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THE TERRIBLE AUTO TRAGEDY OF YESTERDAY

The Manner in Which Charles Hiatt Meets Death Has Cast Gloom Over the City

The city was profoundly affected by the tragedy yesterday afternoon that resulted in the death of Charles Hiatt, and the friends of the family were very much shocked at the untimely death of this estimable gentleman that had come so suddenly and without warning on them.

There was little light shown on the facts of the accident at the coroner's inquest owing to the fact that there were no eye witnesses of the accident when the heavy automobile had turned over and crushed the helpless driver in his seat. A great many reports were circulated as to how the accident occurred and most of these when sifted down proved groundless and the facts of the matter are that there is no one who can actually tell how the sad affair happened. Mr. Hiatt had been absent only a short time from the Barton hardware store where he was employed as clerk and had delivered an oil stove at the home of E. M. Godwin, only a short distance from the scene of the tragedy and after seeing that the stove was in proper condition had left the house and starting his auto drove west about a half block in order to turn around to start back to the city, as the road in front of the Godwin house is quite narrow and has a rather high bank on either side. The members of the Godwin household noticed him start east with the machine and it was remarked that the car was running rather wildly from one side of the road to the other as if it was hard to steer the machine. No further attention was paid to the machine until the noise occasioned by the car overturning in the road called the neighbors to the scene of the accident. The neighbors and the first arrivals from the city on the scene rolled the car back on the side and then the body of the unfortunate man was found with the head mangled from the wind shield, one corner of the metal frame of the shield having struck Mr. Hiatt near the right temple and penetrated to the brain causing death. The weight of the car had also occasioned a number of injuries and bruises to the body. Dr. E. W. Cook was summoned by Mrs. Godwin to the scene of the accident but it was not possible to do anything for the unfortunate man whose death had evidently occurred as soon as the car turned over. The body was held pending the arrival of Coroner J. F. Brendel from Murray who at once impaneled a jury composed of C. E. Haney, B. A. Rosencrans, Asbury Jacks, J. C. Peterson, George M. Hild and Frank Brinkman. The coroner and jury viewed the body and the scene of the accident and had the car tested out to discover whether or not the steering apparatus and brakes were in good working order and these were found to be in first class shape and the car was not damaged to any great extent beyond the breaking of the wind shield and the fenders. The jury found in their verdict that Mr. Hiatt came to his death by being crushed beneath a Ford automobile while he was driving in the southwest part of the city of Plattsmouth and that the car was in good working condition at the time of the accident.

From the facts in the case it would seem that Mr. Hiatt who was not an experienced driver, had either become nervous and was unable to control the steering of the machine, allowing it to run up the side of the rather steep roadside where it turned over as the result or had suddenly been stricken with a fainting spell but as far as known he was not subject to this form of sickness.

Charles Hiatt has made his home in Plattsmouth for the greater part of his lifetime and his death was a severe blow to the old friends and neighbors by whom he was held in such esteem and to the sorrow stricken relatives and the heart broken wife as well as the aged parents the deepest sympathy of the entire community will go out in this, life's darkest hour.

Besides the widow, Mr. Hiatt leaves

to mourn his death the aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Hiatt of Murray, two brothers, L. D. Hiatt of Murray and D. W. Hiatt of Raising City, Nebraska, and one sister, Mrs. A. M. Cole of Weeping Water. The parents were at Raising City visiting at the time of the accident and were called home by the sad message that has brought them such deep grief and sorrow.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the First Methodist church and the services will be in charge of Rev. F. M. Drulliner, pastor of the church.

A TRIBUTE.

While all nature was throbbing, and humming, and gleaming, with the joy of life; while the earth was pulsating in rapture at the wooing of the sun; amidst the laughter of children, the songs of youth, the bantering of maturer years, silently, but upon his swiftest wing, the death angel flitted through our beloved city and bore away a neighbor and friend. Yesterday, this morning, at noon-tide, yes, after the day had commenced to grow old, Charles Hiatt, with face still toward the rising sun, was with us in health and strength. At this, the eventide of the same day, he is gone from among us. It is not right that he should go unheralded to the grave. For weeks, and months, and years he has been passing our doorway, on his way to his daily tasks and back to the home he loved. For many years we have known this genial friend, and wish to pay this humble tribute to his memory.

