

HERRIAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Well-known Citizen of New Ulm Takes His Own Life With the Aid of a Revolver.

Tragedy Occurred Friday Noon in a Barn to the Rear of His Place of Business.

Note Addressed to Two of His Sons Partly Explains His Rash Behavior.

All New Ulm was shocked Friday by the news which spread about town like wild-fire that Peter Herrian, a resident and business man of reputable and many years' standing, had taken his own life with the aid of a revolver.

The tragedy occurred about noon in a barn to the rear of Mr. Herrian's saloon. Only one shot was fired and this shot was heard by Jos. Hala, an aged relative, who immediately gave an alarm. When friends of Mr. Herrian entered the barn they found him lying on a pile of hay with the smoking revolver in his hand and the blood oozing freely from a wound just above his right ear. Life was not extinct at that time, but became so a few moments later.

A note, written in German and addressed to his children, was found on a business card in his vest pocket. Translated, it read as follows:

"Dear children, Henry and William: My time has expired. Will you forgive me? Take care of the little ones; also take care of yourselves. Mama wants me. There is enough left so that you can get along. Good bye.—Your Father."

The reference to his wife, who died unexpectedly two years ago and who throughout their entire wedded career was a helpmate and devoted companion, reveals, in part at least, the reasons for his self-inflicted ending. What else may have prompted him to his rash behavior no one knows.

Mr. Herrian was born in Kreis Pilsen, Bohemia, fifty-nine years ago. Coming to America in 1867 he located in New Ulm and from that time until the hour of his death, with the exception of a couple of years spent in conducting the Leona hotel in Sleepy Eye, New Ulm remained his home. At first he was employed in one of the local breweries, later he became an ice dealer and finally in 1892 he embarked in the saloon business, a trade that remained the source of his livelihood the balance of his life. He was married in 1873 to Miss Lena Nagel and through his union with her he became the father of six children, five of whom are living—William J., Henry, Alexander, Columbus and Peter, the latter being only ten years old.

He was a man of kindly disposition, generous and open-hearted, and true to his friends and neighbors. In lodge and society circles he was particularly active and such organizations as the Hermann Sons, Turnverein, Odd Fellows, Workmen, Arbeiter Verein, Fire Department, Hunters' Club and Battery were none the worse off for having him enrolled as a member. The funeral held at Turner Hall Sunday afternoon gave evidence of the esteem in which he was held for it was one of the most largely attended ever held in this city. E. J. Buehrer, president of the West St. Paul Turnverein, delivered the address and delegations were present representing all the societies with which Mr. Herrian in his life time had affiliated.

CITY ORDINANCE TO BE TESTED

Gottlieb Ryffel, a Stranger, Arrested for Conducting Shoe Sale Without a License.

Several days ago Gottlieb Ryffel, a shoe dealer who at one time was in business in Owatonna, rented one of the vacant Boesch buildings on Minnesota street for a period of two months. He had advertised a closing out sale of a \$6,000 shoe stock, and when he got ready for business Monday morning there was a large banner over his door calling the attention of the public to this fact.

But the moment he began the transaction of business the city authorities interfered.

There is an old ordinance in the city's code of laws, covering just such cases as this of Ryffel's, and the authorities, in the interests of the local dealers, decided to enforce it. Ryffel was asked, by the city clerk, to pay the minimum fine, under this ordinance, of \$25 per day, and later, at the suggestion of Mayor Bobleter, he was informed that a license would be given him at the rate of \$100 per

month, the license money to be refunded to him in the event that he decided to become a permanent resident.

Ryffel, however, had consulted an attorney who had told him that the ordinance was not enforceable, and Ryffel accordingly decided to stand pat.

When he refused, therefore, to pay the license when demanded, the chief of police, acting under instructions from the mayor, proceeded to show his authority. He put Ryffel under arrest and personally escorted him to the county jail. At no time was the prisoner confined, and it was only a short time before he was released on his own recognizance, but it was the humiliation of being taken to jail without a warrant and in broad daylight that caused the man and his advisors to severely denounce the police.

