

Tragic Death of This Young Woman Investigated by Coroner's Jury--Suicide Verdict Returned

Miss Mary Hazelgrove, who has been employed at the Straus Clothing Store, has disappeared and no trace of her movements after 6 o'clock Friday evening could be found. Miss Hazelgrove walked up Fifth avenue with her employer, Mr. Herman Stern last evening and they separated at the corner of the J. C. Penny Co., store, Miss Hazelgrove stating that she was going to supper. This was at six o'clock. The supposition is that she planned on having supper down town. She did not put in an appearance at the store this morning and inquiry at her rooming house and among her associates failed to elicit any information as to her whereabouts. She had made no mention of any contemplated absence from the city and her continued absence from her usual residence has given cause to fear some untoward happening. It is requested that any person having knowledge of Miss Hazelgrove's movements after six o'clock Friday evening communicate the same to either the sheriff's office, the police department or to States Attorney L. S. B. Ritchie.

Miss Hazelgrove has been a resident of the city for a number of years and has a great many friends in the city. Her mother, who now lives at Tuttle, N. D., was a former resident of the city and she has a brother farming at Goodrich, N. D. Messages to her relatives fail to bring forth any information regarding her disappearance.

The members of Co. G and the American Legion, headed by Sheriff Larson have split up into searching parties this afternoon and are patrolling the river and vicinity in the hope of discovering some clue to her disappearance.

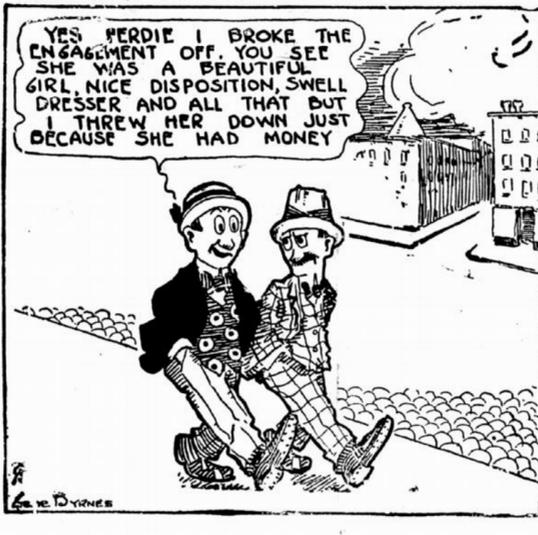
LATER—The body of Miss Mary Hazelgrove was found Saturday P. M. on the side hill back of the State Teachers College, the discovery of the body being made by Chief of Police Ernest Swanson and Patrolman Fred King. The police officials state that all indications point to the theory that death was self-imposed as there was a strong odor of carbolic acid on her clothes and handkerchief. Also on some gauze which was by the body. A cork was found near her body which also leads to the theory that death was caused by her own hand. The body is now in the hands of the county coroner, N. O. Holberg. States Attorney L. S. B. Ritchie states that a coroner's inquest will be held, probably Monday.

The inquest over the body of the late Mary Hazelgrove was called at 10:00 o'clock this morning in the undertaking parlors of the county coroner, N. O. Holberg, Messrs. E. J. Pegg, C. K. Otto and Alfred Anderson being obtained as jurors.

