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KILLED IN AN ATTEMPT TO BOARD A FAST FREIGHT

Young Man About 20 Years of Age and an Entire Stranger Meets Tragic Death at Orecapolis.

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon when No. 77, the fast west-bound through freight over the Burlington, was speeding along the Platte bottom near Orecapolis, an unknown man, evidently a tramp, attempted to board the train and in a few minutes his lifeless form was all that was left to tell the story. As far as could be learned from another traveler who was walking along the track at the same time, the unfortunate man had made two attempts to board the train, and the first time was unable to get a foothold on the train, but on his second attempt was able to get a hold of the grab irons on a box car and hung there for a few seconds and then seemed to slip and in doing so a part of his clothing caught and he was dragged along for about a hundred yards and his body suffered very severe injuries. His head was mashed in by striking on the "derail," and for the entire 100 yards his brains were smeared over the rail, while his clothing was entirely stripped from his body and scattered in the wake of the train.

As soon as word was received here by the sheriff Coroner Brendel was notified of the death and came up from Murray and a jury composed of George Sayles, James Burnie, Carl Kunsman, Hans Seivers, G. L. Farley and C. E. Martin were impaneled to look into the cause of the death and were taken out to Orecapolis, where the body was kept pending the arrival of the jury. A greater part of the clothing had been stripped from the body by being dragged over the rails and switches near the tower.

As far as can be learned from the evidence of those near the scene of the tragedy the man had evidently had his clothing caught on a bolt protruding from the car, which caught him as he slipped and he was drawn under the fast-moving train and dragged along the rails and switches and literally pounded to death, as his body was in bad shape when it was finally thrown from the train by the force of the momentum of the train, and was picked up. The left hip, as well as the man's back was broken, while the right arm had been broken in two places below the elbow. The entire back of the head was torn off and the whole body scratched and torn quite badly. There was no marks of identification to be found on the man, as the only thing in any of his pockets was a tiny lock of what seemed a child's hair, which was found in the coat. The unfortunate man was a clean-cut young man and apparently not much over 20 years of age. He was dark complexioned and clean shaven and had apparently been careful of his person, as his clothing was clean, with the exception of that which had been soiled under the moving train.

The other man who had been near the track at the time of the accident, stated that he did not know anything of the man killed, as he had just met him a few hours before the accident and had not even learned his name. The identification of the man will always be a mystery in some household over a missing son or brother whose fate will never be learned.

The body was brought to this city last evening and taken to the undertaking rooms of Streight & Streight, where it was prepared for burial.

The verdict of the jury was that the man met death while attempting to board a moving freight train.

Presents Journal Force With Bouquet.

From Friday's Daily. Mrs. Thomas Wiles present the Journal force with a beautiful bouquet of garden roses and peonies this morning. Please accept our thanks, Mrs. Wiles. They are sure beauties and make the office much more cheerful this gloomy day.

Forest Rose Flour. Every sack guaranteed. Try a sack today.

HEAVY RAINS ALL OVER THE WESTERN PART OF STATE

From Friday's Daily.

The heavy rains that have prevailed throughout the west for the past week have served to aid greatly to the volume of water pouring into the streams and creeks, and as a result they are all on the rampage. The Missouri river at this place has showed a rise of several feet, while the Platte is now almost as high as at any time this season. The creeks throughout the county are up bank-full, and in many cases have overflowed onto the lowlands. In Mills county, Iowa, the Nishna river is up to flood stage and has overflowed the banks at several points. Four Mile creek, west of this city, has the appearance of a small river, as the flood waters are pouring into it from the surrounding hills. While a little rain was badly needed here, it sure is getting tiresome with the almost continuous downpour of the past few days.

