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Twenty-five years ago in a little Wisconsin village, William Mitchell, Sr., was pastor of the Methodist church, and with his wife, daughter and son lived the model home life of a country village. The son was then a young lad but soon he grew up with a spirit of adventure and leaving the home of his parents against their wishes he went out over the world seeking experience. For years he wandered about and later when he wrote his parents in the Wisconsin village he received a letter from them. Thinking that his father was enraged at his leaving, he did not seek again to hear from his home. Continuing on his adventurous career he went to Omaha. Here on the streets of that city he met with a severe accident and was confined to the hospital for several long months. He had the authorities wire his parents but received no reply. At the time the papers of the country were publishing stories of his death in an accident. His parents some time later saw an account of his death but inquiry at Omaha could bring no clue as to his whereabouts.

Shortly after the young man had left the pretty and quiet Wisconsin home, however, his parents and sister moved to Des Moines. He went to the father had taken another charge. Here with the firm conviction that his son had died the father passed away, followed a short time after by the wife and the daughter was left dependent upon relatives. She went from one place to another and finally came to Manchester, where she taught school. Here she met E. P. O'Hara and several years ago in that city they were married. Later they came to Waterloo.

After twenty-five years of wondering where his father, mother and sister could be, Mr. Mitchell, who is now well fixed financially and well along in years, determined to end the mystery and find out for sure whether his family were all dead or not. He went to the little Wisconsin home, and found that years ago the family had moved to Anamosa to make their home. At that place he was told that his parents had years ago moved to Des Moines. Going to that city, he could find no trace of the family, and again he returned to Anamosa. Here he finally found from court records that his father and mother had both died. Later he found that the last heard of his sister was that she had gone to Manchester to teach school. Going to Manchester, he could find nothing of his sister, but not despairing he again searched the records of the court house and found that his sister had married and come to this city.

Mr. Mitchell hastened to this city, and going to the court house found the address of his sister, and at last was near his long-lost relative. He secured a cab and drove to the home and was met at the door by his sister. He told her who he was, but she denied him entrance to her home, stating that her brother had died years ago as the result of an accident in Omaha. He insisted that he was the brother, he told her of the scenes of their childhood, of their father and their mother, and as a final evidence brought forth a picture of the sister and himself taken when they were children together in the little cottage home in the Wisconsin village.

When the conclusive evidence was shown the sister threw her arms about the long-lost brother, and with tears of joy welcomed him to her home. Mr. Mitchell has sent for his family at Council Bluffs and will spend a month at the O'Hara home in this city.

Mr. Mitchell is now a prosperous farmer near Council Bluffs and is a well preserved man of over 60 years. The hunt which resulted in the finding of his sister took a day over a month, but Mr. Mitchell says had it taken a year he would have continued the search.

SUPERVISORS ASK FOR FUNDS.

Crawford County Voters to Decide on Matter of Issuing \$40,000.

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Denison, July 15.—The county board supervisors has submitted to the voters the question of issuing bonds to the amount of \$40,000 for the purpose of erecting a tower on the new court house in course of construction, and otherwise perfecting the building. Several thousand dollars were amount voted for a new court house in the election in 1902, but since the plans have been adopted it has been seen that that amount of money is not sufficient to complete the building as it should be. In order to bring the new court house to completion it was decided to build a tower and to dispense with the marble wainscoting and other trimmings. Since that time there has grown up a sentiment against cheapening the building in this manner, and the board was urged to submit to the voters the question of voting enough additional money to make the building what it should be.

RECOMMEND DRAINAGE DITCH.

Commissioners Representing Monona and Harrison Counties Report.

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Onawa, July 15.—The commissioners of the big Monona-Harrison ditch and Engineer R. S. Fessenden filed their report Wednesday here in the office of the county auditor. The report for Harrison county was also filed Wednesday at Logan. The report is very long and covers about thirty-five pages of typewritten matter, containing as follows: "In our opinion the proposed improvements described in the report, plan and profile should be located and recommended that same be established, and the same when established and constructed will conduce the public health, convenience and welfare, and will be for public benefit and utility." It is signed by G. H. Elliott, commissioner for Monona county, and A. B. V. Ralph, commissioner for Harrison, and R. S. Fessenden, engineer on the project.

TO HOLD ALUMNI REUNION.

Iowa State University People to Picnic at Iowa Falls.

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GENEVA'S BEAN DINNER

Big Preparations in Progress for Annual and Unique Celebration Aug. 12—New Features This Year.

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FARM HANDS ARE NEEDED.

Haying and Small Grain Harvest Creates an Extra Demand.

KILLS WIFE AND SELF

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CUTS THROATS WITH RAZOR

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WAS A CRUEL DRUNKARD.

Baldwin and his wife were born upon the same day in Ireland, 49 years ago. The woman was married to Baldwin, her second husband, many years ago.

His daughter, Mrs. John Eitzen, lives in this city, and also her son, E. J. O'Neil, with whom she has been living since she left her husband two weeks ago. Her life with Baldwin was not happy because of his drunkenness and cruelty. Once before she left him and lived apart from him for two years at Keokuk. He besought her to live with him again, and she finally consented. They lived near the Bourne feed mill, then up near the vinegar works and their last place of residence together was on South First street, between First and Second avenues, over Smulcock's furniture store. They had some children who died young. One of them, Mabel, lived to be 11 years of age.

Baldwin, who was employed by the Parlor City Cement Company, failed to keep his promise to reform. He was constantly drinking and failed to support his wife. Two weeks ago she left him and went to live with her son, Mr. O'Neil, near the Hubbard ice houses.

Was "Rushing the Can." Noble Smith, the neighbor, says that he saw Baldwin early yesterday morning "rushing the can." In the evening, while intoxicated, he went to the house, and found his wife there, together with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. O'Neil, and Mrs. O'Neil's sister, a young lady named Libbie Kucena, who was an eye witness to most of the tragedy.

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