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PECULIAR DEVELOPEMENTS IN ARTHUR DOTY CASE

Supposed to Have Been Killed in Railroad Accident
While Hooking Ride.

A SMALL LIFE INSURANCE WAS COLLECTED BY HIS MOTHER

Family Thought He Was Buried in New York Cemetery
and Mourned His Death.

About the most peculiar series of coincidences that was ever known in this county has just come to light in connection with the arrest of Arthur Doty, the deserter in this city. The details of the affair are so unusual that it was hardly possible to believe them until the News had investigated into the matter and all the statements were found to be absolutely true.

It seems that Doty came from a very respectable and well fixed family who are among the old citizens of Albany, New York. He is the son of Mrs. L. Doty who is still residing in that city. Leaving home several years ago he drifted west, bumming his way mostly on freight trains, and after bobbing around at many of the large cities in the western states, he finally decided to join the army and was stationed at Fort Russell, Wyoming.

Little was heard of him at home during his life at the military post, and about last September his letters suddenly ceased all together. This has now turned out to be about the time he left the fort, and from that time until nearly two weeks ago he had not written a line to his home in New York.

A few months after his letters ceased a man answering Doty's description was killed in the railroad yards at Ravenna, New York while bumming a ride on a freight through that town. He was dead when found and was buried in the local cemetery. Mrs. Doty hearing of the death, immediately had the body exhumed and it was identified by both she and her son as being the missing Arthur Doty. The deceased was reburied in the family lot of an Albany cemetery, without a doubt in the minds of the family but what it was their boy, Arthur.

He had always been in the habit of beating his way over the railroad lines and it was thought that he met his death while on his way home to Albany. The members of the family felt assured of his identification when they found a scar on the dead man's forehead and another large one on

Miss Katherine Holyoke started this morning for Lincoln after being entertained for the past few days at the home of Miss Lucile Gass.

J. W. Hainie and wife, daughter and dog arrived this morning from Pacific Junction, after shaking the Iowa dust from their shoes, to make their new home in Plattsmouth.

The boys and girls turning classes of Turne hall are planning a party to of Turne Hall are planning a party to be given at the hall tomorrow night for the members and a few of their immediate friends.

Mrs. Minerva Harmer, a sister of Mrs. Isaac Wiles, who lives in Weeping Water is among the out of town visitors in the city, being a guest at her sister's home. Mrs. Harmer and Mrs. Luke Wiles are enjoying today visiting among some of their Omaha friends.

The young fellows in the south-west part of the city, about whom a mention was made in last night's paper, were brought up before Judge Archer late yesterday afternoon and the case was dismissed after a good lecture had been delivered them and that they had solemnly promised to live peaceably out in that part of town after this.

his chest that exactly corresponded to scars on Doty's body.

So positively was the man identified that the insurance companies paid Mrs. Doty his small insurance, amounting to about \$1,000.

After the insurance had been turned over and the family had gone into mourning over the loss of their prodigal son a letter was received from the fellow stating that he was working in the Burlington shops at Plattsmouth.

This sudden turn in affairs put the family in a decidedly perplexing condition, for if he should ever return to his home, they would not only be liable to severe prosecution for obtaining the insurance while the insured was still alive, but the family would be subject to shame and disgrace in their social ranks for harboring a deserter of the army.

Quickly seeing through the whole affair and sizing up the circumstances as they stood, Mrs. Doty hastily wrote to her son and implored him to keep under cover and not, under any conditions, to return to his home. When the young fellow received the letter he seemed to consider the mix-up a good joke and proceeded to show the letter to his fellow workmen at the shops and his room mates at the hotel. This was one of the first clues that later led to his arrest and delivery to the fort near Omaha.

When the man was examined last week at the fort the scars before spoken of as being found on the man killed at Ravenna, were noted and were found to correspond exactly with those reported when he enlisted at Fort Russell. There is no doubt whatever but what this Doty is the original "Doty" and now it turns out that the other must have been a very unusual case of striking resemblance, even in the scars and slight deformities.

The tangle of events were indeed most unusual and interesting and would no doubt have puzzled Sherlock Holmes himself, and if he were on the scene at present there would still be some work for him to do, for the stranger lying in the Albany cemetery is still unidentified.

F. G. Lawson, one of the University students at Lincoln left this morning to take up his school life again, the Easter vacation having expired yesterday.

