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INSTANTLY KILLED BY CARS

William C. Hicks Meets Death in Crossing Burlington Track in Lincoln

WAS A RESIDENT OF LINCOLN, NEB.

A Former Citizen of Cass County, Where He Resided for Many Years

From the Sunday State Journal, we clip the following account of the killing of William C. Hicks while crossing the Burlington track in Lincoln last Saturday morning.

William C. Hicks was struck by Burlington train No. 19, and was carried from the center of the street for a distance of seventy feet west, where his body fell lifeless in the gutter. Eye witnesses said that Mr. Hicks was coming toward the city from his residence north of Salt Creek, at 1705 North Fourteenth street and that apparently he neither saw nor heard the train. There was some evidence to show that he was partially deaf. He was sixty-eight years of age and had been a resident of North Lincoln but a few months. He had been a resident of this city for more than two years. He had formerly been a resident of Wyoming, engaging in the ranching business. He has a daughter, Mrs. Henry Carr, living near Greenwood, and other children at Lead, S. D., and Laramie, Wyo.

"The body was terribly mangled. The head was crushed and blood and brains oozed out on the ground. Many bones were broken. His false teeth were found some distance from the body. His spectacle case was found lying near his hat, half way from the place where he was struck and the place where the body was lying.

"Jesse Williams, who saw the accident, said that the body was thrown high in the air and to the south side of the track. The witness is a boy of fifteen who happened to be near the crossing at the time. He said the engine whistle was blown several times before he saw the body in the air.

"The jury impaneled was made up of Joseph Barrett, H. F. Devore, D. E. Ellledge, J. B. Morgan, Tom Draper and John Peterson. The verdict recited the following:

"We, the jury, find that Mr. Hicks came to his death by being struck by train No. 19, at about 10:27 a. m. Mar. 9, 1907, while crossing Fourteenth street, Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska. We the jury also find that this is a dangerous place on account of no gong or flagman."

"At the inquest the engineer and fireman of the train, L. L. Gaitner, Henry Devore, William McLaughlin and Jesse Williams testified. There was little variance in the testimony.

"It was made plain that there was no obstruction to the view; that Mr. Hicks might have seen the train had he looked up the track, and that for a distance of some eighty feet north of the track he could have seen the approaching train.

"After the accident Coroner Graham inspected the body and the scene of the accident and ordered the remains moved to Roberts' morgue, where the inquest was held. The funeral announcement has not been made."

William C. Hicks was an uncle of William Brantner, Mrs. Beveridge and Mrs. Morgan Waybright. He was well known to many in Plattsmouth and vicinity, who will regret to learn of his untimely death. The writer knew Mr. Hicks personally, and found him to be an honest, upright, Christian gentleman, who made friends wherever he went. The State Journal also adds:

"The coroner's jury investigating the death of William C. Hicks, which occurred at the North Fourteenth street crossing of the Burlington railroad yesterday forenoon, returned a verdict last evening stating the manner of his death and adding that the North Fourteenth crossing is a dangerous place on account of the lack of either gongs or flagmen to protect travelers using it."

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All of these diseases are attended by intense itching, which is almost instantly relieved by applying Chamberlain's Salve, and by its continued use a permanent cure may be effected. It has, in fact, cured many cases that had resisted other treatment. Price 25¢ per box. For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co. and A. T. Fried.

Miss Dovey in "District Leader."

The Journal is pleased to learn of an excellent engagement that our popular little actress, Miss Ethel Dovey, has recently made with the "District Leader," which is now playing in Chicago. It had been her intention to spend the spring months with home folks, until a telegram came last week requesting that she come to Chicago to accept a position, of which the message did not state. Imagine the delightful surprise she experienced when asked to take the leading part in the role, that of "Flosie Whittle," which Miss Mable Barrison had given up to accept the role of Bonnie in "The Land of Nod" which is playing in New York City. In this position, which lasts until the 1st of June and perhaps longer, Miss Dovey shares the honors with Joseph Howard, one of the best known and most popular comedians on the stage. The host of friends, with which Miss Dovey is favored in this vicinity, will be delighted to learn of the success with which she has met and continues to enjoy.

AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

James P. Ellis Resigns His Position as M. P. Agent at Louisville.

The unexpected is always happening. The Courier never expected that Jas. P. Ellis would ever resign his position as station agent for the Missouri Pacific at this place, yet he has sent in his resignation to take effect as soon as some one can be sent here to relieve him. J. P. Ellis had become such a permanent fixture with the Missouri Pacific's business in Louisville that it would seem that the train would not run on schedule time if he were not at his post. He has been a faithful station agent for the past twenty-five years and his resignation comes with surprise to his friends as well as to the company. Mr. Ellis has not decided as to what business he will engage in.

Mr. Ellis is perhaps as old in point of continuous service as any agent of this division. When the road was built through here he was given his choice of Springfield or Louisville and as Louisville looked a little the best to him he chose the latter, and for twenty-four years has answered cheerfully such questions as "what time is the 5:10 train due?" and hundreds of other such questions. It never seemed to worry him if trains were late and he never complained when he had to work over time. He is nothing if not public spirited and is at present president of the Commercial club and is a hard pusher for Louisville.

His eldest son is holding a responsible position with the Mo. Pac. in Omaha while another son is with the North Western at Lincoln—Louisville Courier.

Trouble for Traveling Men.

One effect of the two-cent fare rate which went into effect on Nebraska railroads today is that it leaves the traveling men who had mileage books in their possession holding the sack.

The grip carriers, as a rule, have been buying 2,000 mile books at a net rate of \$50 or 2½ cents per mile and most of them have portions of this transportation left on their hands. To ride on it means payment of a higher rate than to buy a ticket at each station. A traveling man who came in from Hastings this morning did not use his high-priced mileage but purchased a ticket. He does not know just what to do with the 600 miles of transportation still in his possession. He will probably send it in to the railroads and ask a refund at the 2½ cent rate, but there is no certainty that his request will be granted. A whole lot of commercial emissaries are in the same fix, and if the railroads refuse to redeem the unused mileage there will be some mighty robust "kicks."—Lincoln News.

Operated Upon for Appendicitis.

Last Saturday noon Miss Emma, the 10-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Cummins, was taken sick with a pain in her stomach, and upon the doctor's return home late in the evening, the affliction was promptly diagnosed as appendicitis. An operation was necessary, Dr. T. P. Allison was at once notified to come from Omaha, with two trained nurses. The physician, accompanied by Dr. Chas. Kennedy, a former Plattsmouth boy, arrived on the Missouri Pacific train, and the patient was operated upon about half past 2 o'clock Sunday morning. The conditions are favorable and hopes are entertained for her ultimate recovery.

Faster and faster the pace is set, By peep of action, vim and get, So if at the finish you would be, Take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. Gering & Co.

REAR END COLLISION IN SWITCH YARDS

Fast Burlington Passenger, No. 6, Crashes Into Extra East Bound Freight.

TRAINMEN ESCAPE A TERRIBLE DEATH

Switch Engine No. 590, Way Car and Several Cars of Freight Train Destroyed in Wreck and the Fire.

About 8 o'clock Monday morning a wreck occurred in the local switch yards when the fast Burlington passenger No. 6, from Denver to Chicago, crashed into the rear end of an extra east bound freight, to which switch engine 590 was attached. The train and engine men of the two trains, escaped from a terrible death among the wreckage, where a fire immediately broke forth, by jumping before the crash came, which gave the passengers a severe jolt, and caused several to suffer bad bruises and scratches, but fortunately no broken bones or other serious injuries. The engine No. 2704, of the compound P 2 type, pulling the passenger train, plunged into the rear of the switch engine, while going at about thirty miles an hour. The switch engine was totally demolished, while the way car of the freight to which it was attached was smashed into kindling wood, and two flat cars also badly wrecked, being piled up in a heap, which was soon ignited from the fire of an overturned stove of the way car. A large conflagration was soon raging, consuming the wrecked cars, and spreading to a string of cars on the side track, where several cars of lumber were badly damaged before they could be removed and the flames extinguished by the fire department, and the employes of the Burlington shops, who were summoned to the scene of the trouble.

