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Stuart Janda, Former Resident, Hangs Himself

Found Hanging From Tree in Rear of Sister's Home at Havelock Wednesday.

Stuart Janda, 45, a former Plattsmouth resident, was found hanging from a tree in the back yard at the home of his sister at Havelock, Wednesday, he having ended his life after several years of failing health.

When the body was found medical aid was summoned and members of the family and Dr. V. S. Barkey attempted to revive the unfortunate man, but without success.

Mr. Janda has been in very poor health over a period of several years, his ailment being such that medical aid failed to give him any relief. He was at hospitals several times, but failed to respond to the treatments. In his last visit to this city he had stated to friends that his condition was such that he was having difficulty in carrying on his work.

He had been greatly worried of late over the fact that he had been unable to handle his work at the Havelock shops with his usual ability. Tuesday night members of the family told officers he had seemed nervous and distraught and left and returned to the house three or four times, then finally did not return at all. The wife and daughter started out to hunt him and made the tragic discovery.

He was carried into the house and attempts to revive him started.

A note expressing sorrow and asking forgiveness was found in the pocket of his coat by his son, Eldon, 18.

Stuart Janda was born in Plattsmouth where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Janda were long time residents, he growing up here and attending the local schools. Later he entered the services of the Burlington railroad in the shops, later being transferred to Havelock and where he has made his home for the past twenty years. He was married shortly after going to Havelock.

Besides his wife and children he leaves his father, Frank Janda, Lincoln; three sisters, Mrs. Heinrich; Mrs. Frank Triletz, Omaha, and Mrs. Mary Taylor, Hillsboro, N. D.; and three brothers, Charles, Plattsmouth; John, Palmer, Nebraska, and Fred, Detroit.

MILKMAN GETS A BREAK

As a result of his selection by the voters last night to be president of the Community Building club this coming week, Ernest Janda, local dairyman, is wearing a smile and going about making his milk deliveries in a happy frame of mind.

Since last week's president-elect did not have dues paid, the salary paid Mr. Janda is \$50, instead of the customary \$25. He has been a member of the club the past three weeks of five it has been in existence.

An election tally board is being constructed, to be lighted with two flood lights, for use on the street, where future elections will be held each Wednesday night.

DIES AT TRANSIENT CAMP

Wednesday afternoon Clarence Hyland, 65, a resident at the transient camp north of this city, passed away. The body was turned over to the Streight funeral home here for burial, but the question of responsibility for the burial expense arose. It was suggested by the camp authorities that the cost of the burial be defrayed by Cass county, but the county officers could not see it that way, the man being a transient and living on a government reservation and not a legal resident of Cass county.

RETURNS FROM MINNESOTA

Father George Agius, pastor of the St. John's Catholic church, returned home Wednesday evening from Rochester, Minnesota, where he has been for the past several days. Father Agius was at the Mayo clinic and received a thorough checking up on his condition and was pleased to find that his physical condition was excellent.

DIES IN COLORADO

Mrs. John Boetel of this city has received the information of the death of her father, Sheldon C. Gorham, 88, which occurred on March 14th at Henderson, Colorado, where he has been living with his son, Ira Gorham.

Mr. Gorham was a resident of Plattsmouth for a number of years, leaving here some thirty-five years ago for Council Bluffs, where he made his home at that place with his son, Floyd, until five years ago when he moved to Colorado to reside.

Presbyterian Congregation Holds Meeting

Elect Elders and Officers of Church for the Ensuing Year—Sunday School Elects.

From Thursday's Daily

The congregation of the First Presbyterian church of this city held their annual meeting last evening at the church and a large number of the members were in attendance to take part in the session.

The church membership joined in a covered dish dinner served in the fellowship room of the church and where a fine array of the good things to eat made a very pleasant prelude to the business meeting.

The session was presided over by C. A. Rawls as moderator and George L. Farley as clerk.

