

## STARTLING IF TRUE.

Hon. W. B. Shryock Careless in His Accounts.

### A STATEMENT OF HIS AFFAIRS.

As Treasurer of a School District He Allowed the Funds to Pass From His Hands—Sensational Claims of a Life Insurance Company.

This morning's World-Herald prints the following concerning the late W. B. Shryock:

"When Hon. W. B. Shryock of Louisville, one of the two representatives from Cass county in the Nebraska legislature, was found dead at the Murray hotel, in this city, the night of July 2, there was great sorrow, not only in his house but also in Omaha and Lincoln, where he was well known and popular. When his funeral took place delegations attended from various parts of the state, costly floral tributes were laid upon his casket, and sorrow at the loss of an active and public-spirited citizen was unmistakably expressed.

Will Shryock, as he was popularly called, was a self-made man, had made a high mark in public life, and enjoyed a great deal of existence for one 37 years of age.

About ten years ago, after learning the printer's trade in THE PLATTSMOUTH HERALD office, he settled in Louisville, the hustling little village that nestles at the base of the stone quarries and clay banks on the north line of Cass county, adjoining the Platte river. He soon dipped into politics, and was elected treasurer of the school district. He cast his fortunes with Louisville's by opening a drug store, now the largest in the town. He did not confine himself over-closely to business, but took pleasure trips to Colorado, California and other resorts, on which his wife was often his companion.

As treasurer of the school district he was twice re-elected. The largest sum he had to handle was not over \$5,000, and he gave bonds in that amount.

At the last school election, June 26, this year, there was a strong sentiment for a change, attributable, if to any one thing more than another, to a belief that he was getting more than his share of the use of school money. There was no designated depository, and nobody questioned his right to use it. But he was always in favor of large levies and there seemed no particular call to expend them. So it came about that he was defeated by a vote of 104 to 30.

Shryock was greatly dejected over this state of affairs. The school directors met June 30 and that night he was expected to meet with them and settle his accounts. But instead he came to Omaha, stating that his business here was to close up the sale of a \$1,500 piece of property in Plattsmouth. During that night he came to his final account. The next evening he was found dead in his room at the Murray.

An autopsy was held, the coroner had an inquest and the verdict was that Mr. Shryock had died of heart ailure, the result of falls on his hip and knee.

Two years previously he had been struck by a base ball on the right knee and this had practically crippled him. A year later he had been thrown from a pony, aggravating the injury to the knee and also injuring the hip.

It was known that the school and amounted to nearly \$5,000, of which \$1,500 had been paid in to Shryock in June. The directors and the newly elected treasurer, Herman Pankonin, a hardware merchant of Louisville, had the accounts examined by a committee consisting of Judge White, William Thomas and Dr. Straight, but the latter, who was comparatively a newcomer, declined to finish the work. The others reported that Shryock owed the school district \$139, and they did not find any securities or other things to show for it. As Pankonin says, "The treasury is empty."

A demand was made on Shryock's bondsmen, two Plattsmouth men. Director Robinson says he has no doubt that they will make the bail good, in fact they have promised to do so if necessary. However, they and Shryock's friends were not satisfied and Attorney Halderman of Weeping Water and Expert Wilson of Plattsmouth are now at work on the books and a new report is promised soon.

Shryock was administrator of the estate of the late "Uncle Dick" Lewis, and after the report of the shortage of the school fund was made public there was consterna-

tion among the Lewis heirs. His final accounting was due in May, but he had postponed a settlement, though promising it in June.

Mrs. Ben Ward of Louisville, one of Lewis' heirs, has been appointed administratrix. The funds due the estate are estimated at about \$3,000.

County Judge Ramsey has assured Mrs. Ward that the affairs are not in such bad shape as was first feared, and as a Plattsmouth banker is on Mr. Shryock's bond, the heirs are not now borrowing trouble.

Hon. F. E. White, who was Mr. Shryock's colleague in the legislature, Mr. Thomas W. Shryock and Mrs. Celia Shryock, the widow, are the administrators of the Shryock estate.

In his will Mr. Shryock provided for the distribution of an estate which would amount to \$9,000 to \$10,000. His visible assets consist of his drugstore, his house and lot valued at \$2,500 and mortgaged for \$1,000, a building valued at \$1,500 and his life insurance.

Mr. Shryock carried \$3,000 in the Modern Woodmen, which was promptly ordered paid, upon the receipt of the coroner's verdict. It goes to the daughter, Lillian, a girl about 7 years old.

He also carried \$5,000 in the National Masonic Accident association. One of its agents—at least his business card said he did—has asked leading questions about Louisville and said that the company would contest payment, and he has advanced the startling theory that Shryock did not die from heart failure caused by accident and shock, but instead that he suicided, in view of financial embarrassment.

Mr. Eckstein, who manages the drug store and was Shryock's confidential man, when asked about this says he has talked with Adjutant Dovernman of the National Masonic Accident company and that Dovernman has not intimated that the company had any idea of doing aught than paying the claim. Eckstein says he is surprised at any talk of contest and has not heard it. If any were held a reopening of the post mortem would be necessary.

Besides the foregoing insurance Shryock carried \$10,000 in the Union Life of Omaha, \$3,000 in the Woodman Accident and \$10,000 in the Mutual Reserve fund and various mutual companies, aggregating \$22,000 insurance.

