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BESSIE SPARR DEAD.

Coroner's Jury Accuses Bert Striegel of Causing Her Death.

Much Evidence That Young Woman Was Poisoned by Her Husband Who Is Held for Murder—Sad Ending of Formerly of Goodland Young Woman.

Mrs. Bessie Sparr Striegel, well-known in Goodland where she formerly lived, met a sad and tragic end in Boulder, Col., Thursday of last week. Her death was caused by poisoning and her husband, Bert Striegel, is in jail at Boulder charged with murdering the young woman.

The incidents leading up to the tragedy are long and with many touching and pathetic effects. Miss Sparr and Striegel, who is a druggist, were married in Golden, Col., July 7 last, but their marriage was not commended to Miss Sparr's parents until a few days later. Subsequently Striegel and wife went to Kansas City and the Sparr family, who now live in Denver, heard shortly after their arrival there of an estrangement between the couple. From Kansas City, after the exposure of a former marriage and charges of bigamy against Bert Striegel, Mrs. Striegel went to Longmont, Col., as the guest of a Mrs. Hilliard, of that city.

Striegel was arrested in Kansas City August 14 on a state warrant charging him with bigamy. His arrest followed the visit of his first wife, Leora Brown-Striegel, of Coffeyburg, Mo., to Kansas City in search of her husband. They were married in December, 1899, and Striegel deserted his bride in April following. Mrs. Striegel found her lost husband living with Bessie Sparr-Striegel, of Denver, to whom he had been married in Golden, Col. Striegel claimed to have secured a divorce from his first wife in Colorado and following his arrest in Kansas City gave bond and was released. He left Kansas City August 16, and only a few hours after his departure officers were after him to serve a new warrant on the same charge. It is supposed he went direct to Longmont to join Mrs. Sparr-Striegel.

Their Appearance in Boulder.

Tuesday, August 20, Striegel and Bessie Sparr-Striegel engaged a room in the Lane building in Boulder. They kept within the room and little was seen of them. Thursday morning between eight and nine o'clock when the chamber maid rapped at the door she was told by Striegel that she need not look after the room as his wife was ill and they did not wish to be disturbed. No one went to the room during the day Thursday until after five o'clock, when the owner of the rooming house became suspicious, went to the door and found it locked. He had the lock picked and entered. Mrs. Striegel was found dead and the man gasping for breath. One or both of them had been attacked by severe spells of vomiting, as was shown by the condition of the room. It is very likely that his wife was dead before Striegel took the poison.

Striegel was removed to a hospital where he was revived, and on Saturday he was placed in jail to await the action of the coroner's jury.

Before taking the poison Striegel wrote several notes addressed to Frank M. Johnson, 103 Hardisty street, Kansas City. One said that Bessie Sparr-Striegel was his only wife; another that he did not do it from remorse but simply because he and Bessie did not want to live without each other. Another note was a request that they both be buried in the same grave.

Striegel Held for Murder.

A press dispatch from Boulder of August 25 says:

"The coroner's inquest on the remains of Mrs. Bessie Striegel returned a verdict that the woman's death was caused by poison administered by her husband, Bert Striegel, with felonious intent."

"At the inquest physicians testified to the appearance of Mrs. Striegel and gave expert opinions. A druggist testified to selling the laudanum. The chief witness was Gertrude McGovern, a chamber maid of the Lane block, who testified that Striegel would not allow the work in his room to be done, claiming that his wife was ill. He told the girl not to disturb her until four o'clock, which is apparently the hour that Striegel himself took a dose of poison, in all likelihood several hours after the death of his wife."

"Striegel continues in a perfectly indifferent mood and stullenly refuses to discuss the case. He still insists that he has no recollection of anything that occurred in connection with his wife's death. He reads continually in jail."

Striegel attempted to create the impression that he and his wife had agreed to take the poison and die together, as they were so much attached to each other that life would be unbearable if they should be separated. The general belief is, however, that Striegel poisoned his wife in order to escape prosecution on the charge of bigamy, and then poisoned himself to

avoid suspicion. Those who knew Mrs. Striegel do not believe that she committed suicide. She is remembered as a very handsome young woman, of the blonde type, and of a cheerful disposition. Several years ago the Sparr family were residents of Goodland, and since then Bessie has been here visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred Dawson, a number of times.

