

Here Humphrey Murder News.

James Kelly, aged 43, is wanted by the Platte county authorities for the murder of Harry Rogers, his partner, at Humphrey two weeks ago.

Kelly and Rogers, the latter a young man of twenty-five, were released from the Dodge county jail on March 26, after serving ten days for vagrancy.

They were arrested together but had been quarreling while intoxicated. Two other men were arrested at the same time, and all received jail sentences.

When Kelly and Rogers left Fremont they went west from here and a day or two later the state papers contained news of the killing at Humphrey.

Neither of the pair was known at that place. Rogers was found lying dead, shot through the head. Sheriff Bauman heard of the murder but did not then know that the man who had been killed was his erstwhile prisoner.

This week he learned that some effects had been found on the body which indicated that Rogers was the victim. The sheriff went to Columbus yesterday and identified the clothes of the dead man.

Yesterday afternoon he returned to Fremont and went to Lincoln, to which place the body had been taken. He at once recognized the dead man as Harry Rogers. While in jail here, Rogers became acquainted with a prisoner named Donnelly, who is quite an expert pommel.

Donnelly pen-sketched a number of cards for Rogers and gave them to him. These cards were found on the body of the murdered man at Humphrey, and this was what gave Sheriff Bauman his first clue.

One or two cards contained Donnelly's name, and it was at first supposed by the Platte county officers that he was the man who had been murdered.

Donnelly is still at the county jail here, serving a thirty day sentence, and of course had nothing to do with the killing of Rogers. There is no doubt in the mind of Sheriff Bauman that Kelly is guilty of the murder.

He is known to have a bad record and has frequently done time in jail. Rogers knew of this, and Kelly had complained that his companion talked too much about him.

Court News.

In the district court W. T. S. Fisher of Furnas county asks for a divorce from his wife. Mand, alleging adultery, cruelty and attempts to take his life as grounds therefor.

The parties were married in Iowa in 1896. In the petition of A. O. Becken vs. J. O. Graves, filed in county court last Tuesday by attorneys McKillip and McAllister, plaintiff asks to recover \$337.93 for goods sold and delivered and for costs of suit.

Sheriff Carrig has offered a reward of \$400 for the arrest of James Miller, alias James Kelly, alias James Thompson, alias Ed Morrisey, the man supposed to be the principal in the Humphrey murder.

Mr. Carrig has a photograph of Kelly whom crime has certainly made a hard looker. County assessor Galley says that the work of the local assessors is running along smoothly, little difficulty being encountered in listing property under the new law.

He says a surprisingly large cash valuation is being turned in. Mr. Galley has the new law well in hand and makes an interesting explanation of the weak and strong provisions in it.

He says for instance, that the provision for assessing the gross income of the local telephone companies is manifestly unjust, because practically the whole income goes in salaries to employees who are assessed again on the same money.

He says also, that the local assessors are cautious against getting together to agree on what is a fair price to assess on when the various classes of property. It is the intention of the law that each assessor shall get at the actual value of property, governed only by the circumstances in each case.

Mr. Richard P. Scofield. Last week the Journal mentioned the death of Mrs. Scofield, but as friends here were unable to secure particulars at that time, we give herewith facts secured from relatives.

Oliver A. Scofield, wife of Richard P. Scofield, died suddenly at her home near Stuart, April 12, aged 61 years, 1 month and 8 days.

She had been failing for the past two years with a complication of diseases. She was born in DeKalb, St. Lawrence county, New York, was married March 13, 1862, and leaves besides her husband, five sons and four daughters, all of whom are living.

Also one brother residing in New York. The Scofield family moved from New York to Columbus in 1868, and resided on a farm northwest of Columbus until 1900, when they moved to Stuart.

Mrs. Scofield was a member of the Methodist church and was a Christian in every sense of that word. She was a devoted wife and mother and leaves friends wherever she was known.



COMMERCE and INDUSTRY

Commercial.

