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CHILD DROWNED IN WATER TANK

Infant Son of Hans Obermiller Accidentally Drowned, Circumstances Not Clear.

MISSING ONLY A FEW MINUTES.

Tuesday morning of this week about 11 o'clock, the infant son of Hans Obermiller, living some few miles south of this city, was accidentally drowned in the water tank at the home. The little fellow, aged some two and one half years was playing about the place and being missed for a little time, search was instituted, resulting in finding the little body in the low tank, the supposition being that he had climbed up to the top to get a drink, and the wind, which was fiercely blowing at the time, toppled the little body over into the tank, where in was found a

An old court-house has burned down in Florida. Priceless records were destroyed. It is safe to say that the courts of that state will be kept busy for years to come adjusting titles to property. And the expense of it will no doubt cost some poor people more than they can pay and there is where many will suffer who have not the means to prove their ownership.

little later. Dr. Bowman was hurriedly summoned, but on his arrival life was extinct. The sorrowing family have the deepest sympathy of our entire community. The funeral services were held from the home Wednesday at 2 o'clock, the little one was laid to rest in the cemetery at Austin.

We this week present the announcement of Wm. Hancock for the office of sheriff, subject to the democratic voters at the coming primaries. Will Hancock is one of the most likeable fellows in this county, and the better he is known the more friends he has. With the exception that Will trains with the wrong political crowd, the Northwestern finds no fault with him, and believes if he succeeds in winning the nomination and subsequent election, he will prove a most satisfactory official.

E. G. Taylor went to Omaha Tuesday noon on a matter of business.

Stable Set on Fire and Boy Burned to Death

One of those pitiful tragedies that shake a small community to the core occurred Sunday afternoon at Seneca, when the four year old son of L. D. Carter, a railroad man of that place, was burned to death in an accidental fire, probably of his own creating. Postmaster B. A. Darrow of Seneca was in the city Tuesday and related the circumstances of the sad occurrence to a Chief representative.

It appears that the little fellow was playing with another small chum of about his own age, who was a son of R. C. Mason. The families live near each other and the boy had a small wagon they were trundling about. The idea suddenly popped into their heads that it would be splendid sport for them to have a bonfire and to this end they commenced looking around for material to build it with. Nothing could be found, however, to suit their purpose and one of them suggested that they go to the Mason barn and get something out of there that would burn.

The little fellows lifted the box from their wagon and started in the direction of the barn. It was a short time after this that Mrs. Darrow, who lives opposite, heard Mrs. Carter's screaming and going to her front door saw that the Mason barn was burning. Mr. Darrow, on learning what was the matter, rushed to the scene and found that the barn had caught

fire from a burning shed adjoining. The whistle at the round house was blown and in a few minutes after the arrival of the fire department the flames were extinguished. It was only the little Mason boy that could give any information about the fire and his account was so childish and meagre that it left much to be surmised.

The other child was missing and it quickly dawned upon the horrified onlookers that he must have been in the burning shed. This proved to be only to true, for upon entering the place the searchers were confronted with heartrending sight. Crouched in a far corner of the shed, with his arm thrown across his face as though to protect it from the flames were the remains of the Carter boy, his little body burned to a crisp. It is supposed that the children had possessed themselves of matches in some way and when they went into the shed to gather material for their bonfire, one or more of the matches had been ignited, which caused the disaster.

The accident is one of the saddest that has ever occurred at Seneca and the sympathy of the entire community has been extended to the bereaved parents. The body of the child was taken to Elk Creek for burial Monday morning on No. 42, funeral services occurring in the afternoon. —Custer County Chief.

The Present Contents of the Political Pot

The political pot has begun to boil in good shape in Sherman county. Several candidates for the various offices have already come forth, and we hear of many more names of those who are spoken of in connection with the various offices we append the following list:

County Clerk
L. B. Polski, L. L. Slominski,
B. Lorenz.
Sheriff
Wm. Hancock, L. A. Williams,

Pete Rowe, Lloyd Bly, Floyd Janulewicz.

County Superintendent
Mary A. K. Hendrickson, L. H. Currier, R. D. Hendrickson.

County Treasurer
F. M. Henry.
County Judge
E. A. Smith, A. E. Charlton.

We received a pleasant call Tuesday from W. A. Siefert of Ashton, who was in the city on business.

OWE'D TO SHERMAN COUNTY--- A NEW COURT HOUSE.

WE are proud of Sherman County
Long We've lived upon her beauty--

And her fields-- they are the greenest of the green'

She has built us buildings many--

While we haven't built her any.

