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DO NOT BELIEVE IT WAS SUICIDE

Friends of the Late George S. Carnahan Do Not Believe That He Ended His Career on Earth Intentionally.

THE FATAL DOSE AN ACCIDENT

His Plans for the Future an Indication That He No Intention of Committing Such an Act.

As the Journal was the first paper to publish the unfortunate death of its friend, George S. Carnahan, we think no more than right and just that we republish the following from the Elmwood Leader-Echo, which surely gives every indication that his death was purely accidental:

So many papers have given notice of the death of our esteemed citizen, Geo. Steele Carnahan, in which a wrong impression seems to pervade each notice, that a statement of the facts surrounding the closing scenes might be very beneficial to an interested public at this time.

Mr. Carnahan had not been feeling at his best for a period of three months last past, during which time he had been treated by Drs. Neely and Munger, neither of whom at any time considered his ailment more than temporary and not of a serious nature. On Sunday afternoon preceding his death, Mr. Carnahan visited Dr. Munger at his office and did not appear to be in any unusual condition, making no statements that indicated that he felt differently than at other times.

At the breakfast table Sunday morning Mr. Carnahan remarked that, "Had I known that I would have felt so well, I would have gone to the Dahlman banquet at Omaha" the Saturday evening before. At about 10 o'clock a. m. Sunday Mr. Carnahan purchased a small vial of carbolic acid at Green's drug store, saying that he wanted it for use in bathing. Mr. E. J. Jeary, who was his room mate for about ten months at the Elmwood house, says that Mr. Carnahan had many and many times used carbolic acid in the water when bathing and for treatment of his feet. Others, as well as Mr. Jeary, testify that Mr. Carnahan was an habitual user of medicine, either for some real or fancied ailment. He was also, quite methodical in the arrangements of such medicine keeping same on a washstand in his room. On this washstand, with other bottles of larger size, was a small vial of the same size as the one purchased with carbolic acid, which was filled with castor oil.

Mr. Carnahan appeared to all his friends on Sunday the same genial character that has always marked his life. The evening hours were spent with D. Smith and family, where he often went.

He Did Have Some News This Time.

Many is the time we have stepped into the recorder's office for a bit of news, only to receive the bland reply, "there is nothing doing." We, of course, after asking numerous questions, endeavoring to worm some slight information out of the genial official, had to decamp without anything to print. This morning, though, we observed a very happy expression on his face, and thought sure we might hope to get an item, but the same answer came back, "nothing." When his face lightened up with a still happier expression, and made an admission, which is this: Yesterday the stork made the home of Mr. and Mrs. Schneider a visit, and there is now staying at their home another member—a little blue eyed girl—calling Henry, "Papa," and all concerned doing well.

Departed for California.

Robert McGregor, a painter, who has for about a year worked in the Burlington local shops, and has many friends here, departed on the fast mail this afternoon for Riverton, California, where he expects to make his future home. Robert is one of the finest of young men, and the city of Riverton is to be congratulated in securing such a splendid citizen. Mr. McGregor expects to work at his trade in the golden west.

At 10 p. m. Mr. Carnahan left for his hotel and was never seen alive again. He was found Monday at 10 a. m. lifeless in his bed. Mr. Carnahan had retired in the usual way, and lay with his right arm uncovered at the side of the bed, while his left arm was wholly covered and the quilts well up about his shoulders. Not a single indication that there had been the slightest quiver to disarrange the bed since he had last adjusted it. Mr. Jeary says that during the time he roomed with Mr. Carnahan, that Mr. Carnahan very frequently after retiring would arise and go to his medicine bottles and get what he desired and again retire.

Following the usual habit, as testified by several, Mr. Carnahan invariably took medicine from the bottle, as very many do. It is also stated by several that if the medicine had a disagreeable taste, Mr. Carnahan always placed the bottle well in the mouth to avoid the taste. How natural it would have been for Mr. Carnahan to have placed this carbolic acid bottle by the side of the others when he came in his room to retire. How natural it would have been, following the usual method after retiring, to feel that he needed a cathartic and to arise in the dark and take the vial that contained the acid instead of the vial containing castor oil, as both were in the same size bottles. These two vials were placed in evidence at the inquest.

The verdict of the jury empaneled to investigate the cause of death was from the evidence submitted—the taking of carbolic acid accidentally. There is nothing to indicate any intention otherwise. On the contrary, everything points to an unfortunate accident. Mr. Carnahan had been making more than ordinary plans for the future. It was generally understood that Mr. Carnahan would be appointed assessor for Stove Creek precinct. Mr. Carnahan had made arrangements to purchase from Mr. Raker the latter's interest in the pool hall.

So, with brighter prospects than he had previously known, and surrounded by a host of friends and without any intimation of being tired of life,—reports to the contrary notwithstanding—only the conclusion that can be reached with any charity is that a costly accident took from our midst one whom we all loved.

