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WEST BOUND FREIGHT KILLS A MAN TODAY

WEST BOUND BURLINGTON TRAIN STRIKES TOM DAVIS, WHO WAS WALKING ON TRACKS

ACCIDENT NEAR LOUISVILLE

Davis Reported to Be Slightly Deaf and Seems to Have Failed to Hear Approach of Train

From Tuesday's Daily.

This morning as freight No. 87 was traveling from this city to Lincoln over the old main line the locomotive struck and instantly killed Tom Davis, an aged man reported to have been making his home in Louisville. The accident occurred near Louisville sections 21 and 22, and from what can be learned of the affair it seems that Davis, who is rather hard of hearing had been walking along the track for quite a distance and had at one time stepped off the track, but later had resumed his journey down the track. It is stated by parties who were in the vicinity at the time.

The dead man is reported to be a man of between 55 and 56 years of age and has relatives residing at Louisville.

Shortly after the accident the residents of the vicinity called up County Attorney A. G. Cole and notified him of the accident, but as there was no question as to how the man met his death it was thought unnecessary by the county attorney to hold an inquest which would be an added expense to the county that was not warranted by the circumstances.

The body of Mr. Davis will be turned over to the relatives for the making of the funeral arrangements.

The killing of Mr. Davis marks the third death that has occurred along this line of the Burlington within the past week, the death of Charles Bullock and Con Sohl occurring near there on Friday morning.

WEeping WATER ORGANIZES LEGION POST

Enthusiastic Meeting Held at That City Last Evening, This City Being Well Represented

From Tuesday's Daily.

Last evening the former service men of Weeping Water and vicinity launched a post of the American Legion that will care for the organization of the men residing in the central portion of the county and will together the interests of those who served their country in the time of stress.

To aid in the work of getting the new post organized the young men interested in the movement at Weeping Water invited the members of the Plattsmouth post to come over and assist them in getting into the game and in response to the generous invitation some thirty-five of the members of the Hugh J. Kearns post of this city motored over to our neighboring city.

The new members of the Legion at Weeping Water as well as the people of that city had prepared for the coming of the party from this city and gave them a very hearty welcome.

The organization was accomplished at the meeting held at the Philpot hall, where Webb Russell called the gathering to order and introduced Aubrey Duxbury, commander of the post of this city, who presided as temporary chairman. The selection of the officers for the new post, which has been fittingly named in honor of one of the brave sons of Weeping Water who perished on the battlefield, Harold Marshall post, resulted in the selection of the following:

Commander—Charles Baker.
Vice-Commander—Victor Wallick.
Vice-Commander—Humphrey Murphy.

Adjutant—Earl Quinn.
Financier—Ben A. Olive.

At the close of the meeting when the new members were enrolled the

visitors from Plattsmouth were invited together with the Weeping Water Legionnaires to the basement of the First Methodist church, where the ladies of the church had prepared a very appetizing repast for the benefit of the hungry former service men and it is needless to say that the members of the legion did ample justice to the generous repast afforded them.

During the supper the Weeping Water band gave a number of pleasing musical selections which added a pleasing touch to the excellent evening's entertainment. Mr. Baker, the commander of the new post expressed their appreciation of the visit of their comrades from Plattsmouth while Mr. Duxbury for the local post responded in thanking the members of the Harold Marshall post and the ladies for the excellent entertainment.

HOLDS ITS FIRST PUBLIC SALE

Men Dealing With Spotted Poland China Hogs Pleased Over Their Success

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Nebraska Spotted Poland China association held the first public sale of Spotted Poland in the state at Wahoo on the 18th. The sale was a success. Twenty-five bred sows and three boars were sold. The top of the sale went at \$315 to T. W. Porter of Wahoo, with an average of \$226.40; none of the sows sold below \$155. The purchasers were: C. D. Lowe, Aurora, DeWolf & Sons, Braymer, Mo.; Henry Field, Shenandoah, Ia.; J. D. Cope, Kingsley, Ia.; S. E. Ward, Brunswick, Neb.; J. A. Wilson, Garrison; C. Arthur Johnson, Fremont; T. W. Porter, Wahoo; Carl Wilson, Dunbar; J. W. Wilfang, Norwich, Ia.; Fred Ludwig, Unadilla; H. F. Williams, Otoe; Louis F. Hennings, Cedar Creek; H. B. Broderson, Dennison, Ia.; R. H. Stooker, Dunbar; D. F. Williams, Charter Oak, Ia.; Kashorn Bros., Dunbar; N. H. Lingren, Hooper; Oakwood Farm, Dennison, Ia.; J. E. Welch, Letcher, So. Dak.; Chas. Wheeler, Braymer, Mo.