The accident laid No. 6 out about an hour—the engine of the freight being attached to train to take it on east, as the passenger engine was derailed and put out of service in the collision. Switch engine 590 received such serious damage in the mix up that it will likely be consigned to the scrap pile.

The cause of the accident seems to have resulted from the engineer of the passenger disregarding a certain signal, that the yardmaster, C. S. Johnson, claims was set to protect the freight, which was awaiting for orders, which Conductor Allen had gone to the depot to secure. It was fortunate for Allen that he was absent from the way car at the time of the crash, as he would have met a terrible death in the wrecked car, which was quickly enveloped in flames.

The freight, which consisted of seventy-one heavy loaded cars came into the local yards a few minutes before No. 6 was due, and pulled up well in the clear to await orders and allow No. 6 to get around on the west bound track; when the passenger shot around the curve near the pump house, the engineer, Julius Neilson, and fireman, John Gilson, of the switch engine perceived the danger and jumped from the cab, thus escaping injury, while Engineer Drew of the passenger applied the brakes, and he together with his fireman jumped before they crashed into the switch engine. The fireman of the passenger in falling from the moving train sustained a sprained ankle and wrist, but these injuries did not prevent him from continuing the regular run, after an engine had been secured.

Among the passengers to sustain injuries from the shock which threw them over, underneath and against the seats, was O. H. Barnett, a traveling man Cudaly Packing company. Dr. J. S. Livingston dressed his injuries, which amounted to a sprained wrist and a bad gash in his lip, which required several stitches to close. C. W. Close, traveling salesman for Voegel & Dining of Omaha, received a slight injury to his back, which is not serious, will cause him some annoyance for some time, as will also the injury which John Moon, representing the Groneweg & Schontegen of Omaha, who got a slightly sprained arm. Their injuries were dressed at the company surgeon's office.

The wreck delayed traffic a few hours and attracted a large number of our citizens to the scene, who, after viewing the debris, expressed surprise that no one was seriously injured.

DUTY YOU OWE TO THE CITY

Every Business Firm on Main Street and Sixth Street Owe to the Welfare of the City.

The session of the council last night had several matters before it that is of the deepest importance to the business men on North Main and Sixth streets. The most important being the sprinkling of these thoroughfares during the season. This is a matter which needs the direct attention of every merchant. How to get the means to pay for this work was another question before that body. We have an ordinance compelling every business firm to pay an occupation tax, and this should be vigilantly enforced, and everyone made to pay. If this can be successfully accomplished the council now proposes to give those who "pony up" the benefit of it by having the streets sprinkled, and making improvements on Main and Sixth streets, which would be in keeping with a city of Plattsmouth's dimensions. Everyone should pay this occupation tax. It is compulsory that they should, and the action of the council in this matter is a proposition they should ponder over before they create a disturbance by a refusal to do so.

Another matter was agitated at this occasion in which every citizen is interested—that of building sidewalks. A large amount of this work was accomplished last season, and the Journal is pleased to learn that our city dads propose to renew their efforts in this direction this season. Good walks are an evidence of prosperity in any town or city, no matter how small or how large and strangers entering its gates view it in this light.

A united effort on the part of the business men to assist the council in laudable intentions will result in doing a great deal of public improvement during the coming season. The council needs the encouragement of all public spirited citizens, and if they will but do their duty by the payment of the occupation tax, the efforts of the council will result in the enhancing the belongings of every property owner.

Investigating Cause of Wreck.