Pollard Introduces Bills

A special from Washington under date of December 12, says: "Representative Pollard introduced a bill providing an appropriation of \$75,000 for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building at Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Also the following the following pension bills: James A. Long, Douglas, Otoe county, \$30; Thaddeus H. Woodard, Bethany, Lancaster county, \$30; Elam Allen, Greenwood, Cass county, \$75; and Captain Theodore Shaffer, Weeping Water, \$30."

Former Plattsmouth People Prosper.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Neleigh, of Wisner, formerly of this place, came in last evening, and visited with Mrs. Neleigh's parents over night. Mr. Neleigh departed this morning for home, where he is engaged in the clothing business, and where he cannot long remain away from business. Mrs. Neleigh will remain and spend the holidays in the city, visiting with friends and relatives, a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. York. They report, Mr. A. E. B. Neleigh, as doing well on the farm this year, he having a good crop.

For Sale.

Five thoroughbred Poland-China male hogs. Extra fine stock. C. E. COOK, Plattsmouth.

In District Court.

Yesterday the attention of the court was taken up with the disposal of a number of cases of tax sale foreclosures which have been hanging fire for some time.

Some minor matters regarding the settling of tax cases were taken up this morning for final settlement, which after having been disposed of, the matter of the application for a decree of divorce was heard, in the case of Ethel M. VanHorn vs. E. C. Van Horn, in which cruelty was charged, but which decree was refused, on grounds of not just cause for divorce. Court claimed that cruelty, which was offered to be proven by the evidence, was without motive, as facts complained of was done in play. Permission was given to withdraw plea, and a continuance was asked and granted.

DEMOCRATIC BANQUET

To Be Held at Lincoln on the Night of January 15

William Jennings Bryan will "sound the keynote" at a dollar dinner to be given in Lincoln January 15, under the direction of the democratic state committee. The banquet will be given in the auditorium and it is hoped by the Bryan enthusiasts to bring one thousand people to this banquet.

A meeting of the democratic state committee will be held in Lincoln on the same date. Along with members of the committee, chairmen of the county committees and other prominent democrats have been requested to attend.

A number of outside speakers will be invited to lend their presence to the affair and it is intended that at this dinner Mr. Bryan will make the most important speech of the campaign for the nomination.

THE LATE JOHN D. ROBBINS

An Interesting Sketch of the Unfortunate Man

A friend of the late John D. Robbins writes the following for the Lincoln Journal: "John D. Robbins of Plattsmouth, who accidentally lost his life in Chicago last week, while in the employ of Fairbanks, Morse & Co., was a familiar figure in Lincoln ten or twelve years ago, and perhaps had a wider acquaintance among Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa wheelmen than any rider within the borders of the state. He came to Lincoln in 1896, and for three or four years, during the greatest activity in the cycling world, he was a prominent and well known figure wherever wheelmen congregated. He was a traveling representative of a Lincoln bicycle trade paper, and during the years '97 and '98 rode more than 10,000 miles on a bicycle in the interests of the paper. At one period he was an official of the League of American Wheelmen, and attended many meetings and tournaments in an official capacity. He was genial and kind-hearted to a degree, and had the faculty of making and keeping friends. He knew personally practically every wheelman of note in the middle west, and enjoyed the confidence and respect of a large circle of friends, who will regret his untimely end, for he was yet in his prime, being about 35 years of age. In addition to his prominence in the wheel world he did some general newspaper work and for a time was connected with the circulation department of a Lincoln daily. He was much interested in college athletics and played part of a season with the university football squad. On the decline of cycling, he returned to Plattsmouth, and for several years was in the contracting business. Later he went to Chicago, and was in the employ of the Fairbanks company when he met his death. His funeral was held at Plattsmouth on Tuesday of this week. Every member of his family was present except his brother, Bush Robbins, a prominent railroad man at Grand Junction, Colo., and his sister, Mrs. James Patterson, of Los Angeles, Cal."

Will Look at Sunny Kansas

C. H. Warner and Andy Smith departed today for sunny Kansas where Mr. Warner has a fine farm and where Mr. Smith thinks of acquiring one. The former is very enthusiastic over the country down that way and the latter goes along to see the country and should it please him he will make that his home.

THE CHRISTMAS BUSINESS

The Season When Everybody Feels He Must Be a Little Extravagant.

When one public speaker advises those who have never been extravagant before to be extravagant now for the sake of business, the advice itself is as extravagant as that of another public teacher who tries to abolish the Christmas holidays as a season of sinful license.

This year and every year some may be extravagant during the holidays with better excuse than they have been at any other time, if their excuse now is to give others pleasure. But this year and every year a great number of people give at their own expense by cutting down what they might spend in other ways. When a housewife with the open consent of the children economizes on table expenses to buy a present for the father; when the father cuts down his expense for personal luxuries to buy presents which please children for a day or a week and disappear, it is not in the nature of business and, so far, it may not run up the actual grand totals.

