



TRAGIC DEATH NEAR CITY

Lifeless Body of O. H. Bergstrom Picked Up Near Railroad Track in Mutilated Condition.

A gruesome discovery was made by the section crew between Willmar and Penock yesterday when the remains of Olof H. Bergstrom, a resident of Hector, Minn., were found lying near the track a few miles from this city.

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The finding of the body was reported to the proper authorities and the remains were brought to Willmar on the afternoon train from the west which is due here at 1:30, and which arrived here in charge of Conductor Sheridan.

The fact that liquor was found in the possession of the man who met with such a tragic death gives cause to believe that he may have been under the influence of liquor while on board the cars.

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THEIR DEMANDS MODEST

Two Damage Suits Against Great Northern in Which Only \$61,850 is Asked.

Theodore Mazure, section hand, wants \$51,350 damages from the Great Northern road for a broken back that has caused him to become a hopelessly paralyzed invalid.

Joseph Rellies, injured at the same time, has begun suit against the road for \$10,500 for a crushed hip.

Death of Mrs. B. Monson.

Just as we go to press we learn that Mrs. Bengt Monson, of town of Willmar, died at 10 o'clock this morning.

Genessee.

A dance was given at J. W. Peterson's Saturday evening. Last week Hans Aultman was seen busy digging a well for Claus Johnson's.

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Charley Peterson was a very pleasant caller at N. P. Anderson's, a week ago, Monday.

Hilda and Esther Anderson were pleasantly entertained at N. W. Peterson's Sunday afternoon.

News reached us that Chas. Bolduc, a son-in-law of M. Gallinger, died last Friday and was buried Sunday.

Mrs. F. P. Peterson and daughter Mella spent Saturday and Sunday with the former's sister, Mrs. A. R. Peterson.

John Narverud, who clerks at Leonard Johnson's store at Atwater, was entertained last Sunday by his friend, Carl A. Peterson.

Arthur Ericson of Whitefield and Carl Gabrielson of Kandiyohi took in the social at Dist. 58, and spent Sunday at Olof Peterson's.

The young folks of the Sw. Luth. church will give a dime social at the church on Friday evening, Dec. 11. All are cordially invited.

Mrs. S. P. M. Peterson and son Carl spent Thanksgiving at Kingston, and while there attended the wedding of the latter's cousin, Martin Olson.

Frank Anderson crossed the boundary line between Genessee and Lake Elizabeth on Sunday, but presume he did not return before the wee hours of Monday.

Miss Emma Hedberg returned from Dassel last Friday. She was accompanied by Amy Hedberg, who has been spending the past four months at her home there.

Louis and Lydia Mattson went out for a ride last Sunday. They say that they drove 1/2 mile north, 2 miles west, 1/2 mile south and 1/2 mile east—then they were there.

Last Saturday evening a very large crowd attended the Shadow Social at American Beauty Show given at Dist. 58.

Twenty-five shadows were sold which netted \$1.20 a shadow for which due credit may be given to the auctioneer, A. O. Hedberg, and also the ladies, who acted their parts well.

Every body took in the show, after the sale, so the proceeds for the evening amounts to the neat sum of \$38.25, which goes to the district for supplementary reading and other supplies.

Mrs. Sonneson of Willmar visited with her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Larson, last week.

Ole C. Olson of Willmar visited in these parts last week. Ole has spent the past summer in Canada, and speaks very highly of that country.

Tyegson & Berkens pulled in with their threshing rig last Saturday. Their gross earnings were \$2,600.

The boys have had a long run, and we are inclined to believe that they have had the longest run of any machine in the county.

Ye scribe was informed the other day, that some of the people in this vicinity felt dissatisfied, because ye scribe had forgot to mention them in his items.

Mr. Peterson expects to leave for Estevan next Tuesday. His successor at this point has not yet been named.

The A. O. U. W. lodge has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: C. F. Spencer, master workman; Hans Gunderson, foreman; Lars Halvorson, overseer; M. McDonald, recorder; C. A. Nelson, financier; L. A. Wolf, receiver; P. L. Johnson, guide; J. J. Ekander, inside watch; Gust Knutsen, outside watch.

FREE LIBRARIES

State Furnishes Traveling Libraries to Communities Desiring the Same.

It may not be known to many people in Minnesota that a free library may be had for the asking by applying to the Minnesota State Library Commission.

A traveling library containing 25 or 50 carefully selected books packed in a neat case, with blank catalogs and necessary directions for the circulation of the books.

