

Northwest News

WIFE SLAIN; WELL IS GRAVE

White Helpmeet of Negro Is Slashed Fifteen Times—Police Search for Husband.

Sloux City, Iowa, Jan. 28.—One of the most horrible murders in the criminal history of Sloux City was uncovered yesterday when the body of Mrs. Zack Odum was found in the well in the rear of her husband's home.

There were fifteen knife wounds in her back, and her jugular vein was severed.

She is a white woman and her husband is a negro and was employed in one of the packing houses. The police are now looking for him. They had many quarrels and separated about three weeks ago. Bleuth Crawford, who has been occupying the house with Odum, reported the matter to the police, and Policeman Tedford made an investigation by lowering himself into a well, where he found the woman's body under some debris. The woman and her little daughter were seen to go to the house Sunday night, and it is supposed the murder occurred at that time.

GAS METER ROBBER ABROAD.

Clinton, Davenport and Other Cities Infested by Swindler.

Clinton, Iowa, Jan. 28.—The latest grafter to operate in this vicinity is a fellow who represents himself to be a government gas inspector. Thus gaining admission to residences, he goes to the meter and extracts the quarters which have been placed in the slot by the gas users.

The fellow gives the name of W. C. Cannon. He is twenty-six years of age, five feet ten inches in height, and blonde. He operated successfully in Davenport and other cities of this vicinity.

GUILTY OF TRAIN ROBBERY.

Frankhauser Must Spend Rest of Life in Prison.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 28.—George Frankhauser was found guilty of robbing a Great Northern train, extracting \$40,000 from the registered mails and placing the lives of the custodians in jeopardy by the jury in the federal court here yesterday, and he will be sentenced by Federal Judge W. H. Hunt Thursday. Under the law he must serve the rest of his life in a federal prison at hard labor.

LIVES WITH BRAIN PIERCED.

Remarkable Operation Removes Fragments of Broken Skull.

Two Harbors, Minn., Jan. 28.—A week ago Frank Miller of this city was struck by an engine. His skull was crushed and particles of bone were imbedded in his brain. He was taken to the Budd hospital, where a successful operation was performed and the bones removed.

It is said to be one of the most remarkable cases of modern surgery. The man is rapidly recovering.

PROBED CASHIER KILLS SELF.

Plymouth (Iowa) Banker Suspected of Being Forger.

Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 28.—C. S. Scroggins, cashier of the State Bank of Portsmouth, locked himself in the bank yesterday and blew out his brains, following an examination of the bank's condition by State Bank Examiner H. M. Carmody.

Carmody reported to the state bank department he believed forged notes were held in the bank as security.

FIRE DESTROYS DRUG STORE.

Loss of Eleven Thousand Dollars at Sleepy Eye.

Sleepy Eye, Minn., Jan. 28.—Fire starting in the rear of the Wilson Drug company's store about 3 o'clock yesterday morning gained such headway that the building and contents were a total loss by the time the fire was under control. Loss on building, \$4,000; on drug stock, \$7,000.

Nebraska Is Shaken.

Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 28.—Specials to the Norfolk Daily News tell of violent earthquake shock through Pierce and Knox counties at 2:15-p. m. The noise resembled a powder explosion. The school building at Plainview was shaken by the jar.

Houses Swept Into Ocean.

San Luis Obispo, Cal., Jan. 28.—Three houses at El Pismo were carried away and swept into the Pacific ocean when Price creek overflowed and swept through the town.

FIXES VALUE OF RAILWAYS

State Expert Morgan's Valuation of Physical Properties of Companies Made Public.

St. Paul, Jan. 27.—The report of Dwight C. Morgan on the value of the physical properties of the railways in the State of Minnesota was made public yesterday. The gigantic task of making an accurate and minute inventory of such properties, spread over such a vast territory, has been in progress without intermission since Jan. 15, 1906. Minnesota has the honor of being the pioneer in carrying to completion a work of such a formidable character.

The calculation by the state expert is based upon the actual market value of the real estate involved.

According to Mr. Morgan's figures it would cost \$411,735,195 to build the roads new in 1907, but after depreciation is allowed for the present value of the properties is \$360,480,160. The cost of reproduction of all railways in the state as claimed by the companies for June 30, 1906, was \$500,675,780.

The total mileage in Minnesota, according to the expert's figures, is 10,334. The average cost per mile is placed at \$38,445. Minnesota's proportion of the capital stock and bonds is \$334,979,691.

