

## INSPECTORS MAKING ROUNDS OF STATE

PAPERS ARE TO BE CHECKED UP  
AND SUBSCRIPTION MUST BE  
PAID IN ADVANCE.

It appears that the postoffice department is going to enforce the ruling that all subscribers to newspapers must be paid in advance. The *Ivanhoe*, (Minn.) Times has the following to say in this regard:

H. A. Strom, a special agent of the postoffice department, is now engaged in making the rounds of the newspapers in this vicinity, inspecting the subscription lists and seeing that they are complying with the rules which require that they shall not allow subscribers to be in arrears more than 12 months.

The newspapers designated in general terms "country" are more or less inconvenienced by this step taken by the postal authorities to rid the government of unjust expense. The country newspaper manager is personally known to his patrons and credit is therefore expected.

The ruling of the postoffice department is mandatory, however, and the publisher is obliged to do his collecting promptly and without hesitation. This is no move upon the part of the publisher, but is forced upon him that he collect his subscriptions promptly. If he does not do so he comes under the law.

### OBITUARY

The following clipping was received from T. M. S. Smith of Mount Vernon, Ia., and for the interest of those who remember the deceased we reprint it as requested:

John Nicholas Bailhache Smith was born near Moro, Madison county, Illinois, June 4, 1854. He went to meet his Saviour from Linn Grove manse, near Mount Vernon, Iowa, on March 7th, 1910. In 1868 he united with the Moro Presbyterian church. Three years later he entered Blackburn university of Carlinville, Illinois, graduating from there with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1875. He was received under the care of Alton presbytery, as a candidate for the ministry the following fall. During the next six months he engaged in corporate and Sabbath school work for the board of publication and Sabbath school work.

In the fall of 1877 he entered the seminary of the northwest, now McCormick, graduating April 1, 1880. During the vacation of 1878 he did missionary work in southern Illinois. The next spring he was asked to preach for a congregation at Elwood, Illinois, that had been gathered by Mr. Moore, a colporteur of the board of publication, and he supplied this church throughout his senior year and until April, 1881.

He was licensed by the presbytery of Alton at Brighton, Illinois, in the spring of 1879, and ordained by the same presbytery at Carlyle, Illinois, on October 20, 1880, as a foreign missionary. While at Elwood, Illinois, he was appointed as a missionary to China, and sailed from San Francisco on August 6, 1881, arriving in Shanghai a month later.

He was married to Fannie Madorah Strong, at that time a missionary in Peking, China, on March 14, 1885. In 1894 he was transferred from Shanghai to

Mingpo, at which latter place he remained until he left China in March, 1900. In 1891 he received the degree Doctor of Divinity from his alma mater.

Since returning to this country he has supplied churches at Chalamcombe and Plainview, Illinois; Courtenay, Erie, and Ayr, North Dakota; Volga, Iowa; and Linn Grove church, Mount Vernon, Ia.

He leaves a wife, four sons, and four daughters, three sisters, and two brothers to look forward to their reunion with him in heaven.

By special request of the deceased his ministerial neighbor, Rev. A. K. Bichenbach, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Mount Vernon, had the service in charge and preached the sermon. But other brethren of the presbytery were in attendance. At the home a short scriptural service was read, and prayer was offered by Rev. W. M. Evans, D. D., of Coe college. At the church Rev. A. K. Baird, D. D., read the scriptural lesson, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Patterson of Springville. Rev. B. E. S. Ely, Jr., D. D., of the Westminster Presbyterian church of Cedar Rapids, a seminary acquaintance of Dr. Smith, gave a loving tribute to the brother deceased. Interment was at the Linn Grove cemetery. In attendance at the service also was Dr. Bailey, of Coe college.

### Jumped to Death

Reynolds, N. D., March 10.—A sheer jump forty feet from the top of a grain bin to the bottom was taken at 5 o'clock this morning by Ole Larson, agent of the Minneapolis and Northern Elevator Company at Reynolds. Four hours later his body was discovered in the bin by searching parties who had been working since about fifteen minutes after the departure from home. An inquest will be held this afternoon by the coroner of Traill county, and suicide will doubtless be the verdict.

Leaving the home of his mother shortly before 6 o'clock this morning Larson who was not feeling well, went directly to the elevator. He was not in the best of health, and she placed a shawl over his head. When he failed to return fifteen minutes later the mother at once gave an alarm and search for the man was started. At ten o'clock the body, bruised and crushed, was found in the grain bin. Larson had struck the bottom head first.

To reach the point from which Larson jumped to his death it was necessary for him to climb to the top of the main portion of the elevator. He then had to make his way to the annex, in which the big bin was located.

No reason for the suicide is known by friends of the man, other than illness.

Larson leaves his mother, a brother and two sisters, one of sisters residing in Reynolds and the other in Grand Forks. He was about 40 years of age.

### For Rent

My farm of 480 acres situated 5 miles south from Melville, N. D. 200 acres under cultivation; 60 acres in pasture with fine living spring of pure water; 80 acres good meadow land; has good 6-room house in first class condition surrounded by a fine grove of trees; good barn. Congenial neighborhood. For further particulars inquire of owner.

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