

DRINK DRIVES TO RIVER

Indications Disclose Drowning of James T. Hoffman at Newman Grove, Neb.

FORMERLY AN ASSISTANT POSTMASTER

Clothing is Found on Missouri Bank at Foot of Farnam Street and Papers Suggest Identity—Letter Tells of Liquor's Misery.

Somewhere in the Missouri river today the fishes are probably nibbling at the body of James T. Hoffman, formerly assistant postmaster at Newman Grove, Neb.

Indications disclose positively that Hoffman has ended his life by drowning. H. E. Jensen of 1204 South Third street has found a coat, vest and trousers on the river bank at the foot of Farnam street.

Several old letters were also found in which the name of James T. Hoffman appears. A letter evidently written by the man who discarded the clothing plainly tells of a premeditated suicide. The letter follows:

Dear Mother: Whiskey is the cause of it all. I was good for nearly two months—then went wrong. I have caused you all trouble enough. Keep your fingers off my back. This pays all my debts. My big book with papers in it are at the Cambridge hotel. My key is at the State hotel. You have all been too good to me. You were wayward and loving son, JIM.

Strangely however, in the letter which appears to be convincing proof that the wearer of the clothing drowned himself in the river, no one has yet appeared as a witness of the tragedy—a fact peculiar when it is considered that the foot of Farnam street, where the clothing was found, is a comparatively prominent place, where at all times of day or night there is more or less passing.

The police went to the hotels indicated and found the valises and papers as stated in the foregoing note. No envelope enclosed the death message.

Police have not opened the valise nor have they examined the book and papers found at the hotel. This feature will probably be looked into this morning and further light may thereby be thrown upon the case.

But the signature "Jim" at the bottom of the note addressed "mother," and the inscription on the keyring "cause the police to believe beyond doubt that James T. Hoffman is the name of the man who left the clothing, and it seems equally certain that he must have jumped into the water."

Hotel People Know Hoffman.

Inquiry at the State and Cambridge hotels developed that a man by the name of James T. Hoffman has been a boarder there during the greater part of the summer. He alternated between the two places. The Hoffman hotel people know is missing.

He was a watch repairer and practical electrician. He was about 35 years old, the hotel attaches say, and was a cripple.

Harry Armstrong, a flagman on the railroad tracks on the east end of Farnam street, reported to the police last night that on Thursday afternoon he saw a man answering Hoffman's description loitering about the river bank, but did not observe anything to indicate that suicide was contemplated.

No effort has been made to recover the body.

Nephew of Mrs. Lee Healey.

James T. Hoffman, who is supposed to have committed suicide, is a nephew of Mrs. Healey, wife of former Police Judge Lee Healey.

Judge Healey said last night: "Notwithstanding the convincing evidence, I do not believe that Hoffman has drowned himself. Likely Hoffman left the clothes on the bank, but I believe he had an object in so doing. Hoffman has been a very intelligent man and has always depended on his mother to support him. He has been in Omaha several months, but I have seen him but once during that time."

Hoffman's mother lives at Newman Grove and during his residence here she has frequently sent him money, it is said.

A bartender at Henry Ketting's saloon, sixteenth and Davenport, said last night: "Hoffman left the saloon about 11 o'clock Thursday night. He said he wanted to go out to his uncle's and borrowed 10 cents to pay his car fare. Hoffman had been sick for several weeks and the last few days had seemed despondent. As a wireworker he formerly made considerable money. He frequently came in here and was liked by all of us."

PROHIBITIONISTS IN SAUNDERS

They Put Up a Ticket that is Calculated to Draw Heavily from Fusion.

