

YOUNG GIRL A SUICIDE

Minnie Harmening Residing Near Palatine Hangs Herself.

Found Hanging to a Rafter in Barn—Body Cut Down by Her Brother.

Brother Conceals Truth of the Tragedy and Causes Sensation.

Minnie Harmening whose body was found in her father's barn Wednesday afternoon, on the farm near Palatine, was not, her brother Fred says, the victim of a fendish assault, but met death at her own hand, hanging herself. Although the coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide, there is still a mystery surrounding the tragedy and the father of the girl refuses to credit the story as told by his son, and declares his daughter was brutally murdered.

The following version of the death of his sister told by Fred Harmening and which excited a sensation in the country Wednesday night, was exploded yesterday when the brother told an entirely different story. From the condition of the clothing, which was torn in places, and from marks and bruises on the body, the theory that the girl was attacked before her death was raised and the physician's examination of the body bore out that theory.

Story as First Told by Chicago Reporters.
"One of the most dastardly crimes committed in this section in years was the brutal murder of pretty 18-year-old Minnie Harmening daughter of a well-to-do farmer residing about four miles north of Palatine, whose crime was perpetrated Wednesday afternoon to a barn on her father's farm.

Laying on the floor of the barn, her face and neck discolored, the marks of a fendish fingers on her throat, her clothing nearly torn off, the body of a fendish assault was found by her brother John, 19 years of age. No one witnessed the crime, no strangers or suspicious characters were seen in the vicinity of the farm, and the assailant was unknown.

The parents of the murdered girl were absent from home during the afternoon, the father, Fred Harmening, being in Chicago, and the mother at Palatine. Minnie, the victim, was in charge of the house, with her two younger sisters and her brother.

It was soon after four o'clock that her brother says, that his sister Minnie left the house and fifteen minutes later he and the other girls walked toward the main barn. The door was open and lying on the floor was their sister. The boy thought his sister had fainted, and leaving the two girls at the barn he ran the home to the nearest neighbor, Louis Larson, and told Mrs. Larson of finding his sister apparently unconscious. His neighbors were notified and shortly after a number of people proceeded to the barn. A physician summoned from Palatine, pronounced the girl dead, giving strangulation as the cause of death and told the motive for the crime.

Surrounding Country Arrested.
The news of the crime spread rapidly and soon a large crowd of people were at the scene. The parents had heard the sad tidings before they reached home. Local officers arrived soon after the report of the crime was sent out. Deputy Sheriff Kuebler of Palatine took the case in charge and the telegraph and telephone lines were kept hot in notifying the authorities in every village and farmers in the vicinity. No clue was obtained to the person who committed the brutal deed up to midnight Wednesday. Thursday forenoon Chicago detectives and blood hounds were started in a man hunt.

Fred Harmening Says It Is Truth.
Minnie was working in the field with her son in the afternoon and went to the pasture to drive up the cows as was her custom every afternoon after which she was to return to where she and her other sisters were working. She didn't return and about 3 o'clock my sisters and myself went to look for her and on entering the barn discovered her hanging from a beam. She was dead. I cut the body down, laid it on the barn floor and hid the rope in the hay loft. I then went and told neighbors that Minnie had been murdered. My reason for telling this story was to spare the feelings of my father and mother, whom I feared could not stand the shock."

This evidence was corroborated in main points by the sisters.
Coroner Truesdell endeavored to probe the testimony of Fred Harmening as to the cause of the dead girl, to discover if

Minnie and her brother Fred had been absent from the field at any time during the afternoon previous to her departure for the pasture, but failed to elicit anything that would disturb the brother's testimony.

The verdict of the coroner's jury declaring that death was self-inflicted was not still, conjecture concerning the details of Minnie Harmening who was a young lady of bright, happy disposition and no one reason can be assigned for her taking her own life.

Cook County Teachers Association.
The first regular meeting of the Cook County Teachers' association for the school year will be held in the association auditorium, corner LaSalle street and Arcade court, Saturday, October 8, 1904, at 10:30 a. m. Dr. J. W. Cook, president of the Northern Illinois State Normal School will address the meeting.

