

FRANK BURDICK MURDERED

Discovery of His Body in Cut Off Lake Under Suspicious Circumstances.

DEEP MYSTERY SURROUNDS THE AFFAIR

Indications of Robbing—Only Seventy-Five Cents Found in Pockets that Were Well-Filled Previously—His Faithful Dog—The Story.

The mystery surrounding the sudden disappearance of Francis R. Burdick has been partially cleared up by the finding of his body in Cut Off lake. The body was found by two young men yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock in the water about 150 feet from shore, just inside the east wire fence that defines the boundaries of Courtland beach and extends out into the lake.

The finding of the body has not served to clear up the mystery. There are a number of circumstances connected with the case in addition to those already printed, which do not go to show that he committed suicide. The spot where the body was found and the position it was in give color to the suspicion of foul play.

Manager Griffiths of Courtland beach says that Burdick was ejected from the grounds about 6:30 o'clock Sunday night, and that, while he was under the influence of liquor, he had full possession of his faculties and powers of locomotion. The gate where Burdick was put out of the grounds last Sunday is located near the saloon and opens onto the street that runs along the beach grounds, the tracks of the street railway crossing the same. It is said by Manager Griffiths that Burdick was not again in the grounds after being ejected, and of this he is certain. So far as is known the last spot of him when he was let out of the gate by the officer and started down the street to the water.

Indications of Foul Play.

How Burdick could ever have reached the spot where the body was found is a mystery. At the point where the beach fence turns off into the water is a boat, that is a veritable marsh. The high board fence extends out nearly thirty feet, and to it is connected a barbed wire fence that goes out into the water more than 125 feet. Around this fence the water is not more than three feet in depth, and for quite a distance from the shore is only a marsh. Where the body was found the water is not more than three feet in depth. When noticed by the young men the body was lying face downward, arms extended backward and a black derby hat set squarely on the head. Decomposition had not set in, and the body was truly bloated. How a man under the influence of liquor could have scaled the high board fence or passed through the barbed wire fence without tearing his clothes, fall into the water with hands extended backward, and his hat still maintain its position on his head, is a question.

Story of the Disappearance.

As was stated in The Bee, last Sunday morning Burdick ate his breakfast at Nelson's chop house at 2105 Cumming street, where he had been dining, taking his own dog and Nelson's woman with him, saying that he would return in time for supper. That was the last seen of him alive in this city, though in tracing his course at Courtland beach it has been learned that he was there all day and until late in the evening last Sunday. During the afternoon he filled up with beer at the saloons outside the grounds and had two or three rows with some of the hangers on at the places, all of which he treated, at the same time displaying a large roll of bills.

With Two Strangers.

Shortly after 8 o'clock in the evening, Burdick, accompanied by a couple of strangers, entered the grounds and commenced to indulge in loud talk, to the annoyance of the guests who were about the pavilion. The policeman on duty told them they would have to keep quiet or leave the grounds. The two men were very angry, and Burdick, who had been drinking, replied that he would continue to talk if he saw fit. For a time the officer tried to get them to leave, but finding that the man would not listen to reason he was taken by the arm and marched through the gate at the extreme end of the grounds, where Burdick endeavored to pursue his own course. The police officer who did the ejecting noticed there were two dogs with Burdick, one a red Irish setter and the other a small black and tan terrier, both of which went out the gate with him. That night and the next day passed and Burdick did not return, but nothing was thought of the matter by his friends on Cumming street, they being of the opinion that he had gone to some other place and was having a good time. However, Tuesday night suspicion was aroused by the return of the Nelson dog. The animal came to his master's door shortly after midnight and commenced to whine. Thinking that he had returned with Burdick, Nelson paid no attention to the matter more than to get up and let the dog into the house, but the next morning he discovered that the beast had a collar around his neck, to which was attached a city dog tag numbered 820, and of the issue of the present year.

Looking for His Master.

The next morning Nelson and a number of his neighbors went to the beach, but could get no trace of Burdick, though they learned that in company with a couple of men he had been in Benaka's saloon late in the evening and had several glasses of beer; that a little while before midnight Burdick considerably under the influence of liquor, while Nelson and his neighbors were in the saloon Burdick's dog came running up and upon recognizing them frisked about, seeming to be greatly delighted. Upon being asked the whereabouts of the dog, Benaka informed them that the animal had been around his place since Sunday night and had refused to go away. A conference was held with the Council Bluffs police, but the officers were at that time unable to throw any light upon the disappearance of the man, as all that they knew was that he was ejected from the grounds and that he was drunk at the time. Inquiry at the resorts along the shores of the lake before any discovery that during the afternoon and evening last Sunday, Burdick made the rounds a couple of times, always accompanied by one or two companions and always exhibiting considerable money when he paid for the drinks. Burdick was a member of Nebraska lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias, and was in good standing. Already the order has interested itself in his behalf and will do everything possible to assist the detectives to solve the mystery that surrounds his death.