The officers selected were as follows:

Board of Elders—T. H. Pollock, George L. Farley, L. O. Minor, W. A. Robertson, E. C. Giles, J. W. Tritsch, Deaconess—Mrs. E. C. Giles, Treasurer—Carl J. Schneider, Trustees—L. W. Niel, R. W. Knorr, Usher—Sheldon Giles, Chris Buhlin, C. R. Olson, C. W. Anthes, Ralph Wehrbein, Sterling Ingwerson. The officers of the Sunday school as named at the meeting were: Superintendent—E. C. Giles, Assistant Supt.—Miss Pearl Staats, Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Frank A. Clويد, Pianist—Miss Estelle Baird, Assistant Pianist—Miss Jean Knorr, Cradle Roll Supt.—Miss Helen Farley.

READY FOR THE SEASON

The kittenball players of the Burlington Refrigerator Express Co. shops are prepared to launch themselves into the league this year, having several weeks practice and rarin' to go. The BREX were not in the league last year and their players were in action in several of the other teams of the league. This year, however, they are prepared to take the field themselves and make a try for the league pennant.

Some of the best players of the city are among the shop boys and they will make the going tough for any of the other teams in the local loop.

The confidence in the team is shown by Superintendent George Jaeger, who it is claimed has wagered a suit of clothes on the success of his ball team.

ENJOY KENSINGTON

The Rebekah kensington club had a very pleasant meeting on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Hall, Mrs. Harry Kruger being the associate hostess. The time was spent in the plying of the busy needle and which served to well occupy the ladies.

At an appropriate hour a dainty luncheon was served by the hostesses to add to the pleasures of the occasion.

IN POOR HEALTH

The many old friends of Mrs. Lena Droege in this city, will regret to learn that Mrs. Droege is not in the best of health and is being cared for at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Connors, 306 North 23rd street, Omaha.

SECURE MARRIAGE LICENSE

Marriage license was issued Wednesday afternoon by Judge A. H. Duxbury to Perry LeRoy Ronne and Mrs. Nellie Viola Estelle, both of Mynard.

Phone news items to No. 8.

Woodmen Circle Has a Very Fine Meeting Here

Session at Home of Mrs. C. C. Cotner Very Largely Attended by the Membership.

The Woodmen Circle met at the home of Mrs. C. C. Cotner on South Sixth street on Tuesday afternoon. A pleasing number was present. The secretary's report of the Supreme Forest was very gratifying to the local lodge.

Woodmen Circle wrote \$14,127.932 in new insurance during 1935, according to figures just released at national headquarters in Omaha. Of this amount \$11,020,211 was adult insurance and \$3,107,721 was juvenile insurance.

A total of 28,322 new members were enrolled in the society during 1935, figures show. 15,439 of these were in the adult group and 12,883 were juveniles. Woodmen Circle total membership December 31, 1935, was 135,879, scattered throughout 44 states of the country.

The society now has in force \$100,139,224 of adult insurance and \$8,282,718 in juvenile insurance. Total ledger assets as of December 31, 1935, were \$29,422,384.86, according to figures just released.

After the close of the business meeting dainty refreshments were served by the hostess and an hour was pleasantly spent in social entertainment. The next regular meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. R. Ripple.

GYPSIES VISIT HERE

A band of the wandering Romanies visited this city Wednesday afternoon to cause Sheriff Homer Sylvester more or less trouble—who says spring is not with us?

The party, men, women and children were traveling in cars and arrived here from Johnson county when they were stopped by Sheriff Sylvester for investigation. Some of the party, it was claimed, had rolled an aged man named Thompson, at Sterling, for \$8, and the sheriff proceeded to make the heads of the wandering gypsies produce the amount to settle the claim.

The party of wanderers were then headed back to the southward and warned to remain out of this county in the future.

ATTENDS NURSES MEETING

Miss Amelia Frederich of this city was at Omaha Wednesday where she attended the meeting of the Nebraska State Nurses association, district No. 2, which was held at the Hotel Fontenelle.

