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AN EXCELLENT YOUNG MAN IS DROWNED

Merle Parme, 27 Years of Age, Meets Death in a Slough Over in Iowa, While in Swimming.

The peace and quietude of the Sabbath in this city was marred yesterday by a tragedy that brought to the community a deep sense of grief, when Merle Parme, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Q. K. Parme, was drowned while in swimming on the Sage farm across the Missouri river in Iowa. Mr. Parme, with a companion, James Jones, were bathing in a deep slough on the farm and the unfortunate young man, who was not a very experienced swimmer, seems to have been taken with a sudden shock that prevented him from getting out of the water, and before his companion could lend much assistance he had disappeared beneath the waters of the slough, from which the body was recovered some twenty-five minutes after the tragedy. The message of the drowning was conveyed to the parents in this city, who were grief-stricken, and the father, with a number of other persons, hastened to the scene of the accident and the task of attempting the recovery of the body commenced. The young man had gone to the farm from this city at an early hour this morning and the drowning occurred shortly after 11 o'clock, and it was after 12:30 that the body was brought home by the members of the rescue party from this city.

James Jones, the friend of Mr. Parme, who was with him at the time of the unfortunate affair, states that Merle had been paddling around on a log over the pond and had tried to get off and swim, but suddenly seemed to have stepped off into a hole of very deep water and was unable to get out. Mr. Jones came to the aid of his companion, but the drowning man fought so desperately that it was impossible for effective assistance to be given and the death of the young man resulted.

The body was brought back to this city, where it was prepared for burial and removed to the home of the parents to remain until the funeral services. The death of this estimable young man, just in the flower of his young manhood comes as a crushing blow to the parents and other relatives and friends and its suddenness has dealt them a most heart breaking blow, from which they are bowed in grief. In the sad hour of death the deepest sympathy of the community goes out to the stricken ones with a prayer that the wounds may be healed by the Divine Spirit although deep and hard.

Mr. Parme was one of the highly esteemed young men of the community, who was devoted to his duties and whose quiet and unassuming actions had won him a great many warm friends who are grief stricken at the tragedy that closed so untimely his promising life. He was twenty-seven years of age and leaves beside the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Q. K. Parme, one sister, Mrs. Charles H. Hula, to mourn his untimely death.

The funeral services will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home on Marble street, and the interment had in the Oak Hill cemetery.

BOARD OF CONTROL HERE.

From Friday's Daily. Henry Gerdes of Falls City, and E. O. Mayfield of Omaha, chairman, members of the state board of control of the state of Nebraska, were in the city today for a short time enroute from Nebraska City, where they had been making a visit of inspection of the school of the blind. The members of the board of control were accompanied by N. C. Abbott, superintendent of the school of the blind, who took the party to Omaha, where they were called on official business. While in the city the members of the party were callers at the Journal editorial rooms for a short time, and a delightful visit was enjoyed.

R. C. Dill returned this morning to Rosalie after being here for the past six weeks, during the last illness and death of his father.

C. C. WESCOTT ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT STATE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

From Friday's Daily.

At the meeting of the State Sunday School Association, held this week in Omaha, one of the Plattsmouth representatives, C. C. Wescott, was honored by being selected as vice-president of the organization. The convention selected Hastings as the next meeting place of the convention and adjourned after a most successful meeting and one that set a new record in the history of the association in Nebraska.

The convention in picking Mr. Wescott as vice-president of their association selected one who has been very active in the work of the state organization for the past several years and who has contributed a great deal to the increasing interest in the Sunday school work of the state. Mr. Wescott has been for a great many years superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school in this city and has held the position of secretary of the state association of Sunday schools for several terms.

PLATTSMOUTH BOY GRADUATES AT COTNER UNIVERSITY, LINCOLN

From Friday's Daily.

This year at the graduating exercises of the Cotner university at Lincoln Everett Ward, of this city, was given his A. B. degree as well as University City and state certificate,

which entitles him to a certificate good for life, after three years of successful teaching. Mr. Ward has made a splendid record at Cotner and during the last of his course assisted a portion of the time in the teaching of the classes. His recommendations from both his teachers in the Plattsmouth school where he graduated in 1912, as well as those at the Cotner university, point to his splendid work as a scholar and student and his success in his line of work will be most pleasing to his many friends in Plattsmouth. Mr. Ward is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ward, of this city, and is a gentleman who has a splendid future before him in the educational field. His course at Cotner has qualified him to teach in any high school or serve as principal.

