

DRESHER AND FOUR HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

The Omaha Merchant's Spine is Broken—Mother May Die. Car Goes Over Bank.

Albert V. Dresher of the firms of Dresher Bros. and Dresher, the Tailor, was seriously injured Sunday morning at 7:30 when the automobile he was driving went over a fifteen-foot embankment on the Wabanc road two miles east of Clarinda, Ia. The automobile turned over twice, throwing out the occupants of the car and injuring all of them except 2-year-old Virginia Wyman.

Dresher suffered a broken spine, two broken ribs and dislocation of the hip. He is expected to live.

Mrs. Helen Dresher, his mother, suffered a dislocation of the hip and internal injuries. She may die.

Mrs. Al Dresher's spine was injured.

Miss Louise Dresher's ankle was dislocated, a bone being driven into the joint.

Mrs. Cecil Wyman, a friend of the Dresher family, suffered a bad contusion of the head of shoulders and a severely wrenched spine.

All of the injured were taken into Jewellworth hospital, Clarinda. Dresher was immediately put in a plaster cast. Within two hours he was able to move his toes and the attending physician believes that he will not be paralyzed in spite of the fracture of his spine.

The party had been visiting with Mrs. A. V. Dresher's parents at Grant City, Mo., and were returning to Omaha. Rounding a turn near the Oak Grove school house, Dresher evidently miscalculated his speed and the sharpness of the curve and he drove over the outer edge of the embankment. The automobile rolled over on him.

Little Virginia Wyman was thrown clear of the debris and was uninjured. Her mother was pinned beneath the wreckage, the upturned automobile resting on her head. Her condition is serious.

Because of her age, Mrs. Helen Dresher is thought to be in the most danger.

The steering wheel and one wheel were broken from the car.

Passing motorists rushed to the rescue. Dr. P. H. Killingsworth and Drs. Van Meter and Sherman from the state hospital worked over the injured all day. Several parties of relatives and friends motored from Omaha as soon as they learned of the accident about noon.

The party had left Grant City Sunday morning and had made rapid time on the road home.

The above is from the World Herald of this morning. Mrs. Al V. Dresher is a daughter of Hon. E. S. Garver and wife of Grant City, Mo., our former home, and we were their near neighbors for several years when Mrs. Dresher was a little girl. We trust they all will recover from their injuries.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH PRIZES FOR AUTOMOBILE PARADE

The committee in charge of the automobile parade on Thursday, August 31, the opening day of the "Home Coming" festival have completed their arrangement for the prizes and the cash prizes will aggregate \$100, for the best decorated car and the most comical design. The classification of these prizes will be announced later.

Designs for decoration of cars may be seen in the Patterson & Wynn garage free of charge and those who are thinking of taking part should call and see the many different designs in which they desire to fix up their car. For further information parties should call on C. E. Hanev, chairman of the parade committee. This will be one of the big events of the "Home Coming" and every auto owner should take part in the big parade.

P. J. SPECIAL IN NEW HANDS

The store house special made a great dash this afternoon to catch No. 23 with a consignment of material for the west and Conductor Cotner, Brakeman Seivers and Engineer Hunter sure made some time in getting to the depot in time to have the material shipped.

Frank E. Schuster was a passenger this morning for Omaha where he will spend the day in that city with his wife at the Immanuel hospital.

WINS NEW OVERLAND CAR

Fred W. Young of near Union was in the city for a short time today meeting his friends in this city who had assisted his son, Dorrell Young, in the automobile contest that has been conducted by the Nebraska City News. Dorrell was the winner in the contest and is now the owner of the new Overland touring car that was offered to the first prize winner. Mr. Young feels very grateful to his friends throughout the county who assisted him in the contest.

