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Died.

Mrs. Sarah Shultz, died at her home five miles east of this city Sunday morning May 12th. the result of an operation for apendicitis. Mrs. Shultz was ill only a very short time and her death comes as a terrible shock to her family who are almost prostrated with grief.

A week before her death Mrs. Shultz seemed in the best of health and had celebrated her thirty-seventh birthday with a party of friends at her home the Sunday before.

Her sickness was of a short duration. Beside her husband she leaves five children, three sons and two daughters, her parents, August Frick and wife two sisters, Mrs. John Shultz, and Mrs. Wm. Leitz, and a brother, Wm. Frick, to mourn her death.

The funeral services and interment were held at the German Lutheran Church. Rev. Englebrecht officiating.

The family and relatives have the sympathy of a host of friends in their sorrow.

Rev. Fred Unland Dead.

The following is from the State Journal of May 15th regarding the death of Rev. Fred Unland, father of Mrs. A. E. Gantt, of this city:

Rev. Fred Unland, who has been lying at the point of death at his home in this city for several weeks, died at 10 o'clock Sunday evening, in his 77th year. Deceased was a native of Hanover, Germany, but came to this country with his parents when but 14 year of age. His earlier life was spent in Illinois, from which state he entered the ministry, preaching under direction of the German Methodist church, by which organization he was sent to this place in 1880. He remained pastor of the local church about six years, going thence to other charges in the conference district. About 1893 he was returned again to Humboldt to preach, but a few years thereafter was placed on the retired list, having been engaged in ministerial work thirty-five years. He and his wife continued to reside here, where they have been able to accumulate considerable property. Mr. Unland was taken ill last winter.

Heir to the Throne of Spain.

A little prince was born to the King and Queen of Spain last Friday, May 10, and the whole country took on holiday attire to celebrate the event which to the House of Barbon is most important. There was no sleep for the populous Friday night as the rejoicing over the birth of the little Prince of the Asturias was kept up well on toward morning.

The most rigid ceremonies required by Spanish court etiquette surrounding the birth of the first Royal child were observed. At the firing of the salute of twenty-one guns to announce the birth of a Prince the whole country was thrown into excitement and rejoicing.

The recording of the baby's birth and the christening will be attended with all the ancient formality and ceremonies of the Spanish court. Pope Pius the Tenth is to be the Godfather to the little Prince, whose name will be Alfonso.

It is reported that Queen Victoria and her baby are in the best of health.

Abe Ruff, the notorious swindler and grafter of San Francisco, indicted on the charge of bribery, plead guilty to the charges in the San Francisco courts last Wednesday.

The Field Meet.

The Interscholastic Field and Track meet, with the high schools from Falls City, Pawnee City, Auburn, Nebraska City and Humboldt competing, was held in Auburn last Saturday afternoon. A large crowd was in attendance from the several cities and a most exciting contest was witnessed. Falls City won with 28 1/2 points, Pawnee City was second with 27 1/2 points, Nebraska City third, Auburn fourth and Humboldt fifth. Each event was hotly contested and some of them so exciting as to arouse the partisans in the grand stand to frenzy. The finishes in the mile race, which was won by Yoder of Falls City, and the half mile in which Yoder and Falloon finished first and second, were the most exciting and most bitterly contested events on the program. All the contestants in the half mile finished pumped out, some of them falling on the track unconscious before crossing the line. The exhibition of nerve shown by Falloon in this race wrought the Falls City contingent to the highest pitch of excitement. To win the meet it was necessary for us to get both first and second places in this event. Yoder had passed everybody on the back stretch and was leading the eleven contestants by a narrow margin when Falloon shot out from last place and began to go by the field like a greyhound. A hundred yards from the tape he was fighting it out for second place, fifty yards farther he was at Yoder's heels with the third man all in and staggering. Yoder didn't know who it was that was pressing him so hard and Falloon didn't know that the third man had nothing left, consequently the struggle between the two boys was terrific. Side by side they finished, each to stagger and fall as he crossed the tape, while the crowd screamed in excitement. The eight points won in this event gave Falls City first place and the meet.

The events in which Falls City won or was placed are as follows:

440 yard run, Falloon, third place.
Running broad jump, Shock, third place.

Mile run, Yoder, first place.
Running high jump, Shock tied with Alberts of Auburn for first place.

Shot put, Rodewald second and McDowell third.

Half mile run, Yoder first, Falloon second. The time (2:15) is twelve seconds better than made at the inter-state meet in Lincoln last week.

Pole vault, Falls City team (Falloon, Rodewald, McDowell, Shock), first place.

FIELD NOTES.

Falls City won with five boys entered. Some of the schools had a dozen entries.

Perdew of Pawnee was the best individual athlete competing. He won 2 1/2 points for Pawnee.

The next meet will be held in Falls City if a race track can be provided. Here's something for the park management to furnish.

A thousand people witnessed the event. Everybody went home hoarse.

