

## The Valentine Democrat

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### YACHT OVERTURNED

#### FIVE PERSONS ARE DROWNED IN NEW YORK BAY.

#### Eight Are Rescued by Sailors—Heavy Storm Swept Over New York Harbor and Capsized the Boat—Two Bodies Recovered.

Five persons were drowned in the bay off Forty-seventh Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., by the overturning of the eighteen-foot yacht, *Elsie* and *Katie*, in a heavy storm that swept over New York Sunday afternoon.

Eight other persons who were on the yacht at the time were rescued by members of the Second naval battalion, who were out in whaleboats from their armory at the foot of Fifty-second Street.

Those drowned were Mrs. Kate Clarke, of Brooklyn, wife of Peter Clarke, the owner of the yacht, her two daughters, Lizzie, aged 10, and Louise, aged 4, her 2-year-old niece, Mamie Clarke, and Lizzie Iason, 16 years old. The bodies of Mrs. Clarke and Mamie Clarke have been recovered.

#### MURDER AND SUICIDE.

#### New York Typewriter Agent Kills Housekeeper and Himself.

John M. Bell, an agent for a typewriter company, shot and killed a woman generally known as his housekeeper and wife in the apartment which they had occupied in West Eighteenth Street, New York, Saturday, and then turned the revolver upon himself, inflicting a wound in his right temple which caused his death in a few seconds. No cause is known for the crime.

Addresses found in a notebook in Bell's pocket showed that he had lived in Topeka, Kan., and in Fretown, the capital of Liberia, West Africa.

#### COLLIDE WITH CAR.

#### George F. Dixon and Wife Are Killed in Chicago.

While crossing the tracks of the Aurora, Elgin and Chicago Electric Railroad in Austin, a suburb of Chicago, Sunday, in an automobile, Geo. F. Dixon, head of the George F. Dixon Company, manufacturers of heating apparatus, and his wife were killed in a collision with an electric car.

Mr. Dixon's death was instantaneous. Mrs. Dixon lived about five minutes after the accident, but did not regain consciousness. Her body was partly burned by the gasoline that escaped from the automobile and caught fire.

#### INSANE FROM DRINK.

#### Kentucky Man Kills Girl and Fatally Wounds a Man.

Robert Mathley shot and killed Emma Watkins and fatally wounded James Grogan at the residence of Will Warren, on West Main Street, in Owensboro, Ky., on Sunday night.

The act was that of a man insane from a spree of several weeks, and jealous of the man in whose company he found the Watkins girl. Mathley was arrested. He is a widower with three children. He made three attempts at suicide last week.

#### Assault at Evansville.

At Evansville, Ind., the entire police force is scouring the city in an endeavor to capture an unknown negro who criminally assaulted Miss Clara Weinbach after forcing her escort, Harry Smith, to retire at the point of a revolver. Miss Weinbach is in a critical condition. There is considerable excitement.

#### New York Coroner Poisoned.

Coroner O'Gorman, of New York who has handled most of the bodies recovered from the Slocum disaster, has contracted blood poisoning. He pricked the finger of his right hand while removing a breastpin from a body and the finger in a short time began to swell and the poison spread rapidly.

#### Killed by Electric Car.

Christopher Preese, an ex-city councilman, and his wife, Louisa, both over 60 years old, were struck by a Lake Shore electric car Sunday night while crossing the tracks on the Clifton Boulevard in Cleveland, O., and killed. The husband was killed instantly and the wife died within a few minutes.

#### Mgr. Guidi Is Dead.

Mgr. Guidi, apostolic delegate to the Philippines, died Sunday in Manila of heart failure. The funeral will take place there next Friday and the remains will be interred two months later at Rome.

#### Is Victim of Pickpockets.

John Krohn, a guest of the Iowa delegation at the convention in Chicago, reported to the police that pickpockets had robbed him of \$90.

#### Sioux City Stock Market.

Saturday's cattle market showed butcher steers quoted at \$5.35@5.45; top hogs, \$5.12@5.17½.

#### Ten Men Lose Lives.

A report has reached Krenmer, Wyo., that ten men lost their lives at Kendall's logging camp at the head waters of the Green River, southwest of that place. It is said the accident was caused by the bursting of a flume. The report cannot be verified.

