

ENDS HIS LIFE BY PLUNGING FROM BALCONY IN BANK

R. W. Hoge, Employee of First National, Dies Soon After Leap—Ill Health Cause of Act.

R. W. Hoge, bookkeeper at the First National bank, Sixteenth and Farnam streets, plunged 75 feet to his death at 9:15 yesterday morning from the balcony of the bank to the first landing of the main stairway leading to the foyer. He died a half hour later in Lord Lister hospital.

Bank officials say the bookkeeper committed suicide while temporarily insane. Mr. Hoge's wife and two brothers declare it was an accident, owing to the fact that he had suffered frequently with fainting spells.

John W. Gamble, vice president of the bank, was the only eye witness of Mr. Hoge's leap to his death.

Gamble Describes Leap. "I noticed him loitering about the railing above, but paid no particular attention to him," Mr. Gamble said. "Suddenly I saw him crouching over the railing and the next instant I heard a thud on the floor. I went to the stairway and saw him lying face downward in a pool of blood."

Nearly 100 persons were in the bank at the time of the man's leap. Several men had just reached the bottom of the stairway when Mr. Hoge struck the marble floor. He was removed immediately to the medical quarters of the bank and was attended by Dr. E. Herr Anderson. A private ambulance was called and he was taken to the Lord Lister hospital, where he died while being carried into the operating room.

A month ago, Mr. Hoge suffered a serious fainting spell while at work. At that time, he was taken home on a stretcher, but was able to return to work soon after.

Was in Ill Health. Mr. Hoge had been an employee of the bank for eight years. During the past few years, he had suffered ill health, Mr. Gamble said, which is thought by Dr. R. E. Marble, his family physician, to have led to dependency. He is 49 years old.

County Investigator Dempsey made an investigation of the case immediately following the man's death.

"I find it a clear case of suicide committed during a temporary fit of dependency," Mr. Dempsey said.

E. C. Hoge, 117 Pacific street, brother of the dead man, said: "It's an accident, no doubt. My brother has suffered at times with attacks of fainting and I think he fell over the railing accidentally."

Mr. Hoge is survived by his wife, his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Hoge; a daughter, Ruth, 14 years old, and two brothers, E. C. Hoge of this city and J. C. Hoge of Tehachapi, Cal. The body was removed to Stack & Falconer's undertaking parlors.

County Attorney Shotwell notified Sheriff Clark and Chief of Police Eberstein yesterday that he had received a letter from Governor McKelvie, asking him to "round up" and prosecute members of the I. W. W. who are carrying on propaganda that is revolutionary and embraces forcible opposition to the law.

"I shall certainly prosecute to the limit persons against whom there is evidence of syndicalism," said Mr. Shotwell. "It is necessary for the police and sheriff to arrest the persons before my duties as prosecutor begin. I have asked the chief and sheriff to do all in their power to arrest dangerous characters of this kind if there are any in Douglas county."

Clifford Wolfe Made Assistant Treasurer of Big Eastern Firm

Clifford W. Wolfe, prominent young Omahian, who will be remembered for his harrowing experiences as a prisoner of war in Germany, has been made the assistant treasurer of the Great Eastern Fisheries corporation, a new \$50,000,000 merger of large eastern fishing concerns, according to W. W. Case, special representative of the corporation, who stopped in Omaha yesterday enroute to the west coast in the interest of the firm.

Headquarters of the new corporation will be at Rockland, Me., the summer home of Mrs. Joe Baldrige and her son, Clifford Wolfe. B. F. Smith, Omaha millionaire, has large interests in the new firm.

Bandits Fail to Find Money So They Rob Man of His Coat

When two highwaymen found nothing of value in the pockets of Harry Howard, 717 South Thirty-first street, at midnight Friday night at Twenty-eighth and Leavenworth streets, one of them remarked, "We'll have to have something. Take off that overcoat," according to his report to police.

After they had taken his coat, according to Howard, the highwaymen told him to "beat it." He was en route home, he said, when two masked men covered him with revolvers, searched him, but found no money or valuables.

Negro Given Prison Sentence On Harrison Act Charge

Sidney Allen, negro, was sentenced to one year and one day in Leavenworth federal prison, by Judge Woodrough in federal court yesterday. This was the third violation of the Harrison act recorded against Allen.

John Brown, also a negro, was sentenced to six months in the county jail on a similar charge.

Great 3 Day Christmas Preparatory Sale in the Big Down Stairs Store Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

PETTICOATS



Of black sateen and cotton taffeta. These come in both black and colors, with fancy flounces, at—

\$1.59

Linens

Crash Toweling, 24c Yard

Also red check glass toweling, absorbing quality, per yard, 24c.

Huck Towels, 26c Each

Large size, neat blue border, at, each, 26c.

Dresser Scarfs, 49c Each

Lace trimmed, good quality, each, at 49c.

Special Values in Women's House Dresses



DO NOT fail to take advantage of these bargains in comfortable dresses for the house. They come in nurses' gingham and chambray, in dark blues and grays, high or low neck, long sleeves, sizes up to 44; at \$1.95.

Dresses at \$2.95

French gingham, chambray, percale and white poreh dresses. Price, \$2.95.

Mina Taylors, \$2.95

Organdie and piquet collars, cuffs and vests; excellent values. Price, \$2.95.

Metal Finish Carpet Sweepers at \$1.00 Each

These sweepers have rubber tires and are exceptional values, each at \$1.00.

