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Tragedy Near Nebraska City.

Miss Dolla Lloyd aged thirty seven was choked to death by her sister Lucy, aged thirty-four last Saturday at their home, seven miles north of Nebraska City. As they were both preparing for bed Miss Lucy grabbed her sister by the neck and choked her. She stayed in the room with the corpse all night, there being no one else in the house as the sisters live alone on the farm.

She could give no motive for the crime except that she had brooded over a possible separation from her sister, who had been under a doctor's care for the past six months, for insanity.

The mother died some twenty years ago leaving the sisters without a mother's care. The father was sent to the insane asylum about thirty years ago but escaped and came home, staying a very little while, then disappeared and has not been heard from since.

The morning following the tragedy their renters not seeing them called at the house about 8:00 o'clock, and Lucy told them of her deed. She was perfectly calm at that time but soon became hysterical, and was placed in the city jail Sunday evening by Sheriff Donovan where she will await a hearing.

At the inquest by Coroner Karsten, the jury decided that the younger sister committed the crime while suffering from emotional insanity.

Cloud Burst.

Sunday evening, Lincoln suffered from one of the most destructive wind and rain storms in its history. Following a sultry but moderately warm day, the storm was wholly unexpected.

A terrific downpour commenced about 6:30 in the evening and only lasted about thirty minutes, but the damage in that time amounted to thousands of dollars. In the residence districts cellars were filled, lawns transformed into lakes and water came up into the residences. In the business portion large stocks of goods in the basements suffered extensive damage, in some stores being entirely submerged.

Street car service was tied up and in some places the water in the streets was three feet deep. This state of affairs did not last much over a half hour, when the water went down quite rapidly.

With The Colts.

The Colts again played a nine section game with the Verdon team on the Verdon diamond, last Sunday, and as usual Falls City was victorious.

Several neat plays were made but nothing on the sensational order. Aside from the accident to Ray Meyers the game was a pleasant one. Elmer Prior took Sears' place in left field when the latter took the pitcher's mit.

The diamond was in good condition having been worked well since the rain Saturday evening. Score stood 10 to 3, in favor of the Colts and our fans were satisfied.

Court House Calendar.

County Court meets July 10th. District Court July 11th. County Board of Equalization, July 31st.

Completes His Work.

Our County Assessor George Jorn closed his official duties last Friday completing everything including the smallest details in a very short time.

The office of County Assessor is in its infancy this being its third year under the new law.

As Mr. Jorn becomes acquainted he sees where he can make a saving and started in this year with this object in view; to do the work as quickly and as accurate as it could possibly be done.

The work was hurried along from start to finish and shows energy all the way through.

Under Mr. Jorn's methods the expense was five hundred and eight dollars less this year than it took last year to run the same office. It was also two hundred dollars less than the expenses in 1903 under the old law.

One can readily see how such systematic care will save the county's finance, counting up in years, to a large sum.

Our increase in property value is also extremely gratifying showing that we are on the path that leads to the summit of the hill. The gain over last years assessed value is eighty-three thousand dollars which represents five times this amount or four-hundred and fifteen thousand dollars in value. Fifty-eight thousand dollars of this eighty-three thousand is personal property; one half of it being in money in the various banks and the balance of the increase, or twenty-nine thousand dollars is in grain, cattle and such.

Such a condition speaks well of Richardson county and its citizens, and bids us remember that we have one of the finest places around anywhere.

Mr. Jorn completed his work last Friday, having given every detail his careful attention and having everything finished up in spick and span order before the first of July.

This is the best record that office that we know of in that office and our citizens should remember it, along with the figures in cash that have been saved.

Mr. Jorn we presume is now busy on the farm.

Baby Tipped Over.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Giannini received quite a fall on Monday morning. Mrs. Giannini had some shopping to do in the George Hall shoe store and left the baby in the go-cart out in front of the store, putting on the brake.

The brake didn't work right and the cart ran off the edge of the sidewalk, upsetting the baby in the mud, before the wadding cart was noticed on its stroll.

The cries of the infant brought help immediately. Dr. Miner was called but aside from several bruises, and the mud, there were no serious results.

M. E. Church.

The following services next Sabbath:

9:45 Sunday school.
10:45 preaching.
3:00 p. m. Junior league.
7 p. m. Epworth league.
8:00 p. m., sermon
You are invited to attend.

W. T. CLINE, Pastor.

The subject of sermon at the Presbyterian church next Sabbath morning will be "Jobs Daughter," on some practical thoughts and facts for girls, young women and women.

Wedding Bells.

A very quiet wedding occurred at St. Joseph, Mo., on Monday June 25th the principals being Miss Elizabeth Santo and Mr. Sylvester Van Hoonnissen. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Linnen Kamp of the Catholic Church.