A MODEL FARM.

Fike's Ranch Has 960 Acres Under Fence, 130 in Alfalfa—What Industry Will Build Out of the Desert.

Gov. Stanley made no mistake when he selected James N. Fike, of Thomas county, the democratic member of the railroad board, says an article in the Topeka Journal under a Colby date. He is a farmer, hog and cattle raiser and shipper as well. He has 960 acres of Thomas county land, all fenced, and an irrigating plant and barns and sheds. One of the coziest farm homes in the county is his sod house. It has nine rooms, finished inside and outside in modern style. Part of the time in this sod house and the other half of his time in Colby is where his entertaining family reside, who are happy, contented and prosperous. Since his appointment on the railroad board his time is so much devoted to the best interests of the farmer and shipper that hired men are looking to the interests of the farm, while his two sons, aged 18 and 20 years, are busy buying and shipping stock from Rock Island railroad points.

Mr. Fike came to Thomas county in 1885, and was the first county clerk elected in Thomas county. He was founder of the Colby Free Press, a staunch democratic organ, and was postmaster at Colby during President Cleveland's first term. He is one of the largest and most successful growers of alfalfa in this section of Kansas, having 130 acres, of which 20 acres is his hog pasture, and 20 acres was sown last spring, which has not yet brought him any returns. He raised off of 80 acres about 350 tons of feed and 150 bushels of seed. In dollars he will be able to realize \$3,500 cash and enough feed to winter his 100 head of cattle, or after all the expenses are paid he will realize \$35 an acre from his alfalfa. In the last three years he has shipped between 700 and 800 carloads of cattle and hogs.

Besides his alfalfa and cattle interests, Mr. Fike is one of the largest and most successful hog raisers in this part of Kansas. He raises from 400 to 600 head of hogs annually, and he received from the sale of hogs last year about \$3,300.

An Able Teacher.

The Phillipsburg Herald says: "Charles W. McCormick and his estimable wife have gone to Goodland where they will make their home for the next nine months and possibly longer. Mr. McCormick has a professorship in the new county high school of Sherman county. He has the reputation here of being one of the best teachers of our county, and we opine the people of Sherman county will discover they have made no mistake in securing his services. He is a graduate of the Nickerson normal school and is entitled to a state certificate which will be issued at the next meeting of the state board of education."

Teachers to Meet.

The first meeting of the Sherman County Teachers' association of the coming school year will be held in the city school building Saturday at 1:30 p. m. The programme follows:

Song, by association; paper, "What Shall the Teacher Do on the First Day of School," Mrs. Goodrich, discussion, B. P. Wells; paper, "Nature Study in Primary Grades," Eva Kellogg, discussion, Euroth Stewart; recitation, Grace Van Winkle; paper, "Self Reliance," Nellie Marks; general discussion; comments on the day's association work by the members.

Mary's Lamb Surplanted.

Mary had a little lamb. That time has passed away. No lamb could follow up the pace that Mary sets to-day. For now she rides an air-shod wheel in skirts too short by half; no lambkin shares her airy flight, but you can see her calf. But who is there who can complain or cry in woe, "Alas!" So long as Mary calf's all right the lamb may go to grass. So all the men delight to gaze, their joy is not a sham, for while the other critter's out they have no use for lamb.—Yankton (S. D.) Herald.

Ermess Carter Dead.

Ermess Carter, a brother of Gus Carter, formerly of LaBlanche, died at his home in xanitou, Col., Tuesday. He leaves a wife and one child. Ermess Carter was known in the LaBlanche neighborhood where he visited at different times with his brother. He was a pleasant and agreeable man who made many friends.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank our friends and neighbors for the kindness shown during the bereavement in the loss of wife and mother.

WILLIAM HARGRAVES AND FAMILY.

PERSONAL NOTES.

A. J. Watson, of Colby, was in Goodland Tuesday.

Dick Auer was down east this week soliciting business for the Auer bakery.

H. A. Bowman was at St. Francis this week looking after his branch store.

Mrs. J. T. Joyce, of Pueblo, is in town, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jeff Powers.

William Walker, Jr., went to Topeka and Kansas City Tuesday evening on a business trip.

Joe Kolacny has gone to Beatrice, Neb., where he will work at the tailoring business.

