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NEWS FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS

Coroner's Inquest in the Case of the Death of E. F. Holmes.

BLAME SEEMS TO LAY ON THE MOTORMAN

Superintendent Stone Tells of the Company's Rules Concerning Crossings—What Experts Said of the Possibility of Stopping the Car.

The coroner's jury, consisting of S. B. Wadsworth, C. B. Waite and N. C. Phillips, which was summoned to look into the cause of the death of E. F. Holmes, met yesterday afternoon at Estep's undertaking rooms and commenced the inquest. All spectators were excluded from the room, but several prominent railway officials were present and listened to the proceedings with a great deal of interest. Three verbatim reports of the evidence were taken, one for the motor company, one for the Burlington and one for the Holmes' estate.

Superintendent A. K. Stone of the motor company was the first witness. He stated that his orders to the conductors were not to run ahead of their trains going south on Main street nor west at the Northwestern crossing on Broadway. Coming north and east they were instructed to run ahead and signal to the motorcars.

McCauley then requested the coroner to ask Stone what procedure he had followed when stopped if it was under "absolute control," as the rules required. He maintained that a question was entirely proper, from the fact that the object of an inquest is merely to ascertain the truth. He could not see why the mere fact that an attorney's company now playing a part in the proceedings should prevent the question outside of the purpose of the inquest.

But the coroner sided with the motor company and ruled that the relatives of the deceased had no right to be represented in the inquest.

Stone balked again when Juror Wadsworth asked a question that seemed likely to embarrass the motor company. He insisted that one of the attorneys, who happened to sit behind Wadsworth, had put the question into that gentleman's mouth. The attorneys did no such thing, retorted Wadsworth; "that is simply a subterfuge on the part of Mr. Stone to avoid answering the question."

When asked whether there were any conditions under which the train, if under proper control, could not be stopped within twenty feet, Stone testified that he had never investigated the matter.

"Our instructions," he said further, "are never to try to pass in front of a moving train, but to stop when the signal is given. We expect our motormen to use their best judgment."

Could Have Been Stopped.

Israel Lovett, the motor company's electrician, was up on the stand. He stated that there were no conditions that he knew of that could prevent the train from being stopped within twenty feet of the motorman had the motor under proper control.

William Jenkins, a former employe of the motor company, stated that he had made an examination of the wrecked motor and found that there was about half the full force of the current on at the time the motorman left the train. This was enough to take the car along at the rate of about seven miles per hour. If the motorman had full control of the motor, it could be stopped in two or three feet, no matter how fast the train was.

When he worked for the company the men always paid attention to the flagman stations at the crossings, by the Burlington. Although there was no order to that effect from the superintendent.

Then there was a host of witnesses called upon to tell what they knew of the accident. Most of them knew very little, and seemed to have been emancipated mainly in order that they might earn \$1.35 from the company. There was some confusion in the testimony as to the rate at which the two trains were moving when within forty feet of each other, but most of them agreed that the freight was moving at the rate of about four or five miles an hour, while the motor was going quite a little faster.

The evidence is not all in, but the inquest will be continued this morning. The coroner and jury will take a trip around to the houses where the victims of the wreck are stopping and hear their several statements. The evidence is almost without exception against the motor company, and it is universally thought that the verdict, when rendered, will find the company worthy of severe censure.

Conductor Burke's Condition. George Burke, the conductor of the ill-fated motor, is resting comparatively easy, though his injuries are of a severe nature. The chief injury seems to be along the spine, especially near the shoulders and neck. It is difficult to determine at present how serious these injuries may prove, although there is an apprehension among the friends that the only seeming doubt is as to how long and how badly he will be disabled.

While not responsible for the accident, the motor company is not without blame. The conductor on the freight train was moving at the rate of about four or five miles an hour, while the motor was going quite a little faster.

The condition of the victims of the accident is about unchanged. Miss Bryant passed a bad night, but yesterday morning she was somewhat better. She is evidently injured internally and in order to prevent her from suffering she is kept under the influence of opiates during a good share of the time. Macrae, who is attending her, states that she will recover in time, although it will be a long and slow process. The other patients are all doing as well as can be expected and it is not thought that their injuries will result fatally.

Parr, the motorman, has been placed under arrest in answer to the charge of criminal carelessness. A special officer has been appointed to see that he does not get away, but that precaution is hardly necessary from the fact that he is so stiff and weak that he could not get away even if he cared to try.

Looking Up Delinquents. Mayor Lawrence has decided to open an active campaign against the delinquents who have neglected to comply with the ordinance requiring the taking out of permits by all who mean to do any building. He gave notice some time ago that from this on the law would be rigidly enforced, and many of the property owners hastened to come in and take out the permits for the work which, in a number of the cases, had already been done.

The following is the number of permits issued during each month of the year so far: January, 4; February, 4; March, 12; April, 31; May, 38. It is estimated that there are about forty owners of property who have not yet complied with the order, and some of these will be made examples of in the near future. Mayor Lawrence restricted the city yesterday and gave each district into the hands of a policeman Friday. C. G. Saunders followed for Gleason and court then adjourned until this morning, when Finley Burke will conclude for Hathaway.

