

MRS. CHANDLER TRAGEDY

STRIKING EVIDENCE AT INQUEST OVER THE SUICIDE.

SHE HAD TROUBLES AT HOME

Sympathy Felt for Lieutenant Chandler, During Whose Absence Mrs. Chandler Fell Under Another Officer's Influence—A Governor's Niece.

Striking testimony was introduced at the inquest held over the remains of Mrs. Bessie Chandler, wife of Lieutenant Chandler of Fort Niobrara, Lieutenant Chandler is known in Norfolk, having made the acquaintance here of a number of people when the regiment marched from Valentine to this city en route to Fort Riley two years ago. The verdict was that Mrs. Chandler shot herself and that the bullet lodged near her heart.

The most important evidence came from Miss Lucile Phillips, an attractive young woman working at the hotel and whom Mrs. Chandler took into her confidence. The witness announced that she saw the revolver used by Mrs. Chandler as it lay under her pillow.

"At 4 o'clock Friday afternoon I was in the room to tidy it up and I noticed that Mrs. Chandler was extremely nervous. She walked the floor and told me she was afraid. When I asked her what she was afraid of she did not reply, and I assumed that she was afraid of dying suddenly and leaving her little boy without anyone to care for him. I supposed she kept the revolver ready through a timidity which some women have while remaining alone at a hotel.

"I knew that Mrs. Chandler was in deep distress about something, for she told me as much. In fact, she told me all about her trouble. She said that her life had been ruined by an officer at the fort, a Captain Kirkland. She said her husband would not take her back again and that she had nothing to live for except her little boy.

"In her great desire to talk with someone, perhaps as a relief from her intense mental suffering, she detailed all the facts in connection with her recent life. I retained only a vague impression of what she said.

Pity for the Woman.

"I did pity the woman, though, although she was a stranger to me. She was on such a nervous tension that every little sound disturbed her, and when she clasped me in her arms and cried, she sobbed like a child.

"As I left the room to prepare her bath she asked me if I would do something for her. She wanted me to take care of her little boy in case anything should happen to her. I promised her I would, and after turning on the water in the bath room, I heard a shot fired.

"When I went back into the apartment of Mrs. Chandler I could not see her body for it was hidden by the bed. I knew that she lay upon the floor, for I saw one of her hands with the fingers clutching at the carpet. I smelled the odor of powder smoke and knew some terrible thing had happened. After going out into the hall I fainted."

On the table was a sheet of paper with these verses copied upon it:

"Ah, Love! could you and I with Him conspire

To grasp this sorry Scheme of Things entire,

Would not we shatter it to bits—and then

Remould it nearer to the Heart's desire!

"You rising moon that looks for us again—

How oft hereafter will she wax and wane;

How oft, hereafter rising, look for us

Through the same garden—and for one in vain!"

HUSBAND STAYS AWAY.

Lieutenant Chandler Will Not See His Dead Wife.

Omaha, March 6.—All that is mortal of Mrs. Bessie Chandler, who fired a shot which ended her life in this city Friday night, still lies in the undertaking parlors of Harry Davis, 411 South Fifteenth street. Contrary to expectations her husband, Lieutenant Chandler of Fort Niobrara, has not arrived in the city. His acting representative, Lieutenant Allen, aid to General Wint, commander of the department of the Missouri, stated that he would probably not come to Omaha at all.

Lieutenant Allen received a dispatch from his brother officer asking if he would act for him, to which Lieutenant Allen said:

"Lieutenant Chandler will not come to Omaha. The body of Mrs. Chandler will be shipped to Baltimore. I have heard from Mrs. Chandler's relatives, but just when the body will be sent east I do not know."

The little 6-year-old son of Mrs. Chandler has been taken charge of temporarily by the wife of Captain Isaac Edwin at Fort Crook. It is believed he will be sent to the home of his grand aunt in Baltimore.

Over the long-distance telephone from Fort Niobrara Sunday night Lieutenant Chandler stated there was nothing further to be said concerning

the suicide of his wife, nor his own personal movements, and that he would not discuss those matters for publication.

Mrs. Chandler was a very beautiful woman, slightly over thirty years of age. She had dark wavy auburn hair, a clear complexion, regular features, was above the average height of women and weighed about 150 pounds. As she lay at the undertaker's, beneath a silk winding sheet, she appeared to be sleeping.

HOME LIFE OF CHANDLERS.

Domestic Difficulties Commenced Last Summer.