A. V. Jesse, manager of Millisack's store in Burlington, Col., spent Sunday in Goodland.

Miss Vinta Kelly will leave August 30 for Denver to attend the Loretto Heights academy.

Miss Annie Doran, a sister of Mrs. Pat Brown, has returned from an extended visit in Denver.

Miss Ida Biddison, of Rock Island, Ill., is in town for a visit with her brother, C. E. Biddison and family.

Fred Dawson and wife were called to Denver Friday night by the death of Mrs. Dawson's sister, Mrs. Striegel.

H. F. Wheatley was doing some elevator work at the elevator Wednesday. The gasoline engine works like a charm.

Peter Doserfer, of La Blanche, has returned from Mound Valley, Kan., where he has been receiving treatment for cancer.

Probate Judge Calvert issued marriage license Saturday to Curtis Harper, aged 23, and Miss Katy I. Bartholemew, aged 17.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bower and Mr. and Mrs. D. Stewart were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Smith at six o'clock dinner Wednesday evening.

William Walker, Sr., of Voltaire township, brought in an ear of corn 15 inches long last Saturday. The corn was of the eight-rowed white variety with red blaze on the tip of the ear.

Mrs. Pauline Hartman gave a tea Sunday evening in honor of Mrs. Theo Close. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Close, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Adams and Mr. and Mrs. William Walker, Jr.

William Flynn sold at auction on the street Saturday some farm utensils. He has traded his farm, southeast of town, for a farm in Arkansas, to which he will remove in the near future.

C. M. Sawyer, of Norton, cashier of the First National bank, of that city, and chairman of the Sixth district democratic congressional committee, was a business visitor in Goodland Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Farrow returned from Oberlin yesterday, where they have been visiting this week. Mrs. Farrow had been visiting her daughter in Chicago, and stopped in Oberlin on her way home.

E. N. McCoy and daughter, of Russell, Kan., have moved into a residence on the west side and will make Goodland their home. They were formerly of Bethany, Mo., but have lived in Russell about a year.

C. W. McCormick, of Phillipsburg, accompanied by his wife, are in Goodland and will occupy the residence vacated by Theodore Close. McCormick will be an assistant principal in the county high school.

Mrs. A. E. King, of Dodge City, formerly of Goodland, was in town this week the guest of friends. Mr. King was formerly a conductor on the Rock Island and is now holding a similar position with the Santa Fe.

Prof. Mallory, superintendent of the county high school, will return from Phillipsburg to-day where he has been to arrange some private matters before he enters upon his duties which commence Monday when school begins.

Commissioner Dillinger, of Brewster, was in town Saturday. He reports that the storm Friday evening was heavy in the east part of the county, and that in his section there was considerable hail which split corn and came leaves badly.

Henry Detwiler, of Smith Center, was here this week and bought 109 head of steers, which were shipped to Smith county, where they will be fed preparatory for market. He is a brother of John Detwiler, of the Golden sheep ranch, near La Blanche.

J. B. Penn and wife returned home Tuesday. Mrs. Penn has been visiting at Jamesport, Mo., and J. B. has been in the Creek nation, Indian territory, where he has leased lands for a ranch. He will ship his bunch of Herefords to the territory in about three weeks.

Dr. G. R. Brown left Sunday morning for Kansas City where he will again take up the practice which he abandoned to come to Goodland six months ago. Dr. Brown is bright in his profession, and a very pleasant gentleman, and his leaving Goodland is regretted.

Harley Hogeboom returned last week from Chihuahua, Mexico, where he has been employed several months as freight brakeman on the Mexican Central. His brother, Horace, and Fred Finch, also of this city, were employed in a like capacity on the same road but they have left Mexico and are now in Denver.

Recent Rains.

A good rain fell here Tuesday evening and appeared to be general over the county. There was a powerful electric display and heavy thunder and sharp lightning accompanied the storm. Engineer Hathaway's house was struck while the family was at supper. The chimney was knocked off and the house was filled with soot. No one was injured, and no damage was done to the interior of the house.

Wednesday afternoon rain commenced falling about five o'clock and a steady downpour continued until eight. The fall was moderate in Goodland, but heavy in other parts of the county.

RAILROAD SPIKES.

J. M. Kelly, of Pueblo, is a new fireman.

Charles Forshner is a new man in the round house.

