

THOMPSON A FAKIR

Council Bluffs Police Officers Believe Ames Man Has Absconded

SCOUT THE SUICIDE THEORY

Short in Accounts to Amount of Only \$60 - Police Believe He Left for Purpose of Escaping Debts He Could Not Pay--Search Fails to Locate Him--News of the State.

Council Bluffs, Jan. 11--After forty-eight hours the local police have succeeded in finding out one trace of Ralph D. Thompson, the young telephone collector who disappeared Tuesday, leaving notes declaring that he intended to commit suicide. Investigative disclosed the fact that Thompson had taken his clothes from his boarding house at 36 Fourth street and had received a rebate on his month's room rent. James Wyatt, his landlord, was given the impression that he intended to go to Ames, where his parents reside.

Dispatches from Ames state that Pearl Jones, the girl mentioned in one of the letters written by Thompson, had been his sweetheart three years ago. It is stated that he had quarreled with her at a hotel in Cedar Rapids and had cut her throat, the wound was not fatal. He was arrested and was later released. He had told friends here that the escape cost his father \$1,000.

Detective Dan Weir stated last night that he had personally been making no search for Thompson. Whether any other officers were doing so he could not say. The officers declare their belief in any suicide theory, asserting that he has run away.

A. P. Fair, manager of the Bell Telephone company, of which Thompson was an employe, stated yesterday that the young man was short in his accounts about \$60. Until the day of his disappearance however, he had turned in every dollar of his collections promptly.

Chief of Police Richmond is firm in the belief that the young man has not taken his own life. That he fled from town with what money he held out from his collections in order to escape whatever debts he may have had is the theory now held by the police.

Major Richmond is arranging to send out circulars with descriptions of the missing man and offering a reward for information leading to his whereabouts.

STAMPEDE AT FUNERAL.

Frightened Teams Cause Disturbance and Damage at Maxwell.

Special to Times-Republican. Boone, Jan. 11--Word has been received here from Maxwell, a small Story county town, that during the funeral services over the late Mrs. Swarn, of Peoria, several of the teams became frightened and started a regular stampede. It looked for a time as though there would be a number of run-aways and smashups, but cool heads, soon got the teams quieted down, although not until the rig in which were riding Mr. and Mrs. Whitney, was overturned, and a dozen other rigs were damaged more or less.

MRS. THOMPSON MAY LOSE EYE.

Sioux City Woman Drops Curling Iron and Suffers Severe Injury. Sioux City, Jan. 11--Slipping out of her hands while dressing her hair, a heated curling iron plunged into the upturned eyes of Mrs. P. H. Thompson, of 2639 East Second street, Wednesday, burning it so severely that it is feared she may lose the sight of the eye.

Mrs. Thompson was experimenting with a new instrument and in some manner loosened her grip on the handle, causing it to fall lengthwise into her right eye, burning the iris and severely injuring the cornea. The pain was excruciating and Mrs. Thompson suffered terribly. Mr. Thompson is an engineer on the Milwaukee railroad.

FARMER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Louis Erickson, Living Near Vincent, Puts Bullet into Brain. Fort Dodge, Jan. 11--Louis Erickson, a well known farmer living near Vincent, sent a bullet thru his head yesterday morning in an attempt to commit suicide. The deed was committed while he was in bed in his room, and the report brought his wife, who hastily summoned a physician. Prompt attention to the wound has kept the man alive, with small chances of recovery. Erickson is a man of 40, with a family. No cause is known for the act.

SUICIDE BURIED TODAY.

The Late John Dreyer Was a Prominent Franklin County Resident. Special to Times-Republican. Iowa Falls, Jan. 11--The remains of the late John Dreyer, one of the old and well known residents of Franklin county, will be interred today. Mr. Dreyer committed suicide Wednesday by hanging. For some time past, he has been suffering with an abscess in his head, and it is thought the act was committed while he was temporarily deranged. He was born in Germany in 1840, and he leaves a wife and five children.

