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## HURLED OVER A BRIDGE.

Iowa Man Murdered by Footpads In the Town of Omaha.

Thomas Dinnen of Manquato, Ia., was robbed by highwaymen on the Douglas street bridge across the Missouri at Omaha Saturday night, and thrown over the railing so that the crime might be concealed. The body did not strike the water, but the edge of the bank, where he was subsequently found. He died a few hours later without regaining consciousness. The body fell seventy feet. At 1 o'clock the next morning Watchman Peterson of a lumber company heard a man descend the steps that lead from Douglas street to the bridge. He heard footsteps on the plank walk above his head. A moment later he heard the cables on the bridge rattle, as if they were being shaken. Then he heard a thud, as a heavy body struck the ground not far from him, followed by the groans of a human being in great agony. Peterson was alarmed and summoned the assistance of another watchman. The two groped about in the darkness until they came upon the body of a man. The police were notified, and the man was removed to the police station, and later to a hospital, where an hour afterward he died. His leg had been fractured in three places, he had been badly bruised about the head and face and he was internally injured. His name was learned by letters in his possession. He was visiting in the city, and had been carrying a watch and considerable money, none of which was found on his body. It had been stripped of everything of value.

Borough on Nebraska City.

A crank writes Geo. H. Thummel, U. S. marshal, that there is a big counterfeiting gang at Nebraska City, which includes all the county officers and many other prominent men. He says they have their counterfeiting tools in the cellar under one of the banks and that they carry on the operation at night.

The writer claims to have been in the government service for twenty-nine years. He had been watching the Nebraska City gang for a long time, and was just getting ready to capture them when they found he was watching them. In order to get rid of him, this dangerous gang had him incarcerated in jail "for forty-six days and thirty-four days and eighty days" and now has him in the asylum under Dr. Abbott. He promises to get out soon and come at once to Omaha, where he will aid in rounding up the Otoe county crew. He says that a grand jury will be called and three judges of the United States court will be present to try the counterfeiters.—Lincoln Call.

The Missouri.

The yellow tide of the old Missouri, which like time, goes on and on, and whose beginning we know not of, is a sight to behold today. All the low land on the east side of the river is covered with water, and the main channel rolls and plunges as if it were late in getting to the gulf and special efforts must be made to reach its destination. The wind, blowing against the current, throws up great waves which chase each other with restless energy from bank to bank, while the swish and roar at the river's edge is awe-inspiring and impressive of the power hidden in the surging, boiling waste of waters that are unfeathered by turbine wheels or plowed by the prow of steam-boats. It is a grand old stream three months of the year, but worthless as an autumn leaf.

In June of 81 it was seven feet higher than now and great damage was done. Some damage has already resulted from the present high tide farther down but the damages on either side up this way are slight. The raise since yesterday registered 2-10 of a foot and no further rise is now expected.

**Banks Responsible for Signatures.**

The supreme court of Iowa has decided that bankers are responsible for the genuineness of signatures on checks, drafts, etc. The case is entitled the German Savings Bank of Davenport vs. the Citizens' National Bank of Davenport, appellant, and the City National Bank of Clinton, intervenor, appellant. The case involves \$8,000. The German Savings loaned \$8,000 to a Clinton man. The note and the bank's indorsement were forged. The Clinton bank paid the money and sent it to the Citizen's for collection. It was charged to the plaintiff bank, which declared the note to be forged and brought the suit. The defendant bank is held responsible, the first claim being on the Clinton bank.

**Resolutions of Condolence.**

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty to take unto Himself Mrs. Vestal, the wife of our brother, L. H. Vestal, be it

Resolved; That we as members of Cais Lodge No. 146, I. O. O. F., extend to Brother Vestal our heartfelt sympathy in this his hour of affliction and

Resolved; That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Brother Vestal, that they be spread upon the minutes of this lodge and published in one of the city papers.

COMMITTEE.

## THE HUNGATE MASSACRE.

Conrad Schlatner Relates a Sad Occurrence In Colorado During the Early '60's.

At a late celebration at Denver of the settlement of Colorado a procession was formed and many floats represented the different scenes of the early settlement of the Rocky Mountain country.

One float represented the massacre of the Hungate family, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Hungate and their two little children, by Indians of Black Kettle's band of Cheyennes.

Mrs. Hungate was the daughter of Mrs. Rosanna Decker of Cass county and was well known by many of the old settlers around Louisville. In conversation with Mr. and Mrs. John D. Ferguson who were at that time living in Denver, we received the particulars of the horrible massacre of this unfortunate family. Mr. Ferguson of Louisville was one of the party who volunteered to bring the mutilated corpses of the father, mother and the two children to Denver. Mrs. Ferguson assisted in cleaning and dressing the remains for burial, and describes the scenes at Denver, when they were brought to town. Strong women and men fainting looking at the terrible sight before them.

A sister of the unfortunate Mrs. Hungate was present to look at the horrible sight.

No wonder Mrs. Hungate was overtaken by the devils and outraged by each Indian, seven in number. After accomplishing this crime, each one of them stabbed her, as seven knife wounds were found on her body.

They next cut both her breasts, split her head wide open and scalped her.

Mr. Hungate was found some distance from the house face downward with his back split open. The writer of this happened to come to Denver a few days after the burial of the unfortunate family, and excitement ran very high then.

Talk and read about the noble Red men? The only noble and peaceable Indians I ever saw were two dead Indians tied to a telegraph pole in the sandhills, west of Fort Julesburg, who were killed while attacking a train by the teamsters.

