

## MANKER GIVES UP THE STRUGGLE TAKES LIFE TO END HIS TROUBLES

Final Chapter Written on Life of Man Who Used Funds of Bank to Promote Enterprise in Which He Was Associated—Three Years of Torment Followed Escape From Illinois.

From Friday's Daily.

The troubles of Carey A. Manker, the former Cass county banker, have ended. The three years of effort in eluding officials, of efforts to find work, to find the men whom he declares were responsible for his downfall, of wandering over the country, of starvation, of final surrender to the officials at San Francisco—three years in which he changed from a vigorous, active man to one old, broken and decrepit—were ended yesterday morning in the jail at San Francisco by suicide. Late Wednesday evening while sitting on his prison cot, Manker stabbed himself in the neck, the blade severing his jugular vein.

The struggle proved too great for him. The thoughts of being taken back to Illinois, to the town where he took the funds from the bank, which caused his ruin; of standing trial and of going to the penitentiary, caused him to give up the fight.

Two hours before he plunged the knife into his throat, Manker had received a number of newspaper men in his cell.

"I am going back to Pearl," he told them, "and I'm going to stick it out. Down in my heart I feel the scorn and calumny, but with the knowledge that my acts were never with wrongful intent, I am going to start life anew. I know I can rehabilitate my fortune and re-establish myself in the hearts of the people who trusted me once."

Two hours late he inflicted the wounds from which he died.

The police are trying to find out where Manker got the penknife. Sheriff Allen of Pittsfield, Ill., arrived last night and the news that his removal was near altered the hopeful disposition Manker had manifested earlier in the day. A trusty saw him fingering his throat in a suggestive manner. "What are you doing?" he asked.

"Well, this is the place the noose goes," was Manker's reply. Ten minutes later there was a thud in his cell and Manker was found dying.

### Mrs. Manker Collapses.

Mrs. C. A. Manker first received news of her husband's suicide when a reporter called by telephone the Eagle hotel at Eagle, Neb., where Mrs. Manker and her children are living with her stepfather, T. R. Adams, proprietor of the hotel.

Mr. Adams was not in at the time and Mrs. Manker answered the telephone. She said that she had heard nothing from San Francisco for a day or two. When told that her husband had attempted suicide she was extremely agitated and unable to proceed with the conversation. A moment later the news that he had died this morning was broken to her, and despite the fact that she was somewhat prepared for the shock, she collapsed at the telephone.

Members of the family later said that they had had word from Mr. Manker every day since his arrest, but they did not give out the tenor of his communications. All were extremely shocked at his final desperate act.

## CROPS IN POOR CONDITION IN SHERIDAN COUNTY

Mr. William Hassler Returns From Attending Funeral of the Late Chris Koehnke.

William Hassler returned home from Hay Springs, Nebraska, Wednesday, to which place Mr. and Mrs. Hassler went a few days ago to attend the funeral of Chris Koehnke. Mrs. Hassler will remain for a few days' visit with relatives. Mr. Hassler called at the Journal office today to renew the subscription of George Koehnke at Hay Springs, and in conversation with him he tells us that they have been experiencing a great deal of dry weather in that part of the state, the same as we have here, only a trifle worse. Their crops were in very poor condition at the time of his departure for home. The late potato crop was looking fine, but would have to have rain within a few days, or it would be a failure. This part of the state has become quite famous of late years for its great potato yield. Mr. Hassler reports Mr. and Mrs. Koehnke getting along nicely and are well pleased with that part of the state.

### Delayed by Special.

Saturday evening Burlington train No. 2 was delayed almost half an hour because of a special train that was to pass it here, No. 2, which is the Colorado Limited, was 15 minutes late in getting here, which, added to the time it lost in waiting for the special made it about three-quarters of an hour behind time. The special probably had aboard a number of big officials, and, of course, trains carrying common, ordinary folk had to sidetrack and await their convenience.

H. C. Creamer of Muray was a visitor in the city today attending to business matters. Mr. Creamer was a pleasant caller at this office and renewed his subscription to this paper for another year, for which please accept our thanks.

## DOES NOT KNOW THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE

Arrival of the Fire Department Saved Home From Destruction Mistake in Alarm.

Judge B. S. Ramsey does not know how his barn caught fire yesterday afternoon. Some months ago Mrs. Ramsey caught a number of small boys at the barn smoking cigar and cigarette butts, but it is not known whether there were any of them around yesterday afternoon. The barn contained some feed and a number of garden tools, a lawn mower, etc. There was \$300 insurance on the barn.

Judge Ramsey says that the arrival of the fire department saved the house. The roof was smoking when the water was turned on. If the wind had been from the north nothing could have saved the house from complete destruction.

By a mistake in the alarm given by the whistle the fire department went to the Fourth ward, only to learn that the fire was at Judge Ramsey's. This caused a delay in the department getting there.

## FITCH HAS 400 BUSHELS OF PEARS IN ORCHARD

Ed Mason, Who Visited Fitch Farm, Brings Sample of Fruit to Town.

