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## WAS DROWNED IN HIS WELL

PROMINENT GERMAN RESIDENT DROWNED  
ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

### HENRY JAACKS OF DENISON

Found Dead In a Well On His Farm in Good-  
rich Township—Great Attendance  
at Funeral.

Mr. Henry Jaacks, one of the best known farmers of the German settlement northwest of Denison, and for three years a resident of this city, was drowned in a well on his farm Christmas day. This startling news created much excitement among his acquaintances and was their sole topic of conversation. He was less than sixty years old, strong in mind and body, and none were then prepared to learn of his death. The facts were eagerly sought for and turned out to be as follows:

The farm of Mr. Jaacks is five miles northwest of Denison on the main road to Charter Oak. He owned another south of it that his son, Herman, lives on. Emil, another son, lives on the home place. Mr. Jaacks had recently bought another farm on which his daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Meggers, and her husband are to live. On the day before Christmas Mr. Jaacks and wife drove out to spend the holidays with the children. They were at supper and remained over night with their son, Herman, and the next day drove over to the home farm where Emil lived. It not being yet dinner time Mr. Jaacks said he would walk over to another part of the farm and see how the cattle were looking. The house on the home farm looks to the north. Walking south for a few rods there is a run of water which flows south and west. On the north side of the stream there is a farm road. About a quarter of a mile from the house and in the valley made by the little stream Mr. Jaacks had years ago dug a well. It was six feet across and twenty feet deep. At present there is some ten or twelve feet of water in it. Above is a wind mill twenty feet high. It was found the well was not needed and so was covered over and not used. The wind mill was still there, and on that day had begun to revolve in the wind.

When noon came the family looked about for the father and when he did not come, thought he had gone on from viewing the cattle to the home of the neighbor, Mr. Ladwig. At length the neighbor was called up over the phone and then it was found Mr. Jaacks was not there. Search was then made along the track he had started from home. On sighting the old well the overcoat of Mr. Jaacks was seen hanging on the frame work. Vrenon and Emil and his son-in-law, Alfred Meggers, hurried forward and looking in the well saw too plainly that it contained the lifeless body of the father. Word was sent to Denison for the coroner, and Mr. Byrnes was summoned from Vail. It was thus nine o'clock at night when the body was taken out. Messrs. Meggers, Atzen and Ranck, his neighbors, composed the coroner's jury. From the fact that some of the frame work of the mill tower

above was broken it is believed that Mr. Jaacks attempted to climb up on the tower to put the mill out of gear so it would not uselessly run. To make the climb he had taken off his coat. He must have slipped and fell crushing through the loose boards over the well and was drowned. The only bruise on his body was on one leg below the knee. The coroner's jury found from the witnesses the facts substantially as above set forth.

We learn that when the two sons and Alfred Meggers first saw the coat all three started on the run. Emil was the swiftest runner and came to the well first. When it came to him as to the death of his father, he fell within six inches of the well curb in a dead faint. Herman came next and when he saw—he likewise fell prostrate. Albert Meggers pulled them both back and it was some time before Emil came to full consciousness. It was indeed a terrible scene.

The funeral was held at the home farm on Sunday, Dec. 27, at one p. m. and was conducted by Rev. Johnson, pastor of the German M. E. church of Denison. There was an immense incoming of the Germans of the settlement, and the line of carriages in the procession following the casket to the Nissen cemetery, five miles north, stretched out for fully a mile. The pall bearers were near friends of Mr. Jaacks, being Messrs. Peter Atzen, A. Schneekloth, John Kilner, P. H. Rank, Wm. Koepfen and John Rahn. The faithful wife has been prostrated with grief and was hardly able to accompany the casket to the last resting place.

Mr. Henry Jaacks was born at Todesfelde, Schleswig, Holstein, April 6, 1849. He came to America in 1872 and was married in Chicago in 1875 to Miss Minnie Harder. Not long after they came to Crawford county and buying land in Goodrich township began making for themselves one of the best improved farms in the German settlement. He was the owner of 600 acres of land, three well improved farms. He leaves in the county his wife, sons, Emil and Herman, and daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Meggers. These are married and there are eight grandchildren.

