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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Mike Sickle, a Tailor, Found Dead in His Workshop.

SUPPOSED TO HAVE TAKEN HIS OWN LIFE

Circumstances and Surroundings Point to Suicide, but Police Chief Professes to Suspect Murder.

There seems to be some occasion for an inquiry in the case of the death of Mike Sickle, the tailor, whose body was found in his workshop, it is now believed to have shot himself, but the police last night seemed to think that it was a case of murder. When Chief Briggs was asked about the matter he said that the man had been killed by outsiders, as several suspicious circumstances surrounded the case. In the first place, Briggs said that the bullet causing death was fired from an angle. It is company with a Bee reporter a well known physician looked at the remains last night. It was found that the bullet entered about one inch above the left breastbone and that it came out between the eighth and ninth ribs and about four inches from the backbone. No holes were shown in the clothing and traces of powder on the bullet were considered to show that the weapon was not close. An inquest may be held today, but physicians who examined the body last night say that there is hardly any doubt that it was a plain case of suicide.

Sickle, who has been conducting a tailoring and cleaning business in a small way in a room on Twenty-seventh street, just north of N street, committed suicide Wednesday forenoon. At breakfast time Sickle appeared as his family the same as usual, but soon after he entered his shop a shot was heard, and those who rushed into the little shop found the tailor on the floor with a gaping wound in his left breast. A revolver was tightly gripped in the right hand of the dead man.

The family, consisting of a wife and one child, are left in destitute circumstances. Sickle had lived in South Omaha for about four years and was considered by the police as somewhat dissipated. He had an artificial leg, and the wife told Undertaker Brewster that she would have to pawn the leg in order to secure money enough to buy food for herself and her child.

Child Evangelist Coming.

Louis Lawrence Dennis, the child evangelist, who is now holding services in Omaha, has made an arrangement with Rev. W. T. Biggers, pastor of the African Methodist Episcopal church, Twenty-fifth and R streets, for a series of meetings immediately after completing his labors in Omaha. The dates will be announced later.

Excavating for Library.

Excavating for the foundation of the public library commenced yesterday. Seven teams were at work and if the weather continues good the work will be completed this week. There is an abundance of material on hand for the foundation work, and this will be pushed. Some members of the board favor some sort of a demonstration at the laying of the cornerstone, while others think the proposed ceremonies should be postponed until the completion of the building. From what President Bruce McCulloch says, there will be no ceremony at the laying of the cornerstone, and if he has his way there will be no demonstration of any sort.

Street Car Improvements.

For a couple of years or more the city authorities have been wishing that the street car company would remove the idlers from the tracks and commence taking up the switches at Twenty-fourth and N streets and at Twenty-sixth and N streets and laying heavy rails. The removal of these two switches, which were used when the Metropolitans line was in service, will not only add greatly to the appearance of the street, but will facilitate the speed of cars on the line. Other improvements are being made on the west end of the Q street line. Some new poles are being set and a quantity of ballast is being hauled down from Omaha and placed on the tracks from Thirty-third street to the western terminus of the line.

Mrs. Smith Dead.

Mrs. A. Smith, aged 72 years, was found dead in bed Wednesday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. W. Ralph, 222 J street. Undertaker Brewster took charge of the remains. The notice of the funeral will not be given until relatives from Wisconsin have been heard from. Heart failure is given as the cause of death.

Rebekah Social Postponed.

On account of the death of Mrs. A. Smith the party to have been held by the Rebekah lodge at the home of Mrs. Elton Clark on Thursday afternoon has been postponed. The date of the social will be announced after the funeral of Mrs. Smith.

Troop Business Meeting.

A business meeting of the South Omaha Cavalry troop was held last night at the troop club rooms. It was decided to hold the second annual ball of the troop on the Exchange on the night of April 11. Committees will be announced later. As the

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FLOODS DO GREAT DAMAGE

Nebraska Railroads Seriously Grippled by Bridges Being Carried Away.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER ON THE RAMPAGE
Bottom Lands Flooded and Levees in Many Districts Giving Away Before the Pressure of Water.

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new iron bridge is not in danger, but if the channel changes, it will be left covering dry ground.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., March 11.—Not for thirty years has Prairie creek, a small stream in the northern and western part of the country, been at such a height as was reached yesterday. A stream that can at many places be jumped across, spread in some places to a mile and a half in width. Some of the farmers were compelled to remove their cattle to other fields and corrals, but further than this no damage was done. Wood river, running through the county from east to west, is very high. The Founder bridge in the west end went down the stream. Others have been washed away.

HIGH WATER NOT YET REACHED

Weather Bureau Expects Rivers to Rise Further During Next Three Days.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The weather bureau this afternoon issued the following bulletin:

The Ohio river will probably crest at Evansville during the next thirty-six hours at something under 42 feet. At Paducah a stage of 46 feet is indicated within the next two days. At Cairo the river will rise for two or three days with a decreased rate.

From Cairo to Evansville the conditions are more threatening than since Tuesday.

The Arkansas river will pass the danger line in the next twenty-four hours.

The Mississippi will rise rapidly.

Below Helena the river will continue steadily.

The Mississippi below Vicksburg and the Archibald will continue to rise for the next two or three days, while the Red bed below Shreveport and the Pascua will continue to rise for several days.

MISSISSIPPI LEVEES IS CAVING.

CARLISLE, Mo., March 11.—The old levee, the greatest danger point along the Mississippi, a mile and a quarter south of here, is caving, with the river showing a rise of four inches and rain falling heavily.

The situation is grave. Government engineers regard it as the most critical flood point along the river. Four hundred men are building a new levee.

LANDING PLACES ALONG THE RIVER ARE SUBMERGED, MANY TOWNS ARE ENTIRELY SURROUNDED AND THE RIVER, WHICH CONTINUES TO RISE, HAS BACKED UP FOR MILES. THE LEVEES ARE BETWEEN THE FLOOD AND CARLISLE.

THE RIVER IS RISING STEADILY.

Below Helena the river will continue steadily.

VICKSBURG, Miss., March 11.—E. C. Tolson, assistant general engineer of the Yazoo River board, says all the levees are holding splendidly, the steady rains of the past few days being the most serious cause of alarm. The water is rising steadily here at the rate of nearly half a foot in twenty-four hours, the gauge to-night registering 47.5.

FLood at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, March 11.—The river is rising very slowly. The gauge today marked 14.4, a rise of only one-tenth in the last twenty-four hours. The stage is still over a foot under the record.

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