ENTERTAINS WITH SHOWER FOR MISS FLORENCE SVOBODA

From Saturday's Daily.

Last evening Misses Anna and Josephine Rys entertained in a very pleasant manner at their home in the west part of the city complimentary to Miss Florence Svooba, whose marriage to Mr. John Pokorny, of Omaha, will take place on Tuesday in this city. The rooms of the home were decorated in a color scheme of red, white and blue, and the patriotic colors mingled in beauty throughout the rooms. Red peonies were used quite extensively in the decorative scheme and added their fresh beauty to the scene. The evening was given over to the playing of games and contests and great pleasure was derived at these contests. In the broken heart contest in which the guests were requested to find and match together the hearts, Miss Lillian Novotny proved the most skillful, while the second prize was awarded to Miss Florence Svooba. In the flag contest Miss Sophia Chaloupka was awarded first prize, while Miss Marie Donat secured the second prize.

At a suitable hour a very dainty and delicious luncheon was served to the members of the party by the hostesses, assisted by Miss Marie Svooba, which proved a most delightful feature of the occasion. The bride-to-be received a large number of handsome gifts from the friends that will be used in her new home which she is soon to occupy.

Ed S. Tutt and wife and S. O. Pittman and wife of Murray were in the city yesterday for a few hours, mowing up from their home.

MISS SVOBODA, BRIDE-ELECT, TENDERED A LINEN SHOWER

From Friday's Daily.

Last evening a very pleasant linen shower was tendered Miss Florence Svooba, one of the brides-to-be of the season, by Misses Pauline Palasek and Alba Jirousek, at the charming Palasek home on West Vine street. The home was very prettily arranged in a color scheme of pink and white, peonies and roses forming the floral decorations of the room and making a very charming setting for the happy event. The time was spent in games of all kinds at which considerable pleasure was derived by the ladies. In the sewing contest Miss Marie Krejci proved the most skillful, while the second prize was awarded to Miss Mathilde Donat for her work with the needle. In the contest for dressing the bride Miss Celia Kalasek won the first prize for the creation of the handsomest costume, while the second prize was awarded to Miss Lillian Novotny. The bride-to-be was then showered with a large number of very handsome gifts of linen as remembrances of the friends and which will find a place in her new home. At a suitable hour dainty and delicious refreshments were served that added greatly to the enjoyment and pleasure of all of the party. To enjoy this delightful occasion there were some twenty-four young lady friends of the bride-elect to participate.

DIVORCE CASES TAKE UP TIME OF DISTRICT COURT

From Saturday's Daily.

This morning the time of Judge Begley in the district court was taken up with hearing a number of divorce cases and entering the decrees in the same. In the case of Mabel R. Shrader vs. Robert Shrader, the testimony of the plaintiff was taken and a decree of divorce entered in the case as prayed for. The court granted the plaintiff's degree of absolute divorce on the ground of extreme cruelty and allowed the sum of \$300 for permanent alimony. These parties were married on February 7, 1913, at St. Joseph, Mo. The maiden name of the plaintiff was Mabel Blackledge.

The case of Jennie R. Rhoden vs. Frank L. Rhoden was also taken up by the court and a decree of divorce granted the plaintiff on the grounds of extreme cruelty. The defendant was not present and the testimony of the plaintiff and witnesses being heard, the court entered a decree as prayed for and restored to the plaintiff her maiden name of Jennie Shrader.

ENTERTAINS FOR FRIEND WHO IS LEAVING CITY

From Saturday's Daily.

Last evening Miss Catherine Schrack was tendered a very pleasant surprise by a number of her young lady friends at the pleasant home of Miss Ellen Bell McDaniel, on North Third street. The young ladies came with well filled baskets of good things to eat and in the pleasures of a sumptuous picnic supper enjoyed one of the best times of their lives. After the fun and pleasure at the McDaniel home the young people were entertained for a time at the movies at the Air Dome and wending their way homeward wished Miss Schrack a very happy trip to the west and a safe return back to the home in this city.

SEEMS A MYSTERY.

From Friday's Daily.

Henry Boeck this morning received a letter containing \$2 in bills and which it is difficult for Uncle Henry to understand just what the money is for or why it was sent to him, as there was no note of explanation, the only enclosure in the letter being a certificate in the Plattsmouth fire department made out in the name of James Hickson, who passed away several years ago. Just what to do with the money or what was the idea in sending it to him is something that Mr. Boeck cannot understand.

