

## MATTHEW M'QUINN OF UNION NEAR DEATH; ACCIDENTLY DRANK POISON

Went Behind Prescription Case in Union Drug Store to Take a Laxative, and Picked Up Bottle Containing Lysol—Was Unconscious Four Hours Afterwards—Terribly Burned

From Friday's Daily.

Matthew McQuinn, a well known citizen of Union, is in a critical condition at his home today as the result of accidentally drinking from a bottle containing lysol, a poison which is kindred to carbolic acid, both being derivatives of coal tar. Like carbolic acid, it is a caustic poison. He was unconscious for four hours after taking the poison, and since regaining consciousness has been suffering intense pain. At noon today he was said by his physicians to be in a critical condition, though showing improvement.

While it is agreed that McQuinn took the poison by accident, it is not definitely known how he came to make the mistake. Shortly before 4 o'clock yesterday he went into the A. E. Stiles drug store and walked behind the prescription case. It is presumed that he wanted a laxative and that he picked up the bottle containing lysol by mistake. The bottle containing laxative and that containing the lysol were similar in appearance and were side by side on the shelf.

Mr. McQuinn's cries caused the man in charge of the store to run to his assistance. He saw at once that the man had taken the

poison and hastily summoned Drs. Walker and Baird, who gave antidotes to relieve the pain and to check the deadly effect of the poison.

Fortunately for McQuinn the poison quickly rendered him unconscious and he escaped the pain from the caustic qualities of the poison, which burned its way through the throat, stomach and the entire length of the alimentary canal.

He was taken to his home and for hours it seemed that the poisoning and destructive qualities of the lysol would result in his death, but hard work by Drs. Walker and Baird and by Dr. McCloud of Lincoln, who was visiting at Union, caused a turn for the better.

McQuinn has only an even chance of life, but the fact that up to the present time developments have been in his favor has given the physicians favorable hopes of his recovery.

When reports first were spread of the fact that Mr. McQuinn had taken poison, many persons believed that it was done intentionally and thought that perhaps the act grew out of troubles with his wife, who was divorced from him some months ago.

## GOVERNOR SHALLENBERGER ON PARTY FACTIONS

Calls on Party Friends to Drop Bickerings of Every Variety and Get Together.

Ex-Governor Shallenberger spent several days in Lincoln last week, and before departing for his home in Alma gave out the following, which meets the views of the Journal exactly:

"I have just read an article in one of the papers which purports to say that some of my friends were considering a deal with some faction of the democratic party, having to do with my candidacy for the senate. While I do not care to take time to answer every rumor of this sort that may be spread abroad from time to time, I have just this much to say upon this matter in a general way, and that is that I have not, nor shall not, enter into any trade or deal of any description with any other candidate for any office in exchange for help for myself at the coming primary. My own opinion is that the democratic party should get away as fast as possible from the idea that any candidate is to be saved or damned because of the fact that a certain faction, or a leader of a faction, is for him or against him. We have plenty of issues to fight the coming battle upon, and personalities should be avoided in every way. I am going to fight my own battle free from alliances with any other candidate or faction, and expect to stand or fall upon my own record.

"Six years ago I started a fight to assert the right of the democratic party to lead in the battle for reform in Nebraska. Upon that issue I was beaten for the nomination in the first round. I won the nomination for governor on that same issue at the second trial, and was elected governor in a third battle along the same lines. I believe the democratic issue now is to convince the people of Nebraska that the democratic party should rule in this state for the reason that its policies are vital to the interests of the people of the commonwealth. Democracy is strong in this state at the present time because a democratic congress has shown its ability and intention to reform and revise the tariff in the interest of the great masses of the people of the country, and that our party can be trusted to enact legislation in keeping with its promises to the people.

## As Others See It.

The Plattsmouth common council, believing the city not yet dead enough, has solemnly met and passed an ordinance prohibiting the opening of picture shows and theaters on Sunday, prohibiting the showing of pictures portraying scenes of crime, such as murders, burglaries, etc., and also prohibiting the "wild west" pictures which are very popular in most small towns.

