

## Chief Mecomber and Officer Rogers Killed by Mexicans Last Evening.

Chief of Police S. C. Mecomber and Patrolman George E. Rodgers were shot and killed at 5:30 last evening by two Mexicans whom the officers attempted to search or arrest in the grocery store of Nick Chiros, a Greek, who occupies the brick building on Front street east of Pine. The Chief was shot through the head behind the ear and died instantly. Officer Rodgers in the back, the bullet piercing the body and coming out at the left breast, and he died within ten minutes after the shot was fired.

One of the Mexicans who did the shooting was shot through the neck by Chiros and is in jail. Whether his wound will prove fatal is not known at this time.

The story as told by Chiros follows: "Late in the afternoon two Mexicans I had never before seen, entered my place and going to the rear of the room seated themselves at one of the several tables I have there. As I was busy I did not pay much attention to them at first, but later noticed that they were sort of restless in their movements, and acted as though they were suspicious. At the time there was another Mexican I know, and three or four of my countrymen in the store. Presently the two officers came in, they loitered around the front of the store for a couple of minutes and then edged to the rear of the room stopping to look at pictures on the wall as they passed along. I was startled by the report of a gun and looking in that direction saw Chief Mecomber fall to the floor, three or four other shots followed and Officer Rodgers fell. The Mexicans started for the front door while I was behind the counter, and as the one in advance came opposite me, I reached for my 25-calibre Colt and fired at him. He had a gun in his hand, and as I fired the gun dropped to the floor, I attempted to fire again but my gun became plugged. As the second Mexican came along I dodged below the counter and as he passed out the door I ran from behind the counter, picked up the gun that had been dropped and fired through the plate glass window at the retreating Mexicans, but the bullet was deflected by the glass and went wide of its mark. I then stepped to the door and again attempted to fire, but found that the gun was empty of cartridges. The men crossed the street and turned the corner at the depot, I following and yelling to several men that the Mexicans were murderers but no one paid attention to my cries, and being unarmed I gave up the pursuit and returned to the store to see if I could give aid to the officers. I found Mecomber dead, but Rodgers still breathing. With the assistance of others we carried Rodgers to the front door so that he might get more air, but we had scarcely got him to the door when he died. I then telephoned the sheriff's office. Upon investigating later, I found that a mirror in the rear of the room had been pierced by two bullets, evidence that at least four shots had been fired. Whether one man did the shooting or

whether both fired shots, I don't know."

Upon receipt of the telephone call Deputy Sheriff Wilson responded and was accompanied by County Attorney Keefe to the scene of the murder. They found Chief Mecomber's gun in the holster, while Officer Rodgers did not have a gun.

In the meantime the Mexican whom Chiros had shot had dropped on the tracks north of the depot and was taken into custody. He was first taken to a hospital and his wound examined, and later conveyed to jail. The shot entered the left side of the neck but the ball could not be located. The bodies of the two officers were taken to the Derryberry & Forbes morgue.

The other Mexican is thought to have continued his flight north and a short time later is reported to have been seen at the fair grounds and that one man had taken a shot at him, but by this time it was dark and the fleeing Mexican could not be followed. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McEvoy, who were called here by the death of the former's father, returned Wednesday to their home at Glen's Ferry, Ida.

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B. A. ELIAS.

No disposition of the bodies of the dead officers will be made until a coroner's inquest is held, which inquest will be held today.

This cold blooded murder soon filled the streets with men and during the earlier part of the evening there was a pretty strong under-current of mob violence in the wounded prisoner in jail, but the advice of cooler heads prevailed.

The nerve of Nick Chiros in "getting" one of the murderers is to be commended. Had not his gun plugged or had the gun which he picked up had more than one cartridge in it, he probably would have "got" the second Mexican.

This cold blooded murder is the most awful crime in the annals of North Platte and has resulted in a strong resentment against further employment of Mexicans in the city or county. There is a general feeling that they should be peaceably warned to leave.

To the families of the dead officers the condolences of the entire community is extended; their loved ones were taken off while in the performance of a duty—the ridding of the town of suspicious characters that are a menace to the welfare of us all.

**REWARD OF \$150.00.**  
The County of Lincoln offers a reward of \$150 for the arrest of the Mexican implicated in the murder of Officers Mecomber and Rodgers.  
F. W. HERMINGHAUSEN,  
Chm. Board of Co. Commrs.

The War Mothers Club met at the federal building Tuesday evening on a called meeting for election of officers for the ensuing year. Mothers who had lost their sons in the world war were honored by election to the first two offices of the club. Officers for the coming year are: Mrs. Mary Elder, war mother; Mrs. Donegan, vice-war mother; Mrs. Sorenson, recording secretary; Mrs. Woodhurst, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. Clabaugh, treasurer; Mrs. C. S. Clinton, journalist; Mrs. J. E. Evans, historian and Mrs. L. L. Wright, parliamentarian. The invitation of the Maxwell post to attend in a body the state convention to be held in Maxwell on January 30, was accepted.

At the Presbyterian church Sunday the pastor will use for his morning subject "Immanuel, or God With Us," and in the evening at 7:30 "Saved from What?", which is the second in a series of discourses on the subject of being saved.

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THE FOUR FLUSHERS

WITH Dale Hamilton

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## DIVISION 88 ENTERTAINS NEW MEMBERS AT A SMOKER

Yesterday was an epoch-making day in the annals of Division 88, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers as during the afternoon thirty-two firemen who had become eligible to membership were taken into the organization. The initiatory ceremonies were held at the Labor Temple, and at the conclusion the brotherhood men marched in a body to the Episcopal church basement where a very excellent chicken dinner was served by the wives and daughters of the engineers. Stamp's orchestra furnished music during the meal and between courses T. N. Arnold and W. H. Munger led in singing popular airs, the orchestra furnishing an accompaniment.