Valentine, Neb., March 6.—The Chandlers were married four years ago in Maryland. Mrs. Chandler was Elizabeth Kenley. She is said to be a piece of the governor of Maryland. Both are from prominent families. They lived happily together until last August, when Chandler was at Fort Riley on duty. Mrs. Chandler remaining at Fort Niobrara, is alleged to have fallen under the influence of an officer, whose continued relations with her led Chandler to bring suit for divorce. Kirkman has since been charged with this and a long list of other offenses.

When Lieut. and Mrs. Chandler separated last summer, she returned to her home in Baltimore, Md., where she remained until ten days ago, returning as a witness in the Kirkman trial and probably to effect a reconciliation. While here she acted very queerly, which impressed the public that she was mentally unbalanced.

Lieutenant Chandler is held in high esteem by fellow officers and has the sympathy of everyone.

Captain Kirkman made two unsuccessful attempts at suicide last night, trying to cut his wrist arteries with pocket scissors. He is being closely guarded.

DR. WILLIAM KIESAU DEAD

Norfolk Dentist Died of Brain Trouble Yesterday Afternoon.

After an illness of something more than a year's duration, during which everything possible has been done for his relief, Dr. William Kiesau passed away yesterday afternoon at 3:45 at his home in South Eighth street. The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Methodist church, Rev. J. F. Poucher having charge, and interment will take place in Prospect Hill cemetery. Mr. Kiesau has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Norfolk since his graduation in 1897, and has a large circle of friends and acquaintances to mourn his loss.

He leaves a wife and one son, Phillip, to mourn his loss. He is likewise survived by his aged father and mother, five brothers, A. H., F. W., Henry, Gustave and Herman and one sister, Anna. Other members of the family are quite well known in Norfolk, having either lived or visited here.

William Kiesau was born in Sheboygan county, Wis., September 24, 1870. In 1892 he moved with his parents to Frankville, Wineshiek county, Iowa. At the age of twenty he attended business college at Decorah, Iowa, and in 1894 entered a course in dentistry at the Philadelphia dental college, graduating in 1897. Soon after his graduation in dentistry he came to Norfolk and engaged in the practice of his profession, building up a good practice until ill health compelled him to give up his work. On June 26, 1900, he was united in marriage with Miss Anna M. Davis. As the result of this union, one son, Oliver, was born, being now something more than a year of age. A year ago Dr. Kiesau was taken sick and in spite of the treatment he had received at hospitals and at the hands of experienced physicians, he passed away Sunday, the cause of his death being glioma of the brain. He was baptised in the Dutch Reform church, afterward joining the Presbyterians. About two years ago he united with the Methodist church here and has since been a member.

Mrs. Herman May.

Mrs. Herman May died last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Schwede, ten miles south of the city. The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon from Christ Lutheran church.

"Gib" Hunt.

G. W. Hunt, Iowa's oldest editor, who died in Sioux City, was formerly a Norfolk newspaper man, having been connected with the Daily Herald a number of years ago. He was familiarly known as "Gib" Hunt. He was editing an iconoclastic paper at Salix, Iowa, up until a short time before his death.

Josiah Magraw.

Ainsworth, Neb., March 6.—Special to The News: Josiah Magraw, fifty-eight years of age, died Saturday and was buried Sunday. He leaves a wife and two sons. Rev. Ramsey preached the funeral sermon.

Mrs. M. H. Johnson.

Ainsworth, Neb., March 6.—Special to The News: Mrs. Mathew H. Johnson died yesterday and the funeral was held today. Her husband died three weeks ago. She leaves one daughter, Miss Johnson, county superintendent.

PIERCE HAS NEW LIGHTS

ELECTRICITY NOW ILLUMINATES PIERCE COUNTY SEAT.

EXCELLENT PLANT INSTALLED

The Capacity is 800 16-Candle Power Lamps—Farmers Hold an Institute. Albert Magdanz, a Pierce Boy, Gets Ovation.

Pierce, Neb., March 6.—Special to The News: Pierce now has an electric lighting plant and the town was lighted Friday night for the first time. Hensler & Craven, both of whom have had considerable experience in the engineering line, put in the plant. The plant runs 800 16-candle lamps by 220-volt direct current. The engine is a Weber suction gas engine.

The farmers of Pierce county held an institute. The band furnished music. Mr. Ashburn spoke on "Breeding." The speaker on "Seed Corn," failed to come and Albert Magdanz of the experiment station spoke. He is a Pierce boy and was given a hearty ovation. Mr. Spilson of York spoke on "Alfalfa." A permanent institute was formed. H. J. Walker was elected president and H. J. Plynsie of Foster, secretary. In the evening Mr. Magdanz outlined the work done at the state experiment station.