DRUNKEN SPREE COSTS \$100.

Phenomenal Fine Imposed on Prominent Farmer at Meservey. Special to Times-Republican. Meservey, Jan. 11--The law held sway for a short time in Meservey yesterday, despite the protests of a prominent farmer. E. D. Kadooe, who was arrested by order of Justice J. J. Stauffer and fined \$100 for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and the act is the sensation of the hitherto quiet place. It is alleged that Kadooe had filled up on whiskey and proceed-

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CRUSHED BY ENGINE.

E. A. Howard Killed at Rock Island Round House, Cedar Rapids. Cedar Rapids, Jan. 11--In some manner not yet entirely clear, E. A. Howard, turn table operator at the Rock Island round house, received injuries about 11 o'clock last night from which he died about two hours later. He was found in an unconscious condition between one of the round house doors and the turn table, with both arms broken, many severe bruises and blood issuing from the mouth, indicating internal injuries of more or less serious nature. The ambulance was called and he was taken to St. Luke's hospital for treatment.

FARMER NEAR PRESCOTT HURT.

James Keever Has Arm Torn Off, While Feeding Shredder. Special to Times-Republican. Corning, Jan. 11--Tuesday afternoon James Keever while feeding a shredder near Prescott of this county had his left arm torn off. He was taken to a hospital in Creston and is reported as doing well.

Mapleton News.

Special to Times-Republican. Mapleton, Jan. 11--S. H. Nunemaker and family are home from an extended visit at Odebolt.

Mrs. Dr. Gillespie and daughter were at Omaha this week.

Mrs. J. E. Scott went to Ontario, Ia., Thursday, to see her mother, Mrs. Sarah Foster, who is sick.

D. N. Hittman, the restaurant man, has moved to Ft. Dodge.

Rev. O. S. Bryan returned yesterday from Williams, where he has been assisting his son in a two weeks' special meeting.

Mrs. John Buckle from Sioux City, is visiting friends in Mapleton.

The Mapleton delegates to the Sioux City waterway convention Jan. 22 and 23 are J. E. Scott, J. R. Welch, C. I. Whitney, T. B. Lutz and E. S. Coon.

The Vinton News.

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Representative J. C. Cottrell from Plymouth county, who has just been brought into an unfavorable limelight with his "affinity" in Des Moines, was formerly a resident of this county, having lived in Belle Plaine several years ago.

Simple Remedy for La Grippe. La grippe coughs are dangerous as they frequently develop into pneumonia. Foley's Honey and Tar not only stops the cough but heals and strengthens the lungs so that no serious results need be feared. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar contains no harmful drugs and is in a yellow package. Refuse substitutes. McBride & Will Drug Co.

A Rash Reflection. "No," she said, "I cannot marry a rake."

The passion died out of his eyes, to be succeeded by a cold glitter as of steel.

"And yet," he retorted harshly, "now, if ever, you should be making hay."

So saying, he slipped hastily into her father's arctic, and was swallowed up in the driving snowstorm.

PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS. PAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded 50c.

Wellsburg. The Wellsburg hotel has been leased to H. J. Hansen, of Chicago, who took possession Thursday.

Stockport. Twenty-seven sheep were killed near here out of a flock of twenty-eight, by dogs, in one night. The sheep belonged to Schuyler Morris, who resides not far from this place.

Williams. William McBride purchased at the Austin & Hartwig elevator last week 1,000 bushels of old corn which he hauled to his farm in the Vincent neighborhood to fatten bunch of stock he is feeding for market. The price paid was 60 cents per bushel.

Klemme. One day last week while Walker Schmidt was hauling manure with his manure spreader, his team became frightened and ran away. His wife assisted him in trying to catch them and in the mix-up his wife was run over breaking her collar bone.

