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## KILLED BY FALL FROM SCAFFOLD

A. H. Slocum Aged Resident of Arcadia Falls From Scaffold While Working on Barn in That Village.

### STRIKES ON CEMENT WALK.

Last week Tuesday, A. H. Slocum, an aged man of Arcadia fell from a scaffold, while working on P. D. Duryea's new barn in village, striking on the cement walk below on his head and shoulders, from the effects of which he died the following evening. He was aged about 60 years. It seems

from what he said during the few lucid moments after the fall that while working he experienced a dizziness, but remembered nothing further till after he had been taken to the office of a physician. It was some little time after he had fallen before he was discovered, and when found he was badly lacerated and later proved he was hurt internally. He is survived by two sons, his wife having died some three years previously. He was well known throughout this section, where he has lived for many years.

## MAIL SERVICE NEEDS HELP

To Keep Passengers From Riding on the Pacific Mail Train Our Mails are Held Unnecessarily.

### AFFECTS THIS SECTION.

Our evening mails are mere fares so far as bringing anything but local mail is concerned. The motor brings the whole cheese and that mail has to lie at Grand Island from 3:15 p. m. till 7:00 a. m. before it is started on the way up the Loup valley. All this because the U. P. mail train comes to Grand Island a few minutes after our passenger leaves that place. In other words the company sends out the Ord passenger train a few minutes ahead of the big mail train. The purpose of the company in doing this is to keep passengers destined for all this section of the country from riding on the mail train.

The necessity for limiting the travel on the Pacific and mail train is apparent enough, but the company's way of bringing it about is too rank for the peaceful acceptance our people are according to it.

Just to keep a few passengers from coming in over this train they make a schedule that keeps us from getting our mail at night that ought by all rights be delivered to us at 6:00 p. m. and bringing it in at 10:00 the next forenoon.

We can see why local passenger service on a big and very important through train is a nuisance. It requires the company to send out more coaches from Omaha than can be carried all the way to the coast. This means delay, perhaps, or inconvenience anyway. But why could this not be avoided in a less damaging manner than the one employed?

If the matter were put up to the railway commission in the true light we are sure an order would be granted permitting the company to deny passage on this train to ticket holders destined to points on branch lines. This would be no worse on the passengers than we now have it, and would permit the company to run our passenger train up a half hour later and thus bring us the chief mail of the day. If the company will not consent to this let us get an order compelling the mail trains to.

Would it not be well for our commercial club to take this matter up? —Ord Quiz.

## McEWAN RESIGNS KEARNEY CHARGE

Will Probably Move South on Account of Son's Failing Health.

Rev. L. C. McEwan, former pastor of the First Presbyterian church in this city, but for the past five years pastor of the Presbyterian church at Kearney, has handed in resignation as pastor of that church and will leave for other fields. The Democrat of Kearney speaks highly of Rev. McEwan's work there. When he was here some weeks ago, the reverend told this editor that he expected to leave Kearney and might either accept a call to a church in Omaha, or otherwise possibly go to some southern state, on account of trouble of his youngest son, Robert. Wherever he goes, the best wishes of our people go with him.

Miss Lena Swain of Pool, Neb., who had been visiting at the home of her cousin, Henry Christensen, for a few days, returned home Monday morning.

## FARMER KILLED NEAR RAVENNA

Pitch-Fork Catches in Belt of Thrashing Machine Striking Julius E. Johnson, Prominent Farmer

### KILLED ALMOST INSTANTLY.

While Julius E. Johnson, a prominent farmer living a few miles west of Ravenna, was working with a thrashing machine last week Monday, he attempted to throw a fork full of straw over the drive belt on the table, when the fork caught in the belt whirled around the fly wheel, and in swinging the handle of the fork struck Mr. Johnson across the side of the head and neck with such force that he lived only a short time after. He was about 55 years of age and leaves a widow and several children.

## MILBURN HOTEL CHANGES HANDS

E. G. Milburn Disposes of His Hotel to A. C. Ogle, who will Remodel it Into a Garage.

### ONE OF BEST IN STATE.

Last week Wednesday evening, E. G. Milburn sold his hotel property to A. C. Ogle, the auto man, who closes the same and will change the lower portion into a garage, while he rents the upper floor to the New Frederick, the latter to add the rooms for use of guests in connection with those belonging to the New Frederick proper. This will make of the latter one of the largest and most commodious hostleries in Central Nebraska, as it has been one of the finest and most up-to-date in all its appointments. Mr. Milburn closes the hotel on Oct. 4th and moves to Arcadia, where he has a fine home and will very likely go into some business there. Mr. Ogle will tear out and rebuild the entire inside of the hotel building to meet the requirements of a first-class garage, while the entrance to the rooms above will be from the second story of the New Frederick across by trestle work. This is the most important change in hotel matters ever brought about in this city and means the end of the strained relations over patronage and financial weal of all concerned.

## NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING

Death or at Least a Ducking Looked Certain; Prayers and Thoughts of Home in Order.

### "ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL."

The fishing party up on Pony Lake returned home last Friday evening, having had a week's most pleasurable outing. The party was composed of J. W. Conger, Vic Swanson, Elmer Youngquist and A. J. Budler. The boys came home with a good one on one of the party, but as each member weighs more than the editor, it is not wise to state which one was affected. However, the story runs like this: Some one shot a goose which dropped into the lake. Two of their number got into a boat and went after the feathered game. A high wind was blowing and it looked as if the boat would surely be swamped. The embryo sailors began to think over their past sins of omission and commission, but neither could remember even the first sentence of "Now I lay me," etc. The wind grew more fierce, and the waves higher, the danger greater. They tried to regain the shore, but could not. Desperately they hung to the frail craft. They counselled as to what to do in event of capsizing. Death or at least a ducking looked certain. One said to the other, "Just think; my God, I have a wife and seven children and can't swim a lick." However, all's well that ends well, and the winds and waves finally landed them on the beach a mile away, safe and sound and dry, but each one solemnly swears affirming they would not acknowledge but what they went bravely to their apparent doom.

## CHILD BADLY HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Bad Spot in Road Makes Driver Veer Too Quickly, Breaking Front Wheel Causing Car to Turn Turtle.

### SEVERAL OCCUPANTS ESCAPE INJURY.

Last Saturday, as Frank Kusek, was driving in his new Ford near John Augustyn's, up on Dead Horse, and going at a lively rate, the driver got to near the edge of the road leading down an embankment, and in his endeavor to get the car up on the road gave too sudden a twist to the steering wheel, throwing the force of the car forward on the front axle, breaking the left wheel and the car turned turtle two or three times over, throwing the several occupants out, a baby girl of about three years alighting against a wire fence cutting a gash from over the left eye backward over

the ear some six or more inches in length, but fortunately injuring none of the others. The little one was brought into Drs. Bowman, who sewed up the gaping wound and she will get along all right. It was wonderful some were not killed or at least maimed for life.

## TO ORGANIZE AN EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION

Plan on Foot to Organize Several Immediate Counties into Association.

Some time since we received a letter from our St. Paul brethren of the quill asking that the newspaper men gather in their city on Friday, the 17th of October, to form an editorial association out of the bunch within the radius of a few counties. During the rush of the past number of weeks our attention has been confined to other matters and we have neglected the courtesy to reply, but at this time take occasion to say that if nothing occurs to prevent will be present with the better portion of our household and give our little towards the formation of an association that we believe will put the boys of this best portion of Nebraska on a pleasant social and business footing.

## SURPRISED ON THEIR SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Andersen Surprised on 25th Anniversary by A Number of Friends.

Last Saturday afternoon, being the 25th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Anderson of this city, a number of their choice friends made it the occasion of a joyful surprise on the worthy couple, appearing with well filled baskets of good things to eat, and presenting them with a dozen solid silver knives and forks as a memento of their years of friendship, the presentation being made by Rev. Johnson in a few well chosen remarks. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Gust Forsman, Rev. and Mrs. C. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Holmgren, Mr. and Mrs. L. Johnson, Mrs. P. Petersen, and Miss Lizzie Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. J. Magnuson, Mr. and Mrs. Swan Yunghund, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Johnson, Ed. Magnuson, Misses Ruth, Lily and Hilma Johnson. At the close of the afternoon all departed showering best wishes on the worthy people.

## REV. D. A. LEEPER TO COLUMBUS

Rev. Dr. D. A. Leeper and family left Tuesday morning for their new home at Columbus, Neb., to which charge he has been assigned for the coming year. Among the many Methodist ministers who have had charge of that religious branch during the past few years, Dr. Leeper has made good in a marked degree, being one among the very best assigned to this charge. As a speaker, a gentleman of culture and as a worker along his life lines, he has made in the past and we believe the future holds out great promise to him in the church. He has a most estimable wife and bright children, and will prove a valuable addition to Columbus church and social circles. May kind fortune attend them.

## Barn Fire Near Ravenna; \$3000 Loss of Property

One of the worst farm fires to occur in this country in years wiped out more than three thousand dollars worth of property at the Charles Jenkin's farm, a few miles east of Ravenna, late last Monday afternoon.