Metzgar & Handlett's Ice Cream. Try Metzgar & Handlett's pure and delicious ice creams and ices and you will order no other.

Greenhields, Nicholson & Co. have moved their real estate office to 600 Broadway, opposite postoffice.

Stop at the Orden, Council Bluffs, 1 to be \$2.00 house in Iowa.

Vanatta & Sweet, attys., Everett blk. Geo. S. Davis, prescription drugist.

The two lists will then be compared and all who have neglected to take out permits will be prosecuted. Mayor Lawrence wants to be able to report the amount of public improvements that have been made during the year when he gives his next annual message, and that is the reason why he is working so hard to have all the returns brought in. It is hoped that delinquents will avoid the proper formalities and thus go through the proper process.

BOSTON STORE

10-Day June Sale Now Open.

Below we only quote you a few of the many bargains laid on our counters: 40 pieces 36-inch English cashmere, were 25c during sale, for 12c a yard; only one pattern to a customer. 25 pieces all wool Scotch mixtures, stripe suitings and illuminated ottomans, worth 58c and 65c, all at 42c.

36 pieces Bedford cord, cotton Uni zig zag jacquards and other fancy weaves worth from 75c to \$1.25, all during sale for 50c a yard.

36-inch wool bunnings would be cheap at 50c, for this sale 10c a yard. 75 pieces 22-inch China silk, black and navy grounds, beautiful patterns, usually for 85c and 65c a yard, our price for this sale 32c.

2 cases 36-inch unbleached muslin 4c a yard. 1 case 6c bleached muslin for 7c. 2 cases ladies' choice and Langdon bleached muslins, sold always for 10c a yard, during sale 6c or 12 yards for \$1.00.

20 pieces 9-4 unbleached sheeting, 15c a yard; worth 22c. 100 pieces white India linen, 4c a yard. 100 dozen extra quality fine damask towels, 24x8, usually sold for 50c; durable sale for 25c each.

See special bargains offered in white goods. Goods worth from 25c to 45c all during sale for 15c a yard. Gents' extra quality seamless half hose, 7c a pair; worth 12c. 200 dozen ladies' ribbed vests, 7c each, or 4 for 25c.

50 dozen gents' outing flannel shirts during sale for 25c, worth 30c. 100 pieces extra quality fine damask handkerchiefs, 1c each. 100 pieces light challis, 3c. 150 pieces Chilian cloth that sold for 15c, during sale for 5c a yard.

200 pieces more all silk ribbons, Nos. 5 and 7, for 7c a yard; Nos. 9 and 12 for 8c a yard.

See Daily Nonpareil and Globe for a more complete list of bargains.

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Leaders and Promoters of Low Prices, Council Bluffs, Ia.

Eloped with a Typewriter. J. E. McCormick, a young man who has been until recently employed by the Postal Telegraph company as operator in its Lower Main street office, became enamored of a typewriter in the company's office in the Grand hotel Wednesday night and planned an elopement. If the typewriter was averse to the flight no one would have ever guessed it, for there was never an outcry raised, and the trip was made to Omaha on board the motor without any one suspecting that anything wrong was going on. When J. B. Sampley, who represents the Postal company, returned from supper he found the typewriter was missing, and McCormick had been the only other one in the room when he left he at once suspected him. He and W. W. Glaze, who owned the typewriter (for it was a Smith Premier and not a woman), immediately set out for Omaha at a lively pace, to run down the thief. They made the rounds of the shops and found the machine in one of them, it having been pawned by McCormick for \$20. The machine was valued at \$97.50. McCormick was also captured while in the act of fondling a large jar which the proceeds of the elopement had assisted him in accumulating. He was arrested and taken to the penitentiary, in case the owner of the machine decides to prosecute him to the limit of the law.

Masonic. A liberal proposition is open for a good insurance man, who is a mason, to act as general agent in Nebraska for the United States Masonic Benevolent Association. Apply to W. J. Jameson, secretary, Council Bluffs, Ia.

The Grand Hotel. Council Bluffs. The most elegant in Iowa. Dining room on seventh floor. Rate, \$3.00 and \$5.00 a day. E. F. Clark, Prop.

Manawa trains will run daily from today, leaving Broadway 9 and 11 a. m., and every hour from 1 p. m. until 9 p. m.

Another improvement to the popular Schubert piano. Swanson Music Co.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday: Name and address. Age. Bertha Walter, Saunders County, Neb. 20. William S. Huff, Council Bluffs 24. Maggie E. Klotz, Council Bluffs 22. Albert Kelpin, Omaha 22. Betty Derby, Omaha 18. William Jensen, Council Bluffs 19. Clara Farris, Council Bluffs 18. Thomas Evans, Council Bluffs 22. Maria Colgan, Council Bluffs 28.

Protect your homes against destructive storms. W. C. James has the strongest companies in the world.

Bargains in fine tooth brushes and cologne, wholesale price, only 10c. Davis, the druggist, 200 Broadway.

