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Work of the Schredder.

Edward the nineteen year old son of Antoine Smith of this city, was the victim of a most shocking accident Monday evening, which, if it does not cost him his life, will leave him an armless man.

He and his brother Paul were shredding corn for a party near Preston, and Edward was feeding while Paul looked after the engine. In some manner his left hand became caught in the machine and in attempting to throw off the belt, he lost his balance and in order to save his entire body from being precipitated onto the many revolving knives, he threw his right hand down, both being torn into strips.

The physician at Rulo was telephoned for, that being the nearest place, but as he was making a professional call in the country, Dr. Houston of this city was called. The doctor drove down immediately and nearly at the same time the physician from Rulo arrived upon the scene, and together they dressed the wounds.

After a careful examination it was decided that it was necessary to amputate the one above the elbow and the other just below.

The young man underwent the ordeal with wonderful endurance and on Tuesday was brought to this city and taken to the home of Mrs. C. B. Elliott the professional nurse.

At this writing it is thought that he will survive the shock and his life spared.

It was certainly a most shocking accident and the young sufferer has the sympathy of all in his pitiable condition.

Society News

Mrs. Frank Schaible was hostess to the members of the Kaffee Klatch club on Tuesday afternoon. The pleasures of the event were many and varied. Refreshments were served.

The ladies Aid society met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. S. H. Bayne and enjoyed a pleasant gathering.

Viola Lippold entertained fourteen of her friends on Thursday evening of the past week. A pleasant time was spent with games, music and refreshments.

Sorosis met in regular session on Wednesday, Feb. 27, with Mrs. A. E. Hill, and notwithstanding the inclement weather, quite a number of the members were present. It being the birthday of Longfellow, the principle thoughts of the day pertained to him; most members giving quotations from his works. Mrs. Kate Steele read a review of his life, while Mrs. Banks gave some interesting personal reminiscences of him. The transition of words and the evolving of new ones, also a list of words not in frequent use, was presented in a very interesting article by Mrs. Ewalt, and a review of Middlemarch and short synopsis of the life of the author, by Mrs. Kate Steele, filled out a very enjoyable session. The usual social half hour followed.

Republican City Caucus.

The republicans of Falls City are called to meet in caucus at the court house at 8 o'clock p. m., sharp, Monday evening, March 4, 1907, for the purpose of selecting candidates for the various municipal offices for the coming year.

HARRY PENCE,
P. B. WEAVER,
C. T. LIPPOLD,
Committeemen.

Forty-first Wedding Anniversary

Thursday, February twenty first, being the forty-first anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. William Cade of this city, Mr. Cade and daughter Miss Ethel, planned a surprise on Mrs. Cade by inviting the members of the G. A. R. Post, Relief Corps and other friends to assist them. The home of Comrade J. R. Messler was chosen as the base of operations. The party met there and at 8 o'clock, marched to the Cade home. Miss Ethel was playing the piano at the time, as had been previously arranged, and Mrs. Cade being interested in the music was not aware that her home was being invaded until the entire party had entered and were housed in the kitchen, dining and bed rooms. The parlor doors were then opened and the surprise was complete. Some time was then spent socially when Comrade Samuel Mower announced that Comrade and Mrs. Cade had been living as husband and wife for forty one years, but as no one present had witnessed their marriage, they must now be married in the presence of the witnesses assembled. The marriage was then performed by Justice John Spragins, the ring ceremony being employed (and the ring was a very costly one, the groom having provided it in the other arrangements of which the bride knew nothing about). Vet Simanton acted as groomsmen and Mrs. Wilson Korner as bridesmaid. The fun reached its climax when Justice Spragins and groomsmen Simanton kissed the bride. The party then did justice to a grand supper which had been prepared by the ladies of the Relief Corps. The writer knew Mr. and Mrs. Cade and was present at their twelfth wedding anniversary twenty-nine years ago. Then their oldest children were small—now they are married and have homes and families of their own. Then they were poor financially but rich in love for each other and their little children and neighbors. Now they are well-to-do financially and have grandchildren by the dozen.

But to return to the last wedding. Supper being over the intruders had a grand social time until a late hour when the party took their leave, thanking Mr. and Mrs. Cade for the pleasant entertainment and realizing though they are growing old in years, their honeymoon is not yet over and that is as it should be.

District Court.

District Court convened Monday with Judge Kelligar on the bench. The first case tried was the liquor case of the State vs Harry Simons and resulted in a verdict of guilty on two counts and not guilty on eleven. Leyda against Cronnenberger has had the center of the stage ever since. The case was submitted to the jury about noon yesterday. We go to press too early to announce the result. The next cases to be tried will be Strawn against the Humboldt bank and Banzhoff against the Humboldt bank. Judge Raper will probably hold court next week.

Will Meet Tuesday.

The members of the Womens Auxilliary to the Cemetery Association will meet Tuesday afternoon, March 5th, with Mrs. John Holt. There will be the election of officers to be attended to besides other important business and a full attendance is desired.

The Famine In China.

