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SERIOUS SHOOTING AFFRAY NEAR AVOCA LAST SUNDAY

The One Who Did the Shooting States it Was Done in Self Defense and Gave Himself Up.

Too much indulgence in liquor, coupled with a card game, yesterday lead to a shooting near Avoca, in which Henry Martin sustained wounds which are painful, although not serious. Martin, in company with Charles Steele, a brother-in-law of his, and several other parties was a guest at the home of Jens Rasmussen, a well known and highly respected citizen living about one mile west of the village of Avoca. The party had been indulging in some drinks, although their condition was not noticeably intoxicated, and had also been having a little card game, using poker chips as counters. Steele and Martin had not been on the best of terms for some time, and according to Steele the liquor which Martin had drunk affected his feelings and roused up the ill feeling. Steele had won all the chips and the party was bantering Martin over his ill luck, when he got irritated and angry and finally announced that he would "fix him now," referring to Steele. With this idea in mind he left the room where they had been playing and went out into the yard, securing some stones, which he commenced throwing in through the open door.

Steele and the others tried to get him to desist from his pastime, according to Steele's story, and finally they went out into the yard. Martin went after Steele as soon as he got out, and tried to beat him up a bit, but the latter warded off the blows and finally Martin drew a knife and started to carve Steele with it. The latter retreated to the house and seized a .22 calibre rifle which was standing there, and claims he intended to frighten Martin away. He finally fired the gun and the bullet penetrated Martin's right hip, making a painful flesh wound. It was not serious in its nature and did not prevent Martin making his way to Avoca, where Dr. Brendel was called upon to

dress the wound. He did so and later Martin went to a hospital at Omaha for treatment.

Steele, shortly after the shooting, also went to Avoca and saw Dr. Brendel, telling him of the circumstances of the trouble, and asking his advice about the matter. Dr. Brendel advised him to call the sheriff up and tell him of the trouble and also surrender himself to the authorities. This Steele done, calling up the sheriff and telling him of the occurrence. Sheriff Quinton advised the constable of the precinct to take Steele into custody and deliver him to him at Union this morning, which was done. Steele surrendering and accompanying the constable to Union, where they met Sheriff Quinton, who took him in charge and brought him here to the county jail.

County Attorney Ramsey interviewed Steele at the jail and learned from him his story of the trouble, making a good case of self defense out of the story. Mr. Ramsey this afternoon will go to Avoca, where he will interview the various witnesses to the affair and endeavor to get the exact status of the matter from them. Pending this investigation no complaint will be filed against Steele, and it seems probable none will be filed if his story turns out to be correct. There is small probability of securing a conviction if Steele's story is corroborated by the others, and there would be no use wasting time and money in prosecution.

The parties to the matter, with the exception of Mr. Rasmussen, are all Americans, and the whole trouble according to surface indications, rises over some family troubles and a too free indulgence in liquor. Mr. Ramsey will also interview the injured man at the Omaha hospital before his return and get his story. No serious trouble for Martin from the injury is apprehended, as it is understood to be merely a flesh wound.

MRS. HUNTER DIES AT THE HOSPITAL

Culmination of the Accidental Shooting Near Murray.

As the culmination of the shooting of Mrs. Alex Hunter, near Murray, last Wednesday night, the unfortunate lady died at the hospital in Omaha yesterday morning. The remains were brought to this city yesterday afternoon and the funeral will take place from the home of her father, Jesse Heiner, this afternoon.

Every effort was made to locate the bullet by the surgeons at the hospital, and it was probed for repeatedly, but without success. It was seen that death was almost inevitable after the failure to get the bullet, and the end was forecasted early. It is improbable that an inquest will be held, as Sheriff Quinton, it is said, does not consider such a course necessary. The story of the shooting, as it has been told, gives the impression that the shooting was entirely accidental, although there are many who cast doubts upon it and who believe that a careful investigation should be made of the matter.

Mrs. Hunter was 38 years of age and was the mother of several children. She and her husband had been residents of this city and vicinity for a number of years. Several years since some of their children were taken away from them by the state board and placed in the home for the friendless, as it was shown they were not being properly taken care of and raised. The family is a poor one and in a rather straightened circumstances. A number of relatives and friends of the deceased woman arrived in the city this morning to attend the funeral, which took place this afternoon, as above stated.

Fresh oysters. Stews, 25c; fries, 35c. Barclay's restaurant.

Back From Old Virginia.