The groom has lived in St. Joseph all his life and possesses those qualities which make the best of success in life's business world. He is employed as book-keeper in the Stock Yards Bank.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Joseph Santo and is well known here. She enjoys a large circle of friends who sincerely wish her all success.

The young couple have gone to house keeping at 229 West Isabell Street and have the congratulations of their many friends, here who unite in wishing them a happy prosperous married life.

Change in Agents.

Grant Stewart agent at the C. B. & Q. station in this city, recently resigned his position, and on Friday the auditor came to check up, previous to the change.

E. G. Whitford of Edgar, Neb., relieves Mr. Stewart and is certainly well qualified for the position.

Mr. Stewart was offered several flattering propositions for agent's stations by the headquarters on the Burlington, but he declined them all. He has been at the local station for eighteen years and will be greatly missed; in fact, it was a severe jar when we heard that he was going away.

We understand that Mr. Stewart will leave soon for a three months tour thro' the states.

Broke Collar Bone.

While playing base ball at Verdon Sunday afternoon, Ray Meyers, our catcher, had the misfortune to sustain a broken collar bone. He kept on playing ball, thumping the shoulder was simply wrenched a trifle, but was finally compelled to leave the plate. However he did not have it attended to that evening and Monday morning the pain was so severe as to cause him to seek a surgeons assistance.

Drs. McMillan and Hayes set the bone and Ray will soon be all O. K. again.

Heacock caught during the remainder of the game while Sears took Roy's place in the pitcher's box.

DIED.

Randolph, the little four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zentner, was buried from their country residence on Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. in the afternoon. The little fellow has been very ill for four weeks with appendicitis and last Saturday it was found necessary to perform an operation. His strength was too far gone, and he never recovered, dying forty-eight hours after enduring the operation. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of many friends in the hour of their loss.

Vinegar Factory Locates.

Word was received this week that Mr. Leo and son will arrive in this city today in the interest of the vinegar factory.

We now see a substantial business structure, in the form of a vinegar factory, located in Falls City, and wish that many more such enterprises will enter our field.

A Close Call.

The three-year-old child of Herman Koehler, while playing near the supply tank at their home twelve miles northeast of this city last Thursday morning came very near drowning. The father was in the field plowing, the mother was busy with her household work, and the children were playing out in the yard.

The little fellow was playing apart from the others and was standing near the tank which was full of water. In some manner he lost his balance and fell face forward into the water which was of sufficient depth to have caused his death. However, the other children happened to see the accident and pulled him from the water in a half conscious condition. Mrs. Koehler, hearing the cries of the children, quickly came and took charge of the baby, which is all right now. Had it not been for the close proximity of the other children the little one would have been drowned being too young to make any effort to save its life.

Council Meets.

The city's officials met in regular session Monday night and transacted all the business then requiring their consideration. Roll call was responded to by Fast, Hutchins, McKiever and Windle.

Efforts have been made to open the alley through block 163, and the Street commissioner was ordered to open same; also to open the 10th street on the north side of block 163.

A resolution was passed to the following effect, in the matter of the claim of the city against ex-treasurer to the extent of \$4,000, having been assigned to his bondsmen, in consideration of payment by them of defaultation of said ex-treasurer, by them already paid in discharge of their liabilities to said city.

Motion was passed that property owners on southeast corner of block 130 be requested to vacate the street on the south and east. Committee was appointed, consisting of Mayor Barrett, Councilmen Fast and Windle to investigate the water rentals and report at the next meeting.

Andrew Cameron and Mesdames A. G. Wanner and E. L. Tobie were appointed as members of the library board for three years.

Council fixed the levy on taxes for general revenue purposes, not to exceed ten mills on the dollar, on all property within city limits on valuation as ascertained by assessment rule of city townships, and to levy such special tax as may be necessary, and a certified copy given to the county clerk.

Auditing committee audited claims to the amount of \$1753.40 on various funds as follows:

Occupation \$664.21.

Water \$341.68.

Electric light \$747.51.

Moved that warrants be drawn for above amount. Motion carried that the clerk be instructed to advertise for bids for coal, for the water and the light plant, for the year commencing Sept., 12th 1906 and ending Sept., 11th 1907; bids to be in by 12 o'clock Aug 6th 1906.

Council then adjourned to meet July 16, for consideration of the side walk question.

Gus Haller, formerly a resident of this city, now of Grand Island, Nebr., was shaking hands with friends here the first of the week.

Drowned at Chicago.

Word was received here Monday, giving the sad news of the sudden death of Harry Gardner, who until a year or so ago, lived in this city. The accident happened at Chicago on the shores of Lake Michigan, about 8 o'clock Sunday evening. He and three companion were on the beach, when Harry stepped out on a rock and stooped over to dip his hands in the water. In doing so his foot slipped, plunging him into the water which was about fourteen feet deep. The lake was very rough and it was fully one-half hour before the body was recovered. He was brought to this city on Tuesday afternoon.

