate. The offer was accompanied by the required certified check for \$9,000 and the job is to be completed by December 31st, if the bid is accepted.

Action in the matter was deferred by the council, as required by law, until August 27. This allows time for a selection to be made by the

for a selection to be made by the property owners and in case such selection is not made then the city council may proceed to make the

To the onlooker, who was aware of the presence of about twenty contractors, there came a question: "Why are the other firms not interested?" Inquiry brought forth from estimates are too low on the other kinds of paving and the sewer con-struction." Each representative contended that his firm could not meet BIG AUGUST CLEARANCE the requirements at the prices speci-fied; some claimed the guarantee clause provided for in case concrete was preferred made necessary too great an expense to make the ven-ture a profitable one and that they disliked the idea of guaranteeing a job built to another's specifications (not that they believed the specifica-tions were not sufficient to warrant

Public sentiment is strongly in-favor of the immediate installation OF NEWBERRY BUILDING of the paving. Taxpayers believe will be made with the future in miad John A. McKeller, who styles him- and that the best materials should

Calvin D. Walker, manager of the week making preparations for the moving of the family to Alliance in ed to return to this city Sunday.

TAX SCHEDULES FOR YEAR CALL FOR TOTAL 136 MILLS JOHN KRAUSE,

County Clerk W. C. Mounts has prepared the tax schedule for the coming year and it calls for a total levy of 136 mills. Of this amount fifty-one and six-tenths mills is that levied by the city of Alliance; seventeen mills, the county's share and thirteen mills for the state tax. The city levy is reduced in this schedule from that of last year's more than ten mills. The assessed valuation of property within the corporate limits is estimated at a million dollars.

"COLONEL" WATSON IS REAL PIONEER OF WESTERNERS

Colonel Pete Watson,, of Mitchell, genuine pioneer of western Nebras-ka and known to every citizen of this section of the state who lived here during the days of the cowboy, the saloons and the gambling houses, has been in Alliance several days this kin.
week, while Mrs. Watson is receiving treatment at the hospital here. Colhap onel Watson, at one time a large ranch owner and extensive cattleman of this section, was for many years a prominent figure in all stockmen's gatherings in this section of the state and was looked to for the making of a success in all such entertainments. While in the city Wednesday he called at the Herald office for a few minutes and we enjoyed greatly the short chatwe had with him. He says he still has the gray saddle horse which he rode in the parades a few years ago and that despite the fact that he is now beyond the three score year and ten mark he still loves to get astride a good horse and feel state and was looked to for the makto get astride a good horse and feel again the thrill of the days which again the thrill of the days which have forever gone from the pioneers of this vast cattle country. On one of his visits to Alliance, several years ago, during a big cattlemen's convention and blow-out he was photographed for a motion picture film while riding the gray horse which was always his pride. He avers he still owns some of the best horses in western Nebraska and says that he will so long as he lives.

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chell in a few days.

Assumed Chrge of Municipal Affairs Wednesday Morning and is Get-ting Things Done.

City Manager Cassius C. Smith ommenced upon his new duties

Wednesday morning. At this time Mr. Smith made no radical changes in the conduct of the affairs of the city and if any such are made they shall come after the same have been proven necessary by tators looked on. McKeller says he some other kinds, but it does withbusiness and will place each and every department on an efficiency Already he has affected great improvement in the appearance the other thoroughfares the new

manager will indeed have the sup-port of every Alliance citizen. He duties will be numerous and sundry; we feel confident that he will accom plish much and The Herald will record with pleasure the improvements as they are made.

AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDED BY DARLING

Motor Drawn Vehicle is Installed by Alliance Furniture Dealer for Emergency Use.

George D. Darling's new motor ambulance, for which he placed an order last February, is now at the service of the public. It is of the latest type and was built to the order of the owner at Sterling, Illinois, by the Rock Falls Manufacturing Company, of whom Mr. Darling bought his motor hearse three years ago.

The ambulance, unlike the models, resembles a large limousine rather than an emergency vehicle. It is so constructed that it may be driven to the curb as other cars and the injured or sick placed into the machine without particular notice of dustries, has been notably weak in potash, dye stuffs and optical glass— three necessary things formed. ample room for hte driver and two or three attendants if needed. The motor is very powerful; the uphol-stering and finish is the finest and the car is lighted with a pretty dome light and heated if desired from the motor. It is one of the very few of its type now in use in the county and

> This addition to the equipment of Mr. Darling is a distinct addition to the facilities within the city to care for the sick or injured. He is proud of his new possession and is justly so. It is but another step forward; another evidence of enterprise by Mr. Darling and something which will in time to come prove its wort to the community.

The Labor Day program is being prepared by the committees and will be a dandy.

POTASH KING,

SUCCUMBED TO SHOCK OF ACCI-DENT ON MONDAY MORNING.

Pioneer Settler and Large Ranch Owner Was Heavy Potash Investor-Estate Half Million.

