

BOY'S HEAD CRUSHED

HOWARD RYAN MEETS INSTANT DEATH IN ELEVATOR OF NEW YORK LIFE BUILDING

ALMOST DECAPITATED BEFORE OPERATOR KNEW IT

Five-Year-Old Lad Is Caught Between the Floor of Cage and a Projecting Steel Beam—An Inquest to Be Held Today—Mother Is Prostrated.

Howard Ryan, the five-year-old son of Mrs. Anna L. Ryan, met instant death in one of the elevators of the New York Life building yesterday afternoon. The boy was caught between the floor of the elevator and a huge horizontal steel beam, which projected from the second-story floor of the building. The head was almost completely severed. The accident occurred at 4:20, and the elevator was ascending at a rapid rate of speed, with people. An inquest will be held.

While there were several people in the elevator, no one seems to know just how the boy met with the accident. It is thought, however, that the boy was crowded to the extreme front of the elevator, and that he was leaning forward, and possibly looking down.

On the second floor, connected with the glass skylight, is a huge steel beam, about a foot wide, which extends directly in front of the elevator. A screen which incloses the elevator shaft extends from the rear of the iron beam, leaving the whole side exposed directly in front of the elevator. It clears the elevator by from one to three inches, and thus the boy, who was standing to the extreme front and leaning forward, could be caught.

Reversed Lever Too Late.

The accident occurred without warning. The people in the elevator felt a thud, and the boy was pinioned at their feet. The elevator operator reversed the lever, but it was too late. The boy's neck had been broken and his head was a mangled mass, jammed into the cavity between the beam and the floor of the elevator.

The passengers left the elevator at the second floor, and another elevator was hastily dispatched to summon Dr. H. M. Luffkin, on the fourth floor. He pronounced the boy dead, and the remains were taken to the undertaking rooms of O'Halloran & Murphy, on Seventh street.

Charles Parson, living at 106 South Robert street, was in charge of the elevator. Whether he was guilty of negligence, or whether the construction of the elevator and the building was at fault, will be determined at the inquest today.

Mother Is Prostrated.

Mrs. Ryan, the mother of the boy, was at the Merchants' hotel when the accident occurred, where she is employed as a stenographer, at the Democratic headquarters. When she learned of the accident she repaired immediately to the scene of the catastrophe. She was prostrated with sorrow, and her grief was so intense that she became a widow and has been supporting her three children.

The boy had been about the building a great deal. In company with his cousin, Edward Whittaker, thirteen years old, The Whittaker boy had been in the habit of going to the roof of the building to hold a tin can in the building, thus earning a few pennies which he and the Ryan boy spent. They were on their way with mail yesterday when the younger boy was killed.

When they arrived at the New York Life building to take the elevator they found several people waiting to ascend. They entered the elevator in a hasty manner, standing at the extreme front portion of the elevator. The funeral will take place Sunday.

JANITORS DISMISSED FROM THE COURT HOUSE

Custodian Cramie Lets Out Two—Another May Follow.

At the regular meeting of the joint city hall and court house commission yesterday afternoon, Custodian Cramie reported that, in accordance with the wishes of the commission to reduce expenses, he had discharged Janitors James McCarter and N. Enkel. Mr. Cramie also reported that, in accordance with a resolution adopted at a previous meeting, he had discharged A. Hendrickson, carpenter, and appointed John Sampson in his place. The report was adopted by the commission.

Mayor Smith said John Naggo, one of the court house janitors, had made statements in a saloon in the Eighth ward that showed that he should be dismissed. A committee consisting of

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TO TAKE TESTIMONY IN THE MERGER SUIT

F. G. Ingersoll Is Appointed by Judge Lochren and Is Satisfactory to All Parties.

Problem of Good Roads Said to Be As Important As Any Before County Committees Appointed to Arrange for Convention to Be Held State Fair Week.

Judge Lochren, of the United States circuit court, yesterday filed an order appointing Frederick G. Ingersoll, of St. Paul, to take testimony for both sides in the so-called merger suit between the Northern Securities company, the Great Northern Railway company, the Northern Pacific Railway company and the Great Northern Railway company, on the one hand, and the state, on the other.

The order reads that Mr. Ingersoll, after having taken all the testimony offered by both sides, shall make a complete report to the court. The plaintiff was represented by United States District Attorney Houpt and the defendants by George B. Young.

MANY ASK REDUCTION IN THEIR ASSESSMENTS

Applications Made to Equalization Board for Scaling of Values.

At the meeting of the board of equalization yesterday a number of applications seeking reductions in their assessments appeared and made their pleas. Among the applicants was the church of education of the Presbyterian church, owner of block 3, Suburban Hills addition, which is assessed at \$14,140. The representative of the board said it would be willing to sell the property at \$10,000, and asked that the assessment be changed to that figure.

William H. Perkins asked that the assessment of \$15,400 on lots 6, 8, 22, 23, 24, Snelling out lots, be reduced to \$10,000. The Pennsylvania Fire Insurance company asked a reduction of its assessment of \$10,000 on a homestead, owned to an institution for \$10 per month, from \$14,065 to \$10,000. All of the above applications were made by Maurice Auerbach, and were taken under advisement. A number of minor applications for reductions were also taken under advisement.

LONGFELLOW SCHOOL ADDITION COMPLETE

It Is Now Ready for Beginning of Year—Has Four Rooms and Cost \$24,000.

The new four-room addition to the Longfellow school building, at Merriam Park, was thoroughly inspected yesterday with a view to its acceptance by the board of education. This inspection was made by a party consisting of Inspectors Rogers, Sawyer and E. O. Zimmerman, who constitute the committee on new buildings, and Charles Bassford, supervising architect, and William Butler, the contractor.