H. D. Thompson, of Norton, Kan., is the new clerk in the freight house.

Superintendent F. C. Smith, of Colorado Springs, was in Goodland Wednesday.

Clyde Besse, of Almena, is in town and may go to work for the Rock Island.

Engine 510 left last week for the Valley Junction shops of the company for an overhaul.

Dispatcher W. A. Bennie and family have gone to housekeeping in the McClusky residence.

Will Koons, night agent at the depot, is unable to work owing to an attack of rheumatism.

Engine 405 will be out of the back shops Saturday after a thorough overhaul, and will be as good as new.

Machinists' Apprentice Funk returned to work Monday after being off duty two weeks owing to sickness.

Engineer Frank Fuller has had another stroke of paralysis more serious than the first.—Fairbury Journal.

Andy Kreuzer and family have gone to Atlantic, Ia., where they will spend a few weeks among relatives and acquaintances.

Shop Foreman Prothero has been offered a position with the Milwaukee road, but prefers to remain with the Rock Island.

Joe Mann, of the freight house force, has taken Roy Wicks's place on the night depot force. Jim Woods has Mann's place.

Brakeman Frank Gunn has returned from Denver where he has been during a sick spell. He will report for work in a few days.

Conductor Taylor went to Denver Wednesday in hopes that the change of altitude might benefit a distressing case of hay fever.

Night Operator Holes, of Limon, has resigned and will take a position on the Denver and Rio Grande. D. Haloran takes his place.

Thomas Taggart is improving his residence. He will reshingle the whole house, repaint and pencil it, as it is a brick structure.

Nick Scallion has the position of round house foreman at present. G. H. Hoffer, who has been acting foreman, will work as a machinist.

Roy Michael left this week for Holington, Kan., where he has a position in the freight house of the Missouri Pacific with a promotion in sight.

Dave Agerton, of Cripple Creek, formerly a Rock Island conductor of this place, but now with the Midland Terminal, is in town on a business mission.

Conductor Patrick and crew, of the Roswell-Pueblo freight run, brought a train to Goodland Tuesday on account of a shortness of train crews at Roswell.

Brakeman Earl Thorson returned Sunday from eastern Kansas. His wife, who had been visiting in eastern Kansas, returned home with her husband.

Brakeman Theodore Close will move to Phillipsburg as he is on the local with Sunday layover at that place. Mrs. Close will leave for Phillipsburg this week.

W. P. Brinker and wife have returned from a protracted stay in Illinois for the benefit of Mr. Brinker's health. He is greatly improved and will take his place as round house foreman.

D. D. Jones, formerly a conductor out of Kansas City on the Rock Island road, was in Goodland several days this week. He is now engaged in the insurance business, being an agent for the Union Mutual Life Insurance company.

W. J. Fitzgerald, accompanied by his wife and two daughters, of Caldwell, Kan., was in the city yesterday. Mr. Fitzgerald was formerly a passenger engineer on this division but was transferred to the Texas line of the Rock Island a number of years ago.

John Gill, master mechanic of the Rock Island at the Trenton shops, on the first of next month succeeds H. Monkhouse as superintendent of motive power of the Monon, with headquarters at Lafayette. Monkhouse resigned to take a position with an eastern road.—Topeka State Journal.

The B. & M. has a new Dutch brakeman. The passenger conductor instructed him that when a stop was made at a station he must call out at his end of the train, for the information of travelers, the same name that he is the conductor.—Jid at the other.

In due time a stopping place was reached. The conductor shouted "McCook" "Same at end" yelled the brakeman.—St. Francis Register.

Fourteen carloads of the first battalion of the Fourteenth United States infantry on their way to Buffalo from China and the Philippines passed through Goodland Wednesday morning at one o'clock. The train was pulled by 809, Engineer Ebert, from the west, and 841, Engineer Kelly, took them east. Conductor Mallock took them through from Colorado Springs to Phillipsburg.

The Chicago-Denver and Colorado Springs trains known as the "Rocky Mountain Limited," will be discontinued about September 10, so it is announced. The service was inaugurated June 18 and the trains are the finest in the country. The reason for their abandonment, it is claimed, is lack of locomotives. The new lines recently constructed by the Rock Island have created a demand for all the engines available.