Harry Gardner was well known to nearly every resident of this city, having lived here during his entire life. He was an exceptionally bright student reasoning out every little detail and mastering every subject before he left it. A member of the class of '04, he graduated from the High school with one of the highest and best records attained by any graduate of the Falls City schools.

And coupled with his student career came his success on the High School Athletic field, he taking part in several meets of South Eastern Nebraska Athletic Association.

Harry possessed one of the most beautiful unselfish and ambitious characters of Falls City's young gentlemen and will long be remembered on account of such. Untiringly chivalrous and considerate, we do not believe he possessed an enemy in town.

His sad and untimely death came as a great shock to this community.

Whether it be when the eye has lost its luster and the feeble tottering walk deters our progress; whether it be in childhood's budded flower garden, in the morn, when all is bright, or whether it be when we have passed the borderland on Life's Curtain and can dimly see the great scene painted there; Death comes sometime—somewhere to all. In this demise of one of our young men we are minded of the reading of a book. Most books are read by scanning the title, glancing though the introduction and possibly look-over the index for the interesting events. Few stand the test sufficient to warrant entire mastering.

As with books so it is with men. Not always do the deeds of life merit extend biographies; but there is always some character which can be read with interest and which are worthy of example and thus was the brief life of Harry Gardner.

The flowers have their season to wither in; the leaves their time to fall, but Death has all seasons for its own.

Harry N. Gardner, son of Newton (now deceased) and Alice Gardner was born in Falls City, Aug. 19, 1885, and died at Chicago, Ill., July 1, 1906, aged 20 years, 10 months, 11 days.

At the time of his death he was in the sophomore class of the law department of the northwestern university of Chicago and won the highest honors there the past year. He was also connected with one of the leading law firms there.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. T. Cline, Ph. D., pastor of the M. E. church, at 10 a. m., July 4, 1906, from the home of his uncle, Geo. Schock, of this city. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Alice Gardner, and his sister, Mrs. W. L. Turman, of Denver.

Friends out of town were: W. L. Turman and wife, Denver; Mrs. J. J. Whetsel, Independence, Kans.; A. R. Stetlar and daughter, Pawnee City; A. L. Stetlar and family, Salem; Jay Stetlar, Chicago.

Society News.

The members of the Cradle Roll of the Presbyterian Church were the guests of Ethel Parchen last Friday afternoon. Over forty invitations were issued and nearly all were present to enjoy an afternoon of pleasure. The little tots roomed and played to their hearts content. Nellie and Florence Cleaver, Mable Greenwald, Dorothy Miller and Myrtle Yocum assisted in serving refreshments.

The Epworth League of the M. E. church gave an ice-cream social on Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Weaver. Many colored Japanese lanterns were hung around among the trees making the scene as bright as day. The table were set on the elegant lawn and the evening was one of the most pleasing of the mid-summer events.

The Tournament Whist club met with Norman Musselman and wife on last Thursday evening. The usual good time was enjoyed by all present.

On last Monday evening Bert Reavis and wife entertained the Tournament Whist club. Dave Reavis and Mrs. Ned Towle received highest honors for being the best players of the evening. All report a very pleasant evening.

The Sunday School members of the Preston Zion and Falls City German churches enjoyed a 4th of July picnic about 6 miles east of this city. A bountiful dinner was enjoyed while ice cream and cake, played a prominent part.

A jolly crowd enjoyed an imaginary out of doors picnic at a genuine picnic dinner given on Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Maud Maddox. Fire works and a taffy-pull were among the principal events.

The M. E. Kensington had planned a picnic at the home of the Misses Schock for Wednesday afternoon which was postponed on account of the showers.

About sixteen members of the Presbyterian C. E. enjoyed a glorious time at Sun Springs the Fourth.

The Young Married Ladies Kensington spent Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Laura Speers.

Miles Will Case.

The Miles will case was up before Judge Raper in the district court on Monday of this week. It was on a motion by Joseph H. Miles and some of his co-defendants, to dismiss some of the plaintiffs out of the case. It appears that such an effort has been made before, both in the district court and in the supreme court, but failure has attended every attempt, and precedents were not altered by the decision of Judge Raper who overruled the motion. The defendants also asked leave to file an amended answer. The amended pleading was ordered served on the plaintiff's attorneys for examination, with privilege to offer any objections to it they might have. Among other objections, they asked the court to strike out of it, the old worn out scandal known as the Harbaugh story. The district and supreme courts had repudiated the stuff as improper as evidence, and Judge Raper following their lead, struck it from the proposed amendment, and it will not likely play the role of Banquo's ghost a any further in these proceedings. There are those who believe that the amendment was asked for no other purpose than to give that stale slander a new lease of life in the will case. The pleadings as trimmed down was allowed to be filed, and the case set for trial on its merits in September.