The new structure, which has now been completed for about a week, comprises four rooms and has cost in all \$23,797.60. It will greatly relieve the overcrowding of the Longfellow school, which was one of the most crowded in the city, and for the present at least will afford adequate accommodations.

CONFERENCE TO BE THE LARGEST EVER HELD

Annual Convention of Charities and Corrections Will Meet at Rochester, Minn.

The eleventh Minnesota conference of charities and corrections will be held in Rochester, Minn., Nov. 15, and plans are being made for the best conference ever held, and one of the most important state conferences held in the country.

The representatives who are to be present will consist of the state officials, county commissioners from every county of the state, and a large number of charity workers and economic students. It is expected that there will be fully 400 delegates present.

In order to arouse interest and make the success of the convention assured, a committee of speakers is going to Rochester next week to take up the matter with the citizens of that place and stimulate them to do their utmost efforts to make the conference a notable event.

The programme will be made up of speeches and addresses by the best speakers from the various institutions of Minnesota, who are devoting their time to a practical study of the grave problems of charities and corrections.

CREDITORS WANT NEW RECEIVER APPOINTED

Petition Judge Bunn to Remove Edward B. Graves.

Judge Bunn, of the district court, has filed an order removing Edward B. Graves, receiver of the North American Savings, Loan and Building company, to appear in the district court on Aug. 8 and show cause why he should be removed from his position as receiver, and Edward J. Hodgson appointed to fill the position. The petition asking for Mr. Hodgson's appointment was filed in the district court by the Western Realty and Investment company, and includes the names of 205 creditors who claim against the insolvent company over \$121,431.

MINNEAPOLIS CREAM IS NOT UP TO STANDARD

Dairy Department Reports on Inspection in Flour City.

Dairy inspectors of the state dairy and food department are now engaged in the regular annual inspection of the milk supply of Minneapolis, and thus far have taken 154 samples of milk and cream, which about 10 per cent of the whole number is to be taken.

From analysis of the samples thus far secured, it has been found that the cream as dispensed in Minneapolis is not up to standard, but the milk is of satisfactory grade.

For desirable real estate investments (improved or vacant) apply to Gustav Willis, Receiver, Phoenix Building, St. Paul.

Preparing for Annual Reunion.

The tenth annual reunion of the Sixth Regiment association will be held Wednesday, Sept. 10, at the hall of representatives, state capitol. Members and their wives residing in St. Paul will meet in the custodian's office, city hall, this evening for the purpose of making preliminary arrangements for the reunion.

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TALK OF GOOD ROADS

FIFTY REPRESENTATIVE MEN ATTEND CONFERENCE AT THE FAIR GROUNDS

COL. R. W. RICHARDSON DISCUSSES THE SUBJECT

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Fifty representative men, all enthusiasts, attended the good roads conference at the state fair grounds yesterday morning. Business and professional men from all parts of the state met and discussed the good roads problem of the United States government, who are here in the interest of the national good roads train, which is to be started through the Northwest immediately after the state fair.

George W. Cooley, of Minneapolis, president of the state association, presided at the meeting, and Prof. W. R. Hoag, of the state university, and Benjamin R. Beardsey acted as secretaries.

Col. R. W. Richardson, special agent of the national good roads bureau for the Mississippi valley, delivered a brief but eloquent talk on the work of the department and the good roads conventions being held throughout the country and the good roads train movement. Col. Richardson is an enthusiast on his favorite subject.

He said that the problem of good roads was an important one for every class of citizens as any problem before the country, that it vitally affected the farmer, and therefore the business man; that it was a problem which touched the pocket of every citizen, and that its satisfactory solution was a pure matter of business, the saving of millions of dollars.

He said that the convention to be held at the state fair together with the practical demonstrations to be made, would be of great value to the state of Minnesota, and he hoped it would be the beginning of a great forward movement for better roads throughout the state.

Committees Appointed.

An executive committee, consisting of George W. Cooley, chairman; Prof. W. R. Hoag, secretary; J. T. E. Well, W. M. Hays, David W. Gray and Prof. Thomas Shaw, was appointed for the good roads convention at the fair grounds next month. The following reception committee was also appointed: Prof. W. M. Hays, A. B. Choate, F. H. Nutter, O. Clausen, Fred Nussbaum, W. C. Frazier, N. Y. Taylor, S. L. Moyer, G. W. Cooley, C. E. Miller, H. Staples, O. C. Gregg, R. G. Millet, O. H. Case, T. A. Hoovers, H. R. Wells, A. C. Paul, E. A. Boardman, P. E. Doran, J. W. Wynne, W. S. Miller.

It was decided to issue a call to the supervisors of every township in Minnesota to attend this convention, as their aid in the good road work is essential to its success throughout the state.

St. Paul Is Helping DULUTH TO LAND PRIZE

Strong Efforts Being Made to Secure the New Naval Training School.

Duluth, backed by St. Paul and Minneapolis, is going hard after the new naval training school to be located in this section of the country, and it has now taken hold of the state or property of the Duluth Chamber of Commerce, and business bodies in Minnesota, taking a hand in behalf of the lake shore city. St. Paul was the first city to demonstrate its interest in the school, and the Chamber of Commerce, of this city, adopting resolutions urging Minnesota congressmen to do what they could to land the prize for the Duluth city. The people of Duluth deeply appreciate this movement in St. Paul, which has resulted in other cities in the state taking similar action.

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