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Mrs. E. C. Harris Ends Her Life at Her Home Here

Suffering From Ill Health Unfortunately Woman Turns on Gas Stove and Ends Her Sufferings

From Monday's Daily—
The community was profoundly shocked last night when the lifeless body of Mrs. E. C. Harris was found in the kitchen of her home at the Harris apartments, having ended her life by turning on the gas in the kitchen stove and sitting down calmly awaiting the coming of death to end her long suffering of several years duration.

The discovery of the body was made at 11:15 last night when the husband, returning home from Omaha where he had spent the day, found the doors to the apartments were all closed and locked. He had then gone to the laundry on the first floor of the building, and there had noticed the gas meter was running and which aroused his fears as to the fate of the wife and he at once called the police to the scene, Officers Joe Libershal and Tom Svoboda, responding to the call.

On reaching the home the officers made their entrance to the house through a window in the rear of the building and on raising the window found the odor of gas very strong. The officers made their way through the home with the aid of flashlights until they located a switch to turn on the lights and then made their way on through the house and when opening the door of the small kitchen were assailed by the gas fumes.

The body of Mrs. Harris, fully clothed was found sitting in a chair by the kitchen table, her head reclining on her right arm and nearby on a table was a note, written by Mrs. Harris before she succumbed to the poison of the gas.

The note stated that she was ending her life as the result of illness and the last requests were made as to the funeral services and the desire to have her body cremated.

The tragic ending of Mrs. Harris had evidently taken place Saturday night as the body was in such shape that it indicated that a great many hours had elapsed since life had passed away.

The last time that Mrs. Harris had been seen alive was on Saturday evening when Mr. Harris had left for Omaha where he expected to spend Sunday there with friends, apparently the unfortunate woman had then prepared for the ending of her life as the bed bore no traces of having been slept in.

Mrs. Harris has been in very poor health for the past three years, her nervous condition having been a very serious nature and causing her to brood a great deal over her condition as well as business of the laundry in which she had been actively engaged with her husband in the years that her health would permit. Mrs. Harris had received treatment from some of the most eminent physicians of the west but was unable to gain any relief and which without doubt led to her decision to end her life.

The deceased lady has made her home here for the past fifteen years and was very active in looking after the business affairs of the Plattsmouth Laundry Co., during the greater part of the time and was also very active in the social life of the community. She possessed a very large circle of friends who are sorrow stricken to learn of her passing and sharing with the husband and family the grief that her untimely death has caused.

Mrs. Harris is survived by the husband, the aged mother, Mrs. Winquist of Omaha, as well as a sister living at Omaha and a nephew Arthur Winquist and a niece, Bernese Winquist who resides in California.

DEATH OF LITTLE CHILD

The announcement has been received here of the death on Friday at Los Angeles, California, of Vernon, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Barkus, former residents of this city. The little one has been in poor health for some time and the relatives here were apprehensive of the outcome of the illness. Mrs. Frank Barkus and little daughter, Catherine, arrived at Los Angeles a few days ago to be with the parents in their bereavement. The parents lived in this city up to a few years ago when they moved to the west. Mrs. Barkus was formerly Miss Jennie Reynolds, daughter of B. J. Reynolds of Omaha.

VISITS IN CITY

H. V. Hoagland, department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of Nebraska, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. S. A. Sanderson, her son and two daughters and Mr. Gillespie of Crete, motored down from Lincoln Sunday, to spend the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Staats, the former a cousin of Mr. Hoagland. While in the city Mr. Hoagland also called on Col. M. A. Bates, commander of the local G. A. R. post.

RETIRES FROM HOTEL

From Monday's Daily—
William M. Barclay, who has for the past five years been conducting the Main Hotel, has terminated his connection with the hotel and is engaged in the work of re-arranging his restaurant which he expects to open again in a short time for business.

Mr. Barclay since assuming the management of the hotel has made it a very successful institution and has built up a very large custom among the local people as well as the traveling public and while the hotel was formerly not successful has made it a real money maker and in addition has improved the building so that it is a very pleasant and comfortable institution. In his time at the hotel Mr. Barclay and Mr. Richey have spent some \$15,000 on the hotel in improvements in both the interior and equipment of the building.