Many citizens backed them up in this denunciation, insisting that there was really no necessity for such arbitrary methods, but the authorities say they were amply justified under the circumstances and refuse to make even so much as an apology.

Neither are they willing to back water on the matter of demanding the payment of the license, exorbitant as it may seem. They say the ordinance is there and should be enforced. If it is unconstitutional, as some lawyers say, it is time the city found it out.

Yesterday afternoon the case was brought to the attention of Justice Henningsen. Arguments were made as to the validity of the ordinance, and in the event that the justice upholds it an appeal will be promptly taken to the district court. Ryffel will be represented in all of his attempts to resist the ordinance by Eckstein & Funk. The city will be represented by Albert Pfander.

Later—Justice Henningsen would not rule on the constitutionality of the ordinance, but fined the defendant \$20 for violating the same. This makes possible an appeal to the district court which convenes in December.

Ryffel says he will remain here until that time. In fact he claims he intends to become a permanent resident.

LIND WILL NOT COMMIT HIMSELF

Refuses to Discuss Possibility of Becoming Candidate Against Jacobsen.

When asked by the Minneapolis Tribune if he was an aspirant for the democratic nomination for governor, John Lind stated positively that he had nothing to say for publication.

"Would you accept the nomination if it was tendered you?" was asked the ex-governor.

"I have nothing to say."

"Your name is being mentioned by party leaders as a likely opponent for Mr. Jacobsen."

"I can't help that."

Mr. Lind is a regent of the state university and when reminded of that fact, he said that an office like that needn't keep a man out of public life. Friends of the former governor say that he is not averse to again taking up the burden of public office if he is sure that there is any demand for such sacrifice.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cordes Thursday morning. Both mother and child are doing nicely.

Sheriff Julius went to St. Paul yesterday to attend a session of the National Sheriff's Association. Later in the week he will participate in the state meeting at Red Wing.

Frank Franta and family, after spending nearly a year at Boulder, Colorado, returned to New Ulm Wednesday night.

Among the old-timers from this vicinity who attended the home coming celebration in St. Peter were Richard Pfefferle, Jacob Klossner Jr. Fred Fritsche and Hy. Lillie.

Edward Collins and wife, visitors at the home of Engineer Thomas Collins for some weeks past, will depart for their home in Superior, Wis., the latter part of the week.

Jos. Classen came up from New Richland Friday to spend the Fourth and to join his wife who has been visiting for some time at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris. Filzen Sr.

Hon. Chris. Ahlness, secretary and manager of the Hanska-Linden Creamery Co., was in the city Monday contracting with Fred Hamann for a well to be dug on the site of the company's proposed new plant in Hanska village.

MCCLEARY PUTS ON THE HARNESS

Formally Enters Race for Congressional Honors in the Second District.

Second Assistant Postmaster General McCleary filed as a candidate for congress in the Second Minnesota district on Monday. Accompanying this act was a formal statement which reads as follows:

"Having this day filed for the Republican nomination as representative in congress for the Second district, I deem it proper to say that I thoroughly indorse the Republican national platform as to national policies and the Republican state platform as to state policies, and that I heartily support the candidates nominated thereon.

"I have never regarded it as good morals or honest politics for a man to make promises as a candidate that he knows, or ought to know, that he may find himself unable to keep if elected. It is just as criminal to obtain an office under false pretenses as to obtain any other thing of value in that way. It is the promises of the party and not the promises of individual candidates that are enacted into law and carried into execution. So I have never been vain enough or reckless enough to put forth a personal platform.

"I am a candidate for the nomination for congress as a Republican standing squarely on the Republican platform."

A Fourth of July Sentiment.