New Rag Rugs, \$1.00 Each

Japanese Grass Rugs, 98c

These rugs come in the hit and miss effects, size 27x34 inches, each, \$1.00.

Large range of patterns, size 26x36 inches, specially priced, each, 98c.

The Great Christmas Preparation Sale Includes Exceptional Values in House Furnishings



PURE ALUMINUM RICE COOKERS

Two quart size \$1.59

PURE ALUMINUM PERCOLATING COFFEE POTS

Good size \$1.99

BREAKFAST SET, \$3.95

Made of American Semi-porcelain, neat shapes, gold line decoration. 31-piece set, service for six, the set, at \$3.95

FOOTED SHERBETS

Colonial glass design, 6 for 50c

BREAD BOX, 69c

Made of tin japanned black, gold trimmed, hinged cover, 12 1/4-inch size, each 69c

WASH BOILERS, \$1.59

Made of galvanized iron. Has tin cover, No. 8 size \$1.59

BREAD PANS, 59c

PIE PLATES, 49c

9-inch size, at 49c

Children's Hose 45c

Boys' and Girls' Fine Ribbed Black and Cashmere Hose, full seamless, one-half price, pair...

The first preparations for Christmas Holiday goods means finding space to properly display the merchandise. This great three-day selling event is for the purpose of cleaning our stocks to make room for merchandise to be placed in the Down Stairs Store.

Do not fail to take advantage of the prices, which are lower in every instance than they will be for months to come. Supply your needs now. Every piece of goods is of the wanted and needed kind.

Sheeting, 75c Yard

Bleached and unbleached, 31 inches wide, per yard, 75c.

Outing Flannel, 25c Yard

White, heavy weight, special per yard, at 25c

Table Cloths, \$3.50 Each

Heavy weight, bleached, 3 yards long, each \$3.50

Pillow Cases, 39c Each

Of fine round thread, each at 39c

Velour Flannel, 29c Yard

In good range of handsome patterns, per yard 29c


Unbleached Muslin, 19c Yard

35-inch, will make serviceable sheets, per yard 19c

CHOICE OF OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF MILLINERY IN THE DOWNSTAIRS STORE \$1.98



A Sensational Sale of Exactly 982 Women's New Fall Boots at \$4.95



These Boots come in brown, black, beaver and gray and many two-tone effects and color combinations; some buttons, high and low heels; medium and wide widths, wonderful values at \$4.95.

Women's Spats, \$1.98

In brown, taupe, tan and fawn. All sizes, very special, \$1.98.

SPECIALS

Women's House Shoes, \$2.69

Women's Felt Slippers, \$1.59

Women's House Slippers, \$2.48

Misses' Shoes, \$2.39

Baby Shoes 39c Pair

Soft soles, in colors and color combinations, sizes 0 to 4, slightly soiled, less than half price, pair, 39c.

SPECIALS

Infants' "First Step" Shoes, \$1.00

Children's Shoes, \$2.39

Children's Shoes, \$1.98

Men's Shoes, \$5.50

Boy Scout Shoes, \$3.39

Children's Gingham Dresses \$1.95

The dresses come in plaid, striped and checked gingham, trimmed in contrasting colors, long sleeves, ages 6 to 14, priced at—

Beautiful Wool Materials \$1.29

For dresses and suits, in all of the new wanted shades. Special, per yard,

HAND BAGS



In black only, shell frame, reinforced. Each bag fitted with mirror and coin purse. Special—

\$2.19

Blankets

Blankets, \$3.18 Pair

Full size, soft and fluffy, fancy borders, per pair, \$3.18.

Plaid Blankets, \$6.95 Pair

Appearance of wool, soft and durable, special pair, \$6.95.

Wool Blankets, \$12.50 Pair

Soft and fluffy, made from very fine wool, per pair, \$12.50.

Women's Fine Quality Union Suits \$1.00 Each

Lay in a supply of underwear for the cold weather while you can get it at this unusually low price.

Fine quality, medium weight, high neck, long sleeves, ankle length, each at \$1.00.

Children's Union Suits 89c



Good, warm union suits for the children's school wear. Fine quality white cotton high neck long sleeves, ankle length, drop seats, at 89c.

Sale of Draperies

Curtain Net, 38c Yard

White and ecru, filet, good designs, per yard, 38c.

Nottingham Curtains, \$2.95 Pair

White and ecru, 2 1/2 yards long, fine quality, pair, \$2.95.

Cretonne, 45c Yard

Light or dark colors, 36 inches wide, per yard, 45c.

Drapery Madras, 75c Yard

For overdrapes and windows, 36 inches wide, pair, 75c.

The Christmas Preparation Sale Includes Wonderful Values For Men and Boys

BOYS' CORDUROY SUITS \$7.45

Very popular and very serviceable for school wear. Waist line models, knickerbocker styles, full and roomy; sizes, 7 to 17; special, at \$7.45.

Men's Fine Worsted Pants \$3.95 a pair

Neat patterns, good styles, sizes 31 to 44, special, \$3.95.

Grey Roughneck Sweater Coats \$1.25

Good, durable quality cotton, shawl collar, pockets, good fitting garment, extra special, at \$1.25.



BURGESS-NASH COMPANY

"EVERYBODY'S STORE"

Women's Hose 25c

Fleeced lined hose in rib top, full seamless, excellent values, specially priced at per pair...