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Coffees and Teas
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T. C. Hornby.

TAKES HIS OWN LIFE.

Joseph Allen Sparks Commits Suicide by Hanging in His Brother's Lumber Yard.

Valentine people were shocked Tuesday evening when the news spread of the sudden death of Allen Sparks as he was familiarly known and called here. It was first announced that he had dropped dead in the Ludwig Lumber Yard, but a second shock came when it was learned that he had taken his own life.

Mr. Sparks came to Cherry county years ago, before the railroad had reached here, and Cherry county had been his home for nearly 25 years, during which time he had prospered, and his failing health now brought him back home from Seattle, Wash., where he spent the greater part of the past year. His health failed during the rainy season and he longed for Valentine, where he hoped to regain his health, but was not able to travel then. He arrived here June 3, a physical and nervous wreck. At times he talked of great financial losses and again would speak of his investments paying him 30 per cent. He walked around but little and mostly between the lumber yard and Levi's home, where he had been staying since his return here. (His wife had stopped at Fairfax to visit with C. A. Johnson and family.

His emaciated form and haggard expression gave evidence of his restless condition. He longed for something to do and Levi agreed to employ him. He started to work in the office of the Ludwig Lumber company and worked steadily all day Tuesday, going over a great deal of work and taking considerable interest in it as was characteristic of Allen Sparks.

About five o'clock Levi came into the office and finding Allen gone, inquired where he was and went out in the yard to look for him. Found him walking around and then returned to the office where Allan began looking over some accounts which he finished and took up another day book in which he displayed the same keen interest in making the proper extensions of figures and entry. Finally Levi again returned from the west side of the yard, and not finding Allen in the office inquired for him but no one had noticed his disappearance. Everyone was busy. He had walked out quietly unnoticed. It was then near 5:30.

Levi went out in the yard to look for him, being a trifle uneasy because of his condition. Imagine his horror and surprise to find his hat and cane in the old warehouse where the doors and windows were kept, and between the doors and a pile of binder twine was Allen Sparks hanging by the neck to a low joice or 2x4, dead. Levi hurriedly cut the rope from around his brother's neck and called excitedly for Fred Cumbow, who was helping with the office work, and was the only one in the office at the time. Together they carried him out to the opening, hoping to revive him, but it was too late though his body was still warm and he seemed to have been dead but a short time.

C. L. Dotson arrived from the back part of the yard at that time and they carried him out into the open air where they laid him on the ground. A doctor was summoned but there was no sign of life and he was taken to the Red Front undertaking rooms where an inquest was held.

Mrs. J. A. Sparks arrived Wednesday evening from Fairfax, S. D. Elden and Leonard are on their way here from Seattle and are expected Saturday morning. The funeral will probably be held Saturday if they arrive, or on Sunday.

Allen Sparks had wished he could die and said he came back here to hover around Valentine cemetery where he expected to be laid away soon. He had remarked to several that he had nothing

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to live for and he would be better off dead. At times he complained bitterly of being robbed in Seattle and of his financial difficulties, but relatives say that he had not lost much money. His nervous system had kept him in a semi-hysterical condition.

Mrs. Frank Brayton and Donald are visiting in Ainsworth.

Mrs. Archer is improving her property this week by a new roof.

The ladies aid of the M. E. church met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Moon and elected the following officers: Mrs. Moon, president; Mrs. Clara Sherman, vice president, Mrs. Mikred Easley, treasurer; Mrs. Dora Rice, secretary.

The following stray is with my horses: One bay mare colt, branded on left shoulder.

224 JOE BRISTOL, Valentine, Neb.

Jake Stetter buys cattle and hogs and anything the farmers have to sell. Office is where Lee's barber shop was, east side of Main street. If you want to buy or sell anything see me. No deal is too large and none are too small.
 J. W. STETTER,
 50 Valentine, Neb.

U. S. Weather Bureau Report for week ending June 12.

Daily mean temperature 63°.
 Normal 66°.
 Highest 82°; lowest 41°.
 Precipitation 0.69 of an inch.
 Total precipitation to date 5.39 inches.

The Reason Was Plain.
 "There was a woman," said a lawyer, "whose husband was killed in a railroad accident. The railroad, to avoid suit, gave her \$5,000 damages. The sum satisfied the woman, but a month or two afterward, taking up a newspaper, she read about a man who had lost his leg in the same accident, and, behold, this man was given by the company damages to the amount of \$7,500. It made the woman mad. She hastened at once to the office of the railway's claim adjuster. She said bitterly:
 "How is this? Here you give a man \$7,500 for the loss of his leg, while you only gave me \$5,000 for the loss of my husband."
 "The claim adjuster smiled amiably and said in a soothing voice:
 "Madam, the reason is quite plain. The \$7,500 won't provide the poor man with a new leg, whereas with your \$5,000 you can easily get a new husband and perhaps a better one."
 —Kansas City Star.