Herman Stern was the first witness called to the stand and testified to the effect that Mary Hazelgrove was employed by the Straus Clothing Company as bookkeeper, was twenty three years of age and had been a resident at his home for the past three years. On Friday evening, Mr. Stern testified, he left the store building about 6:20 accompanied by Miss Hazelgrove, as was their usual custom. They walked to the postoffice building as usual and returned to the Penney corner where Miss Hazelgrove turned south with the remark that she would not go home. Mr. Stern continued to his home under the presumption that Miss Hazelgrove was planning on going up to the club rooms of the Business and Professional Women's club of which she was a member. Mr. Stern states that he returned to the store after supper where he staid for an hour or so, returning to his home at 9:45 and retiring for the night after leaving the door unlocked for Miss Hazelgrove's return. About midnight at the discovery of the fact that she had not returned to her room, he became alarmed and phoned to Miss Emma VonDomarus, who was a close friend of Miss Hazelgrove's, asking if she had seen Miss Hazelgrove during the evening or knew of her whereabouts. As Miss VonDomarus had not seen her she offered to go out and search for her in company with Mr. Stern. They visited various places where they thought she might go but could find no trace of her. They met Officer Fred King and asked him if he had seen anything of her and received a negative answer. They kept up the search until about 3 a. m. then went to Mr. Stern's house where Miss Van Domarus remained the rest of the night. At six in the morning they got up and went to the N. P. depot to see if Miss Hazelgrove had taken the early morning train. She had not. Then they met No. 7 and thought perhaps they might have gone east the night before and would return on that train, but of course she did not appear. They continued the search in the park and other places and not finding her a general alarm was sent out and Mr. Stern did not again see her until her remains were brought in. The deceased had made her home with the Sterns for the past three years. Her mother formerly lived here but had moved to Tuttle, N. D.

The post mortem examination was conducted this morning by Doctors E. A. Pray and Will H. Moore. Both physicians were placed on the stand under oath and tes-

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tified to the fact that they had conducted this post mortem and they found the deceased to be of absolutely chaste character. They also testified that the mouth, throat and stomach were badly burned from carbolic acid which she had taken and which was the direct cause of death. They testified that all her organs, excepting the stomach, were normal.

Chief of Police Swanson and Patrolman Fred King testified as to finding of the body. They said that there was a path leading up to the water tank from the school and that at about 75 feet east of this path they found the body lying on its back with a slight leaning to the left side. Her hat was on, her coat was buttoned and her dress, underclothes and other articles of wearing apparel in perfect order. In the pocket of her coat was found the cork and a small corkscrew sticking in the cork taken from the listerine bottle in which the carbolic acid had been placed and which bore the label poison from Seigfried's drug store. The bottle was found about 35 feet from where the body lay. On the north side of the hill where the sun had not penetrated they traced the footsteps of this young woman, and no other tracks were seen nor were there any evidence of violence or disturbance to be found. Her person did not show that any force had been used but on the other hand that she had deliberately taken her own life.

The death of this young woman in such gloomy and lonely surroundings, remains shrouded in mystery and probably just what caused her to do away with herself will never be known. Everybody who talked with her and was with her up to the fatal Friday night say that she appeared as usual, although at times she was known to have what they term as gloomy spells, but on this particular day no such attitude was noticed. She took care of her work at the store as usual and when Mr. Stern left her that evening at the Penney corner she appeared to be all right.

The examination was conducted by Coroner Holberg with States Attorney L. S. B. Ritchie as investigator. Everything that could be done to show cause for this death has been done.

The jury brought in the following verdict:

"An inquisition holden at Holberg's Undertaking Parlors at Valley City, in the county of Barnes and State of North Dakota, on the 12th day of December, A. D. 1921, before N. O. Holberg, coroner of said county, upon the body of Mary Hazelgrove, there lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereunto subscribed; the said jurors upon their oaths do say that Mary A. Hazelgrove came to her death by the poisoning from carbolic acid administered by her own hand."

The Secret of Success

In the minds and muscles of men there is an abundant source of energy,—a supply which is well nigh inexhaustible, and which of late has not been overdrawn. Whoever uses it achieves success,—including health and happiness. It is properly and profitably applied in giving a fair day's work for a fair day's pay.

The individual who saves a portion of each day's pay is doubly benefited and doubly blessed. He is preparing for the period beyond the meridian of life, when muscle weakens or when mind itself may fail.

This is the only true and sure secret of success. There is no other reliable road to wealth, either for the individual or the nation. What we call "reconstruction," which is the replacement of that which was wasted and destroyed in the war, can be accomplished only in proportion as we as individuals WORK AND SAVE.

