

Allison -20 March 1915

The funeral of Minnie Altha Allison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Allison, of Bigfork, took place yesterday afternoon at Bigfork, and the remains were interred in the Lonepine cemetery. Undertaker Waggener had charge of the funeral. The deceased was eight years of age.

Anderson - 10 December 1915

The death of Mrs. Carrie Anderson occurred at her home at Somers yesterday. She was 67 years of age, and is survived by several grown sons and daughters. The funeral will be held at Somers at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and interment will be made in Conrad cemetery. The funeral will be directed by the Sherman undertaking establishment.

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MRS. DAVID BARKER.

The many friends of Mrs. David Barker will regret to hear of her death in Seattle February 14. A husband and several children survive her. Mr. Barker will be remembered as a carpenter and contractor, and for many years the family resided here. They removed to Seattle several years ago.

MRS. BRANDER DEAD; FUNERAL TODAY

Mrs. Annie L. Brander, wife of William Brander, of this city, died at her home on Fourth avenue east north at 5:40 yesterday morning, after a lingering illness. Death was due to cancer of the stomach, from which she has suffered for the past five years. About a year ago she was taken very ill, but last spring recovered sufficiently so as to be able to be about the house, and her friends entertained hopes of her ultimate recovery. About a week ago she contracted pleurisy, and was unable to withstand the complication of diseases. Her condition was not thought to be any worse than on many previous occasions until Saturday, when she lapsed into unconsciousness, from which she did not recover until the last, when she rallied and talked to Mr. Brander, and her last words were for the welfare of her children.

Mrs. Brander was born in Galipolis, Ohio, October 5, 1871. She was married to William Brander August 21, 1904, and the family have made their home here continuously ever since. Besides her husband, Mrs. Brander is survived by two little children, William and Julia, her mother, Mrs. Tippins, and a sister, Mrs. Barney Branigan, both of whom reside at Proctor, three brothers, Eugene Tippins of Los Angeles, William Tippins of Plattsmouth, Neb., and A. J. Tippins of Lincoln, Neb., and another sister, Mrs. Jane Cooper, of Glenwood, Iowa.

The funeral was held at the home at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. E. H. Clark, of the Baptist church, conducting the services.

Mrs. Brander's whole interest in life was in her home and her children, and her loss comes as a very bitter loss to her family. During her residence in the city she has made many warm friends, although she has been confined closely to her home during her illness. It was her request that her children be cared for by her sister, Mrs. Branigan, of Proctor, and this wish will be complied with.

Interment was made in Conrad cemetery.

ROBERT J. BENN IS SHOT AND KILLED---ASSAILANT UNKNOWN

Body Found by Employe This Morn- ing, Lying in Pool of Blood Behind Bar, Evidently Killed by Intend- ing Robber Just After The Closing Hour Last Night.

Kaupell was startled this morning with the announcement that Robert J. Benn, proprietor of Benn's Buffet saloon, had been murdered some time during the night. The body was found by the porter, F. G. Cummings, at five o'clock and he immediately notified the sheriff's office.

A Gruesome Sight.

It was a gruesome sight that greeted the porter and he was horror stricken. His late employer was lying in a pool of blood, face downward, and stone dead. His clothing, consisting of bar coat, shirt and trousers, were spattered with blood, and his hair was matted with congealed blood. The face was so smeared as to be almost unrecognizable. The terrified porter immediately notified the sheriff's office and the county coroner. They found the body as above stated, and immediately started an investigation. It was found that the assassin accomplished his foul deed by means of a revolver, shooting his victim in the chest. The bullet entered the left breast and passed through the heart, undoubtedly producing instant death. After being shot Mr. Benn fell forward on his face, and all indications are that he was not disturbed after he fell. The body was found near the cash register, which was open but empty. Blood stains were found along the interior side of the bar, but none on top, which would indicate that the murderer shot from behind the bar. No cartridge shells were found and the officers are thus led to believe that a gun other than an automatic was the weapon used. A scar on the forehead indicated a shot wound, but a superficial examination did not reveal where the bullet had entered the skull. It is the general opinion that the wound was caused by hitting his head on some sharp instrument when falling, or possibly the assassin hit his victim over the head with the gun.

Robbery the Motive.

There could have been no other motive than robbery, as Mr. Benn was never known to have had an enemy. The bloody finger prints on the safe also lend weight to the robbery theory. It is evident that the deed was committed by some one familiar with the place and with the hour of closing. The saloon is always closed at midnight, and the first act is to lock the front door. The money is then counted and placed in the safe for the night. In all probability the fellow timed his holdup so as to be on hand when Mr. Benn was counting the money, but he arrived too late, the money was secure-

ly locked in the safe. It is thought he accosted his victim back of the bar, and, possibly, threatened his life if he did not open the safe and in the mixup the weapon was discharged. The murderer then attempted to open the safe and, failing in that, made a hasty getaway.