#### Shoots an Iowa Girl.

W. N. Bowman, a street car conductor, fatally shot Mollie Stuteville, of Pleasanton, Ia., and then killed himself in a rooming house at St. Joseph, Mo.

### FELL ELEVEN STORIES.

#### Awful Drop of Desperate Man in Detroit.

Losing his grip particle by particle on the smooth stone window sill of an office on the eleventh floor of the chamber of commerce, in Detroit, Mich., Charles A. Swayze, an insurance agent, Friday plunged 165 feet to death on the pavement, after having tried to murder Miss Effie Alvord by throwing her out of the window and by shooting her twice.

Swayze, who was a man of family, also shot himself in the nose before he underwent the ordeal of slipping from the high window.

The cause of the tragedy was the attempt of Miss Alvord to break off with Swayze in order to marry another man.

Every bone in Swayze's body was broken by the fall and his fingers were lacerated by the bloody trails they had drawn across the stone sill in his desperate effort to save himself from the long plunge to the street. Whether Swayze intended to throw himself to the street or whether he sought to escape detection by crawling to another room is not known. But he regretted the attempt in either case, for he clung to life as tenaciously as his strength would permit.

Miss Alvord will recover, in spite of her experience.

### FIRE AT WORLDS' FAIR.

#### Threatens to Destroy Many of the Buildings.

A fire which threatened for a time to destroy many buildings at the world's fair Friday consumed the House of Hoo-Hoo with all its contents. The loss is \$50,000. The fire is supposed to have started from a defective electric light wire.

The House of Hoo-Hoo was one of the first buildings finished for the exposition and was erected by the lumbermen of the United States, but was under control of the local board of the order of Hoo-Hoo. It was divided into many rooms, constructed of different kinds of fine, expensive lumber. Aside from this there were specimens of rare woods which were valued highly. It has not been decided whether to rebuild or not. There were thirty black cats in the building at the time of the fire and these are believed to have perished.

### NAVAL OFFICER KILLED.

#### Commander A. G. Kellogg Falls from Window at Portsmouth, Va.

Commander A. G. Kellogg, U. S. N., fell from a fourth story window in the Monroe Hotel at Portsmouth, Va., Thursday night, to the sidewalk below, sustaining injuries from which he died an hour later at the naval hospital. He had been in bad health for some time.

It is thought Commander Kellogg during an attack of vertigo lost his balance and fell from the window at which he was sitting. His wife and married daughter were with him when he died.

### MINISTERS ARE STONED.

#### French and German Representatives in Hayti, Attacked by Soldiers.

The foreign office at Paris has received a dispatch from M. Depreze, French minister at Port au Prince, Hayti, saying that while he and the German minister were driving past the palace Wednesday they were attacked and stoned by soldiers forming the palace guard.

Depreze was struck on the leg by a stone and slightly injured. The ministers' wives were also pelted.

The officials consider it certain France will make an energetic demand for redress.

### DISAPPEARANCE IS A MYSTERY

#### A Brother of Assistant Secretary of State Loomis Is Missing.

Apparently nothing is known in regard to the disappearance of Kent J. Loomis, a brother of Assistant Secretary of State Loomis, who was a passenger on board the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II, which left New York June 14 and arrived at Bremen Wednesday.

Inquiries made at Bremen show that Loomis was seen at midnight Sunday on board the steamer, and that he was missing on Monday morning. No one seems to know what happened in the interval.

### Lightning Set Off Blast.

As a result of lightning during a thunder shower at the quarry of the Toccoa Rock Crushing Company near Atlanta, Ga., one man is dead and another is dying, four are seriously, and several others slightly, injured. The men had just prepared to set off a dynamite blast, which is done by electricity, when lightning struck the wires, and before they could get away huge fragments of rock were showered upon them.

### Girl Saves Babe from Fire.

A chow which had gathered about a burning cottage in Philadelphia Friday afternoon, was thrilled when a young woman emerged, with hair and clothing aflame, and with a young child safe in her arms.

### Missing Man Dead.

The body of Charles H. Schad, of Terry, S. D., was found in Nevada Gulch, two miles from Lead, S. D. He has been missing since June 10. He was financial secretary for several years of the Terry Peak Miners' Union.

### Hawaiians Sentenced to Prison.

Jonah Kumale, a member of the house of representatives, Honolulu, and Johnstone, a lawyer, have been sentenced to imprisonment for one year at hard labor for conspiracy to defraud the territory through the collection of fraudulent vouchers for expenses incurred by the house of representatives.

