

ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE

Former Carson Boy Dies From a Bullet at the University.

James Arthur Champagne of Carson City is dead and by his own hand, but whether by accident or intention is not known and probably never will be.

A dispatch from Reno states the following particulars:

Last evening about 9:30 a pistol shot was heard in Lincoln Hall at the university and Louis Goldstein, followed by several other students, rushed to the room occupied by Bob Sawyer and James A. Champagne of Carson City.

They found the latter lying on the floor in the center of the room bleeding from a bullet wound and with a pistol lying by his side.

The faculty and several physicians were immediately summoned but medical aid was unavailing and the young man died about an hour afterward, never fully recovering consciousness but muttering just before the spark of life had fled: "It was the old pistol that did it."

Another version is that his last words were, "I was monkeying with the old pistol and it went off."

Half an hour before the weapon was discharged the deceased entered the library of Lincoln hall, drew a letter from his pocket and read it. Then, without speaking to the students present, he walked to the fireplace, read the letter again and threw it on the coals. He watched it burn and then walked out of the room.

Going to his own room he hurriedly wrote two letters and gave them to his room-mate to mail, which he did at once, without noticing the addresses.

It is believed however, that they were addressed to his mother and sister to whom he was accustomed to write every Sunday evening.

The body was taken to the Morgue, but the inquest will be held today, yesterday being a legal holiday.

The deceased was a junior at the university, which he attended for the past four years. He was aged about 23 years. He is survived by his father, Theophile Champagne of this city, and his mother Mrs. Jacob Hanson of Genoa, two brothers and one sister.

A telegram was immediately sent to his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Hanson left at once by private conveyance, before receiving the later dispatch announcing the young man's death.

The father also left at once for Reno but knew nothing of his son's death until he reached Reno.

MINER'S AMERICANS.

An Evening of Fine Specialties Offered Theatergoers.

Miner's Americans are underlined to appear at the opera house February 14th.

A two act musical comedy by Barney Gerard entitled "A Yankee Doodle Girl" is presented by a capable company of comedians, and comedienne who are well known in the vaudeville and burlesque lines. The chorus is said to be an exception to those seen in organization of this kind. Nothing has been spared to make the show the best of its kind on the road. A brilliant array of talent is presented in the olio amongst those will be Fisher and Clark, Eccentric Comedy Sketch; Joe Goodwin, the boy monologist; May Butler, The Female Baritone. As an added feature, the phenomenal and sensational melodramatic moving picture "The River Pirate." The American Trio, Belts, Reynolds and Fox and the Breakaway Barlows.

In From Churchill

Senator Williams of Churchill was among the arrivals of yesterday. He states that his neck of the woods is looking most encouraging, and that settlers are fast coming in and taking advantage of the Government lands that are being irrigated by the big canal and a score of surveyors are busy laying off section ditches and making improvements.

The mines out that way are also looking up and he believes that Western Nevada is in for a mineral boom that will shake up the southern territory.

Dick Jose Bumped

Word comes from New York that Dick Jose, the famous contractor, was dangerously injured and narrowly escaped death in an accident in the Alhambra theatre on January 21st. The drop curtain got away from the man responsible for its control, striking Jose on the head, inflicting a long gash. He is now fast recovering.

OLDING ALL RIGHT

Nevada Midshipman Corrects a Wrong Intending Dispatch

The telegraphic reports that came in the press yesterday led many to believe that James P. Olding, a Carson boy, who has been attending Annapolis had not made good and had lost his chances at the famous academy. The following was the telegram:

"It was officially announced today that eleven midshipmen of the first class will not receive diplomas on Monday on account of a deficiency in certain branches of study, but will be compelled to go to sea and will be re-examined May 15th next, or at such other time as may be selected.

"Among the midshipmen who will thus be detained are James Olding of Carson City, Nevada, and Sherwood Taffinder of San Francisco."

Mrs. Olding, mother of the midshipman, as soon as she read the foregoing wired her son and received the following message this morning:

"Everything all right. I leave for New London tomorrow.

"JAS. J. OLDING."

It might be stated that Mr. Olding goes to act as best man at his chum's wedding.

Lincoln's Birthday

The last legislature added Lincoln's birthday as one of the State holidays, but as few of our people have read the statutes, business was in progress before the word was sent out and the banks and other places failed to close their doors and most of the State officers put in the day before they realized they "had one coming."

The grand jury was called, but when the law was looked over and the members felt the importance of the occasion the meeting was postponed until today when full action will be given matters before the board. Even the school and the newspapers overlooked a bet and the day went by with the flags flying and the people in harness.

Railroad to Manhattan

From Philadelphia to Contractor C. D. Virgilio at Reno comes the word that engineers are now surveying a line from Goldfield Junction to Manhattan and that as quickly as the work can be forwarded it will be done.

Soon the iron horse will replace the automobile and the stage, and the new and rich camp of Manhattan will be on the railroad. Virgilio will supply the labor.

He is not permitted to state who is backing the enterprises, except that it is the result of Philadelphia capital.

Journal.

The young man who goes to the Kings' Daughters' sale and entertainment on February 17th without his best girl will regret it ever after.