Charles Hiatt made no pretensions to distinction in the larger affairs of men, but wrought with manly effort in his sphere of life, to provide the needs and comfort of those he dearest loved. He claimed not perfection, but recognized and lived for a higher goal as the years swept on. He carried no hatred in his heart, and malice was not born for him in the hearts of others. His greeting was cheerful, his wishes for all was well. He was faithful to his duties, devoted to his family and home, was moral and upright, and recognized his Creator in his life. He had virtues that others might well covet, and habits worthy of emulation. We shall miss our friend as we walk the streets, and go about our daily duties and work. Let us hope and believe—we do hope and believe, that his life has passed into a broader and more joyous realm, and is now looking out upon the sunrise of a blissful eternity.

Farewell, good friend, for a time, farewell.
July 20, 1916. A Friend.

DEPARTS FOR YORK TO RESUME HIS STUDIES IN COLLEGE

From Tuesday's Daily. Rosendo Lubian, the young man who has been visiting here at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wiles, west of this city, has departed for York, where he will make his home there at the home of Mr. Loomer, one of the wealthy residents of that place. Mr. Lubian is a native of the Philippine islands and was converted to christianity there by the missionaries and has come to America to study for the ministry and is now studying at the United Brethren college at York with a view of entering the missionary field and going to his old home to take up the work of bringing the teachings of the Christian religion to the residents of the islands. During his stay at the Wiles home Mr. Lubian made the acquaintance of a great many of our people and won many friends by his genial and gentlemanly manner of meeting his fellow men. Mr. Loomer with whom he is to make his home while in college has just given an endowment of \$50,000 to York college.

C. H. VALLERY IMPROVING

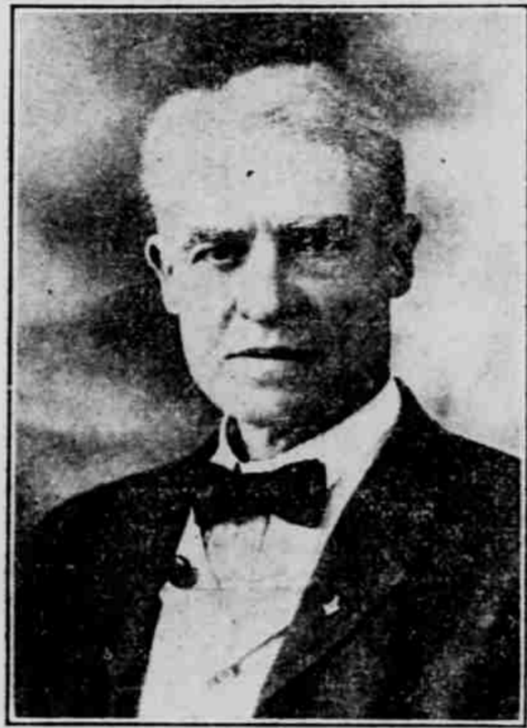
From Tuesday's Daily. C. H. Vallery was in the city today from his farm home and his friends were very much pleased to learn that he is feeling much better since his return from the hospital. Mr. Vallery has been taking treatment there for an affliction of the throat and he believes that he is now on the highway to recovery.

If you have anything for sale advertise in the Journal.

ROBERT SHERWOOD, SR., IS LAID TO REST

The Funeral of Deceased Held at the Episcopal Church and Then Consigned to the Silent Tomb.

From Wednesday's Daily. The funeral of Robert Sherwood was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the St. Luke's Episcopal church of which he long has been a member and the church was filled to its utmost capacity by the sorrowing relatives and friends who gathered to pay their last tribute of love and esteem to the kindly gentleman who had been called from their midst to his last long rest at the close of a long and useful life. Father W. S. Lee, rector of the parish, conducted the services which were beautiful and impressive, the simple ritual of the Episcopal church being carried out by the rector. The choir of the church during the services sang two of the



Robert Sherwood, Sr.

well beloved hymns of faith and hope which served to comfort those whose hearts had been so wounded in the passing of the grand good man. The members of Plattsmouth lodge, No. 6, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, were present in a body at the church and acted as an escort of honor to the grave where the beloved brother was consigned to his last earthly resting place with the service of the order of which he had been a most devout member for the greater part of his lifetime. The wealth of floral remembrances laid on the bier spoke eloquently of the feeling in which the community held Mr. Sherwood and as his casket passed from the church for the last time each eye was filled with tears in memory of the kindly gentleman and friend who would come no more to join them in their daily walks of life. The casket was borne by six of the sons of the deceased Thomas, Herbert, George, John, Victor and Ralph Sherwood, to the last resting place in Oak Hill cemetery where it was consigned to the silent tomb.

