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MICHAEL SLAVICEK AN OLD RESIDENT DIES BY HIS OWN HAND

The Sad Discovery Made About 5:30 Sunday Morning in the Barn at the Home of His Son.

From Monday's Daily.

The relatives of Michael Slavicek were shocked Sunday morning when, on going to his barn to feed his pigs and chickens, Frank Slavicek discovered his father in the barn dead. The sad discovery was made about 5:30 Sunday morning. The young man immediately notified his uncle, Joseph Svoboda, who with his son, J. J. Svoboda, and Adolph Koubek went with James back to the barn. The deceased was on his knees by the steps leading to the hay mow above, a small cord was around his neck and attached to a two-by-four which lay across the joice above. The cord was drawn tight and indicated that death had been by strangulation.

The coat and hat of Mr. Slavicek lay on the hay where it appeared he had lain. The sheriff was summoned immediately and at once came to the place, and on examination found that the body was very warm, showing that it had not been many hours before that the unfortunate man had ended his life. The sheriff thought it unnecessary that the coroner be summoned, as the cause of death was too evident to require any investigation.

The deceased was addicted to the excessive use of liquor, and had not been home for almost a week, and it is supposed that he had come home during the night, whether intoxicated or not is not known, and that he went to the barn and laid

down on the hay for a time; that as soon as dawn came so that he could see to fasten the rope and make the fatal noose that then, in a fit of despondency, ended his life.

Michael Slavicek was born in Moravia, sixty-nine years ago and came to America and to Plattsmouth something over twenty years ago.

In Bohemia about forty-five years ago he was married to Frances Svoboda, with whom he lived in the old country for twenty-five years when he left her to come to America. To this union five children were born, four of whom, with the widow, survive the deceased.

The surviving children are Frank, with whom Mr. Slavicek resided, Antone, who is with his mother in Bohemia, Mrs. Fannie Shoumal and William Slavicek of this city.

The deceased was a common laborer and for a time was employed in the lumber yard in the Burlington local shops. He was a kind hearted man, and never harmed any individual, his habitual craving for intoxicants being his sole weakness, and it was a matter of great regret to himself, because of the pain it gave his friends. In his early years he was a devoted Catholic, but in later years he went little to the church.

The funeral occurred this afternoon from the Hild undertaking rooms. The pall bearers were: E. Wooster, A. Kanka, J. Svoboda, Sr., and Joe Svoboda. Interment was made in Oak Hill cemetery.

NEBRASKA CITY LOSES BALL GAME

Rex Sox Win From Boosters by Score of 8 to 3.

From Monday's Daily.

The Nebraska City Boosters, the crack second place team of that city, and also containing a number of ex-Mink league players, and it might be stated here that they play good ball, too, but were easy victims for the Plattsmouth Red Sox on the Chicago avenue diamond yesterday afternoon. At no time from the beginning of the game did the visitors have a chance of winning, and the first score that was marked to their credit was made at the time of the accident between Droege and Mason, at which time the players met in a terrific collision in left field in trying to get under a short fly ball.

The ball falling short of Droege, the left fielder, and long for Droege, at short, although at the time of the collision Droege had caught the ball, but dropped it in the fall, and both players being quite badly stunned for the time being, and the attention of all players being directed to them, one man passed over the home plate. The batted ball was a short fly hit by White, and being the first man up in the third inning, he ran the bases without interference on the part of the home team. Two more men followed White in making the bases and safely landing at home plate in this inning. The three runs made by the visitors might be credited to the accident in this inning.

At this point is where some of the spectators feared the home team, with two good men injured might go to pieces and lose the game to the visitors. Barney readily realized the position he was placed in, and pitched much better ball the balance of the game, and the entire team came to the front and gave him the best of support, and the Boosters played the single 0 from here on. At this stage of the game the score stood 3 and 3, after which the home team passed five more men around the diamond, resulting in a score of 8 to 3.

The game was in many ways one of the best of the season. None of the players were dissatisfied with the decisions of the umpire, both teams played good ball, the visitors were simply a little weak and they knew it, and did not try to win the game through scrapping with the umpire.

One of the main features of the game was the usual heavy hitting by the Red Sox with Fitzgerald considerably in the lead. He came to the bat four times and made four safe hits, two two baggers and two single, one of them being at a time when two runs were made. Billy has sure made great advancement in his work during the present season, and at the bat he has made more than good.

Mann, Beal and Mason in the field were in the game all the time and made good at every opportunity given them. Bardwell in the box and Herold as the heavy back stop, played their usual game of ball, all of whom did good work at the bat, and Beal was there with his fierce base running; the way he steers second base was sure a puzzler to the Boosters.