Buyers were present from several states and it was a sale from start to finish. The Nebraska association was organized on the thirteenth of February.

In the evening a banquet was held after which the members adjourned to the parlor for a business meeting. The classification and prizes for the state fair were arranged for, pig club work was discussed and some plans made for this campaign in the state. President Wiltse of Dawson made an able address on the hog subject.

The officers are: G. W. Wiltse, president, Dawson; R. B. Stone, vice-president, Nehawka; T. W. Porter, secretary-treasurer, Wahoo.

Directors: R. H. Stooker, Dunbar; R. B. Stone, Nehawka; C. Arthur Johnson, Fremont; A. H. Nelson, Blair; S. E. Ward, Brunswick; Hans Bossard, Tilden.

COUNTY ASSESSORS HOLD MEETING TODAY

County Assessor Farley Has Precinct Assessors Gather to Discuss Plans of Assessment of County

From Monday's Daily.

The various precinct assessors of Cass county met today at the district court room in the court house to discuss the work of this year which includes the assessment of the real estate of the county. The work will be more than usually complicated this year on account of the increasing values of the farm lands and will require the most careful work on the part of the assessors. Those who were in attendance at the meeting were: Mike Mauzy, Plattsmouth; Will Rummell, Plattsmouth precinct; Alfred Gansemer, Rock Bluffs; Ed Doran, of Eagle; Ed Appleman, Alvo; John Mefford, Greenwood; C. W. Jewell, Elmwood; H. R. Schmidt, Murdock; M. E. Bushnell, South Bend; H. W. Breckenridge, Weeping Water precinct; John McKay, Weeping Water city; R. E. Norris, Avoca, H. F. Kropp, Nehawka; P. A. Hild, Mt. Pleasant; J. G. Meisinger, Eight Mile Grove; J. W. Hoover, Louisville, G. W. Cheney, Union.

QUIETLY MARRIED AT OMAHA TODAY

Miss Pauline Oldham and Mr. Albert Young of Murray, United in Bonds of Holy Wedlock

From Tuesday's Daily.

This morning at 11 o'clock in Omaha occurred the marriage of two of the popular residents of Murray, Miss Pauline Oldham and Mr. Albert Young. Owing to sickness and recent bereavement in the family of the bride the marriage was a quiet one, the bridal couple being attended by Miss Clara Young and W. R. Young, sister and brother of the groom.

Both of the contracting parties are well and favorably known throughout this portion of Cass county, where they have been brought up from childhood and where their friends are limited only by their acquaintanceship.

The bride is a daughter of the late H. L. Oldham and has since the death of the father, been making her home with the mother on the farm near

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TIPPING OF HAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ARREST

PRESIDENT OF STATE BANKERS' ASSOCIATION PLAYS PART OF A DETECTIVE

CASS CO. MAN TURNS TRICK

H. K. Frantz of Eagle Plans Clever Scheme for Nabbing Man Wanted in Connection with Bad Checks

From Tuesday's Daily.

H. K. Frantz of Eagle, president of the Nebraska state bankers' association, tipped his hat in the Northwestern passenger station in Lincoln Friday morning and Chief State Agent Gus Hyers nabbed Ollie M. Barger, wanted in Omaha in connection with bad checks aggregating \$675.

Quick work on the part of the banker and the state agent possibly prevented a suicide. Barger carried an automatic gun. He also had in his possession a farewell letter to his wife announcing that he was tired of being a fugitive and would end his life. The arrest was made so quickly that no opportunity was given Barger to carry out the threat. From other evidence, it is apparent that he had not intended to hurry the deed.

Mr. Frantz received word that Barger was coming out from Chicago and would meet his wife and two small children in Lincoln. The latter to come from the home in Elm Creek. Barger was to be at the train. The Eagle banker had never seen him but had a fair description. He communicated with Hyers and the two were at the station some time before the arrival of the train. A man was seen to enter the depot. The banker thought it was Barger but was not sure. The latter went into the wash room.

Hyers stationed himself just beyond the door with Frantz back a considerable distance.

