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### DIED ENROUTE HOME

John F. Just Died on a North-Western Train Wednesday Night on Reaching Onawa.

When Mr. and Mrs. John F. Just departed last fall for Pasadena, Cal., to spend the winter months, they had little thought that on their return trip a fatality would ensue. Yet death overtook Mr. Just as he was on his way home from the coast state. Mr. and Mrs. Just were both in poor health, she having recovered but a short time before their departure for California from a severe attack of typhoid fever, while Mr. Just had been poorly for some time before they went to the coast, and it was in the hope of benefitting his health that they went.

Mrs. Just stated that they left Pasadena Saturday, March 23, and on taking the train at Los Angeles, Cal., they were in a collision just as the train was leaving the city, and when the two trains met Mr. Just was thrown forward in his seat and that he undoubtedly received an injury, coupled with his disease of muscular atrophy, which caused his death. They made the trip home with some difficulty, and on reaching Onawa, Iowa, at midnight of Wednesday, Mr. Just passed away in his berth in the tourist sleeping car.

On reaching Sioux City the remains of her husband were taken to an undertaking parlor and prepared for shipment to Mitchell. Mrs. Just and her husband's body reached Mitchell Thursday evening on the 10:15 o'clock Milwaukee passenger, and the remains were at once conveyed to their residence at the end of Third Avenue west.

#### Sketch of Life.

John F. Just was born in Milwaukee, Wis., May 17, 1845, and at the age of 14 years he went to Perkins Grove, Ill., and remained with his sister a year, returning to Milwaukee for another year. At the death of his father Mr. Just went to Perkins Grove and remained several years with his sister. In the year 1865 he went to Bradford, Ill., and lived with his sister several years. In 1869 he was married to Catherine Hatzell at Lee Center, Ill., and he and his bride made their home on a farm near Ashton, Ill., for three years, and then moved to Ashton, living there until the spring of 1882. In that year Mr. and Mrs. Just moved out west and came to Dakota, locating on a government claim south of White Lake. They lived there until December, 1902, when they moved to Mitchell and purchased the Bracy home in the western part of the city.

In the death of Mr. Just he leaves a wife and four sons to mourn his death. The sons are Geo. J. Just, residing at Guthrie Center, Iowa; I. Just, of Bagley, Iowa; Chas. L. Just, of Platte, S. D.; and Earnest A. Just, of this city. The two sons from Iowa arrived in the city Thursday night, joining the mother at Sioux City.

The following account of the death of Mr. Just and the surrounding circumstances is taken from the Sioux City Journal of Thursday morning: While on his way home from a winter sojourn at Pasadena, Cal., John F. Just, a wealthy land owner of Mitchell, S. D., died shortly before midnight last night in a tourist sleeping car on the Kansas City-St. Paul flyer of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad. Death took place just as the train was pulling into the town of Onawa.

Mrs. Just, who is a cousin of Mrs. Henry Rinehart, of Sioux City, was with her husband and she asked that the body be brought to Sioux City.

Charles E. Sievert, conductor of the train, and a number of the passengers of the sleeping car, remained by the side of the grief-stricken widow until the train reached Sioux City.

The police and Westcott's undertaking establishment were notified by telegraph to meet the train at the Northwestern station. Upon arriving at the station Mrs. Just was taken care of by Police Officer Frank Harvey, who assisted her to the Howard hotel. The body of her husband was taken to the Westcott morgue.

Mrs. Just said her husband was 62 years of age and that they were the parents of four sons, one of whom lived at Guthrie Center, Iowa; another, at Platte, S. D.; another at White Lake, and the youngest at home at Mitchell. The mother bore up well under her sudden weight of affliction except when she thought of her sons and the sorrow their father's death would bring to them.

Mrs. Just said her husband was not a strong man physically and it seemed they had gone to California in the hope that his health might be benefited. The stay had been satisfactory and all was well until they started home last Saturday. On that day they were passing through Los Angeles on a Santa Fe train. Mrs. Just said, when the engine of their train ran into another train and a wreck resulted. Mr. Just was pitched

forward in a violent manner and sustained injuries which may have been internal. At any rate, he was made speechless and his only means of communicating his thoughts were by signs and by writing.

All the way on the journey back home Mr. Just was ill. Mrs. Just said, and yesterday he was compelled to remain in his berth the entire day. At Council Bluffs he seemed as strong as he had been for a day or two, but at Missouri Valley his strength was falling rapidly and he expired within an hour.

Upon being assigned to her room at the Howard at almost 1 o'clock this morning Mrs. Just asked Officer Harvey to go to the Northwestern station and bring up a woman who had been kind to her on the journey and who had intended to wait at the station until morning.

"She will be a comfort to me," Mrs. Just said.