Since the retirement of Mr. Barclay the active manager of the hotel has been taken over by E. J. Richey, the owner of the building and who will continue the same policy that Mr. Barclay has found so successful in handling the hotel business.

C. M. T. C. Is Great Training for the Youth

Active Duty in Military Life Makes Discipline and Best of Physical Training for Young Men

From Monday's Daily—
Nebraska's C. M. T. Camp at Fort Crook which opened Wednesday August 1st, will not only familiarize the boys with simple military duties but will include a carefully worked out course of instruction in citizenship.

This training in citizenship will be directed by Lieut. Col. A. L. Briggs, 17th Infantry and a number of other officers will assist.

G. L. Thacker, E. R. Stout, D. R. Pittman, C. H. Bullin and Leo Morse of Plattsmouth are among the boys at this camp. Upon their arrival at Fort Crook, they were given military clothing and equipment, and assigned with four other boys to a tent in the tent city prepared for them. Their days are full of activity from 5:45 a. m., until 3:30 p. m. In addition to military drill there are forms of sports and athletics. Dances and moving pictures are provided for the evenings.

While the boys are enjoying the camp, they are also fulfilling a patriotic duty to their country by preparing themselves to serve her. Military service is only one of the important obligations of the citizen. The building and training of character through discipline is a prominent function of the C. M. T. C. Character is the basis of good citizenship and the boys in camp are taught by example from the lives of great men as well as by precept.

It is hoped that every boy will gain a clear idea of the nature and value of our institutions and of the supreme importance of the individual citizen in our government.

Every effort will be made to inculcate love and reverence for the flag and the principles for which it stands. Special stress is to be laid upon the need for devotion to the flag and the Nation in time of peace.

SUFFERS INJURED HAND

From Monday's Daily—
This morning Councilman Carl Kunsman, chairman of the streets, alleys and bridges committee, while up on Winterstein hill looking over some work for the city, had the misfortune to have his left hand injured. Mr. Kunsman was helping Ben Hyde who was doing some mowing of weeds with a sythe and as the councilman was engaged in removing some of the weeds the blade of the sythe cut a small gash on the knuckles of the left hand. The injuries were very painful and required the services of a physician to dress and two stitches were required on one of the fingers.

SHOWS MUCH IMPROVEMENT

From Monday's Daily—
The reports from the Immanuel hospital at Omaha are to the effect that Edward Rummel of near Myrand, who is there recovering from a very severe attack of gall stones and subsequent operation, is doing nicely and is now showing real improvement that is very pleasing to the attending physicians.

SHOWS SOME IMPROVEMENT

From Monday's Daily—
Mrs. Dan Lugsch of Glenwood, Ia., mother of Fred Lugsch of this city, who has been at the Jennie Edmiston hospital as Council Bluffs, for the past two weeks in very serious condition, is reported as some better although still not out of danger from the effects of her illness.

Phone us the news. No. 6.

Platts Takes the Lead in the Interstate League

By Score of 9 to 1 the Locals Trim Up North Omaha Athletic Club team—Much Argument

From Monday's Daily—
The Plattsmouth team of the Interstate league crept into a half game lead in the Interstate race yesterday afternoon when they administered a 9 to 1 defeat to the league leading North Omaha Athletic club and would have scored a shutout but for the lonely tally that came home in the midst of the argument between the two teams and Umpire Billy Fox in the seventh stanza of the game.

Jim Phillips, elongated hurler of Council Bluffs, was the slaban for the Platts and so well did Jim perform his work that he hit six hits were garnered by the Omaha team while the locals annexed sixteen hits from Dickinson, the North Side hurler. The Plattsmouth fielding game was gilt edge and several fine catches and stops cut down the hits of the visitors. Krejci in grabbing a high and hard fly in his territory and Distell Gansemer and Newman also making Gansemer and Newman also making into their territory.

The game was scoreless up to the last half of the fourth inning when the locals started to warm up and from then on were constantly threatening the visitors. Waring opened the inning with a safe blow over second that Donahue was unable to get. Newman then laid down a nice sacrifice that advanced Waring to second and on the hit of Distell, Waring came to third and scored when Herb Shirley rapped another safe one over the second base.