Subject: "The New Profession."
The country school section will meet as usual at 1:30 p. m. Miss Nash will occupy the first half of the time with music, after which Assistant Superintendent Downey will have charge of the session.

Election of Officers.
The Y. P. M. S. of Salem church held their annual business meeting Tuesday evening. The official reports given were very satisfactory, nearly \$175 being raised for the Mission cause. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Henry O. Sott.
Vice Pres.—Samuel Naecher.
Secretary—Alma Stiefenhofer.
Cor. Sec.—Clara Lageschulte.
Treasurer—Fred Hobeln.
Librarians—Louise Meier, J. Wm. Homuth.
Prog. Com.—Lydia Sott, Walter Landner, Ben Schroeder.
Organists—Jennie Landwer, Rose Lageschulte.

LAKE ZURICH NEWS.

Henry Seip is busy selling corn harvesters.

Arthur Briggs opened his market last Saturday.

Farmers in this vicinity are busy harvesting corn.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scholz visited at Chicago Sunday.

Charles Scholz received a consignment of Marvel four this week.

Hunters are numerous in this vicinity and mud hens are plentiful.

John Hironomus has succeeded Mr. Meyers at Bicknass's sample room.

Charles Klepper's little child was severely burned about the head the other day.

Charles Seip with a party of hunters from Palatine came out Wednesday and captured 102 mud hens.

Fred Schmitt narrowly escaped injury while at Barrington Tuesday. His team became frightened and made a lively run. Fred jumped on the pole from the dashboard of the wagon and controlled the team.

A City Store in a Country Town.
The advantages claimed for buying in a city are—larger variety of goods, later styles, better service, lower prices. All these our customers secure and in addition we pay their car fare. Take for example our hosiery department. Ladies' fished hose, plain or ribbed top, 10c. All wool sample hose 15c; Men's fine all wool hose 15c; a special fine and heavy wool hose 10c; Children's all wool black ribbed hose sizes 6 to 8; 10c sizes 7 to 10 1/2c. Children's all wool hosiery with feet, 10c; boys' ribbed hose fished hose sizes 7 to 10, two pair for 25c. Ladies' fine ribbed 3-thread hose 10c.

Special new values—2,000 yards of flannel, 2 to 10 yards in a piece, 8c a yard—15c values. Calico for quilts 10c a pound. Ladies' tailor made suits, special lot, \$3.98 per suit; 150 sample skirts, prices from \$1.00 to \$4.50, sold at the cost of manufacture. 200 samples of knit goods, Infants' jackets, skirts, shoulder shawls, hoodies, etc., ranging in price from 19c to 50c; one-third less than regular wholesale rates. Case of men's black and white mittens, 10c pair. Men's English cloth gloves, 15c value. 35c. Trade \$10, show round trip R. B. tickets from Barrington and get refunded care fare. Remember team tickets if you drive.

C. F. HALL CO., Dundee.

Subscribe for the home paper.

PALATINE LOCAL NEWS

Gathered and Compiled by A. G. Smith, Local Editor.

Mrs. Albert Bentler of Chicago visited at E. Bentler's last Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Rea at Des Plaines, Sept. 29, 1904 daughter.

Mr. Shank has moved from Barrington into his new house in the subdivision.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sevik are happy over the arrival of a little boy born Sunday Oct. 2, 1904.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lytle of Libertyville visited relatives and friends here Sunday and Monday.

The Ladies Aid society will hold their annual harvest supper in the Methodist church tonight.

The Republican club will meet in Woodman hall Oct. 10 to make arrangements for the campaign and election.

The Methodist conference is being held in Chicago next week and a pastor will be assigned to Palatine next week.

A large number of people attended the sale of A. L. Smith's household goods last Saturday and fair prices were realized.

The cemetery association is looking for some one to take care of the cemetery and the Methodist church is looking for a janitor.

Hickory nuts have lured many people to the woods the past week and many bushels have been stored away for next winter's enjoyment.

Mrs. D. J. Holmes expects to go to California with her sister to spend the winter and return to Palatine to live if she can rent a small house here.

The dance held under the auspices of the M. W. A. in their hall Saturday night attracted a large number of young people who enjoyed the evening.