Fight for Union Pacific Rumored. Coincident with the appointment of A. L. Mohler of the Oregon Railway and Navigation company to succeed H. G. Burt as president of the Union Pacific railroad last week there was heavy buying of U. P. shares on the Stock Exchange, which caused rumors of an effort on the part of the St. Paul system to secure the Harriman control of U. P. Other reports were to the effect that a community of interest was to be established between the two systems, which join at Omaha, and have close traffic relations. Rockefeller interests were said to be concerned in the buying.

New Advertising Federation. The International Federation of Advertising Interests, which was organized a week or two ago at New York, with H. D. Perky as president, will hold its first important meeting at the St. Louis exposition on advertising men's day. A representative of the federation will be sent to Europe soon to establish branches in the larger cities.

Philadelphia Bank Merger. Plans for another big bank consolidation during the week, where the Fourth Street and First National banks were said to be on the point of combining on a \$50,000,000 basis. It is proposed that the merger will be effected under the name of the First National. This was the first bank in the country to obtain a charter under the national banking act. Both banks have paid 10 per cent for years. E. W. Clark, Jr., who was vice president of the National, is expected to head the combination.

Notes. Notable failures of the week were those of Peabody & Co., the largest Boston advertising agency, for \$1,000,000; the Federal Trust company of Cleveland for over \$3,000,000; the Union Trust company of Boston, and the Iowa Merchants' Insurance company. The Marconi company at last has got the British postal authorities to handle its wireless messages.

For a Church Trust. The Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis, writing in Everybody's Magazine, says that the movement toward denominational reunion will end in a great church. He pictures the church of the future as one central building in each community used as a center of social, musical, literary and athletic life.

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SOCIOLOGICAL

On Supporting a Wife. Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman, author of "Women and Economics," who now edits a department entitled "The Issue" in the Woman's Journal of Boston, tells how a pretty girl reporter came to interview her on the question whether bank clerks should marry on a thousand a year.

Winter's Damage to Fruit. The pathologist of the department of agriculture after studying the effects of the winter's low temperatures on fruit trees in the eastern and New England states reports that the damage is probably not more than 10 to 20 per cent of trees killed. He thinks the tendency is to overestimate the damage, as many orchards in which the wood is darkened under the bark may recover with proper care.

Record For Oil Fuel Ship. What a ship can do with oil for fuel is shown by the American steamship Nebraska, which arrived at New York on Sunday after a continuous voyage of 12,724 nautical miles from San Francisco as an experiment for the American Hawaiian Steamship company. The distance was covered in 51 days 7 hours and 27 minutes, and it is said to be the first time that this trip has been made without some intermediate stop.

Notes. The Pullman company is changing the style of its sleeping car interiors by using more curves and smooth surfaces to aid in cleaning. The American Agriculturist says that 400,000 tons of fertilizer ordered by farmers from Chicago factories is held up for lack of cars to transport it.

Notes. President Elliot of Harvard objects to the use of the union label, because it condones the closed shop and the closed shop denies the freedom of competition. Jane Adams says that the scab is "the man with the belated conscience."

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GARDEN SPOT OF THE EARTH. The fertile soils of eastern Oregon or Washington yield in overflowing abundance and in the highest perfection, every grain, grass, vegetable and fruit of the temperate zone.

EGGS FOR HATCHING FROM BEST LAYERS IN THE WORLD. Rose Comb Brown Leghorns. Also Barred Plymouth Rocks. \$1.50 Per 15.

FIFTEEN POULTRY SPECIALISTS. WE KEEP ONLY THE BEST. Our broods are high selected. If you want utility and show birds give us a trial order. We handle all varieties of fowls found in any high class poultry yard.

Colony Rates. During March and April the Burlington will sell one way tickets to the Pacific Coast at very low rates. Here are some of them: \$25.00 to San Francisco and Los Angeles.

To Any Part of the City TO accommodate our regular customers who insisted on our milk and cream and others who could not come to our place after it, we concluded to put on a delivery wagon and go after business.

Columbus Cream Co. All of our Milk and Cream is pasteurized, thus insuring better keeping qualities. To insure delivery get your orders in either the day before or early in the morning.

CALIFORNIA \$25.00 EVERY DAY until April 30, 1904 UNION PACIFIC As passengers through Omaha over the Union Pacific can reach California many hours quicker than by any other route, there are fewer incidental expenses on the trip.

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