From an Emporia Ananias: "A peculiar mishap was reported to the house yesterday. Engineer Wheeler and Fireman Wigan were pulling a freight over the cutoff. Along about the middle of the train two cars tore loose from the others and went off the track. It is said that they went so far clear of the track that the engine backed up, coupled to the end of the train that was left standing and came on. The two cars went clear off the right-of-way."

ROCK ISLAND'S NEW LINES.

Three Months More Will See Several in Operation—The El Paso Extension Making Rapid Progress.

The Rock Island Railway company will have completed and begun the operation of important extensions and branch lines into the heart of Oklahoma in about three months more. That of immediate interest is the line into Lawton and 25 miles southwest of it into the center of the new homestead country recently taken up in the big land lottery. The road is a direct branch from the Mangum line, which extends almost straight west from Chickasha.

About 25 miles west of Chickasha on this road is Anadarko. From this point the road is building south and west into Lawton, and it has now reached Richards, only 14 miles away. By September, 15 trains will be running into Lawton.

Another new branch will extend southeast from Lawton to Terrell, involving 80 miles of track. The biggest proposition under way, however, is the line building from Enid, on the main line, in the north end of Oklahoma, to Anadarko, there joining the Mangum line west and the Lawton road south. This work will mean 100 miles of new roadway. These three new lines will complete the network which the Rock Island has spread throughout Oklahoma territory.

The Rock Island's new extension from Liberal, Kan., to El Paso, Tex., is making excellent progress, and will be completed by the end of October. The grading has been finished and only about 125 miles of track remain to be laid to the connection with the El Paso and Northeastern railroad, which forms a part of the new line. At El Paso connection is made with the Southern Pacific and Mexican Central railroads and traffic arrangements have been made by the Rock Island management with both of these roads. It will give the Rock Island a line from Chicago to southern California and the City of Mexico, considerably shorter than by the Santa Fe.

PROMOTION FOR W. W. LEEMAN

Appointed Traveling Engineer of Rock Island on all Lines West of the Missouri River.

W. W. Leeman, a passenger engineer of the Rock Island road of this city, has been appointed to the position of traveling engineer or foreman of engines on all lines of the Rock Island west of the Missouri river, the appointment to take effect September 1.

The office of traveling engineer has been in existence on lines east of the river for a long time, but as far as lines west of the river are concerned it has been newly created.

Mr. Leeman is 39 years of age and has been running an engine for 20 years, coming to the Rock Island from the Rio Grande road 14 years ago, and 13 years of this time he has been running out of Goodland where he made his home.

Mr. Leeman will continue his home here until it is settled at what point a residence will be most convenient. His headquarters will be at Horton. He will inspect the motive power and report conditions, needs, etc., to A. L. Studer, assistant superintendent of motive power and machinery.

The appointment of Mr. Leeman is evidently a wise selection, as he is a good engine man and is considered one of the best engineers on the road. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Masonic fraternity, and his many friends are congratulating him on his advancement.

Will Hold 150,000 Gallons.

The new stand pipe which is being erected by the Rock Island at this place will be 20 feet in diameter and 60 feet high, and will hold 150,000 gallons. G. J. Bishop, superintendent of bridges and buildings, is in charge of the construction work. The stand pipe will be based on a concrete foundation and made of half-inch steel plates about eight feet square. The base will be concreted within, sloping toward the "man hole" for purposes of flushing when the tower is emptied. Above this the tower will be entirely of steel. The discharge pipe into the tank will stand two feet above the base and will be 12 inches in diameter. The work, it is estimated, will cost \$2,500. The wooden water tanks will be taken down.

Wants the Marital Tie Broken.

Frank Hollingshead, of Kanorado, wants the tie that binds him to Mary E. Hollingshead severed, as she refuses to come to the happy home that is awaiting her at Kanorado. Suit for divorce on the grounds of abandonment was filed in the district court of Sherman county this week by Hollingshead through his attorney, G. L. Calvert. They were married in Denver in August, 1891, and lived together at that place until 1899 when the plaintiff removed to his former home at Kanorado, and all appeals for the defendant to give up Denver for Kanorado have met with failure.

MRS. WM. HARGRAVES DEAD.

After Long Suffering Death Comes to Her Belief—Had Been Identified With the Church for Forty Years.