"The old story of the war of the revolution is ever new and will be told again and again, but new problems are confronting the nation, and while rejoicing in the victory of our arms in the past, we must not lose sight of the perils of the present. We know of the struggle between equal rights on the one side and special privileges on the other. Freedom, so dearly purchased, must be preserved in its fullest sense for our children. We hear much of the conservation of our national resources. We should hear more of the conservation of human energy, of the right of every child to the heritage of health, happiness and education, of that blessed institution, the American home, and for the voter the sacred right of a free and unpurchased ballot."—Gov. John A. Johnson.

DENVER CONVENTION IS ON

Twelve Thousand People on Hand to Witness the Initial Proceedings.

Theodore Bell of California Makes the Opening Speech.

Adjournment Taken Until Noon Today Out of Respect to Grover Cleveland.

The democratic national convention opened at Denver at exactly 12:20 yesterday afternoon. The magnificent auditorium was packed with 12,000 people and stirring scenes of enthusiasm prevailed throughout the entire session.

Bishop Keane of Wyoming pronounced the invocation and then Chairman Taggart introduced the temporary presiding officer, Theo. A. Bell of California.

Mr. Bell's arraignment of the republican party was frequently interrupted by applause, and when he asked "if it was the republicans who gave us prosperity, why they didn't keep it up," the convention rafters rung with the cheers of enthusiastic thousands.

Other popular features of his address were his reference to the Chicago platform as "reading like the report of a banker's association" and his slap at Taft when he said that "no man can transfer the popularity of one man to another."

His indirect allusions to Bryan were greeted with the wildest sort of demonstration.

At the conclusion of Mr. Bell's speech, a resolution was offered on the death of Grover Cleveland and the convention adjourned until noon today out of respect to the dead president's memory.

Today the permanent organization will be effected with Representative Clayton of Alabama in the chair and after his address the convention will hear the reports of the various committees.

Tomorrow the nominating speeches will be made. Dunn of Nebraska will present Bryan's name, Hammond of Minnesota will offer Gov. Johnson's, and Irving T. Handy will talk in behalf of Judge Gray.

The candidate for vice president will be chosen Friday morning.

At a caucus of the Minnesota delegation Fendall G. Winston of Minneapolis was elected chairman, Martin Hughes of Hibbing vice chairman and Sen. Julius Coller of Shakopee secretary. The committee honors were apportioned as follows: Credentials, J. G. Armon of Stillwater; resolutions, Martin O'Brien of Crookston; rules, John Dwan of Two Harbors; permanent organization, A. C. Weiss of Duluth; notification of presidential nominee, J. W. Pauly of Minneapolis; notification of vice presidential nominee, John C. Wise of Mankato.

Over a hundred Johnson boosters accompanied the Minnesota delegation to Denver from St. Paul. The parade which they indulged in Monday evening was the talk of the town.

The Connecticut delegation on a test vote taken yesterday stood eleven for Johnson and three for Bryan. It is agreed that when Connecticut is called on the role for nominations it will yield to Minnesota. Hammond will then present the name of the North Star governor.

The New Jersey delegates after a heated argument in their caucus decided to vote for George Gray of Delaware.

The Illinois crowd re-elected Roger Sullivan as a member of the national committee and the Ohio delegation turned down Tom Johnson of Cleveland in favor of Mr. Garber. Both of these acts are regarded as slaps at the convention's probable nominee.

Gov. Johnson's nomination will be seconded by Attorney General Strauss of Maryland.

Miss Lizzie Tastel is here on a visit from St. Louis.

Domestic bliss depends most on talent in the kitchen and a balance in the bank.—New York Press.

Once in a long time a politician will tell the truth just to fool the people more thoroughly.—Aloka Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Bierbaum are rejoicing over their firstborn, a son whose career in this world dates from Thursday.

Frank [Eddy, in making that old charge against "Jake" of eating pie with a knife, overlooked the vital fact that the farmhand takes his pie in his dukes and arrives with his molars. Knife, your grandmother!—Minneapolis Journal.



—Bushnell in Boston Traveler.

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