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DEATH BY DROWNING.

Willett Pottenger Drowned in the Platte River Saturday Afternoon.

THE CORONER'S INQUEST.

The Corpse Discovered by Ralph Kincaid and Hiram Robine. From Tuesday's Daily.

A little before 3 o'clock p. m. Saturday this office was telephoned that Willett Pottenger had dropped dead up near the water works pump house.

Immediately a HERALD reporter repaired to the depot in search of details and obtained the information that Coroner Unruh had been notified, and had gone up after the body, and that drowning was the cause of death, the body having been found at the edge of the Platte river by some boys in bathing.

The corpse was brought to town as speedily as possible and immediately taken to Coroner Unruh's undertaking rooms and placed on ice, till at 8 o'clock p. m. the inquest was held in W. S. Wise's office eliciting the facts hereinafter stated, and arrived at the verdict given below.

JURORS' INQUEST, JULY 12, A. D., 1890. Inquest holden upon the matter and of the death of Willett Pottenger. Questions asked by Perry Gass.

Ralph Kincaid, witness, testified as follows: "That he went to go swimming and that Mr. Hixon asked the boys if they had seen Mr. Pottenger any place down the track and he said that he expected that he was drowned as he went up in the morning and he had not seen him since. Then we went up and went in swimming and we saw him there next to the shore. I told the boys that I seen him there and Robine went down to the pump house and told them we had seen him there. When I first saw him he was laying on his side head and his shoulders out of water, the water was about five feet deep. I think he fell in the water right at that place. His hands were laying at his side. I and Gibson pulled him out of the water. He had on all of his clothes except his hat, his face was in the water, he was laying on his side with his face in the water. There was no tracks about the place that I noticed. Hixon works at the pump house. I do not think the body could have floated in where it was found."

Hiram Robine, witness, testified as follows: "I was just started out swimming when Ralph Kincaid hailed me and said that Mr. Pottenger was drowned and I went down to the pump house and telephoned down to Boeck's store and then waited until Coursey and his cousin came from town and then we went up to where the body lay. Frank Coursey went to the place where the body was. I did not help take him out of the water. I think he was laying in the same position as Ralph Kincaid said. There was a current about four feet from where the body was. The water was shallow enough so that the body could lie right by the shore. I never heard Pottenger make any threats of committing suicide. There is part of a steep bank at the place where I saw the body and I think he must have fell off of the bank into the water. The place was about forty feet south of the pipe where they get water. I know that Mr. Pottenger was in the habit of going up to that place to fish. I think the place is a thousand feet north east of the pump house. I did not notice any tracks around the place. It was about two o'clock forty minutes in the afternoon when the body was found."

John Gibson, witness, testified as follows: "I was the last one of the boys to go up and had just got my clothes off and come to the bank as Ralph Kincaid said that he had found Mr. Pottenger. I run back and put on my clothes and run up to where Mr. Pottenger was. The body was laying on the side and most of his face was in the water and one

shoulder, and his feet was in the stream but not in the current, the water was about a foot deep where his face was and six feet deep where his feet was. The bank was very steep. I helped pull the body out and stayed there until Frank Coursey came then got a drink and came to town. I think he would float feet first."

J. W. Hixon, witness, testified as follows: "I saw Mr. Pottenger about 10 o'clock this forenoon; he came past the pump house water works for the city, and was going toward the Platte river. I passed the time of day with him as he passed and when he went down over the cinder pile he fell. He got up and picked up a stick and started off in a hurry up toward where the water works company have their supply pipe laid in the river. That is the last I saw of him until I saw his body in Unruh's wagon when they were taking it to town. When he passed me in the morning he appeared to be the same as usual. Yesterday morning he passed the pump house and told me he was going to take a bath; he also told me the same thing this morning."

Frank Coursey, witness: "I was sitting in the pump house this morning about 10 o'clock and saw Pottenger going up the track and did not see him again until I went to where the body was in the water; he was in the water partially and when I got there the body had partially pulled him out. The water was about six feet deep ten feet from the shore. I think he must have went out on the water works crib and fell from there and floated to the shore. The crib is about thirty feet from the shore north of the place where the body was found. There are roots at the place in the stream which form an eddy. The crib is twelve hundred feet from the house. I saw no person go up the track very soon after Mr. Pottenger went by."

John Stevens, witness, testified as follows: "Mr. Pottenger, and I, met at Mr. McVey's between 10 and 11 o'clock, Mr. Pottenger called me over to where he was sitting and asked me if I knew that he was turned out of his home and was left alone, and I told him I knew of it; then he told me that he was tired of living, but did not say anything about suicide; said he would not pass through another Sunday."

After which testimony the jury returned verdict as follows: "That we find that Willett Pottenger came to his death on July 12th, 1890, by drowning accidentally in the Platte river."