### American Yacht Wins.

In a race for big yachts at Kiel Friday the schooner yacht *Ingomar*, of New York, came in first.

### MAKES A CONFESSION.

#### Marcus Crahan Admits He Made Bad Bills.

Marcus Crahan, arrested two weeks ago at the Delmar race track with counterfeit bills in his possession, Thursday confessed to Chief Wilkie, of the federal secret service, and was indicted by the federal grand jury at St. Louis on the charge of counterfeiting, having in his possession counterfeit bills and passing the same. Several thousand dollars in counterfeit \$100 gold certificates were found in the possession of Crahan, who had passed a number on bookmakers at the Delmar track.

Crahan lived in Providence, R. I. Crahan's confession and indictment followed in rapid succession upon the visit of the Washington detectives to St. Louis, and came as a surprise that Crahan's friend from Providence, W. C. Dart, fainted in the secret service office shortly after learning the truth.

Crahan also surrendered \$12,400 of the bad money to Chief Wilkie in \$100 bills, making nearly \$20,000 recovered all told.

Crahan's confession was made after a lengthy "sweating" process by Chief Wilkie and Col. Murphy, the St. Louis representative of the secret service bureau, in which he was given an idea of the amount of circumstantial evidence gathered against him.

"Crahan confessed to me voluntarily," said Chief Wilkie. "He admitted that he made the notes himself, and also admitted that he began counterfeiting by making \$10 'Buffalo' bills, which he afterwards abandoned.

"He also voluntarily surrendered 124 bills which he had in a small grip which he checked at the union station on the morning of June 4, after he arrived in St. Louis.

"He admitted that he made the bills in the east, just where I do not care to say. That phase of the matter will be worked out in a day or two."

Chief Wilkie will return to Washington Sunday. There are some other phases of the Crahan case, it is said, which he desires to work out.

### FATAL FIRE IN QUINCY HOTEL

#### One Person Suffocated by Smoke and Others Injured.

In a fire in the Tremont House at Quincy, Ill., Miss Elizabeth Welsh, principal of Jefferson school, met death by suffocation, and her sister, Miss Mary Welch, principal of the Jackson school, was probably fatally burned. Mrs. Theodore Vallant was taken from a fourth-floor window of the hotel unconscious, but will live. Edith Simonds, a cook in the hotel, was badly burned and may die.

The Tremont house is a five-story structure and the oldest hotel in Quincy. The fire originated from defective electric wiring on the third floor and spread very rapidly.

The Welch sisters were caught by the flames and smoke while they were in their room preparing to leave for the St. Louis exposition. Ladders were raised to the fourth floor to rescue them, but Miss Elizabeth Welch was dead before the firemen could reach her. The flames were confined to the hotel building and the loss is \$75,000.

### SHAHER MURDER CASE.

#### An Arrest Is Expected at Lawrenceville, Ill., Soon.

"An arrest is anticipated in the Shafer murder case within the next twenty-four hours," is the statement a Bedford, Ind., official made Wednesday. Officers of two states are directing their energies toward apprehending the writer of the mysterious letter received by Mayor Smith during the McDonald trial, under the alias of John Brown, in which letter Brown said he was employed to commit the crime, and described how the teacher was waylaid and assassinated. Apparently the letter was written at Lawrenceville, Ill., but was mailed at Vincennes, and was received by Mayor Smith May 20. The Illinois officers, together with two detectives, were interested in the effort to arrest "Brown."

Word has been received from one of the Lawrenceville officers that "Brown" has been located and his arrest may soon follow. It is believed he and another man were employed to commit the murder.

### Slocum Relief Fund.

Jacob Schiff, treasurer of the commission appointed by the mayor of New York to solicit subscriptions for the relief of the victims of the General Slocum, has reported that the commission has received over \$90,000 so far. Contributions, he added, have been on such a generous scale and the amount is already so large that a further swelling of the relief fund seemed to him both unnecessary and undesirable.

### Test Submarine Boat.

The submarine torpedo boat *Adder*, accompanied by the gunboat *Siren* as tender, sailed Wednesday from the naval torpedo station at Norfolk, Va., for mid-ground in Chesapeake Bay, where it will have a thorough test under the supervision of Lieut. Frank L. Pinney.