London Theaters Charm.
 One of the delicious treats London offers Americans is the acting and accessories of her theaters. The orchestra stalls or balcony stalls are very sumptuous and very roomy and are evidently created on purpose to appeal to hearty diners. The usher is a very tidy young woman in black dress and coquettish cap and apron, possessed of a sweet face and a still sweeter voice. You pay her a sixpence for each programme. The stage settings are perfect in detail. Best of all is the elocution of the players. From the rising of the curtain even unto the going down of the same, each and every word uttered is as clear and tuneful as the tinkle of a silver bell. You don't have to wait till the middle of the first act before you can even guess what the plot is about. Under these unusual circumstances the interest one takes in a play is greatly enhanced, and he wonders why an American company is not as well drilled.—Travel Magazine.

A Curious Widow's Cap.

A very curious cap forms the "widow's weeds" of the Australia aborigine in one part of the great island continent. Near the northeast bend of the Murray river it is the custom for widows to attend upon the tombs of their departed lords. Then, after shaving their heads, they cover them with pipe clay, kneaded into a paste. The head is first covered with a net to prevent the clay from sticking too tightly to the skin—a misfortune which is partly averted by the amount of grease with which every Australian native is anointed. A layer of this clay several inches in thickness is plastered over the head and when dry forms a sort of skull-cap exactly fitting the head on which it was molded. As it weighs several pounds, the widow's cap cannot be comfortable.

The Earliest Anchors.

The earliest anchors of which we have any record were of wood, and gradually, through the iron anchor of one hook and the anchor in the shape of a rake, there was evolved the anchor with the straight thick shank, the two curving arms with flattened extremities and the long cross stock. The process of storing one of these old anchors was a long and laborious one. It was hoisted close up to the capstan or windlass; a man was let down by rope to hook on a huge tackle, by which the anchor was then hoisted, still perpendicular, to a stout projecting timber. Then the lower end had to be hoisted up horizontally by another tackle and the whole made fast. In the modern stockless anchor a chain is attached to it at the balancing point, and this is passed through a pulley at the head of the anchor davit. When the anchor is high enough, davit and all swing round until the anchor is over the billboard, where it rests and is secured by chains.—London Globe.

Working in Steel Masks.

The workman wore a steel mask with glazed eyeholes, a rubber suit, rubber gloves and rubber boots, and he carried a pair of tongs of silvery aluminum.
 "In certain departments of the plant," said the dynamite manufacturer, "all our workmen are dressed like that. They must be. Otherwise they would be smeared with chemicals and splashed with acids that would eat their flesh like liquid fire."
 "But the aluminum tongs?"
 "They are for lifting the gun cotton out of its nitric acid bath. Aluminum is the only metal upon which the nitric acid has no effect."
 He turned to the workman.
 "Everything all right, George?" he said.
 "So, so," came a sepulchral answer from behind the mask of steel.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Slang of Other Days.

Slang has always been a fruitful source for the expansion of language, and instances may be multiplied of words now respectable which were once tabooed as vulgarisms. But, on the other hand, there have been many slang phrases in use for centuries which have never become acceptable to the purists. As long ago as 1750 the celebrated letter writer Horace Walpole used to speak of "sitting guzzling" and getting "drunk as an owl." Then again in the diary of one of the most prominent woman writers of the eighteenth century, Frances Burney, are found good slang phrases of the American college girl of today, as, for instance, "I sneaked out," "Did you ever know such a toad?" and "I had a vile cold."—St. Louis Republic.

Hyperbole.

A Rochester clergyman was accustomed to use scientific terms, which the people did not understand. A deputation waited on him with the request that in the future whenever he used such terms he would explain them. On the following Sunday he used the term hyperbole and added: "As agreed on, I beg to explain this word. Were I to say that at this moment the whole of my congregation are sound asleep it would be hyperbole, but if I say that one-half are asleep that is no hyperbole, but the truth." The next day the deputation again called to say that the minister need not explain technical terms. The people would learn their meaning from a dictionary.—Rochester Herald.

At His Word.

