

Plot to Exhume Body of Griffin; Sexton Watches

Effort to Block Burial Revealed by Cemetery Superintendent; Authorities Guard Grave.

Whatever turmoil there may have been in the life of Jimmy Griffin, killed by a revolver bullet fired by Police Sergeant Joe Potach two weeks ago is left as his legacy to his family and friends.

According to John Gentleman, undertaker, and F. G. Howell, superintendent at West Lawn cemetery, where Griffin is buried, his death split asunder the Griffin family.

One son threw his support to Marie, Jimmy's second wife, and the other two sons stood by their own mother, Margaret, divorced wife of Griffin, in a battle to keep the body from scheduled burial.

Ray Griffin sided with his father's second wife, Marie, and won, for Jimmy's body lies on a western sloping hill in West Lawn cemetery.

Across the road from the grave the cottage of F. G. Howell, superintendent of the cemetery, gives a view of the grave from side windows. All night long there is a vigil from those windows—watching the grave.

Efforts are on foot to move the body of Griffin.

The reason for desiring to move the body is just as mysterious as the persons who have visited the grave since burial two weeks ago.

"There was every effort made to block the burial in the first place," said Howell Thursday. "About noon on the day of the funeral John Gentleman, undertaker, from whose establishment the funeral took place, called me up and said: 'We may have to postpone this burial—there is one side of the family and friends who want the funeral now; another, headed by Ray, a son of the dead man in Cleveland, wants it delayed.'

"I refused to postpone the burial because we had made all arrangements and could not wait.

"As the body was being lowered into the grave Mrs. Marie Griffin, second wife of Jimmy, was approached by Jimmy's son, Ray, and told to wait at the grave until the vault was sealed.

"She sprang from the car and, running to the grave, insisted of the workmen that they seal the vault immediately, and, after they did, she waited until the grave had been filled with dirt. She was very anxious as to how long it would take the cement to harden and lock the vault, but after being assured it would be impossible to get the body by morning she left apparently satisfied.

"The next day there were 19 cars which intermittently visited the grave. Since then there have been several crowds coming on street cars, and one gang announced they would get to that grave in spite of everything. We have no objection to anyone visiting the grave, but no one can touch the vault or body in it, I said them.

"They haven't and shall not.

"There is no legal means by which they can move the body without the consent of Mrs. Marie Griffin, who paid all funeral and burial expenses."

Petitions for Graveling Circulated at Geneva

Geneva, Feb. 12.—On account of the bad condition of some of the streets impetus has been given graveling plans and petitions are being circulated. There is a probability that several of the principal streets, which have not been paved, will be improved before another winter.

Hungarian Partridges Released in Timber on Farm

Beatrice, Feb. 12.—Through the efforts of the Izaak Walton league of this city, four pairs of Hungarian partridges have been shipped here by Game Warden Jenkins and placed in the timber on the Kilpatrick ranch west of the city.

Sermon on Lincoln.

"Was Abraham Lincoln a Religious Man" will be the subject of Rabbi Frederick Cohn's address, at Temple Israel at 8 p. m. Friday. At the service at 10:30 a. m. Saturday he will speak on "Taking Advice."

Mission Leader Here Sunday for Address



Dr. Bruce Kinney

Rev. Bruce Kinney of Denver, author of Mormonism—The Islam of America, superintendent of Indian missions and the Alaskan mission for the Home Mission society, will speak at the First Baptist church Sunday morning.

Dr. Kinney heads a group of men coming to Omaha to conduct a Bible and missionary conference.

The pastor, Dr. A. A. DeLarme, will speak in the evening on "Christ in Civilization."

Railway Bridge Damaged by Ice

Gorge in Republican River Holds Back Water and Floods Lowlands.

Concordia, Kan., Feb. 12.—Missouri Pacific railway bridge over the Republican river at Yuma, Kan., five miles west of here, lost three spans, leaving the deck and tracks swinging over midstream Wednesday.

The damage was caused by ice jams which have been forming upstream in the river for the last few days, one of which built up against the spans of the bridge early Wednesday, the pent up force of the water taking them out later.

Train service on the line, which runs from Concordia to Prosser, Neb., was abandoned and the motor passenger train Wednesday arrived south of Superior. A piledriver and crew from the Burlington railway at Concordia was commissioned for service at the Missouri Pacific bridge and left for the scene Wednesday night. The ice is passing downstream in the river here this morning and no further gorges are reported. The ice is heavier and the cakes larger than for many seasons here.