McCauley was on first and even though his game leg refused to work at all times, he kept his mits under full control and naffed everything that came his way. Fitzgerald played his usual second, and Droege was at home on short, while Pete Peterson, the terrible pitcher with the Merchants of Council Bluffs, played third, and while this is not his customary position, he covered the base wall with but a couple of very slight errors to his credit. Pete plays ball all the time, but where he makes more than good is in the box.

The Red Sox held considerably the best of the game on points, making but very few errors, and are credited with several more hits than the Boosters made from Bardwell. There being no official score we are unable to give the game by innings and credit the hits and errors.

The Boosters are sure a gentlemanly lot of ball players, and where they are short in playing ball they more than make it up in goodfellowship. We trust they may play a return game.

Remember that there is a good one billed for next Sunday. The J. I. Cross team of Omaha. The J. I.

Cross team are considered one of the fast ones of the metropolis, and you will see a good game on this date.

A Pleasant Social Dance.

At the Katholik Sokol hall last Saturday evening a very pleasant time was had at their social dance. The attendance was large as usual. The music was furnished by the new orchestra of the society and was first-class in every particular. This society have given some most pleasant dances and the one last Saturday evening was in keeping with all the former occasions.

ACCIDENT AT CEDAR CREEK

Earl Chandler Five Years Old, Accidentally Shot Little Girl Three Years Old.

From Monday's Daily.

Last evening about 6:30 a distressing accident occurred at Cedar Creek which resulted in the death of little three year old Barbara Leonard whose grief stricken parents reside in Weeping Water.

The accidental shooting occurred while a rifle was being pointed at the little girl's head by little Earl Chandler, the five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chandler, also of Weeping Water.

The little girl survived until two o'clock this morning, although all that was possible to be done was done by the physician, Dr. Lewis of Louisville who was summoned immediately after the shooting.

The men had just returned from the river and had laid the rifle which was a 22 special calibre gun, down and had no sooner turned away, than the little boy picking it up aimed at the little girl's head and pulled the trigger. The little girl fell to the ground mortally wounded. The ball striking her over the left eye, penetrated to the brain and came out about the center of the forehead. Dr. Lewis was summoned within a few minutes, and he worked over the little sufferer as long as a spark of life was apparent, but she was beyond aid of medical skill.

This morning C. C. Baldwin, and the Weeping Water undertaker, came out in their auto and the remains were taken to Weeping Water. The accident is a very sad one and the grief stricken parents have the sympathy of the community.

Makes Good.

Dr. Charley Kennedy and wife of Omaha are in the city the guests of the doctor's mother and other relatives. Dr. Kennedy is an other example of a Plattsmouth young man who is making good. The doctor is an expert surgeon and knows as much of ex-ray machine as the man who invented the instrument. With the help of this instrument the doctor is able to perform some remarkable feats in surgery. He is the surgeon for the Union Pacific Railway shops in Omaha and has an extensive general practice, beside assisting the surgeon at a hospital, and in addition is a member of the medical college and delivers not less than one lecture before the class in surgery each week. The doctor has just purchased for his use in his practice a new Ford auto, so as to get around to his patients more rapidly. Doctor Kennedy's many Plattsmouth friends are pleased to note his steady climb toward the top in his chosen profession.

Rain General in Nebraska.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Last evening about 8 o'clock news was received at the station that a half hour before a terrific rain and wind storm had struck Havelock and that the wires at Grand Island and Fremont were down and a hard storm was expected here. But the storm had spent its force before it reached Plattsmouth. A general rain all over central and eastern Nebraska fell during the night. There was a heavy rain at O'Neill and all over the Burlington division. The gauge at the station here showed 62-100 of an inch.

W. M. Richards of South Bend, was in the city today looking after business matters at the court house. A fine rain fell in that precinct last night. The election was lightly attended. Out of 180 votes in the precinct only 25 votes were cast.

ANOTHER MURDER IN OMAHA

The Murderess a Former Resident of Weeping Water Where She Was Reared.

From Monday's Daily.

The following account of the shooting of Otis Hedy, a restaurant waiter in Omaha a few days since is taken from the Sunday Bee. Mrs. Mott who did the shooting, formerly resided in Weeping Water:

Otis Hedy, the waiter who was shot on the back porch of the double apartment house, 821-833 South Nineteenth street Thursday evening by Mrs. Bertha Mott, died in St. Joseph's hospital last night. Hedy was optimistic until the very last conscious moment. This was between 10 and 11 o'clock yesterday morning. Following an acute seizure he collapsed and never rallied until the spark of life went out. At the bedside was his wife and little boy.

"A charge of second degree murder will probably be preferred against Mrs. Mott. This was the statement of County Attorney English last night.

"Mr. English visited the hospital yesterday in the afternoon with a view to getting an ante-mortem statement from Hedy. He was then, however, unconscious.

