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# THE DENISON REVIEW

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## R. P. HAMILTON COMMITS SUICIDE

Well Known Dow City Barber Takes His Life Sometime Saturday Night. Body Found by Neighbors.

**OLD AGE AND FAILING HEALTH**  
Apparently the Deed had Been Well Planned. All Arrangements For Funeral Made by Deceased

Dow City, Dec. 20. —(Special to the Review)—Our community was shocked Sunday morning when it was reported that Phil Hamilton had been found dead in his home, having taken his own life. John Frownfelter, who lives next door to the Hamilton residence, was quickly notified and the mayor and others were soon at the scene. They found the body in order. Mr. Hamilton seems to have laid his plans carefully and everything was carried out in perfect order. The dead man had disrobed and retired. He was lying on his left side, the bed coverings being carefully adjusted, a pad of several clothes had been placed over the pillow, so as to keep the pillow unsoiled; with his right hand the 32 caliber revolver had been fired, the ball severing the jugular vein. He had died without a struggle. When found the right arm lay outstretched across the left arm, the weapon lying but an inch or so from the hand that had dropped it; his legs were slightly drawn up at the knees in a most natural position of one in bed. The corner was communicated with at once, but he decided that it was such a plain case of suicide that no inquest was necessary. Mr. Hamilton had grown quite dependent of late years on account of old age and failing health creeping upon him, and he took the precaution about 6 months ago to make arrangements for a cemetery lot, a steel vault, his casket, his burial robe and funeral plans. In the few past weeks he has remarked to friends that he wouldn't be here long, but no one dreamed of his leaving in the manner he did. He would appear, however, that he might have planned a different method for a new unused 24 inch rope hung behind the kitchen door. Mr. Hamilton had carefully laid out his clothes in a box and left them on a couch. On this package was left a note as follows:

Born October 14 day  
1851 East, Birthday Oct. 14  
1915 Born Burlington  
Vermont. R. P. Hamilton  
Dow City Iowa. I am  
tired of Living the Way  
I Have to Live. Good By

Every Body.  
By the side of this lay a Christmas post card with the greeting, A Merry Christmas Wish. His son, Harlo, the only known relative has been communicated with and will arrive for the funeral.

Phil Hamilton came here about twenty eight years ago from New York and followed his trade, that of barber, as long as his physical condition would permit. For perhaps fifteen years he has been handicapped for any work and as his years increased he has worried as to how he would get along. However he seems to have had enough money for his needs up to this time. According to his expressed wish the funeral was held from the Methodist church, Rev. A. B. Adams conducting the service and he was buried in the local cemetery. Friends provided an abundance of cut flowers and potted plants were also used to decorate the church.

Mr. Hamilton will be remembered by many of the older citizens of Denison, as having conducted a barber shop in Denison before going to Dow City. His shop was where Mrs. Hall's millinery store now stands. He was a very ambitious, courteous gentleman and enjoyed a good business while here.

### MOTHER OF ATTORNEY HARDING.

Highly Respected Old Lady, Mother of P. W. Harding, Passes Away at Council Bluffs.

Friends of Mrs. Margaret McQuhae Harding, mother of Attorney P. W. Harding, of this city, and a resident of Council Bluffs for the past ten years, were saddened to learn of her death on Monday of this week at her home in Council Bluffs. Mrs. Harding has visited in Denison on various occasions and has won many friends, who admired her beautiful character and disposition.

From the Nonpareil of yesterday we note the following article in regard to the life of this estimable lady: "Mrs. Margaret McQuhae Harding, of 1067 Sixth avenue, widow of the late Captain S. Harding, died Monday noon at her home from pneumonia after an illness of five weeks. She had made her home in Council Bluffs for the past ten years. She was a member of the Baptist church.

She is survived by three daughters and one son. They are: Mrs. R. H. Gwellan, of Council Bluffs; Mrs. A. F. Dunlap, of Council Bluffs; Mrs. J. E. Carroll, of Beatrice, Neb.; and P. W. Harding, of Denison.

Burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery at the side of her husband. Details of the funeral have not yet been arranged."

Charles Lamberty will leave on Friday for Arcadia, where he will spend Christmas at the home of his parents.



