

NEWTON MAN KILLED

OTTO SAMP, BAKER, SLAIN IN DES MOINES BY WIELDERS OF KNIVES.

MADE DESPERATE FIGHT AGAINST ASSAILANTS

Battled For Life in Yard of Des Moines Residence — Twenty-Six Knife Wounds Found on Body—Several Suspects Rounded Up by Police and Held For Investigation.

Des Moines, Oct. 2.—Lying in a pool of blood with twenty-six knife wounds in it, the body of Otto Samp, 37 years old, a baker of Newton, Iowa, was discovered at 7 o'clock yesterday morning in the rear of 618 East Second street.

The man was murdered after a desperate struggle. Every square inch of soil in the back yard had been overturned and was drenched with blood. The police believe Samp fought until he fell exhausted and died without making an outcry. The dead man was unarmed and bare handed is thought to have met the attacks of his slayer.

It is not known what prompted the fight.

Eight persons have been arrested and are being held in connection with the crime. They are: W. R. Jackson, 47 years old, 618 East Second street; Mrs. Lulu Able, 29 years old, 518 East Second street; Ben J. Edwards, 47 years old, 117 Shepard street, and Stella Travis, 30 years old, 216 Third street; Buster Brown, 35 years old; Mrs. Buster Brown, 23 years old, 804 South East Fourteenth street, and George McCry, 25 years old, Eleventh and Murry streets. The prisoners are all colored.

Left to Bleed to Death. Jackson reported to the police finding the body in his yard. When Detectives Delmege, Guthrie and Hubbard arrived on the scene a few minutes later it was warm. The police believe the fight took place before daylight and Samp was left bleeding to death by the men who wielded the knife.

Jackson is said to have told several conflicting stories about the affair. When taken into custody he said that he had spent the night in a house on South East Fourteenth street. The detectives declared, after an investigation, that the negro had not been near the house. When searched at the station a pocket knife was taken from Jackson's pocket. The knife was an unusually large one and had blood on it. The prisoner was unable to explain how he got blood on his knife.

Brothers Identify Body.

Coroner Claude Koons ordered the body sent to the undertaking establishment of Selover, Knight & Hamilton, 603 East Locust street, where it was identified yesterday afternoon by August Samp and C. R. Samp, 1013 Fourteenth street, brothers of the dead man. Forty dollars in bills, some small change and a bank book, bearing the name of Otto Samp, were found in the pockets.

Samp is said to have left Newton yesterday afternoon for Des Moines in company with Edward Sizen and L. A. Bissow, both bakers of that city. The police have been unable to locate either of these men. Detective Chief MacDonald communicated with authorities of Newton and learned that the men

had not been seen there since they left with Samp. August Samp declared that he had not seen his brother for a month. "I did not know he was in the city," he said. "I am at a loss to understand a motive for the murder."

Arteries Were Severed. The arteries in Samp's wrists were severed by slashes of the knife. There were two gashes across the forehead, which penetrated to the skull the full width of the head, numerous cuts about the body and the man's arms were cut to ribbons, showing he had tried to guard off the thrusts. Both thumbs also were almost severed from the hands.

The police believe it likely that Samp may have been mistaken for some one else by his assailant. It is thought probable that he may have been taken for one of the city booze buyers and murdered by a desperate bootlegger who feared he had been trapped.

The theory also is advanced that the victim and his companions engaged in a quarrel with a gang of negroes and the two white men fled, leaving Samp to fight it out alone.

Besides the two brothers, the victim is survived by a father, Carl Samp, and a sister, who live at 1913 Fourteenth street.

FARMERS PICNIC AT ACKLEY.

Governor Clarke to Be Present at Four-County Association Gathering.

Ackley, Oct. 2.—Everybody's picnic will be held at the W. A. Humke farm, one mile north and one mile east of Ackley on Thursday, Oct. 5. This week has been set aside by the governor by proclamation as seed corn week. The occasion of the picnic will be the harvesting and distribution of the seed corn from the Silver King breeding plot. Governor Clarke, on account of his interest in the work of this sort has accepted the invitation of the Four County Grain Improvement Association and will appear on the program of the day Oct. 5.

It will be remembered that the Silver King breeding work was begun two years ago on the Fred Ukro farm with the ear-to-row work whereby the highest yielding ears were found. In the crossing plot on the Hunt farm last year the rows planted from eight ears were detasseled and pollinated by the eight most symmetrical ears. The seed from these detasseled or female rows was planted on the W. A. Humke farm which produced the seed to be placed on exhibition. The members of the association will have the chance to purchase up to 100 ears of this corn at a price set by the board of directors. There will be about forty bushels of this excellent seed corn for sale. If the members do not take it all what remains will be sold to the highest bidder.