ASHLAND, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Saunders county prohibitionists met in convention here today and put up the first county ticket that party since 1893. These were nominated:

For treasurer, Eric Charles, Ithaca; for clerk, F. F. Horne, Ceresco; for register, C. O. Anderson, Wahoo; for judge, W. Bert Clark, Ashland; for sheriff, Charles E. Penny, Ceresco; for superintendent of public instruction, Walter Welling, Hebron; for surveyor, C. A. Hick, Ashland; for coroner, L. B. Lemar, Mead; for commissioner Second district, L. McElfresh, Cedar Bluff; delegates to state convention, W. I. Carlisle, Wahoo; Edward J. Phillips, Yutan; Mrs. J. I. Allen, Yutan; H. B. Lemar, Mead; Rev. John E. Swanson, Mead; C. G. Dahlstrom, F. F. Horne, Ceresco; Albert Service, C. A. Huyck, Ashland; alternates, Rev. M. A. Gault, Wahoo; George Hammell, Ceresco; Dennis Dean, Ashland; John Sableman, Mead; Andrew Bowen, Weston; D. M. Williams, Yutan; C. M. Brown, Ceresco; M. Buskirk, Wahoo; John Nelson, Swedeberg; John Nelson, Ceresco.

F. F. Horne of Ceresco was chairman and W. B. Clark of Ashland secretary. Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Beveridge of Fremont sang several songs in the afternoon and tonight. Large numbers of the prohibitionists have heretofore voted the fusion ticket in this county and their putting a ticket in the field this year will draw more from the fusion forces in Saunders county than fall from the republicans.

New Church for Superior.

SUPERIOR, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The congregation of the United Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon it was voted to immediately raise for the erection of a new church to cost \$7,000. Every cent of this amount has been subscribed. Work on the building will commence within a couple of weeks.

The United Presbyterians have for several years owned lots at the corner of Commercial avenue and Fourth street, one of the prettiest locations in the town, and it is here that they will erect the new edifice.

Small Blaze in Fremont.

FREMONT, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The residence of G. N. Huntington on Sixth street caught on fire during the absence of the family this morning about 8:30 o'clock and before the firemen had the flames under control the roof was badly burned and the

WAHOO WATER WORKS CASE

Motion for Rehearing is Filed in the Office of the Supreme Court.

LINCOLN, Aug. 23.—(Special.)—A motion for rehearing of the case of the Wahoo Water Works company against the city of Wahoo was filed today in the office of the supreme court. There are two fundamental questions involved in the controversy and such is said to be of vital importance to the people of the state. The first is as to the proper passage of the irrigation law of 1883, and the second concerns the application of the law to contracts like the one upon which the action is based.

The original action was for a writ of mandamus directing the mayor and council of Wahoo to levy a sufficient tax to discharge the obligations of a legal contract entered into by the city. This application raised the questions which are now involved. Eight errors were assigned to the motion for rehearing. In the brief filed with the motion it is asserted that if the last decision of the court is allowed to stand it means not only ruin to all water works companies that have already contracted with municipalities, but will prevent towns and cities from hereafter getting a water supply in that way, for no person or corporation would have the hardihood to make such a contract.

Requisition for Faulkner.

Governor Savage today issued a requisition on the governor of California for the return of Fred Faulkner, who is wanted in Omaha to answer to the charge of embezzlement. Faulkner is now under arrest in Los Angeles. The complaint filed charges him with embezzlement of \$110 from the World Publishing company, while serving in the capacity of employe for that corporation.

Another requisition issued by the governor today calls for the return of Ed Miller from Coffey county, Kansas, to Nemaha county, Nebraska. He is wanted to answer to the charge of horse stealing.

Governor Savage also issued a requisition returned at noon today from West Point, where the former delivered an address before the old settlers of Cumming county yesterday afternoon.

Bryan Unlikely to Move.

The report that W. J. Bryan will soon move to Chicago to make that city his home is denied. Mr. Bryan is out of the city, but the Chicago Tribune, which said the report was news to him and he was satisfied there was no truth in it whatever. He said W. J. Bryan would continue to live in Lincoln.

REPUBLICANS NAME TICKETS

County Conventions Are Largely Attended and All is Harmony.

HARTINGTON, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The republicans of Cedar county met in convention here today and nominated J. F. Jenal of Hartington for clerk, for the third time, having been twice elected. M. E. Butlerfield, Coleridge, treasurer; A. E. Ward of Hartington, sheriff; Carl Quist of Laurel, sheriff; John Bridenbaugh of Hartington, county judge; Andrew McNeal of Andrew, surveyor; Dr. Nielsen of Belden, coroner. The following delegates to the county and all business was transacted harmoniously. The following delegates to the state convention were chosen: J. L. Stewart, M. E. Butlerfield, L. Andrews, J. F. Jenal, W. F. Schwensen, William Tomber, Z. F. Funk, John Wellburn, Cecil Brong, John Bridenbaugh, Paul B. Nowel, Fred Barnhart, H. A. Miller, C. Furley, E. N. Dunwiddie.