### FORGED TWO CHECKS

W. L. Wells Raised \$8.45 on One Check and Tried It Again, but Was Caught in the Act.

W. L. Wells, a young man who has been working for Bacon & Co., is in the toils on the charge of passing forged checks. When he ascertained that he had been caught in the act, he made his escape, leaving the city Thursday morning on the Omaha passenger, but was arrested at Humboldt, a small town this side of Sioux Falls.

Sheriff Cook was apprised of the forgery and at noon he commenced to use the telephone along the line east of here on the Omaha road, and at Salem Wells escaped the officer by about five minutes. The sheriff sent word on to Humboldt and had the marshal arrest the young man there. Thursday evening Deputy Sheriff Plotner went over after him and then took Wells on to Sioux Falls to keep him over night.

Wednesday evening young Wells started on his escapade of trying to cash the checks. He wrote one check on the Mitchell National bank for the sum of \$8.45, signed by S. B. Thompson, of the Mitchell hotel, and presented it to A. L. Anderson at the Mint restaurant, and he cashed it. Mr. Anderson learned afterward that the check was forged, and Mr. Thompson stoutly denied ever issuing the check. With so much success staring him in the face Wells tried it again. This time he wrote a check for \$8.40, not being quite so avaricious, signed the firm name of Bacon & Co. to it and presented it at one of the saloons. Jack Getchell, who is tending bar at the place, promptly recognized the forgery, or had an intuition that it was a forgery, and refused to cash it, informing Wells that he could not work such a game there. Wells said in reply that it was only a joke, and that he did not mean anything by it.

The young man has been in several scrapes before, and at Salem he was connected with a robbery, but he was able to get out of it in some way, but the passing of a forged check is a different proposition, and the chances are that he will have to do a little time for the state.

Wells is a married man and at present his wife is at the home of parents in Montrose. All efforts that have been made to reform the young man seemingly have proved unavailing.

Deputy Sheriff Plotner arrived in Mitchell with Will Wells Friday via the Omaha road. When the deputy arrested Wells at Humboldt, he was more or less under the influence of liquor and commenced to put up a story of how he had been led into gambling in this city and thereby losing all of his money. On reaching the city Wells was taken before Judge Herbert for his preliminary examination, but the young man decided to waive examination and was placed under bonds of \$500 for his appearance in circuit court, which will be held next month.

#### A Death at Sanborn.

Mrs. W. M. Jones and Mrs. C. A. Beebe departed Monday for Sanborn, Iowa, called there by the sudden death of their mother, Mrs. Emily Bailey, who passed away Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Beebe had started for their claim west of the river and was at Reliance when she received the information of her mother's death. She got to Chamberlain in time to catch the train that morning. Charles Bailey, who started for Chicago Saturday with a carload of horses, stopped at Sanborn, when he learned of the severe illness of his mother. Mrs. Bailey has lived in Mitchell for a number of years, keeping house for her son on the south side. On Wednesday of last week she accompanied her daughter home to Sanborn for a visit and was taken sick a few days afterward.

### THE EASTER FESTIVAL

Special Services Were Held Morning and Evening in Many of the Churches Sunday.

The glad Easter day was most joyously and happily celebrated in Mitchell Sunday by nearly every church or Sunday school. Many of the programs were elaborate and required considerable time and patience to get into shape for successful presentation.

#### Congregational Church.

At this church Easter was celebrated in a most happy way. The church was decorated with flowers appropriate to the season, and the morning exercises passed off in a very successful manner. The services were devoted to the presentation of a rich musical program, the choir rendering several selections and solos were rendered by Eugene Hager, who sang "Be Comforted Ye That Mourn," and a tenor solo by M. L. Tournier, who sang "As it Was Written." The anthems were rendered by a choir of ten voices and their singing was highly commented upon. Pastor Bowdish delivered a short sermon on "The Glorified Christ," which was interesting and in touch with the sentiment of the day. At the morning session of the Sunday school Mrs. H. E. Hitchcock entertained the pupils by singing a sacred solo, "The Resurrection." In the evening much of the music of the morning was repeated, and the pastor preached on "The Easter Halo."

#### St. Mary's Church.

The services in this church lasted throughout the day, beginning with the celebration of the Holy Communion at 10:30, which was followed by the regular service of Morning Prayer. The church's interior was prettily decorated with plants and Easter lilies and the scene in the chancel was a pretty one. The choir furnished some special Easter music, and appeared for the first time in many months in vestments, which gave an added impressiveness to the service. Rev. Mr. Bell delivered a sermon of more than the usual interest and it was listened to intently. A portion of the offering will be devoted to the rectory fund.

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock, the Knights Templar marched in a body to the church for the Easter devotions. On their entrance into the church the rector greeted them from the platform and the choir sang "Onward Christian Soldiers" while they were marching in and taking their seats. Rector Bell conducted the Sir Knights through the ritual in an impressive manner. The choir, composed of Mrs. Florence Gregory-Tiffany, Miss Florence Winsor, C. W. Downey and Virgil Boyles, with Miss Hazle Lathrop at the organ, presented a fine musical program in connection with the services. Mr. Bell delivered the sermon to the Sir Knights, and touched with great interest on the historical side of the Sir Knights, during the ancient days of biblical history. Many of the Sir Knights spoke very highly of the address for its completeness and interesting features.