BROADWAY GIRLS AT AIRDOME THIS EVENING

The following from the Missouri Valley Times gives a very pleasing notice of the "Broadway Girls" which have been showing in that city and who open a week's engagement at the Airdome tonight:

Hal Wattles' "Broadway Girls," who have been appearing at the Airdome this week, conclude their engagement this evening. This company has played to capacity business during their week's engagement and are without a doubt one of the cleanest and classiest organizations that ever appeared in our city. Lou Coast, the Jewish comedian; Harry Fisher, the ballad singer; Frank Winfield, Hal Wattles, the Irish comedians, and Miss LaMay, the soubrette, are all exceptional artists in their respective lines and much applause has greeted their efforts. Bert DeVaille, the female impersonator and also pianist, has some of the cleverest work ever done in vaudeville, and he surely makes a handsome woman. It is safe to say there were a good many "ohs and ahs" Monday evening when he took off his wig and disclosed his identity. His costumes are beautiful and he has several thousand dollars tied up in costumes, wigs and other accessories. The chorus has been working in hard luck, as Miss White injured herself by falling the first of the week and she danced with considerable difficulty, and Miss Gray has been unable to appear for two nights, as she had ptomaine poisoning. However, the girls did very good work. The entire troupe is composed of splendid people and they have been booked here again in the near future for a week's engagement by popular demand.

HAULED UP BEFORE THE POLICE JUDGE FOR FIGHTING

This morning Vern Bates and W. M. Baldwin, residing south of the city were present in police court to give an accounting of themselves for a disturbance that they had occasioned in the alley in the rear of the Hatt meat market last evening. Both men were handed a fine of \$2 and costs, and Baldwin settled his claim, amounting to \$5, while he and Bates were allowed to go to raise the amount of Bates' fine.

The affair in which the two men were involved was not serious and was largely a argument between the men and during which Bates who was not in the best of shape, fell against a lock on the door of the barn of Mr. Hatt and secured a very copious nosebleed as a result which gave him a very startling appearance with his face smeared with blood. The quarrel or argument was witnessed by parties on Fifth street and Chief of Police Barclay called to the scene where he secured the two men and escorted them to the city jail to spend the evening and rest up from the strenuous debate. It would seem from the statements of parties who were present that Bates was drinking and did not seem to have a very clear understanding of what he was doing and struggled and argued with his friends until he lost his balance and fell against the lock with very serious results to himself. The boys will have time to repent of their action and reflect on the folly of getting into such useless and dangerous discussions in the future.

Guy Gould, wife and little daughter, Jane, of Havelock arrived in the city Saturday evening for a short visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Srteight. Mr. Gould returned this morning to his duties while Mrs. Gould and daughter will remain for a more extended visit.

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WORST HEAT WAVE OF 15 YEARS IN U. S. HAS ONLY STARTED

The Chief Forecaster Says Nation Will Swelter for Week or More

NEBRASKA WILL ENJOY SLIGHT RELIEF SATURDAY

No Change for Iowa or Kansas; Great Crop Damage May Occur.

Chicago, Ill., July 27.—The north plain states, including Nebraska, the Dakotas and Minnesota, will enjoy slight relief from the present "hot wave" by Saturday, but there is no indication of any relief for Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin or Kansas, the forecaster at the local government weather bureau said tonight.

Every government weather bureau in Indiana reported 100 degrees, Pierre, S. D., Grand Rapids, Mich., and Davenport, Ia., each reported 102 degrees and with the absence of appreciable lake breezes the mercury in Chicago rose to the 100 mark and broke all records since 1911.

At 7 o'clock tonight, according to the local bureau, every government weather station between the Alleghenies and the Rocky mountains reported a maximum of 90 degrees or more.

Washington, D. C., July 25.—A "Bermuda high" is the official cause of the worst heat wave that has enveloped the country in fifteen years.

Translated from the cryptic language of the weather sharps, that means a great area of high pressure air has been mobilizing on the weather drill grounds in the Atlantic of Bermuda for the last month and now has let the full power of its offensive from the seaboard to the Rock mountains.

For weeks it has stood like a solid wall against heated currents trying vainly to move from the interior over the ocean and now as it whirrs rapidly along it is gathering heat and moisture from the tropics and sweeping them northward over the continent in to the vacuum of so-called "low pressure areas."