YORK, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—Tomorrow the republican county convention will be held. The following candidates are in the field: M. M. Nildman and A. B. Taylor, sheriff; J. P. Miller and H. W. Brott, sheriff; D. W. Baker and Robert Henderson, treasurer; C. A. Basler, clerk; H. A. Murphy, J. A. Eskridge, Abraham Nick, J. and A. W. Shafer, recorder of deeds; Ed C. Bishop, superintendent.

TRENTON, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—The republicans of Hitchcock county met here and put a strong ticket in the field. The following were chosen: George Gallagher of Stratton, treasurer; John W. Fordyce of Culbertson; sheriff, John W. Brown of Trenton; superintendent of schools, Mrs. J. W. Murdoch of Palsade; judge, F. M. Flansburg of Trenton; surveyor, J. S. Ferris of Culbertson; coroner, Dr. A. H. Thomas of Trenton; commissioner, First district, C. G. Crews of Culbertson; delegates to state convention, William Brannen, George G. Eisenhart, Sinclair Hill, W. T. Brickey and C. B. Deihl. S. C. Solomon of Culbertson was elected chairman of the county central committee.

AMOR, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—The republicans of Hamilton county will hold their convention August 24. Although this is a populist county, the republicans have made steady gains for several years and they expect to reap their reward this fall.

BLUE RIVER BAPTISTS MEET

Thirty-Fourth Convention of the Association Now in Session at Hebron.

HEBRON, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—The thirty-fourth Blue River Baptist association of Nebraska has been in session here since yesterday afternoon, to continue in session till Sunday afternoon. About seventy churches of this and adjoining counties are represented. The first day's program at the Baptist chapel consisted of an informal meeting for getting acquainted, a praise service, led by George Young, and a prayer service, addressed by Rev. D. L. McBride. The other churches of the city are arranging to have their pulpits filled by the visiting preachers on Sunday evening.

BABY PLAYS WITH GUN

Plattsmouth Boy of Eighteen Months Kills Himself During Parents' Absence.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—A sad accident occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Jones, who reside in the western portion of this city, last evening. While playing in the house all alone their 18-months-old son, in some unknown manner, caused a shotgun to be discharged and the load passed through his body, killing him almost instantly. Mrs. Jones kept the gun loaded and standing by the bed while her husband was away from the city. The body was buried this afternoon.

Expects to Join the Iowa.

AURORA, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—Word was received here from San Francisco that Paul P. Skinner, a 16-year-old Aurora boy, had enlisted in the United States navy as landman. He is now on the training ship Pensacola, but expects to be transferred to the Iowa soon.

Reunion at Weeping Water.

WEeping WATER, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The closing day of the Grand Army of the Republic reunion was

OUT SUNDAY

The Illustrated Bee

The coming number of The Illustrated Bee will be fully up to the high standard set by this publication and so consistently maintained. Among the features which will afford delight and information to its readers will be:

Iowa Soldiers in Camp.

A full page of handsome half-tone views taken at Camp Dodge by a staff artist. One other cut shows Governor Shaw and staff reviewing the troops.

Samuel R. Callaway.

Beautiful half-tone portrait and short sketch of the career of this man, who has risen from office boy to head of the American Locomotive company.

Railway Mail Clerks.

Story telling how the letters of the nation are cared for on the trains by the busiest of postal employes, and the portraits of the officers of the clerk's association.

Frank G. Carpenter's Letter.

An interesting installment of his travels in the South seas, this time telling something of the Dutch colonial possessions and their inhabitants, freely illustrated.

Dr. Tuckley's London Letter.

First of a series that will cover the proceedings of the great Methodist Episcopal Ecumenical council now in session at the metropolis.

Largest Battleship Ever Launched.

Illustrated description of the Retzian, built in America for the Russian government. Its monstrous proportions and great speed are unequalled in the world's navies.

Other Features Are Many.