It looks very much as though Plattsmouth's city council thinks the proper caper for Sunday is to sit on the river bank and listen to the catfish purr.

It has been a recognized fact for many years that Plattsmouth is a "dead one," and this last outburst of the city government proves the allegations made in the past.—Nebraska City Press.

## PETITIONS PROTEST AGAINST ORDINANCE

"Blue Law" Measure Introduced in Council Finds No Favor Among Citizens.

Petitions are being circulated for presentation to the mayor and council protesting against the passage of the picture show ordinance introduced into the council at its last meeting. While no one expects that the council would pass such a stringent ordinance, even if they were opposed to picture shows on Sunday, petitions have been circulated to let the mayor and council know the attitude of the citizens in this respect.

The petitions were framed by Earl Travis and J. L. Richey, who acted without knowledge of anyone here interested in a picture show. The petitions are being signed by practically everyone to whom they are presented. The petition reads as follows:

"To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Plattsmouth, Neb.:

"In regard to the proposed ordinance regulating moving picture shows and theaters, we, the undersigned citizens of the city of Plattsmouth, wish to object and protest to the passage of the same by your honorable body.

"The majority of the men and women of this city are hard-working persons who have neither the time nor the inclination to gain recreation during the week-time and should be allowed the privilege of enjoying on their one day of rest what harmless pleasures our little city affords.

"The closing of the Plattsmouth theaters on Sunday will simply mean that those seeking recreation will go to Omaha on Sunday evenings to attend theaters, thus spending money that would otherwise be spent in Plattsmouth.

"The shows presented at the theaters here have uniformly been clean, moral and educational, and as far as the provision with respect to exhibiting scenes of murder, robbery, etc., the theaters have been in operation for two years and have incited no crime in this community."

## First Football Game.

From Friday's Daily.

The first football game of the season will be played this afternoon between the High school seniors and the junior-sophomore team. The line-up of the seniors will be: Vance Todd, center; Guy Wiles, right guard; Wayne Probst, left guard; Henry McMaken, right tackle; Lester Dalton, left tackle; Ralph Larson, right end; Byron Arries, left end; Major Arries, quarter; Conrad Schlater, right half back; Elmer Halstrom, left half back; Rue Frans, full back. The line-up of the junior-sophomore team will be: Carl Schmitman, center; Dwight Patterson, right guard; Joe McMaken, left guard; Rueben Saxon, right tackle; Carl Dalton, left tackle; E. Mauer, left end; J. Jarousek, right end; Evan Noble, quarter back; Sam Windham, right half back; Don Arries, left half back; Glenn Edwards, full back.

Mrs. T. P. Livingston has returned from a visit to Estes Park, Colorado. She was accompanied by Mrs. Rockhill of New York.

## LET US CELEBRATE THE BRIDGE OPENING

We Have Not Much Time to Make Arrangements, So Let Us Get Busy.

The Journal has suggested from time to time the idea of a fall celebration. Now comes our friend, Charley Hubner, editor of the Nebraska City Daily News, and suggests an occasion for such a celebration in the following letter:

Nebraska City, Sept. 14.

Dear Friend Bates: The bridge across the Platte river, being built by R. A. Duff and Mr. Parmele, will be completed about October 15. That is the date Ralph told me. Now permit me to suggest that the people of Plattsmouth have a big celebration on that day and "open" the bridge in due and approved style. If you go at it right you can make it a "record-breaking" day for Plattsmouth. This is only a suggestion, but I believe you can make it a winner. Yours, C. M. Hubner.

We think the suggestion an excellent one, and we trust the Commercial club and those interested will get busy and do something along this line. As our friend says, it can be made a "record-breaker" and call forth a large crowd of people between Omaha and Nebraska City, and make it a day long to be remembered.