Cook you meals this summer on a gas range. At cost at the Gas company.

Brown's C. O. D. open evenings until 9 p. m.

Dinah's "Literary." Philadelphia Record: Dinah, the colored domestic of a Georgetown family, was out all one night last week, and when she returned in the morning her mistress asked her where she had been. "I wuz to a literary," she replied. "A literary? What's that? What do you do there?" "Oh! we 'cites an' sings." "Well, did you take any part? What did you do?" "Me? Oh, I 'cited 'The Hug-me-not Lovers.'" "I guess you mean 'The Huguenot Lovers,' don't you?" "Yes'm. You puts de assent on de las' syllable, which I don't."

Surrendered to the Authorities. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 1.—John J. MacFarlane, ex-president of the American Surety Insurance Company of America and a director in the broken Bank of America, who fled to Brazil when the crookedness of the latter concern was exposed, has returned and surrendered himself to United States Marshal Brooks.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Value of the City's Personal Property as Returned by the Assessors.

PLANS FOR A COMMODIOUS DRIVING PARK

First Meeting of the Organization Held and Much Encouragement Offered—Will Walk to Chicago to Beat the Cowboys—Magic City Gossip.

A scheme was started rolling last evening to build for South Omaha a first-class driving park. A number of horsemen got together in Mr. Cuddington's office and effected a temporary organization by electing D. L. Holmes president and E. H. Kent secretary.

It is proposed to put in a good half-mile track with grand stand and other necessary buildings and use the place principally for a roadsters club. Matinees will be given and good programs arranged for each occasion. Now that Omaha has nothing of this sort it is believed that a well managed club in South Omaha will prove a big success.

The men who have charge are all rustlers who will be in the driving things into shape. Tom Rock, W. B. Clark and Joe Sipe were made a committee to select a location, and they were out yesterday looking at several places. It is their intention to select grounds somewhere near the motor line. Another meeting will be held soon, when all the details will be outlined and a permanent organization effected.

Magic City's Property Valuation. The assessed value of personal property in South Omaha, as made up by the assessor, is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Value. Includes Horses of all ages, Cattle of all ages, Hogs of all ages, Firearms, Carriages and wagons, Sewing or knitting machines, Manufactures, Franchises and the description, Merchandise on hand, Material and manufactured goods, Manufacturers' tools, Implements, machinery other than boilers and engines, Boilers and machinery, Gold and silver or plated ware, Diamonds and jewelry, Money of bank, banker, broker or stock jobber, Credits of bank, broker or stock jobber, Bonds, stocks and state, county, city, village or school district securities of any kind whatever, Property of companies and corporations other than property hereinafter enumerated, Property of saloons and eating houses, Other furniture and property, Investments in real estate and improvements thereon, All other property required to complete the valuation.

Will Walk to Chicago. Charles A. Boyer of the commission firm of Boyer Bros. & Co. is training for a long race. He will leave Chadron on foot at the same time the cowboys start on a streak for the fair, and he will also bet that he will beat the cow punchers in. Charlie is backed by the Live Stock exchange. In fact, he will be sent by it and the exchange will bear all of the expense.

Woman Drunk and Weary of Life. Mrs. Bell Randall was arrested yesterday afternoon for disorderly conduct and drinking. Shortly after being locked up the woman swallowed a large dose of morphine that she had in her possession with the intention of committing suicide. As soon as the condition was discovered, Solomon was sent for and after working on the woman for some time succeeded in saving her life. She was then released and sent home.

News Notes and Personals. The pay roll for the South Omaha police for May was \$785. Harry Dabrava of North Bend is visiting Rev. C. N. Dawson. Mrs. Ed. Bault of Arlington is visiting Dr. and Mrs. Slabau. M. Gump of Springfield returned home yesterday after a few days visit in this city. Dr. W. J. Bell's best dog was killed by a runaway over by a government team yesterday.

The Good Templars of South Omaha will hold a social tonight at the residence of J. B. Eriou. Officer Thomas Eminger leaves this morning for Cincinnati, O., to spend a month visiting friends. Mrs. Dora Silver and R. C. Young are representing the South Omaha Epworth league at the Omaha convention.

Mr. George Gird of the Black Hills Stockman, is in the city on his annual round-up of business at the Exchange. A large delegation of the surgeons who are attending the convention in Omaha took a look over the Magic City yesterday. Fred Winthem lost a small wazer yesterday over at the stock yards that he could jump eleven feet in the air on level ground. Claude, the 5-year-old son of E. O. Mayfield, fell on a piece of tin yesterday afternoon and received a painful cut on the lower lip.

There was a twenty-foot cave-in of the immense sewer at the 5000 yards yesterday. When the explosion occurred it made a terrific noise and started every one in the vicinity. It occurred about 7 o'clock in the morning. The damage will be about \$150. The break was caused by the top strings giving way. Dr. H. E. Hunter of Newton, Ia., is in the city visiting his son, George. The doctor is also a delegate to the convention of railway surgeons.

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