"When the county attorney saw Hedy Thursday he felt so confident of living that no legal statement could be recorded. Hedy in conversation repeated the version of the transaction that culminated in his death that he gave out Friday morning when he had recovered from the effects of the operation performed by Police Surgeon Harris. He stated that the accused woman entered his room when there was no one there but himself and his little boy, that he asked her to leave and when they got out on the porch she fired.

"Mrs. Mott, who is confined in the matron's department of the city jail, is fast becoming a nervous wreck. She is a slightly built young woman, nothing but a girl, and when seen last night she was moaning hysterically. When sufficiently calmed to converse she corroborated the account of the shooting she gave to the police at the time of her arrest and told afterwards to her husband. There were statements that Mott has fled the city after the tragic event in which his wife was one of the principal actors, but he merely shifted their slight belongings from 821 South Nineteenth street, and went to live with his mother at 1012 South Forty-eighth street. He has visited his wife at the jail every day since her committal. Her mother called with him yesterday. Mrs. Mott's father, J. L. Wise, is employed on the Missouri Pacific railroad at Weeping Water, Neb.

"In recounting the facts of the tragedy, Mrs. Mott said when Hedy entered the room her back was turned toward him and the first intimation she had of his presence was when he made an indecent proposal. She said she did not know what he meant, but, as a strange man in her room, she told him to get out. He wouldn't go, but insulted her, and she ran for her husband's gun and following him out, shot him.

"Mrs. Mott is positive that the shooting occurred following the man's visit to her room and that there was no one on the porch but Hedy and herself."

Mrs. Mott is the daughter of John Wise of Weeping Water, and was born and reared in that city, her father being a peaceable hard working man. Her mother was a very high tempered woman, and some years ago attacked a prominent physician of that city and attempted to belabor the doctor with a buggy whip. Mrs. Mott married her husband some months ago and recently removed to Omaha.

Hears From Beadle County.

Adam Kaffenberger of Eight Mile Grove visited Plattsmouth today. Mr. Kaffenberger received a letter from George Wright of Beadle county, South Dakota, where Mr. Kaffenberger owns lands, stating that although it had been dry in Dakota, yet a good small grain crop had been harvested and that there were many good fields of corn. That Beadle county had fared about the same as the rest of South Dakota is evident.

Earl Karl of Omaha spent Sunday with Julius Pitts and other relatives.

A Visitor From the Far East.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Dr. J. E. Monroe from Orange, Mass., and a brother of O. P. Monroe of this city, arrived in Plattsmouth Saturday for a few weeks visit here with his brother and family. Mr. Monroe is a graduate optician and it is possible that while here he may fit and make glasses for those who may want them. Mr. Monroe arrived from the east over the Burlington on train No. 4, and was met at Pacific Junction by his brother, O. P. Monroe and William Winn. This train arrives at the Junction at ten o'clock at night but with all of O. P.'s fast driving they failed to arrive in Plattsmouth until about two in the morning and O. P. does not like to give up the cause, especially when he has made good time and travelled the required number of miles for the time out to keep up his record. The trouble was simply this: O. P. relied on Brother Winn to mark the fence posts so their return trip would be safe, and Billy says he depended on the judgment of Mr. Monroe to find the road home, and after travelling the south road from the Junction nearly to Bartlett they awoke a farmer from his slumbers to ascertain how much farther it was to the ferry. You can imagine the surprise of our two townsmen when they were apprised of their situation. Lost, and only five miles from where they have lived for so many years.

Takes Well Earned Vacation.

From Monday's Daily.

J. W. Barwick and wife and grand-daughter, Hilda Julian, departed this morning for Thomas, Oklahoma, where Mr. Barwick with his family, will spend ten days vacation. Mr. Barwick has been in the employ of the Burlington at this place for twenty-three years, and this is his first vacation for forty years. Superintendent Baird prizes Mr. Barwick's work very highly, and is pleased to grant him his well earned vacation, and jokingly informed Mr. Barwick that if he returned before the ten days he would have to send him back. Mr. Barwick came from England to Plattsmouth twenty-three years ago and has made many warm friends in the community, who are glad to see himself and estimable wife take a trip for pleasure.

Funeral of Mrs. Severin.

The Sunday Omaha Bee in reference to the funeral of Mrs. Severin says: "The funeral of Mrs. Joseph Severin will be held at 7:30 a. m., Wednesday morning from the residence, 173 1/2 South Twenty-second street, to the Church of the Assumption. The date of the funeral was fixed late that the elder sons from California and Washington may be present. After the ceremony at the church the body will be sent to Plattsmouth, the home of Mrs. Severin's daughter, for burial. Mrs. Severin died of burns due to scalding water which she received last Thursday. She died at 3 p. m., Friday, living thirty-six hours after the injury."