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Burdick was an old resident of the city and was a widow who was separated from his wife some four years ago, since which time he has operated the shop at 2105 Cumming street, and lived in a small room in the rear. It is thought that when he went to the beach he had fully \$250 with him, as he had made some large collections the day before and had not deposited his money in the bank. When found he only had 75 cents in his pockets. This strengthens the theory of robbery and murder.

CAUGHT HIS MAN.

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The races at the county fair are creating general interest, but no event of this kind has aroused public enthusiasm to a greater pitch than an impromptu handicap dash that occurred at the grounds Wednesday between Officer Marnell and a "dark horse," known in police circles as "Billy the Fleet." It was a rough-terrain race. The shabby tracks and pneumatic tires were "not in it" with the blue-coated Atlanta of Omaha's finest driver, the dark-skinned Mercury who led the dash.

No pools were sold on the event, although 2,000 spectators watched the dash with keen interest. Officer Marnell was handicapped by the weight of his brass buttons, a six pistol and a luxurious waving expanse of whiskers that would cause the seven Southern soldiers to give up their job of hanging into one big lump of shattered supremacy and quit the cultivation.

Officer Marnell's long beard has always been a source of pride as well as the chief characteristic of his personal individuality. His fellow officers have often cast envious glances at the job of hanging into one big lump of shattered supremacy and quit the cultivation. Marnell's entry for the exciting foot race was precipitated by a breach of table etiquette on the part of Billy McDonald, a fellow officer, young in years and lean in foot. Billy "embroidered" a sandwich and divers other articles of food at one of the tables, and when Marnell's eyes were accosted to the patrol box, he was away and started on a run, pursued by Officer Marnell. The race grew very exciting. Over the grounds a rapid break, sped the fleeting sandwich thief and the exasperated policeman. At this point Marnell struck the latter's whiskers. It grew cloudy. Suddenly the negro ran into a barbed wire fence, which stopped his flight and held him captive. Officer Marnell, pushed manly on in the pursuit, and, blinded by the excitement, also went "under the wire," or rather, into the barbed fence. He got his man, however, and the instant the barbed wire fence was gently plucked a few handfuls of his whiskers, he landed the offender in jail and received the congratulations of the spectators on his marvellous sprinting ability.

You Can't Beat It.

Leave Omaha at 4 p. m. via the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific and be in the World's fair grounds at 8 a. m. the following morning. You can't make this time on any other line, and the accommodations to be had on the Rock Island are noted from Maine to California. By examining the map and time tables of this line you will find that as a World's fair line it stands without an equal, as passengers can avoid transfer and a tiresome and expensive trip through the city by getting off at Englewood and taking electric line direct to main entrance of World's fair grounds; time, ten minutes. In addition to this the Rock Island trains leaving Omaha at 5 p. m., 7:30 p. m. and 10:30 a. m., thus giving passengers the choice of four daily trains to Chicago and, as before stated, making quicker time and landing passengers at the World's fair in advance of all other lines and with less trouble and expense. Dining cars attached to all through trains, serving the best meals of any dining car line in the United States. Free maps of Chicago, World's fair grounds, time cards and sleeping reservations call at 1602 Farnam street. Charles Kennedy, G. N. W. P. A.

Nebraska D. Y. at the Fair.

On September 10 and 11 the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway will sell round trip tickets to Chicago at one fare for the round trip. You can take the Nebraska state limited at 4 p. m. from Union depot, arrive at Englewood at 7:57 a. m., take electric line to the grounds and be on the inside at 8 a. m.; or you can take the World's fair special at 5 p. m., arrive at Englewood at 8:37 and be on the inside at 8 a. m. You can't make this time via any other line. By taking this line you will save time, money and the annoyance of baggage transfers through the city of Chicago. Dining cars, free chair cars, Pullman sleeping cars constitute the equipment of all World's fair trains via the "Great Rock Island Route." For rates, sleeping car reservations, maps of the fair grounds, dining car collection at Englewood and any other information call at ticket office, 1602 Farnam street. CHAS. KENNEDY, G. N. W. P. A.

To the Public.