Mr. Jaacks was a remarkable man among many ways. He was small in height but possessed of tremendous energy and determination of character. Nothing daunted him in the line of work. His mind on or off the farm was ever active. As an illustration of this, he prided himself that he knew the name of every street in Denison and who lived in every house. He was generous to the poor and needy, a kind neighbor and true friend. Possessed of sufficient wealth so that he could live as he pleased for the remaining years of the ordinary life, and no troubles at home there is no known reason why he should take his own life. Therefore thought that he did not die by pure accident finds no lodgment in the minds of his friends. The death was indeed sudden and deeply regretted by all.

The Home Department of the M. E. Sunday School were entertained Tuesday at the M. E. parsonage. A two course luncheon was served. Everything was done to make a happy afternoon for those attending. Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Merrill and Miss Gilmer had the affair in charge. Rev. and Mrs. Senseney made every one feel at home.

## LITTLE CHANGE AT NEW YEAR

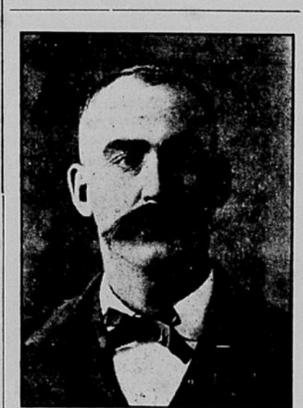
SAME OLD BUNCH WILL HOLD FORTH AT  
COURT HOUSE,

### SHERIFF IS THE EXCEPTION

Meehan Will Go To Farming While Cummins  
Gets Fat Office. John Carey Succeeds  
John Cook.

The returns of the last election showed how completely the democratic ring of office holders has itself entrenched and there will be little change at the court house as a result of the New Year. The two republicans, Uncle Morris and P. J. Klinker have also stemmed the tide and will be again the only republicans in the court house.

The personnel of the board of supervisors will be the same as last year with the exception that John Cook, the watch-dog of the county treasury, the thorn in the flesh of all the bill padders and cross-cutters and slipshodders, will give place to Easy John Carey. After this the court



THOS. R. MEEHAN.

house will seem more natural. What's the use of having a Crawford county court house without John Carey. It is foolish and obsolete. John has held office ever since he was elected Milk Examiner in Ireland in his infancy.

He is so much a fixture as an officer here that when they came to paint the office signs on the doors of the new building the painter came around and wanted to know which room he was to label "John Carey's Room." John will make things pleasant on the board. He will do every thing the way everybody wants it even if he has to vote both ways on every proposition. The sessions of the board will hereafter be like a series of pink teas, and Hill's Manual of Etiquette will succeed the Code as interpreted by John Cook. What the board will do without John Cook to sit on the safety valve is an unanswered question and one for the tax-payers to keep an eye on.

Henry Cummins is about to realize the ambition of a life-time and take the oath as sheriff of Crawford county. Hank ought to make a good officer. He has it born in him. When he was a lad, he arrested his father for staying out after ten, and locked

his brother in the coal bin for taking the bigger half of the apple. Hank is never real happy unless he is on the scent of crime or has an execution in his pocket. He is a human blood hound and can smell a hobo at forty rods with the wind.

Thos. Meehan retires from office in the same quiet, good-natured way in which he assumed it. Thos. Meehan has always been a puzzle. Especially to the republicans. It was said that he was unpopular and that he could easily be beaten, but Tom stood around, not working very hard at the campaigning, just saying a nice soft-spoken "Yes Yes." to everybody and then sitting back to smile when the votes were counted. How he came to be caught napping and let Henry Cummings walk off with the primary plum is the biggest puzzle of all.

Meehan has made a good officer. There were no jail deliveries under his administration and among attorneys and those who have had much business through his office he ranks high for faithfulness, discretion and the exercise of good judgment.