"When he comes out, if he's the man we want I'll lift my hat," said the banker.

Barger came out. Frantz lifted his hat and Hyers made the arrest.

Mr. Hyers said that the man would be taken to Omaha Monday. He is said to have made a complete confession in regard to forgery on the Brodkey Jewelry company of Omaha for \$504 and to lesser forgeries. At the jewelry store he is said to have purchased a diamond and to have received the difference in the price of the stone and the amount of the check in money. A diamond was found on him. Barger was formerly in business in Elm Creek.

If the Omaha authorities handle the case which is promised by Chief of Detectives Dunn, there will be no prosecution here on the charge of carrying a dangerous weapon.

Mr. Frantz is a member of the legislature and his friends have induced him to be a candidate for re-election.—State Journal.

TO RETURN HOME

From Tuesday's Daily.

This morning Mrs. Joseph Schissel and daughter, Miss Rose, departed for Omaha, where they will visit their daughter and sister, Miss Lillian at the St. Joseph hospital and will, if it is possible, bring Miss Lillian home, Miss Schissel has undergone an operation for appendicitis at the hospital which has proven very successful and she is now in such condition that they will be able to bring her home to more fully recuperate.

For Sale—Three bushels of red clover seed, re-cleaned. \$30 per bushel. O. A. Range, telephone 3513.

Murray and during this time has been very prominently connected with the social and religious life of the community in which she has made her home. A lady of more than usual charm of character, she possesses a host of friends who will wish her much happiness in her new home. The groom, like his charming helpmate is a representative of one of the pioneer families of the county being a son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Young. He is an industrious young farmer and his sterling qualities have made him one of the highly respected residents of his home community where he had been reared to manhood.

The friends will be pleased to know that Mr. and Mrs. Young will continue to make their home in this community in the future and all of the friends over the county among which the Journal is pleased to be numbered will wish them a future filled only with the happiness and joy that they both so well deserve.

FATHER GETS CHILD THROUGH HABEAS CORPUS

FATHER OF LITTLE PAUL LEMPKE GETS POSSESSION OF SON

THE CASE WILL BE CONTESTED

Love for Little Boy Will Lead to Claim of Father Being Contested by Family That Reared Him

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon a deputy sheriff of Lancaster county arrived in the city armed with a writ of habeas corpus for little Paul Lempke, the nine-year-old lad who has been making his home since his birth at the home of Mrs. F. R. Guthmann and family.

The writ was secured by the father of the lad from the district court of Lancaster county and made returnable to the court there. The sheriff visited here and finally located Paul in the school, where he is being educated and despite his protests and bitter grief, was separated from the family who have had charge of him since earliest recollection. He was taken to Lincoln where he will be held in detention home until his custody is disposed of by the courts.

Little Paul has made his home here all his life, as at the death of his mother, who was a niece of Mrs. F. R. Guthmann, he was given into the custody of Mrs. Guthmann, it being the mother's wish that the tiny bit of humanity might have the best of care. Through the frail childhood as Paul was in very delicate health the little one was watched over and cared for by the foster mother and has known no other home than the one here or other care than that given by the members of the family who had learned to love the little one as a child of their own.

The father, who is reputed to be quite wealthy resides on a farm near Lincoln and has within the past few months been very desirous of getting the possession of the child and which has culminated in the court proceedings undertaken.

The question of the custody of the child will be threshed out in the hearing in the habeas corpus proceedings at Lincoln. Attorney Matthew Goring of this city will appear in the action for Mrs. Guthmann and family.

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MURRAY MAN HAS A VERY CLOSE CALL

G. M. MINFORD EXPERIENCES NARROW ESCAPE WHILE HELPING BLAST STUMPS

STRUCK ON HEAD BY STUMP

Also Falls Across Another Stump and Has Back Severely Injured—Unconscious for Several Hours.

From Monday's Daily.

Saturday afternoon shortly before 5 o'clock, what came near being a fatal accident, occurred at the farm of G. M. Minford, one mile east of Murray, when Mr. Minford was struck in the head by a portion of a stump that had been blasted out a few seconds before. The victim of the accident together with W. J. Partridge, Edgar Marks and several other men were engaged in blasting out stumps to clear the piece of land for cultivation and as the charge beneath one of the large stumps was discharged Mr. Minford started to run to get out of the way of the flying parties of the stump when it was blasted. As he was running from the vicinity of the stump it was blown out of the ground quite a distance in the air and in falling struck Mr. Minford in the head, dazing him to some extent and as he continued to move he fell into a small ravine and in falling struck another stump inflicting serious injury to his back.