LESS THAN THE USUAL NUMBER

Bridge Lobby Actively Engaged in Entertaining the Members, Some of Lincoln, March 6.—Special to The News: The time for the introduction of bills closed last week with a much smaller number than usual put in. Just before the close of the forty-day period it was made public that a gang of eight men was located at the capital doing a thriving business in the manufacture of bills. These they would either get introduced by innocent members, or they would go to some party or corporation and threaten to have the bills introduced. In every case money was demanded to guarantee the death of the bill. They succeeded in getting a number of this sort of "hold-up" bills introduced, when a public exposure drove most of the gang out of town and stopped the business. It was an old trick, which some of the hold-up artists have worked for a number of sessions, and there are always members innocent or gullible enough to introduce such bills "by request" and thus helping the infamous business.

The indications now are that the session will end about the first of April. The appropriation bills are always subjects for belated consideration, and cause delay at the latter end of the session. But the house is making fairly good speed on them, and will soon have them over to the senate. As usual this work is somewhat interfered with by the heads of institutions who demand extra large appropriations, and by clerks who are clamoring for increases in salaries. It is not probable that there will be any cut from former years, unless the senate trims down the house figures.

The senate committee, on the motion of Senator Cady, has put the binding twine bill on file with an amendment providing for the issuance of bonds for the investment, to be carried by the permanent school fund until paid off from the profits. This makes no addition to the direct appropriation and adds nothing to the total of direct taxes. It is the way Kansas has provided for her fight against the Standard Oil trust.

The lobby of the bridge trust grows larger and bolder as the session draws to a close, and money is flowing like water in the effort to prevent any bridge legislation. The money spent by the bridge men in entertainment of members, and in carousals, runs well into the thousands, and it later will come from the pockets of the taxpayers, as there is scarcely a county that has not already suffered at the hands of the bridge trust. Some few of the county commissioners are still boldly assisting the bridge men. An effort is being made to discourage members of the legislature from accepting theater tickets and other favors from this disgraceful lobby, with some results. But the usual answer is that there is a combination between all the lobbyists in Lincoln, to further or prevent legislation, that the "favours" are for common use in preventing bridge legislation, corporation regulation, primary reform, and the like, and that the bridge men are no worse than the others.

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Mr. Augustus Arneka and Miss Clara Bahn were united in marriage Sunday afternoon in the St. Paul Lutheran church by the pastor.

Jefferson's Birthday.

New York, March 8.—Following a suggestion made by Richard Croker just before his return to Europe the Democratic club will celebrate the birthday of Thomas Jefferson next month with a big dinner to be held in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria. The dinner, judging from the plans already made, will be one of the most notable political affairs of the year in this city. Among the prominent party leaders who have already accepted invitations to be present and deliver addresses are Governor Douglas of Massachusetts, Governor Johnson of Minnesota and former Governor Francis of Missouri. Covers will be laid for about 600 and the guests will include prominent democrats from every section of the country.

To Fight Ten Rounds.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 8.—Martin Duffy, the white waterweight champion, and Dick Fitzpatrick, are to furnish the fist entertainment at the Indianapolis Athletic club tonight. The boys have met in two fifteen round bouts and both have been draws. Both appear to be in superb trim and the go tonight is expected to be one of the best seen here this winter.

WANTED—YOUNG MAN

from Madison county to prepare for desirable position in Govt. Mail service. Salary \$300. Rapid promotion to \$1500. Splendid opportunity. Address Box One, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Miss O'Neill and Miss Wade of Battle Creek were shopping in Norfolk Saturday.

F. C. Meinecke and Albert Hall came down from Verdigré on the early train this morning.

D. Van Blamcon was over from Madison Sunday.

G. O. Carson was over from Madison Sunday.

Joe P. Meller of Hooper was a Sunday visitor in Norfolk.

C. B. Thompson was a Sunday visitor in Norfolk from Wayne.

George Maloney and Art. Gow were in the city from Wayne.

P. L. Hageman was a Sunday visitor in Norfolk from Niobrara.

Julius Boström is in the city from Concord visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Huse have gone to Excelsior Springs, Mo., for a couple of weeks. Mr. Huse has not completely recovered from his surgical operation of last fall.

Rasmus Neilson, living just south of the city, left this morning for Portland, Ore., and an extended trip through the western states. Mr. Neilson has been in poor health since last fall.