EDWARD RYNOTT LAID AT REST LAST EVENING

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon the last sad rites over all that was mortal of Edward Rynott were held at the late home in the west part of the city and a large number of old friends gathered to share with the sorrowing relatives their grief at the taking away of the well loved husband, son and brother of those stricken ones gathered around the bier. The services were held at 5 o'clock, having been delayed until a sister, Mrs. Margaret Spangler, of Ellsworth, Neb., could reach this city, but the delay in the train necessitated the holding of the services at this hour. Rev. J. H. Steger, pastor of St. Paul's German Evangelical church, had charge of the services and spoke feelingly of the passing of the departed from his family circle and his words of comfort and cheer served to soften the pain of the parting which had bowed with grief the members of the family and held out to them the promise of a future full of hope and joy, where death should come no more to chill the heart and break the golden circle of the ones they loved. During the services Miss Emma Falter sang very sweetly that dear old hymn, "Jesus Lover of My Soul," while the choir of St. Paul's church gave a number in German. At the close of the services the cortege was held at the home until the arrival of the sister from the west in order that she might take a last farewell of the beloved brother, and it was almost 7:30 before the body was borne to Oak Hill cemetery, where it was laid to rest. The pall-bearers were selected from old friends of the deceased, being: H. E. Goos, H. G. Soennichsen, Roy Burdick, Elmer Taylor, Frank Kauble and Anton Kanka. The wealth of floral remembrances at the grave silently expressed the deep feeling of regret at the calling away of one who was just in the sunshine of his life when stricken down by death.

JOHN TEYO, OF LOUISVILLE, CHARGED WITH BEING DIPSOMANIAC

Yesterday afternoon a complaint was filed before the county board of insanity against John Teyo of Louisville, charging him with being a dipsomaniac and a fit subject to be sent to the state hospital. Sheriff Quinton returned last night from Louisville and brought the man in, who will be kept here awaiting the hearing, which will probably be held Tuesday, as the witnesses in the case were unable to reach this city today, and Monday being a holiday, the case will be put over. From all reports the man has been creating a great deal of trouble at his home and in the town in general and an appeal to the state was made necessary to look after him.

Paints and Oils, Gering & Co.

NINE MILL TAX LEVIED AND NONE NEEDED

By Mistake of Clerk One School District Has a Surplus Fund of \$1,600 in Treasury.

From Friday's Daily.

State Superintendent Thomas has advised the board of education in a school district of Cass county, near Nehawka, that a considerable cash surplus now in the district's treasury may be refunded to the taxpayers or, in lieu thereof, the district may omit to levy any school tax for a year or two until this money is used up.

The school district's surplus is the result of an error made by the county clerk in making up the annual tax levy for 1914. The school board certified to the clerk that it would not need to make any school levy that year, as it had enough funds on hand to pay for the next year of school. The clerk thought this recommendation contained a mistake in spelling, and he proceeded to place a levy of "nine" mills where the board had asked for "none."

In writing to F. M. Massie, a member of the district board, Superintendent Thomas says:

"I note that it has required \$608.67 on an average during the five last years to operate your school, and that you now find yourselves with the unprecedented condition of having about \$1,600 on hand and sufficient funds to run your school for two years."

"Question: Can your district refund to the taxpayers the excess funds after retaining sufficient amount to provide for one year's schooling?"

"Your case is so unusual that it seems hardly necessary to warn districts against an accumulation of excess funds. To allow such would deprive the taxpayers of the use of funds which rightfully belong to them. The function of public taxation is to provide means for the proper support of government, and when by surplus taxation funds cannot legitimately be consumed, taxation ceases to be a virtue and becomes a burden against which burdened citizens have a right to rebel."—Lincoln Star.

MEMBERSHIP TO THE COMMERCIAL CLUB NOW INCREASING

From Saturday's Daily.