There is no department of the paper which has been slighted. All the things which make it welcome to its readers week after week have been given careful attention and none will be found missing. It has no equal in the west. Order it today from your newsdealer.

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the biggest and best. Thousands of people filled the town and park and witnessed the sham battle, base ball game, balloon ascension and other attractions. Tonight Congressman E. J. Burkett addressed the old and young soldiers and the park was filled with sightseers. No accidents have marred the pleasures of the week.

SPEECHES AND A SHAM BATTLE

Grand Army Veterans at Weeping Water Listen to an Address by J. H. Van Dusen.

WEeping WATER, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—A tremendous crowd gathered for the park yesterday, the third day of the Grand Army reunion. In the morning Hon. James H. Van Dusen of Omaha made the old soldiers of '61 and the young soldiers of the Spanish-American war an eloquent address. The base ball game resulted in a victory for Weeping Water team over Greenwood by a score of 11 to 7. The man with the balloon did not go up, but the balloon did, it caught fire and burned. The sham battle was exciting and real. Music and speaking in the evening was followed by a campfire.

PICNICS OF MODERN WOODMEN

Business Houses Close and Members of the Order and Their Friends Take a Day Off.

WAHOO, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—The Modern Woodmen and Royal Neighbors held a picnic in Spanek's grove, adjoining the city, yesterday, which was largely attended by members of the orders and their friends throughout the county. All business houses in Wahoo were closed from 1 o'clock to 5 p. m. and everybody enjoyed a day in the shade. Director A. R. Talbot of Lincoln spoke and a fine program of amusements was witnessed in the afternoon.

Showers Help Nebraska Corn.

AURORA, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—A light shower fell this morning and all crops look well. On account of the recent rains Hamilton county will have a considerable corn crop and the small grain was good. The yield of what was exceptionally fine and the Aurora mills will soon put out a night force in order to supply their customers.

NORTH LOUP, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—A light rain, not to exceed one-fourth of an inch, fell here this morning.

Dallas is Declared Insane.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—Deputy Sheriff J. D. McBride brought William Dallas to this city last evening from Manley and today he was pronounced by the Board of Insanity a fit subject for the Asylum for Insane. The unfortunate man came to this county from Omaha a short time ago and labors under the hallucination that some one conspired to kill him by putting poison in his food.

Old Man Robbed While Asleep.

ALLIANCE, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Zeek Mahin, an old man from the west part of the county, was robbed of \$90 while asleep in a saloon last night. R. B. Jones has been named over to the district court and C. S. Odell is held as a witness. Odell is the man whose daughter was kidnapped here recently by her mother. Both Jones and Odell are in jail.

To Vote Water Works Bonds.

MADISON, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—A special election has been ordered by the council, to be held September 24, to vote on a proposition to vote bonds for water works extension in the sum of \$5,000.

Funeral of an Old Settler.

MADISON, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—The funeral of the late Mrs. Phoebe Schmitt, wife of Commissioner Charles

REWARD OFFERED FOR WARD

Evidence Connecting Missing Man with Murder of Shephard Boys.

KIRK'S CLOTHES FOUND IN A BARREL

Blood-Spattered Wagon Spoke Near by Indicates How He Met His Death—Ward Thought to Be in the Mountains.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Aug. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The Lawrence county commissioners today offered a reward of \$200 for the capture of W. H. Ward, the missing Pluma miner whose yard the body of one of the Shephard boys was found. His photograph will be sent to all of the sheriffs of the west.

The searching party at the Ward cabin today found the clothes of Kirk Shephard stained with blood and a wagon spoke near by also found near the house, covered with blood. This settled the question about the murder of the second brother.

Harley, the third brother, stated today to your correspondent that he believed that he also barely escaped death at the hands of Ward. Fearful that the old man might carry out some of his threats, Harley ran away from home and went to Sheridan, Wyo. There he received a letter, apparently sent by his brother Lee, stating that Ward had \$5,000 ready for him as soon as he returned home. Harley started as soon as he got the letter, but was four days late in arriving at Kirk's home. He found that his other brothers and Ward were missing. Had he returned home sooner he would have gone to Ward's house and would, no doubt, he says, have been killed, too. The letter purporting to have come from his brother Lee had apparently been sent by Ward.