He has proven a kind-hearted jailer but has maintained sufficient discipline to keep things in good order. It was a good deal of a strain, and a long continued one, to have the Hasans in the county jail for months, but Meehan never slipped a cog. He is such a quiet unassuming man that it takes some time to appreciate him and we must confess that at first we did him injustice. He has never given us a political favor and we have never asked one of him, further, we have never given him a political favor and he has never asked one. The odds are even, so we can with propriety express our estimate of him as one of the best sheriffs the county has ever had. He is about to go to farming southwest of Denison and we wish him luck and lots of it. Will Savery will be deputy for Cummins as noted last week. A little later Thos. Fitzpatrick will resign as deputy recorder and Senator Cramer will take his place. With so little change the business ought to go along in the same old way in 1909.

Mr. White of Perry spent the week end at the home of Rev. Senseney.

Miss Anna Hooley spent the holidays at Iowa City.

Mr. Peter Atzen and wife went to Deloit Tuesday for a visit with friends.

Miss Grace Sides of Carson, Iowa, is in Denison visiting her friend, Miss Cater.

Bennie Brodersen went to Omaha Tuesday to see the sights and take in the Chicken Show.

P. J. Farrelly left for Charles City the early part of the week. He plans to buy several car loads of cattle.

There has been a helpful Sunday School institute this week Tuesday and Wednesday at the Baptist church with Rev. Mills of Des Moines in charge.

The side rooms to the west of the court room in the court house are being decorated and will have a covering for the floor. The men are at work at it now.

There was a great home gathering at Lew Romans' on the Day of all days. Clayton Romans and wife were there from Charter Oak. Roscoe Romans and family came from the farm near Deloit.

## CORNER BOOK STORE CHANGES

H. L. ALLARD SELLS INTEREST IN PROSPER-  
OUS STORE TO FORMER PARTNER.

### GEO. B. SMITH NOW PROPRIETOR

Will Make Numerous Improvements in  
Equipment and Will Add Complete Line  
of Sheet Music to Stock.

The most important business change which the New Year brings is in the ownership of the well-known Corner Book Store, a store which has been one of Denison's trading centers since the town was in its infancy. Only last year the firm of Allard & Smith purchased this old established business from U. G. Johnson and now Mr. Allard retires, the sole ownership passing to Mr. Geo. B. Smith.

Mr. Allard, the retiring member of the firm, has had a phenomenal career as a merchant in Denison. By unique and persistent advertising methods and by offering a new and attractive line of goods to Crawford county buyers his two stores have been immensely prosperous. The Racket Store is known throughout the county and the Corner Book Store has had a large share of the prosperity. To accomplish these things Mr. Allard has probably worked harder, and much surprised and delighted with her friend's thoughtfulness. The parlor was decorated in red with plenty of red hearts. A large basket was filled with the gifts which consisted of cut glass, silver, linen and many other lovely gifts. A verse was read with each present and many were exceedingly clever. Refreshments were served in the dining room, where the color scheme was green and white. The refreshments were also in the same colors. It was a beautiful party and a high tribute to Miss Ferrell's popularity.

Mr. Geo. B. Smith, the new owner of the Corner Book Store is well known to its patrons. He is an affable, obliging and a clever business man. He has already made a wide circle of friends and acquired a place in the community on his own merits. It is rumored that having dissolved one partnership he is about to enter another, although this is not a business affair, and is none of the Review's business at present at any rate. Mr. Smith has numerous changes and improvements in mind and he intends to "make over" the interior of the book store. A new line to be added will be a complete stock of sheet music, which line he has purchased from the Racket Store, which will no longer carry music.

Another new feature will be the convenient long distance telephone booth, which the Iowa phone will install, making the book store the handiest place in town for long distance calls.

The Review wishes the good Old Corner a new lease of life and a Prosperous New Year.

Having dissolved partnership all parties knowing themselves to be indebted to the firm of Allard & Smith will please call and settle. The Corner Book Store. 53-1

## THE CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE

Review Readers Received Sample Copies of the  
Great Daily This Afternoon.

All of the big Review family received sample copies of the Great Chicago Tribune this afternoon. Taken with the Review and its Weekly Magazine it completes the circle and the three papers give to any home all the current literature it needs. The Tribune gives all the news of the great world, the Review gives all the news of every nook and cranny of Crawford county and the Magazine Section provides delightful reading for the leisure hour. Until February first we offer this great combination. The Review, The Tribune, daily except Sunday, and the Weekly Magazine for \$3.50. Four hundred and sixteen separate papers for three hundred and fifty cents. It is a wonderful bargain. It is exclusive with the Review. We invite all our readers to take advantage of it.