The cause of the fire is unknown. No one was known to be about the place but Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, and they were at the house when the fire broke out. Mr. Jenkins does not smoke, at least while about the barn, and how the fire originated is a complete mystery.

The barn was one of the best and largest in the country, and was built five years ago at a cost of \$1200. It was fifty-two feet square and was fitted with modern conveniences, and had a capacity for more than twenty head of horses. There was in the barn at the time a span of driving horses and a young calf and they perished in the fire.

From the barn the flames communicated to four surrounding buildings, a milk house, a small granary, containing six hundred bushels of wheat, a combined corn crib and granary, in the granary department of which there was stored one thousand bushels of wheat.

Mr. Jenkins figures his aggregate loss at a little more than three thousand dollars. He had insurance on the grain to the amount of \$1000, and at the time he was seen by The News reporter was uncertain as to the amount of insurance, if any, was in force on the buildings.

## INSTANTLY KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Last week we spoke of Mr. Jos. Daddow being called to Nashua, Iowa, by wire, on account of his wife's brother being killed. On Tuesday of this week, Mr. Daddow sent us an account of the death, which proved to be another of the long list of casualties charged up to the horseless carriage. From the article sent us taken from a local paper we take the following summary: The brother, I. J. Leaman, who was a prosperous and wealthy farmer living near Nashua, had recently purchased a new Buick and was driving to town in company with a friend. In descending a hill, the car struck sand and gravel, skidding to one side and turning turtle, pinning the unfortunate men beneath the car. A party who saw the accident hurried to the scene and found Mr. Leaman with his skull crushed, both jaws broken, a portion of one ear severed, and from the nature of the wounds must have been killed instantly. The friend was also badly hurt, having two ribs broken, one of which punctured the lungs, and his recovery doubtful.

## Wants Extension of Branch Line to Gannett

Loup City to Omaha by the new route would be 178 miles; the distance from Lodi to Omaha is now 255 miles by rail, and the proposed road would reduce it to 226 miles.

A considerable acquaintance with the locality through which the proposed road would run indicates that the line must closely follow the following: Up the Loup valley from Fullerton to Elba, intersecting the B. & M. one mile south of Cushing; from Elba up Angar creek to the second intersection of the B. & M. near Ashton and following that line to Loup City; then west to and across Clear Creek valley and west to the third intersection of the B. & M. at or near Mason City, and from there west to the intersection of the U. P. near Lodi or Calloway, and from this point by the best route to the connection with the main line at Gannett.

While the relative distance from Omaha to the points of intersection on the U. P. lines greatly favor the route, the advantage would be still greater from the points intersected on the B. & M.

The Loup City Commercial Club held an interesting meeting last Friday evening at which many matters of interest came up.

Besides the routine business, a communication was received from Fullerton - Columbus - Omaha regarding the proposed extension of the U. P. from Fullerton west through Loup City to Gannett, a copy of which will be found elsewhere in this issue. Secretary Waite was instructed to answer same satisfactorily to the club.

In the matter of incorporating an electric whistle, it was found that the city has decided to purchase same, and Mr. Taylor of the Electric Light Co. agreed to furnish the juice and operate the same gratis. The whistle is to be used for fire alarm and for denoting the hours of 7, 12, 1 and 6 o'clock of each day for the benefit of the public. The probabilities are that the whistle will cost between \$200 and \$300, and can be heard two and three miles in the country, at least.

After some discussion, the date of the club meetings was unanimously changed from the last Friday evening of each month to the first Wednesday evening of each month, that change being, in the interest of better attendance, be-

## Sol. L. Johnson Found Guilty of Murder

Some weeks ago the Republican told of the arrest of Sol Lucas Johnson down in Mississippi on a charge of murder, and Johnson claimed to have been a St. Paul resident at one time. He has now had his trial at Port Gibson, Miss., and was convicted and sentenced to be hanged on October 24. The jury must have been pretty well satisfied, for they were only out about two hours.

E. J. Taylor has been in correspondence with an attorney for the condemned man and showed us a letter recently received, also a couple of copies of the Vicksburg Evening Post, giving an account of the trial.

Johnson claims to have been in the feed business here in St. Paul at one time, and says Mr. F. J. Taylor helped him settle and close up his business, but Mr. Taylor is unable to remember anything about it, and we have not found anyone among the older citizens who remember Johnson. He is very anxious to find a brother who he claims lived here, and if anyone knows of the Johnsons we would be glad to talk with them. We understand the brother formerly lived at or near Cotesfield.

H. T. and H. M. Elsner and Wm. Schumann left Monday for the west on an extended hunting trip. They may be absent a month or longer.