Ed Mason, who, with his family, visited Robert Fitch and family at the latter's farm, twelve miles south of town, brought in a limb filled with fine pears from the Fitch pear orchard. Mr. Mason says that Fitch will have from 300 to 400 bushels of fine pears. As pears bring a high price, Mr. Fitch will get good money for his crop.

### Buys Out Partner.

P. C. Thackston has purchased the half interest in the Riley barber shop owned by C. A. Rosencrans, and is now the sole owner of the shop. Rosencrans will remain at the shop until Thackston secures another barber. Rosencrans will probably enter the real estate business with his father and brother. The man who will take Rosencrans' place at the Riley shop is expected this evening or tomorrow, and the popular shop will be able to handle its patronage as usual.

### A Quilting Party.

An enjoyable quilting party was held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Bauer, sr. The question as to whom the quilts were for was not discussed, but many eyes were cast at one of the young ladies present. Delicious refreshments, consisting of cherry ice and cake were served. Those who enjoyed the afternoon were: Mrs. William Weber and daughter, Jeannette; Mrs. Fred Egenberger and son, John; Mrs. John Carnack and son, Karl John; Mrs. Henry Weckbach and Miss Emma Bauer.

### Get Off in the Yards.

When the Colorado Limited pulls in at 5 p. m. in the evenings the train is so long that the Pullman cars in the rear stand way down in the freight yard, and people getting off must walk between the passenger and a long row of freight cars before they get to the depot. As the train is fully a block and a half long, this often means a long walk for the Pullman travelers and also a long walk for the people meeting them.

### Administration Petition.

A petition of administration for the estate of Henry H. Swarts was filed in the county court today. Swarts died July 25. He leaves personal property valued at \$5,000 and real estate valued at \$10,000. The heirs are his widow, Marie B. Swarts; his father, George H. Swarts, and his mother, Barbara Swarts. The petition asks that Albert H. Weichel be made administrator.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Neitzel of Boise City, Idaho, are expected to arrive here today to visit the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Guthman.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to the friends who so kindly assisted in the last rites performed for our loved one, Ruby C. Denson. Signed: Father—Mr. J. J. Denson. Mother—Mrs. M. L. Fox. Brother—Mr. Delno Denson, and Relatives.

## LADIES' AID SOCIETY AND SOCIAL WORKER'S MEET

The Ladies' Aid Society and Social Workers of M. E. Church Delightfully Entertained.

From Friday's Daily.

A most enjoyable meeting of yesterday afternoon was that of the Ladies' Aid society and Social Workers of the M. E. church, which was held in the rooms belonging to the Ladies' Aid society in the basement of the church. The ladies of both organizations were entertained in a very charming manner by Mesdames R. Petersen, M. Archer and D. B. Smith, and as these ladies are splendid entertainers, everybody in attendance at this meeting could not help but have a fine time.

The regular business session was held, during which time some matters of importance were attended to. After all business matters had been transacted the ladies adjourned for their usual social time. Social conversation, various amusements and plying the busy needle made the hours simply fly. Then, too, the pleasures of the afternoon were further augmented by the serving of an elegant luncheon, which greatly assisted in making the afternoon's entertainment a most delightful one.

## LAW AS TO CITIZENSHIP IS CHANGED FOR SOME

Those Who Have Landed Since June 29, 1905, Will Be Saved Some Trouble.

The government has changed the law in regard to immigrants who arrived in this country since June 29, 1905, said H. A. Wilson of St. Louis to a Journal reporter yesterday. He was here investigating the applicants for citizenship.

Those who have come to this country since 1905 can write to the district clerk and get a blank for writing to Washington to obtain their certificate of landing. Heretofore those desiring this certificate have had to apply in person to the district clerk.

The government will send the certificate of landing to the district clerk, after which the clerk will notify the applicant when he is to come in to take out his papers.

### His 71st Birthday.

Colonel J. H. Thrasher's friends are congratulating him today on his 71st birthday. The colonel is the "youngest old man in town," and appears good for many years yet. He has been living here for the past twenty-four years, but came here first in 1869. He "railroaded" for thirty years. He was a deputy United States marshal under the Cleveland administration. In recent years he has been in the real estate business.

### Good Band Concert.

The band concert last evening was the most ambitious and best concert that the local band has given this season, and was attended by a large crowd. Several difficult classical numbers were rendered successfully. The band is to be congratulated upon the improvement being shown in its work.

### Gets Increased Pension.

Elgin Richards, an aged man, living south of town, has been granted an increase of pension, now getting \$20 a month. He is 75 years old. He has been trying for some time to get the increase, but he had no method of proving his age.

## THE ODD FELLOWS' PICNIC AT AVOCA A BIG SUCCESS IN EVERY PARTICULAR

The Rain of The Night Before Made it Possible For Every Farmer Within a Radius of Many Miles in Every Direction to Attend in the Afternoon.

It was the pleasure of a Journal representative to attend the Odd Fellows' picnic at Avoca Thursday, August 3, as has been his custom for several years. In company with Judge Travis we left Plattsmouth Wednesday afternoon, arriving in Avoca in time for supper.