According to these figures the cost of reproducing the roads is considerably larger than Minnesota's proportion of the capital stock and funded debt of the roads.

The impelling motive for the thorough appraisal which is just completed has been that the railroad and warehouse commission recognized the difficulty of making reasonable railroad rates for freight and passenger traffic without some reliable data concerning the actual amount invested by the railroads in their lines through the state.

COAT OF ARMS IS ONLY CLUE.

Name of Man Mangled to Death on Minneapolis Crossing Unknown.

Minneapolis, Jan. 27. Mystery surrounds the identity of a man dressed in laborer's clothes, but carrying a gold watch with a coat of arms engraved upon its back, who was crushed to death beneath a switch engine at the Milwaukee grade crossing, near Fourth street and Eleventh avenue south, yesterday.

Besides the watch with armorial bearing, which is of Norwegian make, a plain gold ring inscribed "Emma to Arne" was the only identifying object found.

NO DAMAGES IN SMOKE SUIT.

Court Denies Petition of Farmers to Close Anaconda Smelters.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 27.—Judge Hunt of the United States district court handed down a decision in the so-called smoke case yesterday in which he denied the application of farmers for the closing of the Washoe smelter at Anaconda. No damages are awarded to the farmers whose property is alleged to have been injured. The court will make further investigation as to the alleged dissemination of arsenic, and if conditions can be improved this will be ordered done by the companies.

FARMER'S BANK IS HIS PIGPEN.

Relatives Find \$7,000 in Gold of Man Who Has Hoarded It Dies.

Neenah, Wis., Jan. 27.—Being fearful of banks, Fred Boyer, a farmer living at Dale, a small village near here, buried his money in a hogpen. A few days ago Boyer died without revealing the hiding place of his precious pile. Search was made by relatives, and a tin box containing nearly \$7,000 in gold pieces of large denominations was found.

The money will revert to an only cousin living in Detroit, Mich.

COASTING HAS FATAL END.

One Woman Probably Dead and Two Others Seriously Injured.

Duluth, Minn., Jan. 27.—News has just reached Duluth of a fatal bobsled party at Grand Marais, Minn., last Thursday. A party of Grand Marais people were sliding down the hill on the main street of the village and struck a farmer's sleigh. Mrs. Dan Ashford was probably fatally injured, Henry Benson sustained a broken leg and Martha Jaskey had her skull laid open. The two latter will probably recover.

MANY KILLED AND INJURED IN WRECK

Running at High Speed, Train Crashes Into Another Which Had Been Disabled.

BODIES TAKEN FROM DEBRIS

Railroad Company Refuses to Allow Newspaper Men to Go to Scene of Disaster.

Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 24.—Running at a speed of nearly fifty miles an hour, the second section of the St. Louis express on the Pennsylvania railroad, which left Philadelphia at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, crashed into the first section, which had met with an accident at a point between South Fork and Sumner Hill, known as "running ground," with terrific force, early this morning, killing and injuring many persons. The second section was a double-header, with two large engines, and is said to have plowed its way through the first section.

Hurry Call for Doctors.

Immediately after the wreck hurry calls were issued for all available physicians at both this place and at Altoona, and in less than an hour fifty physicians were on their way to the scene of the accident. The wreck occurred between telegraph stations and it is a hard matter to gain definite information. When the special train left this city officers were stationed at the depot to prevent newspaper men from accompanying the physicians.

The latest information at this hour is to the effect that five bodies have been taken from the demolished cars and that many injured have also been rescued from the debris.

Refuse Information.

Pittsburg, Jan. 24.—All efforts to secure information from the offices of the Pennsylvania Railroad company here regarding the wreck near Johnstown have failed. Most of the local officials are stated at the offices here to have started on a special train for the wreck soon after 1 o'clock this morning.

ST. PAUL MAN GIRL'S TARGET.

Jealous Girl Suspected of Waylaying Alfred Newstrand.

Dickinson, N. D., Jan. 24.—Three shots, fired by a girl, it is believed by the local authorities, nearly resulted in a murder inquest instead of in the marriage of Alfred Newstrand, set for yesterday.

Newstrand, who formerly was an automobile repairer in St. Paul, aroused the jealousy of a young woman to whom he had paid some attention, when it was announced that he was to wed Miss Annie Stewart. He was waylaid last night and three bullets whizzed close to him.

