

### FIFTY RIOT GUNS TO PROTECT MAN FROM MOB ANGER

Shayer County Officers Will Defend Father of Girl Who Died Just Before Wedding.

By a Staff Correspondent.  
Hebron, Neb., June 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Fred Bastelmann, held in the county jail here pending the verdict of the coroner's jury investigating the mysterious death of his daughter, Frieda, will not be sacrificed at the hands of a mob, county officials say.

County Attorney Harvey Hess tonight announced that he was prepared for every emergency to protect his prisoner and county property. As evidence of the steps taken he uncovered 50 riot guns which he has stored in his office in the court house. Sheriff Hall was much worried over a reported attempt to lynch the prisoner, but emphatically stated that he would do all in his power to prevent violence. Preparations to avoid an outbreak were made following a meeting on the streets of Chester, Neb., about 4 o'clock when over 50 people assembled to discuss the case. Their attitude was threatening.

The coroner's jury investigating the death of Frieda Bastelmann, who died of convulsions after a buggy ride with her father June 7, after deliberating two hours decided not to return a verdict at this time. The county attorney was requested to continue his investigation and hold the father of the girl until the verdict is given.

County Attorney Hess stated that he would follow the request of the jury and hold Bastelmann without bond. He will have the body exhumed and part of the liver will be sent to the University of Nebraska laboratories in Omaha for examination.

The jury report said: "We the coroner's jury, regularly empaneled to make diligent inquiry and ascertain, when, where and by what means Frieda Bastelmann came to her death, recommend that no verdict be given in this case until further evidence is presented to this jury by the county attorney. We further request the county attorney to issue a warrant and hold Fred Bastelmann until a verdict is reached by the jury. We hereby request the coroner to adjourn this hearing until the production of further evidence."

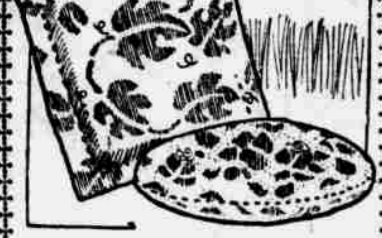
### Bryan Officiates as Best Man at Wedding of Nebraska Senator

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Lead Wire.  
San Francisco, June 30.—Republican state senator Thomas E. Bradstreet of Grand Island, Neb., and his bride, who was Mrs. Laura E. East of Andersonville, Ind., are honeymooning in San Francisco today following their marriage yesterday afternoon in the headquarters of the Nebraska delegation, at the Hotel St. Francis. The ceremony was made doubly interesting by the fact that William Jennings Bryan officiated as "best man." Mrs. T. S. Allen, sister of William Jennings Bryan, was matron of honor.

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### Principals in Mystery Poison Case Of Girl Who Died Before Wedding



### MANGLED BODY OF RICH NEBRASKA FARMER IS FOUND

Clearwater Man Believed to Have Lost Memory in Fall From Train in Texas.

Waco, Tex., June 30.—(Special Telegram.)—The badly mangled body of Henry Menebroker, wealthy Nebraska farmer, who has been missing since June 17, was found Tuesday on a railroad right-of-way four miles from Taylor, a hundred miles south of Waco.

The body was identified by C. F. Smith of Waco, who was placed in charge of the search when Menebroker's brother, Herman, returned to Nebraska the latter part of last week, after hope of finding the missing man any time soon had been abandoned.

Menebroker's home was at Clearwater, Neb., where he had extensive land holdings. He had come to Texas early in June to take charge of a farm he had bought some time ago in the lower Rio Grande valley. His other children, Herman and son, Paul, as well as a friend, C. E. Magness, were traveling with him. Being unable to make the desired improvements to the Texas farm, the party was returning to Nebraska when Menebroker was lost from the train between Smithville and Waco.

Search for the missing man was not instituted until the first part of last week. It was learned at that time that a man who fitted the description of Menebroker had been seen in Georgetown, Tex. Investigation showed that a man of that description had been arrested in that city and held in the city jail for several days. No charges were filed against him. Officers state that they arrested him because he was found wandering aimlessly about town, and apparently had lost his memory. They say he gave his name as "Brooks."

After being held in jail two or three days he was released, and told to leave town. The next seen of him he was in Taylor, a town twenty miles from Georgetown. Many people saw him walking about on the outskirts of the city, but after the search was started for him he could not be located. Officers are divided in their opinions as to whether Menebroker was killed by a train, or whether he committed suicide.

Facts obtained so far bear out the theory that Menebroker was severely stunned when he stepped from the swiftly moving train and that a loss of memory and probably reason was the result. Since that time he had wandered about aimlessly from place to place. Relatives at Clearwater, Neb., were notified of the discovery late today, and Herman Menebroker is expected to start for Texas immediately.

### 400 Italians Killed In Battle Waged Two Days In Rome Streets

London, June 30.—Four hundred Italians have been killed in two days' fighting between anarchists and troops at Ancona and Piombino, according to a dispatch from Rome today, quoting the newspaper Epoca. Fierce battles, during which the soldiers employed artillery, raged in the streets of both cities. The anarchists fought from behind powerful barricades. The troops bombarded these forts violently and then carried them by storm.