Relief Far Off
No relief is promised from the phenomena which in the east has caused sweltering city dwellers to light fires in their homes to dry out the humidity, or which in the Mississippi valley is threatening to destroy millions of dollars worth of food crops.

Chief Forecaster Frankford said today that the heat wave only had begun. It is certain to continue through the week and probably longer.

FORMER PLATTSMOUTH BOY BUYS FINE HOME IN ST. LOUIS

The young man referred to below is a son of Captain and Mrs. Isaac Wiles of this city, and has grown from an employe of the Burlington as a clerk in the shops in this city, to one of the leading business men of St. Louis. We are pleased to learn of the advancement of Mr. Wiles. Mr. Wiles and wife are expected back in this city to attend the "Home Coming" celebration. The following is from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat:

Isaac R. L. Wiles, vice president of the O'Neil-Wiles Lumber company, yesterday purchased the beautiful country home of Charles Van Dyke Hill in Hampton Park.

The house is on the west drive, near the southwestern intersection of the Clayton and Hanley roads, about 300 feet south of the Clayton road. It occupies a high point fronting on Hanley road and West Hampton drive. The grounds are beautifully embellished with forest trees and shrubbery and covers one acre.

The residence has a large living room, dining room, kitchen and servants' dining room on the first floor, 5 bedrooms, 2 baths and 2 sleeping porches on the second floor and 3 bedrooms and bath on the third floor. It has hardwood floors and hot-water heat. There also is a garage for two autos.

Miss Edna Shopp, who has been attending summer school at the State Normal at Peru, Neb., returned home to this city last Thursday and will spend the remaining of her summer vacation with her parents in this city.

AN AUTOMOBILE CALAMITY SUNDAY MORNING

In Seeking a Cool Spot to Spend Sunday, Six Omaha People Together With Auto Drop Into Missouri River.

SAVES HIMSELF BY JUMPING

Searching Parties Work All Day Seining for Bodies, But not One of the Five That Went Down Recovered.

The dead are:
Willis Letner, 32, 521 South Eighteenth street, a salesman for Schmoller & Mueller Piano Co.

Mrs. Gertrude Letner, 28, wife of Letner, a pianist in the musical department at Brandeis Stores.

Mrs. May Swift, 25, Rivard Hotel.

Miss Grace Snyder, 18, a stenographer, 521 South Eighteenth street.

Harold Larson, 22, 521 South Eighteenth street.

Thomas P. Swift, 26, in charge of the sheet music department at Brandeis Stores, husband of Mrs. May Swift, was the only one of the party who escaped death.

One of the worst automobile accidents that has ever occurred in this section of the state occurred early Sunday morning about a mile east of LaPlatte when a party of Omaha motorists out driving plunged into the waters of the Missouri river and five of the six persons in the car were drowned. The accident occurred at 12:45 and was caused evidently by the driver of the machine mistaking the road leading from LaPlatte and instead of choosing the one going west and leading to the camping grounds where a number of Omaha people were camping, the driver drove east on the river road and without an intimation of their danger the members of the party gaily rode to their death. The river at this point has taken a great deal of land away from the Nebraska side and a swift current has cut into the bank until the roadway leads directly into the main channel of the river and it was along this dangerous highway that the Omaha party proceeded to their death. Thomas Swift, the sole survivor of the auto party saved himself by leaping from the machine as it crashed over the embankment into the river six feet below and attempted to assist his wife from the car but without avail. The dead numbers Mrs. Swift, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lefler of Omaha, Mrs. Lefler's sister, who resides in Lincoln, and another unidentified woman.

At the point where the accident happened the road lies along the flat bottom land and is in very good shape so that the automobile party driving along at a good rate of speed would not notice the near approach to the river and especially at night with considerable dust blowing and with the fact that there is no fence or protection of any kind to prevent anyone from driving directly into the river. The first warning of their impending doom was when the driver of the Omaha car saw the muddy waters of the Missouri opening up in front of his car and before anyone but Mr. Swift could get out of the doomed car it had leaped from the bank into twenty feet of water below and was carrying the remaining five passengers to their death. As Swift leaped from the car he grasped the hand of his wife to pull her out with him but his hold was broken and the woman plunged to her death with her companions.

