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Boys Meet Death at Heacock's Elevator

Arthur Boyd, aged fourteen and Lester Kermode, aged about seven, were killed Friday evening by being smothered in a bin of shelled corn at P. S. Heacock's elevator. Just how the boys came to get into the bin, will probably never be known, as nobody saw them enter the building or knew of their presence there until their dead bodies were discovered. It is supposed that they climbed up the stairs on the outside of the building and the theory is advanced by some that the smaller boy fell from the narrow foot-board into the bin and that in attempting to rescue him, the older boy also lost his life. A car was being loaded from this bin and the corn flowing from the chute created a powerful suction and dragged the boys down under the grain where they were smothered to death.

The Kermode boy was a son of Mrs. Fred Harris, while the Boyd boy was her brother. When the boys did not come home to supper a search was begun and the older boys cap was found on the roof of the engine house at the elevator. This caused a fear on the part of the employes at the elevator that the boys might of fallen into the bin, and this fear was soon confirmed by the fact that the grain ceased to flow from the chute. On further examination, it was found that the body of the Kermode boy had lodged at the mouth of the spout and it was quickly removed. The body

of the Boyd boy was recovered later by removing a portion of the floor of the bin. Mr. Heacock was notified and went at once to the scene. He was much affected by the accident, as he never allows children to play around the elevator and under no circumstances would the employes have allowed the boys to remain had they seen them. At the request of Mr. Heacock, Coroner Reneker held an inquest and the jury returned the following verdict:

STATE OF NEBRASKA }
Richardson County } ss

At an inquisition holden at Falls City in Richardson county on the 15th day of April A. D. 1904, before me, George W. Reneker, coroner of said county, upon the bodies of Lester Kermode and Alfred Boyd, lying dead, by the jurors whose names are here subscribed, the said jurors upon their oath do say that they came to their death accidentally by being smothered in a corn bin at the elevator and not due to any foul means.— T. G. Brown, P. H. Hermes, J. Wilcox, E. W. Woolcock, George F. Plege, A. R. Goolsby.

In witness whereof the said jurors have hereunto set their hands the day and year aforesaid.

Attest: DR. GEO. W. RENEKER,
Coroner.

Mrs. Harris was prostrated when the news of the accident was conveyed to her. The entire community sympathizes with her and with the members of her family in this great and sudden bereavement. The bodies were taken to Rulo Sunday for interment, the father of the Kermode boy being buried there.

Died.

Grandma Schrader died at the home of her son, J. J. Schrader in Verdon on Sunday, April 17th, 1904. The funeral was held from the Evangelical church on Tuesday at 1 p. m.

Mrs. Isabella Tulka Schrader was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, June 24, 1811 and lived until after her marriage in Germany. Sometime in the forties they moved to Australia and there lived about eight years, during their stay there her husband died. From there she and the children moved to America settling in Illinois. While there or about 1858 she united with the Evangelical church of which she has been a member ever since. In 1875 she moved to Richardson county where she lived until death

claimed her. She was 92 years, 9 months and 23 days old.

She leaves to mourn her departure 4 children, J. J. Schrader and Mrs. John Benedict of Verdon, Mrs. E. Reike, of Chester, and Mrs. Brandt of Illinois besides several grand children and great grand children.

Hepfingers Big Log.

Wm. Hepfinger was in town this week visiting his old friends. He lived here a great many years, during part of which time he was deputy United States marshal. Since leaving here he has sojourned along the Pacific coast and is now enroute for St. Louis, where he will have an exhibit at the exposition. The exhibit is the embodiment of his own idea and is very

unique. He secured one of the big trees that grow in Washington and from it cut a log 36 feet long and 9 feet in diameter. This log has been hollowed out and contains three rooms, an office, a parlor and a den of living wild animals. The log is mounted on a flat car and will form a part of the Washington exhibit at the exposition.

Married.

Johanna Sullivan and John J. Vogel were married at St. Francis Catholic church Wednesday morning, Rev. Bex performing the ceremony in the presence of a number of friends and relatives. The bride and groom and both well known to the people of this community and many friends sincerely congratulate them.

Sullivan-Bently.

A Lincoln special of April 20 says: Miss Florence Sullivan, whose parents live in Oklahoma City, Ok., and C. E. Bently, jr., whose father was the prohibition candidate for president in the campaign of 1896, were married in Omaha last Saturday night. The parents of neither knew of the marriage. The father of the groom, a preacher in this city, was so disappointed when he learned that his son had been married by another minister, that he persuaded the young man to procure a license in this county and be wedded again. The second ceremony was performed in Lincoln last night and the couple left today for Denver, where Mr. Bently is employed in a railroad office. The bride was a student in the University of Nebraska and would have been graduated next year. Mr. Bently had been employed in the Burlington offices here. When he received word that he had secured a place in the Denver & Rio Grande offices he asked Miss Sullivan if she would marry him.

The above dispatch will be of interest to the many friends of the bride in this city. She is the daughter of T. F. Sullivan who lived here for a number of years.

Odd Fellows Anniversary.

On next Tuesday the Odd Fellows of this city will celebrate the 85th anniversary of their order. They have invited a number of other lodges to assist them and it is expected that they will have some 300 visitors. A number of the business houses will decorate in honor of the event, the colors being white, pink, red, blue and green.

Wm. Murphy Kills Himself.

William Murphy committed suicide at the home of his brother, Patrick Murphy, two miles east and three miles south of this city about ten o'clock Tuesday morning. Mr. Murphy had been living in Chicago for the past ten years but a short time ago he returned and had been staying at the home of his brother. At the time of his return he was sick and unable to work, and it is supposed that brooding over his illness led to despondency and the consequent taking of his own life.

He arose about nine o'clock Monday morning and shortly before ten asked Mr. Murphy if his good clothes were in the room up stairs, and being so informed, declared his intentions of getting them. He went up stairs and a few moments later the report of the gun was heard. A daughter of Mrs. Murphy rushed to the room and found the unfortunate man lying in a pool of blood and in a few moments he had breathed his last. Investigation showed that he had taken a shot gun that stood in the corner of the room, and after ransacking bureau drawers for shells had loaded and cocked both barrels. He removed the shoe from the right foot, placed the muzzle of the weapon against his left side over the heart and pulled trigger with his toe. The powder burned his clothing and the charge tore a great hole in his side.

Coroner Reneker was notified of the tragedy and went at once to the scene. A jury was empanelled and on the evidence submitted, the following verdict was returned:

STATE OF NEBRASKA }
Richardson County } ss

At an inquisition holden at Patrick Murphy's in Falls City township in Richardson county on the 19th day of April, A. D. 1904, before me, Dr. Geo. W. Reneker, coroner of said county, upon the body of William Murphy lying dead, by the juror's whose names are hereto subscribed, the said jurors upon their oath do say that William Murphy came to his death by a gunshot wound in his left breast by his own hand.— Ellis Powell, M. Sullivan, C. F. Zoeller, M. McMahon, Anton Smith, J. A. Etheridge.

In testimony whereof the said jurors have hereunto set their hands the day and year aforesaid.

Attest: DR. GEO. W. RENEKER,
Coroner.

Mr. Murphy was about thirty-five years of age and unmarried. He leaves two brothers, Patrick, at whose home he died, Thomas, who resides near Barada, and one sister, Mrs. J. Kanaly.

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