The annual Sunday School Rally will take the place of the church services next Sunday A. M. at 11 o'clock at the M. E. Church. All former teachers, scholars, and friends are especially invited.

At St. Paul's church Sunday morning a Harvest Thanksgiving service will be held and a special collection for missions taken up. In the evening Rev. Hoffmeister will lecture on "The World's Fair" and a collection will be taken. Everybody is invited.

Mrs. James Taylor of Dundee township may be prosecuted by the state's attorney on the strength of the findings of a Carpentersville jury, which holds Mrs. Taylor partially responsible for the death of her foster son, aged four weeks. Mistreatment and inflammation of the bowels is the verdict. Mr. Taylor swore that his wife had on several occasions "slammed the infant into the carriage." The little one's back was covered with sores, and there were bruises on the head.

POETRY OF THE HEART.
A happy heart is better than a full purse.
He who hath most benevolence most of all.
A cheerful countenance betokens a good heart.
No estate can make him rich that has a poor heart.
When you open your heart be always ready to shut it to again.
The heart's testimony is stronger than a thousand witnesses.
A glad heart seldom sighs, but a sorrowful mouth often sighs.
The heart is the hidden treasure of man; the tongue is the gate to the treasure.
There never was a heart truly great and generous that was not tender and compassionate.—Chicago Post.

Confessions of a Priest.
Rev. Jno. S. Cox of Wake, Ark., writes: "For 19 years I suffered from Yellow Jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all sorts of medicines, but got no relief. Then I began the use of Electric Bitters and feel that I am now cured of a disease that had me in its grasp for twelve years." If you want a reliable medicine for Liver and Kidney trouble, stomach disorder or general debility get Electric Bitters. It's guaranteed by Geo. C. Roberts & Co. Only 50c.

The Heart Dogs of New York.
There are dogs in New York that never set foot on the street. They belong to the janitors in the downtown buildings, and their runs consist of the roof of the building in which their owners live and adjoining roofs on the same level. That is a rare day when the office worker on looking out the window sees a dog does not see a half dozen dogs romping about upon the roofs beneath him. There is one advantage at least in being a roof dog—the dog catcher has no terrors for him.

Wanted Calk.
"Improv'd? Well, I should say! He spends his money in the most foolish way."
"Why?"
"See. Why, only the other day he spent half a dollar to advertise for an umbrella he had lost."—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Love Letter
Would not interest you if you were

WAUGONDA MENTION.

Succinctly Told by Our Regular Correspondent.

Lute Dixon spent Sunday at Lake Zurich.

Mrs. C. L. Pratt was a Chicago visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Thies, of Barrington, were Tuesday callers.

Miss Winnie Pratt is spending the week with friends at Wauegan.

Mrs. R. B. Kimberly and Mrs. J. D. McCabe spent Tuesday at McHenry.

Miss Lena Pratt, of North Adams, Vt., spent the first of the week with relatives here.

Mrs. Geo. Conway, of Chicago, spent Sunday with relatives and friends in our village and vicinity.

Dr. L. E. Golding will be absent from his dental duties next week. The doctor has taken a vacation, and we hope that he will enjoy his much needed rest.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Hammond are spending the week with friends at Springfield, Ill. They intend to visit the St. Louis Exposition before returning home.

A serious accident befell Jasper Davis the first of the week. While assisting Will Davis to break a coat, the animal crowded him in a stable and bent his hand over, breaking his wrist. Dr. Hobbs set the injured member and latest reports have the patient doing as well as could be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Welch moved their household effects to Barrington Tuesday. Mr. Welch having disposed of his meat market and purchased that of Geo. Schafer at Barrington. His local successor Frank Honey, I well know as a good judge of stock and we feel sure that he will do his best to get the best meat possible for us.

The remains of Eddie Morrison, whose sudden death occurred at the McAlister Hospital at Wauegan, Thursday morning were brought here for burial Saturday. The funeral was held from the M. E. Church at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. Geo. officiating and interment was made in the Wauegan Cemetery. Eddie was an exceptional young man with a bright future, and will be greatly missed by his bereaved relatives and countless friends.

