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TWO BOYS ARE FOUND DEAD NEAR HAVELOCK

John Rys, a Former Plattsmouth Boy, One of the Number— Their Death a Mystery.

A telegraphic message was received here Saturday evening about 9:30 by Frank Wooster of this city, brother-in-law of Mrs. Joseph Rys of Havelock, announcing the finding of the body of her 16-year-old son, John, in a pasture near that city. The boy had been missing from home since last Thursday and was found with the body of a companion, both of which were in a badly decomposed condition. Mrs. Wooster and Charles Gradoville, mother and brother-in-law of Mrs. Rys, departed yesterday for Havelock, where they will make arrangements for the funeral. The young lad was born in this city and lived here until a few years ago, when the family removed to Havelock. The following account of the tragedy appeared in the State Journal of yesterday:

The dead bodies of John Rys, aged 16 years, and George Dimer, aged 9, both of Havelock, were found at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon by George Stroh in the pasture of Ed Hoffman, one mile north of Havelock. The boys had been missing since Thursday morning and at the time the bodies were discovered they were so badly decomposed that it was impossible to state what had caused death. Coroner Matthews at once organized an inquest and ordered a post mortem examination.

The father of the Dimer boy had been looking for the lads ever since Thursday afternoon and had been quite close to the place where the dead bodies lay. Constable Hughart and Marshal Wymore had also been searching for some time and when news was brought to Havelock that the bodies had been found, word was at once conveyed to Coroner Matthews, who immediately repaired to the scene of the tragedy.

The father of the Dimer boy is employed in the Burlington shops. Rys' father has been absent for some time and his whereabouts is unknown. The youth lived with his mother and four sisters.

A post mortem was attempted after the bodies were taken to the undertaking rooms of V. V. Gregg in Havelock, but the stench of decaying flesh was too great to allow of much of an inspection to be made. The bodies were placed in formaldehyde to enable a further examination later on.

No gunshot wounds were found in the hurried examination, but the condition of the bodies did not permit of a close inspection, and wounds may be found later on.

Coroner Matthews had a theory that death might have been caused by the intense heat. The boys had been out hunting all day, and, nearly exhausted from want of food and water, were overcome by the intense heat of Thursday, when the mercury went to 101. Drooping exhausted in each other's embrace they had died. Or, one of the boys may have been overcome and his companion may have tried to carry him on. The effort proving too much he may have been overcome by the effort.

Another possibility was that one of the boys may have been overcome by heat or accidentally wounded, and that his companion in trying to carry him home was overcome with heat and dropped, fatally stricken.

Many theories besides the one of heat prostration were advanced by Havelock people at the scene of the tragedy. It was suggested that the boys might have eaten some poison berries or taken a drug of some kind. No drug receptacle was found near the bodies, however, and there was nothing to support this theory.

The fact that Rys' pockets were turned out led some to the

belief that the boys had been murdered and robbed. Mrs. Rys, however, said that she was sure her son had had no money when he left home, and the coroner did not think it likely that anyone would suspect the two roughly-dressed lads of having money. Others thought that perhaps the boys had been killed by gunshot wounds, but the shotgun had not been fired and no wounds were found in the superficial examination made last night.

The two lads had never gone hunting together before, so far as anyone knew and Dimer's father said that no one at his home had any knowledge that the lad was going hunting.

Mrs. C. C. Johnson, Rys' sister, said: "The little girls told me that the boys had gone hunting together, and when John had not come home Thursday night I was badly frightened. Two years ago he was accidentally shot while hunting with Conrad Seifert, a little neighbor boy. He has always been over fond of hunting and his injury didn't discourage him a bit. He was always buying or selling a gun and seemed to shoot more than ever after he recovered from his injury. He was in bed for a month as a result of the shot, which penetrated his cheek and jaw bone. I was at my home Thursday morning and mother had taken a train to Plattsmouth. She returned the next day and found John gone."

The four little sister of John Rys were the last people, definitely known, who saw the two boys alive. They said that shortly after 7 o'clock Thursday morning the Dimer boy had come to the house and said that he was going hunting with John. They called the brother, who had laid off from his work in the boiler shop for the day. He came out and greeted the Dimer boy cheerfully, joking with him about the "big game" which they would shoot. He handed him the rifle and carried the shotgun himself. As he was leaving the yard the hunting dog who has always accompanied him on his hunting expeditions started to follow the two boys. John turned back and tied the dog to his kennel. The girls said that they were surprised at this because John had always wanted the dog to go along. He had made no announcement of his intention of going hunting Wednesday night and the girls knew nothing of his plan until the Dimer boy appeared.