One of the residents near the scene of the accident was the first to receive notice of the terrible tragedy and spread the call for help but assistance arrived too late to save any of the members of the party from drowning. A lady residing a short distance from the scene of the tragedy was sitting on the porch of her farm home as the car passed her home and states that the members of the party were laughing and talking and while she wondered at a car being on this road at that time of the night, did not pay any particular attention to the incident until a few minutes later when she heard the crash as the machine took its dip of death into the river. The lady, Mrs. A. P. Batchelder, aroused her husband who was asleep in the house and he, without stopping to dress started on a run for the river bank. When a short distance he met Swift, who was half crazed by the terrible experience and who sobbingly told the story of the accident and implored assistance. The men hastened back to the river but there was no sign of any of the party

and it was clearly out of the question to do anything like rescue work.

As soon as the fact of the terrible tragedy was telephoned from the nearby farm houses into Omaha, a number of the police of the South Side station were sent to the scene of the trouble but on their arrival, there was no trace of any of the bodies to be found. All efforts to locate the bodies of any of the victims were futile and when the car was hauled out of the river by means of grapping irons at 10 o'clock yesterday morning the bodies had disappeared from the car and had been washed away by the current of the river. Dynamite was used in an effort to bring the bodies to the surface but without success and it was thought that the dead had been born by the swift current down the river. A motor boat from this city was sent up the river with dynamite to assist in trying to raise the bodies from the depths of the river but without success. The car when it was recovered from the river was not greatly damaged with the exception of the windshield which was bent and badly broken.

Francis and unnerved, Swift yesterday gave a dramatic description of the tragedy.

After quitting work at 9 o'clock Saturday evening at the department store, Swift played with an orchestra at a dance near Fort Crook.

Letner and other members of the party called for him in the automobile shortly after midnight. The group planned to spend the night at some camp along the river. Letner, who owned and was driving the car, was unfamiliar with the roads.

"We were driving not much more than ten miles an hour," said Swift. "We had no place in particular to go. We also had heard that the roadway in that vicinity was treacherous. Letner exercised precaution.

"My wife, Mrs. Letner, Miss Snyder and myself were in the rear seat. Larson sat beside Letner.

Mrs. Swift and Mrs. Letner were playing ukeleles. The three women were singing softly.

"The road we were in appeared to be in constant use. We had just passed three farm houses.

"Suddenly I saw a stream a short distance to the south. 'Why, there is the river!' I shouted to Letner.

The women continued with their song.

"Some impulse led me to throw my leg over one side of the car. I seized hold of my wife at the same time.

"Maybe she thought I was joking. Probably Letner suddenly swerved the machine. I don't know. Anyway, I lost my hold on her.

"In an instant I was catapulted to the ground and fell on my face. The singing stopped. The machine's lights went out. The car, now a big, black form in the darkness, made a plunge. There were shrieks that were muffled in a flash by the water. I heard a splash.

"Then I found myself half way over the bank. I clutched with my hands at the dirt. It crumbled. I could not grasp a supporting hold. Slowly I worked backward and crawled away from the precipice.

"On my knees I searched about endeavoring to find the road. I screamed, hoping to locate some of the persons in the water. I yelled and begged them to answer, in my excitement. My eyes became accustomed to the darkness and gradually I discerned the outline of the bank.

"Then I ran up and down, continuing to shout. Fatigued and panic-stricken, I stopped a moment to decide what to do next. Then I remembered the farm houses we had passed a few moments before.

"Awakening the farmers, I told them what had happened.

"They ran back with me and again we tried to get a response from my friends.

"Our efforts were futile. Someone suggested telephoning the authorities. Captain Briggs of South Omaha and men from Omaha police department came in automobiles."

Swift refused to leave the river bank. He watched the rescue workers constantly and occasionally aided when possible.

