

SAVED FROM PAUPER BURIAL

Mrs. Ahlquist Provides Funeral for Child of Poor Woman.

LITTLE COFFIN IS MOVED

Woman Who is Always Helping the Poor Gets Undertaker to Take the Body First to the Pottery Field.

If you had been near the pottery field, beyond Forest Lawn cemetery, one foggy morning last week, you might have seen the most pitiful little procession that ever wended its way toward that dreary, desolate spot.

Leading the procession came the STAVE digger, with the little coffin over his shoulder, and his spade in the unengaged hand, while behind him followed two weary, broken-hearted women, a little five-year-old girl and an undertaker.

One of the women was the mother of the child. The other was Mrs. G. W. Ahlquist, 270 Meredith avenue, whose charitable works are known all over the city, though, perhaps, best known by the people who are in need.

The little family, the mother of twin five-year-old girls, and her dependent mother, all had to live off the wage the mother made in the laundry. The little girl became ill during the trying period of damp, dark weather, and her illness grew rapidly worse, since physicians and medicines and attention were out of reach of the little family purse. One day, street, Thursday night and secured cash work and devoted every effort to save the child, the little girl died.

Mrs. Ahlquist Appears.

Peniless, without friends in the city, and without a single resource, the little mother was almost frantic with grief. She had already taxed her resources in staying away from work. Then it was that Mrs. Ahlquist, working in the neighborhood, heard of the case, and went to the home. Some arrangements were necessary, certainly, and friends were likewise most welcome at that time. Mrs. Ahlquist made arrangements for the county to bury the child, to provide the coffin, and dig the grave in the pottery field. Then came the problem of taking the casket to the grave. At the same time, how was the mother to get there?

Mrs. Ahlquist told the story to the undertaker, and he promised to send her his automobile for the use of the little party, absolutely free of charge. Then Mrs. Ahlquist started from the little home in the north end of the city. The casket, the grieving mother and sister, herself, and Mr. Leidy, administrator of county charities, filling the touring car.

The little funeral party proceeded as far down the road past Forest Lawn as possible, and there they were met by the grave digger. They could go no further in the motor car, so alighting, the grave digger took the little casket over his shoulder, and with the party of mourners following, wended his way down the ravine toward the pottery field. The man had not been in time to dig the grave, so the two women, the little girl, and the man waited in the drizzle and fog while the man dug the grave. They had walked nearly half a mile, and were, besides, almost exhausted. The little grave was at last completed and the casket placed in as gently as possible.

Then Mr. Leidy, who has been a minister, said a few words of comfort to the mother, and Mrs. Ahlquist sang a hymn. The funeral was over.

Coffin is Moved.

Too late it was for Mrs. Ahlquist to do the things which should have been done before, but, nevertheless, she remembered the case. She told some of her friends, and the result, Monday morning, was that \$3.50, which had been given her for the purpose, she bought a lot in Forest Lawn, and the little coffin was moved from its resting place in pottery field and again buried, but this time in Forest Lawn, where mother and little sister may visit the grave.

"Now I'm happy," declared the mother when she was told of the change. "I'm happier now than I ever believed I could be again after the little dear went to heaven. I can go to her grave now, so we'll be as thankful as we can."

Auto Funeral Given to Frank S. Emmons

Funeral services for Frank S. Emmons, sales manager of the John Deere Plow company, who died Tuesday, were held at 3 o'clock this afternoon at Kountze Memorial church. Those attending included many friends and business associates of the deceased and the entire office force and many salesmen of the John Deere company. The offices of the company were closed from 11 till 3 o'clock.

The brief services at the home, 428 Farnam street, preceded the church service, both being conducted by Rev. O. D. Baltz, pastor of the Kountze church. Interment was in Forest Lawn cemetery. The funeral cortege consisted of automobiles, the kind Mr. Emmons has sold during his eleven years' connection with the John Deere company. A hearse of the same make was also used. The pallbearers, all older employees of the company were: G. J. Haha, Don Hunt, John Capper, W. C. Caven, L. McDaniel, R. N. Atkinson, D. R. Campbell and M. J. Dendinger.

Acute indigestion, followed by peritonitis, caused death, an unsuccessful operation having been resorted to when all other hope was given up. Mr. Emmons was 35 years of age and is survived by a widow, Mrs. Josephine Nelson Emmons, formerly of Minden, Neb., and three brothers, William of Aurora, Ill.; Edward of Rock Falls, Ill., and Roy of Moorfield, Neb.

Aged Woman Has Doll and Christmas Tree

Mrs. William Altstadt, aged 77 years, wife of Judge Altstadt, is reported to be very ill at the family residence, 1913 South Sixteenth street. The judge and his wife have just passed the fifty-sixth Christmas of their married life. Mrs. Altstadt, who is very feeble, insisted that she have a Christmas tree on the holiday and was delighted when she found beneath the evergreen a handsome doll which Santa Claus had left her.

NO CHRISTMAS TREE FIRES ARE REPORTED IN OMAHA

Not a single Christmas tree fire was reported Thursday, an occurrence that is extremely unusual, according to Assistant Fire Chief Simpson. Simpson says this fact to the installation of electric lights on the trees instead of candles, and stated that for the last few years, since his innovation, the usually numerous fires have steadily decreased.

THE FAIR STORE IS LOOTED

Burglars Secure Cash and Jewelry to the Value of \$7,000.

BREAK SAFE WITH A CROWBAR

Sam Adler, Proprietor, Explaining Reason for Carrying So Much Money in Safe, Says He Feels Stability of Banks.

Robbers broke into the safe of the Fair Department store, 112 Farnam street Thursday night and secured cash and jewelry amounting to \$7,000. The loss was discovered Friday morning by Meyer Friedel at 7:30 o'clock when he opened the establishment for the day's business. He immediately notified the proprietor of the store, Samuel J. Adler, then the police.

An investigation showed that the robbers had entered the building through a rear basement door and broke open the safe with a crowbar and a large block of wood over which they secured the leverage to break the combination. The strong box was then taken to the basement where it was rifled of everything excepting a bag of rare coins valued at \$1,500. It contained \$5,773 in cash, \$316 in checks, twenty-nine diamonds and ninety-nine gold watches.

In speaking to the police about carrying so large an amount of money in his safe Mr. Adler explained that he feared the stability of the banks. The cash and checks represented the business before Christmas.

There was no burglar insurance and the loss will be complete unless some trace of the guilty are found, with the attending possibility of recovering some of the stolen cash.

There are practically no clues so far. The safe was an old style one and very simple in its design, making it an easy prey for the robbers. The Fair store has been visited several other times within the last few years by burglars and small amounts and articles of merchandise taken. A little over a year ago two men were found inside the building and upon trial sent to the penitentiary.

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Children's Day Celebration for the Strikers' Children

Sunday, December 28 is National Children's day. It is observed in behalf of the child victims of our industrial system. Although instituted by the socialist party, it is not political in the partisan sense.

All labor, church and civic organizations are asked to announce the meeting to be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 in the First Congregational church, Nineteenth and Davenport streets, and to give their members a chance to contribute to the strike children's relief fund.

The most serious strikes are raging in Colorado and Michigan. The winter is severe. The suffering of the children is used as a club to compel the workers to accept unfair terms. Helping the children is not taking sides. No one blames the children.

Rev. Fred J. Warren (Nebraska) will speak at this meeting and a musical program is being arranged.