It has the right to exist and to operate on its own account thus far and beyond, regardless of business. Thus far and beyond this as far it extends in its own right it is necessarily a good thing for every business, as every other good thing is. In its business results it causes immensely increased activity, more work for more people and more risk, which command and ought to command more millions of money in the total for the towns and the country. This is a good thing to which business is entitled, but the share of business is the least of the profit in the one season of the year which has the most nearly unmixing good in it, so nearly in reach of all that the poorest can afford it.

Read over the advertisements in the Journal before you make your purchases. Remember that the liberal advertiser has the goods you want and at prices to suit the times. Don't make a break for Omaha until you are satisfied you cannot get what you want in Plattsmouth.

SURPRISE THEIR OLD NEIGHBOR

Make Merry and Leave Token of Their Esteem For Friends.

As an acknowledgement of a number of years of good citizenship, a host of the friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barker gathered at their home, last Saturday evening, with well filled baskets and some very appropriate gifts, to surprise the friends and neighbors, who have during the past, proved always a neighbor to those who were needing a friend. The family had been away from home, and did not return until late, and had scarcely gotten their evening meal disposed of, when in dropped a neighbor, only to be followed by others, until the house was well filled, and the surprise was complete. Social conversation, music and games, occupied them until a late hour, when, the well filled baskets, which had been brought along, were opened, and a feast fit for the epicures was had. On departing, the guests, wished Mr. and Mrs. Barker, a pleasant and profitable, sojourn in the new home, where they will move to in the spring, near Tekamah.

The invited guest, who in this way, chose to show honor, to the old friends, and make another green spot in the memory, of the ones departing, for a home elsewhere, were, Messrs and Mesdames, Russell Todd, A. L. Todd, Wm. Noxon, T. S. Todd, Wm. Schutz, J. F. Clugy, E. R. Todd, A. E. Todd, Andrew Smith, August Stohlman, W. L. Thomas, T. S. Isabel, A. Rouse, A. L. Zink, W. A. Rouse, and Messrs Fredolph Nord and George Standler.

Breaks Arm Scuffling

Wm. Kittrell and John Lish, both of South Bend, were in the city today looking after some business matters, and in a jocular sort of way got to wrestling and scuffling, and in their good natured fun when the fall came, Mr. Kittrell's arm was turned under his body, breaking it near his wrist. Dr. Livingston reduced the fracture, and though suffering a great deal of pain, Mr. Kittrell was able to go home on the afternoon train.

In County Court.

The final settlement of the estate of David Woodard, deceased, of which S. W. Orton was administrator, was disposed of. As also was the estate of John Tastl, both of Weeping Water.

Is Down With Chicken-pox

Hugo Asemissen, of the firm of A. L. Asemissen & Sons, a week or so ago began the dressing of a Christmas window for the store and we wondered why he had not finished his task. This morning we dropped in to enquire and found that our friend was having a tussle with the chicken-pox, and would not be out for some time. We trust his recovery may be rapid, and that he may be around again before Christmas. But it is evident someone else at the store will have to finish dressing the window.

The Financial Situation.

Last week's financial market reflected one of those reversals of movement by which the limitations of the existing situation become defined. The reaction was accepted as a demonstration that the recovery had adequately expressed the improvement in conditions, and, in fact, might be regarded as running beyond that point. The later stage of the rebound in prices was due obviously to the needs of an uncovered short interest, and with the satisfaction of this need the market for securities lacked the stay of this demand.

Besides this natural force of reaction from the first rebound, there was evidence that some of the factors which had been counted on to sustain the recovery had turned out disappointing. The most conspicuous of these elements was the decided stiffening of the call money market and the tardiness of the expected relaxation in the general money stringency.

Ultimate Outcome Certain

This ultimate outcome is so certainly indicated by all prior experience of money crisis that much of the recent discussion has run to possible measures of relief of future currency inflation and redundancy of money markets, even while New York clearing house banks were at the lowest ratio of reserves to deposits in their history, and the clearing-house certificates continued to affect settlement of balances between banks all over the country.

Last week saw the growth of a conviction that two much haste was being made in the anticipation of the passing of these abnormal conditions. Less confidence was felt that the resumption of ash payments by the banks and the re-establishment of the credit system could be affected by the end of the year.

The demand from the interior for currency was not much abated in spite of the apparent great strength in reserves of interior banks disclosed by the responses to the Comptroller's call. The realization was bought home to the financial community that very heavy credit requirements must be met for the end of the year, including large mercantile borrowings, to insure the continued business activities, while a premature assumption was being made in the stock market that the expected relax of funds to normal banking channels would be in time to meet these requirements.