Bank of Valley City

HOLIDAY P. O. SUGGESTIONS

The determination of the post office department to safeguard the mails at all hazards is evidenced by the arming of all mail messengers, mail clerks on the mail cars, being further fortified against possible robbery of the mails by each and every mail car being provided with armed marine guards whose sole duty is to see that no unauthorized person or persons are permitted to enter or approach any mail car. The local mail messengers in addition to being fully armed, have an armed guard to protect the mails being transferred. Northern Pacific trains No. 1 and No. 2 carry guards at all times and the tour of duty of those guards ending at Valley City the local messenger has the additional assistance of those guards should any attempt to rob the mails be made.

As the annual Christmas holiday season approaches a few words of advice to the patrons of the post office is timely: First do your Christmas shopping early. In connection with this you are also reminded that during the holiday season the mails are unusually heavy, and in order to avoid the congestion resulting from everybody waiting until the last minute to mail their packages, you are asked to assist in the prompt and early delivery of Christmas packages, by mailing your's as early as possible.

Packages may be marked "Not to be opened until Christmas" or a similar direction.

To avoid delays and possible non-delivery of your packages see that you wrap and tie same securely, address them plainly, and place the name and address of the sender thereon so that if for any reason delivery cannot be made, the package will be returned to you.

Among the many causes for non-delivery are: Packages carelessly wrapped or tied (with result that contents are lost) addresses in many instances being incorrect or illegible.

If you deem the foregoing worthy of consideration, and wish to assist the local mail clerks in promptly dispatching your packages while the holiday season is on, your compliance with the suggestions mentioned will be appreciated.

W. W. SMITH, Postmaster.

JUNIORS PROVIDE ENJOYABLE PARTY

The Junior Class of the State Teachers College enjoyed their annual class party at the College on Monday evening. The Juniors had as their guests the faculty and the young men of the school.

Dancing, carried on in the gymnasium, was the principal amusement of the evening. The music was furnished by the McFarland orchestra and consisted of piano, drums, saxophone and cornet. For those who did not wish to dance games were provided in the Commercial room consisting of rook, finch, and various stunts which proved to be one of the main attractions of the evening.

The receiving line was composed of the class officers, namely Dorothy Aitken, Gertrude Dunn, and Carla Oertli and the class adviser, Miss Kittel. As soon as the guests had all assembled an attempt was made to carry out a Grand March led by Miss Kittel and Mr. Stephenson. This proved unsuccessful as there were so many people present that marching was impossible, which fact is just another evidence of the great need for a new gymnasium which shall be of sufficient size to allow for the proper social life of the school.

During the evening the dancing was varied by a "lemon dance," similar to a tag dance except that lemons were given to three or four of the boys and these were passed around causing a continued changing of partners in the same manner as the tag dance. Another diversion from the usual waltz and fox-trot was the "broom dance." This was also similar to a tag dance, brooms being substituted for the tagging. This left three boys dancing with brooms. When the music stopped everyone had to change partners so that different boys would be dancing with brooms. This feature proved to be extremely amusing.

During the evening punch and wafers were served. It is needless to say that the punch bowl was well surrounded until the strains of "Home Sweet Home" informed the happy dancers that the time for departure had arrived.

Those who had the party in charge were very much pleased with the large number who attended and thus helped to make it so successful.

In view of the fact that several times within the past two months some person or boys with destructive and thieving tendencies have removed and taken away the steam gauges on the radiators in the post office lobby it will be necessary for the custodian from San Diego Sunday morning via close the post office lobby after eight o'clock p. m. unless this malicious destruction of public property is discontinued. The post office lobby is for the use of the public and is not a loafing place, but during the evening after 8 o'clock p. m. it has become a habit with young boys and girls to meet and loaf around the lobby when they should be at home, and children who are sent to the post office on business ought to be instructed to transact their errand promptly and loaf somewhere else than the post office lobby.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY A SUCCESS

