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## A BRUTAL KILLING.

### A Brakeman Shot Down by a Gang of Tramps.

### TWO ARE ALREADY ARRESTED.

While the Officers Have a Description of the Others and Feel Hopeful of Securing Their Arrest—Other Matters of Interest.

Brakeman Stokesbury, who left Council Bluffs Friday night at about 11 o'clock on C. B. & Q. train No. 76, was shot and killed by a member of a gang of tramps who Stokesbury was trying to put off the train. The tragedy occurred just outside of the Q. yards at Council Bluffs. Stokesbury discovered the tramps hidden away among some machinery on a flat car. He ordered them out, and when he endeavored to drive them out two shots were fired at close range by the tramps. One bullet took effect in the left ear, leaving powder marks, and another entered his throat at the front. Stokesbury fell upon the track and was picked up and conveyed to Council Bluffs. His home is at Red Oak, Iowa, where he has a wife and children. He is a new man on the road. Two tramps were arrested, giving the names of Moore and Lynch. Two other men were in the gang and the officers have their descriptions.

### A Youthful Robber.

Harrison Graves was carted over to the Pearl street jail Friday night by the officers with a massive jag aboard. Graves is a graduate of the Ashland gold cure institute and for some three years past has let liquor entirely alone. Some two weeks ago, however, he took to drinking and since that time he has guzzled so much of the extract of corn that he is now on the verge of tremens. Because of his ailment the officers were unable to bring him over to police court for trial Saturday.

Another incident in connection with Graves' spree was an attempt to rob him a short time before the officers took him to jail. Wesley Beeson, a youth of tough inclinations, made the attempt to possess Graves' wealth, but before he had accomplished his object, Officer Woodson divined his intent, and after a spirited chase down an alley, overtook the young man and gave him a berth along with Graves at the jail.

### Arming the Trainmen.

The contingent of the commonwealth encamped on the river front at Denver was considerably increased as to numbers Thursday night, according to reports received at Burlington headquarters, the tents provided by Governor Waite of Colorado hardly being sufficient to shelter the men. While there was little change in the situation it is thought the men are being held at Denver for a low rate, which the governor is interesting himself in providing for the trudgingians. Failing in securing the low rate desired, the men make no bones about asserting that they will ride east, whether the roads like it or not. But the roads do not propose to allow any overt act on the part of the industrials, and it is hinted that the Burlington will follow the example of the Rock Island and arm employes with repeating rifles and also issue commissions to them as deputy sheriffs.

### Another Victim of Small Pox.

Mrs. S. F. Hunter, of Pacific Junction, died on Thursday. She was one of the persons exposed to the small pox and was quarantined, during which she was taken sick with lung fever. Twenty-eight days after exposure she showed symptoms of small pox, and in four days death ensued, the latter disease being the indirect cause. She was vaccinated after exposure, but it did not take. There is no question but what the complication of disorders with which the deceased was afflicted was the actual cause of death, the attack from small pox hastening the end.

Elmer W., the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Weidmann, died yesterday morning at 9:20 o'clock, after an illness of nine weeks with pneumonia, aged three years and nine months. The funeral services will be held at the family residence on Seventh and Walnut street tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. Witte officiating.

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### As to Removing the Postoffice.

Our contemporary, the News, is perfectly correct in the stand it has taken against the removal of the postoffice from its present location in the Riley building, on Sixth street, to some point on Main street. The chances are ten to one that were the postoffice to be removed every business room in the Riley block would be vacant in less than a month. It seems to THE JOURNAL that the people of Plattsmouth should think twice before seeking to bring about a result which would make vacant and unprofitable the handsomest business block in the town. THE JOURNAL is unquestionably in favor of letting the office remain just where it is. The location is convenient and the rooms plenty spacious enough to meet the requirements, and altogether the patrons of the place could not be better satisfied. However, it behooves the merchants in the near vicinity of the office to be up and hustling and offer some inducements to the new postmaster to maintain the office where it is.