Auction Sale.
Henry Hobeln will sell at public auction on the Hobeln homestead northwest of Barrington, Wednesday Oct. 12, commencing at noon, 45 head of heifers, milkers and springers, 2 good farm horses; 40 acres corn in shock; 25 tons tame hay. William Peters will conduct the sale.

We can supply you with any newspaper, magazine or periodical published. Barrington Pharmacy.

Matrimonial.
Tuesday evening September 4th, at the residence of the bride's parents, occurred the marriage of Miss Rose Niemeyer to John Magan, Rev. W. H. Tuttle of the M. E. church officiating.

Advices from Los Angeles California announce the marriage in that city Sept. 28, of Will Glecke, formerly of this village, and Miss Elva C. Chirane of Los Angeles.

After an absence of three months in California, the pastor of the Baptist church will be present to conduct the services of that church next Sunday. Mr. Garth will be pleased to meet his many friends again and hopes to have a message for all. He will be pleased to meet all the Sunday school scholars at their session also.

Success.
With great care and much labor a caterpillar climbed up a tall spear of grass. When he reached the top he stood on his hind end and waved his front end in the air.
"Just as I feared," said he. "Success does not bring happiness."
But then he turned and climbed down, for the caterpillars are wiser than men.—Puck.

Wanted Calk.
"Improv'd? Well, I should say! He spends his money in the most foolish way."
"Why?"
"See. Why, only the other day he spent half a dollar to advertise for an umbrella he had lost."—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Love Letter
Would not interest you if you were

WAUGONDA MENTION.

Succinctly Told by Our Regular Correspondent.

Lute Dixon spent Sunday at Lake Zurich.

Mrs. C. L. Pratt was a Chicago visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Thies, of Barrington, were Tuesday callers.

Miss Winnie Pratt is spending the week with friends at Wauegan.

Mrs. R. B. Kimberly and Mrs. J. D. McCabe spent Tuesday at McHenry.

Miss Lena Pratt, of North Adams, Vt., spent the first of the week with relatives here.

Mrs. Geo. Conway, of Chicago, spent Sunday with relatives and friends in our village and vicinity.

Dr. L. E. Golding will be absent from his dental duties next week. The doctor has taken a vacation, and we hope that he will enjoy his much needed rest.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Hammond are spending the week with friends at Springfield, Ill. They intend to visit the St. Louis Exposition before returning home.

A serious accident befell Jasper Davis the first of the week. While assisting Will Davis to break a coat, the animal crowded him in a stable and bent his hand over, breaking his wrist. Dr. Hobbs set the injured member and latest reports have the patient doing as well as could be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Welch moved their household effects to Barrington Tuesday. Mr. Welch having disposed of his meat market and purchased that of Geo. Schafer at Barrington. His local successor Frank Honey, I well know as a good judge of stock and we feel sure that he will do his best to get the best meat possible for us.

The remains of Eddie Morrison, whose sudden death occurred at the McAlister Hospital at Wauegan, Thursday morning were brought here for burial Saturday. The funeral was held from the M. E. Church at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. Geo. officiating and interment was made in the Wauegan Cemetery. Eddie was an exceptional young man with a bright future, and will be greatly missed by his bereaved relatives and countless friends.

Auction Sale.
Henry Hobeln will sell at public auction on the Hobeln homestead northwest of Barrington, Wednesday Oct. 12, commencing at noon, 45 head of heifers, milkers and springers, 2 good farm horses; 40 acres corn in shock; 25 tons tame hay. William Peters will conduct the sale.

We can supply you with any newspaper, magazine or periodical published. Barrington Pharmacy.

Matrimonial.
Tuesday evening September 4th, at the residence of the bride's parents, occurred the marriage of Miss Rose Niemeyer to John Magan, Rev. W. H. Tuttle of the M. E. church officiating.

Advices from Los Angeles California announce the marriage in that city Sept. 28, of Will Glecke, formerly of this village, and Miss Elva C. Chirane of Los Angeles.

After an absence of three months in California, the pastor of the Baptist church will be present to conduct the services of that church next Sunday. Mr. Garth will be pleased to meet his many friends again and hopes to have a message for all. He will be pleased to meet all the Sunday school scholars at their session also.