The following is the program: 10:30—Talk by John Buchanan of the Iowa Co-operative Experiment Association.

11:00—Lecture by H. D. Hughes, professor of farm crops, Iowa State College.

11:30—Talk by County Agent Ben B. Walker.

12:00—Dinner. Bring your well filled baskets.

1:30 p. m.—Speech by Gov. G. W. Clarke.

2:00 p. m.—Sports.

3:30 p. m.—Sale of corn.

The Ackley band has expressed their willingness to help on the program. Mr. Fred Hansen, state Y. M. C. A. secretary, who has made a study of entertainment of such gatherings, will probably be here to help with the sports.

Sometimes Bitter Way to Learn.

"After a man learns by experience," said Uncle Eben, "he generally wishes he'd got his knowledge by taking somebody's word for it."

AUTO KILLS TEACHER

MISS CLARA BARNES, HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR AT MOULTON BURNED UNDER CAR.

DIES FROM INJURIES IN BLOOMFIELD HOSPITAL

August Post, Bank President, and Two Companions Severely Injured When Auto Turns Over on Public Highway—Fire Adds to Horror of Accident.

Centerville, Oct. 2.—Miss Clara Barnes of Iowa City, a high school teacher at Moulton, died early today as the result of injuries she sustained Sunday, when the automobile in which she was riding skidded and turned over.

Other occupants of the car were seriously injured. August Post, of Moulton, sustained a crushed shoulder; Miss Genevieve Pool sustained a broken collar bone, and three other young women were painfully bruised.

Post, president of the National Bank of Moulton, and Miss Barnes, a domestic science instructor in the Moulton high school, were injured when a new touring car in which they were riding was wrecked one mile west of Bloomfield Sunday afternoon.

Miss Barnes was pinned under the car. The car took fire almost immediately. Her lower limbs were burned nearly to a crisp and nearly all of her clothing was burned off. Post was internally injured, several ribs and his left shoulder were broken.

Both were taken to a Bloomfield hospital for care.

Auto Kills Fireman.

Des Moines, Oct. 2.—Fire Captain Clarence Wilkins, of No. 3 fire house, died at 10 o'clock yesterday morning at the Des Moines General Hospital from injuries received Saturday night when run down by a taxicab driven by Walker O'Donnell. The accident occurred at East Twelfth street and Grand avenue.

Wilkins' skull was fractured at the base. He never regained consciousness. Physicians who attended him held out no hopes for his recovery.

He was 48 years old. A widow survives. He had been a member of the fire department since 1894.

Eldora News Notes.

Special to Times-Republican.

Eldora, Oct. 2.—C. B. Frazier, of Portland, Ore., arrived in Eldora Sunday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Frazier, and sister, Mrs. Horner Burgess. Mr. Frazier is engaged as traveling sales agent for a large fruit house in the west. He is another Eldora boy who has made good by going west.

Mr. and Mrs. David Goodpaster arrived home Saturday from a visit of several weeks with relatives and friends in Cincinnati and other points in Ohio. It had been upwards of thirty years since Mr. and Mrs. Goodpaster had visited some of their near relatives and the scenes of former years.

John Mozeska, aged 25 years, died Sunday at his home in the northwest section of Eldora. Mr. Mozeska with a brother and sister came to this country from Poland several years ago to

make a home in this land of the free, hoping that the change of climate might also prove beneficial to his health. Death was due to heart trouble and an asthmatic affection. The funeral will be held Tuesday morning from the Catholic church.

The football game on the fair ground here Saturday between the high schools of Eldora and Iowa Falls resulted in the defeat of the latter team by the score of 20 to 0.

PASTOR LOSES DAUGHTER.

Miss Evelyn Lang, Daughter of Rev. A. G. Lang, Victim of Tuberculosis. Special to Times-Republican.

Stamboat Rock, Oct. 2.—Evelyn Lang, daughter of Rev. A. G. Lang, pastor of the German Baptist church, passed away Sunday morning at 7:30. She had been ill for many months with tuberculosis, which resulted in her death. She was born on June 12, 1895, at Asheville, N. C., and had made her home here but a short time, having recently moved here. She is survived by three sisters, one brother and her parents. Funeral services will be held at the German Baptist church Tuesday morning at 8:30 and the body will be taken to Detroit, Mich., shortly following to be placed by the side of her mother.

To Take Rhodes Examination.

Special to Times-Republican.

Iowa City, Oct. 2.—Cyril Upham, of Sioux City, is the first Iowa university student to file an application to take the examination for the Rhodes scholarship at Iowa City, during the coming week. If he passes this preliminary test he will be permitted to take another examination in 1917, and if he is successful then, he will be sent to Oxford, England, with an annual allowance of \$1,500 for necessities and travel.