Bostwick, Feb. 12.—Ice still holds back the water in the Republican river, and lowlands here have been overflowed nearly constantly for the past three days. The water was running clear of ice cakes most of Tuesday, but broken and heavy chunks are again coming down stream. The gorge giving trouble is between Bostwick and Superior. The water is running two feet deep over the road at the south approach of the county bridge here, and persons cannot cross the river. Harvey Taylor, farmer, living in the bottoms, moved his family and stock out Wednesday, the water getting up in the buildings on the farm, and it is feared that more families will be flooded out if the gorge continues to hold. The ice is thick and heavy and the thermometer stands just at freezing.

Superior, Feb. 12.—Ice jams in the Republican river, one south of here, and one at the county bridge over the river one-half mile west of town, which had held solid Monday, increasing to dangerous proportions by Tuesday morning, went out Tuesday forenoon, without doing much damage here. The wagon bridge, built in recent years, withstood the strain of the heavy ice.

The water level was back to normal here Wednesday, but a gorge is reported forming again between here and Bostwick, and another formed down-stream below Scandia, Kan., and seriously damaged the Missouri Pacific railway bridge near Yuma, Kan.

Steps Taken by General Duncan to Merge Forts

\$300,000 Appropriation Is Asked to Build Apartments at Fort Omaha; Extensions at Crook.

The first steps to be taken in the proposed removal of all troops stationed at Fort Omaha to Fort Crook and erection of officers' quarters at Fort Omaha will be realized if the present appropriation of \$300,000 asked by Maj. Gen. George B. Duncan, commander of the Seventh corps area, is granted by congress.

The \$300,000 appropriation is a part of the several millions of dollars asked by the War Department from congress for construction work at various forts throughout the country.

If the money is granted, one battalion of soldiers will be moved from Fort Omaha to Fort Crook immediately after the finishing of the construction program at Fort Crook. There are two battalions stationed at Fort Omaha at present.

Proposed Construction Here.

The construction program asked for by the Seventh corps area for Omaha includes 83 officers' quarters, \$45,000; five noncommissioned officers' quarters, \$25,000; two barracks for enlisted men, \$200,000; a stable for 50 horses, \$12,000, and an addition to the present hospital, \$15,000. The present hospital takes care of 30 men. Medical officers stationed in Omaha say it should be enlarged to take care of 10 more.

General Duncan has often expressed his opinion that Fort Omaha should be turned into a large apartment

house site for the officers attached to the Seventh corps area, with headquarters in Omaha. The government pays the officers and noncommissioned officers without quarters the rate of \$10 a month for each room.

General Duncan is allowed 10 rooms a month as a major general. Colonels are allowed eight rooms.

Officers' Homes Elsewhere.

Omaha is said to be but one of the few cities in the country with army reservations nearby without officers' homes of government reservations.

Years ago when the officers had their homes at Fort Omaha the army officers were the society leaders of Omaha. Military dances at the post were attended by many prominent Omahans.

Recently General Duncan said he would ask the War department for a large appropriation for building apartment houses and the removal of the enlisted men and officers attached to the battalions to Fort Crook. This would be done, he said, if the

two roads to Fort Crook would be built, fit to travel. One of the roads is already under construction. Work on the other road will start immediately. This road will also be valuable to the army.

New Railroad Station at Pawnee City Planned

Pawnee City, Feb. 12.—Pawnee City may have a new Burlington station if the recommendation of the preliminary budget of the company is affirmed later, according to a message to the Pawnee Republican.

In 1916 business men here were assured the new structure, but the war delayed construction. The matter has been pushed of late by the Public Service club, with the result that the preliminary budget carries the long-wanted appropriation.

According to W. P. Giles, division superintendent, in his statement to the paper, the plans for the building have not yet been drawn.

See Want Ads produce results.

of Nebraska. The senator declared he would insist upon early and effective action so congress may "take such steps as may be necessary." He said:

"The time for congress to lay down terms and conditions which will in some measure protect the public from the evil effects of consolidations and mergers is now while these consolidations are taking place."

The resolution states that J. P. Morgan & Co., and the First National bank of New York, are the fiscal agents and financial promoters of the "Nickel Plate" consolidation. Morgan & Co. and the First National bank, it says, "already own or control a large part of the railroad properties located in the eastern states, as well as in other sections of the country."

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Fairbury.—Roose Wholesale Grocery company of this city is installing a Springfield sprinkler system in its new Fairbury building at a cost of nearly \$10,000, which will reduce its fire insurance 65 per cent.



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