### Road Camp Guard Seriously Hurt in Runaway Accident

Tecumseh, Neb., June 30.—(Special Telegram.)—William Quinlan of Lincoln, day guard at the state road camp near here, got his foot caught in the wheel of a buggy and the mules he was driving attempted to run away. His leg was nearly twisted off below the knee and both bones were broken. He was taken to a Lincoln hospital for an operation. He is 45 years old and single.

Special Luncheon, 75c—Paxton Hotel, Main Cafe.—Adv.

### Expect Record Vote Cast In North Dakota Primary Election

Fargo, N. D., June 30.—A record vote is expected to be cast in the North Dakota primary election today, the principal element of which is the Nonpartisan league's effort to continue control of the republican party candidates and organization.

Calculations by the headquarters of both the regular republican organization and the Nonpartisan league place the republican vote in excess of 110,000, which is 20,000 greater than the highest number of votes cast in any previous republican primary.

The outstanding contests are for the republican nomination for United States senator, with A. J. Gronna, incumbent, backed by the regular republicans, opposing Dr. E. F. Ladd, president of the North Dakota Agricultural college, supported by the Nonpartisan league, and Col. Frank White, former governor, supported by a "service men's" committee, and for governor William Langer, attorney general, supported by the regular republicans, opposing Lynn J. Frazier, incumbent, supported by the league for a third term.

### Killed by Lightning

Superior, Neb., June 30.—(Special Telegram.)—J. W. Singer was killed Monday by lightning at his

Principals in the investigation of the mysterious death of Frieda Bastelmann, 19 years old, of Stoddard, Neb., two days before she was to have been married. Above, left to right, are the court house, where the inquest was held; Fred Bastelmann, the girl's father, who is held in the county jail at Hebron, and who is known to have objected to her proposed marriage, and Rev. W. H. Becker of Deshler, who was with the girl when she died. Below, right is Sheriff Hall, who scouted rumors of an outbreak by citizens and declared he would protect his prisoner and county property against violence. Below, left is W. J. Butzke, professor at the Lutheran school in Chester, to whom Frieda was to have been married.

home near Hardy. He was driving a disc in the field when killed. Two of the four horses he was driving were killed.

### Two Girls Killed by Lightning

Nunning, Neb., June 19.—Ruby Moger, seven, and Ruth Taylor, eight, were victims of a lightning bolt the other day. Their deaths occurred when lightning struck a country school at which they were pupils.

### TEACHER FINED FOR VIOLATION OF SIMAN LAW

County Judge at Aurora Fines Parochial School Instructor Who Sought to Evade The Law.

Aurora, Neb., June 30.—(Special Telegram.)—County Judge Fred Jeffers Tuesday found Robert T. Meyer guilty of teaching German in parochial schools in violation of the Siman foreign language law. Meyer is the teacher of the Zion parochial school, located several miles northwest of Hampton. After the decision of the supreme court sustaining the Siman law the board of the church directed Meyer to teach German for a half hour each day. The language was taught from 1 o'clock to 1:30.

They passed a resolution extending the noon recess until 1:30 o'clock and thought this would prevent a violation of the law. Rev. C. E. Brommer, minister of the church, said that he had been advised by Arthur F. Mullen, John J. Sullivan, Judges L. L. Albert and A. M. Post of Columbus, that this would not be a violation of the law.

Judge Jeffers fined Meyer \$25 and costs. Meyer gave bond at once and stated that the case will be appealed to the district court. This case was the first one brought under the Siman law. County Attorney F. E. Edgerton prosecuted and C. E. Sandall of York defended Meyer.

### Wilber Millers to Build Hydro-Electric Plant Near DeWitt

Beatrice, Neb., June 30.—(Special Telegram.)—John Zwonechek and Joseph Akshmit who own milling interests at Wilber, purchased control of the property belonging to the DeWitt Milling company just east of that city on the Blue river, where they expect to erect a hydro-electric plant to cost about \$100,000. The consideration for the property was \$23,000, and does not include the mill building or switch. It is understood the owners of the property expect to furnish juice for the milling company and may also extend the line from DeWitt to Western, Catonia, Hallam and other points.

### Plattsmouth Grants Increased Rate for Gas for Three Months

Plattsmouth, Neb., June 30.—(Special Telegram.)—The city council by a vote of seven to three granted the Nebraska Gas and Electric company an increase from \$1.75 to \$2.10 1,000 cubic feet of gas for three months. The vote attracted considerable attention, due to the threat of the company to close the gas plant if relief was not granted. Considerable sentiment against the raise was precipitated by the announcement that the company carried a valuation of \$60,000 upon its gas plant.

upon which it expected to make dividends, while it had turned in an assessed valuation of \$39,000. There was also some sentiment that inasmuch as the gas, electric and ice plants are controlled by one concern, a request for advance should be based on the operating expenses and revenue of the entire business.

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