Mr. Thomas Swift, who was the only member of the party saved and whose wife lost her life in the accident is a son of Patrick Swift, who was one of the old time engineers on the Burlington before the strike of 1888, and the family made their home here for a number of years.

MOVING TO PLATTSMOUTH

Henry Beck, of McLean, Neb., who has recently purchased the Frank Claus residence property, is moving to this city and will make this his home in the future. Mr. Beck, who is a brother of John Beck, residing northwest of the city, has been engaged in farming near McLean and will now enjoy life in this place. He was a resident of Cass county several years ago being engaged in farming.

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FORMER PLATTSMOUTH BOY MEETS DEATH IN AUTOMOBILE RACES

In the Tacoma, (Washington) News of July 24, appears an account of the tragic death in an automobile race of Frank Lake, a former Plattsmouth young man and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lake, old time residents of this city. Mr. Lake, who was a mechanic, assisting in the operating of the car of Ulysses Aubry, a driver of Tacoma, had accompanied Mr. Aubry to Portland, Ore., where they were to take part in the race on the Portland race course. The death of the two men was caused by the bursting of the tire on the car of Aubry. The car tore through the fence along the speedway and overturned after plunging down the bank of the first curve below the grandstand straightway. The car was completely demolished and the two unfortunate men hurled twenty-five feet when it overturned.

Aubry died on the way to the hospital and Lake a few minutes after reaching that institution. Lake was riding as a mechanic as a favor to Frank B. Platt of Tacoma, the regular man on the job of tending the car. At the time the accident occurred the car of Aubry was being run at a high rate of speed to overtake a car that had just passed them.

The families of the two men had been very much opposed to their taking part in the race and it was over their protest that the two unfortunate young men took part in the fatal contest.

Lake, riding for the first time in a race, left his wife at Burton Saturday morning, telling her he was going to Portland to see his friend Aubry take part in the races Sunday. Mrs. Lake was to take a later boat to Tacoma and bid her husband farewell at the train. The boat was delayed and she did not again see her husband alive, the first intimation of his taking part in the race was when she received the message of the death of Mr. Lake. The families of the two men were greatly affected by the accident and they had frequently urged Aubry to give up his ambition to become a racer.

Mr. Lake was thirty-four years of age and had made his home in Tacoma for the past ten years, moving from Plattsmouth with his parents.

ents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lake, He leaves a widow and a 10-year-old daughter, residing in Tacoma; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lake, three brothers, Joseph R. W. C., and Arthur J. Lake, all of Tacoma and five sisters, Mrs. Herbert Sharp, Mrs. W. Straight, Mrs. J. E. Pitts and Mrs. B. W. Edwards, of Tacoma, and Mrs. J. Linden of Seattle. Mr. Lake was the foreman of the Washington Machinery company at Tacoma.

The friends of the family here will regret very much to learn of the untimely death of the young man who was in the full flush of manhood, and their deepest sympathy will go out to the bereaved family in their hour of misfortune. The funeral of Mr. Lake was held at Tacoma on Tuesday afternoon.

THE FRED NOLTING HOME SCENE OF MUCH PLEASURE

Yesterday the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nolting southeast of the city was the scene of a most pleasant surprise on this estimable couple when in the neighborhood of fifty of their old friends and neighbors gathered to spend the day with them. The guests of honor were unaware of the pleasant time in store for them and the first intimation of the intended surprise was when the cars, nine in number, containing the friends began to arrive at the Nolting home and the members of the party announced that they were going to make the day one long to be remembered. The party came provided with all manner of good things to eat and in the cool and shady grove on the Nolting farm a sumptuous picnic dinner was enjoyed at the noon hour that was thoroughly enjoyed by every member of the party. The day was spent in visiting and having a fine social time among themselves until evening when they wended their way homeward and the event will long be very pleasantly remembered by Mr. and Mrs. Nolting as one of the happiest days in their lives. The members of the party were old neighbors who had lived near the Nolting family west of this city before they moved to their present farm.

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