L. E. SKINNER, Clerk.

VERDICT.

State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss. At an inquisition, holden at Plattsmouth in Cass county on the 12th day of July, A. D. 1890, before me, J. I. Unruh, coroner of Cass county, upon the body of Willett Pottenger, lying dead, by jurors whose names are hereto subscribed, the said jurors upon their oath, do say, That we find that Willett Pottenger came to his death on July 12th, 1890, by drowning accidentally in the Platte river.

In testimony whereof, the said jurors have hereunto set their hands the day and year aforesaid.

L. C. STILES, R. W. HYERS, FRED KROEBLER, W. D. JONES, J. W. JOHNSON, A. B. TODD.

Attest: J. I. UNRUH, Coroner.

The testimony nearly all went to substantiate the theory of accidental drowning.

The funeral occurred at 5 o'clock p. m. Sunday from the residence of J. M. Roberts on Fifth and Locust street, the Rev. J. T. Baird conducting the service. The body was given a respectable burial in Oak Hill cemetery. The following acting as pall bearers: A. B. Todd, P. P. Gass, Jos. Gilmore, W. H. Newell, Thos. Pollock and R. W. Hyers.

Sage Vindicated.

In the case of the state vs. John L. Askins and William Sage, the verdict is as follows:

We, the jury, duly impaneled and sworn in above entitled cause, find the defendant, John L. Askins, guilty in manner and form as charged in complaint and find the defendant William Sage not guilty. John Waterman, foreman.

Wherefore it is here now considered ordered and adjudged that defendant, John L. Askins, pay a fine of ten dollars and costs of prosecution, amounting to the sum of fifty-nine dollars and that he stand committed to the jail until said fine and cost be fully paid. And it is further ordered that defendant William Sage, be and he is hereby discharged from custody by the court.

B. S. RAMSEY, judge. July 12, 1890, Received of John L. Askins sixty-nine dollars and seventy-five cents in full, for fine and cost in this action. B. S. RAMSEY, judge.

The grading on the "Y" at Union was completed Saturday, and it is likely the iron will be laid there soon, and the work of completion continue from that end.

Cass County Institute

OFFICE OF Co. Supt., Commercial Bank, Weeping Water, July 5th, 1890.

To the teachers of Cass county: I have the pleasure of announcing our annual county institute, which will be held in Weeping Water, August 18-30. The country and graded schools will commence September 1st. This late date for the institute will save you the trouble and expense of returning in the middle of summer vacation.

I have not and shall not renew or endorse any certificates. Fairness demands that all who expect to teach in Cass county identify themselves with the Cass county teachers and pass the same examinations.

The well furnished rooms in the school building make it possible to classify the teachers and conduct several recitations at the same hour. A normal course will be arranged and those who complete a three or four years course will receive diplomas and be excused from further attendance. Every teacher should be here Monday morning and make the institute his only business. It is not designed for recreation but earnest work. If you are rusty in any branches, study now and the institute will be more helpful. Hoping that this institute will help us to do more systematic, thorough and practical work and that all will heartily co-operate to make it a success. I am,

Yours very respectfully,

G. W. NOBLE, Co. Supt.

INSTRUCTORS.

Prof. C. H. Churchill of Oberlin, O., one of the best educators of that state, a large part of whose institute work Prof. White copied in his White's Complete Arithmetic.

Mrs. E. W. Edwards, of Elliot school, Lincoln, who will take up the "Underlying Principles of Primary Instruction." I have seen some of her work and know that it is just what we need.

Dr. B. J. Alexander, a specialist in botany.

Prin. A. H. Waterhouse, known to most of you as a valuable worker.

The people here have very kindly opened their homes and made room for about one hundred teachers at \$3.00 per week. Rates at Ward's hotel, \$4.00; at Gibbon House, \$6.00, two occupying the same room \$5.00 per week.

Mr. W. J. Monroe has kindly offered free use of his livery barn to teachers who can drive in each day. They must bring feed and care for their own teams, making him no trouble.

The Dundie County Pioneer, of the 11, says corn is doing fine these warm days. Wheat is ripening and the farmer would be happy, if it were not that he is always in fear that the rain, which is sure to come, will be tardy.

Republican Delegates.

The following delegations to the republican convention at Weeping Water Saturday have been handed us since last night's issue:

Mt. Pleasant: James Hall, R. J. Minford, W. T. Richardson, G. W. Young, John Philpot.

This delegation is instructed for Sam'l Richardson for county commissioner.

Weeping Water, 1st ward: S. C. Treat, Simeon Rector, Robt. Wilkinson, J. M. Beardsley.

Second ward: Jesse Davis, S. Fisher, Sam Coglier, Dave Woodard, Wm Dunn.