His assailant was concealed by the darkness.

ACTOR KILLED BY LIVE WIRE.

Two Men Who Find Corpse Nearly Meet Death in Same Way.

Mitchell, S. D., Jan. 24.—Frank C. Robinson, a member of a dramatic company playing "As Told in the Hills," was instantly killed last night by coming in contact with a guy wire leading from an electric light pole to another pole. He was walking through an alley and placed his hand on the guy wire to steady himself.

Henry Toppel, janitor of the theater, was nearly killed in placing his hand on the wire when he found Robinson's body, and James Keaney also received a severe shock.

Robinson was twenty-one years old and unmarried.

RUTH BRYAN FILES HER SUIT.

Charges Artist Husband With Desertion and Non-support.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 24.—Mrs. Ruth Bryan-Leavitt, daughter of W. J. Bryan, three times candidate for president, yesterday filed suit for divorce from William Homer Leavitt, a painter.

She charges desertion and non-support.

CLUBS MUST HAVE LICENSES.

Are Placed in Same Class as Saloons by Supreme Court Decision.

St. Paul, Jan. 24.—Under a sweeping decision handed down by the supreme court in the attorney general's test suit to compel the Minnesota club of St. Paul to take out a liquor license, every club or social organization in the entire state henceforth will be compelled to observe the laws relating to the sale of intoxicating drinks.

CONGRESS

Resume of the Week's Proceedings.

Washington, Jan. 22.—A debate on the propriety of increasing salaries of federal circuit and district judges consumed nearly the entire time of the senate yesterday, with the result that the compensation of the twenty-nine circuit judges was increased from \$7,000 to \$9,000, and that of the twenty-four district judges from \$6,000 to \$8,000.

Strictures upon the efficiency of officers of the navy in the care of machinery of war vessels were uttered in the house yesterday during the consideration of the naval appropriation bill, with the result that an amendment was adopted requiring the secretary of the navy annually to report to congress those instances where more than \$200,000 is expended for repairs.

After futile efforts to obtain legislation looking to the restoration of marines aboard ships, an amendment was agreed to prohibiting the purchase of powder "manufactured and sold in violation of" the Sherman anti-trust law.

The bill was still pending when the house at 4:44 p. m. adjourned.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Exactly as reported by committee the naval program for the fiscal years 1910 was yesterday adopted by the house of representatives, and the naval appropriation bill was passed. The opponents of the bill found themselves in a hopeless minority. The only vital alteration made in the measure was the striking out of the provision restoring marines to naval vessels. The aggregate amount appropriated by the bill is \$155,000,000.

Feb. 12 next was yesterday declared to be a special legal holiday, and a survey and plans for a highway from Washington to Gettysburg, to be known as "The Lincoln Way," as a memorial to Abraham Lincoln, was provided for by a joint resolution passed by the senate, after an extended debate.

Final action was also taken on the legislative, executive and judicial bill, the senate refusing by a vote of 41 to 27 to fix at \$75,000 the salary of the president, previously increased by an amendment to \$100,000.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The postal savings bank and the omnibus claims bill were before the senate yesterday for discussion and amendment, but no substantial progress was made on either measure. An amendment was made to the postal bill limiting to \$500 the amount of the deposits of any one person and fixing the rate of interest to be paid at 2 per cent, with the understanding that the amendment would be subject to further change by the senate. Senator Carter, in charge of the measure, announced that he would keep it before the senate on every opportunity until it was disposed of.

The urgent deficiency bill was passed. Legislation affecting the District of Columbia was considered by the house yesterday, almost the entire session being devoted to that purpose.

Washington, Jan. 27.—A sensational and bitter attack on William Nelson Cromwell and President Obaldia of Panama and others by Mr. Rainey of Illinois was made in the house of representatives yesterday. The postoffice appropriation bill was under consideration, but Mr. Rainey spoke under license of general debate, and he was unsparing in his charges of corruption and fraud against the persons named. At the conclusion of his speech, which consumed over an hour and a half, Messrs. Stevens of Minnesota and Kustermann of Wisconsin expressed their disapproval of his remarks and entered a defense of the accused.

A speech by Senator Davis of Arkansas favoring legislation to prevent dealings by exchanges in "futures" in products of the soil, and a maiden speech by Senator Cummins of Iowa against the passage of the postal savings bank bill, as reported to the senate by the committee on postoffices and post roads were the features in the senate yesterday. Mr. Cummins spoke in favor of the deposit of postal savings in state and territorial banks.