New libraries are now ready for circulation. Those wishing to take advantage of this splendid opportunity to get the best books free of charge should make application as soon as possible to Miss Clara F. Baldwin, Librarian of the Minnesota State Library Commission, 515 Masonic Temple, Minneapolis.

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Wedded at Sioux Falls.

A wedding which had been planned to occur at Granite Falls last Saturday was solemnized at Sioux Falls Sunday morning.

The popular manager of the local office of the Coe Commission Co., and Miss Leona Grace Ackley, of Luverne, who has made her home in this city for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Grams have gone to housekeeping in apartments at the old Oos residence, 123 Litchfield avenue, where they will be at home to their friends after December 20.

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DEATH OF A PIONEER LADY

Ranghild, Wife of Christopher H. Engstrom of Arctander, Passed Away Wednesday, Dec. 4.

On Wednesday of last week, Dec. 4, Mrs. Ranghild Engen, wife of Christopher Hansen Engen, one of the early pioneers of Arctander, passed away.

She had suffered a lingering illness, and during the last few weeks required constant nursing, hence death came as a relief.

She was born in Numedal, Norway, in 1839, and hence reached the age of 64 years. She was a daughter of Sven Gunderson, who arrives here, being nearly 96 years of age.

Her family arrived to the Norway Lake country in 1860. Here she met her future husband, who had arrived the previous year.

They were married at St. Cloud May 11, 1861, one of the very early marriages in the county. The following year they had to leave their newly-founded home on account of the Indian outbreak, and resided for some time at Zumbrota in Goodhue county.

The deceased was a devout member of the Norway Lake Church, and the funeral occurred at that churchyard on Tuesday of this week.

Rev. J. S. Halvorsen of Spicer officiating. Peace to the ashes of the brave pioneer woman, who shared with her husband the trials and hardships of the early settlement.

Among the December weddings which are announced to take place in this city before the Christmas holidays is the wedding of Miss Mae E. Parkins to Mr. Mark Parkins.

The marriage will be solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parkins, on Monday evening, Dec. 21.

The bride-elect has grown to womanhood in this city and is highly esteemed in her large circle of acquaintances.

Mr. Lars Hatlestad and Miss Lena Tollefson were united in marriage at Norway Lake last Thursday, Rev. D. C. Jordahl officiating.

Among the Willmar people attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Sorenson, Dr. and Mrs. Christian Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnson.

The newly married couple will make their home at the groom's farm. Their many friends wish them a continuance of happiness and prosperity, and long life.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Newcomb returned last week from a visit with relatives at Waseca.

Lake Elizabeth.

The old man Forsberg is reported quite sick. Ready made "Lute-flak" at the store for Christmas.

Emma Jackson has been dressmaking for Mrs. Stenberg lately. S. Stenberg made a business trip to Lake Lillian Thursday.

Dr. Sorenel from Cambridge, Minn., was here last week selling medicine. The Baptist congregation had their monthly business meeting Saturday.

Mrs. C. Jackson made a business trip to Willmar the latter part of last week. Mr. Parson of Litchfield was at Nels Peterson's and set up the gasoline engine last week.

The Creamery Co. will hold its annual meeting at the creamery building Saturday, Dec. 12. Rev. Nelson went to Grove City Thursday to attend a mission meeting there. He returned Wednesday.

It is rumored that Glader has rented his farm to F. A. Rosenquist, and Louis Rosenquist is to have the farm at home.

E. Engberg was taken seriously sick Saturday with lungfever. Dr. Gibson was phoned for. At this writing he is improving slowly.

There is not much inducement to go to the pieries this winter, as there are several who turned back on account of too low wages.

The good news has reached here that Albin Stenberg, now at Aberdeen, S. D., got his salary raised \$5.00 per month, the first week he worked.

The cold spell checked the meetings in the church Wednesday and Thursday evenings of last week. The meetings were very interesting and well attended.

P. W. Hedman, of Willmar, is at present canvassing here, selling trunks, suitcases and clothes. He also attends the meetings being held so frequently nowadays.

M. Linman and son Victor of Fabulous attended meeting here Sunday evening. Quite a long drive so late, but inspiration and favorable weather combined with fine roads, made it go easy.

A mission meeting will be held at the Baptist church this week, commencing Thursday at 2 o'clock and continuing all day Friday.

Six or seven ministers from other places have promised to take part. Everybody is welcome to be present.