Mrs. Rys was notified of her son's death shortly after the bodies were discovered. She became hysterical, but later in the evening was able to tell what she knew of the affair. She said: "John had always liked both the Dimer boys and I know that whatever happened out there was not a result of a quarrel between John and George. I went away and I was afraid that something terrible had happened when the girls told me when I came home that they hadn't seen John since Thursday. They said that he had gone off with the little Dimer boy and so I went to ask Mr. Dimer about it. He was already hunting for the boys and he was afraid, too. The officers were notified then and I've been waiting every minute since, afraid of what I should hear. It breaks my heart to lose my boy because he was always so good and kind. He never did anything to make me ashamed of him and he always brought his money home to me to help me with the expenses. He was always liking to hunt and the only money he spent on himself was to get guns and shells. He had quite a number and often traded them."

The latest dispatches from the scene of the tragedy state that the coroner has found bullet wounds on the bodies of both of the boys and it is thought by some that a suicide pact existed between the lads and that Rys killed himself first and then young Dimer fired the discharge from the rifle he carried into his body and fell upon the body of his companion, placing his arms around his neck as he died. The stories and suppositions in regard to the matter are numerous and make it hard for the authorities to really tell what was the motive for their death.

RIFLE RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

The Government Has Spent Many Thousands of Dollars on the Grounds.

From Saturday's Daily. The past summer season has seen a great deal of work done at the rifle range, north of this city, and to really appreciate what has been done there a person should pay a visit to the range and look over the improvements that the government has put in there. Last year when the range was opened most of the land was covered by a growth of underbrush, and when the first detail of soldiers arrived here from Fort Crook for practice it was necessary for them to clear off a patch of land before they could pitch their camp. This condition was not improved during the season last year, although the soldiers put up temporary butts for the purpose of shooting and a small tract of land was cleared off so that it could be used, but was still far from satisfactory.

The government then decided to make more extensive improvements on the range and advertised for bids for certain concrete work, as well as grading and other minor improvements to the grounds. The contract was secured by the firm of McLaughlin of Red Oak, Iowa, for the work, and they at once commenced the work of getting the range in shape and moved a force of men here early in the spring to take charge of the work. One of the biggest improvements made is that of the permanent concrete butts that are used for the purpose of target practice. There are five of these butts put up at different parts of the range in such a position that all can be used at one time with perfect safety to the soldiers. The largest of the butts is that set at 1,000 yards, which in the rear has two small target houses where all the targets are stored when not in use, while the smaller butts, which are also made of concrete, are supplied with one house. These target houses are made of reinforced concrete and are made not only fire-proof, but also absolutely dry and free from moisture that might injure the targets, of which there are a large number of different kinds used at the range. The government also ordered the erection of a range office on the hill west of the rifle range, where the camp ground of the soldiers will be established the coming season. The range house is 24x31 in size and is a frame building, the carpenter work on the building being done by L. G. Larson of this city, and the building will make a neat and comfortable office for the officers placed in charge of the range.

After the completion of the concrete work on the range, which called for some 1,000 yards of concrete, the work on the improving of the grounds was commenced, and the work of grading and hauling of all material turned over to the firm of J. H. McMaken of this city, who carried out the contract in a most satisfactory manner and the ground was plowed, harrowed and placed in excellent shape for the purpose for which it was intended. On the field firing lines were made at 800, 500 and 300 yards, where the troops can maintain their position while firing at the different targets. During the time Mr. McMaken was engaged in the work, or covering a period of about four months, they employed from six to fifteen teams and from twelve to fifty men in the work.

The work which was done on the range here called for the expenditure of about \$30,000, and some \$20,000 of this remained here in this city, where it was paid out for material and labor. The prospects are that the season next year will see the United States government take up the work of parking out the camping grounds on the west side of the

track if the situation in Mexico will permit of the return of the troops at present stationed on the border.

Charged With Wife Desertion.

From Friday's Daily. This morning complaint was filed by the county attorney in behalf of Mrs. W. W. Sanders against her husband, Warren W. Sanders, charging him with wife and child abandonment. Sanders was formerly employed in the Burlington shops in this city, but last May left his home and went to Omaha and since that time has made no effort to assist his family in this city, and the wife finally decided to appeal to the law to compel him to provide for their needs. This offense is dealt with quite severely by the laws of Nebraska and the matter may go hard with Sanders if he is found.

MR. EARL BARGER AND MISS JOSIE RULAND MARRIED

From Friday's Daily.

A very pretty and quiet home wedding occurred last evening, when Mr. Earl Barger and Miss Josie Ruland were united in the bonds of holy wedlock at the home of the grooms' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jaspas Barger, on Vine street. The wedding ceremony was performed at 7 o'clock by County Judge Allan J. Beeson, in the presence of a large number of the relatives of the contracting pair and were showered with congratulations by their relatives at the close of the ceremony. The company was invited into the dining room at the close of the wedding to partake of a most tempting and delicious three-course luncheon, one of the chief features of which was a large and exquisite wedding cake. The bride and groom were attended during the wedding ceremony by Roy Reuland as best man and Miss Villa Barger as bridesmaid and the wedding party made a very pretty picture as they stood before the judge to have the words that were to unite them for life pronounced.