FATHER HIGGINS AT THE HEAD OF THE RED CROSS IN MANLEY

From Saturday's Daily.

The meeting held last evening at Manley in the interest of the Red Cross was quite well attended by the residents of that locality and a great deal of interest shown. Attorney D. O. Dwyer and D. C. Morgan, of this city, were the speakers of the evening and explained the desire and object of the securing of the funds for the use of the relief of the soldiers at the front. The work of raising the funds in Center precinct will be in the hands of the committee headed by Father W. D. Higgins, of St. Patrick's church, of Manley, and the drive in that section of the county will be on in full blast today.

In Louisville the committee has filled the full amount of the \$949 asked from that place and this will probably be more than passed before the campaign closes. In Murray the full amount asked of West Rock Bluff has been subscribed and the workers are now preparing to visit East Rock Bluff and complete the list for the two precincts, which will aggregate the sum of \$1,984.

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS WITH MRS. KAUFMAN

From Saturday's Daily.

The Woman's Home Missionary society of the Methodist church met yesterday at the home of Mrs. Kaufman and some twenty ladies of the society were present to take part in the meeting. The special order of business was the election of officers, and the following were selected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. R. B. Hayes; vice president, Mrs. George B. Mann; recording secretary, Mrs. Will Howland; corresponding secretary, Mrs. G. B. Mann; treasurer, Mrs. G. A. Kaffenberger; literary secretary, Mrs. J. V. Hatt; mite box secretary, Mrs. William Tuey.

A very interesting lesson on "Our New Possession, Porto Rico," was led by Mrs. Mann and much enjoyed by the ladies. A duet by Mesdames Queen and Hill was greatly enjoyed by the members of the party. The ladies spent a short time in a social way and at the close of the afternoon departed homeward feeling that the occasion had been one filled with much pleasantness to all present.

RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.

Last Monday morning about 9 o'clock a runaway accident occurred at the stock yards that might have proven even more serious than it did. Albert Fleischman had brought in a load of hogs and had started to unload them, when one of the horses started to kick. This started the other one and they ran for some little distance, turning short, and upsetting the wagon. Mr. Fleischman received a broken rib and several minor injuries. The hogs escaped without injury, but the wagon was a complete wreck.

Mr. Fleischman was taken to the home of his father, Jacob Fleischman, and a physician was called to attend his injuries. He will be laid up for some time as a result of the accident.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

DOINGS IN DISTRICT COURT.

In the district court today a hearing was had on the petition of Emma C. Miller for a divorce from Jacob Miller. The testimony of plaintiff was taken and the decree granted as prayed for as well as the custody of the minor children.

In the case of the Farmers Elevator company, of Murray, vs. Van-Horn, the court entered an order for garnishment of the sum of \$680, due the defendant and which is now in possession of the Farmers' Elevator company of Union. This suit was for failure to fulfill a contract for sale of grain to the Murray elevator, and which grain was later sold to the elevator at Union. The sum of \$680 was ordered paid over to the clerk of the court by the Union elevator company.

Flag stickers for your collar decorations at the Journal office.

BUY A CHAUTAUQUA TICKET WHILE YOU HAVE OPPORTUNITY

From Saturday's Daily.

The time for the purchase of tickets for the Chautauqua, to be held in this city, commencing Thursday of this week, is growing very short and the opportunity to secure the season tickets is something that cannot be passed by as it gives them a chance to secure a ticket at very little more for each performance than is paid out for a movie ticket.

The greater part of the business houses have these tickets on sale, as well as the committee on soliciting. The cost of the adult season tickets is only \$2, and that of children \$1, which reduces the cost of each entertainment to a very small sum of a few cents each. The individual tickets sold at the afternoon performance will be 35 cents, while in the evening it will be 50 cents, which certainly will make a decided saving when a season ticket can be purchased for \$2 and be good for each and every performance of the Chautauqua. The strong program arranged carries some of the leading features on the lecture platform and in the musical world and which will make this one of the grandest treats of its kind ever given in the city. Make up your mind to secure the tickets at once as the time will be up Thursday for the sale of the season tickets. Do it today and be prepared for the big entertainment course.

The following is the daily program for the Chautauqua to be held on the high school grounds, commencing Thursday, June 28th:

Thursday, June 28.

Afternoon—Opening exercises, introductions and announcements, local people. Full concert Chicago Orchestra Sextette, male, mixed and instrumental quartets. Admission 35c and 15c.