The Mutual Reserve officials say they have no idea of contesting. Shryock had carried the insurance \$7,000, for three or four years and they do not see anything to show bad faith. The money goes to the wife.

Union Life officials say they do not intend to contest. Shryock had carried the insurance seven months and had made it payable to his estate—that is, to go to the creditors if necessary; and had declined an offer to increase the insurance. His course was not at all like that of a man who insures with the intention of realizing on it.

Insurance men are of the opinion that if an accident company contests payments, it will be on the ground that the time between the accident and the death was over ninety days, or whatever limit is provided by the rules."

FOR SALE—Two desirable residence lots in Orchard Hill addition to Plattsmouth, within a block of the Missouri Pacific depot. For particulars call on or address THE HERALD office.

The Engineer's Side. The freight wreck yesterday caused considerable comment by the citizens as to who really was to blame, a good many laying the blame upon Engineer Mayfield; but let that be as it may the matter will be looked into by the officials and if the engineer was to blame he will probably be fired.

Engineer Mayfield's story puts an entirely different light upon the subject. He says a stock train pulled out ahead of his train and after his train had crossed the bridge and before he was aware the train had broken in two, he thought the train was going down the grade too fast and he put on the air to slacken the speed. The first time he was aware of the train being in two parts was after he had succeeded in slacking the speed of his train; the brakeman, who was on top of the car, gave him the signal to go ahead, telling him the train had broken apart. He says he pulled the throttle wide open and had the engine working for all it was worth, but he was unable to get out of the way as the air had set the brakes tight. The brakemen also corroborate him in every statement. If that is the case nobody was to blame.

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## PERSONAL.

R. W. Hyers went out to Lincoln this morning.

Louis Egenberger was an Omaha passenger this morning.

J. C. Shepherd was an Omaha passenger this morning.

Mrs. Langston and children departed this morning for their future home in Havelock.

Milton D. Polk, editor of the Evening News, went up to Omaha to take in the sights to-day.

Mrs. Walter Scott, of Omaha, is in the city, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McMaken.

Attend the garden party this evening at Garfield park and encourage the ladies of the reading room.

Dr. J. E. Hall of Weeping Water, who has been confined in his bed for a long time, is able to set up.

Mrs. Harris, of Michigan, who has been visiting for some time past with the family of J. I. Unruh, returned home this morning.

### THE ROUND-UP.

REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES SAT URDAY.

Everybody invited to attend the garden party at Garfield park this evening and get a dish of ice cream.

You cannot spend your time better, so go to the garden party this evening and listen to the music while you eat ice cream.

Henry Brumhober and Amalie Kueckler were granted a permit to wed to-day by Judge Ramsey. Both are residents of this city.

Mrs. Etta Holland of Greenwood was yesterday appointed microscopist at the Cuddahy packing house, South Omaha, at a salary of \$60 per month.

Remember that the republican primaries will be held Saturday afternoon. Every republican in the city should make it a point to attend.

J. N. Summers, foreman of the machine shop, had the misfortune to drop a large piece of iron on his foot yesterday, mashing one of his toes badly.

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Mrs. Samuel Chapman and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Daniel Mattson, left this morning for Colorado, where they will visit with relatives a short time.

Remember the P. E. O. ladies give a garden party this evening for the benefit of the public library. Music will be furnished by the City band. Donations of books are solicited.

Miss Lucy Walcott has recovered from the effects of the poisoning she received on the Fourth of July and has gone to Plattsmouth for awhile.—Weeping Water Eagle.

The primaries will be held in the Second ward at the school house; Third ward at Richey's lumber office; Fourth ward at police court; Fifth ward at the school house.

On account of the wreck yesterday all passenger trains went by the way of Council Bluffs, and consequently Plattsmouth only received one mail, and that in the evening.

A family quarrel was given to the public to-day on the street corner. The wife was trying to get her husband home, claiming that he spent every cent he could get hold of for liquor and gambling. A large crowd gathered and the couple amused them for a long while. They finally went away together.

Miss Nellie Beardley is suffering from an attack of typhoid fever which is giving her parents and friends much anxiety. That she will be able to overcome the disease is the wish of all who are in sympathy with this afflicted family. Her physicians have faith to believe that she will come out all right.—Weeping Water Eagle.

The republican primaries will be held in the city Saturday, July 23, from 4 to 8 o'clock for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention which will be held at Weeping Water, Tuesday, July 26 for the purpose of electing delegates to the state and congressional conventions, which meet in Lincoln and Nebraska City respectively. The First ward is entitled to 8 delegates; the Second 8; Third ward 11; Fourth ward 9; Fifth ward 4.

Notice to Water Consumers. The hours set apart to sprinkle lawns are 5:30 to 7 o'clock a. m. and 6 to 8 o'clock p. m. Sprinkling must be confined to these hours, and hose used in use except during the above named hours will be shut off without further notice. 6 PLATTSMOUTH WATER CO.

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# JOE'S HOT WEATHER BULLETIN.

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Notice to Contractors. Sealed proposals will be received by the secretary of the board of education until 6 o'clock p. m. Saturday July 23, 1892, for the construction of one two story, four room brick building on the lots 10, 11 or 12, in Stadlerman's addition in accordance with plans and specifications on file at the First National bank of Plattsmouth. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check of \$200. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. By order of the Board of Education. J. I. UNRUH Sec'y.

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