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THE SAME PAGES

# WALTER AND FRED.

AKEVIEW is in deep, sincere and profound mourning today. Sorrow and gloom has reached every home within the confines of our town as it probably never has before. Two noble boys, one already hidden by the clode of the valley in the silent City of the Dead, and the other awaiting his time to follow his comrade to the last resting place, are subjects of the painful sketch to be narrated. The faces that but a few days ago were sunny smiles and beamed with joy and robust health, are now cold in death. They were the victims of a tragedy so sad and lamentable and which occurred under such paintul circumstances that it makes the hand quiver and the heart ache to carry out the painful duty of writing about it. Walter Brown and Fred Snelling are the victims of the treacherous ice and cruel waters of tioose Lake.

Sunday last was a day for recreation and pleasure. The sun shone brightly and it was like unto an ideal summer's day. On that morning a half dozen lads and lassies, comfortably scated in a carriage, went to the lake to enjoy the day on the ire. Walter and Fred were two of the merry party who started out with joyful anticipation of the pleasures of the day. Upon reaching the lake about ten miles from Lakeview, and immediately west of the ranch of S. J. Studley, all alighted and began to

while on their states. None of the water and the treacherous pot holes n the ice at that point. Soon Walter Brown and Chester Studiey were on the ice, and Waiter, more venturesome than the others, and not think ng of any danger, skated out about 150 yards from the beach. He suddenly went through the ice to the bottom of the lake and as the unfortu-nate buy came up the first since he cried for help. Fred Snelling and Nie Patterson started to his reactie, or taking their pow on on either of bands when he came up again. v and not reath aim. After he poor boy sank for the last without a murmur. It is thought be must have been attacked with cramps, as he was a strong lad and a good swimmer, and he apparently made few efforts to help him-While Fred Snelling was leaning over he treacherous hole in attempting to save his companion the ice broke on his side and he was preespirated into the water. Waiter was then on the bottom. Nis Patterson then on the bottom. the same time while trying to reach Fred only saved himself by a

Thomas Studiey and his brother Chesier were eye witheres to the tragedy and when Fred fell into the water the former ran to a near by fence and securing a tail, placed it across the linic so that little Fred might grasp it and wave binned. He tally managed in get his atmicabout the pole when the ice on the other side gave way and he went down. He again came to the surface and Nis Patterson pulled off his cost and told the struggling lad to grasp one sleeve. He did so, but he was becoming so sensented from the cold that he told to friend be could not hold on longer. The little bero said: "Toll the folks goodbye, I must die." He sank from He sank from eight and was never seen sgain until brought out of the water dead. Milton Sharp, an employe of this office, appeared upon the scene just after the occurrence already related, having swated down from the head of the lake. With the assistance of Cordell Thruston a raft was quickly constructed, and Mr. Sharp slid it out to the hole in the ice, where, with a rouple of books he began: grappling for the bodies. In five monates time the budy of Fred Swelling was brought up and with much difficulty Mr orp got the leady on the raft and it was handed boths twach. Sharpthen look the fait out again and soon bad tion bests of Walter Direxts out of the want and it was taken to the beach Hy that time a large rrowd had gothcast on the close and work of yes Artist was begin, from carriage hade of people arrived from town, Down and the aust of Fred Snelling. for F. H. Smith came also, and as seen as in examined the bedies be said it was all over. However, to calledy the relatives the physician worked with the remains for some time, but life had long before left The remains were brought to Lakeriew about it o'clock in the evening and taken to their respective

Friends divided up and repaired to rach resilience to comfort and assist the afflicted relatives. The above narrative is as nearly correct as The Examiner could possibly obtain it, as there were as many conflicting reports as to low the trapedy inspected and what occurred in the meantime. Those who witnessed the sad scene were of course excited and full of grief, and no two saw the tragedy alike. Little Nis Patterson is deserving of much praise for his brave attempt to rescue his drowning comrades. It was only the hand of Fate that kept him from joining frem in death.

#### FRED SNELLING,

Fred Snelling was an orphan, the son of Daniel and Medalla Shelling, who died here many years ago. He was born in Goose Lake valley, on the farm now owned by Thomas Mc-Grath, and it was only a short distance from the place of his birth to where he lost his life. He was aged 15 years, 5 months and 4 days at the time of death. His aunt, Miss Delia Snelling, upon the death of his last serviving parent, took charge of him and his sister Mabel, the nearest relative he had living, and reares them as her own children. She was a good mother to the orphans and brought them up to fear God and to respect all mankind.