At the conclusion of the meal, with W. L. Richards as toastmaster, Messrs. Bare, Grimes, Keefe and Grayson were introduced, each making a short address, in which were commended the good citizenship of the members of the division, and the efficiency and loyalty they had always given and shown the Union Pacific company. During the evening Mr. Arnold rendered a solo which was so well received that he was twice recalled. The evening closed with a talk on insurance by J. T. Stuart.

Division 88, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, is one of the oldest, if not the oldest labor organization in the trans-Missouri country, for it will soon be fifty-three years since it was instituted. It was on July 18th, 1867, that a charter was granted to Grand Island Division 88, and it was the first division organized on the Union Pacific system.

There were but nine charter members, and these were: Warren Lloyd, Jos. Cleburne, L. W. Rollins, L. O. Farrington, John Riley, Lafayette Schaffer, John B. Wells, W. H. Whitney and Robert Waugh. W. H. Whitney was the first chief engineer of the Division. The headquarters of the Division remained in Grand Island until 1873, when a dissension arose as to whether the headquarters should be removed to Omaha or North Platte. By a little smooth work on the part of two North Platte engineers, both now dead, possession of the records was secured, brought to North Platte and this city declared the headquarters of the Division. The Division, however, retained the name of the town in which it was organized until December, 1891, when the name was changed to George W. Vroman Division 88.

Install Officers.  
At a regular meeting of the Royal Neighbors Wednesday evening the following officers were installed: Mrs. Francis Stebbins, Oracle, Mrs. Jennie Willerton vice-Oracle, Mrs. Mary Able Past Oracle, Mrs. H. P. Hinckle Recorder, Mrs. Thos. Hauligan Receiver, Mrs. Wright Inner Sentinel, Mrs. Mary Hayes Outer Sentinel, Mrs. Chas. Moore and Mrs. Everett York were placed on the board of managers. After the installation Mrs. Mary Schmalzried was presented with a handsome leather upholstered rocker as a token of the appreciation of the order for her faithful services as recorder for twenty-three years.

For Sale—Almost new household goods. 619 west B. 103-4

Crystal, Monday.

GEORGE WALSH

in "The Shark"

It's a sex drama, so you must see it.

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—IN—

"Oh, Doctor."

## Dr. Wurtel's Return is Delayed.

In a letter to The Tribune Dr. Fred J. Wurtel says: "When I left North Platte I told everyone that I would be back in about three weeks, but I find that I will have to wait until about the first of February before I will be discharged. I am spending the rest of this month in New York taking up some new and special work on the heart. A man told me yesterday that if I was going to make a special study of the heart, that I had better stay right in New York, as prohibition had taken the heart out of nearly every one there."

## 1st Lutheran Church.

Morning worship, 11 o'clock, subject "Sins of the Tongue." Evening worship, 8 p. m., subject "Godliness." Sunday school at 9:45 with classes for all. Everyone welcome at our services. REV. C. F. KOCH, Pastor.

Will L. Clarke arrived in town a few days ago to compile the history of Lincoln county which will be issued by a Chicago firm.

Now is the time to have your painting and paper hanging done. H. H. Landgraf, phone Black 570.

## Fremus Forstedt Passes Away.

Fremus Forstedt, who had made his home in North Platte for a number of years, died at Scotts Bluff Wednesday evening. The deceased had gone to Scotts Bluff about six months ago hoping that altitude would prove beneficial to his health leaving his children with relatives in this city. He had been in poor health for several years, and had submitted to several operations. Death was due, however, to tubercular trouble. The body was brought to North Platte last night and the funeral will be held from the Lutheran church at 2:30 this afternoon.

## President Gray to Visit City.

President Gray, of the Union Pacific accompanied by other officials of the company, is scheduled to arrive in North Platte next Monday morning while enroute west on an inspection of the company property. It is expected that the official party will spend the greater part of the day in inspecting property at this terminal.

Dr. H. A. Fenner went to Fremont Wednesday to diagnose several cases for Dr. Richardson of that city.

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**SUITS and OVERCOATS**  
on sale at ridiculous low prices.

\$28 to \$30 values	\$35 to \$38 values
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<b>\$33.</b>	<b>\$38.</b>

Arrow and Monarch Shirts - **95c**

Ralston Shoes, broken lines - **\$5.90** Pair

MEN'S HOSE 25c value **17c** | MEN'S HOSE Silk Lisle **35c**

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North Platte's Foremost Clothiers  
For Men and Young Men.

Miss Sadie Trovillo will leave today for a visit with friends in Omaha. Sidney Spillman went to Lincoln Wednesday to spend several days looking after business matters. What is better to a tired man than to go home, light a good cigar, start his Edison on one of those restful Edison Re-creations? Let Dixon put one in your home.

Miss Lura Erb will close her work here as English instructor at the high school with the close of the semester next week and will leave for New York City to take post graduate work at the Columbia University. Mrs. Ralph North will take the place left vacant at the high school. Dixon's sight specialist is at your service.

## Keith Theatre, Thurs. Jan. 22.

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by C.W. BELL & MARK SWAN  
EVERY ROOM HAS A PURPOSE

The Funniest Farce ever written, Cast includes Eda Ann Luke, Walter E. Perkins, Will Archie.

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