

DEAD AND COMPANION GONE

Circumstances Lead Police to Believe May Bishop May Have Been Murdered.

POST MORTEM INDICATES DIFFERENTLY

Stomach Not Yet Examined, but Otherwise Indications Are That Woman Died a Natural Death.

While in Room.

May Bishop, known as "Deaf May," was found dead yesterday afternoon in room 47 of the Cambridge hotel by the landlady, A. Gordon, who discovered the body of the woman lying directly in front of the door. She deceased was about 35 years of age.

The Bishop woman registered at the hotel Tuesday night between 11 and 12 o'clock with a man named J. C. Barrett, the said woman's wife. The fact that the room was locked and the key found on the inside lead the officers to believe that the death was the result of foul play. The transom of the room was forced upward and it is thought that the woman's companion took his flight by this route. The dust on the sill of the window over the door was disturbed, showing that something had passed through the opening. Captain Hare and Detectives Drummy and Mitchell think there is every indication of foul play.

The woman has a mother and a brother residing in Omaha. Her husband is said to reside here also. Coroner Bralley was notified and the remains were taken to his undertaking rooms.

No Marks of Violence.

A hurried examination of the body of the woman, made just before it was removed to the coroner's rooms in the afternoon, revealed no marks of violence. No poison was found in the room and there was nothing whatever to indicate that the woman had committed suicide.

Probably Natural Death.

An autopsy was performed last night on the body of May Bishop, who was found dead in the Cambridge hotel at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, under circumstances which lead to a supposition of foul play. The examination was made by Dr. J. C. Moore, assisted by Assistant City Physician H. L. Arnold and Police Surgeon Hahn. It is thought, as a result of the post-mortem, that the woman came to her death through natural causes. However, the stomach has not been examined for traces of poison and no decision can be reached until this is done. Dr. Moore will cause an examination of the stomach to be made before the time for holding the inquest at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The woman was found to be suffering from local peritonitis in an advanced form, which would have caused her death. She was also an epileptic. It is supposed that she was taken by a fit, which in her weakened condition caused her death.

The police have been unable to locate J. C. Barrett, who was with the woman. They think that he was the man who wished to get away so as to escape punishment, and in his haste, not being able to find the key, climbed through the transom. Several years ago a similar case occurred in the Dewey hotel and another in a Capitol avenue resort in 1901.

A Word of Appreciation.

OMAHA, Jan. 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: It affords me great pleasure to publicly commend our chief of police for the excellent manner in which he has handled an important matter for our company, wherein we were able to recover valuable property stolen from us by one of the most accomplished shoplifters in the country.

When we notified the chief of our loss he at once gave it as his opinion that the robbery was committed by a man who he has then stated, "We will get her before long." For this reason we have not returned and has kept in thorough touch with the police departments all over the country. His quickness and efficiency rewarded a few days ago and the woman was arrested. While we had a very weak case, and would have given up and found fault with the police, he handled the matter so ably that we are now in a position to get full payment for the property stolen, and sufficient to cover all expenses.

We are so grateful to him for his help with public servants that I feel we should be glad to commend him to you. Personally I have always held the chief in high regard, but his connection with this case has convinced me that he possesses all the qualifications of a police officer, and that he can always be depended on to be watchful and diligent in the discharge of his duty. I can testify in this public way as to the satisfactory manner in which he settled an important and difficult case.

ROBERT COWELL.

Injured While Skating.

Charles Dally, a 14-year-old boy, living at 1308 South Twenty-fifth street, came out of a skating rink on Hanson park lake yesterday afternoon. He was skating on the left bank, and while he was skating he fell and injured his left ankle. Surgeon Hahn was summoned from the hospital and bandaged the injured limb. The boy taken to his home in the patrol wagon. The accident happened at about 5:30 o'clock.

NOT DUE TO CLIMATE.

Catarrh is Found Everywhere.

Catarrh is at home anywhere and everywhere. While most people think of it as a changeable climate, it is by no means confined to them, it is prevalent in every state and territory in the union.

The common definition of catarrh is a chronic cold in the head, which is long neglected often destroys the sense of smell and hearing, but there are many other forms of the disease even more obstinate and dangerous.

Catarrh of the throat and bronchial tubes as well as catarrh of the stomach and liver are almost as common as nasal catarrh and generally more difficult to cure.

Catarrh is undoubtedly a blood disease and can only be successfully eradicated by an internal treatment. Sprays, washes and powders are useless as far as reaching the real seat of the disease is concerned.