Evening—Musical concert, Chicago Orchestral Sextette. Lecture, "With an Irishman Through the Jungles of Africa," Dr. Gabriel R. Maguire, the great Irish orator. Admission 50 cents and 15 cents.

Friday, June 29.

Afternoon—Musical concert, Kuehn Concert company, a company of recognized artists, each member a soloist. Admission 35 cents and 15 cents.

Evening—Musical Prelude, Kuehn Concert company. Lecture, "Russia Today," Morris G. Hindus, native of Russia, citizen of America. Admission 50 cents and 15 cents.

Saturday, June 30.

Afternoon—Full concert, the Old-Fashioned Girls. Lady quartet, in songs and stories of '61. Costumed readings. Whistling solos. Admission 35 cents and 15 cents.

Evening—Musical sketch, The Old-Fashioned Girls. Lecture, "The Mental Atmosphere," or "The Philosophy of Common Sense," Dr. Daniel F. Fox, chautauqua favorite of 1915. Admission 50 cents and 15 cents.

Sunday, July 1.

Afternoon—Sacred concert, Famous Fisk Jubilee Singers, eight people in southern plantation melodies. Admission 35 cents and 15 cents.

Evening—Grand concert, Famous Fisk Jubilee Singers; their program is unique and artistic. Admission 50 cents and 15 cents.

Monday, July 2.

Afternoon—Popular program, The Boys. Duets and dramatic humorous readings. Musical sketches in pleasing costumes. Admission 35 cents and 15 cents.

Evening—Concert, The Boys. Lecture, "Evolution in Matters Governmental," Hon. Leslie M. Shaw, former governor of Iowa, ex-secretary United States treasury. Admission 50 cents and 15 cents.

Tuesday, July 3.

Afternoon—Musical program, The White Hussars, a singing band; a big hit vocally and instrumentally, a company of headliners in Hussar uniform. Admission 35 cents and 15 cents.

Evening—Closing concert, The White Hussars, Ross Crane, cartoonist and clay modeler in his celebrated program, "From the Eyebrows Up." Admission 50 cents and 15 cents.

Wednesday, July 4.

Afternoon—Band concert, Nebraska State Band, popular and patriotic selections. Patriotic address, "Old Glory and the New World," Dr. James Rob-

ert Gettys. Admission, children 15c; adults, 35c.

Evening—Grand concert, Nebraska State Band, featuring cornet and Xylophone solos, novelty, popular and classical selections. Admission, children 15c; adults, 50c.

THE SOX GET ANOTHER GAME

The Local Team Defeat the Te-Be-Ce Team of Omaha, by a Score of 4 to 3—Large Crowd in Attendance.

With an exciting ten-inning game yesterday afternoon the Red Sox found the measure of the Te-Be-Ce team of Omaha and annexed the contest by the score of 4 to 3. The game was very favorable to the visitors by a 3 to 0 score until the eighth inning, when the Sox found the slow balls of Joe Adams for a total of four clean hits that netted them three runs and tied the score of the game up good and tight. Hay was on the mound for the locals and allowed only two hits during the game, but an error and a passed ball in the second inning allowed the visitors to register their two runs of the game. The visitors also tallied in the fifth frame of the contest, when Pasus rapped a clean one to left garden and was able to score later on an error.

For the locals the skies were decidedly gloomy in the eighth until when Hay, the star tosser of the locals, came to bat, and notched off a two-bagger from the delivery of Adams, and was followed by Edwards with a clean hit to the right field advanced Hay to third, from where he scored when Beal hit safe to left field. Smith was retired on a fly to Williams at short stop and was followed by Salsbury with a clean one through the second base territory that brought in Edwards. Beal scored on the drive of Mason to center field and tied up the score of the game and brought cheer to the hearts of the fans Pavlick closed the inning with a grounder to short and was retired at the initial sack.

In the tenth inning the visitors were held scoreless and the locals were able to clean up on Adams and finish the job they had commenced in the eighth. Smith, the first up, was able to deliver a clean hit to left and when Salsbury hit to short there was much disputing on the part of the Omaha team as to whether or not Smith was out, but Claude was clearly able to beat out the throw and was held safe by the "umps." Herold, hitting to left field, broke up the game by allowing both Smith and Salsbury to tally at the plate with the much needed runs.

The game throughout was interesting and very pleasing to the enthusiastic fans present to enjoy the contest.

TO HOLD EXAMINATIONS.

The local civil service of the government will hold examinations on July 19th at the postoffice here for typewriters and stenographers for field service with the government. These positions will pay from \$900