There were a large number of very interesting lectures and discussions at the meeting.

Miss Eunice Peterson, district president, is a classmate of Miss Frederich and the two ladies had a very fine time in visiting and in the evening they were guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Tyler. The ladies enjoyed a fine time in discussing their recent trips to Europe, they having visited many of the same places while abroad.

HEARS DAMAGE SUIT

The county court was busy Wednesday in hearing the damage suit of Elmer Taylor vs. Dr. E. H. Kintner, et al., an action in which the plaintiff asks the sum of \$1,000 for injuries. The suit grows out of an accident on highway No. 75 north of this city, where the car of Dr. Kintner ran into the rear of the wagon of Mr. Taylor, causing the destruction of the wagon and the injury of Mr. Taylor.

ILL AT HOSPITAL

The old friends here of Harry H. Northcutt, one time district court reporter, will regret to learn of his very serious illness at Omaha. Mr. Northcutt is at the Methodist hospital where he has been for some time and while he seems slightly improved, his condition is very serious.

Mr. Northcutt is a brother-in-law of Dr. Charles R. Kennedy of Omaha of Omaha and Mrs. J. W. Crabill of this city.

TO COACH TRACK TEAM

Harold Peterson, well known here in teaching and athletic circles, has just been assigned as the track coach at North high at Omaha. Mr. Peterson has been teaching there this year and will take charge at once of the spring workouts of the squad. While head of the Bellevue schools he developed a strong track team and with the much larger supply of material at North should have one of the best teams in the Omaha schools.

Mr. Peterson is the husband of the former Miss Helen Vallery of this city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Vallery.

John E. Turner Named Head of State Treasurers

Elected President of Nebraska County Treasurers Association at Meeting at Omaha.

John E. Turner, county treasurer of Cass county, was selected Thursday at the convention of the Nebraska County Treasurers association, as the president of the organization for the coming year.

Mr. Turner is one of the veteran officials of the treasurers group as he is now serving in his third term in the office of Cass county treasurer and has been very prominent in the state association. The selection is a well deserved recognition of his efficient record in office and his association work.

Other officers named were Louis G. Ribe, Hartington, vice-president; Mrs. Katie Reynolds, McCook, secretary and George A. Satterfield, Ord, treasurer.

A resolution was adopted making President Turner a member of the legislative committee and authorizing him to name other members. He selected A. J. Theobald of Hastings, chairman, and Joseph Bredenberg, Wahoo.

A message of sympathy was extended to W. L. Boettcher of Columbus, who was unable to attend because of illness.

Treasurers discussed the service charge made by banks in some counties for clearing out-of-county checks. A poll revealed half the visitors present had to pay such charges on checks.

Grand Island was selected as the meeting place for the state convention in 1937.

HAVE OFFICES REDECORATED

The suite of offices of Dr. O. C. Hudson in the Soennichsen building is being given a thorough redecorating and remodeling that makes it most convenient and attractive.

The waiting room of the suite has been repainted in tones of light green and flooring in artistic matching while green drapes will also be used to complete the decorative plan.

The operating room, test room and laboratory are all finished in pure white, that makes them bright and attractive and are spotless in their finish. The offices have also been improved with the addition of several new partitions that give more privacy for the work rooms. Here as to be in the shades of green.

LEARNS RELATIVES SAFE

Miss Olive Gass of this city has received word from her relatives in West Virginia that they are safe after a most thrilling experience in the Ohio river floods. The relatives live at Wellsburg, West Virginia, along the Ohio and this city was one of the hard hit places by the flood waters. The relatives were rescued from the second story of their home, the waters of the Ohio reaching the sash of the second story windows when boats reached them and removed them to safety. Wellsburg is the place where Patrick Gass of the Lewis and Clark expedition is buried and the relatives of Miss Gass there are descendants of this explorer.