A neighboring woman stated today that Eugene Ward, a brother, who is in jail here, had made weekly trips into the mountains after dark before his arrest, and it is supposed that he carried food to his brother, who is in hiding near his house. Today was the time for his brother to make the trip and the mountains around about are being watched for the appearance of Ward, who will now have to come out for something to eat. The floor of Ward's cabin was taken up today, in search of the body of the second brother.

FORMER CONVICT IS INSANE

Thomas Tomaw, Recently Released, Threatens to Kill Everybody in His Neighborhood.

HURON, S. D., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—Thomas Tomaw, released from the penitentiary a few weeks since, when he served a term of two years for assault with intent to kill, was arrested in Lake Byron township a few days since. The Board of Insanity has adjudged him insane and he will be taken to an asylum at Yankton, S. D. He deliberately drove a farmer and his family from their home and took possession of the place, threatening to kill the whole neighborhood. Tomaw is a bachelor.

PRINTERS WILL AID STRIKERS

Sioux Falls Men Agree to Contribute a Hundred Dollars Per Month.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Aug. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—At a meeting of the Typographical union and the Pressmen's union of Sioux Falls it was decided to assess the members for the raising of funds to aid the strikers. The total amount of the assessments will aggregate about \$100 per month.

Clark Gun Club's Tournament.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—It has been decided by the members of the Clark Gun club to hold a shooting tournament at that place September 27. Arrangements are now being made for the event, which will draw together all the good marksmen in that part of the state. An aggregate of \$225 will be given in prizes.

MONOTONY IN WEATHER LINE

Two More Days of Cloudless Sky for Nebraska and Neighboring States.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: For Nebraska, Kansas and South Dakota—Fair Saturday and Sunday; east to south winds. For Iowa and Missouri—Fair Saturday and Sunday; light north to east winds. For Illinois—Generally fair Saturday and Sunday; warmer Sunday in extreme southern portion; light north to northeast winds. For Arkansas—Local thunderstorms and cooler Saturday; Sunday fair, probably warmer; variable winds. For New Mexico—Fair in southern, local thunderstorms in northern portion Saturday and Sunday; variable winds. For Western Texas—Fair Saturday, except showers and cooler in the Panhandle; Sunday fair; variable winds. For North Dakota—Fair and warmer Saturday; warmer Sunday in extreme southern portion; light north to northeast winds. For Colorado—Fair and warmer in western, showers and cooler in eastern portion Saturday; Sunday fair, with warmer in eastern portion; winds mostly north to east. For Wyoming—Fair Saturday; warmer in eastern portion; Sunday fair; north to east winds. For Montana—Fair Saturday and Sunday; variable winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Aug. 23.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature, Precipitation. Rows for 1901, 1900, 1901, 1900.

Normal temperature..... 72 Excess for the day..... 60 Total excess since March 1..... 600

Deficiency for the day..... 10 inch Total since March 1..... 13.96 inches Kansas City, Mo., 1900..... 15 inches Deficiency for cor. period, 1900..... 2.07 inches Deficiency for cor. period, 1901..... 1.69 inches

Reports from Stations at 7 p. m.

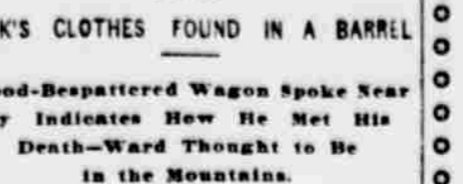
STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.

Table with 3 columns: Station, Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature. Rows for Omaha, North Platte, Cheyenne, Rapid City, Huron, St. Paul, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver, Helena, Havre, Bismarck, Galveston.

T indicates trace of precipitation. L. A. WELSH.

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Thus it is a multitude of men and women are persuaded to try some catarrh remedy which they think is just as good as Peruna. We are receiving thousands of letters all the time from people who have made this mistake. Not only do they fail to receive any benefit, but precious time is wasted, and sometimes positive harm is done. Peruna has many imitators, but no real rivals. There is no other remedy for catarrh just as good as Peruna. Let your medicine dealer persuade you to try anything else first. Everything depends upon getting the right remedy. Nothing can be safely substituted for Peruna.

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