The death of Mr. Sherwood has occasioned a great grief throughout the city among all those who had known him during the forty years of residence here and the feeling has been one of a great loss to the community of a great estimable citizen. While Mr. Sherwood was no longer a resident here he still held the kindly feelings of his old friends and his visits here were always the source of great pleasure to those with whom he came in touch as he brought with him a spirit of kindly feeling that made a lasting impression upon every one. While gone from the circle of his family he leaves with them a precious memory of a good and Christian life to strengthen them in the hour of grief and surely with a man like this the future now just dawning on another shore must indeed be blessed and filled with promise of a meeting with the loved when they too shall cross the silent river at the Master's call. The last words heard from the lips of this good man were characteristic of his daily life as when he retired to his couch from which he never woke in life he turned to the members of the family who were present and bade them a kind good night and a blessing for their welfare. It is indeed hard to part with such a man but it is not our part

to say when we must go but only to bear with aching heart the separation and look forward with hope to another meeting when the pain of parting shall not come again.

S. S. CLUB GIRLS ENJOY AN OUTING LAST SUNDAY

From Tuesday's Daily. Early Sunday morning the S. S. club girls gathered at the home of their president and from there immediately journeyed out to Swallow hill to spend the day in picnicking. The morning was spent in bathing, swimming, taking pictures and various other ways of picnic merry-making and the hours passed away all too quickly to suit the members of the merry party. At noon all gathered readily under the shade of a large tree where they heartily enjoyed the well-prepared picnic feast. After lunch they again returned to the river where they pleasantly whiled away the few short afternoon hours in swimming and bathing.

Later they once more came to shore and participated in a most delicious luncheon and in the cool of the evening they started homeward, vowing that this picnic had been one of the most delightful ones of the season.

RED SOX TO PLAY MALVERN BALL TEAM ON NEXT SUNDAY

From Tuesday's Daily. On Sunday afternoon the base ball team of Malvern, Ia., will visit the city for the purpose of trying to put one over the redoubtable Red Sox if possible and they promise to bring a mighty fast organization of base ballers with them. This will be the first time that a team from Malvern has visited this city and as that section of Iowa has produced some mighty fast ball players they should be able to have a first class organization on hand to pit against the members of the Sox crew. The game is one that should draw a good crowd and the visitors will be accompanied by a number of their boosters and friends to furnish enthusiasm for the occasion and try and assist in securing a win for the Iowa boys. The Sox will be in first class shape for the battle and ready to give a good account of themselves.

A PRETTY WEDDING AT THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. A. J. SNYDER

From Tuesday's Daily. Last evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Snyder was the scene of a very pretty wedding when Mr. Frank Ptak and Miss Carrie Krivanek, both of Armour, S. D., were united in the bonds of wedlock. The ceremony was performed by County Judge A. J. Beeson in the presence of the relatives of the contracting parties and was a very simple and quiet marriage. Following the wedding a very dainty and tempting luncheon was served by Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Emmons Ptak for the newly weds and the relatives. The groom is a former Plattsmouth man and is a brother of Emmons Ptak and Mrs. A. J. Snyder of this city. He is at present located at Armour where he is engaged in the cigar making business and has been very successful in his line of business and very highly esteemed by everyone in his home. The bride is a very charming lady and has been the housekeeper at the Ptak home for some time. The newly weds motored from Armour to this city and will spend a short honeymoon here with their relatives and friends before returning home.

NAME IS OMITTED

In the account of the fortieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George Dodge appearing in the Journal last evening the name of Miss Kathryn Waddick was unintentionally omitted from the list of those taking part in the program, in which she gave a most pleasing piano solo, and one that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present.

A REAL PLEASURE TO BEHOLD NOW DAYS

A Trip in the County is Not Only Invigorating, But Interesting to See the Crops.