M. Mauzy and wife, who returned Friday from their extended six weeks' trip to Virginia, Washington, Philadelphia, Niagara Falls, Montreal, Detroit and other eastern points, brought with them several specimens of fine apples which they obtained from Mr. Cy. Palmer of Highland county, Virginia. Mr. Palmer is a brother-in-law of A. S. Will of this city, and is a well known orchardist of his local city. The apples are very fine ones, being large and solid, and give every indication of being excellent keepers. Mr. Palmer has a fine orchard and usually has large crops, but this season has not been a good one and the crop is short. Judging from the specimens which Mr. Mauzy brought back, though, he certainly must raise some monsters if these are small. Mr. Mauzy states that he had a very fine trip and he is much improved in health by it. He and his wife visited at Niagara Falls for several days, and from there took in Hamilton and Toronto, Canada, returning via Detroit. They were much impressed with that part of Canada which they visited, but Mike says that after all he believes Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska are three states which are vastly superior to any other territory which they covered. General conditions here are better than elsewhere, and while the corn crop may be a little short, it is better as a rule than any other section of the country can show.

Up From Nehawka.

Ex-Congressman Pollard, Vilas Sheldon and Dr. Walker came up from Nehawka Sunday. Mrs. Walker came as far as B. W. Livingston's, south of town, and visited with her sister until Mr. Pollard had interviewed his employes at the News office. Dr. Walker was solicited to accompany them, and this gave the latter's wife an opportunity to spend a few hours with her sister, Mrs. Livingston. They came up in Mr. Sheldon's auto, and returned in the afternoon.

Mrs. E. D. Cummins is spending today in Omaha.

ACTIVE WORK BEGAN THIS MORNING

The Lighting Company Will Soon Give the Old Town Plenty.

Active work toward lighting the city was commenced this morning when Superintendent Clabaugh of the Nebraska Lighting company put a gang of men at work to connect up the gas lamps with the mains. The posts will remain on the sites now occupied on Main street; that is, one on the southwest corner and one on the northeast corner of each cross street. This was determined upon at a special meeting of the council committee last Saturday night. In addition the members agreed upon a division of the lights for each ward, and it was determined to place them where they would give the greatest benefit to the people throughout the entire city. Realizing that the limited number of lights for the large territory to be lighted will not permit all streets to be lighted, the council will do the best it can, and as the city gets in shape more lights will be added.

The two principal avenues are to have both gas and incandescent lights, especially Washington avenue to the M. P. depot, while the remaining streets will be lighted by incandescents. The council tonight will complete arrangements for the lights and will provide suitable locations therefor.

In connection with the lighting question, it can be stated that there is a prospect that the lights and power will be furnished here by the Omaha Nebraska Lighting company, negotiations to that end being on foot, although this is not definitely known. The local plant, which is essentially a gas plant, will take care of that end of the contract, while if suitable terms can be made with the Omaha company, power and light will be wired here from that city. Further particulars concerning this proposed deal cannot now be obtained, and it may not materialize.

Shop Employes Gratified.

The men of the Burlington shops are more than gratified at the announcement of the company of an advance of 1 cent an hour in wages. This, of course, does not apply to piece work, but merely to the men who work shop time. However, nearly all the men get in more or less shop time, and the advance will benefit every one to a greater or less degree. The advance is also to date from September 1, and this an additional surprise. While most people may think the advance a small one, yet it is not when everything is considered, and makes a material increase in the pay roll of the company for the month. The reason for the advance is understood to be the return of good times throughout the country, and the necessity for increasing wages to keep up with the advance in the cost of living. The cost of foodstuffs and clothing and shoes has been made higher from different causes, and the railroad management realizes that wages should advance to enable the men to obtain the benefits of the good times. As the Burlington employs thousands of men in their various shops the advance means a big increase in expenses.

The New Hall Finished.

The new hall of the Bohemian Catholic Turners is now completed throughout, and has been tastefully decorated inside, the walls of the gymnasium, or hall proper, being handsomely finished in hard finish, while the ceiling has been painted a light blue, making a beautiful combination. This organization has several classes of Turners taking lessons, including a beginners' class under the direction of President Matt Jirousek. A large number of visitors were present yesterday and were treated to a sight of the class at its practice, the little fellows doing some fine work. The organization is in a flourishing condition and on the highway to prosperity.

Mrs. James A. Walker and her daughter, Mrs. Dr. George H. Gilmore of Murray, came in this morning and were passengers for Omaha on the morning train, where they will spend the day.

Injured in Runaway.