The 15th of October is but about one month off, and if it can be ascertained to a certainty that the bridge will be completed by that time, we move that the Commercial club get a move on themselves and take some action in regard to such a celebration as early as possible. The bridge will prove a great benefit to the business interests of Plattsmouth and we should show our appreciation of the enterprise by having a large demonstration in honor of its opening and also to the promoters of the bridge.

## A Birthday Surprise.

From Friday's Daily.

A most enjoyable surprise party was tendered Mrs. T. E. Jennings last evening by a large number of her neighbors and friends, this occasion being in honor of her birthday anniversary. Mrs. Jennings was more than surprised when the large company of invaders walked in on her, but in spite of this she showed them a splendid good time. The hours were very pleasantly spent and passed quite rapidly, as the guests indulged in games, social conversation and amusements, which were interspersed with some music contributed by Mr. B. C. Hyde, and which made the evening's entertainment one long to be remembered by those participating. The invaders had come armed with a fine luncheon, which was served at the proper time and which materially added to the pleasures of the evening. It was a late hour when they withdrew their forces, having enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent. The invaders left many handsome pieces of china with Mrs. Jennings as mementos of this auspicious occasion. Mrs. Jennings could not feel other than pleased at the kind remembrance of her friends and the invaders wish her many more as happy birthdays. Those in attendance were: Messrs. and Mesdames R. A. Roberts, Frank Sivey, B. Lamphear, I. N. Cummings, R. B. Brisse, G. Lamphear, W. F. Brisse, H. B. Green, H. Steinhauer and daughter, Gladys; G. Landers, L. Curtiss and two sons; B. C. Hyde and children, T. E. Jennings and family, Mr. F. W. King, Mr. Clarence Darnold, Mrs. E. Garrison of Havelock.

## Eagle Citizens Call.

From Friday's Daily.

George Reitter, banker, and J. D. Allen, who lives near Eagle, called here on business with the county court, coming in last evening. They were pleasant callers on the Journal this morning and went through the office and seemed very much surprised that Plattsmouth could boast of such a large newspaper plant. While here Mr. Allen enrolled his name on the Journal's Eagle list, that he may henceforth keep posted on county matters. Those who want all the county news take the Old Reliable.

## Glen Perry Improving.

From Saturday's Daily.

Glen Perry, residing near Murray, who was injured last week while drenching a horse, is improving slowly. We are informed that his condition today is much more favorable than for the past week. Mr. Perry has suffered a great deal since the injury, and it was feared at one time that the results might prove serious. We trust that the present condition may improve and his recovery may be rapid.

## Gets Cement Contract.

From Saturday's Daily.

The McMaken company has received the contract for constructing the cement cellars in the new postoffice building.

Mrs. Pete Keeler of Spokane, Washington, is in the city for a month's visit with her mother, Mrs. C. Rheinaeckle and family. Mrs. Keeler was for years a resident of this city, and, of course, has a great many friends who will be pleased to see her.

## M. P. Having Trouble.

The Missouri Pacific railway has been having considerable trouble of late. First the storms knocked out a considerable amount of track and they were running their passenger trains over other lines in their efforts to make good time. Last night a bridge was burned out down near Falls City and the morning train came in over the Burlington line from Falls City and was about six hours late. The bridge burned was this side of Falls City and the washout is below that point. The company is certainly having its share of grief.—Nebraska City News.

## MILLER AND NOVAK GIVEN YEAR IN PEN

Two 19-Year-Old Boys End Short Career as Tramps by Going to State Prison.

From Friday's Daily.

Joe Novak and Joe Miller, two boys 19 years old, started out from somewhere to "see the world" via the tramp route. They made their way from place to place in "side-door Pullmans" and unvarnished cabs. They got as far west as South Bend, where they decided that their life was becoming too uneventful, so they added a touch of excitement by breaking into a bank car at South Bend. Burglary is a serious offense in Nebraska, as elsewhere, and shortly after they had broken into the car they found themselves in the Cass county jail.