Success.
With great care and much labor a caterpillar climbed up a tall spear of grass. When he reached the top he stood on his hind end and waved his front end in the air.
"Just as I feared," said he. "Success does not bring happiness."
But then he turned and climbed down, for the caterpillars are wiser than men.—Puck.

Wanted Calk.
"Improv'd? Well, I should say! He spends his money in the most foolish way."
"Why?"
"See. Why, only the other day he spent half a dollar to advertise for an umbrella he had lost."—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Love Letter
Would not interest you if you were

looking for a guaranteed Salve for Sores, Burns or Piles. Otto Dodd of Ponder, Mo., writes: "I suffered with an ugly sore for a year but a box of Huckle's Arnica Salve cured me. It's the best salve on earth. 25c at Geo. C. Roberts & Co., drug store."

Brains Not Needed.
Sir Conan Doyle once told a story of an English officer who was badly wounded in South Africa, and the military surgeon had to shave off that portion of his brain which protruded from his skull. The officer got well, and later on in London the surgeon asked whether he knew that a portion of his brain was in a glass bottle in a laboratory. "Oh, that does not matter now," replied the soldier; "I've got a permanent position in the war office."

He Knew the Game.
Deacon Henryweight—And so you are going to leave us, parson? Rev. Mr. Thankful—Yes, I have had a call from another parson, and by the way, the salary is considerably larger. I am sorry to leave my flock, but I must obey the call. Deacon Henryweight—Was it may be what you call a call, but it seems to me a good deal more like a raise.

Village Board Meeting.
The village board of trustees met in regular session Monday evening, President Lamer presiding and all members present.

After the reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting the report of the village treasurer for the month of September was read and approved.

By the amount of \$70.71 were audited.

Complaint was made that P. A. Hawley was violating the village ordinance by keeping swine within the village limits. The matter was referred to the village attorney with power to act.

Action upon the sidewalk ordinance was deferred until the next regular meeting.

There being no further business the board adjourned.

Breaks into His House.
S. Le Quinn of Cavendish, Vt., was robbed of his customary health by invasion of Chronic Constipation. When Dr. King's New Life Pills broke into his house, his trouble was arrested and now he's entirely cured. They're guaranteed by Geo. C. Roberts & Co., drug store.

TO RETAIN YOUTH.

Simply refuse to grow old by not counting your years or anticipating old age.

Refrain from all kinds of stimulants and sedatives. They shorten your life.

Keep in the sunlight. Nothing beautiful or sweet grows or ripens in the darkness.

Avoid fear in all its varied forms of expressions of it is the greatest enemy of the human race.

Avoid excesses of all kinds. They are injurious. The long life must be a temperate, regular life.

Cultivate a sense of contentment. All discontent and dissatisfaction bring age prematurely to the face.

Don't be too ambitious. The cancer of an overambitious ambition has eaten up the happiness of many a life and shortened its years.—Success.

Meece and Lassa.
Meece is the only remaining parallel to Lassa. The former city still shrouds itself in a veil of mystery. Bunkerham, and later Richard Bunker, carrying their lives in their hands, lived in this city, the latter mingling unobserved with its inhabitants and taking part in religious rites with its pilgrims. Both Meece and Lassa have many points of interest in common.

Each respectively is a point of pilgrimage for converts to the two great religions of Mohammedanism and Buddhism, the one as the birthplace of Mohammed receiving 100,000 pilgrims annually. Both contain several temples, and both, behind their closed gates, have also been centers of indescribable filth, squallor and vice.

That "English Assent."
There was unconscious satire, writes Sir Archibald Geikie in his "Reminiscences" in the answer given by a housemaid to her mistress, who was puzzled to conjecture how far the girl could be intelligible in London, whence she had returned to Scotland. "For speak such best as best," said she, "I wonder how they could understand you in 'Och, but, mam, I aye speak English them."

"Did you? And how did you manage that?"
"Oh, mam, there's naethin' easier. Ye man, get on your 'Abraham's' and gie the words a bit chow in the middle."

Speaker Cannon is going and speaking as he goes. He is making a great campaign and will visit the next house and be his own successor in the speaker's chair.—Denver Commercial News.