### The Fruit Crop at Nehawka.

At present the outlook for fruit of all kinds in this vicinity is very good. The frost of the 19th and 20th inst. did no material damage except to grapes and strawberries. Particularly the grapes were damaged a great deal. The cherries received slight injuries on the low ground. Those on high land are all right and give promise of a big crop. The apple outlook is fair. The blight has affected some varieties, such as Winesap, Jonathan, and Gen-tan, but even these varieties have a few apples remaining. Nearly all other kinds will yield more than half a crop. The Ben Davis trees are loaded with apples. The fruit growers of this county expect to harvest more than half a crop of apples. This is encouraging, for the past two years there has been practically no apples at all. We are now in hopes that the blight will leave entirely by another year.

### Shot Out His Eye.

Monday afternoon two boys named Will Cross and Albert Timmas were amusing themselves by shooting through the tile drain on north Fourth street with a "nigger shooter." Timmas was at one end of the drain and Cross at the other, and just as Cross shot Timmas was looking through the drain. The pebble or bullet glanced along the tile and struck Timmas in the right eye, completely tearing out his eye and making a terrible wound. Dr. Livingston was called and dressed the wound. The shooting was unintentional, but the result is almost criminal. City Marshal Grace informed a reporter Tuesday that hereafter any boy found with a "nigger shooter" in his possession would be arrested and locked up.

### Effect of the Coal Famine.

Reports of a serious accident on the Burlington railway come from Kewanee, Ill. Owing to the scarcity of coal the road attempted to run the locomotive of the fast mail train from Chicago Wednesday night with coal oil. The oil exploded at Kewanee, scattering the burning fluid over the engineer and fireman. The former is probably fatally injured and the latter seriously injured.

Bill Schroeder, alias Charles Lamont, was arrested at East Omaha the other evening charged with being one of the guilty parties engaged in raising the amount of United States \$1 and \$2 bills to \$10 and \$20, a great number of which are being circulated in that locality. He was captured by Sergeant Ormsby, who found him at Courtland beach, a pleasure resort which, though on this side of the river, is a part of Iowa. Ormsby tried to induce the man to come across the line and be arrested, but he declined. The officer stayed with him until a Council Bluffs policeman came to the rescue and escorted the criminal to the state line so he could be turned over legally to the Omaha authorities. The evidence against Lamont is considered good. It is believed the gang of money raisers will soon be broken up.

Patterson & Kunsman, of the Boston meat market, have negotiated for the purchase of a car load of fat, corned, two-year-old steers from M. S. Davis, who now lives on the former Geo. Boeck farm. This beef will be retailed to the Boston's customers—something out of the ordinary, inasmuch as most of Cass county's choicest beef is sold to the South Omaha packers and by the latter shipped to eastern or foreign points.

## FOUND IN THE PLATTE

### A Human Body Discovered in the River Above Town.

### CORONER HOLDS AN INQUEST.

A Very Mysterious Burglary—Two Men Enter Dr. Hart's Residence and Carry Away Some Papers of Value to Nobody But the Doctor.

### They Found a Floater.

Sunday evening about seven o'clock while Fred Black and Chas. Dabb, two members of the "Sundown" club, were out boat riding they rowed along the shore toward the water works pump house. Just before reaching the pump house they turned eastward to go out into the Platte, when they discovered something lodged in shallow water and against the willows, which they at first supposed was a log. A closer inspection resulted in the discovery that the object was a human body. A line was made fast to a log and the body towed to the shore and landed at the submerged wagon road near the pump house. The boys returned to town and reported to the sheriff, who at once detailed Elias Kildow and Mike McCool to watch the corpse over night.

Coroner Clements arrived from Elmwood over the B. & M. at 5:17 Monday afternoon, to hold an inquest. The coroner immediately empaneled a jury consisting of M. Archer, C. M. Butler, J. I. Unruh, Henry Boeck, Ed Fitzgerald and O. M. Streight, and proceeded to the point where the body was found and viewed the remains. The pockets of the dead man were searched and resulted in finding a purse containing a half dollar and three pennies, a pocket knife, a pipe and a silver watch. No papers of any kind were found on the body that would furnish a clue to his identity. The body was then removed from the water and placed in a box and conveyed to the cemetery and buried.