Third ward: Sam Rictor, Jno. Copple, A. L. Timblin, T. Shafer.

Salt Creek precinct: O. B. Polk, Geo. Clark, Wm. Coleman, Wm. Johnson, Geo. Finley, J. L. Barton, T. Samson, C. F. Hall.

This delegation was made up with respect to the office of county attorney and is solid for C. S. Polk.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

Board of Equalization met pursuant and as provided by law, all members of the board were present and the session was continued from day to day. Hearing complaints on assessments, consumed, June 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, and 24 when the board adjourned to meet July 7, 1890.

During this time the following errors were corrected and property assessed, having been mis-ed by the local assessors:

Table listing property assessments and corrections, including items like Land of Matt Lanhan, Commercial Bank of Weeping Water, and various lots and buildings.

Table listing property assessments and corrections, including items like al reduced, W 1/2 lot 4 bk 24, Plattsburgh city, reduced, and various lots and buildings.

July 7th, 1890.

Lots in Palmer's addition to the city of Plattsmouth reduced to \$20 per lot 545

Board of equalization met pursuant to adjournment, full board present, when the abstract of assessments were completed and the total valuation of Cass county for year 1890 was found to be \$5,214,500, upon which the following levies were made to meet the estimate of expense for the current year:

General fund, 7 1/2 mills on the dollar. Bridge fund, 2 mills on the dollar. Road fund, 2 1/2 mills on the dollar. B. & M. bond 3 1/2 mills on the dollar. Insane fund to be added to state levy (—) mills on the dollar.

Soldiers fund included in general fund levy 3-10 mills.

The following levies were made to meet precinct indebtedness:

South Bend bridge bond, 3 mills on the dollar. Louisville bridge bond, 4 mills on the dollar.

Plattsburgh precinct railroad bonds, 3 mills on the dollar.

The board then authorized the clerk to put on the levies for the several towns and school districts when they came in, and then adjourned as a board of equalization on July 9th, 1890.

BIRD CRITCHFIELD clerk of board

Judge Ramsey issued a marriage license today to Henry Elsen, age 27, and Mrs. Sophia Schultz, age 28.

Commissioners Proceedings.

Plattsburgh, Neb., July 10, 1890 Board met pursuant to adjournment, present, A. B. Todd, and A. C. Loder, commissioners, and Bird Critchfield, county clerk, when the following business was transacted in regular form:

The following bills were refused allowance:—

Table listing bills refused allowance, including items like Geo W Hardin, Medical aid to poor, A G Cline, guardian costs in Bauer case, Gibson, Miller, Richardson Co., Fred Kroeler, constable fees, Frank Stander, mdse, to Pat Clemme.

Official bond of Henry Stoll overseer district forty-two approved.

Following bills were allowed on the general fund:

Table listing bills allowed on the general fund, including items like W C Showalter, cost of Showalter vs Co's, Platts Gas Co gas and electric light, A Bach, mdse to poor, F Goes, boarding jury, John Clements, coffin to poor, Jones & Johns work on plumbing, W C Showalter, judgment, case, Pottenger, vs Cass county, Neb Tel Co, rent of tel., Geo Oehlerking, rent for poor, Matt Gering, salary for 2nd quarter, C D. Clapp & Co, mdse to poor, Robt Sherwood, rent of Co atty office, Lehnhoff Bros stationery, A Clark, mdse to poor, R H Frane & Co mdse to poor, J H Hall, examining insane "Hudgard", W C Showalter, clerk case, A Beeson fees, R E Farmer, fees in same, Wm Tighe, 33 70, Omaha Republican, stationery, Geo Harshman, keeping poor, Lincoln Paper Co, stationery, A B Knotts, printing, Frank Stander mdse to poor ask \$23 all'd, G W Noble sal co supt., State Journal Co, stationery, Plattsmouth Journal Co, printing, Eli Sampson, keeping poor house, Kate Oliver, boarding jury, John Martin, spikes, S W Orton, mdse to poor, Fred Kroehler, taking child to "home", Bird Critchfield, salary and expense, W C Showalter, costs "Showalter vs Cass county", W. C. Showalter, costs, Showalter vs Cass county, W. C. Showalter, costs, Showalter vs Cass county, John Lauer, keeping poor, B M Bonds, boarding jury, Geo Seales, balliff's fees, S W Hitt, filling jail lot, A C Mayes, engineering for company, W D Jones, special deputy sheriff for Plattsmouth precinct, F Burke, same, Fred Kroehler, same, Jas Grace, same, John and Wm Tighe balliff fees dist ct., F Kroehler, Ed Fitzgerald, Wm Tighe, boarding, guarding prisoners, A Crittenden costs case, insane man.