Bloodstained Garments.

A blood-stained cap was found in the stairway leading to the basement in the rear of the building and a rain coat, which is badly spattered with blood, was found in a wood pile in the rear of the Zahn candy factory. It is evident that the fellow discarded these garments as he ran. The tracks showed that he ran up the alley between the candy factory and Cobb's taxidermy store, striking the sidewalk on First avenue east at that point. It was impossible to trace him further. The bloody coat proves that the murderer was in close proximity to his victim and must have grappled with him, hitting Benn with the revolver, cutting a gash from which the blood spurted and covered his coat. The shooting then followed. Two blood hounds were brought from Columbia Falls, but because of a light snow that had fallen during the night, the dogs were unable to take up the scent. No clue, other than the coat and cap, has been found that would indicate the identity of the murderer. The coat is an ordinary ulster, gray in color, and the cap is of gray woolen cloth and golf style.

Hears Disturbance.

The last person to talk with Mr. Benn was Ross Miller, who greeted him a few minutes before midnight. Mr. Miller says he bade him good night and then proceeded to his room in the second story of the building. About 12:10, he states, he heard some loud talk down stairs and immediately two loud reports were heard, but hearing no further disturbance and thinking that a door had banged, he dismissed the incident from his mind.

Roy Kelly, porter for the Montana hotel, and Robert Hunter were standing in the adjoining doorway when the incident occurred. They heard a shot and looked in through the window but could see nothing unusual. The lights were all on and everything seemed quiet. The murdered and his victim were hidden from view by the high bar. A number of others heard the gun report but gave the matter no serious consideration. The would-be robber, in his anxiety to get away, left the lights burning and the room was lighted up when the porter arrived this morning.

Confident of Capture.

Every effort is being made to locate the murderer, and Sheriff Metcalf feels hopeful of an early capture. Two suspects were rounded up this morning and are being held on suspicion. One is named Wilcox, an ex-convict who is now out on parole. Wilcox says he came up from Polson yesterday and can prove an alibi. The other is Livingston, who was arrested last fall under suspicion of being an accomplice of O'Malley who is being held on a holdup charge. The sheriff endeavored to secure the services of W. Hoyt Turner, a Bertillon expert, to come and photograph the thumb marks found on the safe, but he is informed by the Spokane chief of police that the expert can not come. The sheriff was advised, however, to get the services of E. S. Judd, of Billings, who is said to be an accomplished decipherer of finger prints. The sheriff has a drag net out and it is not thought possible that the fugitive can escape.

Public Indignant.

When the news of the tragedy gained circulation throughout the

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Davis - 26 Jan 1915

Fleming- 27 December 1915

Mrs. Nora K. Sherman returned last evening from Eureka, where she conducted the funeral of Mrs. N. C. Fleming yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Fleming died suddenly of pneumonia Wednesday last. She was well known in Eureka, where she has lived for a number of years. She was a great

church worker, and had a wide circle of friends to mourn her loss. Mrs. Sherman states that it was one of the largest funerals she has ever seen in Eureka.

Hadley -3 November 1915

Fred Hadley, a lumberjack from Libby, died at 12:30 this morning at the county hospital, where he has been for the past two months. Death was due to tuberculosis. So far as is known he has no relatives in this part of the country. Interment will be made in the Demersville cemetery tomorrow. The body was prepared for burial by Coroner Waggener.

Hadley - 4 November 1915

The body of Fred Hadley, who died yesterday at the county hospital, was buried today at Demersville.

Johnson -21 December 1915

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank our neighbors and friends, and especially the Royal Neighbors of America, for their kindness and sympathy and many beautiful floral offerings during the sickness and death of our son Orville.

MR. AND MRS. W. JOHNSON.

MRS. FRANK DAVIS DIES AT CALGARY

Mrs. Frank Davis, who was a resident of the Flathead valley for nearly 25 years, died at Calgary last Thursday, as a result of several years illness from cancer. The funeral was held at Calgary on Saturday. Besides Mr. Davis, a daughter, Mrs. Frank Addeman, and two sons, Chan and Ray, are left.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis came to the Flathead about 25 years ago and lived near Kila most of the time since. They came here from Boulder, Montana, and are old-timers in Montana. Last spring the family rented their farm in Smith valley, and went to Calgary, for the benefit of Mrs. Davis' health. An operation became necessary last summer, but Mrs. Davis did not improve. Dr. Davis did everything possible in the hope of effecting her recovery, but in spite of every effort, death finally came.