The membership committee of the Commercial club that has been busy for the past few days in what time they could give to the work, in securing new member for the Commercial club, have been meeting with much success in their efforts and the encouragement given them shows the increasing interest that is being felt throughout the city in the work of enlisting in the ranks of those striving for the advancement of the interests of the city. The old theory that only the men engaged in business on Main street were suitable for membership has been tossed overboard and the club is taking its true position as a body representative of every business, trade and profession and where every man interested in the furthering of things best for Plattsmouth. It is the time now to make the resolution to join the club and assist in the good work of keeping the town to the front, and the opportunity is open to all residents of the city, no matter where they live or in what vocation they may be engaged. As long as you live in Plattsmouth you should have its best interests at heart, and the best place to express your views of what should be done to help along a better city will be found in the monthly gatherings of the club in the common forum of what may be termed the "town meeting." Get the "bug" to working and join the Commercial club to boost the work of getting together for Plattsmouth, first, last and all the time.

Wall Paper. Gering & Co.

A PLEASANT OCCASION FOR THE NEBRASKA CHAPTER

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday was one of the most pleasant occasions that has been enjoyed for a great many months by the members of Nebraska Chapter No. 3, R. A. M., and several new members were given the Royal Arch degree, T. Arthur Wiles of Weeping Water, Gilbert W. Cheney of Union, Luke L. Wiles, A. L. Tidd, this city, being those instructed in the mysteries of this degree of the great Masonic fraternity. The work of conferring the degree was commenced in the afternoon, and after a recess of several hours, at 7 o'clock the members of the order were seated at the banquet board to enjoy the sumptuous repast prepared for them by Fred Wagner, the restaurateur, and this pleasant event was enjoyed to the utmost by the very large attendance of the membership present. This chapter is one of the most active of the Masonic bodies and has secured a splendid membership.

A FORMER PLATTSMOUTH BOY PASSES AWAY AT HAVELOCK

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon at his home in Havelock, William Messersmith, a former resident of this city, passed away, after an illness covering a period of several months from a severe attack of kidney trouble. Mr. Messersmith was born in Plattsmouth some thirty-four years ago, being a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Messersmith, and after a residence of several years here removed to Havelock, where he entered the employ of the Burlington in the boiler shop in that city and has since made his home there. He was married in that city several years ago, and the wife and two small children survive him, as well as the mother and one brother and two sisters. During the years that Mr. Messersmith made his home here he made many warm friends, who learn of his death with the greatest of regret, and the bereaved relatives will receive the sympathy of their old friends here in the loss that has visited them in the loss of a loving husband, father, son and brother. The father, Joel Messersmith, passed away in Havelock four years ago, and the body of the son will be laid by his side in Wyuka cemetery in Lincoln, the funeral being held either tomorrow or Sunday. The deceased was a nephew of W. D. Messersmith, Mrs. Homer McKay and Mrs. William McCauley of this city.

BIG MUSICAL COMEDY AT THE AIR DOME MONDAY EVENING

From Saturday's Daily.

Almost proverbial in certain sections of the new state, and especially in Oklahoma City, the social and amusement center of this section, has the names of Russell and Gross become, and this in a city where amusement lovers are afforded the very best in the line. These clever comedians will be seen here Monday night at the Air Dome, when they will be supported by a great cast, and local theater-goers will have the opportunity of seeing one of the strongest attractions of the year.

Besides Russell and Gross, a number of clever vaudeville acts will serve to make the evening a continual delight for those attending. A feature of the show is its big beauty chorus, which has won favor because of its finished work and beautiful costuming.

Suffice it to say that a rare treat is in store for the patrons; Managers Schlaes & Peterson are to be complimented on securing this company.

NOTICE!

Farmers who ship cream direct may leave their cream at our store. We will deliver your cream to the depot and return your empty cans, without extra charge. E. G. DOVEY & SON.

WILL ERECT MANY NEW RESIDENCES HERE THIS FALL

The Wilshimer Brothers of Texas Will Do Much Improving on Their Property in Plattsmouth.

From Saturday's Daily.