From Thursday's Daily
Principal and Mrs. J. Russell Reeder departed today for Baldwin, Kansas, where they will enjoy a visit at the home of Mr. Reeder's parents and with the old time friends.

Gov. Cochran States Stand for Free Bridges

State Executive Is Honor Guest at Happy Hundred Supper—Over 100 Here from Out of City.

From Friday's Daily
Facing an audience of over 200 residents of this section of Nebraska last evening at the American Legion building where the Happy Hundred banquet was staged, Governor Roy L. Cochran took a strong position for free bridges over the Missouri river. This sentiment was received with enthusiasm by the banquet party which represented many of the ports of entry of bridges into Nebraska.

The gathering brought together large groups from Nebraska City, Louisville, Union, Nehawka, Avoca, Weeping Water, Omaha and Lincoln to join in the interesting program.

The delicious dinner was prepared and served by the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary and proved a real treat for all of the large group.

The program was presided over by Superintendent L. S. Devoe as the master of ceremonies and who proved a real artist in the job.

The invocation was offered by Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church as the large audience stood.

Preceding the serving the group enjoyed a number of the old songs which were led by Don C. York and with E. H. Wescott at the Kimball grand.

Judge Paul Jensen of Nebraska City, who was judge of the second district from 1900 to 1908, was presented as the representative of the Otoe county delegation and gave a short talk on the need of making free transportation over the bridges as well as the highway.

The committee in charge of the program proceeded to initiate several of the new residents and business men of the community, B. N. Babbitt, representative of the International Harvester Co.; D. S. Sumner, Missouri Pacific agent; Dr. Frank R. Molak, dentist, and Pete Carr, the new baker. This was cleverly staged and furnished much fun for the spectators.

Attorney William A. Robertson, presented one of the oldest business men in the state and the oldest in point of continuous service in the city of Plattsmouth, F. G. Fricke, who has operated a drug store here since 1884. Mr. Robertson told of the training of Mr. Fricke in his native land, Germany, of his coming here as a youth and his success in the following of his profession. Mr. Robertson paid a tribute to Mr. Fricke who has been one of the outstanding men in the community and in the long years of business had assisted in training several young men for the profession that he had followed. He also paid tribute to him as the man and citizen. The audience joined in their tribute to Mr. Fricke, who acknowledged the greetings of the friends.

Mr. Devoe then introduced H. A. Schneider, who in a few brief remarks presented Governor R. L. Cochran to the audience, paying the governor a very able tribute for his splendid services to the state.

Governor Cochran discussed the affairs of the state government and one of the outstanding facts that the chief executive gave was that Nebraska has the second lowest tax rate of any state in the Union as far as the state government is concerned. When other states are burdened with large bonded debts, Nebraska is without bonded debt, the state constitution having provided that no such obligation shall be undertaken.

Governor Cochran urged that plan of acquiring the various bridges over the Missouri river that were now maintained as toll structures, making them free and destroying the barriers that lay between Nebraska and their neighbors. The plan of Governor Cochran was that the states of Iowa and Nebraska join in the purchase of the bridges, the program to cover a period of several years until all of the bridges had been made free structures. "Take off the barriers on the highway of commerce," the governor urged, pledging himself to the fullest program for free bridges for Nebraska.

ADDS TO RESTAURANT

The Sweeney restaurant on South Sixth street has just been equipped with one of the most modern and attractive combination gas ranges and steam tables which will add a great deal to the facilities for handling the trade.

The new range and table have been placed in the front portion of the restaurant and adjoining the lunch counter where it will be handy in the preparation of short orders.

The equipment is of the most modern type and was secured through the Bestor & Swatek firm.

Arrest Transient as Prowler Following Women

Captured Thursday Night on South Fourth Street by Chief Libershal and Officer Pickrel.

There is being held at the city jail an aged transient, Harry Jones, 51, who was picked up last night shortly after 7 o'clock by Chief of Police Libershal and Officer Dave Pickrel on South Fourth street.