The many friends of the family here will regret to learn of Mrs. Davis' death and sincerely sympathize with those who are left.

Johnson- 15 December 1915

LESTER JOHNSON SUCCUMBS; HEART DISEASE THE CAUSE

Whitefish, Dec. 15.—Lester E. Johnson, a prominent citizen of this place, died at his home here December 14. Mr. Johnson was formerly secretary of the Whitefish chamber of commerce, but resigned some months ago on account of ill health. He was also secretary of the Whitefish Commercial association, and served as city treasurer, and since coming here from Great Falls four years ago, has been actively identified with the interests of the city. He has been a sufferer from heart trouble for a long time, and his condition became so bad a year ago that he was obliged to retire from active business. The altitude seemed to have a serious effect upon him, but at the last he was unable to be moved. He is survived by a wife and a little daughter, about 10 years of age. The funeral will be held at Whitefish tomorrow, and interment will be made in Conrad cemetery at Kalispell.

Kennedy -4 Mar 1915

Mrs. A. D. Macdonald and Mrs. G. M. Fisher will leave tonight for Missoula, going by way of Sandpoint, to be at the bedside of their aunt, Mrs. Wm. Kennedy, whose death is daily expected. Mrs. Kennedy was the first white woman in Montana and her life is closely allied with the early history of the state.

Logan -24 Feb 1915

Mrs. S. M. Logan received a telegram from Mr. Logan last night that his mother died a few hours before he reached Washington, D.C.

Mother of Vesta Long -15 March 1915

Mrs. Vesta Long after an absence of several months in Des Moines, Ia., where she was called by the illness and death of her mother, returned to Kalispell Saturday night.

McCarthy -4 November 1915

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to express our sincere thanks to the many friends of our late daughter and sister, Nellie McCarthy, who either by word or deed helped to comfort her during her long illness and who so kindly assisted us at the time of her death.—Mrs. M. McCarthy and family.

McIntosh -19 Jan 1915

The funeral of Mrs. R. D. McIntosh, who died on last Saturday, was held at the McIntosh home, 505 Fifth avenue west, at 2:00 p. m. yesterday. Rev. D. B. Titus officiated and interment was made in Conrad cemetery.

Masterman -27 December 1915

Ira Masterman, who has been employed in John Hyde's camp at Lubec, died yesterday at the Sisters' hospital, his skull having been fractured as a result of a tree falling on him in the woods some days previous. The body has been removed to Coroner Waggener's undertaking establishment, where it will be held pending advices from relatives.

McDonald- 15 February 1915

MRS. MARY McDONALD.

Mrs. Mary McDonald, the venerable mother of Mrs. M. Driscoll, passed away yesterday morning after an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. McDonald was born December 25, 1844, at Harrisburg, Pa. She moved to Wabasha, Minn., in 1851, where she resided until 1895, when she came to Montana, making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Driscoll. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. H. O. Jarvis and Mrs. Driscoll, and one son, John McDonald, of Wabasha, Minn. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock from St. Matthew's church. Interment in Conrad memorial cemetery.

McMannamy -17 Feb 1915

**HEART TROUBLE
ENDS IN DEATH**

The death of Mrs. W. P. McMannamy occurred yesterday afternoon, shortly after three, at the home, 825 Second avenue west, after an illness of two weeks. The deceased is mourned by a husband, a son and a daughter. The funeral will be held

Nordtome- 15 December 1915

FUNERAL OF MRS. NORDTOME.

The funeral of Mrs. Annie Nordtome, who died Sunday morning, was held today from the Norwegian Lutheran church at 10 o'clock and at 1 o'clock from the Spring Creek church, Rev. G. A. Tungseth conducting the services in town in English and those at Spring Creek in Norwegian. The quartette composed of Mesdames Wee and Torgerson and Messrs. A. Rydlander and H. Hendrickson sang two hymns, and Mrs. Wee alone sang at the second service. The pallbearers were: Robert Nordtome, Andrew Nordtome, S. T. Lee, L. Berlund, R. Iverson and Mr. Foster. There were many beautiful floral gifts.

Mrs. Nordtome was born in Trondhjem, Norway, in 1842, and came to America in 1904 to make

her home with her son, E. Nordtome. She leaves four sons, Mens, Martin and I. E. Grolte, all of Norway, and Ed Nordtome of this city; two daughters, Mrs. C. W. Lund of Kalispell, and Mrs. W. Hedstrom of Eureka. Her death will also be mourned by a wide circle of friends. Her husband, Esten Nordtome, died in Norway 25 years ago.