SOLDIERS ARE SOBER.

Less Drunkenness in British Army. Due to Work of Y. M. C. A.

[Correspondence of Associated Press.] London, Sept. 12.—There isn't anything like as much drunkenness in the British army as there used to be.

Lord French attributes much of this improvement to the great work done by the Young Men's Christian Association and kindred bodies. They have established innumerable substitutes for the canteen which Thomas Atkins has found much more attractive and much less expensive. They provide wholesome refreshment and harmless recreation for him. And religion, too—if he wants it. Often he helps himself to all three.

It was the opening of a new Y. M. C. A. hut by Lord French that afforded him the opportunity to tell how much the army had been benefited by such work.

"I remember," he said, "when I first joined the army—how long ago I don't like to remember—the only refuge of the soldier was the canteen. In those days we had old soldiers who used practically to live on beer. It used to be quite a common thing in those days for an old soldier to sell his food to the young recruit and buy beer and live upon it."

"I think it is something like thirty-five years ago since the founders of the Y. M. C. A. commenced their beneficent work and the change that has come over the personnel of the army during that time has been something very little short of miraculous. Those who have served all those years in the army can realize it better than anybody else."

"A few years before the war commenced this improvement began to manifest itself in a most extraordinary manner, and especially in its regard to the diminution of crime. Drunkenness as formerly the most prevalent crime in the army. I remember that we used

to have strings of defaulters outside the orderly rooms waiting to be punished for drunkenness. You hardly ever see a drunken soldier now, and in many other directions the work of these institutions upon the spiritual and moral development of the soldier is very marked and has been clearly proved.

"When I was commander-in-chief in France for some eighteen months I realized what these institutions have done for soldiers. It was on the fields of battle that the men showed what different men they were. This war has demanded more in the way of nerve and courage from our men than any war that has ever happened in the history of the world. The most constant courage has had to be exercised every moment of the day and night. No bit of ground is secure from the long range high explosive shells. But thru it all our men have shown a magnificent courage. One can not but remember that the old soldiers of the past were splendid, but they certainly never surpassed the splendid courage that has been shown in this war. One can not help thinking that perhaps it is to be traced to the work of the institutions."

COINCIDENCE CARRIED TO EXTREMES IN THE BIRTH OF COUSINS

Chicago, Oct. 2.—On the day Ida Smith of Maywood became engaged to G. A. Leeck, her sister Sadie became engaged to H. A. Pink, who worked for the company which employed Leeck. The two couples were married on the same day. They both set up housekeeping in Austin.

The sequels arrived on the same day and in the same room, both are girls who each weighed ten pounds. The Leeck baby was born at 11 a. m., and the Pink baby at 11 p. m. Both mothers and both babies are doing nicely, thank you.

The Pinks live at 571 Lockwood street and the Leecks at 4913 Iowa street.

Baking Powder.

Altho baking powder is now used the world over, it was originally a " Yankee notion," and is still used in much larger quantities in the United States and Canada than in other countries. The invention of modern commercial baking powder is usually attributed to Prof. Eben Norton Horsford, who was born at Moscow, N. Y., ninety-eight years ago today.

He became a civil engineer and chemist and won wide fame in the latter science. In 1847 he joined the Harvard faculty and served with distinction as Rumford professor of applied science for sixteen years.

He then retired to become the head of a chemical concern in Providence, and made a number of important chemical discoveries in addition to popularizing baking powder. That culinary article has come into general use only in the last half century, but within a few years of its introduction in America it had almost entirely superseded the primitive way of making bread, biscuit, cakes, etc., by the use of yeast, sour milk and soda. In cheap baking powders alum is used as a substitute for cream of tartar or tartaric acid.

Good Men For the Places.

The railway board had met to consider the case of old Tom Jones, who in a train accident had become deaf.

"Well," said a director, "old Tom has been with us a long time now, and we want to find him a new job. What do you suggest?"

"I know," said the chairman. "Let's put him in charge of the complaints department."—New York Morning Telegraph.

Northern Iowa Items

Garner. A dozen or more homes are quarantined on account of measles. As several cases developed in school, there will probably be more.

Garner. A pair of baby girls came to the Charles Conway home Wednesday. The other three children, the youngest of whom is ten, are wonderfully pleased over their arrival.

Garner. The cornerstone of the new Christian Science church was laid Thursday morning at 6:30 o'clock. Services were conducted by Mrs. Laura Wylie and a large number were present considering the early hour.

Garner. Seven-year-old Pearl Robertson while playing with other children at the round table of the Rock Island got his lip and chin cut so badly that several stitches had to be taken by a doctor, and necessitates his staying out of school for some days.