For several days workmen have been endeavoring to open the city sewer by flushing, but their efforts have not, thus far, been crowned with success. There is an obstruction that persistently refused to move.

Rev. C. W. S. Becket of Neligh preached a funeral sermon six miles north of that place yesterday at 10:30 a. m. A local minister took the opening service at his church at 11 o'clock. He made the twelve miles over the hard roads and was in his pulpit to preach at 11:30. It was considered remarkably quick time.

Officers Larkin and Pilger Saturday night broke into a down town wine room and arrested two Norfolk women who were drinking with a man who happened to be husband of neither. The officers believe that an ordinance should be passed that will prohibit the frequenting of saloons by women and such a bill will, it is said, be presented to the city council for consideration.

A large crowd was gathered on Norfolk avenue, between Fourth and Fifth streets, Saturday evening when the boisterous voice of a burly man called forth to the world that he wasn't afraid of anybody. The mob increased in dimensions as the voice became stouter. The fellow declared he had been accused of intentions to work a hold-up, but that there was nothing to it. After he had finished cursing his enemy in public he passed on.

Charles Thomas, whose home was formerly near Verdigré in north Nebraska, and who was accused of the murder of Mabel Schofield, has been found guilty of the charge and sentenced to life imprisonment after one of the most sensational criminal trials in the history of Iowa. When the verdict was brought in Thomas took the matter calmly but his wife screamed and fell to the floor. The crime with which Thomas was found guilty was committed October 2, 1899. The girl's body was found in the river and evidence of poison was found in her stomach. The defense contended that she committed suicide. Thomas was given a preliminary hearing shortly after the death, and was discharged. Five years passed and then he was indicted and brought back from his home near Verdigré to stand trial.

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INVESTIGATE THE HOSPITAL

JONES, CHAIRMAN, AND REPRESENTATIVE HOWE HERE.

THEY TOOK SOME TESTIMONY

Report Will be Made Within a Few Days—They Visited the Hospital and Found Four Magnificent Buildings—Testimony Not Public.

Representatives Jones and Howe, of the investigation committee on the expenditure of funds toward the Norfolk hospital for the insane, were in Norfolk Saturday night taking testimony. They visited the institution, looked it over carefully and returned to Lincoln yesterday.

The report of the committee may be expected within a few days. It is thought that the result will be a complete whitewash for the state board of public lands and buildings. The committee found cottages that are handsome buildings and perhaps the finest hospital of the sort in the west.

What little testimony was taken was not made public.

DISORDERLY PAIR.

Police Get Two in House on Third Street Last Night.

Police Officers Larkin and Pilger last night arrested Harry Lee in the home of Mrs. C. W. Green, 303 South Third street, and he was this morning fined \$12.60. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Mrs. Green today.

THANKED FOR RESTORING \$600

Mrs. Robbie Loses That Amount, Fritz Frohloff Finds It.

When Fritz Frohloff, a grocery salesman, found a purse this morning in the Fair store that contained \$600 in cash and later restored the money to its proper owner, Mrs. Robbie, a visitor in the city from northeast of town, he was profusely thanked for his kindness. Mrs. Robbie had dropped the pocketbook while shopping and had not missed it. Later she was about to make a purchase when she found to her extreme horror that the money had been lost. A search was hurriedly made. Mr. Frohloff, learning that Mrs. Robbie was the owner of the lost money, returned it to her.

"I thank you very much," she said.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

H. M. Hulme was down from Hadar today.

C. Skelton of Pender was here yesterday.

Albin Olson of Bristow was in the city yesterday.

John T. Sides of Pender was in the city yesterday.

John Postrom was down from Spencer yesterday.

J. M. Maloney of Genoa was in Norfolk yesterday.

Herman Newman was up from Stanton Monday.

Geo. J. Damon of Wayne was in the city Monday.

C. B. Willey of Randolph visited in Norfolk yesterday.

Chas. Green was in the city yesterday from Hoskins.

O. E. Magee was in Norfolk yesterday from Wakefield.

Mr. and Mrs. F. McWhorter of Pierce were in the city today shopping.

Sadie M. S. Kuning was in the city today from O'Neill.

Fr. Lewis was a Norfolk guest from Meadow Grove yesterday.

C. J. Hixson was in the city yesterday from Meadow Grove.

G. H. Malley was a Norfolk visitor from Pierce this morning.

Robert Kerr of Kansas City visited his sister, Mrs. O. L. Hyde.