In the evening the Sunday school children presented a literary and musical program, which was participated in by about a dozen of the children. They gave their mission offering, which they had collected for a month before in a pretty box given them by the rector. They all marched up to the platform and deposited their box.

#### Methodist Episcopal.

The city hall at both morning and evening services was crowded with people to hear the exercises of the day. The floral decorations were arranged with splendid taste and they were indeed handsome. The chorus choir rendered two excellent anthems and with splendid effect. Pastor Wilkinson delivered a sermon that was rich in the thought of the day and brought to the mind the sacrifices that was made on the cross that the sinner might be saved.

In the evening the Sunday school presented the program that had been under training and it was highly interesting. The numbers were given individually in some cases and in others they were given by classes and departments. Miss Florence Branch recited an Easter selection, as did Thelma Cassem, while Misses Grace Bliss, Lillian Johnston, Florence Nolt and Mina Hager rendered a song. At the close of the program Pastor Wilkinson made some remarks. The exercises throughout the day were a great success and were greatly enjoyed by those in attendance.

#### Holy Family Church.

The special service of the day at

this church was at the morning service, when High Mass was observed. Around the altar was arranged some beautiful floral decorations, adding much to the effectiveness of the occasion. The chorus choir of twenty voices under the direction of Grace Goodykoontz, gave four special selections that were of a high order and rendered with especial care. The music was a strong feature of the morning service, and there was an exceptionally large crowd of people out to attend the Easter festival. The Right Reverend Father Shea delivered an address on "The Resurrection," in which he presented some excellent thoughts in sympathy with the celebration of the risen Lord.

#### Baptist Church.

Easter services were held at the church both morning and evening and several special features were introduced that gave added interest to them. Aside from an excellent anthem by the choir, with Miss Ella Webster at the pipe organ, Miss Maud Miner sang a very pretty solo, in which her sweet voice was heard to good advantage. Pastor Burton delivered an appropriate sermon on "The Finality of Christ." In the evening the musical feature was a duet by Miss Law and Mr. Curtis with chorus. Mr. Burton preached a fine sermon on "The Glorious Gospel." The ordinance of baptism was observed at the close of the service.

#### Presbyterian.

At the morning service Rev. Mr. Shaffer preached an eloquent sermon on the subject "If a Man Die, Shall He Live Again?" that was listened to by a large audience. At the evening service a very pretty cantata was rendered by the choir and Sunday school, entitled "From Gethsemane to Calvary." The cantata contained many fine musical numbers. These were rendered with spirit by those participating.

#### German Evangelical.

Pastor Wetzel, of this church, held two services during the day and delivered two sermons that were helpful and appreciated by his hearers. The attendance was very good at both services.

The day for Easter Sunday was not an ideal one, as a chilly wind blew strong from the south and it was unpleasant the greater portion of the day. This, however, did not cut down the attendance at the churches to any appreciable extent.

### THE STEEL STOOD TEST

An Effort Made to Drill Through the Steel Plates That Guard Bank's Money.

When the Mosler company, of Hamilton, Ohio, sold the Mitchell National bank the vault doors to its new banking institution, it guaranteed to place steel in the money vault which would resist the efforts made by any burglar to drill a hole through the steel plates. The bank wanted absolute security in that direction and when the plates arrived President Smith made a test of the steel before placing the plates in position.

One of the large plates was taken to the Mitchell Boiler & Machine Co.'s plant and there J. J. McDougal tested the steel such a test that made good the guarantee of the company.

Mr. McDougal placed the plate on one of the drilling machines and applied a small drill with a pressure of about 200 pounds. In drilling he used turpentine to oil the drill, which aids materially in cutting. The drill went through the first layer of about one-sixteenth of an inch very nicely, but when it struck the steel plate there it stopped. As an incentive to the machinist to get through the plate, President Smith said: "Here, John, I will give you \$25 to make a hole through it." Mr. McDougal put on more pressure, and it was noticed that more filings came from the drill, and the glimmer of that \$25 commenced to shine. After putting on a little more pressure the drill pin snapped and shot a dozen feet away. It was then discovered that the drill pin had been working to one side a little to make the new filings.

A smile of satisfaction spread over the countenance of President Smith as he realized the futile efforts of a powerful drill to make the least impression on the plate, and if a machine of that power could not drill into the steel, a burglar would have a hundred times smaller chance to get through it. After the test was finished the plates were placed in position in the vault, which hereafter will safely guard the deposits of the Mitchell National and the officers can go home nights and rest assured that no burglar is going to get away with the bank's funds over night.