Mrs. Mary A. Hargrave, wife of William Hargrave, died Sunday shortly before noon. Death was caused by dropsy after a lingering illness and the end was not unexpected. She was 63 years of age, and is survived by her husband, three sons and two daughters.

Mrs. Hargrave was born in Indiana December 19, 1838. Her maiden name was Mary A. Johnson. She was twice married. Of the first marriage she leaves a son, A. R. Crandall, of Goodland, and a daughter, Mrs. Henry Whistler, of Tecumseh, Neb., formerly of this county. She was married to William Hargrave on April 14, 1871, of which marriage she had four children, William, Jr. and Lewis Hargrave, of Goodland, and Mrs. C. D. Krow, of Hubbal, Neb.; one son being dead. All were present at the funeral except Mrs. Krow who was prevented coming on account of sickness in her family.

Mrs. Hargrave was a member of the church for 40 years, uniting with the Baptist church in 1851, but for the past nine years has been a member of the Christian church of this city.

The funeral services were held from the Christian church Monday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. George Scott, one of her former pastors in the Baptist church at her home in Nebraska. Interment was made in the Goodland cemetery.

Harper-Bartholemew.

The marriage of Miss Katy I. Bartholemew and Mr. Curtis Harper took place Sunday afternoon at four o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Bartholemew. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Freet in the presence of the family and a few intimate friends. The young couple will make Goodland their home, Mr. Harper being an employe of the Rock Island shops.

Luam-Sanders.

Mrs. Elizabeth V. Sanders and Mr. Edward Kunz were united in marriage by Probate Judge Calvert Wednesday. They will make their home in the Muldrow neighborhood, where Mr. Kunz has a farm.

Stucker-Morey.

Charles Stucker and Miss Dessy Morey, of Edison, were united in marriage by Probate Judge Calvert Wednesday.

TOLD IN A LINE.

Said an Irishman: "Cast a Yankee away on a desolate island and he'll get up next morning and sell maps of the place to the inhabitants."

THE GOODLAND REPUBLIC entered upon its sixteenth year this week. It has been under its present able and efficient management for 15 years.—Phillipsburg Herald.

Chicago has a new "game" that beats the Buffalo badly. The query is: "Can you give me a dollar for some 'chicken feed'?" The dollar is usually produced and the joker hands over several grains of corn in return.

One trouble with the Indiana decision legalizing the opening of a jackpot with a counterfeit coin is that it takes no cognizance of the fact that the six-shooter with which the opener may be called is not likely to be a counterfeit.

Engineer Pat Brown is improving his property by building a front 14 ft. A new foundation will be put under the old part and a 16-foot porch will be constructed. Mr. W. L. White has the contract on the carpenter work.

William Butler, of Ruleton, was a caller yesterday. He celebrated his eightieth birthday recently, and looks to be a well preserved man of about 50. He stands ready to demonstrate the reality of his apparent vigor by climbing to the top of Pike's Peak.

Engineer L. K. Foster is enlarging his house by a 14x16 addition. The improvement will consist of a pantry, bath room, bed room and kitchen, and also a 6x16 porch will be constructed. W. L. White has the contract for the carpenter work.

Miss Anna Carlson, whose name indicates an abiding place in Lindsborg, offers this suggestion: "Young lady, if you are fond of dancing, try waiting around the kitchen with that old broom a few times a day while your mother rests."

Even now when the thermometer rarely ventures above 90 there are a lot of people who are kicking about the hot weather. The complaints they are now making will not be in it with the kicks registered when the mercury bunts the zero mark next winter.

After January 1 the shipper to the Kansas City market who has but one load of cattle or hogs will be unable to get a return pass. The railroads have decided to abolish this custom, which has been in vogue for years, and make it necessary to have at least two cars to obtain a return pass. If the shipper has five cars he may get two return passes, and for 11 cars three return passes. Not more than three passes will be issued, no matter how many cars are shipped.

A Milwaukee preacher asserts that "nude figures" on \$5 bills are "indecent." Perhaps this is so, but we never had one of these bills long enough to examine it critically. But we don't think "nude figures" would shock us very much. We have attended social entertainments where the ladies were in "full dress" and wore but little more than a necktie above the belt, and we still live. The figures on a \$5 bill which have the most attraction for us is the figure "5."—Exchange.