For the past six weeks F. M. Wilshimer of Stratford, Texas, has been in the city looking after his business interests, which are quite extensive, and he seems well pleased with the future prospects of this city, and is in connection with his brother to start a number of improvements on their property interests in this city. The Messrs. Wilshimer are contractors and builders and are the owners of the residence property formerly occupied by August Roesler and family, which was damaged by fire some time ago. This house has been fitted up new since the fire and placed in a thoroughly modern condition by these gentlemen, and may now be considered one of the most desirable pieces of rental property in the city, as the Wilshimer brothers have spared no expenses in fitting up the building in a thoroughly up-to-date manner.

In addition to this property these gentlemen also own several other lots in the city, having purchased the old Polk residence on High School Hill, two lots on Main street between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, as well as two lots north of the High school adjoining the Mann property, and it is the intention of these gentlemen to build suitable houses on their property in the fall if possible. The lots on Main street will require considerable filling and the city, as well as the citizens, should lend whatever assistance possible to Messrs. Wilshimer in their plans to improve their property, as well as the looks of that section of the city, as these lots have for years been an eyesore, and the proposed plans certainly would add much to their improvement.

Mr. Wilshimer expects to return to Texas in a short time, but expects to return in the fall and commence work on the building of a number of residences on his lots. Let the good work go on.

LADIES OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH DELIGHTFULLY ENTERTAINED

From Friday's Daily.

The Ladies' Aid society of St. Paul's church held a delightful social meeting at the pleasant home of Mrs. John Albert on West Pearl street yesterday afternoon. This meeting was not so largely attended as the social meetings of this splendid organization usually are, many being kept at home on account of the disagreeable weather. Various amusements, interspersed with social conversation, were indulged in and assisted in making this social meeting a most enjoyable one. Delicious refreshments were served at an appropriate time. There were some twenty-eight ladies in attendance, who, on their departure, extended their warmest thanks to the hostess for her kind hospitality and excellent afternoon's entertainment afforded them.

NO. TWO SOMEWHAT LATE YESTERDAY EVENING

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon No. 2, the fast Denver-Chicago train over the Burlington, due here at 4:30 p. m., was delayed some two hours and a half by the heavy rains and high water in the western part of the state and did not arrive here until 7:30. The Missouri Pacific has also suffered a great deal of delay to their train service from the rains and high water, and all trains from the south have been tardy for the past few days.

The next time you are in need of flour, try a sack of Forest Rose. Sold by all dealers.

THE MATINEE GIRL MUSICAL COMEDY CO., AT AIR DOME

From Saturday's Daily.

Fun in plentiful measure, an evening embellished by the presence of beautiful and attractive young ladies, adepts in dance and song work, and many special scenic and electrical effects is the explanation of what the local theater goers can expect at the performance of the Matinee Girl Musical Comedy company, which plays at the Air Dome Monday night. This is the comedy success of the season and the company is the largest organization of its kind that is routed this way, playing one of the latest New York pieces, with a strong cast.

MISS ALPHA HALL-STROM ENTERTAINS YOUNG FRIENDS

From Saturday's Daily.

Last evening a very enjoyable gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hallstrom, when their daughter, Miss Alpha, entertained a number of her young school friends in a most delightful manner that was thoroughly enjoyed by all those fortunate enough to be present. The evening was spent in playing games of all kinds, which served to pass the time most pleasantly for several hours, and the young people were delighted with the hospitality afforded them by their clever hostess. At a suitable hour a very dainty and tempting luncheon was served by Miss Hallstrom, assisted by Miss Ruth Roman, that came as a most pleasant feature of the occasion and one that was thoroughly enjoyed, and at a late hour the jolly party departed homeward, feeling that the occasion had been one of the rarest of pleasures.

MISS MARIE DONNELLY ENTERTAINS THE BRIDAL PARTY

From Saturday's Daily.