The coroner's jury met at the court house at 8 o'clock at night and returned a verdict to the effect that the body was that of an unknown person and that he had come to his death in a manner unknown to the jury.

The body was that of a man apparently from forty to fifty years of age, about five feet, eight or ten inches high, and was dressed in a canvas coat, overall pantaloons and a new pair of shoes. The body was badly decomposed, and had the appearance of having been in the water for five or six months.

### A Strange Case of Burglary.

The home of Dr. Hart, on north Fourth street, was entered by two unknown parties on Saturday night, but just what was their object has not been discovered. On that night the doctor was not at home, and shortly after retiring Mrs. Hart heard someone walking around the yard and upon the porch. The parties tried the doors and windows on the lower floor and then procured a ladder and entered through an upstairs window. Mrs. Hart heard them enter and fired a shot from a revolver in their direction but evidently without effect. She then retired to her room with her child and locked the door, leaving the visitors in complete possession of the remainder of the house. She heard the parties moving about the house, heard them go to the well and get a drink of water, and along toward morning saw them depart. She describes one of them as being a tall, well-built man, well-dressed, etc., but can not describe the other man.

An inventory of the loss sustained resulted in finding nothing missing, but some papers, old deeds, receipts, etc., had been overhauled and examined, but it is not known whether any of them had been carried away. The deeds are all on file, so they would be valueless to anyone but Mr. Hart. The real object of the two midnight marauders appears to be pretty well shrouded in mystery, but their display of nerve is perfectly apparent.

### Another Death From Small-Pox.

Mrs. Oliver King, aged twenty-two years, died at her home at Bethlehem Monday from small-pox. Mrs. King attended Mrs. Backus during the latter's sickness with the dread disease, and contracted a case which resulted in her death last night, although it was thought several days ago that she was convalescent.

No new cases have developed at Bethlehem and all the afflicted appear to be doing nicely and on the road to recovery.

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Boys' Suits	3.65
Children's Suits	1.65
Men's working Pants	.90
Men's Jeans Pants	.85
Children's Pants	.25
Men's Merino Underwear	.45
Men's working Shirts	.25
Men's Black Shirts	.85
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### Ferryman O'Neill Assaulted.

Sunday morning two men with a team and buggy drove on the ferry boat on this side of the river and requested to be crossed. When the Iowa side of the river was reached the ferryman demanded his toll, but the men refused to pay, saying that they thought the ferry was free. The ferryman explained that the ferry was a free institution on week days, but on Sundays toll was charged. "Well," said one of the fellows, "what do you do when a man has no money?" The ferryman replied that they took them back where they came from. "Well, I guess not," replied the man in the buggy, and he grabbed the buggy whip and brought the butt end down on O'Neill's head with force sufficient to cut a gash and make a painful wound. The pair then whipped up their horses and drove off the ferry and disappeared in the direction of Pacific Junction. The ferryman's injuries, although painful, are not serious.

### He Knew It Was Loaded.

Henry Goos, the young son of Fred Goos, was fooling with a loaded revolver Monday evening at his home on north Eighth street. While lowering the hammer his finger slipped and the gun was discharged, the bullet tearing its way through the palm of his left hand, making an ugly wound. Dr. Livingston was summoned to attend his injuries. The strangest part of the whole affair is that Henry knew the revolver was loaded.

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### Death of Mrs. Egenberger.

Mrs. Helena Egenberger died Tuesday afternoon at 1:50 o'clock, of kidney trouble, after an illness of several months. Deceased was born in Germany, and came over to this country twenty-two years ago. She was a sister of F. R. and Oswald Guthmann, of this city, and leaves three sons and three daughters—J. V., Louis and Fred Egenberger, and Mrs. A. H. Weckbach, Mrs. Wm. Weber and Mrs. Herman Spies—to mourn her loss.

Among the names of prospective candidates for state officers there are, we regret to say, several chestnuts. There are in Nebraska several office seekers who remind us of white wings, in that they never grow weary. Is there no way of weeding them out? —Walt Mason.

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