Whereas, the officers of the Douglas County Fair association having made a request upon the merchants and business men of Omaha to close their respective places of business on Friday afternoon, the 8th inst., the Commercial Club, Board of Trade and other bodies do hereby join in such recommendation, and would urge that a half holiday be given on that day, so that the business men and their employees may be given an opportunity to visit the fair. The premium list is unusually large this year (over \$20,000), and every citizen in Omaha should lend their assistance and presence to make the fair a grand success. Respectfully, COMMERCIAL CLUB OF OMAHA, OMAHA BOARD OF TRADE.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday: Name and Address. Age. Henry E. Miller, Omaha, 29. Maggie B. Whitcomb, Omaha, 24. Otto Olson, Omaha, 32. Ella Larson, Omaha, 22. E. K. Tomlinson, Farnam, 24. Amanda A. Beyer, South Omaha, 23. John J. Rosen, Omaha, 26. Augustus Peterson, Omaha, 26. Charles W. Allen, Valley, Neb., 24. Mattie A. Orr, Kennard, Neb., 22.

The Lowest World's Fair Rates Ever Offered.

By the Burlington route will be in effect September 10 and 11, when round trip tickets to Chicago will be on sale at the one-way rate of \$12.75. No such favorable opportunity as this of seeing the great fair will ever again present itself. Do not, therefore, allow it to slip by unimproved. City ticket office, 1324 Farnam street.

The Bickets tonight at Courtland.

Courtland Beach Gospe. Tomorrow the society of St. Vincent de Paul will give a picnic at the beach. Manager Griffiths, yesterday, quite a sportsman, went hunting for birds. He is authorized for the statement that the birds are an epicurean delicacy, notwithstanding general prejudice against them. The Union Pacific will run another Courtland beach excursion next Sunday. Other excursions, one on the Missouri Pacific and the Elkhorn, will also bring many visitors to the beach from Nebraska interior towns.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Railway Wreck in Which Several People Were Injured.

BOARD OF EDUCATION HOLDS A SESSION

Fire at Hammond's Causes a Scare—Free Liquor and Cigars When Length Closed His Doors—Other Events of the Day.

A freight and passenger engine, on the Rock Island road collided at Gates, a small station four miles out of South Omaha at 6 o'clock yesterday morning. It was two hours before any assistance was rendered the passengers, and a number of them were more or less injured.

The passenger train was coming in and the freight train was going out. The freight train was coming around the curve at full speed when it was discovered by the engineer that the passenger train was in the way. The collision occurred. Both engines were completely wrecked.

All the passengers were given a severe shaking up and the mail clerk, J. A. Miller, was perhaps fatally injured. His back was sprained and it is feared that he was seriously injured internally that he will not recover.

As soon as word would be got to Dr. Pinney, the company surgeon of Council Bluffs, he was sent for and he arrived in about half an hour. The special stopped at South Omaha long enough to take Dr. Slabaugh who assisted in attending to the injured. W. B. Newcomb, a traveling man for Burgess & Frazier, a traveling man for Burgess & Frazier, was injured on the nose and face.

None of the trainmen were injured. One of the firemen jumped his car and fell in front of the engine. He was shoved along in the sand for some distance and lost his watch and pocketbook, but miraculously escaped being crushed. The fact that he escaped being crushed is a very remarkable occurrence. The damage to the company will be great as both engines are badly torn up. The track was hurriedly cleared and new engines put to work.

Board of Education Meeting.

Members Cheek, Pearl, Hagan and Thomas held a short session of the school board Wednesday night.

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent A. A. Monroe the High school grade was put up to a first-class standard and is now on an equal footing with Omaha. This makes a course of three and a provision is also made for a three years business course. The change goes into effect at once.

Member Thomas recommended that all boilers under public school buildings be inspected and insured at once.

Mr. Bankal spoke in behalf of the Bohemian people and asked that the school board allow the Bohemian High school building on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings for the purpose of teaching the Bohemian language. The request was referred to the committee on buildings and grounds.

The total attendance this year so far, as near as Superintendent Monroe could give, was 1,255.

J. B. Sherwood, J. S. Adams and J. H. Wicker made applications for the position of fireman at the new school building. All the applications were refused.

Free Liquor and Cigars.

P. B. Lenegh's saloon, at the corner of Thirtieth and Q streets, was closed by the sheriff several days ago, and since that time persons have been stealing and carrying away the stock until there is scarcely enough left in the saloon to saturate the palates of three pal soldiers. Captain Austin was put on the case Wednesday night and before he went to breakfast he had arrested a dozen suspects. The captain says he has positive evidence that W. Williams was seen coming out of the saloon. He found it in the hands of Joe Alkofor lying on the sidewalk. Williams was only a few steps from the saloon and James E. Barcus was caught with a bottle of liquor in his possession. Williams was taken to the saloon. In company with Barcus was Martin Baker and M. C. Smith. The whole gang will be thoroughly investigated and it is thought the guilty ones are now in detention. Their hearing takes place this afternoon.

Fire Scare at Hammond's.