The game then continued in the usual smooth way, each team "having their ups and their downs" as the old song goes, until the seventh inning when the fans had their whole forty cents worth thrown in this one frame the visitors trying the score, a fast preliminary to test who was the successor to Gene Tunney and also the Platters icing up the game.

In the first of the seventh Gewecke opened for the visitors and was safe when the muddy infield made the work of Newman at short slow, West then hit thro short and advanced Gewecke to second base, Echemeyer then rapped one to center that looked good to score the whole North Side team, but Krejci was in the way and the runner was out. Brightwell was safe on a fielders choice, West being retired at second. Gansemer to Newman, with Gewecke taking third. Taylor was then sent in to bat for Pascal and while he was attempting to solve the delivery of Phillips Gewecke strayed off third and Spidell hurled the ball to Distell who placed it on Mr. Gewecke and he was given the thumb down sign by the umpire who in a few seconds reversed the decision on the claim that the ball had been dropped. This occasioned much wrath and while the argument waxed warm and furious Gewecke came home with the only tally, Spidell being without services of the sphere to put the runner out.

With things looking bad, the grounders the clouds coming up and several of the ball players also clouding up, the diplomatic services of Pascal, Trumble, Phillips and several others succeeded in calming the troubled waters and the game resumed. Smith being struck out by Phillips.

The Plattsmouth team, aroused by the fact that they had allowed the score to be all tied up on them, started in to do things—and how. Joe Krejci started the fireworks with a smashing two sacker to center, the ball missing a homer by inches. Trumble was out on a grounder to second, Spidell was walked and Gansemer hit to short which Smith recovered but fell down and then "Ganse" was safe at first, Krejci scored; Jim Phillips drove a hot one through pitch that scored Spidell and Gansemer took second base. To keep things going Waring singled and scored Gansemer, Hans Newman then hit one through the infield that gave him a safety. Distill hit a hard one over short and on which Waring and Newman both scored. Shirley was hit by Dickinson but the scoring was over as Krejci was out on a high fly to second.

The eighth inning looked bad in the opening for the Platters as the visitors were able to fill the bases but were held scoreless. Dickinson was walked, Steck was out on a fly to Trumble at first base, Donohue then hit to short and Newman threw to Gansemer at second who threw the throw and Dickinson was safe, Gewecke hit to short and again the throw was missed and Donohue was safe at second and Dickinson at third. Jim Phillips then uncorked a few of the famous Council Bluffs curves and set West and Echemeyer down by strikeouts with the bases loaded.

The locals opened the last of the eighth with another assault on Dickinson that brought in three more runs. Trumble opened with a safe hit to left, Spidell hit to right to advance Trumble, Gansemer hit a hot one through and filled the bags. On the infield hit of Phillips, Trumble scored, and then Waring hit a hard fly to center that registered Spidell and "Ganse".

The tabulated score of the game was as follows:
Plattsmouth—
Waring, lf 5 3 1 0 0
Newman, ss 2 2 1 0 0
Distill, 3b 3 0 0 3 0
Shirley, rf 4 1 0 0 0
Krejci, cf 1 2 1 1 0
Trumble, 1b 3 1 7 0 0
O'Donnell, 1b 1 0 0 0 0
Spidell, c 3 1 8 1 0
Gansemer, 2b 4 2 0 4 2
J. Phillips, p 4 2 0 4 0

Co-Operative Creamery Co. Has Meeting

Select Directors and Prepare for the Active Work of Building for New Industry.

From Tuesday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon a meeting of the stockholders of the Co-Operative Creamery company was held at the court house here and the final steps started toward getting the creamery into active operation.

The creamery is one that is 100 per cent farmers, most unusual in such an organization and they will have a splendid opportunity of operating here one of the most successful creameries in the state and which will grow larger as the time goes on and the bridge over the Missouri river will afford a larger market for the products and also a greater supply of cream from that section of western Iowa.

The meeting yesterday was called to get the organization of the company accomplished and the seven directors were picked by the stockholders, they being W. F. Nolte, H. L. Gayer, John Hobscheid, Jr., Henry F. Nolting, E. H. Spangler, Nick Frederich, and A. A. Wetenkamp. The directors will in the next few days meet and name their president, secretary and other officers that may be necessary.

The site of the new creamery building will also be decided upon by the building committee and the directors in the next few days and then the real task of the erecting of one of the best creameries in the west will be commenced.