Mr. John Krause, potash king of western Nebraska, died at St. Joseph's hospital in this city about 2:30 Tuesday afternoon, following injurles received on Monday morning from a gasoline explosion, which occurred while he was taking treatment in the offices of Dr. M. J. Bas-

The accident, which proved fatal, happened when Mr. Krause, who for some time had been taking vapor treatments in hopes that a limb, which was broken about a year ago when he fell from a horse and which has since been the cause of great discomfort, might be restored to its nor-mal condition, atempt to adminis-ter the treatment himself. For the purpose of producing the vapor a gasoline burner was used and in gasoline burner was used and in order that the correct temperature which is 400 degrees might be obtained a small pressure pump had been attached to the gasoline tank which fed the burner. Last Friday, while administering to the patient Dr. Baskin found that the pump was the found that the pump was the found and replaced it with anout of order and replaced it with an-other, which happened to be of a larger size. Upon this occasion Mr. Krause suggested that a greater pressure be placed in the tank, but the dector heeded not the sugges-tion and told Mr. Krause that such procedure would be dangerous. On the doctor's arrival at the office on Monday morning a woman patient was awaiting him. The two stepped into the private consultation room, after the doctor had acquainted himself with the fact that Mr. Krause was taking the treatment and after he was assured that he (Krause) was getting along in fine shape. A few minutes later the gasoline tank, which had probably been too well filled with air pressure, burst and the ignited gaseline was thrown over the clothing of Mr. Krause. The finsh was seen by Dr. Baskin, who to-gether with his brother, Dentist E. J. Baskin and the young lady in the office, rushed to the aid of the flame enveloped man. Everything available usable for fire extinction was used before the blaze was finally put with a large blanket, but the out with a large blanket, but the deadly work had been done. The injured man was rushed with all haste to the hospital, where all that medical skill could devise was done, but the shock was too great and he succumbed to its effects the following

John Krause was born at Fountain City, Wisconsin, July 24, 1869. He was one of the pioneer settlers of Western Nebraska and with brother, Herman owned a thirty thousand acre ranch on which are located some of the largest and best potash lakes in the state. During the potash shortage and the subse quent birth of the industry in Ne braska in 1917 he became famous in the potash world through the fact that his royalties income from the American Potash plant was estimated at \$2,000 per day. He also owned a controlling interest in the Alliance potash plant. Herman Krause survives. The estate has been frequently estimated at one-half million

Funeral services were held at the Darling chapel in this city, this af-ternoon. The remains were shipped to Fountain City, Wisconsin, where interment will be made.

JUDGE TASH, MAKES, SHORT WORK OF ESTATE CLAIM

Judge Ira E. Tash disposed of a claim made by John D. Haggarty, manager of the estate of John Haggerty, deceased, in jig time this week when he disallowed the claim after hearing the evidence and after but thirty minutes had been expended upon the case. The claim was for \$34,000 and this amount had it been allowed would have required the entire estate in settlement. matter will be taken to higher courts.

STATE POTATO GROWERS PLAN BIG CONVENTION

Plans are being made for the third annual convention and show of the Nebraska Potato Improvement asosciation, which will be at Rushville the second week in November. There are prospects that a bumper potato crop will have been harvested by that time. The association is urging all potato growers to plan to attend the convention. Whether able to attend or not every grower in the state is urged to send a 10-tuber exhibit of his spuds. Those who grow early potatoes in eastern Nebraska should store their show exhibits carefully. If they have no good place available, their exhibits will be placed in cold storage for them if sent to H. O. Werner, Secretary of the Nebraska Potato Improvement Association, University Farm, Lincoln.

The Future of American Potash

By Dr. G. E. Condra, Director, Nebraska Conservation and Soil Survey, University of Nebrask.

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crew and came to Alliance. He maintained steadfastly that the enimportance not only to Nebraska gine had not touched him and that potash producers, but to American he was unhurt, although badly potash producers the country over. Dr. Condra, the writer, is known as the best posted potash authority in the United States. Other articles of HARPER PURCHASES interest to the potash industry will follow in future issues of The Alli-**NEW ELECTRIC SIGNS** ance Herald.

The Future of American Potash. Attractive Illuminated Markers Will This subject is difficult to analyze because of the nature of the problem. It involves several factors, some of them being subject to political W. R. Harper is having placed on the front of the "Big Store" building

manipulation. The American potash development this week two large and attractive in its present form is an infant war-electric signs, which he purchased time industry. The institute is a time industry. The institute is a substitute for "reade in Germany" and will, if supported for a time, supplant the foreign product. It is strictly American and should livenot die.

The Americal Kali Syndicate, which has held a world monopoly on potash, seeks to kill the American potash industry. This was brought out at Washington in a recent hearing of the Senate Committee on Mines and Mining. Over and against the street. Such enterprise should the foreign force and propaganda is be encouraged by the city council by the patriotic sentiment of our citizens, which stands for America first, last and all the time. Just what attitude of the consumers of potash dence, or to be developed to a conmay be cannot be definitely stated at dition of independence. this time. The fertilizer companies want cheap potash, and some of

The following article is of unusual them would like to control its production. The interests of farmers who use the fertilizer must be conserved. This means that no influence either foreign or domestic should be permitted to dominate the potash situation in America. The problem is national and should be so considered.

There is a call for read patriotism when it comes to the needs, development and independence of our counthree necessary things formerly con-trolled by Germany. The weak points must be strengthened in order to insure greater national strength.

German potash, dye stuffs and op-tical glass failed us during the war. We were in distress. Then from necessity came progress and comparative strength in these and other points. Referring to the potash, it the only one west of Chicago. should be noted that the domestic production more than double the war, that, at this rate of advance the full requirements of our country could be met within the next two years. The industry has lost ground since the armistice was signed and the question is now whether it is to slip backward into a condition of depen-