New Dentist Arrives.

From Monday's Daily.

Dr. R. N. Ransom of Brock, the gentleman who purchased the dental office of Dr. W. B. Elster some few weeks ago, arrived in the city this morning and will take possession of the office at once. The Journal acknowledges a call from our new citizen this morning, and we can truthfully say that we found him to be an excellent young gentleman. He comes well recommended as such and also a thorough master of his chosen profession. The Journal welcomes Mr. Ransom to our city and trusts that he may meet with the success he is justly entitled to.

Broke His Collar Bone.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon while a number of boys were playing in the yard of Joe Smith, an accident occurred which resulted in breaking the collar bone of Harry, the sixteen year old son of Mr. Warton. Several of the boys had climbed into the branches of a large boxelder tree, when suddenly the weight of the boys caused the tree to break loose from the ground and it went tumbling down the hill striking Harry on the neck with the above results. The injured boy was taken to Dr. Cummins' office and the fracture reduced and properly dressed. Today Harry is able to walk about, but his injured collar bone is quite sore.

Jack Patterson was a passenger to Omaha this afternoon on business.

SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES

Large Congregations and Fine Sermons at Presbyterian and Methodist Churches.

The services at the First Presbyterian church yesterday were of more than ordinary interest. Before the sermon, Miss Emma Falter sang, "Plains of Peace," with the sweetness of tone and distinctness of accent which charmed the occupants of the pews. Rev. Gade preached on the "Judgment." It was the straight old fashioned gospel that he gave his hearers yesterday morning, and it came to them in a message of love overflowing with tenderness.

He emphasized the fact that there would be a day of judgment. "The day will come when we shall stand in the presence of the everlasting God," he declared. "There is something more than this life, the present stretches beyond, and there is some way in which the wrongs of this world will be righted and justice done. There is to be a judgment—God's word declares it. In Hebrews we read 'It is appointed unto men once to die, and after this the judgment.' David declares 'He will judge the world in righteousness.' Paul says 'That we must all be made manifest before the judgment seat of Christ that each may receive the deeds done in the body, according to that he hath done whether it be good or bad.'"

The speaker said: "That the fact of sin in this world necessitates a future judgment. There are people who tell us that there is no sin in the world—that sin and suffering are unrealities. But you cannot look about you today without believing that there is such a thing as sin—you cannot read the daily papers without believing that sin is a tremendous reality.

"Wrecked homes and blasted lives, the cry of wives and children in poverty bring awful testimony of sin.

"The Bible says: 'The soul that sinneth it shall die.' 'The man that covereth his sin shall not prosper.' 'He is just to forgive us our sins.' How often the misery, the sin, the wretchedness of this life, takes the heart out of one in the long struggle toward the good. Our sins crushed the Son of God—our sins nailed Him to the cruel cross.

"There is to be a general judgment, for it is clearly stated that all—of every kindred and tribe and people, will be there: when according to the picture given us in Revelations, the dead, small and great shall stand before God—to be judged according to their works."

"While the day will be upon us when Christ will be our judge—today He is our Savior, and a loving Saviour. He came from heaven to lift us. There is the boundless love of the Christ, and there is mercy for you and for me.

Oh! blessed crimson tide flowing from Calvary, The dying thief rejoiced to see That fountain in his day, And there may we, though vile as he, Wash all our sins away.

At the Methodist Church, Rev. Wade L. Austin was greeted with a good congregation in the Methodist Episcopal church last evening. He chose for the subject of his theme "The Abuse of Political Power," taking for his text these words: "So they hanged Haman on the gallows; that he had prepared for Mordcaai; then was the king's wrath pacified."

Haman, the minister said, was a favorite of Ahasuerus, king of Persia. In order to revenge himself upon Mordcaai, the Jew, he plotted the extermination of all the Jews in the kingdom, but in the providence of God he was thwarted by Esther, fell into disgrace with the king, and wrought his own ruin and the upbuilding of the Jews. His eventful history shows that pride goes before destruction; that the providence of God directs all things; that his people are safe in the midst of perils, and that his foes must perish. He likened the rise and fall of Haman to Cannanism, the thrsts and the liquor traffic, and said that the latter had forced itself into politics and that politics would be its downfall.

Goes to Hospital. From Monday's Daily.

Fred Oldennausen went to Clarkson hospital yesterday and may undergo an operation there in a day or two. He has been troubled for some time with an ulcer on his eye, and went for treatment. His two daughters, Mrs. H. Kaufman and Mrs. Mary Evers went to the hospital this morning to be with their father for a short time. It had not been definitely determined yesterday whether the operation would be had or not. If the trouble does not yield to treatment with medicine, the knife may be resorted to.

M. L. Williams of Louisville was a Plattsmouth visitor today looking after some items of business.