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OTTO VOGET,

THE STOVE MAN.

REAPPEARS AFTER TEN YEARS

Frank Crane of Wakefield, Neb., Supposed to Be Murdered, Returns.

ABSENT FOR LOVE OF ADVENTURE

Not a Word from Him During all the Time. So Far as Known He Reappears in Order to Put a Stop to Some Family Litigation.

After ten years' absence from his family and friends, during which time he never had a word of communication with his wife and children, and many people thought he had been murdered, Frank Crane, of Wakefield, Neb., has turned up as quietly and almost as mysteriously as he disappeared in November, 1890, and yesterday was in Sioux City on his way to Wakefield, where he expected to perpetrate a glad surprise on his numerous acquaintances when he arrived in that town.

At the time of his disappearance Crane was a prosperous and well known farmer in the vicinity of Wakefield. He was drawn as a member of the federal grand jury, and went to Omaha to serve. After serving on the jury he started back home, but when he reached Blair he became possessed of a freakish scheme to drop out of sight, and he did not return home. It is said he went east, and finally located in Pittsburgh, where, it is also said, he is now connected with a furniture factory. Mr. Crane himself says he has spent most of his time in Central America and South America, and he came to this country almost direct from the United States of Columbia.

Two years after Crane disappeared, his mother, Mrs. Graves, who was prominent in that county, died and left a considerable estate. Some of it she left to Crane, and provisions were made in the will for \$2,000 to go to each of his seven children upon the event of his death. Because of the uncertainty as to whether or not he was alive, there has been a great deal of litigation over the property, and it is said that Crane determined to show up in order that a quietus might be put on the litigation.

Different people at Wakefield have expressed positive opinions that Crane was dead. A number of citizens supported the theory that he had been murdered because of his connection with the grand jury at Omaha, or perhaps for money, and that his body had been thrown into the river. According to Crane's story, all this time, while his family has been wondering and worrying and his old acquaintances have been theorizing and arguing, he has been roving over the world, seeing all kinds of sights and going through all kinds of experiences. He is a man 47 years of age, according to the statement of his attorney.

ARRIVAL IN SIOUX CITY.

Crane came to Sioux City from St. Louis. He was met at St. Louis by Capt. J. H. Brown, his attorney, and H. P. Shumway, an old friend and trustee for the estate. When the party arrived in Sioux City they registered at the Mendenhall. The long absent man was eating his dinner when first approached for an interview. He is of dark complexion, dark mustache and black hair, wears glasses and is of average height. At first he said he did not care to make any statement, preferring that nothing be published. After leaving the dining room, however, he went to his room, where he consulted with Capt. Brown. It was decided to make a statement, and Mr. Crane designated the attorney as his spokesman.

Capt. Brown stated that the estate in question amounted to \$7,000, which was to be held in trust by Crane during his life. He said Crane's disappearance was due to his love of adventure. Nearly all his time, he said, has been spent on the American continent, in the Central states and in South America. During ten years he has been engaged in various pursuits. When asked if Mr. Shumway and himself had just happened to meet Mr. Crane in St. Louis, he smiled and replied: "Well hardly." He said the party hoped to drop in on Wakefield by surprise. Capt. Brown said there had been much talk over Crane's disappearance. Many people declared that they knew he was living, while others were so confident that he was dead. Last December, said the captain, the matter was brought into the courts. During the conversation Mr. Crane sat nearby, but neither he nor Mr. Shumway had a word to say, letting the attorney do all the talking.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the many friends and neighbors for the sympathy shown in our bereavement and for the esteem and honor shown to our soldier son.

J. W. BARRETT AND FAMILY.

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PUBLIC SALE.

I will hold a public auction at my farm four miles west and two and one-half miles south of Wayne, on Tuesday, February 27. The sale will begin at one o'clock, and includes the following property: Eight head of horses, 48 head of cows, farm implements, 10 dozen chickens, ducks, two stoves and all household goods. Terms of Sale: Twelve months time will be given on approved notes bearing ten per cent with good security. All sums of \$10 and under cash. Five per cent off for cash.

JOHN L. CADWELL,
Ad. Reynolds, Auctioneer.

The community is in a fever of excitement over Crane's home coming. A week ago Attorney J. H. Brown and H. P. Shumway left for Chicago in search of Frank Crane. Some four years ago Fannie Graves died, leaving an estate of \$50,000 to her only son, Frank Crane, and in the event of his death to be divided among his children. H. P. Shumway was made trustee of the estate by her will. Every effort on the part of Mr. Shumway to learn whether Frank Crane was living or dead had been, up to this time, unavailing. The heirs had brought suit through their attorney, Judge Barnes of Norfolk, to have court declare Frank Crane dead and order the trustee to divide the estate among the heirs. This final search was made, with results as given. He was found in St. Louis in the employ of the Standard Furniture Company. Since leaving Wakefield in 1890, he had traveled nearly all over the world, not stopping over two or three months in a place. Only in the last two months had he heard of his mother's death. His old friends who have met him say he hardly looks a day older. As to his reasons for leaving home or his future intentions he will say nothing. Members of his family are all living on a farm two miles from town and are not yet aware of his return. The indications are that he will stay no longer than to secure his rights in his mother's estate.