Dr. McVerney advises catarrh sufferers to use a new preparation, sold by druggists, called Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, because actual analysis has shown these tablets to contain certain antiseptic qualities of the highest value, and being an internal remedy, pleasant to the taste, convenient and harmless, can be used as freely as required, as well for children as for adults.

An attorney and public speaker, who had been a catarrh sufferer for years says: "Every fall I would catch a cold which would settle in my head and throat and hang on all winter long and every winter it seemed to get a little worse. I was continually clearing my throat and my voice became affected to such an extent as to interfere with my public speaking."

"I tried troches and cheap cures and sometimes got relief, but only for a short time, until this winter, when I learned of the new catarrh cure, Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, through a newspaper advertisement. Two fifty cent boxes which I bought at my druggist's cleared my head and throat in fine shape and to guard against a return of my old trouble I keep a box of these tablets on hand and whenever I catch a little cold I take a tablet or two and ward off any serious developments."

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets deserves to head the list as a household remedy, to check and break up coughs and colds, because unlike many other catarrh cures, these tablets contain no opiate, cocaine or any injurious drug.

OMAHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The recent refusal of a seventh grade teacher to allow her pupils to contribute money for the purchase of a carbon copy of "The Guardians of the Temple" that the class had expressed a unanimous desire to place in its room, occasioned no little indignation among the parents of these children and has brought about a fresh agitation of the subject of school room decorations that every so often comes up among teachers and principals. A few years ago a rule was passed prohibiting the school children bringing money to school for any purpose except necessities on the ground that many were unable to afford it and that the practice had many undesirable results.

At the time this rule was passed many of the schools and classes were paying monthly for pictures for walls of rooms that had been bought, while others were allowed to do this, each child contributing whatever he could and no one knowing the amount of his contribution. In this way pictures or some other desirable end have been attained, but while the benefits and refining influences of these school room equipments cannot be denied the question is raised whether or not in sacrificing a principle, in securing them in disregard of a rule, the pupils do not in the end lose more than they gain.

It was in protection of the principle that at least one teacher in one of the better districts of the city recently refused to allow her class to buy a picture, and as a consequence she not only brought upon herself no little ridicule and criticism from many teachers, but a storm of indignation allowed to her class by the parents of her pupils, who insisted that if she failed to appreciate such pictures she had no right to deny her class their benefits. In turn she asserted her position in the class and to a donor or pupil of the picture who had offered to purchase the matter with her, and suggested that they take their protest to the Board of Education, where it belonged, instead of to her. She was not a little surprised to find the parents unwilling to do this, the majority of those with whom she discussed it suggesting that her class be allowed to do as other rooms had done—get the picture and say nothing about it.

"Tell me," she said the other day, "with parents sanctioning, if not actually encouraging, the purchase of pictures, and suggesting that her class be allowed to do as other rooms had done—get the picture and say nothing about it."

"The privilege remains with the children to purchase pictures, and it is necessary that some person of judgment assist them in making a selection and in other ways, and as a rule the teacher is best qualified to render the assistance of this kind necessary. The purchase of pictures by the class can afford that the average person that would be asked to help outside of the school."

Dislocated Her Shoulder.

Mrs. Johanna Soderholm of Ferguson Falls, Minn., fell and dislocated her shoulder while she had a surrogat set back in place as soon as possible, but it was quite sore and pained her very much. Her son mentioned that he had seen Chamberlain's Pain Balm advertised for sprains and soreness, and she at once procured a bottle and used it as directed. It quickly relieved her and enabled her to sleep, which she had not done for several days. The son was so much pleased with the relief it gave his mother that he has since recommended it to many others.

Second Ward Republicans.

The first meeting for the year of the Second ward Republican club was held last night at 1408 South Twenty-fifth street. The number being present, President John F. Behm opened the meeting with a short address, followed by the reading of the report of the club. F. W. Bandhuver, president of the First Ward club, Fred Reuning, candidate for tax collector, Justice Wagner, and J. J. Nodel made speeches. Twenty new members were admitted to the club, and the meeting closed with the singing of the national anthem.

Parker and His Singing.

In a report of the meeting of the Women's club Monday it was stated that Will Parker, trust officer, had said that he considered the singing of the national anthem "because it had enabled him some years later to sing 'Way Down on the Suwannee River' every day in the week. 'Thee' all the way to a pest house." Mr. Parker's singing was very much enjoyed and he asserts most seriously that his reference to the songs had no connection with his remarks about the cooking school.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The will of the late Campbell Fair, as revised by the codicil, was admitted to probate yesterday afternoon.

Eva J. Thompson petitions for divorce from Gardner A. Thompson, an alleged non-supporter. They were married in Omaha in 1900.