From reliable sources it is learned that the present condition of that country is appalling. So intense is the suffering that parents throw their children into the streams rather than see them die of starvation. Fifteen million people have become impoverished in the afflicted district and people are dying in the fields, on the roads and in the streets.

The condition of this country is such that outside help must be administered or this terrible calamity to that nation will continue until a harvest can be had.

In this great land of plenty where our lot has been cast we should not forget the less fortunate. Let each one do something toward saving the life of a poor starving human. An American dollar will keep the Chinese wolf from the door for a long time and you will feel the better for having done something toward the relief of the human family, who from no fault of their own are starving by the thousands.

A number of our good citizens have taken this work in hand and will endeavor to raise a fund for these suffering people and if you feel like helping and are not called upon, just leave your offering at any bank in this city where arrangements have been made so that the funds will reach the committee who have this matter in charge. It is estimated that three cents a day will keep one person in that country and yet they are without the means of support. What will you do?

The People Win.

The long drawn out Burlington tax case, which has been a thorn in the flesh of the community since 1904, is at last decided, the higher court, decreeing that the railroads must pay up. It is a victory of the people over corporations in the highest tribunal in the land and settles for all time the question that corporations, like individuals, must pay their taxes. It is estimated that a million dollars in taxes were involved in this decision. We haven't had the time to investigate as to the amount due Richardson county, but whatever the amount may be, it will certainly fill a long felt want. Here are a few figures as regard interest of the state in this matter:

The taxes involved are for the years 1904, 1905 and 1906. The states interest is smaller than the interest of the counties. The state levy for two of the years in dispute was six mills on the dollar and for one year was seven mills on the dollar. The state taxes due are estimated conservatively at \$200,000. This is based on an assessed valuation of \$20,000,000 for the Burlington system and on \$12,000,000 for the Union Pacific road. The Burlington system in Nebraska is assessed at \$7,800 a mile and the Union Pacific road at \$55,000 total or \$11,000 assessed value per mile. The interest alone on the Burlington tax for 1904 is estimated at \$60,000. Thirty or forty thousand dollars more has piled up since that, and the Union Pacific tax will at least crowd the total beyond the \$100,000 mark for interest alone. Some estimate the share of the tax due the state as high as \$300,000.

Seed Oats For Sale.

I have several hundred bushels of good seed Oats for sale at my farm seven miles south-west of Falls City. 63-2t

P. B. WEAVER.

More Bridge Exposures.

The condition of bridge matters has become so serious that a special meeting of the board of supervisors has been called for Saturday March 9th, to consider the matter. The bridge committee urges all taxpayers interested in the matter to attend this meeting.

The committee unloaded the material for the steel bridge to be erected in Speiser precinct that was purchased by McCray which he claimed weighed 21,000 pounds. It was found to weigh but 19,800 pounds or 5,500 pounds less than the Gilligan Company's contract calls for. This was and is bad enough in itself, but further investigations showed it to be an old second hand bridge, used and discarded by some other county and thrown on this county by McCray in order that he might make a showing of economy and thereby play even with his enemies.

This bridge would be a positive menace to the traveling public of Speiser precinct. The junk lies near a corn crib in Du Bois and can be examined by any taxpayer.

The committee investigated other bridges built under McCray's supervision and found them in a deplorable condition. For instance a bridge built by Stalder one half mile east of Nims City. It was found that the piles of this bridge had been set with a post hole auger. Six piles were sawed so unevenly at the top that the cap rested only on the high point of the piling. The joists were only twelve inches deep instead of fourteen. The outside joists on the south were broken at the middle and seem to have been in such condition when erected. The next joists had a large knot at least eleven inches long almost the full depth of the joist, the other joists were likewise defective. This bridge is so defective as to be dangerous to travel and will probably have to be condemned.

This is but a sample. The bridge committee has made this investigation in an effort to ascertain the true condition. If you, as a taxpayer are interested you should attend this meeting and learn for yourself how McCray has been saving or squandering your money.

Quite a Souvenir.

Norman Musselman has received a very pretty souvenir from his relative on the Thaw jury. On the outside is the picture of a girl that looks dangerously like Evelyn Nesbit Thaw. On the first inside page is the title of the case. The next page contains the menu for their Sunday dinner, which, by the way, was a good one. On the back page is the autograph of all the jurors.

Our Artist Honored.

Miss Alice Cleaver has just been informed that five of her pictures have been accepted and have been hung in a place of honor in the exhibit of the "Art Students League of Chicago." This annual exhibit contains pictures by several prominent American Artists.

Miss Cleaver also received word from the "Chicago Exhibit" that one of her pictures there, The Girl in the Chair, had sold for seventy-five dollars.

The painting was exhibited with others of Miss Alice's work, at the White Store in this city. Its merit was recognized as is shown by its sale. The study is of a girl sitting in an ordinary tapestry covered chair, reading a book.