J. V. Anderson and A. F. Felsch were in the city from Stanton.

L. A. Fisher came down from Oakdale on the early train today.

J. A. Hsenetter was a Norfolk visitor yesterday from Ainsworth.

C. Foster of Clearwater transacted business in Norfolk yesterday.

Mrs. Carrie Lucke of Hoskins was shopping in Norfolk yesterday.

George Krumm, grain merchant at Tilden, was in the city yesterday.

W. C. Holmes and family were in the city from Foster on Tuesday.

Dr. A. E. Dishrow of Creighton was in the city on business this morning.

Mrs. Gruenwald is reported to be very sick at her home on South Third street.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Pohlman of Stanton were in the city yesterday between trains on their way home from a visit at Winside.

The autopsy held over the remains of Dr. William Kiesau developed the fact that he had suffered from two tumors. One that had been diagnosed, about the size of a marble, rested on the left side of the brain, causing the paralytic trouble while in the anterior brain was another, about the size of a baseball, which was in the right side.

Dr. P. H. Salter of this city has been appointed by Congressman J. J. McCarthy to represent the Third Nebraska congressional district at the national Anti-Tuberculosis congress to be held at Atlanta, Ga., during May. Every congressional district in the country will have one representative and every college of medicine, also.

Dr. Salter does not expect to attend.

The remains of Mrs. Bessie Chandler, wife of Lieutenant Chandler of Fort Niobrara, were shipped yesterday afternoon from Omaha to Baltimore, the husband and little son accompanying the remains to Maryland. Lieutenant Chandler is a handsome young officer with brown hair just turning grey, blue eyes and a spry step. He refused to be interviewed in Omaha.

A petition which has received the signatures of about 200 voters has just been circulated in Norfolk, requesting a mass meeting of the citizens at the city hall on the night of March 17 at 8 o'clock for the purpose of considering the organization of a citizens' party for the ensuing municipal election and if deemed expedient to nominate candidates to be voted upon at the city election to be held during April, and to transact such other business as may be necessary. Among those who have signed the petition are E. J. Schorregge, Herman Gerecke, A. Bear, E. A. Bullock and C. B. Durland.

Rosella Klentz, the 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Klentz Jr., had the misfortune to break one of the bones just above her ankle while at play at the Christ parochial school yesterday afternoon, having struck her limb against the corner of the church building. That particular corner of the church has been a menace to Rosella. She has above one of her eyes a bad scar that she received in about the same manner as the injury of yesterday. The girl is a member of the class that is to be confirmed at the coming confirmation services and the fact that she will be compelled to miss this service hurts almost as badly as the fractured limb itself.

The large spots on the sun which were said to have been responsible for the severe cold weather last month are due to appear again within a few days. It takes the sun twenty-five days to revolve and the spots were in evidence about three weeks ago. Professor G. D. Swezey of the department of astronomy at the state university does not think that the spots had anything to do with the storms last month. "Magnetic storms, or disturbances of the earth's magnetic force, marked by sudden changes in the weather, are frequently caused by the sun, but last month's storms were scarcely of this character," he says. "I do not think the reappearance of the spots will cause any change in the weather this month."

Another wolf hunt will be held in Rock county on March 13. It is advertised as the last wolf hunt. In the last hunt seventeen wolves were killed and it is announced that that number will be doubled in this one. The hunt will extend from Long Pine to a point three miles east of Bassett, with the railroad for the south line and the Niobrara river for the north line. The center will be at the head of Elk creek, eight miles northwest of Bassett and will be reached by 2 p. m. After the hunt wolves will be photographed. Wolves will be divided between owners of the hounds. Captains are Hugh Miller, W. Hart, Lou Lyman, J. E. Kirkwood, B. Cramer, W. Duger, H. C. Hall, E. S. Lockwood, P. Z. Martin, C. Sawyer, Lon Baken, J. C. Castle, H. E. Artus, I. N. Mills, Charles McCulley, C. W. Lee. Aids are F. W. Lake, H. Cannelburg, J. Travis, L. Davidson, J. H. McCullough, F. Burlingham, G. Hubble, F. Wear, T. Wright, J. Peterson, J. F. Maurer, A. Bohl, W. Dale, H. Armstrong, T. Peacock, M. Hutton, J. Copeland, C. Anderson, W. Reader, M. Childs, D. Dugger, J. Vargason, H. Cady, J. Bates, A. A. Wentworth, C. Kendall, A. Debolt, G. Kendall, L. Putnam, W. Glassford, M. Miller, L. Ricard, F. Barker, J. Kernan, C. Pettijohn, R. Rose. Those who kill wolves before reaching center will put tag and name on wolf. All are invited to bring kodaks.

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