Vinton. Iowa college for the blind started the year's work Thursday with ninety students. About fifty more are expected this week. The opening was postponed by the state board of health from Sept. 4 to Sept. 27 because of the fear of infantile paralysis. Two new instructors have been added to the faculty.

Rock Rapids. Miss Agnes McCarty, formerly of this city, adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. McCarty, now is managing her 320-acre homestead ranch near Theony, Wyo. She is making plans to start a newspaper on the farm in the near future. The publication will be located forty-five miles from a railroad town.

Decorah. John Harter has been picking ever-bearing strawberries the past week and expects to pick about 200 quarts. In July he picked 150, and in August only eighty as the extreme hot weather hurt the berries. Mr. Harter has a fine orchard with about fifty bearing trees, all loaded with luscious apples. He also has 300 young trees planted, which will bear in about two years. He has now over twenty-five varieties of apples and hand picks them all, and the demand for them has been heavy.

Sheldon. Simon W. Haven, of Fondra, has brought suit in this county against the C. M. & St. P. Railway Company, asking damages in the sum of \$2,000. Mr. Haven was injured in an accident at the Main street crossing and as a result of the injury, amputation of a leg was necessary. He claims that the railroad was negligent in not blowing the whistle or ringing the engine bell, also that the train was running at an excessive rate of speed, and that there was no watchman at the crossing. The speed was fifteen miles per hour, and the town limit is seven miles per hour.

Waterloo. That the British people are preparing for peace is indicated by the fact that an order was Friday placed by the British government with the Inter State Engine & Tractor Company of Waterloo, for 100 farm tractors. According to C. B. McManus, manager of the firm the engines will be used in intensified farming. When asked whether he thought it possible that the tractors were to be converted into engines of war, Mr. McManus said: "I have the assurance of the English government that the tractors are to be used for farm purposes only. In placing the order with the concern we were told by representatives of the government that more attention was to be paid to intensified farming." This is probably the first order of its kind

that has been placed with any concern in the United States. The British government has asked that the tractors be delivered within sixty days, indicating that the machines will be used for the spring work.

Decorah. Miss Nellie Jewell, who recently closed a most successful tour with the Redpath Chautauqua System of Chicago, has been elected assistant to Mrs. S. W. Collette, who has charge of the expression department of Upper Iowa University. Miss Jewell will do the work outside of the college throughout the state and particularly in northeastern Iowa. Her work will be to coach declamatory contests and class plays and also to give recitals. She will take up the work about the last of November, making her headquarters in Decorah and will travel out from here to the different cities. Upper Iowa is to be congratulated on getting Miss Jewell's services, as her ability in this work has been proven and her work is high class.

Decorah. District Elector J. W. Sandusky, of New Hampton, came over to Decorah on Monday and in company with L. B. Whitney, Fourth district commissioner and Attorney E. J. Hook, chairman of the republican county central committee, started the organization of a Winnebiek County Republican Club. The gentlemen went out Monday around the business district and in less than two hours over 100 signed up. These clubs are being organized all over the state and the Fourth district is well in the lead of organized clubs. Speakers for the fall campaign will be secured under the auspices of these clubs. United States Senator Williams S. Kenyon and Congressman G. N. Haugen will be secured for addresses in Decorah a little later on.

Mason City. J. H. Sundell and Dr. C. E. Dakin, who were driving cars Friday afternoon, met at Washington and First street, northwest, at the same time. Both tried to avoid an accident and by a quick application of brakes this was accomplished, altho Dr. Dakin's car took a cap from the rear wheel of the Sundell car. It is said that J. H. Sundell became excited and instead of stepping on the brakes he stepped on the gas and in turning the car to the left jumped the curb and ran into the Cecil Hotel. None of the occupants of the cars were hurt, altho the Sundell car received minor damages. Clint Mott, at the Park hospital, recovering from serious injuries received in an auto accident recently, saw the accident and laughed so heartily over what he considered an amusing incident that half a dozen stitches in his face were broken and he was taken back to the operating table for repairs.

Cedar Rapids. Tom L. Wilder, president of the Iowa Mercantile Company, who had been in jail at Anamosa for the last week, was released on bond late Thursday and returned to his home in this city. Judge Milo P. Smith reduced the bond from \$10,000 to \$5,000. The name of the man who signed the bond was not made public but he was said to be a wealthy citizen of this city. G. F. Dennis, a traveling salesman who is said to live at Keokuk, came to the city Thursday afternoon and made arrangements for the bond. He expressed his confidence in Wilder and his honesty. He retained William Dennis of this city and Attorney Johnson of Leabon to defend Wilder. Dennis declared that had he been in the city at the time Wilder was arrested he would have furnished the bond immediately. The Jones county grand jury so far has not returned an indictment against Wilder.



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