### Dakota Merchant Burned to Death.

O. A. Hirenge, a prominent merchant, was burned to death in his store at Norwich, N. D., Friday night. The cause of the fire is a mystery. Hirenge was not known to have been in the building until his charred remains were found.

### Montana Cowboy Kills.

A special dispatch from Helena, Mont., says that Henry Grammer, a cowboy, shot Leonard Hoehling during a fight at Malta. Hoehling died soon afterward and Grammer was arrested. He was released on \$5,000 bond.

### Battleship Oregon Gets Prize.

The navy department awarded to the battleship *Oregon* the trophy for excellence in gunnery in the target practice for which the ships of the navy have been in competition.

## STATE OF NEBRASKA

### NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

#### Schuyler Has a Sensation—City's Guardians Charged with Having Repeatedly Plundered a Store—Nebraska News Notes.

Nothing in many years has excited so much wonderment and interest among the people of Schuyler as the reported and apparently well confirmed action of the city's night police and watchmen, Charles A. Sherman and Ted Croshaw. During many months past the Wells Grocery Company has been missing goods, which were evidently taken by midnight marauders.

Determination was made to find the culprit, if possible, and last Saturday night, Alonzo Wells and one of the clerks, W. L. Michaelson, secreted themselves in the store. About 3 o'clock Sunday morning parties were heard to enter the store. The watchers determined from their talk who they were, and saw clearly when matches were struck that the parties were Sherman and Croshaw. The former ran from the store when the watchers advanced.

Entry had been made, it is said, by the front door, with a key which was not in their possession by authority of the firm. The officers claimed that they had heard a noise inside the store and entered to investigate. Sherman, so they stated, ran to the rear door when they found someone inside, to head off escape.

The entire affair seemed to so shock and stun all connected with it and the whole community that nothing was done until Monday, when the two were arrested and taken before a justice of the peace for a preliminary hearing. They pleaded not guilty and were placed under \$500 bonds each for appearance in one week.

A search warrant was sworn out against Sherman and twelve cans of Monarch brand of canned goods, carried exclusively by the Wells Grocery Company, were found in his cellar. It is said that besides these there were thirty-seven other cans.

### DEAD IN THE PASTURE.

#### Lincoln Woman Expires While Looking for Cows.

Lying in the grass about 100 yards from her home, the body of Mrs. Fred Wagstaff was discovered by her husband upon his return from work at the Burlington coal chutes, where he is a night foreman.

It is supposed the woman had died early in the evening, as the body was near where a number of cows were grazing, having been staked out, and it is thought she had gone out to bring in her cow when she was attacked with heart failure. As there was nothing to indicate foul play, no inquest was held. The woman was 32 years of age. She lived in the suburbs of Lincoln.

### BLOWS HIS HEAD OFF.

#### Wealthy Saunders County Farmer Goes Suddenly Insane.

During a fit of temporary insanity Jacob Shattik, a well-to-do farmer living two miles east of Linwood, went into a grove near the house and with the muzzle of a shotgun placed in his mouth pulled the trigger with his toe and the discharge of the weapon blew the top of his head off. Death was instantaneous. He was 39 years of age and leaves a widow and three small children. Shattik's father took his own life and a brother tried the same manner of death not long ago, but failed in the attempt.

### Fined for Abusing a Horse.

Interest in the case of J. F. Walsh, cashier of the Humboldt State Bank, who was fined a few days ago for an assault upon the person of Joe Carsh, was revived by the appearance of Carsh in police court, where he paid a fine of \$10 and costs, amounting to over \$16, which was assessed by Judge Thompson when the young man pleaded guilty to a complaint charging him with torture and tormenting of dumb animals. A colt belonging to Mr. Walsh was doped with some kind of acid during a band concert at Humboldt.

### Search for Boy's Body.

After persistently searching divers have failed to locate the body of Willie Stahl, the 14-year-old lad who was drowned in the Elkhorn River at Norfolk. Dynamiting the river did not, as had been hoped, bring the body to the surface, and the swollen channel still retains the lifeless form of the lad who swam into a whirlpool. His mother, Mrs. Katherine Stahl, has been in a very serious condition since the shock and has been kept under chloroform constantly.