This time of the year in Nebraska is perhaps the most interesting and pleasing to the lover of nature of any in the whole year. The golden harvest of wheat and oats is being gathered in, ready for the thrasher and in many places the threshing is on in full blast.

A trip out in Cass county certainly impresses one with the immense results of the harvest in this state of the breadstuff of the world, and makes one feel proud that they reside in this state and particularly in this county, which will rank as high as any in the state. It is well worth the time of anyone to take a spin out into the country in order to get in touch with the farms and the results of the year's harvest to really appreciate the true greatness of the yield of wheat and oats and the growing corn that is soon to materialize into a great bumper crop to add to the wealth. As one comes up over the hills the view is one that cannot be excelled anywhere else in the world for real beauty with the creeks and streams with their heavily wooded banks wending their ways through the valleys while on the hillsides the golden grain ready for the thrasher mingles with the green of the growing corn in a beautiful array of color that speaks of peace and plenty and a great yield of everything that is needful to man's benefit and help. Along the hills and bluffs that line the Platte and Missouri river, a view that is more than pleasing is revealed to the eye, with the broad fertile river valleys lying peacefully on either side of the streams and with the growing crops in profusion, dotted here and there by houses and barns where some of the sturdy farmers of the county are making their homes and doing their part in keeping up the splendid reputation of Cass county as an agricultural kingdom. Two of the best trips in this part of the county to give one a good idea of the wealth of the crops is that from Plattsmouth to Louisville as well as that from Union and from Louisville can continue on west to Greenwood and view the great stretches of country near Murdock and Alvo where the land is as fine as any in the world. On the Union trip the great hills of old Liberty precinct gives one a wonderful opportunity of viewing the country clear from the Sciota bottoms to the hills near Nehawka and far down into Otoe county and hill and vale is dotted and checkered with the green of the corn and the gold of the wheat and oats in a harmony of color that speaks of the true greatness of Cass county and of Nebraska.

NEHAWKA CITIZENS PREPARING TO HOLD A BIG PICNIC SOON

From Tuesday's Daily. The residents of Nehawka are preparing to hold a big picnic this season and the plans are now being formulated for the event which it is expected will be held on either Saturday, August 5, or on August 19, so not to conflict with other celebrations that will be held by other towns and will furnish a most pleasing part of the summer entertainments. The business men and citizens of Nehawka are the best entertainers in the world and it is always a pleasure to be present to any of the gatherings held in that city. As soon as the committee completes the arrangements for the event the exact dates will be given out and the residents of the different parts of the county can be sure of one very pleasant day as guests at the Nehawka picnic.

H. C. Creamer of Murray was in the city for a few hours today visiting with his friends and looking after a few matters of importance.

THE W. C. T. U. MEET WITH MRS. C. C. WESCOTT

From Tuesday's Daily. The W. C. T. U. held a very interesting business meeting yesterday at the home of Mrs. C. C. Wescott that was attended by a large number of the members and was filled with much pleasure to the ladies present. Miss Alice Louise Wescott gave the scripture lesson, taken from the 121st Psalm and the roll call was responded to by the members with Bible verses giving an expression of blessings received. Mrs. A. H. Knee, one of the life long members of the Plattsmouth chapter, who has just returned from Omaha was present at the meeting and gave a very interesting account of the meeting of the Omaha chapter which she attended while in that city. The session was one of the most pleasing that has been held for some time and the ladies felt well repaid for their attendance.

WINS WAYNE TOURNAMENT

From Wednesday's Daily. Raymond Larson of this city, who is attending the tennis tournament at Wayne, Neb., yesterday sprang a surprise on the veterans of the game who are there taking part in the games by defeating Frank Morgan, the 1915 champion of northeastern Nebraska by two straight sets, 6-3 and 6-4. Morgan is regarded as one of the crack players of that part of the state and the victory of Larson rather upset the dope on the games that had been handed out by the "sharks" present. Juno Marshall of this city was also successful in his opening game and the boys will give a good account of themselves before returning home. Those of the local enthusiasts who have played either Larson or Marshall know that they play a mighty fast game and should be able to add a number of other games to their credit before the matches are closed.