Fred Morrow was yesterday afternoon arrested by Constable Morrow, his brother who charged the boy with inebriation.

County Commissioner James P. Connolly is called to the city by the death yesterday of his brother-in-law, Gustave Maher, formerly of Omaha.

There will be a meeting of the Visiting Nurses' association at the parlors of the Paxton hotel at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The annual program will be made for the annual reception.

News of the death of Bert C. Raymond at Kansas City has been received in Omaha. He was at one time identified with his father, in the jewelry business in this city. He died of consumption after suffering with the disease for about two years. He will be buried at Maquoketa, Ia.

Bligham & Son received a letter yesterday from the Hawaiian Islands containing some fish price quotations, the envelope being addressed simply with the firm name of the "Omaha Fish Market." A pretty good sign that Omaha is fairly well known a long way from home.

The electric light company will soon install at its power plant a new 1,200-kilowatt machine in use. Another change will be made by the company in the removal of buildings from the First National bank building to the Shukert building on Sixth street, and the removal of the firm's headquarters to the corner of Leavenworth and Twenty-fourth streets.

Sam Fram appeared at police headquarters Wednesday afternoon with a gaping wound on his forehead. He is in the officers that he had been assaulted by Sam Gross near the corner of Sixteenth and Leavenworth streets. The assault was made because he had appeared as a witness against Gross' father-in-law in a recent suit in the courts. A warrant will be issued.

At the annual meeting of the Bankers' Life Association, held yesterday, the following officers were re-elected: R. H. Roberts, president; R. C. Wagner, secretary; J. P. Latta, vice president and treasurer; R. L. Robinson, second vice president; W. D. Briggs, Jr., medical director; W. F. Milroy, M. D., assistant medical director; John A. Demerit, superintendent of agents; G. Purcell, manager of agents.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Movement for Street Car Line Along South Thirtieth Street.

COMPANY LOOKS FAVORABLY ON PLAN

Will Build as Far as Missouri Avenue in Spring and May Later Extend the Line to Fort Crook.

While no meetings of special importance have been held by the East Side Improvement club for a few weeks, a number of committees have been working and are pushing the extension of the Thirtieth street car line. It is understood that the committee of the club which recently waited upon General Manager Smith received encouragement enough to permit the members to state that the line will be constructed in the spring. At present the extension is designed only to Missouri avenue, but there is a project on foot to induce the company to run the line a little farther south. At the same time there is a plan to have the line built clear through to Fort Crook. This latter line will hardly be built this year, as the contract is not yet made, but it will be satisfied if the Thirtieth street line is extended to Missouri avenue. Some of the business men of Omaha are taking hold of the scheme and realize that if a loop of some kind is made both Omaha and South Omaha merchants will be benefited.

Those interested assert that what South Omaha needs is better street car facilities. While there is no complaint to speak of on the accommodations now given, there is a growing need for another line which will relieve the congestion at the busy hours of the day. This, the East Side club hopes, will be overcome when the promised extension on Thirtieth street is made. Officers of the street railway company are quoted as saying that material for the extension has been ordered and that work on the new line will commence in April.

Packers' Coal Supply.

The packers' coal supply remains about the same. There is now on hand two days' supply for each of the packing houses. The number of cars delivered here has been cut down considerably, but purchases agents say that when they make a call for coal it comes in plenty, except unless the weather should turn cold, and the tracks be blocked by snow. At the school houses there is plenty of coal to last for some time, so there is no danger of the schools being closed on account of the coal for domestic consumption is arriving slowly. There is no anthracite to speak of in sight, but Missouri and Illinois coal is coming in almost daily, so that there will hardly be a famine in that line.

George Has Fit.

Carl George, a farmer living in the western part of the state, caused a little excitement in police court yesterday by fainting. The trouble was that he could not stand for a joke. George had been in the city for several days and had put in his time and spent his money in saloons. The result was that he was drunk and fell fainting before the police judge yesterday. The judge, being tipped by Chief Briggs talked in an offhand sort of a way about a thirty days' sentence on the rock pile. This was too much for George and he fainted. When he came to the judge told him to get back to his farm and not show up here until the spring plowing is over.

Building Permits Slow.

Property owners who are building during the winter months are unusually slow in calling at the city offices and securing permits. The city engineer made a tour of the city yesterday and has a list of permits which should be taken up and secured as soon as possible. In case permits are not procured within a few days an officer detailed from the police department will be sent out to suggest to the delinquents that they had better call and settle in order to avoid possible future complications.

Repairing Walks.