Many postoffice names are queer enough to make one desire an explanation of them. Sometimes the explanation is queerer than the name itself. A minister in Cass county wrote to Washington in behalf of the residents of a growing hamlet, asking that a postoffice be added to its institutions. The request was favorably received, and he was asked to suggest a name that would be acceptable to his neighbors. He replied that they were not hard to please so long as the name was peculiar. The postoffice department took him at his word, and "Peuliar" is the name of the office to this day.—Kansas City Star.

The Case of Emergency.

While on the march in India the pioneer corporal of a famous Irish regiment went to the quartermaster for a loan of a camel to carry a spare tent, but the quartermaster refused, saying: "I have only the cart, and this spare camel I am keeping for a case of emergency."
 The corporal said, "Can't you put the case of emergency on the cart, sir, and let me have the camel?"—Red Letter.

Wasteful Ignorance.

The ordinary waste of food in an English middle class family would be sufficient weekly to maintain a French family of similar station, and the waste of food is at least largely due to the ignorance of cookery which prevails among the classes from which English domestic servants are derived.—London Lancet.

Would Like It Very Much.

"By the way," asked the waiter, "how would you like to have your steak?"
 "Very much, indeed," replied the mild man, who had been patiently waiting for twenty minutes.

Exasperating.

Mrs. Subub—Oh, George, the cook left this morning, and the Oortovans are coming to dinner! Mr. Subub—Darn it! They always catch us between cooks!—Brooklyn Life.

It is not possible for men to be perfectly blessed and happy, except a few.—Plato.

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Blue Ribbon Bottled Beer
 is the product of one of the cleanest and most modern breweries in the world.
 Our entire plant is built of brick and steel, with asphalt floors; the brewing rooms are large and airy, sweet and clean and flooded with sunlight.
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 These are only a few of the many advantages we enjoy which enable us to give you superior quality and absolute purity in STORZ BEER. They explain the enormous increase in the sale of STORZ BEER from year to year.
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 This is just the place for some ranch owner or farmer to select for his wife and children to live during the winter and send children to school. Don't delay as this property will find an owner soon. It may be yours. Come and see about this first time you are in town.
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Weather Data.
 The following data covering a period of 18 years, have been compiled from the Weather Bureau records at Valentine, Neb. They are issued to show the conditions that have prevailed, during the month in question, for the above period of years, but must not be construed as a forecast of the weather conditions for the coming month.
June.
TEMPERATURE.
 Mean or normal 67°
 The warmest month was that of 1900 with an average of 71°
 The coldest month was that of 1895 with an average of 63°
 The highest was 102° on 30, 1900
 The lowest was 32° on 21, 1902
PRECIPITATION.
 Average for month 3.52 inches.
 Average number of days with .01 of an inch or more 12
 The greatest monthly precipitation was 8.18 inches in 1905.
 The least monthly precipitation was 1.24 inches in 1900.
 The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any 24 consecutive hours was 2.96 inches on 26-27, 1891.
 The greatest amount of snowfall recorded in any 24 consecutive hours (record extending to winter of 1884-85 only) was 9 inches on 9.
CLOUDS AND WEATHER
 Average number of clear days, 11 partly cloudy, 12; cloudy, 7.
WIND.
 The prevailing winds have been from the S.
 The average hourly velocity of the wind is 11 miles.
 The highest velocity of the wind was 66 miles from the SW on 27, 1906.
 J. J. McLEAN,
 Observer Weather Bureau.

SOAP CAUTION
 ... It is needless, perhaps, to caution people against using impure toilet and bath soaps. No one uses harmful soaps willingly, but many use them unwittingly.
 You are most apt to get right soaps at a reliable drug store, for instance, you never in your life saw a bit of genuine castile soap sold anywhere but at drug stores.
 We are something of cranks in this matter of purity, and guarantee the quality of every soap we sell. Close prices you are also sure of.
HAPMAN,
 THE DRUGGIST,
 VALENTINE, NEB.

Professional Cards
 The Loup Valley Hereford Ranch.
 Brownlee, Nebr.
 Soldier Creek Colony, 17th 1899, a son of Columbus 17th, a half brother of the 319,000 Champion Oale, and Prince Houdou 131, 693 at head of herd.
 I will have no bulls for sale until 1908, having sold all of 1906 bull calves.
 C. H. FAULHABER.

JOHN F. PORATH
 Riego, Nebr.
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 Eau de Cologne Hair Tonic, Golden Star Hair Tonic, Herpicide and Oke's Dandruff Cure. Try Pompeian Face Massage Cream

Mrs. M. V. Nicholson and son Milton went down to O'Neill this morning to visit relatives two or three weeks.