

DEATH INSTEAD OF ST. NICK

Thomas Dowd Comes to Take Daughters Home and Dies Suddenly.

THEY WILL ESCORT BODY BACK

Vision of a Joyous Christmas Reunion at the Family Fireside is Dispelled by the Grim Reaper.

Thomas Dowd, a wealthy ranchman and liquor dealer of Rapid City, S. D., came to Omaha to escort his two daughters home for an old-fashioned Christmas family reunion, but instead the girls will escort his body back for burial.

The girls, Pauline, 13 years of age, and Nellie, 15 years of age, received a letter from their father Saturday which filled them with joy. Mr. Dowd in his message told them he would be in Omaha Sunday evening and that Monday should be the commencement of a joyous Christmas for them. He planned to shower them with gifts and the girls were happy.

Upon arrival at the Her Grand at 5:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon Mr. Dowd took dinner and afterward stood at the desk chatting with Steve Miller, night clerk at the hotel, whom he had known for twenty-five years. Suddenly Mr. Dowd complained of not being well and started for his room. As he entered the elevator he became quite ill and was rushed to the Turkish baths in the basement.

Dr. Bert McDermott was summoned, but could do nothing for the stricken man. At 2:30 Mr. Miller was requested to notify William Faulk at Hastings, a brother-in-law of Mr. Dowd, and at 3:35 Mr. Dowd was dead. Mr. Faulk arrived during the early morning and the daughters were told of their father's death. They refused to be consoled and were too ill from the effects of their sorrow to be brought to the Healey undertaking rooms to see him.

Mr. Dowd was one of the best known ranchmen and cattlemen in the western country. He was about 44 years of age and made frequent trips to Omaha, where he was well known. The body will be prepared for burial in Rapid City, but just what it will be taken there has not been decided. Corner Healey will conduct an inquest to determine the real cause of death.

Crowds Too Big for Union Depot Just Now

Christmas Traffic Overflows Station and Emphasizes Need of Those Enlargements.

"The holiday rush certainly spells havoc at the Union station," says an official of the Union Pacific railroad. "There are 25 per cent more people traveling through Omaha today than there were a year ago. It is almost impossible to handle the crowds at the depot and there is continual congestion."

The heavy amount of passenger traffic through Omaha at this time greatly strengthens the agitation for improvements in Union station. Friday and Saturday nights, all day Sunday and even Monday morning the depot was thronged with people waiting over for trains.

"Even the trains are hard to handle," continued the railroad man. "With seven tracks in the terminals and the heavy character of the traffic, the trains cannot be loaded and unloaded in quick time and there is continual congestion on the tracks. Inbound trains have to halt outside the sheds to allow the trains in the depot time to get off passengers."

A plan to spend \$500,000 in improvements at Union station has been submitted to the management of the eight railroads using the Union Pacific terminal. Three of the eight roads have failed as yet to file their replies to the proposition. It will take a two-thirds vote of the eight roads to ratify the plans and if this is done work of the remodeling the station, building more trainsheds and otherwise adding to the convenience and comfort of the traveling public will be commenced.

Czar Had Man at Corn Show

An emissary from the czar of Russia was at the National Corn exposition for a week selecting exhibits to take to Russia for an exposition which will be held at Ekaterinlav, 20 miles north of Odessa, from July to October, 1910.

This was J. A. Rosen, sent to this country by the secretary of agriculture of Russia. He has been busy selecting exhibits, but he did not make known his identity until late Saturday, and then, just as the exposition was about to close, he went from one state exhibit to another and made his selections. He secured specimens from each of the twenty-five states which had exhibits at the corn show.

Mr. Rosen says the exposition will be conducted by the Russian government and it is desired to show some of the superb grains of this country as an incentive to the Russian farmers to strive for better crops.

The Russian government has been attracted by the work of the National Corn exposition for over a year. Last year it made a big offer to L. B. Clure of Franklyn, winner of the sweepstakes for two years, to go to Russia and take charge of a department for the incitation of the principles of intensified farming. Mr. Clure would have accepted had not private matters intervened.

JOBS DAY IN OLD PEORIA

Parents of Omaha Man Celebrate Golden Wedding and City Helps Observe It.

B. J. Jobst and family have returned from Peoria, Ill., where they attended the golden wedding of Mr. Jobst's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Jobst. They were married in Hoboken fifty years ago and at once journeyed to Peoria, where Mr. Jobst has been in business ever since, of late years being in the general contracting business and building several of the large buildings of the country.

The day of the celebration was Jobst day in Peoria and the stores were filled with photographs of the venerable couple. A reception was held at which there were over 200 guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Jobst, sr., have eleven children, all married, and twenty-two grandchildren, all of whom were at the celebration.

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WITHNELL WILL NOT YIELD

Refuses to Rescind Order Against Vaudeville in Picture Theaters.

INSTEAD, HE MAKES IT STRONGER

Puts His Foot Down on These Places Crowding Till People Have to Stand in the Aisles.

City Building Inspector Withnell has been appealed to by the owners of moving picture theaters to rescind his order against the putting on of vaudeville performances. Withnell has refused to back down, however.

TART ANSWER IS PASSED BACK TO IDA ROCKAFELLER

Men She Accuses of Beating Her in Trade Intimate She Trims More Than Hats.

L. B. Scott, A. H. Rosebaum and Warren S. Frank have rejoined as tartly to Ida Rockafeller as another Ida writes about another Rockefeller.

HERE'S ANOTHER FOR OMAHA

Roadmakers' Association Suggests Possibility of Holding Convention Here.

WHAT OF OLD COURT HOUSE?

F. L. Haller Asks Board What Will Become of It When It is Superseded.

F. L. Haller, president of the Linniger-Emplett company, has written a letter in the name of the company asking the Board of County Commissioners two questions.

CHRISTMAS MAKES 'EM GOOD

Yuletide Season Seems to Reform the Erving, for Police Have Nothing to Do.

BENSON ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH DEDICATED SUNDAY

Set Aside With Three Services, Held in the Morning, Afternoon and Evening.

The English Lutheran church of Benson was dedicated with three services Sunday in which a number of prominent ministers of the denomination took part.

A HORRIBLE DEATH

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