**A Christmas Carol**

OUR CITIZENS, with characteristic enterprise and a spirit of good fellowship that is truly commendable, have perfected arrangements whereby all the children of Denison and surrounding country will be permitted to gather around the great Christmas Tree which will stand majestic in grandeur, immediately south of the First National Bank, and enjoy the feast of songs that has been prepared for them. Those in charge of the affair are striving to make of the "Municipal Tree" one in deed as well as name and they invite all the little folks—rich or poor, to gather around this Christmas shrine, Friday evening, December 24th.

## WILL OBSERVE THE NEW LAW

Liquor Dealers of Crawford County Bow to Will of the People As Regards the Liquor Law.

PLACES CLOSE DECEMBER 31ST

Drug Stores Will Refrain From Selling Intoxicants Except Medicated Alcohol for External Use.

The new liquor law will go into effect on Jan. 1 and while there may be an occasional instance where the law will not be observed, we do not think anyone in Crawford county will be inclined to engage in the business of handling intoxicating liquors after the first of the year.

We notice from reports of the daily papers that a saloon in Manning has procured a permit extending over the

first of the year with the intention of running notwithstanding the law enacted by the last legislature, but we presume this is done with the purpose of testing the law in the courts to find out whether it was legally adopted by the legislature.

We are satisfied that it is not the purpose of either of the saloons in Denison to attempt to run after Jan. 1, 1916, and the drug stores will naturally refrain from selling intoxicating liquors. We have it on good authority that no liquors of any kind can be procured in the city at the drug stores except medicated alcohol for external purposes and which cannot, under any circumstances, be used internally without disastrous results.

The Western Union Telegraph company has been distributing unique telegram blanks among the business men of Denison today. The blank is of the usual style and is pretty three colored scene is printed at the top, giving it a very pleasing appearance. All Christmas greetings will be written out on these blanks.

## \$300,000 GIVEN SIMPSON COLLEGE

Denison Next to Indianola, Where the College is Located, Furnished the Largest Donation.

\$7500.00 IS DONATED IN DENISON

Total Endowment of the College Now Reaches a Sum of Over Half a Million Dollars.

The campaign of Simpson college at Indianola to increase the endowment of that institution three hundred thousand dollars was closed last night and before 7 o'clock it was known that the full three hundred thousand dollars had been subscribed. During the evening the amount was increased six thousand dollars, so that the subscription, all told, amounted to three hundred and six thousand dollars.

It has been a most remarkable campaign and attended with remarkable results. The reports indicate that Indianola was a wide open town last night so far as enthusiasm was concerned, and the feeling of the Methodists in the Des Moines conference is one of general satisfaction to think that the campaign proved a success.

It is said that Denison, next to Indianola, furnished the largest subscription of any place in the conference, but that should be no surprise to those who are familiar with the record of Denison for raising money for educational and other laudible purposes. We doubt if there is another town of its size on the map that can make a better showing than Denison. The amount raised here by voluntary subscriptions was between seven thousand and seven thousand five hundred dollars. Grace church of Des Moines came next to Denison, which is certainly a compliment to be in the same class with Denison.

The raising of this fund of over three hundred thousand dollars makes the total endowment of Simpson college in excess of a half million. This of necessity insures the future of the college and places it upon a permanent foundation.

It is said that aid came to the cause in Indianola, not only from the Methodist church, but substantial support was furnished by all the churches on the theory that the school is of great benefit to the community. It was noticed that subscriptions came from members of other churches than the Methodists throughout the conference, Denison being one of the places where outside aid was contributed.

This action of the Des Moines conference was not a victory for Simpson college alone, nor for the Des Moines conference, but for the cause of education generally. Its influence will be felt throughout the land and those who have offered their contributions will find that no better investment could have been made than by raising this endowment fund.

Mrs. E. W. Pierce and Mrs. Howard Cole attended a joint meeting of the Home and Foreign Missionary societies of the Dow City Methodist church at the home of Mrs. Frank McHenry on last Wednesday. A most pleasant all day session was enjoyed and an elegant dinner was served by Mrs. McHenry and her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Morrison.

Mrs. R. P. Plimpton and Miss Susie Craft went down to Dow City Saturday, where they had been invited to address a session of the Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. convention held there the latter part of the week. Mrs. Plimpton and Miss Craft are enthusiastic and competent workers among the young people of the Denison Baptist church and no doubt read excellent papers at the meeting.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. JANE BAIR

Mother of Richard Bair, of Denison, Contracts Pneumonia, From Which She Dies at Clarinda.

CAME AO CRAWFORD IN YEAR 1871

Born in Pennsylvania in Year 1832—Resided in Canada Prior to Moving to Denison.