This was our first trip to that pleasant village since last fall, and it was a great pleasure to us the manner in which we were greeted by our old friends, and to note the many improvements that had been made since our last visit.

On account of the rain the night previous there were no exercises in the forenoon. By noon the roads had become so dried that in the afternoon the people flocked into town and to the park from every direction. Many farmers brought their entire families, and such a large number of autos we never beheld before. By 3 o'clock the park was alive with men, women and children, and we believe there was a larger attendance than ever before, which denotes that these annual gatherings are becoming more popular each succeeding year.

The exercises at the stand began about 1:30, first singing by a chorus of thirty young ladies, under the direction of Miss Eda Marquardt, a most accomplished musician. Then came a quartet by four gentlemen, both of which numbers were rendered in a most artistic manner. After which the chief of ceremonies, Hon. Orlando Tefft, introduced Judge H. D. Travis, orator of the day.

The judge seemed to be in splendid shape for the occasion, and his delivery was most excellent. The audience was large and very attentive. His remarks consisted principally in reviewing the good work of Odd Fellowship, with a few touches on other matters of interest to his hearers. The address was well received, and many rushed to the platform at the close to shake hands with the honorable judge, all of whom congratulated him upon his most interesting and timely remarks. Judge Travis had many friends in attendance, all of whom, both republicans and democrats, were pleased to know that there would be no opposition to him for reelection to the position of district judge, who has come nearer carrying out the principles of a non-partisan judiciary than any one occupying a similar position in Nebraska.

The merry-go-round of Tuleno Brothers was greatly in evidence

and furnished plenty of amusement for the children, while there were plenty of amusements for the older ones, and all enjoyed the event to the utmost extent. Taken as a whole, the picnic was a grand success in every particular, and there was not a disturbance of any character to mar the pleasure of the occasion.

Avoca has improved considerably in the past year. Our old friend, Fred Ruhge, has put up a new building adjoining the saloon building, which he also owns, and has installed three billiard and pool tables, which occupies his time sufficiently to keep him out of other mischief, as he says. J. M. McFarland has erected a new building to take care of his immense cream, produce, feed and flour business. He has the building divided into three rooms, one for the flour, one for the feed and the general office and receiver of cream in the front. This is a business that is a credit to the town.

The biggest improvement, however, is Avoca's mill, which years ago was one of the most prosperous enterprises in that section of Cass county. The building is being remodeled throughout, and about \$4,000 has already been expended in putting in modern and up-to-date machinery for making flour and meal. The gentleman, whose name has slipped our memory, is a practical miller, and will soon be in shape to furnish the people with the best flour to be had on the market. We congratulate the good people of Avoca upon this acquisition to their prosperous little burg.

The music for the occasion was furnished by the Avoca band, composed mostly of young men of Avoca. The band was organized last winter, and evidently, from the way they play, they have been doing some good practicing. They play like old hands at the business, and furnish better music than many bands two and three years old. Their music was fine and consisted of the very latest numbers, and we congratulate the good people of the town that they can boast of such an organization; and also congratulate the members of the band on their advancement to the position of one of the best musical organizations in southeast Nebraska.

In conclusion, we desire to thank our many friends for favors shown, and to say that our visits will be more frequent in the future. Long live the good people of Avoca and may the town and the denizens continue to prosper.

## FALLS FROM BUGGY AND LOSES HIS LIFE

William Lau, an Early Settler of Cass County, Killed in a Peculiar Accident.

Last Sunday as Mrs. Charles Sitzman and her grandfather, William Lau, pioneer resident of Cass county, were driving along the public road their horse took fright at some object at the side of the road and turned the buggy over, throwing the occupants to the ground. Mr. Lau, who was about 80 years of age, fell on his head and shoulders, but was not at first considered seriously injured. He was carried into a house nearby and a physician summoned. On examination it was ascertained that he had received internal injuries from which he died in about two hours.

The funeral occurred from the M. E. church in this city at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, being conducted by Rev. Samuel Keiser of Murdock, Louisville Courier.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Schwab went to Omaha this morning to spend the day there.

### Laramie Valley Irrigated Lands.

75,000 acres just opened in the Laramie Valley, near Laramie, the county seat of Albany county, Wyoming, a city of 9,000 people, the center of two railroads, both of which run through Laramie Valley tract. Only ninety miles from Greeley, Colorado, the greatest irrigated agricultural district in the west. Laramie Valley land, with proper cultivation, will produce as much as the Greeley district. Laramie Valley land, including the very best water rights, at from \$30 to \$45 per acre. Easy term payments. Excursions every day, \$15.00 round trip. For full information write to J. P. Falter, Plattsmouth, Neb.

### His Finger Cut Off.

John Wickman, in loading lumber at the Burlington shops yesterday, had a portion of the end of a finger cut off by getting it between two boards. He will probably be able to save the nail.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson, daughter, Miss Lorain, and son, Edgar, of Lincoln, arrived in the city today to spend Sunday with Mr. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson.