

BELVIDERE BROOKS DIES SUDDENLY

Vice President of Western Union Telegraph Company Collapses of Heart Failure.

FORMERLY WORKED IN OMAHA

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Belvidere Brooks, vice president of the Western Union Telegraph company, died at his home here today of heart trouble. He had been in poor health for several months. His death was sudden.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 10.—Belvidere Brooks, vice president of the Western Union Telegraph company, who died suddenly in New York today, received some of his first experience in Des Moines.

He came here as a telegraph operator from his home in St. Joseph, Mo., and soon was made chief operator of the Des Moines office. From here he was sent to Omaha, and later to Denver in the capacity of chief operator.

Mr. Brooks had been in the service of the Western Union for forty years, starting as a telegraph operator in Texas, where he was born in the town of Wheeler on July 4, 1838. He rose to the position of manager at El Paso and occupied the same position at Galveston. He was later made assistant superintendent at Denver and from there was promoted to be general superintendent of the eastern and southern divisions, with headquarters at New York. He was elected general manager of the Western Union in 1910 and vice president two years ago. He is survived by four sons.

Many Friends Here.

While Omaha was never his home, Belvidere Brooks had many intimate and warm friends here and was well known by a large number of the business men of the city who were here twenty or more years ago. From 1882 to 1892 and while he was assistant superintendent of the first district of the Western Union system, with headquarters at Denver, he reported to Colonel J. J. Dickey here, who at that time was general manager.

The position that Mr. Brooks held during this time frequently brought him to Omaha and upon many occasions he remained here a week or an all-time, etc. in a sort of way looked upon this city as his home and was regarded almost as one of the Omahans.

Born of poor parents in Texas, the career of Belvidere Brooks was one of steady and continuous advancement in telegraph circles. He knew the telegraph business from start to finish and was looked upon as one of the company's most efficient officials, at the time of his death being vice president in charge of commercial relations.

Starts as Messenger Boy. Born in Texas on July 4, 1838, Belvidere Brooks started his business career as a messenger boy in the Western Union office at Navasota. Later he was an operator there, remaining until 1877, when he went to the Texas Central, remaining little more than a year in the office of the train dispatcher. Then he went back to the Western Union, remaining with the company until his death. In 1888 he became manager of the office at Navasota, and in 1891 he was appointed chief clerk to the superintendent of the Western Union office in Dallas. Subsequently he was manager of the offices at Waco, El Paso and Galveston, remaining in Texas until November 1, 1899, when he was transferred to Denver and appointed assistant superintendent of the 73rd district. It was then that he came under the jurisdiction of Colonel Dickey and commenced to form his Omaha acquaintance.

Appreciating his ability, in 1902 Mr. Brooks was called to New York and elected general manager of the entire Western Union system. This position he held until 1914, when he was elected vice president in charge of commercial relations, holding this office at the time of his death.

The last time that Mr. Brooks was in Omaha was in the spring of 1914. He was out on an inspection of company property and enroute west stopped several days in Omaha, visiting old friends. He was here again late in the summer, returning from the west. At that time Mrs. Brooks was with him, and they remained several days. She was suffering from heart disease and died shortly after reaching their home in New York.

Arms Plant Blown Up With Melinite; Hundreds Dead

PARIS, Feb. 10.—A dispatch from Bucharest to the Balkan agency, which was delayed for five days, states that the damage to the Skoda armament factory in Bohemia was more serious than at first announced. Roumanian official circles, the dispatch says, have received confirmation from Vienna of the destruction of all the cannon which were in course of manufacture, as well as all the plans and drawings in the draughting offices. The dead number nearly 300 and several hundred were injured by the explosion which caused the disaster and which is said to have been the work of criminals, who employed melinite for the purpose. The dispatch adds that the Austrian military censorship has prohibited the publication of news of the disaster in Austro-Hungary.

ELKS, TRAPPED IN CLUB ROOMS BY FIRE, RESCUED

FORT DODGE, Ia., Feb. 10.—Twenty members of the Elks club here were trapped in their club rooms and were rescued with ladders by the fire department late today when a gas explosion in the Butler block caused damage amounting to \$25,000.

One Hundred and Fifty Women and Children in a Moving Picture Theater on the ground floor marched out orderly when the smallest smoke and were informed that the smoke was from a furnace.

DEATH RECORD.

Andrew Sustanoby. NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Andrew Sustanoby, noted restaurant man, died today at his home in this city. For many years he conducted local dining establishments widely patronized by visitors to New York. He was born in France in 1838.

STRIKING BATHING COSTUME WORN AT PALM BEACH—One of the most novel bathing costumes is that worn by Mrs. F. H. Lockwood. The charming habit in which she takes her daily dip in the surf is of striking black and white satin, with white stockings with a dainty black stripe. A broad white satin sailor collar and a "toboggan cap" of black and white finish the costume.



MRS. F. H. LOCKWOOD.

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Norwegians Order Steamships from American Yards

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The total number of steamships to be built in this country for Norwegian interests this year was brought up to twenty-seven today by the announcement that contracts have just been awarded for building six vessels of 3,000 tons each, at Manitowoc, Wis.

According to shipping men, the Norwegians have been purchasing as many steamers as were available for several months. When they were unable to make any further purchases, they placed orders with American builders. C. Ravn, the Norwegian consul general, said in explanation of the placing of the orders here, that formerly Norway obtained many of its steamships from England, but now British shipyards are busy building British ships. He said that "unheard-of prices are being paid for vessels built in America." A Norwegian agent here said that prices for vessels were at least 50 per cent higher than before the war.

DEATH RECORD

Ferd E. Lynn, aged 34 years, died at the home of his father, J. W. Lynn, 418 North Twenty-fifth street, Wednesday. Funeral services will be held Friday, with interment in Forest Lawn cemetery.

Mrs. E. P. O'Connor.

Mrs. Bridget Nehlan O'Connor, wife of E. P. O'Connor, and one of the early residents of Benson, died Wednesday morning of pneumonia after a lingering illness. The funeral will be held Friday at 10 a. m. from St. Bernard's church to Holy Sepulcher cemetery, Rev. Father Buckley officiating.

Mrs. O'Connor was born in Ireland and was 65 years old. She immigrated to Winona, Minn., when a young girl, was married in 1876, lived at Missouri Valley, Ia., came to Benson in 1898 and had lived there ever since. The home is at 3018 North thirty-third street.

Besides her husband, three sons, John, Ed and Will of North Dakota, and five brothers and sisters survive her. The latter are: J. I. Nehlan and Mrs. J. T. Barrett, Winona, Minn.; Mrs. W. B. Ellis, Huntington, Ore.; Miss Sue Nehlan, Tacoma, Wash., and M. B. Nehlan, San Francisco.

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Wife of Col. J. E. Kuhn Dies at Home of Sec'y Garrison

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Mrs. Joseph E. Kuhn, wife of Colonel Kuhn, American military attaché at Berlin, died last night at the home of Secretary Garrison, after a stroke of apoplexy. Mrs. Kuhn had been in the receiving line at a reception with Mrs. Garrison. She was suddenly taken ill and died a few hours later.

Russians Force the Dniester Crossing

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Significance is attached by Russian military commentators to the offensive movement of Russian troops in eastern Galicia, just north of the Bukovina boundary, which is reported officially from Petrograd to have resulted in the capture of Usciecko and the crossing of the Dniester at that point. Reuter's Petrograd correspondent says the opinion is expressed that if the Russians continuing their movement they will threaten all the Austro-German positions in the district of Czernowitz, capital of Bukovina.

On account of the flooding of the Oginski canal on account of a sudden thaw, the Germans have been compelled to evacuate all of their second line trenches in that district, losing large quantities of ammunition.

Dr. Nunn, an Omaha man, has purchased the McKenney Dental company, which has been an Omaha concern for a number of years, but was owned by Minneapolis men.

It has had a remarkable growth in a short time. Three months ago one dentist handled all the work. Now six chairs, presided over by expert dentists are kept busy. Dr. Nunn personally superintends the work and says the growth of the business is due to prompt and expert service given patrons.

MARBLE-HEARTED FACULTY REFUSES TO YIELD AN INCH

JOWA CITY, Ia., Feb. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—In spite of the plea of the junior prom committee that the party will lose heavily financially unless the co-eds be permitted to attend, a subcommittee of the board of deans this afternoon refused to retract or modify the action of Dean Ansh Klinghagen in taking away from thirty-four university girls their party dates for a month because they violated a ruling in taking after-dance suppers in cafes.

Morehead Will Talk to Convention in Capital by Phone

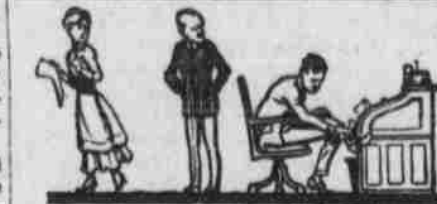
LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 10.—Governor Morehead of Nebraska, representing the half way area between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, will speak tonight over long distance telephons to the delegates of the annual convention of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, now in session in Washington, D. C. Arrangements were completed today for the governor's speech which will immediately follow an address by long distance telephone by Governor Johnson of California. Individual receivers for each delegate will enable each one to hear the addresses.

Thirty additional telephone receivers were installed in the governor's office today, for the local party to hear Governor Johnson's address and the speech of President Wilson, who will call the governors personally from the banquet hall where he will address the convention.

Indians Do the War Dance in Arizona

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., Feb. 10.—Navajo Indians were dancing their war dance last Monday and threatening to attack white settlers in northeastern Arizona in retaliation for the slaying of one of their number recently by policemen, according to Frank McNeill and R. C. Jones, cowboys, who have arrived here from Utah. Up to that time, however, the Indians had committed no act of violence.

Chee Dodge, a Navajo Indian well known as an interpreter, has refused to accompany Thomas Firm, United States district attorney, to Tuba to aid in con-



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HONOR SYSTEM FAVORED IN NEBRASKA ATHLETICS

LINCOLN, Feb. 10.—Members of the University of Nebraska Athletic board expressed interest in the action taken at Minnesota university on the question of amateurism in sports. "Nebraska does not include base ball in its list of competitive sports, and therefore the question of summer playing by students has never come formally before us," Prof. Grove F. Barber, president of the board, said this evening. "I think it is safe to say, however, that the sentiment is strongly in favor of the honor system at Nebraska, not only in base ball, but in

WILLAMETTE RIVER RISES SUDDENLY

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 10.—The Willamette river rose suddenly here today to a stage of eighteen feet above low water mark. The weather bureau has predicted that the flood crest would not exceed 37.5 feet and this was not expected until tomorrow. It is believed now that the river may rise above the nineteen-foot stage.

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