Falls City had the best looking and best behaved girls on the grounds. Miss Wirt chaperoned them.

At the finish of the half mile race Ruth Heacock exhibited a

voice that beat the mill whistle a city block.

The crowd from Falls City packed the stub train to the doors.

Rodewald lost the first place in the shot put by a fluke. He is by far the best man competing.

The boys go to Lincoln to compete in the state meet. Yoder should win the half mile and possibly the mile.

The team is entitled to all the laurels won. The boys have been training for weeks and each man worked to the period of exhaustion to win.

McDowell won his part of the relay race while suffering with a terrible side-ache.

Edgar Shock is by far the best high jumper. He should have won this event as the Auburn man is not his equal.

Shock ran rings around his opponent in the relay race finishing twenty feet in the lead.

Forgery and Attempted Suicide.

A young man of good dress and appearance, giving his name as McCoy, reached Falls City Thursday noon on the Burlington from St. Joe. He was an entire stranger here but he proceeded to become acquainted with the financial responsibility of our citizens. He went to the Richardson county bank to inquire as to certain farmers and there learned that George W. Fisher, south of Falls City, was a well to do farmer. The young man then commenced to write checks forging Fisher's signature to them. He cashed several of these at the saloons and was getting ready to leave town on the four o'clock train. In the meantime the checks were presented at the bank and pronounced forgeries. A preliminary hearing was had and the young man bound over and sent to jail. He says that he is of a good family living in Kansas City and his appearance and dress corroborate his statement. He declines to give his true name or the address of his parents. He could give no excuse for coming to Falls City, saying that he had just money enough to pay his fare from St. Joseph here, that he knew no one here and could give no reason for coming.

Friday night he attempted suicide by cutting his throat with a wire but was unsuccessful. While he injured himself somewhat severely there is nothing serious about his condition. Sheriff Fenton, immediately upon discovering his condition, gave him medical treatment and removed everything from his cell that he could use for the purpose of self destruction.

Some hold the opinion that he is a professional crook while others are of opinion that he is of respectable and well to do parents and has chosen the crooked path without the knowledge of his people.

Council Meeting.

The city council met in regular session Monday evening. Among other business matters the condition of our water works was discussed. John A. Crook made a report that the stand pipe as well as other parts of the system were in bad shape and required immediate attention. It was disclosed that it costs the city 32 cents to pump a thousand gallons of water, while the same could be pumped into the mains from a well on the W. E. Dorrington land for 9 cents a thousand. It was decided to write Mr. Dorrington for a price on his land.

Falls City May Yet Have Gas.

It has long been known that a bed of carbon shale existed on the farm of John Wagner southwest of town and at various times minor tests have been made to ascertain the value but they have never been satisfactory; consequently it was decided recently to make a thorough test that would show conclusively what the shale would do.

Experts were brought on from Chicago and Forreston, Ill., who made the assay at Crooks hardware store Saturday.

Eight ounces of carbon shale were used in the assays. The shale was burned and from the gas generated from it a gas jet was burned, full capacity, from forty to forty-five minutes. It being impossible to attach a meter to the jet, the accurate amount was not obtained. Also, between two and three ounces of crude oil were deposited. At this rate the shale will produce about 5,000 cubic feet of gas and thirty gallons of oil to the ton.

After the gas and oil are extracted from the shale, it is used as a paint mixture being the only thing known that will withstand salt water. Because of its durability it is used extensively in mixing paints for railroad ties, impiments, etc., and in house paint; infact anything that is to withstand the weather.

The oil is of the same quality as the liquid oil produced by drilled wells with only a slight difference in color. The gas is purer in quality and of greater force.

The expense of producing oil and gas from carbon shale is only a fraction compared the drilling of wells. In drilling oil wells the cost is from \$1,000 to \$1,500 per well, with the chances of getting a dry hole or the loss of a string of tools. The production of oil and gas from shale is a sure thing as are the other uses, the shale is put to after the oil and gas have been converted from it.

The same commodities can be manufactured from the oil obtained from shale as from the natural crude oil.

W. B. Sager and W. G. Plumb of Chicago who are making the assay express themselves as highly pleased with the results.

The bed from which the shale was taken is about eight inches deep on the bank of Pony Creek and it is believed by experts that the outer edge is the thinnest and that the depth of the bed will increase farther into the hill.

At Freeport, Illinois a bed of twenty-two inch thickness is being worked which yields only seven gallons of oil and from 2,500 to 3,000 cubic feet of gas per ton.

Considering the difference in these figures and those obtained by the test of Pony Creek shale it would appear that the latter is far above the average and it is a well known fact that the outer edge is never of as good quality as the interior bed.

If the investigations and experiments being made at the present time show that there is enough shale to justify, a company will be organized at once for the purpose of working it.

Re-elected Financier.

W. A. Greenwald was re-elected treasurer of the A. O. U. W. by the state convention held in Omaha this week. Mr. Greenwald has made an excellent officer as his unanimous re-election indicates.

Society News.