Death Record

Allie Ann Everly, daughter of Isaac L. and Martha V. Everly, was born September 19, 1872, in Belmont county, Ohio. She lived there with her parents until she was five years old when they moved to Rulo, Neb., where they lived one year. They then moved to a farm three miles north of Rulo, where the mother died. The family next moved to Missouri, where Allie resided for seven years previous to her marriage. She was married to Mr. Alvin Firebaugh March 21, 1893, in Falls City. They resided on a farm in Richardson county until the death of Mr. Firebaugh which occurred May 8, 1900. To this union were born three children, Floyd, Ethel and Willie Firebaugh. After the death of her husband Mrs. Firebaugh resided with her children in Falls City, providing for and keeping them together. On September 29, 1904, she was married to Benjamin F. Slagle, with whom she and her children have lived happily since then in Falls City.

She made the good confession, was baptized and united with the First Christian church in the winter of 1900, during a meeting held by Rev. Vawter, under the ministry of Rev. Elmer Ward Cole. Since then she has led a consistent christian life and was a very devoted member of the church and a faithful and untiring worker of the Willing Workers.

She had a severe illness during the last year in the month of July on account of gall stones. She was a very patient sufferer from this for a number of weeks but rallied, again taking up her daily duties. The disease however had fastened on her and three weeks ago Mrs. Slagle was again confined to her bed. It was decided after consultation that an operation might possibly save her life. She was operated on for gall stones on February 21st, during which operation one large stone was removed. She rallied from the operation quite nicely for a time but on the following day had a sinking spell. At 4:30 o'clock on the morning of February 23, 1907, death came to relieve her sufferings and she departed this life for the life beyond with the full confidence and hope of the christian.

She was a member of the Knights & Ladies of Security, council No. 610, and of the Woodmen Circle. She was a very kind and devoted mother, a faithful and loving sister, a true and devoted wife, an esteemed and respected neighbor and a true friend in need. She was self-forgetful and very considerate of the feelings of others. There is left to mourn her loss, a father, two sisters, four brothers, besides her husband and children.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon by Rev. T. A. Lindenmeyer at the First Christian church. The edifice was crowded, even to the ante rooms and not one in that vast throng but what seemed to be a mourner. The one lying in the casket had been a true friend to all and the grief was sincere and heartfelt. It seemed hard that one so young should die when life was sunshine for her, when the home was all love and helpfulness, children to care for and a loving husband to shield and surround her with his love and care, yet it is not ours to question for "God grant that we may as calmly rest—when our work like hers is done."

After the funeral services at the church, the sad cortege, over a mile in length, wended its way to the Steele cemetery, where the services were in charge of the Knights & Ladies of Security and the Woodmen Circle. And there lies sleeping Allie A. Slagle.

Meets Sudden Death.

On Wednesday morning the local freight train on the Burlington, from St. Joseph arrived in this city about ten o'clock and among the passengers to alight, was J. W. Hosford. He started to walk from the track on which the freight was standing to the station platform, and was talking to his companion, John D. Minter, of the Davis Milling Co., of St. Joseph, when suddenly he threw up his arms and fell backwards. Mr. Minter and the local station employees loosened his collar and tried otherwise to render assistance but death was almost instantaneous and help was of no avail. He was carried a few feet from the track until the arrival of the coroner, when the inquest was held. Following is the verdict:

THE STATE OF NEBRASKA,
Richardson County

At an inquisition holden at Falls City Nebraska, in Richardson County on the 27 day of February A. D. 1907 before me, Dr. Geo. W. Reneker, coroner of said county, upon the body of James W. Hosford lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed, the said jurors upon their oath do say that the said James W. Hosford came to his death from natural causes and not from violence or foul means.

JNO. WILTSE,
FRED SIBBOLD,
O. P. STOUTINGTON,
L. C. BEASLEY,
J. W. SHIPLEY,
WILL GOOLSBY.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the said jurors have hereunto set their hands the day and year aforesaid.

DR. GEO. W. RENEKER,
Coroner.

Mr. Hosford was one of the oldest of the residents and citizens of Rulo having been in business there for nearly forty years. In the early pioneer days Mr. Hosford was one of the government employees who drove the supply wagons and stages. Then the dangers of traveling were many and now form interesting tales in history. He was also a member of the committee which petitioned the railroad to build their road through Rulo. When it was learned that the railroad intended missing Rulo in the construction of their road, an indignation meeting was held in the store building of Mr. Hosford. It was through the untiring efforts of this committee that the road was finally built on its present route through this county.

The firm of Hosford & Gagnon, for the past forty years was a prominent one of Rulo, of which J. W. Hosford was a partner. In August of last year Mr. Gagnon, the other member of this firm, fell down a stairway, from which injuries he died in a few days. Within six months both members have passed away, and the old firm is no more.

Mr. Hosford was also an old member of the Masonic order.

Reavis & Abbey had charge of the body on Wednesday and it was taken to Rulo Wednesday afternoon on the four o'clock train. Funeral services will probably be held Friday.

Married.

One of the prettiest home weddings of the season was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Werner, when their daughter, Miss Emma, was united in marriage to Mr. Frank Yoesel. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Manshardt at two o'clock.

Thursday afternoon in the presence of over fifty guests. After the ceremony and congratulations an elegant dinner was served.

The bride is one of the most pleasant of Falls City's young ladies while the groom is a young man of ability and excellent character.

We join with their many friends in wishing them a happy and prosperous married life.