A very pleasing dinner party was given last evening by Miss Marie Donnelly in honor of Miss Catherine Dovey and Mr. John W. Falter, whose marriage is to occur in the near future, and as guests of the occasion the members of the bridal party were present. The dinner was served at 7 o'clock and the dining room of the pleasant Donnelly home was made most beautiful with tasty decorations in the color scheme of yellow and white, which was carried out in the appointments of the table, where the delightful six-course dinner was served. A large basket of Mrs. Ward roses formed the centerpiece of the decorative scheme of the table and the basket was adorned with a large bow of yellow, making a most attractive feature of the pleasant occasion. Four large yellow candles added a softening shade to the beauties of the occasion, while at each place were dainty place cards representing the different parts the guests were to have in the wedding party. The guests were received by Mrs. J. H. Donnelly, assisted by Mrs. Rae F. Patterson, while the dainty dinner was served most charmingly by Mrs. Earl R. Travis and Miss Gretchen Donnelly. After the enjoyment of the dinner the guests spent several hours very pleasantly in dancing and music, which added much to the pleasure of the jolly party. Those in attendance were: Misses Edith Dovey, Emma Falter, Catherine Dovey, Madeline Minor, Marie Donnelly, Messrs. Edwin Fricke, Charles Dovey, Byron Arries, John Falter, Don Arries and Mr. and Mrs. George H. Falter.

"Billy" Sunday, the Man, and His Message—at the Journal office for \$1.00. This work contains the heart of Mr. Sunday's gospel message. Come in and get yours while they last, as we only have a few.

For Sale.

Good Durham Shorthorn bull, 2 years old. Inquire of J. J. Lohnes, Myra, Neb. 4-29-4wks-w

A. S. WILL HAS HIS POCKET PICKED WHILE IN OMAHA

From Saturday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon while in Omaha A. S. Will had a rather startling experience with the light-fingered gentry of that city, which resulted in the loss of his pocketbook containing something like \$5 in money and a number of valuable papers. Mr. Will was getting on a street car at the corner of Sixteen and Farnam streets to go to the depot to catch No. 2 for home, and there being quite a crowd boarding the car, he experienced considerable difficulty in getting on and was pushed and shoved a great deal by two men, one preceding and one following immediately behind him as they stepped on the car. These two men rode for about a block and then got off the car, and it was only a few minutes later that Mr. Will discovered the loss of his pocketbook, which was doubtless secured by the two men. The amount of money was not great but a number of papers of value to the owner were in the pocketbook and it would be greatly appreciated if it were recovered.

THE SICK IN THE HOSPITAL ARE IMPROVING NICELY

From Saturday's Daily.

The residents from this city and vicinity who are in various hospitals in Omaha recovering from operations, are all reported as doing nicely and are on the highway to recovery, which has given their families and friends a great deal of pleasure.

Mrs. C. A. Rawls was able yesterday to sit up for a few minutes for the first time since her operation and every indication points to her speedy recovery and restoration to health.

Mrs. George A. Meisinger, who is at St. Joseph's hospital recovering from an operation for a tumor, is now feeling much improved and the reports from her bedside are most favorable and pleasing.

The condition of Mrs. Fred Kaffenberg, who is also at St. Joseph's hospital, is given as showing all favorable signs and her family and friends are much pleased over this, although it is only a few days since the operation and really hard to determine the outcome.

GRANDMA WILLIAMS PASSES AWAY AT HOME IN ELMWOOD

From Saturday's Daily.

Mrs. Permelia "Grandma" Williams passed away Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. F. Langhorst, in this city, at the hour of 12:30 p. m. Death was due primarily to old age. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock this (Friday) afternoon from the M. E. church, conducted by Rev. Davis of Cowles, Neb., former pastor here. Interment will be made in the Elmwood cemetery.

An extended obituary of this splendid old lady and early Cass county settler will be published next week.—Leader-Echo.

A NEW FLAG FOR THE COURT HOUSE RECEIVED AT LAST

From Saturday's Daily.

This morning a brand new flag was received by the custodian of the court house that will replace the worn and battered emblem that for the past two years has fluttered its ragged fragments from the flag staff on the court house on holidays and festive occasions. This new flag has long been needed and certainly will display the proper spirit of patriotism by the county board, who have ordered it. It will be given a baptism on Monday, when it will be hauled up for the first time and allowed to float to the breeze.