There was a big scare over at Hammond's packing house about 7 o'clock yesterday morning. One of the big stacks of lumber caught fire and from this a cattle shute on the south side of the building was set on fire. The company firemen put the fire out before the stack struck the main building and the damage is slight. The flames could be plainly seen from town and the firemen were at first thought the whole plant would go.

Magic City Gospe.

Ell Dowd has gone to Chicago. The independents held their weekly meeting last night. Mr. and Mrs. P. Persons were presented with a brand new daughter. The third degree was worked in the Knights of Pythias lodge last week. The members of the police force are arranging to give their annual ball about the middle of October.

The ladies of the Methodist church will serve a series of dinners, commencing on the 11th and continuing all week. The body of William Lindsey, the man who was killed near Fort Crook, was brought to this city and buried in St. Mary's cemetery.

Misses Cora and Myrtle Schlegel of Plattsmouth, who have been visiting at the home of their brother Alex, left for home last evening.

Mrs. B. Baldwin and wife and daughter Laura of Baldwinville, N. Y., who have been visiting at the home of City Attorney Van Dusen, returned home yesterday. Officer Tom Entinger went to Council Bluffs yesterday to get Keator, the man wanted for beating his board bill and some of his acquaintances. He followed refused to come without requisition papers.

Francis A. Lyman, the young gentleman who has been in the employ of E. J. Seykora for a number of years, left yesterday for Salt Lake City, where he will locate permanently, in the drug business.

The current was turned on to the cars running between South Omaha and Albia yesterday morning. The current was commented on by everyone and it is believed that the change will prove a big benefit to both the company and the patrons. The Board of Education will hold a two additional sessions for the Brown Park school. The present quarters are entirely too small.

THAT FIVE-CENT FARE.

Discouraging Prospects for the Hopeful and Long-headed Public.

THE OMAHA COUNCIL BUZZES

The outlook from a short fare across the bridge to Council Bluffs is not nearly so bright as the friends of the proposition have hoped for. For some reason or other some of the members of the city council are not favorably disposed toward the movement and this has in a measure resulted in the delay.

At a recent meeting of the council Mr. Elasser introduced an ordinance fixing the fare on the Council Bluffs motor trains to the Iowa line at 2 cents, and the same was referred to the special committee on bridge fare, composed of Elasser, Howell and Wheeler.

The ordinance was prepared to report upon the ordinance, and it was reported that the ordinance, Mr. Howell has not been an enthusiastic supporter of a 5-cent fare between this city and the Bluffs, and has not signed the report, although he has not as yet said that he would not. Mr. Wheeler is of the opinion that he is known to be any one with an enthusiasm for the reduced fare.

It seems like an impossibility to secure an ordinance of the council of the reduced fare. The question of a 5-cent fare is entirely in the hands of the Omaha city council, and the ordinance referred to the fact with a suggestion that the bridge company officials be given a reasonable amount of time in which to reduce the fare to 5 cents, and in case that is not done that the Omaha city authorities take the matter in hand and stop the running of cars across the bridge. The ordinance referred to is a 5-cent fare and was complied with. The Omaha committee did not take to this ordinance and it was not again referred to.

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Of course, to please a boy in his apparel is no easy task, we admit. The best you can do in order to avoid a good deal of inconvenience, bring him to us, introduce him to one of our polite salesmen, who will show you a few hundred different shades and fabrics. When you see 'em all, you can depend on seeing everything under the sun. After selecting your choice you needn't look elsewhere for his hat, shoes, waists, underwear and all else. We have 'em in abundance, of every description and every price.

We still charge for a good knock-about suit, \$1. Our \$1.60 and \$2 suits are finer than last year—make splendid school suits. But the suit that makes all the clothiers grumble, is our leader, that famous \$2.50 one. Got 'em made up better and cheaper this year, because of so many unemployed tailors in New York. Beautiful patterns and firm, solid colors, chevot and cassimere materials, \$3, \$3.50 and \$4 suits are made of genuine Scotch and Irish homespuns, that'll wear like cast iron. Our finer grades range up to \$7.25; that's the best the world produces.

Men's 75c winter underwear, odd sizes, today 15c per garment. 1 solid case of ladies' \$1.75 and \$2.50 woolen underwear, odd sizes, today at 23c per garment.

These and many like bargains will be thrown on our counter today and the splendid thing about this sale is that you cannot miss a bargain because we are selling everything else at actual cost prices. N. B. FALCONER.

3,000 yards of 20c novelty wash suiting, in limited quantities to each customer, today 24c per yard. 1,000 yards of choice 20c French satens, for one day, 5c per yard; not over 15 or 20 yards to a customer.

For Friday only we will sell all our 30c and 35c Swiss sash curtains, yard goods, at 15c per yard. 500 yards of 85c satin table damask today 40c per yard.

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