### Horsethieves at Springfield.

A team of mules, top buggy and two sets of harness were stolen from the farm of A. C. Heacock, five miles northwest of Springfield. The parties, whoever they were, were well acquainted with the premises, as they put a tongue in the buggy and had the wrenches out and other tools. A former hired man is suspected. They went east and are supposed to be heading for Sioux City, Ia. Mr. Heacock will pay \$100 reward for capture of team and conviction of thief.

### Lincoln Man Is Killed.

Strange and mysterious was the death of William H. Hiskey, a Lincoln teamster, at 11 o'clock Monday. In some manner he fell head downward from the rear of his wagon, breaking his neck. Hiskey leaves a wife and child. Hiskey came to Lincoln from Davenport about a year ago.

### Store at Cody Burned.

Cole's general merchandise store at Cody was burned; loss, \$10,000.

### Not Here For Trial.

Fred Esch, who was convicted in a lower court on a paternity charge preferred by Lizzie Graue, and whose case is now pending in the supreme court, has shaken the dust of Lincoln from his feet and, from the best information obtainable, is now sojourning in Germany.

### J. H. Halladay Dead.

Col. J. H. Halladay, one of the best known theatrical men in the west, died at his home in Beatrice, aged 64. He was for a number of years owner of Halladay's colored minstrels.

### POISONED LEMONADE.

#### Charged with Attempting to Administer Cantharides.

Two young men named Frank Valenta and Edward Divoky were charged before Justice J. V. Shestak at Wilber on the complaint of John Kubert with administering to him a deadly poison called cantharides, mixed with lemonade. A continuance of thirty days was taken, the defendants giving a bond of \$1,000 each for their appearance.

On the night of May 14, while an entertainment was in progress at a Bohemian hall near Wilber, some parties mixed two ounces of the above poison in the lemonade. From twenty-five to thirty people of both sexes partook of it, some of them being made dangerously sick. For their supposed connection with the affair the above parties have been arrested, the complainant being one of the victims. It is understood that a number of other arrests will be made.

### FIRE AT HAVELOCK.

#### Burlington Railroad Shops Have a Narrow Escape.

The Burlington blacksmith shop at Havelock was destroyed by fire at an early hour Tuesday morning and it was only by heroic work on the part of the fire department that other of the shop buildings were saved.

The building was 80x75x200 feet and was merely a brick shell with a frame roof. The fire originated in the east end of the building in the furnace flue and was only a small blaze when first seen by the watchman. Almost instantly, however, it spread over the oil soaked interior and completely enveloped the roof, which was totally destroyed, as was one of the interior walls. It is not believed the machinery is seriously damaged. Because of the fire ninety men are thrown out of employment, but these will all be cared for.

### MARRIED NINE TIMES.

#### A Nebraska Woman Has Unusual Matrimonial Venture.

A matrimonial record, believed to be without a parallel, has been made by a middle aged woman who has sold her name in Scott's Bluff County, north of Harrisburg, and gone east to join her husband, whom she married in fulfillment of a promise she made when they were boy and girl together in Ireland.

The woman has the distinction of having been married nine times. She has been married to seven men, was divorced from four of them and was remarried to and twice divorced from two. She had children by every one of the seven husbands save the present one. Seventeen children, nine sons and eight daughters, are living and all except three have children of their own.

### BOY SHOTS FATHER.

#### Omaha Lad Claims that He Fired in Self Defense.

At Omaha, John Hrook, aged 18 years, shot and fatally wounded his father, John M. Hrook, who, is alleged, was in the act of inflicting injuries on the son, which the latter declares endangered his life. Young Hrook came home and found his father beating and abusing his mother according to the boy's statement, and when he interfered the father assaulted the young man. He says he was being beaten into insensibility when he fired three shots into his father's body.

The elder Hrook was taken to a hospital, where the physicians declare he cannot recover.

Young Hrook's story is corroborated by his mother and neighbors.

### Kills a Monster Snake.

Last Friday Andy Songer was fishing in the Missouri River, a few miles below Plattsmouth, on the opposite side of the river. While Andy was sitting in the warm sun watching for his cork to bob under he was nearly startled out of his wits at the sight of a huge snake which protruded its head over the bow of the boat. The reptile had drawn nearly its entire body into the boat and was making for Andy with extended jaws, when a well directed blow struck its head and it was soon dispatched. Mr. Songer brought the reptile to Plattsmouth and all who saw it declare it was the biggest snake they ever saw outside of a show. It was a water moccasin, of a mottled brown color and over six feet long.