The bride, Miss Ruland, is a Plattsmouth girl, having been born and reared in this city, and possesses a large circle of warm friends. The groom has resided here for several months and is a young man of more than usual ability and has been connected with the lighting company at their plant here since his arrival in this city, and possesses the respect and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

The young people will start to housekeeping in this city at once, as the groom has prepared a home for his bride in the Coates' block, and they will be at home to their many friends, who are greatly pleased that they have decided to make their home here. The out-of-town guests at the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Barger of Derby, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Barger and baby of Osceola, Iowa.

Has Operation on Eye.

From Saturday's Daily. Yesterday A. J. Ingram of Avada, Wyoming, who in company with his wife is visiting here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Briggs was a passenger for Omaha where the gentlemen underwent an operation for an obstruction that has been growing on his eye for some time past. The operation was performed by Dr. Gifford and the obstruction removed from the sight of the eye and while in the opinion of the surgeon it was best not to cut it off entirely it was deflected in its growth so as to not interfere with the sight of his eye and in time can probably be removed entirely.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all those who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our husband and father; also for the beautiful floral tributes.

Mrs. William Wynn and Children.

VACATION DAYS ARE NOW OVER

List of Teachers Who Will Have Charge of Departments of the City Schools.

From Saturday's Daily.

On Monday morning the school bells throughout the city will summon the boys and girls of the city to their duties in the public schools for the new school year. The Plattsmouth schools have in the past been turning out many hundreds of bright, talented young people, and under the present efficient management of the schools the high standard of the schools will be maintained. The teachers and their assignments for the year will be as follows:

High School Building.

A. O. Eggenberger, principal, history and athletics. Grace Newbranch, English. Estelle Baird, languages. Katherine Maddox, mathematics. Ruth Moore, science. Margaret Giberson, normal training.

Central Building.

Anna Heisel, Mrs. Mae Morgan, Cleo Applegate, Pearl Staats, seventh and eighth grades and department work. Alice Kennedy, sixth grade. Mattie Larson, fifth and sixth grades. Clara Weyrich, fifth grade. Verna Cole, fourth grade. Hazel Tuetz, third and fourth grades. Elizabeth Kerr, second and third grades.

Amelia Martens, first grade.

Columbian Building.

Nettie Hawksworth, fifth and sixth grades. Claire Dovey, fourth and fifth grades.

Alpha Peterson, second grade.

Hazel Dovey, first grade.

First Ward School.

Crete Briggs, first, second and third grades.

East Second Ward.

Christina Hansen, first and second grades.

West Second Ward.

Marie Hiber, first and second grades.

Mercerville School.

Anna Kopia, first, second and third grades.

South Park.

Hilda Barwick, first and second grades.

East Fourth Ward.

Nora Batton, first and second grades.

Delia Tartach, third and fourth grades.

Marie Kaufmann, supervisor of penmanship of all the city schools. Miss Ellen Windham, supervisor of drawing of the city schools.

All "permits" for children to remain out of school are hereby declared invalid. Those desiring another "permit" must see the superintendent of schools. No permits will be granted unless positive and conclusive proof of the need of the child's services at home.

Superintendent Brooks, for the convenience of the patrons of the schools, has established the following office hours: Office in the Central building, telephone No. 103, residence No. 274. At office 8:30 to 9 a. m., 1 to 1:30 and 3:30 to 5 p. m., Saturday, 2 to 4:30 p. m.

Open for Inspection by Public.

Beginning Saturday, September 6, and continuing the following week the pumping station of the Plattsmouth Water Co. will be open for inspection by the public. At 3 o'clock each day an explanation of every detail will be given by the superintendent. It will be worth the time spent there to see the new filter plant and have the principle of aeration explained. The motto of the Company is "PURE WATER FOR THE PEOPLE OF PLATTSMOUTH." Come and see why we have adopted this motto.

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Visiting Relatives.

From Saturday's Daily. Ed. Cards and wife, of Scotts Bluffs, Nebraska, is visiting in this county for a few days with Mrs. J. H. Adams and Mr. and W. F. Gillespie at Mynard and Mrs. J. W. Johnson in this city. Mrs. Cards is a niece of the above ladies and was formerly Miss Nora Henton, residing at Mynard. Mr. Cards brought two carloads of stock to the Omaha market, and they decided to drop down here for a visit with their relatives and old friends.

ARTHUR B. ZIMMERMAN AN OLD PLATTSMOUTH BOY GETS PROMOTION

From Saturday's Daily.