Fairfield. Henry Herrold, a well known farmer of Cedar township, was found dead in a pasture near his home last evening about 8 o'clock. He had left the house shortly before noon to hunt a stray hog. Not returning at dark a search was made for him and it resulted in the finding of his lifeless body. It is supposed that death resulted from heart disease.

Traver. Mrs. D. Beatty, near Mooreville, was the victim of a very unusual accident last Monday. She was sewing in a rocking chair with high arms to it, and dropping her spool of thread, reached over the arm of the chair to pick it up, and in so doing broke a rib. She is a sister of S. M. Endicott and lived near Traver until a few years ago.

Thompson. The large barn on the Chollett farm, recently purchased by C. N. Kinney, of Des Moines, was burned Friday night about 7:30. There were nine horses and eleven head of cattle in the barn but all were gotten out.

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SENSATION IN SCOTT COUNTY

Mrs. Fred Schurr's Husband, of Gambell, is a Prosperous Farmer Who is Prostrated by the Affair - Henry Witt, Guilty Paramour, is Also Member of a Prominent Family.

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Clinton, Jan. 11--The authorities are unable to find any trace of Mrs. Fred Schurr and Henry Witt, elopers from near Gambell, in Scott county, who came to Clinton, from whence they have vanished completely. The woman, who is the wife of a prosperous farmer, abandoned her husband and three children, the youngest of whom is seven months old, to go away with young Witt, who is about 20 years of age, and fifteen years her junior.

Witt was employed by Mr. Schurr on his farm last summer, and the young farm hand and his employer's wife then, it is said, became greatly attached to each other. Recently Schurr became suspicious, and discharged Witt, who went to DeWitt. One day this week Mrs. Schurr took a team to drive to DeWitt, telling her husband she had some shopping to do. There she met Witt, it is stated, and the two took a Northwestern train for Clinton. Here all trace of them has been lost.

The authorities were notified when the woman did not return home. The finding of the team in a DeWitt stable confirmed the suspicions of the husband, who is almost prostrated with sorrow on account of the action of the mother of his little children. Both parties in the elopement are well known in Clinton and Scott county, and are members of prominent families.

F. S. KENDALLS CELEBRATE. Ogden Couple Have Been Married for Half a Century. Special to Times-Republican. Boone, Jan. 11--Recently in the town of Ogden, in the western part of Boone county, was celebrated the fifty-fourth wedding anniversary of Mrs. F. S. Kendall. Of their family of eight children all are living, and many of them returned to the old home to celebrate with them the event. With the exception of one year they have resided in the same place for the past thirty-five years. The day was a memorable one for all, and Mr. and Mrs. Kendall bid fair to live many more happy years.

J. H. REIMERS' DEATH. Prominent Farmer Living Near Schleswig, is Widely Mourned. Special to Times-Republican. Schleswig, Jan. 11--Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. occurred the death of John H. Reimers, at his home three miles east of town, and in the same place of grip and pneumonia. Mr. Reimers had not been in good health of late years, but recently appeared much better, and it was thought he would be healthy hereafter. He was a prominent farmer and influential citizen of his county, whose death is widely mourned.

ACCEPTS ST. PAUL CALL. Rev. N. P. Olmsted to Leave Congregational Church at Alden. Special to Times-Republican. Alden, Jan. 11--The Rev. N. P. Olmsted, of Alden, is to lose his pastorate, as he has accepted a call to the Pacific church at St. Paul, Minn.

Iowa at Washington. Washington, Jan. 11--Miss Nellie A. Case of Des Moines is appointed clerk in the Cascade national forest service at Oregon.

Postoffice at Lee, Ringgold county, is discontinued; mail to Lamoni.

Patents have been granted as follows: R. F. Brooks, Lake City, incubator heater; R. D. Burnham, Keokuk, account keeping device; J. W. Councilor, Waterloo, storm window hinge; A. L. Daar, Carroll, transformable tractor square; A. W. Edshorn, Red Oak, neck yoke ring; E. E. Good, Waterloo, pulsating device for milking apparatus and teat cup for milking apparatus.

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