all mankind. Little Fred Snelling was a bright, cheerful lad whom everybody admired for his manly qualities and goodness of heart. Everybody knew Fred Snelling for miles and miles about Lake county, and everybody that knew him well was his friend. Full of the spirit of fun and happy childhood, of wit and humor, he was the life of his playmates on the school grounds, and within the school room he was the cose student who was al-ways well up at the head of his class. Teachers and school companions loved him slike and there was much sorrow, tears and mourning when his death was announced. Ever since the sad occurrence the school companions of Fred and Walter could be seen each day going from one sad and tendial eyes, to gaze upon the elient formeof their dead a booims'es. Fred Spelling, roung to years, to a. friend and No General on the battlener I, learning his soldiers to death, was ever more entitled to the mane of Herothan was Fred Snelling. When he saw his friend struggling for life in the treacherous waters he said: "I'll save him if I can!" What man could ever have displayed a more heroic spirit, what heart more bravery? Let us remember Fred Snelling as a youthful hero who gave up his life in an attempt to save another. The funeral took place from the Baptist church last Tuesday at 2 p. m. The casket was covered with beautiful flowers. The pumis of the department of the public school which deceased attended, marched in twos in the lead, and the casket was carried by six boy schoolmates from the residence to The pallbearers were Perry Striplin, Clarence Suider, Jimmie Maxwell, Harry Heryford, Chester Studiey and Tom Burrus. The ontee of tind was crowded with triends and schoolmates. The choir rendered appropriate music for the occasion, and Mrs. Walter Dyer, in a sweet and mellow voice sang a be

ful side, "Sometime We'll Under stand." Rev. C. W. Holloman was in the pulpit, and delivered a brief but splendid sermon. The preacher was overcome, and for a time could not proceed, so sad did his duty seem to Schoolmates and friends all took a last look at the face of the dead and silently departed for the cemetery. When the grave was reached the casket was lowered and after a short prayer and a song by the choir the last sight of brave Fred Snelling was hidden from view. To the bereaved and orphaned sister, who has lost a loving and beloved brother, to the devoted aunt who so tenderly cared for the dead boy in life, and to the other mourning relatives, The Examiner extends bearfield sympa-

#### WALTER BEOWN.

Walter Brown I. W. and Lufu Erac only son of aged 16 years. months and 10 days. El Paro, Tours, and was brought to Lawrence by his parents at the age of two years. He grew to young manof here and commanded the respect and lave of all who knew him for his many mable traits of character. story of his tragic death has already seen told; we shall dwell upon the moblemess of his character and draw a pacture of his future which doubtless should have been full of soushine and happiness had not Fate decreed otherwise. His future was indeed a promising one. No young man with-in the scope of our recollection ever had a brighter star shining in his pathway to guide him through life, and none other at his age ever went to meet his tied with a purer heart and scul. After an association of over a year, coming in personal contact with this mobile youth each day, we knew him well. If Waiter Brown had faults we knew them not. It is said that all humans have some faults or weaknesses—but we do not believe he had. Pure of mind, tender of heart, and conscientious and honest above all things, he was a greatly admired specimen of young manhood.

None knew him but to love him. None camed him but to praise. Above all, he loved his mother, the good woman whose heart is well nigh breaking as she gases upon the face of her dead boy, while we are inscribing these lines. He was ever studying her happiness and comfort, and that of his sister Lally and baby sister Marguerite. He loved them with a ten-derness that few boys ever display, the fond father and mother looked upon him as their idol. Walter was their pride and joy. One of the brightest pupils in the Lakeview school, he was a giant in intellect for one of his age in the school room, and an athlete on the school grounds. He was of free physique and had many personal attractions. The hand of Death was laid upon him just when the beauty of his person and character had begun to develop. It was cruel fate that so ruthlessly anatched this boy from a devoted mother's side just as his splendid brain had begun to develor and assist him in devising means to help and comfort her. He was wrapped and comfort her. He was wrapped up in his work, for before and after school he would be early at this office to earn a few honest dollars each week. Quick to learn he was not long familiarizing himself with the work at the case, and in a year's time became a rapid and accurate

type-setter. Let the sounds of Nature be in ca dence, and pause for the tear of the lingering schoolmate and friend. We are again brought to bow in humble are again brought to bow in humble submission to the decree of Him who doeth all things well. Most deeply have we been moved. Every human being in Lazevisw mourns the death of Walter Brown, and those his treet like hest mourn the doesest, and feel that in his death they have sustained a personal loss. Bare indeed that one goes down to the tomb followed by the tears and prayers of followed by the tears and prayers of When the silver cord of his life was loosened, and his spirit took its flight, every heart in this com-munity was stricken with grief. Come when thou wilt, grim Messenger, and thou art terrible—in infan y, in childhood, in youth or in manhood, or even when old age and intirmity has ripened the body for the tombthy presence rolls a mighty stone upthe human heart. But sadder are we when from our midst still are thou dost rudely take away one who is just entering upon Life's duties, whose work in the vinyard of the world has just begun. But such is

the uncertain tenure of this life.