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WILL BUILD

Hot Springs Association Holds a Meeting in This City

Yesterday afternoon the Walley Hot Springs Association, which includes the Shaws hot springs, held a meeting to decide on the improvements that are to be made during the summer months. Those present were Senator Brougher, Senator Dangberg, and H. H. Clark. Mr. Wingfield did not arrive.

The members talked over the plans for a \$30,000 hotel at the Shaw springs and heavy improvements at Walley. It is also the intention to erect a bottling works at Walley and supply the southern trade with mineral water.

While no definite action was taken at yesterday's meeting, yet the directors are all of the opinion that the contemplated plans will be carried out. Mr. Clark will remain here several days and before he leaves this city definite plans of operation will be settled.

Not Guilty

HAWTHORNE, Feb. 12.—By a vote of 16 to 1, according to a report, the grand jury in session at Hawthorne refused to find a true bill against T. G. Lockhart, of the Florence mine, accused of offering to bribe an engineer on the Reilly lease to disable his engine.

Mr. Lockhart was summoned before the jury on a complaint issued at the instigation of Major Duncan B. Harrison, charging him with attempting to bribe an engineer on the Reilly lease of the Florence property, in order that the leasers would be delayed in taking out the rich ore from the workings.

Major Harrison presented his testimony before the jury and Judge Murphy, who heard it, instructed the jury not to bring in a bill.

In From the South

Billy Douglas of Tonopah, Goldfield and Manhattan, is spending a few days in this city with his family. He has lately returned from Manhattan and reports strikes in ever direction. The camp is booming and everything looking interesting. He is interested in a number of new properties and threatens to make another fortune.

Turned Down

Goldfield is indignant over the turning down that she received by the county commissioners at the last meeting. The Goldfield people have been clamoring for a special election to bring the county seat to Goldfield from Hawthorne. The commissioners ignored the petition and no action was taken.

Twenty tons of high grade gold ore has been shipped from Manhattan to the Gardner mill in Goldfield for treatment. It is expected to make regular shipments to this mill.

HOME FROM EUREKA

Attorney Alfred Chartz Brings in Cheering Word From the Great East.

Attorney Alfred Chartz, who has been spending several days in Eureka, Nevada, where he went to take depositions in an important case, has returned to this city. Mr. Chartz was a citizen of Eureka during its brilliant days and this was his first visit in many years, or since the decline of the town. He managed to find his way about the place, as he once acted as newspaper carrier in the town and knew every home in the prosperous place.

Mr. Chartz is of the opinion held by many that Eureka, like many of the other camps of this State will soon be on the mineral map with vigor. The railroads have made a most flattering rate on the low-grade ores of the camp, charging but \$2.75 for hauling to Salt Lake City, where the smelters are anxious to receive the silver-lead ores that abound in that direction.

Many of the old mines will be opened and a number of prospects are developing into live mines that will add to the output from the camp. The tone of the times was shown while Mr. Chartz was in the camp, when a fire-bank and a roulette wheel opened and big play was indulged in, so Eureka can be looked forward to as one of the live camps.

FORGET THE BLUES.

A Chance to do This Next Friday Evening.

If you wish to drive dull care away and forget the blues, don't fail to see the laughable three act musical farce comedy success, "My Wife's Family," from the pen of Hal Stephens and Harry Linton, who are known as prolific writers of excellent farce. This merry comedy met with universal success wherever produced last season. In fact it was such a hit that return dates were played in many places. Bright lines absurd laughable situations and a budget of original song and dance numbers by the authors add spice and color to the record breaker of the comedy world.

Stone's Body Found

The remains of William Stone, the Truckee lumberman who was lost in the snow several weeks ago has been found. They were discovered by Buck Bailey near the camp of the Donner Ice Company.

Stone tried to make his way from the Donner camp to a lumber camp and fell exhausted on the way.

Rushing Work

Manager Sheab of the Sparks Telephone Company has just returned from a trip to Quincy and while out noticed that the Western Pacific is pushing work on the great 7000 foot tunnel with great energy. The great fall of snow and the almost impassable condition of the roads greatly impedes progress on all work, but notwithstanding this the Western Pacific is working large crews of men—Silver State.

Coal! Coal! Coal!

Send in your orders, car just received at Meyers Mercantile company. Also a fine car of Dayton spuds, best in town.

Wood at Reasonable Rates.

Wood, in any length, can be obtained at Petersen & Springmeyer's hay and wood yard, south Carson St.

Ward McNeilly, a peace officer for twenty years in Reno is dying there of pneumonia.

Charles M. Schwab is said to have secured 75 per cent of Montgomery-Shoshone stock, in the mine of that name at Bullfrog, at a cost of \$5,000,000.

Judge Murphy was tendered a banquet at Goldfield last week. He was accompanied by his daughter and court stenographer, Miss Nellie Milligan.

James T. Dunn, the New York sport who passed \$3,000 worth of bogus checks on Larry Sullivan to pay losses at the latter's faro games in Goldfield, is owner of valuable property in New York city.

Washoe county has three justices of the peace and the question has arisen as to which one is entitled to act as ex-officio coroner.

The owners of the Nevada Engineering works at Reno have refused to accede to the demand for the nine hour day and the iron moulders have walked out.

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