GETS CASE MIXED UP

From Tuesday's Daily. The case of B. G. Wiley and C. E. Wiley against William L. Nickles, which was passed on by the supreme court on July 8, was decided in favor of Mr. Nickles, who had been the winner of the case in the lower court, the judgement of which was affirmed by the state tribunal. A great many had gathered the impression that the Wileys had secured a verdict but such is not the case, and Mr. Nickles was given full possession of the land in question.

WALTER SEBATKA MEETS WITH VERY SERIOUS ACCIDENT

From Wednesday's Daily. Last evening Walter Sebatka met with a very serious accident at his home while he was engaged in splitting some wood on a chopping block and as a result cut his left hand in a very severe manner. He was using a small ax with his right hand and holding the piece of wood with the left when the ax glanced and struck the back of the hand almost severing the thumb from the hand and inflicting a very severe wound. He was taken to the office of a physician but it was found that it was impossible to reach one of the tendons which had been severed and which had drawn up in the arm to quite a distance and without which the thumb would be useless. It was decided to have the patient taken to the Immanuel hospital in Omaha where the injured member will be looked after.

BIRTH OF A FINE LITTLE SON

From Tuesday's Daily. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Kalina on High school hill is much happier today as the result of the arrival there last night of a fine little son. The mother and babe are both doing nicely and it is needless to say that the proud father is as happy as is possible for anyone to be and his smile is of the variety that will not wear off. The many friends of the family will extend their best wishes for the welfare of the little man for his success in life.

ANOTHER VERY SUDDEN DEATH THIS MORNING

Mrs. John Ulick, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Droege, Died This Morning of Heart Trouble.

From Wednesday's Daily. This morning at 10:30 Mrs. John Ulick died very suddenly at the home of her husband's parents, in the west part of the city as the result of an attack of heart trouble, and after falling to the floor in a faint it was only a few minutes until death came to her before medical assistance could arrive.

Mrs. Ulick has not been in the best of health for some time and since coming here from Denver a few weeks ago she has been feeling very poorly, but it was not thought that she was in dangerous condition, and she has been up and around as usual. Mr. and Mrs. Ulick have been staying at the home of Mr. Ulick's mother, who is in very poor health and assisting in her care, and this morning while Mrs. Ulick was looking after some of the household duties, she was taken with a sudden fainting spell, and all efforts to arouse her to consciousness failed, and medical assistance was summoned but in vain as the unfortunate lady was far beyond human aid, and when Dr. P. J. Flynn arrived at the home she had been dead for several minutes. The departed was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Droege, of this city, and was reared to womanhood here and married here eight years ago to John Ulick. Shortly after their marriage they moved to Denver, where the family resided up to a few weeks ago, when they moved back to this city to make their home, and were just getting settled when the death messenger broke up the family circle. Mrs. Ulick was 28 years of age, and leaves besides the heart broken husband and one son, John, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Droege and two brothers, Emil and Carl Droege of Magna, Utah, and one sister, Mrs. Gale Connors. All of the family excepting the two brothers resides in this city.

As far as can be determined at this time the funeral services will be held in this city Friday morning, but the exact time cannot be given until word is received from the relatives.

This death comes as a very bitter blow to the members of the family and especially to the mother and in their hour of deepest grief the family will have the sympathy of the entire community in their loss and it will be hard indeed for them to bear the loss that has darkened their home and wounded their hearts.

BASE BALL PLAYING DURING THE HOME COMING WEEK

From Tuesday's Daily. For the base ball games during the forthcoming fall festival and "Home Coming" week from August 31 to September 4, the management of the local team is quite anxious to have a team representing some of the county towns present to take part in the different games. There is lots of good material in the smaller towns of the county that could form a basis of a mighty good team and one that would be a credit to the entire county. With the Red Sox and a team from out in the county as the contenders, there should be plenty of enjoyment for the fans in the games. The teams that have been here from our neighboring towns in the past two seasons have put up some of the best games ever seen here and should they again appear here it would be a fine drawing card. The fans out in the county should get busy and get their teams arranged so they will be on hand to take part in the base ball games. Now is the time to start and there should be no delay in getting the teams lined up for the big week.

Stewart's Phonographs, only \$5.00, at Dawson's, Plattsmouth, Neb.