Christmas is approaching, and as we said before last Christmas, we will say now—we hope every sensible person will try his best to celebrate the holiday to the glory of Christ, and not merely as an occasion for gluttony and worldly enjoyment.

WAS EAGAN MURDERED?

Evidence May Show He Brought Out That Will Prove the Cause of Superintendent's Death.

The true cause of Supt. Eagan's death is a matter which is now interesting many of our people, especially those of his acquaintances who had learned to know him while in the employ of the Great Northern. As the case has attracted considerable attention here, the following from the Minneapolis Tribune of Nov. 18 is published for the benefit of our readers:

The mysterious disappearance of Supt. Eagan of the KallsPELL division of the Great Northern last winter, and his subsequent discovery at the bottom of a ravine, where it was presumed he had succumbed to the cold, has again been revived and if reports and disclosures made by men who should know go for anything, sensational results may be expected.

It was known at the time of Eagan's disappearance that he had many enemies who had openly avowed to "get even." It is also known that since that time the men who had it in for him haven't had anything at all to say in regard to his sudden disappearance and death.

Eagan when he assumed control of the KallsPELL division made radical changes—discharged incompetent men, tobaccoed whiskey and intoxicants, which before that time had been used freely by employees. In short he inaugurated a general house cleaning and made enemies of many of the men who were accustomed to lax methods, and booze.

Dispatcher Edwards, who worked under Eagan and who of late has held down a key on the Dakota division, was quite familiar with Eagan's habits and it was through his investigation and search that disclosures were made. Edwards says that several men well known at KallsPELL made threats upon Eagan shortly before his departure on his hunting trip, and he is sure foul play resulted. The storm in which Eagan was caught was not severe and Eagan knew every foot of the territory over which he was going. He had a pocket compass and was skilled in its use.

He carried a gun and plenty of ammunition and would have been able to get off starvation and death. He has shot the gun off in an endeavor to get aid. The above facts tend to prove that Eagan did not perish in a blizzard—and the fact that his body was found upon bare ground, where it had been buried beneath the snow, further confirms Edwards' story that Eagan was murdered. When found Eagan's remains were so far decayed and incinerated by wolves as to be unrecognizable, thus leaving no clue as to what injuries had resulted in death.

Edwards says that he never should have said anything about the affair if he had not been told to "shut his mouth" by the ring-leader of a gang in a log cabin saloon at KallsPELL. He leaves shortly for Indianapolis upon a mysterious mission, and it is not known whether the Eagan case has anything to do with his leaving or not.

Kandiyohi. Dec. 7. Elmer Tulin was an Atwater visitor last Saturday. Mother earth is now robed in her blanket of white.

Erick Erickson was at Litchfield one day last week. Victor Holmberg is now working for E. P. Lundquist.

Mrs. N. C. Sorenson was a Willmar visitor a few days last week. Services were held every evening of last week at the M. E. church.

The Småland Threshing Co. finished corn shredding last Thursday. Tait's young people, of town of Harrison, were visitors at J. Enblom's last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Norman entertained a number of their friends last Wednesday. Peter Linder of Otter Tail county spent a few days of last week visiting with old friends.

Elmer Anderson went to Minneapolis last Saturday, where he will remain over winter. Our landlord, Matt Cody, was busy all of last week hauling wood from town of Green Lake.

The Småland Threshing Co. held their annual meeting last Saturday at John Wicklund's place. Mr. and Mrs. Jones Berg, Peter Berg and Peter Linder of Genessee were entertained at the home of Nels Norman Sunday afternoon.

Charley Anderson and family of Howard Lake arrived here last Wednesday for a few day's visit with his brother John Anderson and family. They returned home last Saturday.

Some of the young people from here attended the Shadow Social in Genessee, Dist. 58, last Saturday evening. Boys, don't go so far just for the ladies' shadow. If you can't win her in any other way take Mike's advice and don't try at all. Mike.

How. L. O. Thorpe was a business visitor in the cities this week.

What \$15 Will Do Here
Our \$15 Suits and Overcoats are the same that some people spend hundreds of dollars in page ads trying to convince you are worth \$25.
Have you ever seen our Separable Baltic Otter and Beaver Collars?
If not, why not?
G. O. SAND CLOTHIER.

HOLIDAY GOODS
Hand Painted French China
Cut Glass
Pottery
Leather Goods
Burnt Leather and Burnt Wood
Fancy Domestic and Imported Perfumes
Besides a General Line of Elegant Holiday Goods...
A. E. MOSSBERG THE DRUGGIST