In Lincoln an investigation is in progress today, with a view to determining the cause and responsibility of the wreck which occurred in the local switch yards yesterday morning, when No. 6 plunged into an extra freight, causing damages to the extent of several thousand dollars to the rolling stock of the Burlington. Among those examined by the officials under the supervision of Ed Bignell, superintendent of the division on which the wreck occurred are Engineer Julius Neilson, Fireman John Gilson and Hostler, Dave Wallengren, who were on switch engine No. 590, which was demolished, and Yardmaster Johnson, of this city, and the crew of the passenger train which includes Conductor Drew, Engineer Chas. Rockwell and his fireman.

Postal Law Violations.

Several citizens of Glenwood and Shenandoah, Iowa, have recently been caught up for violating the United States postal laws by enclosing letters in packages of merchandise they mailed without payment of first class postage. A fine of ten dollars was assessed against each of the guilty parties. All mail matter except first-class is subject to examination by the postmaster and should he suspect that unlawful enclosures are being made it is his duty to inspect the package and report any attempt to evade the payment of proper postage. It does not pay to try to cheat your Uncle Samuel out of a few cents of postage.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Beautiful line of Wooltex spring coats, and skirts are now on display at Fanger's department store.

Accident Across the River.

A. J. Bane, a prominent citizen of Plattville township, was seriously injured by a falling tree striking him on the head, at a late hour yesterday afternoon. He was assisting, with other neighbors, in sawing some lumber on farm of Andrew Graham. The men were felling a large tree and when it fell it struck the limb of a tree near by and veered its course so much as to strike Mr. Bane. The blow made a gash over his right temple and across the top of his head seven inches long and fractured the skull just above the temple. Dr. Bacon was called and dressed the wound as best he could at the lumber camp, when the man was taken to his home. All night he was delirious and his condition is thought to be very serious.—Glenwood Opinion. Mr. Bane is well known to many Plattsmouth people in a business way, who hope for his ultimate recovery.

A Birthday Party.

As yesterday was Mrs. John Busche's birthday, a number of her friends called at her home to assist in celebrating the occasion. The afternoon was very much enjoyed in social chat until the hostess lead the way to the dining room, where a fine lunch was served. After hearing several musical selections, they wished the hostess many such returns in the future and departed for home. Those present were: Mesdames John Lutz, John Sattler, E. K. Prettig, P. Theirolf, A. Rhode, F. Longhorst, Hospenthal, Ed Lutz, Henry Steinhauer, Wintzenburger, F. Hajeck and Misses Hospenthal, Lutz, and Stienhauer.

Funeral of Mrs. Stander.

Carrie E. Clark was born in Michigan in 1872, came to Nebraska in 1874, united with the Christian church at Greenwood, Nebraska, in 1890. Was united in marriage to George Stander in 1891; to this union was born eight children, who survive her, together with the husband, her mother and her father, three brothers and one sister. Mrs. Stander died March 7, 1907, being thirty-four years, five months seventeen days old. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. L. Zink of the Christian church at the home at 11 a. m.; and the body taken to Louisville for interment.

Card of Thanks.

We take this method of returning our most sincere thanks to those kind neighbors and friends, who so kindly aided us in caring for our dear wife, mother and sister, during her illness and death.

Geo. Stander and Family.
H. V. Clark.

Why Not?

As the ball boys expect to get up an entertainment of some kind, for the benefit of the nine, and to defray expenses necessary to getting ready for the season, why not have an old fiddler's contest? It seems to the Journal that such an entertainment would draw a larger crowd and furnish more amusement than anything else. We note that in many cities and towns, these contests are being given with great success. People will attend from every section of the county. This is simply a suggestion of the Journal, because it desires to see the ball boys realize an amount that will do them much good.

Saturday Sales.

