

AN INTERESTING CHAPTER

Taken From a Romantic Story of Real Life.

A Tale of Three Persons and Three Cities.

Saturday afternoon in the United States district court a decree of divorce was granted to Mrs. Abbie Cooley from her husband, William Cooley.

Back of this apparently uninteresting legal event is a history, interesting and romantic in no small degree—so romantic, in fact, that in chronicling in detail the history of the affair a large element of the extraordinary must enter into the story.

It seems that in the year 1872, at Pittsburg, Pa., William Cooley, then connected with the Pennsylvania railway company, married a young and handsome widow, Mrs. Abbie Rice.

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FURNEVAL THE FIEND.

Conclusive Evidence that He Committed the Nance County Murders.

Strong Proof that He Had Accessories in the Crime.

Facts Concerning the Tragedy, Heretofore Unpublished, Given Below.

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The motive which might have led the murderer & murderers to commit the crime have been investigated in all their different bearings.

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LEGAL SCINTILLATIONS.

Marshal Bierbrower's Return and the Arrest of the Lead Perjurers.

A Verdict Rendered Against Defendants in the Lovejoy Case.

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WAYS AND MEANS.

As Discussed by the City Councilmen and Officials Last Night.

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CUMINGS AND 20TH STS. OMAHA, NEB. Orange Blossom Flour.

Orange Blossom Flour, Wholesale by L. A. STEWART & CO., 1013 Jones Street, Omaha, Neb.

A BIG CAT "alogue" FREE. Also 13 valuable and reliable recipes (never before published).

St. Charles Hotel, 809 STREET, BET. 7th and 8th, LINCOLN, NEB.

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OMAHA Chemical Dyeing and Cleaning Works, 1212 Douglas Street, Omaha, Neb.

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A FATAL MISTAKE.

George Semler Falls a Distance of Eighty Feet.

His Neck is Instantly Broken by the Fall.

Last evening about a quarter to 6 o'clock, George E. Semler, a shipping clerk employed in the furniture store of Charles Shiverick, Eleventh and Farnam, fell from the fourth to the first story and was instantly killed.

It appears that Semler, in the course of his duties, had been working upon the fourth floor. Shortly before 6 o'clock, wishing to come down to the first floor, he groped his way in the direction in which he supposed the stairs were.

By a strange and fatal mistake he stepped through the freight hatchway and, of course, fell to the first floor, striking the sides of the hatchway, falling upon his neck and shoulders. His neck was broken and he died an instant and painless death.

The calamity was first discovered by J. J. Dillon, one of the employes, who at once summoned medical assistance. It was too late, however, as Semler was beyond all human aid.

Coroner Maul was notified and at once took the body in charge. An inquest has been deemed advisable, and will be held tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Semler was a young married man, about 27 years of age. He leaves a young wife, now a widow by the sad bereavement, and an infant child. The deceased has been in Omaha since August, 1883, since which time he has been in the employ of Mr. Shiverick. His father, Mr. E. Semler, who lives in Menlo, Iowa, has been notified by telegraph of the sad event, and the body will be held awaiting disposition in accordance with his orders.

The relatives of Mrs. Semler, in Des Moines, have also been informed of the terrible calamity. Semler was a prominent man of good habits and popular among his associates. His young wife will, in fullest measure, the deep sympathy of the friends and acquaintances of the family in the terrible bereavement which has so suddenly clouded her life.

Only two days now to buy your Christmas presents at the 99 cent store.

WANTED—To exchange wild or improved lands in Nebraska or Iowa for Hardware, or stock of general merchandise. Address J. Linderholm, Genoa, Nance county, Neb. m-1m

Real Estate Transfers. The following transfers were filed in the county clerk's office Saturday and reported for Tax by the Ames' real estate agency December 20, 1884.

W. Interholinger and wife to U. Scruta, w. d. lot 35, b 9, Kountze's 3rd add. \$1,050.

W. V. Benson and wife to J. R. Conkling et al, w. d. lot 5, b 1, Shinn's add. \$1,900.

J. L. Conkling et al to W. V. Benson, w. d. lot 22, Mayfield, \$700.

AN IOY PATH.

John Wittee Slips off the Surface of a Car and is Dashed to Death.

Last night the air was full of fatalities, and the distressing death of George Semler was followed at an interval of but an hour or so, by a second fatal accident.

About half past seven last night, John W. Wittee, a yard brakeman employed by the Union Pacific railway, fell off a box car attached to a moving locomotive. He slipped, it seems, along the icy surface of the car, falling upon the engine and thence to the ground.

He sustained a severe concussion of the brain which proved fatal. The wounded man was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, where he was taken charge of by Dr. Galbraith. Every possible remedy was used, but he died at 10 o'clock.

The dead man leaves a wife at Lincoln, Mo. but 25 years of age. He had formerly been connected with the B. & M., but left his position and commenced work for the Union Pacific about the middle of this month. The body has been taken to the office of H. E. Burket, the Sixteenth street undertaker, where it awaits interment. No inquest will be held.

"Stemwinder" Sam's Hard Luck. Last night Sam Stevens, a well-known sporting man of this city, and known among his associates as "Stemwinder" Sam, fell down the stairs leading up to Higgins' gambling house, at 1200 Douglas street, and broke his right leg just above the ankle.

Dr. Mercer was called in and reduced the fracture after he was removed to his rooms above Wood's gambling house. Sam is quite a favorite with the sporting men, who immediately after the accident raised enough money to defray all his expenses arising from his misfortune.

A New Enterprise. Mr. C. H. Faith, of this city, has just returned from Scotia, Nebraska, where he has completed arrangements to start a new weekly paper in Green county, January first, to be known as the Green County Democrat. He has canvassed the situation very thoroughly and is confident that the new enterprise will meet with success.

Madam Charlton Edholm returned to her home in St. Louis yesterday morning. The first sleigh of the season was seen coming down Farnam street at a late hour last night, with the merry accompaniment of tinkling bells.

Fourteen homeless and shelterless tramps slept at the city jail last night. Mason and Hamlin organs at Hospie's. Silver Watches from \$6 to \$5.00 each. EDHOLM & ERICKSON.

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