And her Court house is the DAMDEST ever seen.

HER farms-- they are prolific'

And her people are pacific'

The best in all the state, I wean'

But there's one thing not forgotten'

OH' her court house it is rotten'

And it makes us all ashamed to have it seen.

SHE has wealth-- a goodly store'

With bright prospects for some more'

In fact there are but few things that she lack--

But there's one thing we deplore'

And it makes us awful sore--

That her Court house's nothing but a SHACK.

SO it's up to ME and YOU

To get out and boost a few "

And to vote it "Yes" upon the 12th of May.

All records need protection'

We'll remove this "old infection"

And our debt to Sherman county we will pay.

ITEMS OF NEWS FROM ASHTON

Peter Jezewski went to Grand Island Monday to bring back a new Ford for Isaac Sandberg.

Miss Frances Corning visited over Sunday with her sister, Mrs. A. Anderstrom.

G. H. Lorenz made a business trip to Sargent, Thursday night of last week.

Attorney R. P. Starr was down from Loup City on business Friday and Saturday.

L. A. Williams, Ed Oltmann and Stanley Goc were visitors from Loup City Friday.

The first game of the season went our way, Ashton won over Boelus 10 to 7. A good crowd was present.

Johnnie Rapp, Jr., the Younker Autoist traveled to Hazard last Sunday afternoon on very important business.

The B. B. B. club members were present at the Ball game Sunday and their cheer did help the boys--keep it up B. B. B.

Albert Anderstrom went to Grand Island Monday. Went by rail and came back in a car all in one day.

Floyd Janulewicz of Loup City and Miss Helen Kwiatkowski of Ashton had their first calls Sunday at St. Francis church.

Abdella Ayoub and wife have been in Omaha the past couple of weeks, the fruit store has been in charge of John and Ed Farrah during their absence.

All those wishing to have ads on the Base Ball fence, had better see the manager at once, and make their reservation as there is not much space left.

Jos. Jankowski tried out his

new Ford on the grand stand and new base ball fence, from the looks of the grand stand the Ford got the best of it.

Mr. and Mrs. Erank Maschka entertained a large crowd of young folks at their home Wednesday evening of last week in honor of their 1st wedding anniversary. Well Franz Na-Zdrowie.

It is only a question of time till Ashton will be the garden spot of Nebraska, providing the Ashtonsites keep on planting trees as they are doing this year several hundred have been planted and they are still planting. Keep it up boys its work, will account for it self.

The concert given by the Loup City Alpha Girls' Glee Club, was well received and very much enjoyed by a fair sized audience at opera house Friday night. They were a jolly bunch of girls and showed that they had received excellent training. They should have had a larger house but considering the short time that they advertised and this being the farmers' busy season they did very well. Come again girls.

Frank Dworak, of Omaha came up Saturday to shake hands with his many friends here. The married mens section of the M. G. U. gave an informal smoker in the club rooms in his honor Saturday night. A fine time is reported. On account of having a large shipment of cattle that required his personal attention, consigned to him for Monday's market he had to hurry home, Steve Polski took him down to Ravenna Sunday.

H. W. Ojendyk, postmaster, village clerk, implement dealer and all round good fellow, was over here from Ashton Tuesday on business and shaking hands with his host of friends in the hub.

Mason's Have Big Initiation

A special train from St. Paul brought a number of Masons to Loup City Tuesday evening, and a number of auto loads came from Arcadia, all to attend third degree work of that order and enjoy a lot of "eats" provided for the occasion.

The card of L. L. Slominski, announcing his candidacy for the office of county clerk, appears in this issue. Mr. Slominski was for a year and a half the efficient deputy under County Clerk Diettericks, deceased, and after the death of the latter had full charge of that office till a successor was appointed. While Mr. Slominski was deputy and during the time he had full charge of the office he gave full satisfaction, so far as we have learned, and should fortune's wheel turn in his favor, we believe would prove a worthy and well qualified officer.

R. D. Hendrickron announces in this week's paper his candidacy for the office of county superintendent of schools. He has a host of friends throughout the county; has proven a most efficient superintendent of schools in the past, having filled that office two terms, and if elected again to that office past history would repeat itself in the good work he would do.

Our people with one accord will be glad to know that the little son of Verne Alleman, who was seriously injured some days ago by falling on a hay knife and dismembering himself, is so far on the road to recovery that he may be said to be clearly out of danger. It is little less than a miracle his escaping death.

FIFTY MILLION FOR WAR FUND

President, With Consent of Congress to Force Mexican Government to Be Decent. Means War With Mexico.