Miss Katherine Windham returned to Lincoln this morning to resume her studies at the state university after spending the spring vacation in the city.

Mrs. Emma Brown, daughter of Judge Archer, came down from Omaha where she now makes her home for a short stay with her father and mother.

W. L. Weeks, the painter of Salem, Ia., who has been at the Perkins House for the past week or ten days, left this morning to follow up his work in Omaha.

Mrs. Peter Goos and two daughters Hulda and Clara were Plattsmouth visitors in the metropolis today, returning to their home on one of the afternoon trains.

Mrs. N. Schatz from the city of Chicago is spending a short time in the town with her friend Mrs. Frank Morgan. This morning Mrs. Morgan and her guest, with Mrs. W. W. Coates and Mrs. William Baird left for Omaha to spend the day.

THEY CANNOT "SPOON" IN FREMONT

City Council Forgets When They Were Young and Passes Ordinance.

It is a case of sour "grapes" with the city council over in the little town of Fremont. It is a widely known fact that the city council of that town is composed of so many homely men that even the darkest night and the most secluded spots could not induce a nice good looking girl to discover herself in the "spooning" act with one of them. It is also said that the homeliest old maids in the town have also turned down those fellows and that those who have wives are compelled on account of their unattractive appearance to use reversible chairs at the dining tables, as their unfortunate household cannot eat and look into the homely faces of the head of the family. It was therefore nothing more than could be expected that the board of village trustees should pass an ordinance prohibiting the fascinating pastime of "spooning" in that town after dark.

A PIONEER PASSES ON

Mary Elizabeth Bennett, Former Cass County Lady is No More.

SAW TREATY WITH INDIANS RATIFIED

Was Present When the Government Commission Made Nebraska a Territory.

(From Wednesday's Daily)
The following letter received this morning containing notice of the death of a lady who had much to do with the early settlement of Nebraska and especially this section of the state will be of much interest to our readers and especially the older settlers who must have been acquainted with Mrs. Bennett:

Mary Eliza Burnett passed away at her home in Sheridan county, Nebraska, March 16th 1910 aged 73 years.

She came to Nebraska with a married sister whose husband was a blacksmith and was sent by the Government to the then Indian territory to do some blacksmithing for the Indians and resided at the Indian village located where the town of Bellevue now stands.

She resided there when the Indian territory was purchased from the Indians and saw the U. S. Commissioners and Indian chiefs ratify the treaty by which it became the territory of Nebraska.

She also saw the wild times following when the Indians drunk with liquor furnished by unscrupulous persons rode their ponies over the calico which was part of the purchase price of the territory. She returned to Iowa and afterward married Henry Bixby, one of the Government surveyors who helped survey the territory of Nebraska and returned to Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Two children were born to them and then she was left a widow with two little children. J. H. Bixby still living at Spade, Neb., and Ida M. Baker of Missoula, Mont. She taught school in the vicinity of Plattsmouth for several years. Later she was married to Wm. Burnett who survives her and who resides at Spade, Neb., on a Kinkead homestead.

Five children were born to her from her second marriage. Three died in infancy and two survive her, Lou E. Armstrong of Greenwood, Neb., and La Myra Minnie of Spade, Neb. One sister Mrs. S. L. Thomas now at Liong Beach, Calif., survives her.

She was a true wife, a devoted mother and a kind neighbor. And so passes another of the pioneers who helped to found the great commonwealth of Nebraska.

COMMERCIAL CLUB EATS AT UNION

Rustling Neighboring Town Gets Into the Banquet Game.

The town of Union may not be as large as some other towns in Cass county, but it has more rustling ability to the man than any town we know of its size in the state. Last night the commercial club, and it is a live one too, held a banquet. They met at the Woodman hall, which by the way is one of the neatest we ever saw, and from there adjourned to the Wegota hotel where the banquet was served. That town of Union is a rustling berg and its commercial club is a live wire.

BLIZZARD IS RAGING

Denver Nearly Cut Off From Outside Communication By Telegraph.

WESTERN NEBRASKA ALSO AFFECTED

Storm on the Way East and May Strike Us before Night is the Report.

The Morning World-Herald this morning contains the following which will be interesting reading.