### Tried to Wreck a Train.

Jacob Both, a laborer, is in the county jail at Lincoln charged with attempting to wreck the Denver flyer on the Burlington. The attempt was made near the town of Denton. The section foreman discovered a rail lying across the track and wired down. He tore the obstruction loose and barely had time to remove it before the train came by. Suspicion was directed toward Both and his capture followed.

Both has since been discharged, no evidence being shown that he was connected with the affair.

### Plead Guilty to Assault.

The two Bohemians, Brehm and Flaska, who stabbed and beat their roommate named Laka, near Wymore recently, pleaded guilty to assault in the district court. As the two had served seventeen days in the county jail the court released them upon payment of the costs in the case, which amounted to \$50. Laka has about recovered from his injuries.

### Shocking Accident.

While the eastbound freight was switching at Ainsworth Monday the hind trucks of a flat car ran over the 3-year-old son of Mrs. Ellis, killing him instantly; also a 16-month-old babe, who died an hour later, and badly mangled the foot of another child, a 5-year-old girl.

### Gets Three Years.

District Judge Hostettler at Lexington sentenced A. F. Glass to three years in the penitentiary for stealing a span of horses from the ranch of H. L. Williams. Glass entered a plea of guilty. He had an accomplice, who so far has eluded arrest.

### Wanted for Raising Check.

T. B. Nolan, a baker who has been employed by D. C. Chamberlain & Co., is wanted at Beatrice for raising a check from \$3.15 to \$13.15. The check was drawn in his favor for \$3.15 and signed by Mr. Chamberlain.

### Will Build an Ice Plant.

Authority to erect a \$6,000 brick ice manufacturing plant at Twenty-fifth and Martha Streets, Omaha, has been issued to the Omaha Distilled Water Ice Company. The building is to be 71x140 feet in size and one story high.



### Short Notes.

The members of the First Presbyterian church observed the twenty-fifth anniversary of their organization at Osceola last week.

Eugene Thackaberry, a young man who has been employed in the offices of the Dempster company at Beatrice, has disappeared.

J. B. Davis, of Humboldt, has filed with the city clerk of Table Rock his petition asking for a license to run a saloon at that place.

At the opening of bids for the construction of the federal building at Guthrie, Okl., Robert Butke of Hastings, was the lowest bidder, Jr., committed suicide at Linwood with a shotgun, blowing the whole top of his head off. No cause for the deed is known.

James Mahaffa, a young man who escaped from jail at Oshkosh, was captured and returned to jail after being gone twenty-four hours.

Because he got drunk and misused his wife William Sage was arrested at Plattsmouth and confined in the county jail. He was fined \$100.

A fortune at Tallahassee, Fla., awaits Luther R. Wright, or his family, and the Omaha postoffice has been asked to locate either Wright or his heirs.

Iris Petrarka, of Niagara, dropped dead. She was making preparations for her wedding, which was to have taken place in twenty-four hours.

The proposition for issuing bonds for \$7,000 for a lighting plant for Oakland was submitted to the people at a special election and carried by 37 majority.

A burglar entered Ed Fischer's butcher shop at Nebraska City and secured \$6 in pennies. The police have a clew to the robber and expect to have him under arrest soon.

Will Wherry, who has been an honored and highly respected citizen of Falls City for twenty-five years has removed to California, where he expects to make his future home.

Cattlemen around Scott's Bluff report the range in better condition now than it has been for several years. The ranchmen have all dipped their cattle and they are in fine condition.

August Johnson, a solid farmer living near Osceola, was brought before the board of insanity. The board ordered him to be sent to the asylum at Lincoln, and Sheriff Hartman took him down there.

Joe Cannon, aged about 30 years, was brought to Sheriff Hansen at Dakota City for safe keeping. Cannon seems to be unbalanced, imagining that he controls the earth and all thereunto belonging.

Mayor Freeman has removed Chief of Police Evans from Auburn. The reason for this step was not neglect of duty on the part of the chief, but on account of his inability to properly control the rowdy element.

Frank Easter, 55 years of age, while plowing corn on his farm west of Ayr, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. The team he was driving was untouched. Mr. Easter has been a resident of Ayr for seventeen years.