With the let-up on cold weather Mayor Koutsky put a few men to work yesterday making some needed repairs. A crosswalk was laid at Thirty-sixth and Q streets. Walks were repaired at Eighteenth and Q, Twentieth and J, and Twenty-fifth and J streets. The total repairs amounting to a little less than \$5. Should the weather permit more repairs of the same kind will be made at once.

Resume Cutting Ice.

The Cudahy company will resume cutting ice at Seymour lake today. The new ice crop is from eight to eleven inches in thickness. This second crop will be regarded as rapidly as possible in order that the houses may be filled before there is a change in the temperature. Something like 30,000 tons have now been cut and stored away. The houses will hold 40,000 tons, and if there is an excess the surplus will be placed outside. Every morning work will be furnished free transportation if a report is made at the wholesale market at 6 a. m. each morning.

Sixth Annual Meeting.

The sixth annual meeting of the South Omaha club will be held at the club rooms on the evening of January 27. Every member is requested to be present. Reports will be made by the officers now in charge. After the election refreshments will be served in the dining room. The club is in first-class financial condition at the present time.

Magie City Gossip.

Case council of the Royal Arcanum will give a musical and literary entertainment at Masonic hall on Friday night.

Work on the sheep yards at the stock yards is progressing nicely and the company expects to have the barns ready for use within ten days.

The condition of W. G. Sloane remains about the same. He is daily getting better, but there still remains some little hope of his recovery.

John Flynn is still at the salt springs at Lincoln. He expects to return home shortly. After looking after his business matters he intends going south to James Johnson, who was injured by falling from a train in the yards here Wednesday night. He was last night removed to the South Omaha hospital, where he will have his face fixed.

WITH THE IMPROVEMENT CLUBS

Southwestern After Another Car Line and Prospect Hill on Equal Taxation.

At a largely attended and enthusiastic meeting of the Southwest Improvement club last night definite final steps were taken toward carrying out the conditions imposed by the Omaha Street Railway company on completion of the new line. A double track line down Twenty-fourth street from Leavenworth to Vinton streets. The street railway company has stated that as soon as the city reduces the grade from Leavenworth to Pacific streets to 4 per cent by a slight fill and secures the widening of the street near Pacific, where the abutting property juts into it for a short distance, it will build the trackage.

In pursuance of this promise the improvement club last night named a committee of three consisting of Fred Schamuel, Austin Williams and Fred Zottman. They will endeavor to secure the necessary signature of a majority of the abutting property owners asking that the grading be done. Councilmen Haswell and Zimman were present, and promised to do their best to get the matter through the aldermanic body without delay, and it is not thought that the request will be made in vain, as the fill at its deepest place need be only five feet.

Meanwhile City Attorney Connell guaranteed that he will arrange to have the street made full width where the put now is. The club adjourned till next Wednesday night, when reports will be made as to progress on this matter. Street railway officials have promised to have the line running by June 1.

At the election of officers all the incumbent officials were re-elected as follows: W. H. Green, president; Henry Rohlf, vice president; Mr. J. Feenan, secretary; Fred Zottman, treasurer.

As the mayor has now given his consent to having the three new arc lights on Twenty-fourth street that matter was re-opened, and the councilmen present said that they had been through the city engineer when it will receive the mayor's sanction, instead of his veto, as on the last trial.

A resolution was adopted indorsing bills now pending at Lincoln providing for changing the charter provision which compels the tax commissioner to take his railroad assessments from those returned to the county clerk for county taxation.

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A committee from the local lodge of the Bartenders' union craved an audience and was admitted. The bartenders submitted a wage scale which they wish granted. They were heard, but no action was taken, as the dealers were not yet permanently organized.

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Ed Henry Loses \$1,200 Through the Visitation of a Sneak Thief.

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Marriage licenses were granted yesterday in the following cases:

Name and Residence. Age. Lawrence Larsen, Omaha, 35. Marie Miller, Omaha, 35. Joseph C. Specht, Los Angeles, 35. Mary C. Hobart, Omaha, 15. William T. Shappell, Omaha, 41. Lulu Spencer, Omaha, 15. John A. Keller, Wisner, Neb., 31. Emma Wehner, Wisner, Neb., 19. Andrew A. Williams and Fred Zottman, Omaha, 35. Bessie Shandy, Omaha, 23. Lina L. Glover, Omaha, 15. Anna Blackett, Omaha, 15.

Driver's Leg Broken.

Fred Hartman, living at 1420 Dodge street, suffered a broken leg yesterday afternoon as the result of a runaway. Hartman is a driver on the street cars and was carrying living goods in the northern part of the city. His horse became frightened and ran away on completion of the run. The driver's hospital ambulance was summoned and took the injured man to his home.

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