The members of the senior class at the High School played "Nothing but the Truth," before a crowded house in the auditorium at the State Teachers College last night. They received very good patronage and they deserved it to as they presented an entertainment which was exceptionally good. The story of the play is very interesting and when Bob Bennett resolves to tell nothing but the truth for twenty-four hours, on a wager, he finds himself in some amusing predicaments. Geo. Werten, in this role, was a huge success and took the part exceptionally well, keeping the crowd laughing most of the time. Ed Kelly seemed made for the part of Dick Donnelly and was right at home in the action. Jim Griffiths, we verily believe, was born to be a bishop and E. M. Ralston, the reliable and honest head of the brokerage firm was portrayed by Jim Peuke in a manner to lead one to believe that this had been his life work. Maria Murphy certainly was a success as Gwendolyn, who is in love with Bob, and she took the part very well. And we have wondered where Nancy Featherstone got her experience as a chorus girl, she must have had some to take the part of Mabel so well. Well, I guess its hopeless to attempt to name all the stars as we would have to give the cast of characters and space forbids. Suffice it to say that there wasn't much choice in the cast as regards their ability in their respective parts as it certainly was an all star cast. The members who took part in the play last evening were well cast for the different parts and Miss Lois Stone has charge of dramatic art at the High School and the showing made last night proves that she is admirably fitted for the position. The members of the cast wish to thank Mr. Robertson and Miss Olson for the loan of the hats and costumes used last night.

OBITUARY

Mathilda C. Hemp was born in Drahnaw, Germany, Oct. 6, 1849. Came to America in 1871. Was united in marriage the same year, to Herman Hemp, at Jefferson, Wis., where they resided on a farm a few years. In 1875 they moved to Neillsville, Wis., where they took up farming again, till in 1884 they came to Wimbledon, N. D., residing on a farm until sixteen years ago when they made their home in Valley City, N. D. Within the last seven years death has claimed her husband and two children, a son Otto, and Mrs. Josephine Goven. Those left to mourn a loving mother are W. G. Hemp, Rochester, Minn.; Al. B. Hemp, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. N. P. Hanson and Mrs. H. J. Wright both of Fargo, N. D., Mrs. J. H. Groth of Livingston, Mont. Also two brothers and two sisters, Mr. Fred Grahm and Pauline Grahm of Wimbledon, N. D., and Mr. Herman Grahm and Miss Minnie Schame both in Germany. Other relatives present were Mrs. J. M. Collard, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grahm, Mrs. Pauline Grahm, Mrs. Otto Hemp and family all of Wimbledon, N. D., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Radke, Leal, N. D., Mrs. John Goven, Lidgerwood, N. D.

V. C. DEFEATS WIMBLEDON

In a thrilling game of basketball at the high school gym last evening, the local high school defeated the fast Wimbledon five by a score of 53 to 5.

The locals started their scoring machine to work when Busdicker went through on a dribble and sent the ball through the ring. The sensation of hearing the ball glide through the net brought the high school rooters to their feet with a yell. From this time on the locals seemed to be getting back into their old form and sent the ball through the basket almost at will. Taking into consideration that this was the first game of the season the passing on both sides is to be commended on. Although the visitors were unable to penetrate the locals defense, they did some fine passing but it could not be compared with that of the local five. Those who witnessed the game last evening are convinced that the local team will be one of the strongest teams in the state this year.

Four letter men of last year's state championship team were back in the lineup last evening and all seemed to be working even better than last year. During the whole game the ball was kept in the locals territory. With the exception of a few times the visitors were battling for the ball under the Valley City basket.

Holmes who played center last night easily outjumped his opponent Kribbs. On each tip off the locals would receive the ball and with some clever passing work it would be in the basket and sent it through the ring for a basket.

Although the score would indicate the game last evening was a one-sided one, both teams were working hard every minute of the game which kept the spectators on their toes until the final whistle was sounded.

The band was out to furnish the music for the evening and rendered a number of fine selections. Following is the lineup of last night's game:

Valley City	Wimbledon
Werten	Murdoch
Ford	Darkenwald
Holmes	Kribbs
Busdicker	Dvorak
Mulhair	Claradethler
Referee—McFarland.	