ADDS TO THE MYSTERY.

Wakefield, Feb. 19.—Special: Fact sometimes is stranger than fiction. Frank Crane, who reappeared after ten years' absence, in Wakefield Saturday night, has again disappeared. No one seems to know just when he went or where he has gone.

Saturday evening, for two hours, he greeted old friends and acquaintances at the office of Attorney J. H. Brown, with a joke or an allusion to some past event, but not one word as to why he went away or what he intended to do in the future. During the evening nearly a hundred of the citizens of the town dropped in and chatted with him.

The general disposition of the community seemed to be to forget the past and to give him the prodigal's welcome, for ten years ago Frank Crane was a prominent and popular man in the community. A pathetic incident of the evening was the meeting between the father and three of his sons, who had grown to manhood in his absence. The younger of his sons, a lad of 17 years, would not believe that it really was his father.

"Don't you know me, Dave?"

"No; I don't."

"Don't you remember the bayonet wound in my thigh that I received in the war?" He laid bare his leg to show the boy the scar.

The boy still persisting in his disbelief, he said: "Don't you remember the lump on my ankle?" With this he showed him the lump on his ankle.

In his interview with his boys he showed little of strong parental affection. He expressed no wish to see his wife, and she, poor woman, did not learn of his return in time to greet him.

A SKELETON IN THE CLOSET.

To your correspondent in a private conversation he said:

"I went away with the intention of never returning. In many families there are skeletons that they do not care to parade before the public gaze. There was one in mine. I do not wish to make it public. Had it not been for H. P. Shumway, trustee of my mother's estate, hunting me up I do not believe I would ever have known the contents of her will or enjoyed any of its benefits. I went away from home without a dollar and have earned my living with these hands ever since, and have not missed three square meals a day. This legacy of my mother's will help me out in my old age. I do not intend to remain in Wakefield. I have made provisions for my wife, giving her a life lease of a half section of as good land as there is in Wayne county. This ought to satisfy her."

PENSION OFFICE THOUGHT HIM DEAD.

A queer thing in connection with this strange affair was the attempt to trace Frank Crane by the pension department at Washington, as he was a pensioner of the civil war. The pension department reported that Frank Crane had not drawn a dollar of pension money since 1890 and that he was believed to be dead.

It may perhaps interest Sioux City readers to know that it was the original intention of Fannie Graves to make the Sioux City Loan and Trust company the trustee of her estate, but the urgent suggestion of a prominent citizen of Wakefield, H. P. Shumway was substituted.

Fannie Graves was the widow of Willard Graves, who in the spring of 1868 traveled over northeastern Nebraska in a one-horse chaise and selected forty sections (25,600 acres) of land in Cedar, Wayne and Dixon counties, paying the United States government therefor \$1.25 per acre.—Sioux City Journal.

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Same old Grip (Morobe); Same old aches and pains; Take Blood-urder three times a day. And save the Grip (Morobe) away.—Sold by Raymond's druggist.

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You are familiar with our stock, and while we do not claim to know it all, nor to have the only shoes in town, we do claim to have as good a line of all kinds, and by **FAIR DEALING, QUICK SALES and SMALL PROFITS** we will try to please all.

We are strangers among strangers, seeking an honest living, and all we ask is an opportunity to prove to you that we mean **JUST WHAT WE SAY.**

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Are coming in and to make room for the next 30 days we will sell at a great reduction most everything in stock. **WE ONLY BOUGHT** the best part of Maute's stock (all the old stock being thrown out) so we have a nice clean line. However we have a few sizes in odd lines that you can buy at almost your own price.

We bought this stock at a low figure and will give our customers the benefit of it. We carry but one line and will give our whole time and study to that alone. Your town deserves and can support a first-class Shoe Store. If you will do your part we will endeavor to do ours, always ready and willing to show goods. Come in and look over our stock, get our prices and acquaintance. Yours to please,

ISAAC SMITH.

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First National Bank.

WAYNE, NEBRASKA.

Report of the condition of the First National Bank at Wayne, in the State of Nebraska, at the close of business February 13th, 1900.

Assets	LIABILITIES
Loans and discounts	Capital stock paid in
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	Surplus fund
U. S. bonds for reserve circulation	Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	National Bank notes outstanding
Other real estate and mortgages owned	Individual deposits subject to check
Revenue stamps	Demand certificates of deposit
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	
Due from approved re-surveyors	
Checks and other cash items	
Notes of other National Banks	
Fractional paper currency, notes and coins	
Legal Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	
Local Tender Notes	
Reserve fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	
Total	\$ 366,878 31
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STATE OF NEBRASKA, COUNTY OF WAYNE, ss: I, H. F. Wilson, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. F. WILSON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of February, 1900. J. W. Burdick, Notary Public.

COMBOST—ATTORNEYS: FRANK E. STRAHAN, ROBT. E. K. MCELROY, JOHN T. BRIDGES, Directors.

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