The officers have received much complaint of some man apparently following women as they returned to or from their homes at night and which has been causing a great deal of uneasiness over the city.

Last evening Chief of Police Libershal noticed the stranger who was loafing along the upper section of Main street, when a lady came out of one of the business houses and started walking east, the man also starting out in the same direction. The lady was walking quite fast and as she turned off south at Fourth street the man also increased his speed with the chief just a short distance behind. The chief and Officer Pickrel finally overhauled the man and he was questioned as to his destination, he stating that he was looking for a saloon in that section of the city, but as there happened to be no drinking places there the officers gathered the man in and took him to jail.

The man stated that he had drifted in here several weeks ago and had been staying at the transient camp north of the city.

HOLD CHECKER TOURNAMENT

A group of the checker enthusiasts of the city held a very pleasant session on Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Dew on Pearl street. The home was filled with the eager players and some real battles were witnessed among expert players. The first honors were awarded to Guy Bestor, while the other winners in their order were Kipling, Robert Hart, Barton Clevenger, Walter Farris, Jarvis Lancaster, Humble and Henry Klingler.

A number had made donations that added to the pleasures of the occasion, J. W. Crabill, Pete Carr, John V. Hatt and Barton Clevenger.

It is planned to have a regular organization formed and play held frequently in the future.

OIL STATION ROBBED

From Friday's Daily
Sheriff Homer Sylvester received notice this morning that the bulk station of the Standard Oil Co. at Elmwood, had been broken into sometime Thursday night. The message did not state the amount of gas and oil taken from the station.

VISITS IN CITY

From Saturday's Daily
C. J. Meisinger, one of the well known residents of the Cedar Creek community, was in the city today and while here was a caller at the Journal. Mr. Meisinger renewed his subscription to the daily edition of the paper while here.

MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

Friday afternoon at the office of Judge A. H. Duxbury occurred the marriage of Miss Marie Golezia and Mr. Charles Krieger, both of Omaha. The bridal party returned to their home in the metropolis following the marriage here.

Phone news items to No. 6.

Frank Detlef Passes Away at Hospital

Well Known Resident of This City Dies After an Illness That Has Covered the Past Year.

From Friday's Daily
Frank Detlef, 54, a well known and highly esteemed resident of the community, passed away last evening at an Omaha hospital where he had been taken Wednesday.

Mr. Detlef has been in failing health for more than a year and in recent months he has been unable to carry on any activities due to the severe condition of his heart weakness.

The deceased was born on December 5, 1881, in Mills county, Iowa, making his home in that county until fifteen years ago when he came to Plattsmouth to make his home. Growing to manhood in the community where he was born, he was married in 1908 to Miss Amelia Tookenhagen at Mills City, Iowa. For the greater part of his lifetime he was engaged in farming. Coming to this city, Mr. Detlef was appointed as constable and served in that office as well as on the police force for some time. He had been employed by the Norfolk Packing Co. here as long as his health permitted, but in the past year he has been retired from active work.

Mr. Detlef was a man of genial and friendly disposition and enjoyed a large circle of friends who will miss very much his unfailing good nature and his pleasant association.

There is surviving the widow and one son, Ferdinand, of this city, one sister, Mrs. Minnie Rosenfield, of Mineola, Iowa, his stepmother, Mrs. Johanna Detlef and two half-brothers, Charles and Chris Detlef, of Balfour, Iowa.

There was a very large attendance of the young people from this city and the surrounding country to join in the well wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Wehrbein.

The time was spent in dancing with Joe Benak and his band furnishing the music and which made the occasion one that will long be remembered.

The members of the party were all given a surprise when Sam Dresher and a party of entertainers arrived from Omaha to join in the festivities of the evening.

A fine luncheon was served at the conclusion of the evening to add to the enjoyment of all of the members of the group.

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