Two prominent citizens from the vicinity of Union were badly injured last Friday evening in a runaway. The victims were H. W. Lloyd and Mablon Applegate, who were driving home in the early evening, having a spirited team. An automobile which came up on them suddenly scared the team, which bolted and ran. The men did their best to stop the team, but were unable to do so, and in turning a corner the wagon in which they were riding was upset and the men hurled violently to the ground. Mr. Applegate was the most severely injured of the two, sustaining a broken hip and being badly bruised, while Mr. Lloyd was left with a painful bruise on his arm. The latter was able to seek help, however, and Mr. Applegate was immediately conveyed to his home and medical aid summoned. It will be some time before the latter gentleman is well, but Mr. Lloyd will soon be himself again.

Injured at Weeping Water.

A. T. Sidwell, a traveling man in the employ of the Cudahy Packing company, last Thursday sustained severe injuries at Weeping Water. He was riding in the caboose of the local freight train out of that city when it stopped to do some switching. Several cars were kicked into the caboose while Sidwell was standing on his feet, and the force of their impact threw him the full length of the car, lighting on his head and shoulders against the end. He was knocked unconscious and remained in that condition for three hours and taken to the hotel at Weeping Water, being conveyed to his home in Omaha Friday. Reports from that city are to the effect that he is very sore and much bruised, but no permanent injury is thought to exist. Doubtless a heavy damage suit will be filed against the railroad company for the carelessness of the trainmen.

Wants an Ordinance Passed.

Chief of Police Amick today declared himself as being in favor of passing an ordinance to arrest any person running an automobile through the city while under the influence of liquor. He cites a number of cases where parties have run their machines in a very reckless manner while under the influence of liquor and a number of narrow escapes from injury or possible death. He states that the offenders are not local automobilists, as a rule, but comprise outsiders, who run through the streets with no regard for the rights of pedestrians or drivers of teams. He believes the council should pass an ordinance which would have so strict a penalty that every one would recognize it and pay some attention to it. He states he would rigorously enforce the ordinance to the letter and asked the Journal to call public attention to it.

Woodmen Unveil Monument.

The local camp of the Woodmen of the World yesterday held an unveiling of a monument to the late Charles Telpel at Oak Hill cemetery. There was a large attendance of members of the camp who met at their hall in the morning and marched to the cemetery, where the impressive unveiling ceremonies took place, participated in by the officers of the lodge. The monument feature of the Woodmen is one of the most attractive features which the membership in this order carries, and is a most beautiful one. During their existence here as a lodge they have had occasion to bury several members, and in each case a handsome monument has been erected to mark their last resting place, the same being always unveiled with imposing services.

Will Make No Mistake.

The voters of Cass county will not make any mistake by re-electing Frank Schlater county treasurer. His record of two years is without a flaw and merit is what is needed in public office. The only complaint reported against Mr. Schlater is that he is a rich man. While he is nowhere near the door of want, Frank is not a rich man. We have no rich men in this county—only the multi-millionaires can claim this distinction in these days. In these days of graft, greed and financial wreckage, if a man attains a competency, it is to his credit, and this is Mr. Schlater's position and his opponents will have to urge something stronger if they defeat him in this canvass. He is the right article in the right joint, and will be elected.—Lincoln Herald.

Mrs. Charles E. Duke is a visitor today in Omaha, going there on the early train.

ENGINEER DARROW IN TOWN

Prospecting for Another Sewer West of the Burlington Shops.

F. T. Darrow, district engineer of the Burlington, was in the city this afternoon looking over the site of the proposed storm water sewer along the west side of the Burlington shops. He will make a report on the project at once, and expressed himself as favorable to its construction. It is said the company has set aside \$10,000 for the construction of this big drainage ditch and that it will be put in so as to thoroughly protect the shops. The city will be asked to vacate a portion of Lincoln avenue for this purpose, and doubtless will do so without delay, just as soon as the formal report is made. In addition the city contemplates extending the drainage ditch up the avenue to such a point as will certainly insure protection against floods. Mr. Darrow also took occasion to look into a proposed gravel pit south of the shops, and there is a possibility that one may be opened there. If this is done this will give employment to a large number of men for some time, and will make a handsome increase in the company's pay roll at this place. It is believed that work on the proposed sewer will commence soon, and that it will be hurried to completion.

Judge Archer Entertains Relatives.

Judge and Mrs. M. Archer are enjoying a visit from George S. McNurlin, wife and son, formerly of Havelock. Mr. McNurlin is a son-in-law of Judge Archer's and has been a resident of Havelock for twenty years past, only recently selling out there and taking up a homestead in Morrill county, along side that of Will Archer, who has been farming there for several years. Mr. Archer has been very prosperous and raised excellent crops on his farm. Mr. McNurlin concluded to follow his example and secure some of his prosperity. They will be Judge Archer's guests for several days before leaving for their home.

Delegates Elected.