CHICAGO, March, 30.—A terrific rain snow and sleet storm, accompanied by high winds which is raging throughout eastern Colorado and western Nebraska has cut off Denver from wire communication with the east, and has caused much delay to railroad transportation. According to reports received by the telegraph companies here, trains on the Union Pacific and other western railroad traveling that territory, are stalled in huge snow drifts and rotary plows have been called into service to relieve the blockade.

The storm seems to have developed on the eastern slope of the Rockies and moved rapidly eastward, the heavy snow being followed in the wake of a sleet storm and being whizzed across the prairies by a wind that almost assumed the proportions of a gale.

At Limon, Colo., the snow is five feet deep, blocking all traffic on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad. The high wind is blowing the snow into immense drifts. The railway station at Genoa, Colo., was blown away, but so far as known no one was hurt. Forty miles of telegraph poles were blown down between Fort Morgan and Wray, Colo.

The Kansas division of the Union Pacific railroad is reported blocked east and west of Limon. Not a train was moving west of Julesburg on the Central division of the Union Pacific. Several overland trains were reported stalled in snow banks at Snyder, Colo. Traffic was said to be impeded on the Denver & Rio Grande between Denver and Pueblo.

North Dakota experienced an old fashioned blizzard, the wind piling the snow in drifts.

The telegraph companies report that there is not a wire into Denver from the east, the last one, which was routed by way of St. Paul, Helena and Salt Lake failing shortly after 8 o'clock. In many places miles of poles have been carried down and the wires lie tangled in a mass of wreckage, which, it is said, will require several days to clear away. Wire communication with the Pacific coast has suffered materially from the storm and what few telegraphic communications are possible are going by circuitous and unusual routes.

W. P. Bailey the old gentleman 95 years of age is reported to be much improved this morning after being seriously ill for the past week.

WHAT THE WIND DID YESTERDAY FOR BURLINGTON

The Things Which Tend to Make Railroading Unsatisfactory on a Day Like Tuesday.

MUCH DAMAGE WAS DONE IN NEBRASKA ALL ALONG THE LINE

Fire at Holdrege Causes Main Line Trains to Be Sent Over Other Lines to the West.

(From Wednesday's Daily)
Heavy sleet and snow storm prostrated wires west of Akron.

Forty mile wind blew across Nebraska.

Coal sheds and coal supply at Holdrege burned.

No coal at Hastings because of recent fire.

Bridge burned at Berwyn blocked Billings line.

Yard fire destroyed twenty six cars at Lincoln.

Because of Holdrege fire some main line trains were sent west via Red Cloud, and over this line heaviest engines cannot be used.

The above enumerates some of the troubles of the Burlington lines west yesterday. While storm conditions were exasperating for the time they were cheerfully endured because they gave promise of a fall of moisture. Nevertheless the wind made it difficult for trains to get over the road on time.

The break in the line at Berwyn was repaired during the afternoon and the debris of the Holdrege fire was removed early enough to let No. 2 come via the main line, although it was two hours late in Lincoln.

The worst feature of the fires was the loss of the new and modern coal sheds at Holdrege. A large quantity of coal burned there and it was with difficulty that a large part of the town was saved. Twelve cars of coal with contents were destroyed and a number of other cars badly damaged. The

serious feature of this fire is that recently the coal sheds at Hastings were burned and this leaves the two principal coaling stations between Fairmont and McCook out of service.

A yard fire in the new Lincoln yards destroyed twenty-six box and stock cars, one Rodgers box car and a coal car and contents. Five or six other cars were badly scorched. One steel coal car near the heat of the fire was hardly marred by the flames, one number being burned off. These cars were on the north track near the west end of the new yards. The wind was blowing hard from the south, and even with the wind protection it was difficult for switchmen to save cars on adjoining tracks. From the location of the fire and the fact that no engine had been working in that part of the yards it was thought that tramps started the fire. Switchmen coupled onto burning cars and hauled them down near the round house where the hose could be played on the flames. In this way a number of cars were saved. Cars on adjoining tracks were loaded with storage coal.

Some delay to operation was reported in Colorado west of Akron where a sleet storm prostrated the wires.

On account of a bridge being burned out near Berwyn, a small town this side of Broken Bow, through trains on the Burlington to the northwest were blocked for a time yesterday. A substitute train for No. 2 was sent west.

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Here is a Long Comfortable Overcoat



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