LACK THE RIGHT RING.

Counterfeit Half Dollars in Circulation at Fort Dodge.

Fort Dodge, Iowa, Jan. 28.—Several counterfeit half dollars have been found in circulation in this city. They are of the coinage of 1907 and bear almost every indication of being genuine coins, but have no ring when tossed upon metal or marble. Several were passed upon clerks at the local postoffice last week and were withheld from circulation.

SKIN ERUPTION CURED.

Was So Sore, Irritating and Painful That Little Sufferer Could Not Sleep—Scratched Constantly.

Cuticura's Efficacy Clearly Proven.

"When about two and a half years old my daughter broke out on her hips and the upper parts of her legs with a very irritating and painful eruption. It began in October; the first I noticed was a little red surface and a constant desire on her part to scratch her limbs. She could not sleep and the eruptions got sore, and yellow water came out of them. I had two doctors treat her, but she grew worse under their treatment. Then I bought the Cuticura Remedies and only used them two weeks when she was entirely well. This was in February. She has never had another rough place on her skin, and she is now fourteen years old. Mrs. R. R. Whitaker, Winchester, Tenn., Sept. 22, 1908."

Wetter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

Clear Instance.

Sapleigh—Queer fellows, these poets. There's the one, for instance, who speaks of "an aching void." Now, how can there be an aching void?

Miss Blunt—Have you never had a headache, Mr. Sapleigh?

HOME COUGH CURE.

Go to your druggist and get one-half ounce Concentrated pine compound, two ounces of glycerine, half a pint of good whiskey; mix it up, and use it in doses of a teaspoonful to a tablespoonful every four hours, shaking the bottle each time. Any druggist can supply ingredients.

The Concentrated pine is a pine product refined for medical use and comes only in half ounce bottles, each enclosed in a round case which is airtight and preserves the fluid in its full strength, but be sure it is labeled "Concentrated." A prominent local druggist says he has filled this prescription hundreds of times and has seen it work wonders.

CUPS FOR GRAIN GROWERS.

Milwaukee Business Men Give Prizes for High-grade Grain.

Five silver cups have just been ordered by the Milwaukee chamber of commerce for the best exhibits of wheat, corn, oats, barley and rye raised by members of the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment association, which consists of the former students of the courses in agriculture at the University of Wisconsin, some 2,000 in number. By offering these prizes the directors of the chamber of commerce desire to give encouragement and recognition to the efforts of these young farmers to grow high-grade seed grains. The members of the experiment association co-operate with their former teachers at Madison in developing pure-bred grain and are securing great results.

The Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment association will hold its eight annual meeting Feb. 11-12 at the college of agriculture, University of Wisconsin. A program of timely addresses is being arranged by the secretary, Prof. R. A. Moore, and will be announced in full shortly. Arrangements have already been made for an address by Prof. G. I. Christie, in charge of the extension work at Purdue university school of agriculture, Lafayette, Ind., and for one on home economics by Miss Emma Conley of Wausau. Eugene Funk of Illinois, the well known expert on corn breeding, will also give an address on corn improvement. Since this meeting at the time of the farmers' course other speakers will be secured.

JOY WORK

And the Other Kind.

Did you ever stand on a prominent corner at an early morning hour and watch the throngs of people on their way to work? Noting the number who were forcing themselves along because it meant their daily bread, and the others cheerfully and eagerly pursuing their way because of love of their work.

It is a fact that one's food has much to do with it. As an example:

If an engine has poor oil, or a boiler is fired with poor coal, a bad result is certain, isn't it?

Treating your stomach right is the keystone that sustains the arch of health's temple and you will find "Grape-Nuts" as a daily food is the most nourishing and beneficial you can use.

We have thousands of testimonials, real genuine little heart throbs, from people who simply tried Grape-Nuts out of curiosity—as a last resort—with the result that prompted the testimonial.

If you have never tried Grape-Nuts it's worth while to give it a fair impartial trial. Remember there are millions eating Grape-Nuts every day—they know, and we know if you will use Grape-Nuts every morning your work is more likely to be joy-work, because you can keep well, and with the brain well nourished work is a joy. Read the "Road to Wellville" in every package—"There's a Reason."