The following persons have been elected as delegates from the Methodist Sunday school to the county Sunday school convention at Elmwood, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week: R. H. Elliott, George Hall, Lillian Thompson, Alice Tvey, Margaret Mapes, Mrs. Kildow, T. W. Glenn, Malden Brown, W. L. Austin, Clara Austin, Mrs. Howland, Mrs. Wade Windham, C. C. Westcott. The delegation expects to leave tomorrow morning on the 9:45 M. P. train, making close connection at Union, reaching Elmwood by 11 o'clock. Others who are going should aim to go on this train. A good time is promised.

In County Court.

In county court today Judge Beeson heard several small matters, including the final settlement of the August Stohlman estate. The accounts of the administrator were examined and approved and the bondsmen released from any further liability on the bond.

In the matter of the estate of Lewis Gustin, who died in 1888, an administrator was appointed, Hiram Kuntz of Elmwood being designated in that capacity and accepting the post. The estate will be closed up to convey title to some real estate in the west part of the county. No marriage licenses were issued this morning.

Benefit Dance a Success.

The benefit dance given last Saturday at Coates' hall for the M. W. A. band was the largest attended in the city for a long time, and a superb time was had. The music for the dance was given by the Plattsmouth orchestra, composed of members of the band, and it was as good as could be obtained anywhere. A great many couples enjoyed the pleasant hours, and the outcome was voted a big success. The band boys will clear quite a neat sum from the entertainment. They will probably give other dances during the winter.

George Reihart and Aug. Osenkop of Louisville and Charles Reihart of near Cullum were Sunday visitors in Plattsmouth.

Brand New Boiler.

Superintendent F. C. Weber of the Plattsmouth Water company today commenced the installation of a brand new boiler at the water plant, the same having just been received. This will take some little time and considerable labor, but it was badly needed. This is the commencement of a series of improvements which the water company will make and involves the expenditure of a good sum of money in the city and locality.

CAR BREAKER AT UNION IN LIMBO

Ex-Convict of Nebraska Could Not Resist Temptation.

After spending several years in the penitentiary at Lincoln for burglary, and just securing his freedom, an ex-convict could not resist the temptation to commit another crime, and is now in the county jail waiting the operation of the law and prepared to accept another sentence in the penitentiary. This man was brought down from Lincoln, where he had been taken into custody by the officers by Missouri Pacific Special Officer MacLaren and turned over to Sheriff Quinton this morning.

Some ten days ago a car was broken into at Union and two pairs of shoes taken. Special officers detailed to look into the case fastened the crime upon the man now under arrest, and word went out to take him into custody, he being located at Lincoln. The officers at that point placed him under arrest, largely upon suspicion and judging by his past record. Special Agent MacLaren was notified and he had no trouble in identifying the prisoner as the man he wanted. In addition to this a confession was made by the prisoner, who expressed his desire to plead guilty and commence the service of his sentence.

Owing to the absence of the county attorney, who is at Avoca investigating the Martin shooting, the necessary complaint cannot be filed until tomorrow, when a complaint will likely be made and the prisoner arraigned. A plea of guilty will carry with it a penitentiary sentence, and this the prisoner will doubtless commence to serve at once.

It is stated that the name of the ex-convict is Robinson, and that he is an old offender.

Kicked in Eye by Colt.

George Stones and wife from between Murray and Mynard came in this morning and were passengers for Omaha, where their six-year-old son has been spending several days in a hospital, being treated for a badly cut eye. The little fellow some ten days ago was playing near the barn with some companions and ran behind a colt just as one of the other children struck the animal with a cob. The animal jumped and kicked and just reached the lad with his foot catching him just above the left eye and inflicting an ugly gash. Surgical aid was had at once and the wound sewed up. Owing to the position of the wound it was hard to keep it sewed together and it had become opened and irritated. In order to prevent serious consequences it was thought best to take the little fellow to the hospital for treatment and it is thought a few days should fix him all right. He was taken up Saturday and will probably be brought back this evening.

Finished Copy for Docket.

Clerk Robertson of the district court has finished the copy for the docket for the next term of district court, which convenes on November 8. The first week will be devoted to equity business and the jury will report for service on the 15th. The docket is light, there being at present but thirty-three cases, comprising six law, twenty-five equity and two criminal cases for trial. It is probable that there will be several additional cases filed before the docket is printed, but in any event there is small likelihood of the total being more than thirty-six or thirty-eight. The criminal docket is quite light, and in marked contrast to that of the past several terms.

A. J. Lepinsky, sales agent for the Blatz Brewing company, came down from Omaha this afternoon on No. 92 to look after business matters in connection with his brewery business.