They pleaded guilty at their preliminary hearing, and yesterday were taken before Judge Travis of the district court for sentence. They were sentenced to one year at hard labor in the state prison.

Here are two able-bodied young men who have become convicts just at the beginning of manhood. It ought to be a lesson to any Cass county boy who wants to see the world by beating his way on the railroads.

## TALK OF BAND CONCERTS AT THE PARMELE THEATER

Rumored That Weekly Concerts May Be Given During the Entire Winter.

The next to the last band concert of the season was given by the Burlington band last evening at Fifth and Main streets. The night being pleasant, there was a big crowd out. The program was a happy combination of classic and popular compositions.

It is rumored that the band may arrange with the Commercial club for weekly concerts during the winter at the Parmele theater. It would be good news to the people if the concerts should be continued through the winter.

The next concert will be the last of the regular summer series.

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## "RUBE" HYERS CAPTURES A BURGLAR

Chase That Aroused Large Part of the City Pulled Off After Midnight.

From Friday's Daily.

The following is taken from the Lincoln State Journal of this morning and we give the article simply because former Plattsmouth people were engaged in the chase:

A man clad only in underwear, charged with having entered at least one house and trying to enter another, giving the name of P. J. McNamara and claiming to have been at one time a member of the Lincoln fire department, was captured by R. W. Hyers at Havelock about 1:30 this morning.

At 1 a. m. Mrs. Gus Hyers heard someone in their apartments over the postoffice. She called the children and found they were in bed. Then she lighted the room and found evidence that a burglar had been there. A pair of trousers belonging to her husband had been taken part way out of the room, but no money had been taken from them. She gave the alarm and Mr. Hyers and his father, R. W. Hyers, hastily made an investigation. Finding there was no one in the house they went out on the street to look around. They went to the one store open, that of Mr. and Mrs. Will Vallery, and told of the attempt to rob the Hyers' home. Then they went out, got others interested and began a search.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Vallery retired to their rooms above their store. They had hardly retired when they heard someone at the door. Mr. Vallery told his wife to turn on the light and open the door quickly, while he manipulated a gun. When the flood of light exposed the open door there stood a man, clad only in underwear. Mr. Vallery could have shot him dead, so close was the range, but he did not care to kill him. Instead he commanded him to throw up his hands. The man ran. Vallery shot to force him to halt. The man ran on. Vallery fired again on the way down the stairs, but the man ran on.

R. W. Hyers and others were not far away when they heard the shooting. They separated to head off whoever might be running. The intruder ran toward R. W. Hyers and he grabbed him and held him. He was taken to the postoffice, surrounded by a crowd, and held while an officer was sent for. The prisoner was bleeding from wounds made in running.

The man gave no explanation other than that he did not know where he was. He did not explain why he was traveling about at night in his underclothing. He roomed in the west part of town, seven blocks from the postoffice, with a family named Smith.

Mrs. Hyers said the man had been getting mail at the Havelock postoffice for some time under the name of P. J. McNamara. When questioned the fellow said he lived in Lincoln and was at one time a member of the Lincoln fire department. McNamara has been a blacksmith helper at the Burlington shops.

Mr. Vallery was certain he could have killed the man at his door, but he feared that some mistake might be made, therefore he shot only to make the man halt. McNamara had a key in the lock at the Vallery home.

Gus Hyers said he had only a small amount of money in the trousers that had been selected by the man who entered his house, but that another pair was nearby which contained between \$40 and \$50.

The chase for the burglar aroused a large part of the population of the shop town and the capture of the man by R. W. Hyers was considered a good bit of work. McNamara resisted, but was overpowered by Mr. Hyers. McNamara carried no weapons when arrested.

Miss Vesta Douglass surprised her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Douglass, in coming down from Tekamah last night to spend Sunday. Miss Vesta has charge of the kindergarten department of the Tekamah school.