VERA CRUZ CAPTURED WITH LOST OF TWENTY AMERICANS AND 200 MEXICANS.

Notwithstanding "War Is Hell", there seems no other way for this country to do than force Dictator Huerta of Mexico to a decent recognition of our rights, even if it culminates in war. Some days ago, President Wilson made it plain to Huerta that he should salute this country over frequent instances in which he expressed his contempt for the United States by causing the arrest of sailors and officers without the slightest pretext of right in so doing. This recognition of this country Huerta has refused, hence there are at present in Mexican waters or on the way there several battleships, and troops are being mobilized near the Mexican border, ready for instant action. Congress on Monday heard the president's message, gave unanimous sanction to his desires and intentions regarding Mexico and appropriated fifty millions of dollars to carry out the war procedure.

Later reports Wednesday noon from the Mexican trouble seems to show a state of war between the United States and Mexico now actually exists. The morning reports brought by the dailies are the same as those received Tuesday night here, to the effect that a detachment of sailors and ma-

rines seized the customs house at Vera Cruz and were fired upon by the Mexicans killing four and wounding twenty others. This brought upon the Mexicans a return fire which killed some 200 greasers, following which the U.S. transport Prairie shelled the greasers out of Vera Cruz, which is now in our hands.

Warships and more regiments are being sent to the seat of war from the Eastern coast.

A German transport off Vera Cruz early Wednesday loaded with guns and ammunition for Huerta was seized by the American forces to prevent them getting into the hands of the enemy.

Huerta and Villa have joined forces as against the United States and will make one common cause against this country.

Other dispatches are to the effect that several border towns on the Texas side of the Rio Grande have been wiped out by the greaser forces.

A flying report has been received to the effect that Mexican sympathizers at San Antonio, Texas, had torn down the American flag and that that city is in a turmoil over the dastardly affront to this Nation.

Letter From Mrs. Foss of Palmyra, Wisconsin

Palmyra, Wis., April 16.—Dear Editor: As so many have written and asked me to write about this country, concluded to send in a few lines. All are well and doing well. We had a fine shower today. The winter wasn't bad; only 19 below and no blizzards. Snow came right down and laid on, giving us fine sleighing for six weeks or two months. Some have asked about milking here. Yes, they are crazy on that question. Pay as high as \$125 for a single cow, mostly Holsteins, though some Guernseys. They sell male calves right from the cow, keeping the females. One can buy calves cheap, as they never keep them. They have tenant farms. Frank is working on one. Gets \$35 per month, horse kept and board and washing. That's for single men, and they are wanting more. Roy is another who gets \$35, with house, wood, half acre of garden, two gallons of milk daily, horse kept

and given a hog at butchering time. They have fine barns here. The one where Roy Barr is has engine in barn, large cement tank, and water runs all through, so each cow and horse can drink just as they please. A cement track through the center to run a manure wagon, and ditches to carry all waste. Each cow stanch-ed; place at one end for horses; next colt stall. On opposite side little calves, and a silo to feed in lower part of barn. Top of barn in grain and hay. Quite a few truck farms here; plant an acre or two of cucumbers, melons and then go fishing after taking milk to the factory every morning. Some of the finest lakes here and lots of fish—from minnows to 75 pounders. Catch 100 in an hour. Now don't tell Vic or Jimmie, or they will catch them all before you get here. Now, if you don't believe it, come and see. Will close with best wishes to all old friends, As ever,
Mrs. S. S. Foss.

Non-Resident Expresses Views of Court House

Lincoln, Nebraska, April 15, 1914.—Dear Sir:—Yours of April 14, 1914, asking an expression of my feeling, as a non-resident, on the proposition of voting bonds for the purpose of building a new court-house etc., at hand.

Do I favor the proposition? Well I certainly do. We should have had these improvements long since; and the only way to recover from the stigma is to "get busy" and boost for the bonds.

My land in Sherman county is about as far from the county seat as possible, but that's fire-trap you now have, contains the records of my land as well as of those living nearer, and I do not consider we ever did have much protection.

The loss of the records of Sherman county would incur an enormous loss, in quieting titles etc.

Considering the security it will give the county records, the conveniences in the county offices and court, and that it will enhance property values and be a very desirable asset of the county, I believe every voter in each precinct of the county should vote for the bonds.

Civics pride and the urgent need of an up-to-date court house should induce all fair-minded citizens to use all honorable means in securing these much needed improvements. Yours for a new court house,
D M. Goddard,
621, So. 18th St. Lincoln.