The many friends of Arthur B. Zimmerman of Omaha will be greatly pleased to learn of his advancement in his line of work as he has just been appointed as local live stock agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad with headquarters at South Omaha. This is a very lucrative position and the railroad company will find that they have secured an exceptionally able young man for the position as Mr. Zimmerman is a steady, reliable and energetic worker in whatever he takes hold of and will without a doubt make good in his new position. Mr. Zimmerman formerly resided here being a son of the late Mrs. D. B. Ebersole and his being chosen for his new position will give all who have known this worthy young man much pleasure as he was very well liked here in his old home. For the past few years Mr. Zimmerman has resided in Omaha but occasionally finds time to drop down and visit with his relatives and friends here.

IS FINED FOR SPEEDING THROUGH NEHAWKA STREETS

From Saturday's Daily.

This morning in the office of Justice M. Archer, Justin Sturm of Nehawka was arraigned on complaint of the county attorney charging him with violating the provisions of the Nebraska speed laws in regard to his motorcycle with which he is charged to have raced through the village of Nehawka at a rate far in excess of that prescribed by the law. The justice after deliberating over the matter decided to place a fine of \$5 and costs amounting to \$12.50 on young Mr. Sturm with the promise that he would in the future keep the speed bug from getting the best of his good judgment and after paying the fine he returned home. There has been considerable complaint from Nehawka in the past few weeks in regard to the matter of the motorcycleists making a speedway out of the main street of that place and the residents there finally decided to take the matter up with the county officials as the local regulations did not seem to cover the case. It would be well for the joy riders throughout the county to be more careful of their driving in the future as there has been considerable complaint from several localities in regard to the matter of speeding and unless the drivers of machines take the matter up it will be necessary for the authorities to get busy in the matter.

Two Months Instead of One Year.

From Friday's Daily.

In the article in reference to the selection of Rev. Lorimer as pastor of the First Presbyterian church that appeared in last evening's Journal, the statement was made that Rev. Lorimer had been retained for another year, when it should have been for a term of two months, and as that would give them an opportunity to secure another pastor the offer was accepted and he will remain here for that period of time. This statement is made to clear up a false impression created by the article last evening.

STORY OF "MRS. WIGGS OF THE CABBAGE PATCH"

The Greatest Humorous Play Extant at the Parmele Thursday Night.

From Saturday's Daily.

Plattsmouth playgoers promise to give "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" an enthusiastic reception upon her appearance at the Parmele theater Thursday night. Mrs. Wiggs is always a welcome visitor. Ever since she left the cabbage patch in Louisville she has made thousands of friends, and the droll philosophy of this feminine optimist has carried around the world. Book plays are not as a rule long-lived, but "Mrs. Wiggs" bids fair to run for a generation. It is already an American humorous classic, and as the public waited long for a great woman humorist, so, too, they will cling long to such a striking conception as that of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," and the satellites of good humor and innocent jollity around her. The play itself is clean, fresh and morally uplifting.

The comedy interest centers in the mirth-provoking episode of Mr. Stubbins and his matrimonial designs upon little Miss Hazy, the meek and shiftless neighbor of Mrs. Wiggs. Both characters are intensely humorous and altogether original. The impersonation of Miss Hazy has proven a perfectly fitting vis-a-vis to that of Hiram Stubbins, who, in the first act does and wins her, then falls from grace and disappears for a time from the patch, though not of his own volition; but, on his return, thanks to his brilliant war record and pension allowance, is once more received by his wife and friends and made the hero of the closing scenes. These two characters are well-springs of laughter and are secondary only, of course, to that of Mrs. Wiggs herself, whose homely philosophy and cheerful temperament, added by her genius and practical piety, prove an inspiration and an object lesson to all.

The play will be presented here under the management of the United Play company. The sale of seats will open next Monday. Secure your seats early.

CLARENCE BUSCHE MEETS WITH PAINFUL ACCIDENT

From Saturday's Daily.

Yesterday noon while engaged in moving some baled straw at the store room of H. M. Soemichsen on Lower Main street, Clarence Busche met with a very painful accident that will cause him to be on the retired list for some time. As he was pushing out some of the bales with the aid of the fork the tines of the fork glanced off of the bale and two of them penetrated his right knee, inflicting a very ugly wound that required the services of a surgeon to patch up and place in condition. The wound is quite aggravating and sore and causes the victim considerable pain, but it is thought that in a few days he will be all right.

Opening Dance of the Season.

The opening dance of the fall season given last Saturday evening at Coates' hall by the Cosmopolitan club was quite successful in every way, and despite the extreme hot weather a large crowd was present to take part in the enjoyment of the evening. The Holly orchestra furnished the music for the occasion, and their selections were received with much pleasure by the large audience.

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