The junior class of the High School tendered a reception to the seniors on Thursday evening of last week at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Burchard. The house was decorated with the class colors, red and white, together with cut flowers and potted plants.

A splendid programme was offered in which Misses Floy Grinstead, Sallie Schoenheit and Anita Wilson assisted. Each number was well rendered and received merited praise.

The guests were limited to the High School faculty, the two classes and the young ladies assisting with the programme.

During the evening excellent punch was served with wafers.

Dainty refreshments, carrying out the class colors, were served. The juniors proved themselves royal entertainers and received the sincere thanks and praises of the guests for a delightful evening.

On Friday afternoon of last week Mrs. J. R. Wilhite was hostess to an afternoon whist party given in honor of her guest, Mrs. Wadhams of Lincoln. Guests for four tables assembled and the afternoon was a merry one. Although the games were interesting the ladies did not forget the social side of the occasion and each guest seemed to enjoy herself thoroughly, and a very good time is reported.

Mrs. Wilhite was assisted in serving elegant refreshments at 5 o'clock by her daughter, Miss Sallie, and Miss Avis Wadhams of Lincoln. During the afternoon these young ladies entertained the guests with excellent music.

The young ladies of the High School were so proud of the High School Athletic club after their success at Auburn last Saturday that an informal reception in their honor was given in the assembly room of the High School Monday evening. Games and music were the order of the evening. Refreshments were served and a jolly good time is reported.

The Married Ladies Kensington entertained the husbands with a whist party last Friday night at the home of Frank Schiabe and wife. The game held the attention of the guests until 11 o'clock when elegant refreshments were served. Mrs. Schaible was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Will Uhlig. Everything that could add to their pleasure was done for the guests. That the evening was most enjoyable was shown by the late hour at which the company left.

The Tournament whist club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Varner last Thursday evening. Charlie Hargrave and Mrs. Dave Reavis beat everybody so badly that out of consideration for the feelings of the other contestants we withhold the score.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Jennie Ewalt gave a reception to a large number of friends at her home on North Stone st. from three until six o'clock. Mrs. Ewalt was assisted in receiving by her daughter, Mrs. Frank Schiabe and her niece, Miss Mable Wilson.

The house was beautiful decorated through out with cut flowers and potted plants. The effect was charming.

The dining room, where elegant refreshments were served was presided over by Misses, Hutchings, Slocum, Jessen, and Heacock. Carnations were presented to each guest upon leaving the dining room.

About sixty guests enjoyed Mrs. Ewalt's hospitality and everything tended to make the afternoon most enjoyable.

A jolly mask party was given at the home of Mable Morrison last Friday evening by a number of her friends. Amature theatricals were the principal entertainment of the evening.

Games and music formed part of the evening amusements. Light refreshments were served. The party was given complimentary to the young hostess before her departure for her new home at Basin, Wyoming.

Mesdames W. H. Crook and James Ramsey received their lady friends on Wednesday afternoon at the home of the former. Mesdames John Crook, Will Crook and Wilhite assisted in receiving the guests.

The house was tastefully decorated and everything was done for the comfort and pleasure of the large crowd which assembled during the afternoon.

Punch was served by Bessie Ramsey. In the dining room Misses Edna Crook, Francis Ramsey and Mrs. Will Ramsey served dainty refreshments. Sallie Schoenheit added to the pleasure of the occasion by playing a number of piano solos.

The teachers of the various schools of the city were entertained at the home of Supt. and Mrs. Tobie.

Games of various kinds and music were enjoyed during the evening. All report a royal good time.

The Woman's Club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Charles Wilson. After a rather lengthy business session, which included the report of the delegate to the District convention at Lincoln, the following Tschaikeewsky program was given:

Sketch of Tschaikeewsky, read by Miss Schoenheit.

Piano (a) Waltz, op. 39, No. 8 (b) Chanson Triste, Florence Cleaver.

Piano, Song Without Words, in F, Anita Wilson.

Vocal, "Ye Who Have Yearned Alone" Lillian Banks.

Piano, Romance in F Minor, Gertrude Lyford.

Piano Duet, First Movement from Fifth Symphony, Misses Schoenheit and Crook.

This meeting was the last of the Club season, but a special meeting will be called later to consider the program for the coming year.

The Knights and Ladies of Security No. 1312 gave a banquet at their hall Tuesday night in honor of the fifty-five new members acquired during the last three months which puts them on the roll of honor as well as entitles them to a \$50 given as a prize.

A very interesting program was given after which a sumptuous supper was served. The remainder of the evening was devoted to dancing, music and games until a very late hour.

Lou Schoenheit underwent a second operation Thursday morning for an affection of his knee caused by rheumatism. The operation of last Friday when the knee was opened was unsuccessful. Thursday another opening was made and a silver tube inserted. It is hoped this operation will prove successful. Mr. Schoenheit stood the operation nicely and at this time is doing as well as could be expected.

The infant child of Supt. Tobie and wife is quite sick.