The following bills were allowed on the bridge fund:

Advertisement for Rheumatism treatment, featuring the name 'Stryker's Oil' and listing various ailments like Neuralgia, Lumbago, Sciatica, Sprains, Bruises, Burns, Wounds, Swellings, Soreness, Frost-bites, Stiffness, All Aches.

The following bills were allowed on district fund: Western Wheel Scraper, Coplow for district No. 21, O J Wortman, lumber for Dist. No. 15, Graham & Wilkinson spikes, Dist No. 56, J C Cummins, lumber, Dist No. 15, J C Cummins, lumber for Dist No. 41, A Sturum, lumber for Dist No. 41.

The board then proceeded to settle with the county officers, a full account of which will be given when through. BIRD CRITCHFIELD, County Clerk.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Geo. E. Dovey is in Omaha today. Major Cole of Pacific Junction was in the city this morning.

Mrs. C. C. Parme was an Omaha passenger this morning.

Mrs. H. C. McMaken departed last evening to attend the W. R. C. reunion at Geneva.

Elder Errett and wife departed this morning for Red Cloud, to remain two months.

Willard Wise is studying law with B. S. Ramsey, making the third student in that office.

Mrs. Geo. H. Prentiss and sister, Miss Clara Green, departed last evening for a six weeks' visit to Chicago.

Engineer George O'Neill, who has been on No. 23 and 24 out of Omaha to Lincoln, is now on the bridge run here.

Mrs. S. A. Davis and daughters, Eunice and Alice, departed this morning to visit with the family of J. C. Eikenbary of South Omaha.

Mrs. Wm. McCauley and daughter Rose, and the two little boys, departed last evening for a few weeks' visit with friends in Galesburg, Ill.

Mrs. E. O'Neill went up to Omaha this morning whether she was called on account of the serious illness of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Short.

Rev. J. D. M. Buecker, pastor of the M. E. church in this city, will address the people of Union on the amendment, Friday evening, July 18th.

W. D. Jones returned this morning from Omaha, where he and Mrs. Jones were called Sunday on account of the serious illness of their daughter-in-law, wife of Dal Jones. Little hope is entertained of her recovery.

Our Fourth.

Our natal day has come and gone. The eagle soared from early dawn. With stars and stripes heroic dress Perched he high with glory fresh.

Our native bird and native land. We love to vere like Spartan band. It cost our sires much blood and strife Now precious boon entwines our life.

So trained are we from east to west. From north to south, that millions rest From labor cease, join with the throng To music march with native song.

Thus year by year as time goes by. Our hearts unite, so eye to eye We see alike one flag to wave And thus we stand for country true.

When traitors bold attempt to trail Our flag in dust, we'll never fall To let them know a traitors doom This brief, in act with bullets soon.

'Twas God who gave to us our birth And guarded safe our ship of state, And by his hand he'll guide us still O'er stormy seas a nation great.

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Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Castle, Wis., was troubled with neuralgia and rheumatism his stomach was disordered, his liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven bottles Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Spaker, Catawba, O., had five large fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold by F. G. Fricke & Co's., drug store.

Temperance. McCarthy, the Irish orator, will address the people at Rock Creek Church next Sunday, July 29th, at 4 o'clock. Subject, "Wines of the Ancients." Singers will be present to render some choice selections. Collections will be taken to pay orator's expense. He will be at Murray church at 8 p. m. of same date. Subject, "My Cure for Intemperance." By order of committee.

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Notice to Creditors.

STATE OF NEBRASKA, ss Cass County: IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF F. Frederick Eickoff, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the claims and demands of all persons against Frederick Eickoff, deceased, late of said county and state, will be received, examined and adjusted by the county court at the court house in Plattsmouth, on the 17th day of January, A. D. 1891, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. And that A. D. 1890, is the time limited for creditors of said deceased to present their claims for examination and allowance.

Given under my hand, this 17th day of July A. D. 1890. B. S. RAMSEY, County Judge First insertion July 17, 1890.

Notice.

E. A. WIGGENHORN, Admr. J. ROUSSEAU, Guardian.

You are hereby notified that on Nov. 5, 1888, the east 1/2 of the northeast 1/4, section 24, township 11 north, range 13 east, Cass county, Neb., was sold for the taxes of 1887 and prior years taxed in the name of E. A. Wigenhorn, admr., and J. Rousseau, guardian, each an undivided one-half for the year 1887, that the time for redemption will expire on Nov. 5, 1890, and that unless the said land be redeemed from such sale on or before Nov. 5, 1890, I, Silas H. Elliott, assignee of the purchaser at said sale will on Nov. 6, 1890, apply to the Treasurer of Cass county, Neb., for a deed to said premises.

SILAS H. ELLIOTT, Assignee.

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