The exact text of the resolution adopted by the Baraca class of the First Methodist church in regard to the charity ball is:

Whereas, There is planned to be held in the city of Omaha on New Year's night a charity ball, advertised as the "tango ball," and

Whereas, The proceeds of this ball are to be used in the maintenance and furtherance of charitable work by the City Mission, an institution founded on Christian principles, be it

Resolved, That we, the Baraca class of the First Methodist church, feeling that a protest is our Christian duty, do hereby register our protest against the acceptance of the proceeds of this ball for charitable work, believing that such action upon the part of the City Mission, with all its possibilities for splendid example, will tend to alienate the interest and support of the Christian institutions as are its benefactors; also, be it

Resolved, That we realize in part the vastness of the position Miss Magne is called to fill, and believe that this keen and eager Christian worker was ill-advised to accept the position; and that we may have with the Christian church, in its many branches, for the mission work, and urge the City Mission that it may not have to rely on "tango balls," "wrestling bouts" and like things of a questionable nature for its up-keep in the future.

J. H. MENCHOLS, President. E. A. FITZPATRICK, Corresponding Secretary.

SON OF MR. AND MRS. WELCH DIES AT CALIFORNIA HOME

Billy, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. Welch, died Christmas eve at the California home in Cucamonga, following an operation for appendicitis. This information was received by J. A. Monroe last night. It is not known where the body will be buried.

Raymond M. Welch is the head of the Omaha Coopers company and he and his family have been spending the winter at their California home. Mrs. Welch is the daughter of the late Judge Kelley and Billy was named for his grandfather, who was extremely fond of him. Until news of his death it was not known that the boy was ill.

U. P. TO CHANGE THE TITLES

Assistant General Managers to No Longer Use the Name.

HINES' SYSTEM IS ABOLISHED

Salaries Not to Be Cut, but Simply Returned to Old Plan, Which is Considered Much More Practical.

The first of the year what is known as the Hines system and which has been in effect for the last five years on the Union Pacific will be abolished.

The Hines system was one that promoted a lot of general superintendents, giving them the titles of assistant gen-

Advertisement for Brandeis Stores featuring a man in a suit and overcoat. Text includes 'Store Open Until 9 P. M. Saturday' and a list of prices for suits and overcoats.

Brandeis Stores

Our Semi-Annual Offer

One Day Only ... SATURDAY Dec. 27

Any Man's Overcoat or Suit in Our Entire Stock at \$15

- \$20 Suits, \$22 Suits, \$25 Suits, \$30 Suits, \$35 Suits, \$40 Suits

Advertisement for Brandeis Stores featuring a man in a long overcoat. Text includes 'This Offer Includes All Our Finest Hirsch-Wickwire and Society Brand Overcoats and Suits.'

Advertisement for Boys' Overcoats and Suits. Text includes 'Odd Lots Boys' Overcoats at \$4.75' and 'BOYS' SUITS, Extra Special \$3.75'.

Advertisement for Basement Clothing Section. Text includes 'IN THE BASEMENT CLOTHING SECTION' and 'Boys' 7 to 16 Overcoats, ages 7 to 16 years, \$1.98'.

Advertisement for Blankets and Shoes. Text includes 'SATURDAY—A GOOD DAY to Buy BLANKETS' and 'IN OUR SHOE SECTION—MAIN FLOOR—SOUTH SIDE'.

Advertisement for Children's Winter Coats and Wool Dresses. Text includes 'Children's Winter Coats \$2.98' and 'Children's, Misses' and Juniors' WOOL DRESSES \$5'.

Advertisement for Shadow Lace and Net Pleatings. Text includes '100 Pieces Shadow Lace; Net Pleatings 11c'.

Advertisement for Sample Gloves. Text includes 'Sample Gloves for Men and Boys'.

Large advertisement for Brandeis Stores' Year-End Clearing Sale. Text includes 'Coming!—The Crowning Value-Giving Event of the Entire Season YEAR-END CLEARING SALE'.

Advertisement for U. P. to change titles and Hines' system. Text includes 'U. P. TO CHANGE THE TITLES' and 'HINES' SYSTEM IS ABOLISHED'.

Advertisement for Omaha Business Men to Visit South America. Text includes 'Travel is Heavy on All the Roads' and 'OMAHA BUSINESS MEN TO VISIT SOUTH AMERICA'.