Osborne- 3 April 1915

MRS. JOHN G. OSBORN.

Hattie, daughter of Rev. Charles and Ella Smith Machin, was born in New York city, April 30, 1836. She was married to John G. Osborn, of Verona, Oneida county, New York, March 13, 1862, and removed to Illinois in the autumn of 1864, locating in Rock Island county, where she lived 49 years. Two children were born, Charles, of Joslin, Ill., and Emma, wife of M. M. Nicholson, of Kalispell. In February, 1909, she suffered a stroke of paralysis which left her a cripple and impaired her speech, compelling the breaking up of the home. In August, 1913, she came to Kalispell to make her home with her daughter, where she passed away on the morning of April 1st, aged 78 years and 11 months.

Funeral services were held at the home yesterday afternoon, conducted by Rev. E. H. Clark, of the Baptist church, and the burial took place in Conrad Memorial cemetery.

At about the age of 15 she professed faith in Christ, uniting with the church, and all these years maintained a consistent Christian character. She was a faithful and devoted wife and mother, an efficient home maker and keeper and an agreeable companion, a wise counsellor, a kind neighbor and true friend, beloved by all who knew her. Besides the husband and children, she is survived by two brothers, C. B. and F. W. Machin, of Los Angeles; seven grand children, eighteen nephews and nieces, and a host of friends.

Mrs. Clark, wife of the pastor, sang the following lines which were also sung at the funeral of Mr. Osborn's mother in Verona, N. Y., February 20, 1864:

"She has gone to her grave in peace.
She sleeps with the quiet dead;
Her toilsome cares forever ceased,
And every grief is fled.
Amid the triumphant throng,
Redeemed by atoning blood,
She sings exalting songs
In praise of a pardoning God.
And the grave will soon restore
The form of the sainted one.
Oh, then let us weep no more,
That she to her rest has gone."

Reed -29 November 1915 pg 4

PRISONER DIED AT HOSPITAL.

William Reed, who was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail on November 21 for petit larceny, died at 5 o'clock this morning at the county hospital. Death is thought to have been due to alcoholism. It was realized yesterday that he was in a bad way, and he was ordered taken to the hospital. He was 74 years of age, and has been employed as janitor of Phillips' saloon.

Smith - 20 March 1915

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, wife of Humphrey Smith, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Presbyterian church. Several relatives are expected to arrive this afternoon. Mr. Smith is confined to his home with inflammatory rheumatism and is reported to be in a very serious condition.

Turner - 21 Jan 1915

Mrs. H. L. Turner, who has been afflicted with cancer so long, died Tuesday. The funeral will be from the residence, 606 Second avenue east, this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Scott- 29 November 1915 pg 5

MRS. P. M. SCOTT DEAD.

Word has been received that Mrs. P. M. Scott died very suddenly at her home in Appleton, Minn., November 17. Mrs. Scott was here recently on a visit to her sister-in-law, Mrs. G. B. Monette, and Mrs. C. M. Smith, a niece, and left here November 9. Her death comes as a shock to her relatives in this city.

Mother - Sullivan -4 November 1915

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our dear mother and for the beautiful floral offerings.—Katie and John Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Nesbit, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Huntsinger.

Wade - 16 March 1915

**FUNEERAL OF FRANK WADE
HELD HERE YESTERDAY.**

The funeral of Frank Wade, who died at Polson Saturday, was held from the Episcopal church here yesterday afternoon. The body, accompanied by relatives and friends from Polson arrived at 2 o'clock. The train was met by members of the W. O. W. and Moose lodges, who escorted the funeral party to the Episcopal church. Rev. C. H. Linley read the Episcopal service, and Rev. G. M. Fisher also assisted in the services, which were very short and very simple. Interment was made in the Conrad Memorial cemetery. Among those who accompanied the party from Polson were Mrs. Wade, Virgil Wade, Mayme Wade and Will Wade of Salt Lake City, Mr. H. E. Rakeman, H. P. Napton and a number of others.

Walchli -31 Jan 1915

FUNERAL NOTICE.

The funeral of Comrade Ernest Walchli will be held Monday afternoon at two o'clock at the Presbyterian church. All Spanish war veterans will meet at 1:30 at the Waggener undertaking parlors to attend the funeral.

**S. J. PURNELL,
Commander.**

Walchli -31 Jan 1915

The body of the late Ernest F. Walchli will lie in state at the Waggener undertaking rooms on Monday from 10 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. Those wishing to view the remains will have an opportunity to do so at the time mentioned.