The fellow workmen of Mr. Minford hastened to his side to find him in an unconscious condition and medical aid was at once summoned. Dr. B. F. Brendel being called to the scene and the unconscious man carried to his home in Murray. He remained unconscious for several hours and at first it was thought had sustained serious internal injuries, but happily this has not proven true. The injured man regained consciousness about 9 o'clock Saturday evening and has since shown much improvement. Word from the Minford home this morning states that he is resting easily as possible under the conditions and his recovery is only the matter of a short time.

Under the conditions of the accident Mr. Minford is very fortunate in having escaped death as the result of his accident.

FUNERAL OF GEORGE H. BECKER YESTERDAY

Methodist Church is Filled by Former Old Friends to Pay Their Last Tribute of Respect.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The funeral services for George H. Becker, who passed away a few days ago, were held yesterday afternoon at the First Methodist church at 2 o'clock. The funeral services had been delayed pending the arrival of the father from California who reached home Sunday evening. The church was filled to its capacity by the old friends and neighbors who gathered to render to the memory of this estimable gentleman their last token of esteem and respect.

Rev. A. V. Hunter, pastor of the church, took as his text, "the body returns to dust and the soul to God who gave it", and spoke of the worth of the departed gentleman who has been since his uniting with the Methodist church in 1909, one of the earnest and faithful workers in the church and Sunday school. During the service a quartet composed of Jesse P. Perry, Mrs. E. H. Westcott, Miss Florence Balsar and Rev. Hunter, sang two hymns, "Jesus, Savior Pilot Me", and "I Have a Friend". At the close of the services Mrs. Westcott gave as a solo, "Face to Face".

The pallbearers who laid the body to the last long rest in the Oak Hill cemetery, were composed of the teacher and members of the Y. M. B. C. of the church which Mr. Becker was a member for a number of years; Jesse Perry, Will Evers, E.

WRITES FROM CHARGE SOUTH OF EQUATOR

REV. T. A. TRUSCOTT, FORMER PASTOR OF THIS CITY WRITES TO OLD FRIENDS

NOW AT MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

Finds Work in Fields of the Southern Nation Interesting and Has an Excellent Church There

From Tuesday's Daily.

E. H. Westcott of this city has received a very interesting letter from Rev. T. A. Truscott, who is now the pastor in charge of the Anglo-American Methodist church at Montevideo, Uruguay. In the letter the minister tells some very interesting facts of the life they are leading in the teaching of the faith among the residents of the South American republic. Among other things Mr. Truscott says:

"We have been here in Montevideo since conference. This is a most delightful seaside city, long stretches of sands, every day filled with bathers. This city has about 500,000 inhabitants, Central church of which I am the pastor in one of the fine show buildings of the city. We have a pipe organ in the church costing \$7,500.

"I am not entering upon any details of the journey here, because you had that in the letter I sent before. Suffice to say now we very much enjoy being back again among the old sights and scenes and friends. The clear skies and balmy air of summer and with no dreary winter to face certainly appeals to me. Certainly we met many people in the States that we wish we had out here, you being among them. I often wish I could hear you play and your wife sing. I have a very fine leader of the choir, a young man named Hamman, a graduate of the university of Pittsburgh. He and his wife came out on the same boat as ourselves. They are missionaries, teachers, under our mission board. A part of my Sunday morning congregation are missionaries, teachers and preachers. Last Sunday there were present not less than one minister, two L. L. D.'s four M. A.'s, fourteen B. A.'s, and eight ordinary teachers in the congregation.

The Methodists here have four churches and three schools. Two of the schools give manual training and business courses. They are recognized by the government.

REV. T. A. TRUSCOTT.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express to our kind friends and neighbors of the community our heartfelt appreciation of the aid and comfort given us in the hour of bereavement and assure them that the memory of these kind acts will last as long as life. J. H. Becker and family.

HAS WINDOW BLOWN IN

During the high wind yesterday afternoon one of the large plate glass windows in the office of Charles M. Parker on lower Main street was blown in by the force of the wind and a large section of the window broken. The cost of replacing the glass alone will be in the neighborhood of \$150 and makes the loss a rather expensive one.

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Drafts or checks received in business transactions should be presented promptly for payment.

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