The body of Mrs. Jane Bair was brought to Denison on Thursday of last week, where interment was made in Oakland cemetery, following her death on Tuesday, December 14th, at the state hospital in Clarinda, the immediate cause of her death being pneumonia. Mrs. Bair was at the time of her death 83 years of age.

Jane Kelly was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, on June 18, 1832. In the year 1855 she was united in marriage to Andrew J. Bair, who passed away in 1887 at the age of 57 years. In the early sixties, they moved to Clinton county, Iowa, where they resided until 1871, when they removed to Crawford county and settled two miles south of Denison, where Mr. Bair's death occurred. In the year 1894 Mrs. Bair moved to Manitoba, Canada, where she lived with her youngest son, George C., who was in the mercantile business at Ethelbert, Man., on the line of the Canadian Northern railroad, at that time being built. About nine years ago she came back to Denison to make her home with her children at this place and for the past five years has been receiving treatment at the State hospital at Clarinda. Only a few weeks ago she contracted pneumonia which caused her death on last Tuesday.

She leaves to mourn her death four sons, Elias H., of Portland, Ore.; Frank M. of Lake View; Richard of Denison; George C., of Veregin, Sask. Canada, and two daughters, Mrs. Martha Murdock and Mrs. Emma Rank of Denison, one daughter, Mrs. E. S. Miles, having passed away a few years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Bair were both active members of the Presbyterian church before the death of the former and previous to the illness of Mrs. Bair. Emil Jensen and wife, residing in Section 15 Hanover township, were Denison visitors today. Mr. Jensen is a son of Mr. Jorgen Jensen, one of the old settlers of the county. His sale on the 15th was a very successful one. He expects to move into town, but is as yet undecided whether Denison will be his choice or not.

# A Christmas Sale of 50 Women's Suits, 75 High Class Coats and 25 Dresses

This event will be an annual affair and during this week all garments sold will be priced at \$14.85 and \$22.50. This will be a sale of high quality coats, suits and dresses that every woman in Denison who cares for her appearance should attend.

The suits are made by such makers as Wooltex and some of the most leading designers in America have contributed to this offering. They feature the fashionable fur trimmed suits, with a large offering of semi-tailored suits in the Wooltex designs. The materials are broadcloths, plush and novelty fabrics. Not a suit in this lot sold regularly for less than \$27.50 and some as high as \$50. The entire line is divided into two lots and priced at

**\$14.85 and \$22.50**

The coats are made from plush, broadcloths and wide wales, designed both for business and street wear. In this lot you will see coats that formerly sold up to \$40. Priced Thursday and Friday at

**\$14.85 and \$22.50**

Comparison will educate you and our garments stand ready to be compared.



## Complete Clearance of All Iron and Mechanical Toys

for Thursday and Friday of this week at a saving of one-third. All toys must be disposed of and as there are only two more days left we would advise early selections.

## Menagh's Store

## Shristmas Sale of Lace Bed Spreads, Dresser Scarfes, Stand and Table Covers, Center Pieces

This offering has just been received on our floor and was purchased by our representative direct from the mills at a saving of 50 per cent. The entire line is offered for Thursday and Friday of this week.

One lot of high grade table covers sold regularly at 75c and \$1, priced at 49c and 59c.

Ten dozen dresser scarfes, regular 25c, 35c, 50c and \$1 values priced at 10c, 23c, 37c and 69c. These are shown both in the white and ecru, in the lace and plain edge.

Lace Center Table covers, regular 35c and 50c values priced at 23c and 39c.

Lace Bed Spreads in two different numbers. Regular \$1.50 grade priced at 98c; regular \$2.50 grade at \$1.98.

We would advise early selection as there is only a limited amount to offer. Any one of these articles will make a handsome Christmas gift and one long to be remembered.

## Men's Mackinaw Special

Offering one entire shipment of men's mackinaws just received on our floor Monday of this week. All sizes 38 to 46. Regular \$9 values priced at \$6.95.

Your Choice of Any Men's Suit in This House no matter what the former price was, with the exception of the blacks. \$25 values priced at \$15.

A sale of 25 men's blue serge suits, regular \$20 values priced at \$13.85.

## Clearance on All Christmas Slippers

Offering all high grade slippers at clearance prices in our shoe department. 100 pairs of Christmas slippers in all desirable styles and sizes offered for Thursday and Friday. Any one, no matter what the former price was, is offered at a discount of 25 per cent.

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