Money Rate Made Higher.

The New York banks acted on the evidence that steps were incumbent upon them to repair their position as a necessary preliminary to the re-establishment of normal conditions in the country. The contraction of loans in pursuance of this end ran up the week's money rate and turned prices of securities downward.

It is a fact, however, that the attraction of the high money rate has induced some lending of interior funds in New York for the first time since the crisis developed.

Another active factor toward checking the rebound in the market was the question of dividend reductions, which was brought forward by the week's events. The shutting down of a number of the Amalgamated Copper company's mines called attention to the productive output, shrinkage of that industry, and emphasized the effect of reports of progressive decline in the iron output.

Manley Elevator Siding.

C. A. Rawles was a passenger to Omaha this morning where he goes to look after case of the Manly Elevator company, in its effort to obtain a siding to its elevator at Manley before the supreme court. In conversation with Attorney Rawles as he was waiting at the Burlington station this morning he said that he hopes for a favorable and speedy termination of the suit now pending.

Louisville Horse Thief.

It will be remembered that on the 4th of this month, Fred Wren, living near Louisville, suffered the loss of a horse and buggy by being stolen from the hitch rack. Immediately cards were sent out by Sheriff Quinton, giving a description of the outfit and offering a reward of \$75 for the capture of the party stealing them and the return of the property. One of these cards fell into the hands of a mail carrier on a rural route running out of Raymond, which is about seventeen miles northwest of Lincoln. This servant of Uncle Sam, knowing that a neighbor had just purchased an outfit similar to the one described on the card, immediately communicated with the purchaser of the rig, Mr. Wm. Barnett, and made known the circumstances of the theft, who, as soon as he had known of the affair, called up the sheriff at Lincoln, stating what he knew of the case, which was that he had bought the rig, agreeing to pay therefor \$90.00, fifty of which he had paid at time of purchase and delivery and the balance was to be sent to Frank Brown at Hastings.

The sheriff at Lincoln was soon in communication with Mr. Quinton at this place, when instructions were hastened to the sheriff of Adams county to place the supposed Mr. Brown under arrest. In a very short time our purloiner of the horse and buggy was under arrest and the sheriff on his way after him.

Mr. Quinton left yesterday morning, on his way to Lincoln, having in charge Mr. Worrel, who was destined to the asylum for the insane, and having Deputy Sheriff M. E. Manspecker along, handed Mr. Worrel over to his care and hastened on to Hastings, where he found his man in careful hands.

This morning, in charge of the sheriff, the man giving his name as Frank Brown came in and is now languishing in the county bastille. One of our city officers, who says he has known this young man since he was a small child, tells us that his name is not Frank Brown, as given by him, but is something else. What the real name is he will not divulge, so we will have to await the hearing tomorrow, when he will be arraigned and charged with horse stealing.

Henry Petit who was captured at Hastings last Wednesday evening and brought to this place, where he has since remained in the county jail, awaiting a preliminary examination, for horse stealing, was today advised by his attorney to plead guilty, and waive the preliminary hearing, which he did, and upon a transcript of judgment from Judge Archer's court, the case was taken to the district court, where Mr. Petit was arraigned and pleading guilty, was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

On the 4th of this month, Fred Wren of near Louisville was in that city, and leaving his horse and buggy tied to the hitch rack, found it missing, and after a fruitless search, notified the sheriff, who sent out cards offering \$75 reward, one of which fell into the hands of a rural mail carrier, running out of Raymond, in Lancaster county, who knew of a neighbor having just purchased an outfit similar to the one described, communicated the fact to him, who in turn communicated with the sheriff of Lancaster county.

But a short time was necessary for the wheels of justice to get turning, and Sheriff Quinton was apprised of the matter, when he instructed the sheriff of Adams county to look for and make the arrest, which he did, as above stated. The man was taken back to the county jail, when he goes to the penitentiary after Sheriff Quinton returns, he being out in the county at present looking after some official business.

Gets the Appointment.

A special from Tecumseh, Neb., under date of December 12, says: "John H. Hasenager, who lives north of Tecumseh, has secured the appointment as herdsman at the sub-state experimental station, near North Platte, and will assume his new duties on January 15 next. Mr. Hasenager will have charge of all the Percheron horses, grade cattle and Duroc-Jersey swine which are kept on the place for experimental purposes and will assist in this work. He has made farming and the raising of fine stock a success in his work here. The many friends of Mr. Hasenager and his family will regret very much to have them remove from the community. He proposes to hold a sale on Dec. 27 and dispose of his personal property, and he will leave with his family for North Platte as soon as he can arrange business matters to enable him to get away." Mr. Hasenager is pretty well known in the vicinity of Murray, where he was a few years ago to a daughter, James Allison. The Journal is to learn of his appointment.