Now that the public sales are practically over, wouldn't it be a good idea for some of our energetic citizens to start a Saturday market in Plattsmouth, where the farmers could bring what they had to dispose of, and likewise buy something from our merchants needed at home? The public sales this season have been remarkably good, times are good, money plenty and prosperity, so surely a place of this kind would be patronized and a grand benefit to the entire community. Why not make an effort in this direction?

Always Keeps Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in His House.

"We would not be without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is kept on hand continually in our home," says W. W. Kearney, editor of the Independent at Lowry City, Mo. That is just what every family should do. When kept at hand ready for instant use, a cold may be checked at the outset and cured in much less time than after it has become settled in the system. This remedy is also without a peer for croup in children, and will prevent the attack when given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, which can only be done when the remedy is kept at hand. For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co. and A. T. Fried.

Watches carefully repaired at Crabb's.

JOTTINGS FOR THE JOLLY

Short Paragraphs Prepared and Performed For the Readers of the Journal.

One bird don't make a summer. However sweet and pert, So don't take off your flannels yet, Keep on your heavy shirt.

You can never get to the front by following the crowd.

A man could afford to buy jewels for a wife if he wasn't married.

The brave deserve the fair, but they are not always able to support her.

Lazy men are always talking about some other men who are fools for luck.

The way to convince a man is to make him think he is convincing you.

Learn to paddle your own canoe before seeking to steer the ship of state.

It takes a handsome young widow to make a woman hater change his mind.

Flattery catches silly people, but disagreeable candor never catches anybody.

An appreciative audience is always highly intelligent—from the speaker's viewpoint.

It makes a girl feel awfully sad at times not to have anything to make her feel sad.

Some people think that it's never too late to mend a matrimonial mistake by applying for a divorce.

It's almost as difficult for a detective to catch a criminal as it is for a prosecuting attorney to hold him.

The average man is schooled to the belief that experience is not only a good but an expensive teacher.

It sometimes happens that a man fails to make money—otherwise there would be no occasion for his failure.

Nature has equipped every man for happiness, but some people allow their equipment to get sadly out of repair.

A man is never thoroughly domesticated until he can button his wife up the back without swearing more than seventeen times.

If the parents of those girls who were seen in the company of those strange railroad employes the other night could have seen them as others did, they would have bowed their heads in shame. If some of our mothers do not keep a more vigilant watch over their girls at night they will have cause for singing: "Oh, where is my wayward girl tonight?"

Here is a true definition of a hypocrite, my boy, and you see several of them every day as you wend your way to and from school: He is a man who has joined the church solely for the purpose of securing business. He can pray like a trooper, but as soon as he leaves the church door behind him, he is ready to "skin" the first man that he comes across who wants a "bargain."

Death of Andrew Corbett.

Andrew Corbett, one of the "boys in blue" and one of Cass county's oldest and most respected citizens, died about noon yesterday, from pleurisy, at his home a few miles southeast of Elmwood, after an illness of but a few days. His sudden demise was a great shock to his friends, many of whom did not know of his illness. He was in Elmwood just last week negotiating for a residence property, and he and his estimable wife expected to soon move to Elmwood to spend their declining years.

Funeral services will be held at the home at 10 a. m. Sunday.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

Funeral of Little Daughter.

The funeral services of Gladis A. Stanley, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Stanley, was held at the residence of the parents on Winterstein Hill, Sunday afternoon, J. E. Houlgate of the Methodist church, conducting the services. The Misses Tvey, Brady, Seivers and Edwards sang several appropriate songs. Interment was made in Oak Hill cemetery.

The family appreciate the kindness of the neighbors and friends, who assisted them during the sickness and death of their little daughter, and take this form of expressing their thanks.

A Favorite Remedy for Babies.

Its pleasant taste and prompt cures have made Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a favorite with the mothers of small children. It quickly cures their coughs and colds and prevents any danger of pneumonia or other serious consequences. It not only cures croup, but when given as soon the croupy cough appears will prevent the attack. For sale by F. F. Fricke & Co. and A. T. Fried.

Our watches are good and our prices reasonable. Crabb's.