The outlook for a creamery in this section is one that is most pleasing and the result of the canvass of this section made within a radius of some eighteen miles, shows that the cream and butter fat is three times that which was first anticipated by the boosters for the creamery.

In many localities it has been found necessary to enlist the aid and backing of the residents of the towns where the creameries have been established and they have been stockholders but not so in this project—every stockholder of the company is an active farmer and one that is engaged in managing a farm as this time and with the splendid ability and the keen insight of the splendid type of the Cass county farmers to guide it, the creamery is headed for a great success.

The work of canvassing the residents of the county districts on the creamery proposition has been conducted by Harry E. Clay, representing the Peterman Construction Co., of Chicago and A. R. Johnson of this city and with the very best of results, which has more than pleased the workers and brought forth the fact that a great deal more cream is produced on the Cass county farms than anticipated in the first survey. There are over one hundred and seventy stockholders in the creamery association and as has been said every one is a real practical farmer and have the experience in the farm that should aid in making the creamery a real success in every way.

The plans that have been made for the building that will house the creamery call for a strictly modern and up to date creamery building, one that is sanitary and fireproof in every way and which will be able to handle a large amount of cream each day.

The building will be made to comply with all state requirements and sanitary regulations as to equipment, refrigeration and sanitation and will be electrically equipped with the most modern machinery in every way for the producing of butter and the by-products of the cream and butter fat.

The naming of the creamery will be taken up later as the building is nearing completion as well as the selection of the name of the brands of the butter that will be produced.

When the creamery is completed it is expected to stage a real celebration of the occasion here and in this city, the community will participate with prizes and entertainment to make the event one long to be remembered in this part of Nebraska.

The Journal feels that with the splendid array of capable and energetic men that comprise the stockholders and directors of this co-operative creamery, it can and will be made a very successful industry and giving the farmers a place where they can handle the cream produced on the farm at a profit to themselves and a great boost to the dairy interests of Cass county.

CARD OF THANKS

We feel that we are at a loss to express in words, but takes this means to show our fullest appreciation to the many loyal friends and neighbors, who not only during our hour of bereavement but many times during the illness of our dear wife, mother and sister.

To those who sent the many beautiful floral gifts we wish to extend special thanks.
It is at such times as these that we appreciate the warmth of friendship that can never be forgotten.—Jesse Atterberry and Family; L. E. Vroman and Family.

Death of Mrs. Wm. Minford at Lincoln Sunday

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hall, Pioneer Residents and Sister of Dr. J. H. Hall

From Monday's Daily—
The death of Mrs. William Minford occurred on Sunday noon at the family home at Lincoln following an illness of a year's duration and the funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Hodgman chapel with the interment at Wyuka cemetery.

The deceased lady was a member of one of the pioneer families of Cass county, she being a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Hall, old time residents of this community. Allie Hall was born at Osceola, Iowa, in 1859, and while but an infant the parents moved to Cass county, Nebraska, where they made their home until death and where the family grew to womanhood. The family settled in Eight Mile Grove precinct and where they made their home for many years. In the year 1888 Miss Hall was united in marriage to William Minford and the family resided on a farm near Elmwood for a great many years, but in the last few years they have made their home at Lincoln.

She is survived by the husband and three daughters, Mrs. Lucille T. Corder of Lincoln, Mrs. Willa May Smiley of Beatrice and Mrs. Valentine A. W. Ingersoll of Nashville, Tennessee. There are also two sisters and three brothers, Mrs. Mattie Emma Craig of Morrill, Nebraska, Dr. J. H. Hall of Plattsmouth, S. S. Hall of Pender and George Hall of near Elmwood.

MARRIED IN OMAHA

The marriage of two popular young people of Omaha and well known in this city, occurred the past week in the state metropolis, Miss Catherine Weber becoming the bride of Mr. Edward Welch.

The wedding occurred on Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock at the Holy Angels church with Father J. J. O'Brien celebrating the nuptial mass. Miss Josephine Weber, sister of the bride and George Welch, brother of the groom were the attendants at the wedding.

A wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Weber, at which were present the relatives of the contracting parties.
Mr. and Mrs. Welch after enjoying a short wedding trip will be at home at Kansas City, Missouri, where the groom has made his home for some time.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weber, former residents of this city and where she spent a number of her girlhood years in attending the city schools.
The groom is a son of Mrs. P. A. Welch and is a grandson of Mrs. August Bach and nephew of A. G. Bach of this city, and has been a frequent visitor here with the relatives and well known to a large number of the residents of this city.

CHILD GOES TO HOSPITAL

From Tuesday's Daily—
The little seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Benak was taken ill last Sunday with what was found to be appendicitis, and the little one was hurried to the hospital at Omaha, where an operation was performed.

The appendix had been ruptured, but the prompt action had apparently cleared up the poison and the little one is at the last reports doing very nicely.

REJOICE IN NEW SON

The Plattsmouth friends of the Elmer Hallstrom family of Avoca, will be pleased to learn that the Hallstrom household has received an addition in a fine bouncing nine pound boy that was born on July 31st at the home at Avoca. He is little one and the mother are doing nicely and the many friends will join in their well wishes for the future happiness of the little one. The new boy is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hallstrom of this city and of R. L. Propst of Lake Worth, Florida, who is here on a visit and able to greet the young man.

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AUTO OVERTURNS

From Wednesday's Daily—
Late yesterday afternoon when Mr. and Mrs. James Doyle were returning home from Omaha where they had been attendance at the funeral of Mrs. E. C. Harris, they were the victims of an auto accident that while damaging the car quite badly did not injure the occupants seriously.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle has been looking after the disposal of the flowers from the funeral and on their return were delayed sometime after the rest of the funeral party and as they were approaching the Avery hill where there is considerable loose gravel the auto swung toward the side of the road in the gravel and before it could be righted had skidded into the ditch along the road and overturned. Mr. Doyle had his arm bruised to some extent as the arm was caught by the car as it overturned and it required the assistance of passing motorists to raise the car sufficient to release the arm, but which fortunately was not broken.

The car which was the property of Mr. Harris was quite damaged and had to be taken on back to Omaha to be repaired.

Local Team to Have Number of Good Ball Games

North Omaha Sunday, Then the K. of C. Team and on Sunday, Aug. 19th the All Nations.

From Wednesday's Daily—
The local baseball team will in the next week close up their games in the Interstate league season, weather of course permitting, and will then be in the position to play a number of other teams in this part of Nebraska and Iowa as well as traveling teams that may be passing through this section.

On this coming Sunday the North Omaha Athletic club that was set down 9 to 1 here last Sunday, will be back to try and better their showing against the locals and of course our crew will strive to repeat the sting of defeat on the Omaha former league leaders. It is safe to say that the Omaha team will have a more efficient bunch of ball hustlers here than featured in the Sunday game.

On Thursday, August 16th, there will be a twilight game with the Knights of Columbus, the last game of the season and which will be played at 5:30 in order that the fans may have a full opportunity of attending and enjoying the curtain of the league season.

Manager Distell has arranged to have the All Nations here on Sunday, August 19th and which will be a real contest as this team is one of the fastest traveling organizations in the country and will give the fans the opportunity of seeing some of the best known semi-pro stars in the country in action. The visiting team has representatives of many nationalities in their lineup and all of them good players.

NEW MINISTER LOCATED HERE

Rev. R. H. Grassmuech, new pastor of the First Christian church, with his family, are now residents of this city, arriving here the last of the week and becoming settled in the parsonage just north of the church on North Eighth street.

The new pastor comes here from the charge at Greenwood, where he has been very successful in his work and it was with regret that the members of the church there parted with this splendid family, but the call to a field of greater service was one that he could not refuse and with his ability as a leader in the church he should be able to build up a very large church congregation in a short time.

The coming to Plattsmouth of Rev. Grassmuech is rather a homecoming, as it was in this city that the pastor was born. The father of Rev. Grassmuech, a minister of the German Presbyterian faith, was here at an early day and occupied the charge of the church that formerly occupied a site at Ninth and Main street, but has long since been replaced by a residence. The new pastor was an infant when the family removed from here and does not remember much of his early days, but he feels that he is going to enjoy the work here and find a splendid field of service in the community.

LITTLE DAUGHTER ARRIVES

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Taylor at La Platte was visited by the stork on Sunday evening and a fine little daughter left at the home to share the joy and happiness of the parents in the future years.
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