J. V. Glover, a former merchant of Louisville, volunteered to avenge the death of the Hungate family, and, under the command of Colonel Chivington, helped to send 750 of the Cheyenne tribe of Indians not to their hunting ground but to h—l. This raised a howl of the eastern friends of the Indians, who believed in Pennimore Cooper's stories of the noble red man, and Colonel Chivington was court-martialed. But the people of Colorado thanked the colonel and his boys for having avenged the death of the Hungate family. From a slip of a Denver paper we take the following, which is a true history of the massacre:

**We Endorse the Plan.**

The Bradshaw Republican advocates a plan for building an asylum for the accommodation of the poor embezzlers. We favor hanging all embezzlers, but if that cannot be accomplished, the next best plan we can suggest is to have them sent to Cass county for trial. Judge Ramsey is a terror to evil doers and he would come nearer doing justice in the way of sentencing embezzlers than any judge we can call to mind. And yet we favor hanging gr—t.—Weeping Water Republican.

work of Black Kettle's band of Cheyennes.

It was but a short time ago that the bones of the members of the Hungate family were taken up and removed from the old cemetery to Fairmount for permanent interment. The tombstone, a red sandstone shaft, three feet high, standing upon a white stone base, bears this simple epitaph, telling of the tragic ending of the family:

NATHAN W. HUNGATE,  
Born June 18, 1834.

ELLEN, his wife,  
Born March 3, 1835.

LAURA V.,  
Born Nov. 3, 1864.

FLORENCE V.,  
Born Jan. 18, 1864.  
Killed by Indians,  
June 11, 1864.

## Some People Have Corns...

And some have not. Most of us have. If you are troubled with corns—hard or soft—drop in and buy a bottle of

Corn Cure..

It will surely give you relief—much more satisfactory relief than you can obtain by the use of a razor, and only

15 Cents a Bottle.

## GERING & CO.

### INFORMATION AND OPINIONS.

The Holt county man who recently sent \$40 to Governor Holcomb as a contribution to the "conscience fund" has been suggested as a candidate for state treasurer. We advise great caution. It may be this is the reason he made the contribution. Peradventure he is working the public for suckers. Let's take no more Holt county men for treasurer until Joe Bartley, thief, of Atkinson, Holt county, pays up his little deficiency of \$538,000.—Fremont Tribune.

Shortly after the massacre of the family a legal complication arose over some valuable property left to Mrs. Hungate by the death of her mother. The dispute was confined to the one question: "Who was killed first?" If the wife was killed first then the property would fall to her husband and his relatives, of which there were 2 number, would fail her to the property. If Hungate was slain first in his heroic endeavor to protect those so dear to him, then Mrs. Hungate was his survivor and her heirs would secure the property.

An interesting legal decision was foisted by a compromise, dividing the property equally.

On the float exhibited yesterday was a cabin of the exact size of the Hungate home. It was a double cabin with a boarded roof and doors entering on each side. The original cabin was so constructed that a log hitched to a horse could be dragged through the outdoor hall, which separated the two little rooms. Out in front of the cabin was a tiny track of yard and in one corner lay the body of a man as if dead. A half dozen Utes crowded about the cabin and the dead man, flourishing their tomahawks and knives, making the picture quite realistic.

## C. SCHLATER.

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**Were Happily Wedded.**

Last evening, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Batton, residing on Winterstein hill, Mr. Charles Grassman and Miss Blanche Batton were united in marriage by Rev. Campbell of the Methodist church. The contracting parties are both well and favorably known in the city, having resided here for many years, Mr. Grassman being employed in the Burlington shops. The happy couple will begin housekeeping at once in a neat cottage which had been fitted up by the groom.

THE NEWS extends congratulations and best wishes.

**Our New Tariff.**

The American Protective Tariff League issued an official print of the new Dingley Tariff within a few hours of the time it was passed by the House of Representatives at Washington, on March 31. This broad comprehensive interpretation of the republican platform should be studied by every voter. Any of our readers can obtain a copy, without charge, by sending a postal card request as follows:

"Send me a copy of No. 379," Address, W. F. WAKEMAN, Sec., 135 West 23 st, N. Y.

**Woman is Kicked by a Horse.**

WEPPING WATER, Neb., April 13.—Mrs. Mary Wolf, a widow, met with a serious accident. While in her barn holding a lantern while her son was getting out his horse she was kicked by another horse in the face. Several teeth were knocked out and she was rendered unconscious for some time.

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Housekeepers, attention: We are closing out below cost our stock of Brussels Carpets. A Special for the month of April: We will make and lay in your home the best body Brussels for 85 cents, or the best Tapestry Brussels for 75 cents a yard. Former prices on these goods, \$1.25 and \$1.35.

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## Spring Dress Goods..

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A Bear Gains Its Freedom.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., April 15.—The bear at Fairmont park dug a hole under one side of his cage today and gained his freedom. Several men and boys who assayed to assist in his capture were run to a tree. County Recorder Shepherd and Fred Lamb, owners of the beast, were notified of the escape some little time after it occurred, and when they arrived on the ground they found nine men and boys perched in trees and the bear sitting beneath licking its chops hungrily. Occasionally the beast would make a start up a tree, but would retreat before reaching its prey. Three of the men had ropes and straps with which they were trying to lasso the bear, which invariably caught the line in its mouth.

Seeing Shepherd and Lamb approach the bear started for them and they took to climbing with an agility they never dreamed they possessed. At last one man got a noose of line strap about the bear's neck and hauled him off the ground, while the others closed in with the purpose of securing him. As they approached the bear swung in toward the tree and climbed high enough to reach Will Kissell's leg from the knee down, viciously stripping it of clothing and a good deal of flesh. When at last other ropes and straps were made fast and the bear was lowered to the ground it was found to have been safely choked to death.

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How's This.

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Cataract that cannot be cured by Hall's Cataract Cure.

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