## SOME SOCIAL NOTES.

The many friends of Miss Georgia Ferrell gave her an elaborate and beautiful shower on Tuesday at the home of Miss Margare, McHenry. About thirty young ladies were present. Miss Ferrell was very much surprised and delighted with her friend's thoughtfulness. The parlor was decorated in red with plenty of red hearts. A large basket was filled with the gifts which consisted of cut glass, silver, linen and many other lovely gifts. A verse was read with each present and many were exceedingly clever. Refreshments were served in the dining room, where the color scheme was green and white. The refreshments were also in the same colors. It was a beautiful party and a high tribute to Miss Ferrell's popularity.

Sunday School Convention at Boyer Jan. 8th. There will be a Sunday School convention at the Boyer M. E. church on Friday Jan. 8th. Sessions from 9:30 a. m. to 3 p. m. with a picnic dinner in the church at noon. Plan for a great convention.

Rev. A. A. HOWE Pastor.  
CHAS. K. MEYERS, Co. Sec.

It's quite "the thing" to take holiday dinners at Hotel Denison.

Mrs. R. A. Romans will entertain Thursday for Mrs. Auracher and John Romans.

The Current Event Club's social afternoon will be postponed until further notice.

Mrs. J. H. Mahoney and Mrs. Young gave a party this afternoon, the first of a series.

Dr. Philbrook and Roland went to Omaha Tuesday to attend the Chicken Show. Dr. Philbrook has entered some of his fine chickens and in all probability will bring more prizes to add to his already large collection.

Gold Watch Lost. Lost on Sunday between the Sewell residence and our home south of town a lady's gold open faced watch. Had initials "F. B." engraved on back. A reward for recovery, John Baker, the oil man. 53-1

Candy!  
Candy!

35 different kinds  
8c per pound

For men who wear size 15 shirts we  
have some bargains to offer this week.

READ ABOUT THEM

WIZARD  
FLOUR

Is a friend that never fails you—Try it  
\$1.50 per sack

## Howard Hats for Men and Boys

We just received our first consignment of famous Howard hats in the very latest spring styles. This lot consists of 24 different styles, all of the latest colors and all of the newest shapes. The hat is so made that when you get your size, it will fit. They are not made like some hats that will fit on both ends and you can put your finger between the side of the hat and your head, or just the opposite, be the right width and too long for your head. These hats are made proportionally and when you get your size they will fit all around. Call and look through this line.

## Sale of Size 15 Shirts for Men.

We recently purchased a large quantity of size 15 shirts from a big manufacturer, and are now offering the biggest values in this size that we have ever offered—Compare them

Gingham shirts, fancy and plain bosoms, size 15, regular 50 and 65c shirts, our price.....	39c
Madras shirts, regular \$1.00 values, size 15, our price.....	79c
Mercedized shirts, beautiful patterns, regular \$1.50 grades, our price.....	98c
Pleated bosom shirts, plain stripes, fancy designs, regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 grades, our price.....	79c

All we ask of you is a comparison of these prices and if you find that they will save you money, we would be glad to send any of the shirts out on approval, if they are not entirely satisfactory, return the shirt and your money will be refunded.

## GEO. MENAGH & CO.

We pay cash for Butter and Eggs Open evenings until 9 o'clock Broadway

## Dress Shoes for Men.

At prices that we would invite comparison.

Box Calf shoes, genuine goodyear welt, pair.....	\$2.50
Box Calf shoe, English welt, half double sole, pair.....	\$2.25
Men's Velour calf, dress shoe, single sole, goodyear welt, made up on our popular No. 100 last, pair.....	\$3.50
Men's patent colt dress shoe, made from the very best patent leather, pair.....	\$3.50
Men's genuine Kangaroo shoes, made on a very new last, it is one of the classiest shoes in our line, it has the new perforated wing tip, our price, pair.....	\$4.50