As the night vigils are held by the side of the remains, the sorrowing mother walks the room in heart-breaking grief awaiting the uncertain arrival of a loving husband to share her grief. That husband and devoted father is coming from the far distant desert to get one glance at the face of the dead son he loved so well, before his body is lowered into the tomb. This is the situation at the present moment—as we write. One can scarcely imagine the agony and suffering of these relatives, as the clock ticks off the seconds, oh, so

These boys, Walter and Fred, belonged to us as well as to the grief stricken relatives. They were our boys and we were proud of them. The sunlight has suddenly grown dim in this office. There is something missing that we cannot replace. Everybody connected with The Examiner in any way mourns deeply the death of these two noble lads. We claimed a part of their esteem and affection. Walter had been with us for many months, long enough for us to know his worth and nobleness of character. Little Fred had only been with us one week, but that was long enough for us to become attached to him and to deeply feel his loss.

Farewell, noble youths! May your stars shine as brightly in the firmament above as the love and esteem for you were deep rooted in the hearts of those you left on earth.

of those you left on earth. The courier sent out after J. W. Brown, the father, returned Tuesday night alone, having been unable to find him. Harry Riggs started early Wednesday morning and will doubtless return with him, unless the sad news has been conveyed to him by some means and he is already on the way. Mr. Brown may reach here at any hour, or, he may not arrive unhas been printed, as we go to press early on New Year's day. However, as soon as he arrives cards will be issued announcing the hour of holding the funeral. The remains have been placed in a hermetically sealed metalic casket.

### NEW YEAR'S ..OMENS

GOOD AND BAD SIGNS

HE calendar begins the year on Jan. 1, and it is not strange that in the beginning of the year men should find an augury for the future. Ever since the recketting of time began the fortune of the new year's initial day has been rerarded as in a measure indicative of what was to come during the twelve months succeeding. We no longer go to augurs to foretell the future-that is, most of us do not-for instead of being installed in temples and living in luxury the soothsayers now inhabit humble quarters in back streets and alleys. But the vein of superstition which runs through the human race is bound to manifest itself in some way, and, although we are prone to regard ourselves as quite above the foolish practices of our ancestors, we nevertheless, in lingering remnants of custom, show that perhaps we are not so far advanced as we think ourselves.

This desire to peer into the future is the origin of not a few of the superstitions which we now openly deride, with a mental reservation that, perhaps, after all, it is just barely possible there may be something in them. In nearly all countries some form of divination is practiced, particularly by the young, on New Year's day to foretell the future. The Scottish people are fond of regarding themselves as highly intellectual, but in this matter they are as credulous as the peasant of the Sicilian mountains. He uses his beads, but the Scotchman employs his verse on which it rests, and this is supposed to indicate his fortune for the

The world over cards and dice are in high favor as being supposed to indicate the decrees of fate. The cards and the throws are fortunate or the reverse in about equal numbers, so that every one has a fair chance of obtaining an omen for good. The actions and voices of the animal associates of man were formerly on this day above all others significant of good or evil to come. A dog's cheerful bark on New Year's morn was auspicious, his how! a very unfavorable sign. To meet a cat on New Year's morning betokens ill for the future, as, curiously enough, it is regarded in the Latin countries as the sign of a coming change of residence. To see a snake is the worst possible omen, for it signifies death by violence. A few years ago an Italian living near Milan saw three snakes together on New Year's morning before breakfast and was so frightened that he fell III, became despondent and did actually die. To see a pig is regarded throughout sourcern Europe as a fortunate omen, signifying plenty in the coming twelve months, while the sight of a crow, a magpie or a jackdaw, probably from the thievish propensities of these birds, is regarded as a sign that the beholder will be systematically swindled during the coming twelve months.

### Wishes For the New Year.

May inappliese and health be thine Throughout this coming year; May charms of beauty far outshine All others, far or near.

May graceful ways and winning smile Gain friendship, firm and dear; May fendest be set the hours beguile As ouward speeds the year.

May must be thy special gift To please and charm the ear; May thy sweet voice the senses lift Beyond this earthly sphere.

And sorrows disappear.

May all the good this world can give
Reward thee on thy way:

May heavenly blessings, while you live,
Surround thee every day!

C. W. Windsor.

The Lake County Telephone system saves much anxiety and waiting. People are beginning to wonder how they ever got along without the system before it was built. Last week two palpitating young hearts at Silver Lake were made happy through this medium. They received authority over the phone to wed. Otherwise the happy event could not have taken place until a week