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## MRS. FLOYD RAINEY DIES IN LINCOLN

### Her Death Caused From Effects of an Operation for Appendicitis.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mrs. Floyd Rainey, wife of Chief Ben Rainey's brother, died at a Lincoln hospital yesterday, after an operation for appendicitis. Chief Rainey received the news last evening and communicated the same to his brothers, William of this city and James of Union, and with them and his mother, Mrs. Isabell Rainey, went to Greenwood today, where interment will take place in the Rainey burial plot in the Greenwood cemetery.

The deceased leaves, besides her husband, her parents, one brother and two sisters, residing in Lincoln. She was well known to many Plattsmouth people, she and her husband having resided here for some time, having removed from this city to Greenwood, and from there to Lincoln, about five years ago.

Mrs. Rainey's death was very unexpected, although the operation was under contemplation for some time. She had suffered from the attacks of appendicitis several times before, and while visiting in Plattsmouth a few weeks ago Mrs. Rainey spoke of having to undergo the operation, and stated that she did not expect to survive it, although at that time it was not expected that she would have to undergo the operation so soon. The funeral service was in the East Lincoln Christian church at 11 o'clock this morning.

## Democratic Convention

The democrats of Cass county are called to meet in delegate convention in the city of Plattsmouth, Neb., on Saturday, July 27, 1912, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of selecting seventeen delegates to the democratic state convention to be held in Grand Island, Neb., July 30, 1912, and to transact such other business as may legally come before it.

The basis of representation in said convention shall be one delegate for each 10 votes or major fraction thereof cast for the democratic electors for Judge Dean in 1911. The primaries for the selection of said delegates shall be held at the usual place in each precinct or ward on Saturday, July 20, 1912, and the representation will be as follows:

| Precinct                | Delegates |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Tipton                  | 8         |
| Stove Creek             | 9         |
| Elmwood                 | 6         |
| Weeping Water           | 2         |
| Louisville              | 2         |
| Mt. Pleasant            | 8         |
| Nehawka                 | 5         |
| First Rock Bluffs       | 9         |
| Weeping Water, 1st ward | 2         |
| Weeping Water, 2nd ward | 2         |
| Weeping Water, 3rd ward | 1         |
| Greenwood               | 5         |
| Salt Creek              | 8         |
| South Bend              | 4         |
| Center                  | 7         |
| Avoca                   | 6         |
| Eight Mile Grove        | 11        |
| Liberty                 | 9         |
| Second Rock Bluffs      | 5         |
| Plattsmouth             | 11        |
| Plattsmouth, 1st ward   | 7         |
| Plattsmouth, 2nd ward   | 13        |
| Plattsmouth, 3rd ward   | 13        |
| Plattsmouth, 4th ward   | 5         |
| Plattsmouth, 5th ward   | 4         |

Total.....169  
At the precinct primaries candidates for assessor and road overseers should be selected, and also a precinct committeeman selected to serve on the county committee the ensuing year. It is recommended that no proxies be admitted to the county convention and that delegates present cast the full vote of their precinct.

J. S. Livingston,  
Chairman.  
Earl R. Travis,  
Secretary.

Mrs. Manspeaker, who went to the Soldiers' home with Mrs. Shelton, returned today on No. 24.

## Putting in Gasoline Tank.

Ed Rynott & Co. have put in a gasoline storage tank under the walk near the curb, where gasoline can be easily drawn for automobiles. This will be quite a convenience to those running down Main street, and when their supply of oil is low it will be an easy matter to glide along side Mr. Rynott's big tank and fill up.

## THE WIRES SEEM TO BE BADLY CROSSED

### Somebody Has Evidently Gotten Matters Badly Mixed in This Affair.

The following was clipped from the Omaha Daily News of yesterday, the item appearing in the South Omaha department:

"William Pergament and Frances Benak, two South Omaha young people, terminated a romantic love affair last Friday by eloping to Plattsmouth and being married. When they returned they were freely forgiven by the parents of the bride.

"Mr. Pergament is timekeeper at the Burlington freight offices in Omaha, and the bride is a pretty young woman, who lived with her parents at Nineteenth and Q streets. She is only 20, and her parents did not want her to get married so young.

"Mr. and Mrs. Pergament will make their home in South Omaha."

The Journal had an account of the wedding in the issue of last Saturday. The groom gave his name to the county judge as William Lavery, and stated that his mother's maiden name was Mary Bergmant. There seems to have been a crossing of the wires in some way. Lavery was here several months ago with the chief pipe fitter of the Burlington and stopped at the Perkins house for several days and became acquainted with persons about the hotel. He has been in the employ of the Burlington freight depot at Omaha for the past few months, but informed Judge Beeson that he had resigned his position there the day of his marriage here, which was last Thursday.

## Homestead Land.

Final proofs for homestead land have been pouring into the Lincoln government land office during the past week or so and between thirty and forty will be proved during the month of August. The large number of homesteaders who have filed their last papers is directly due to the recent law passed by congress in which the period of homesteading was reduced from five years to three. Many who have lived on the land for three years or more are allowed under the new statute to introduce their final proofs, without having to wait until their entire time has expired. A further change of the recent law from the old Kinkaid provision is to the effect that a homesteader is allowed five months' absence from his claim during a year.—Lincoln Journal.

## Here From Wyoming.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
Dr. Paul Hayes and wife and Mrs. Hayes' brother, T. C. Diers, of Sheridan, Wyoming, motored to Plattsmouth, arriving here last evening, to be guests of Dr. Hayes' brother, R. B. Hayes. Mr. Diers is cashier of the Citizen's State bank of Sheridan and a nephew of Hon. Berman Diers, democratic candidate for lieutenant governor of Nebraska. Mr. Diers is himself a candidate this fall for a seat in the Wyoming legislature. The Journal editor had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Diers and found him to be a most excellent gentleman and one we feel sure, if elected, will be found on the right side of every issue in his state.

## Building Concrete Walk.

A concrete walk is being laid at the Methodist church, running from the street to the basement door. This is an improvement which will be much appreciated by the ladies and the members of the Y. M. B. C., who during rainy times, have had their feet soiled in entering the building.

## BURLINGTON DISASTER NEAR CHICAGO

### The Great Wreck at Chicago Due to the Human Elements in Operation.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Railroad men yesterday were not eager to discuss in detail the wreck on the Burlington where fast mail No. 8 telescoped the rear cars on No. 2 at Western Springs, near Chicago. They preferred to await the result of the investigation, but all felt sure that the blame must attach to the dead engineer of the fast mail, or to the flagman on No. 2 for failing to go back far enough to signal the oncoming train, says the Lincoln Journal.

"Running a signal in a fog is not excusable," said one. "The engineer knows the signal is there and he must know whether it is set at proceed or stop."

"When trains can be stopped automatically outside a closed block, then the human element in train running will be eliminated so far that such a wreck as happened Sunday cannot occur. Until then they will occur just as often as picked, trained and tested men fail," said another. "If I were asked," said one familiar with the east end of the Burlington system, "where the safest place on a railroad in the United States is to be found, I would say on the Burlington between Aurora and Chicago. Three tracks, absolute blocking, old and time-tested employees, the best track that money can build, and everything making for safety is to be found there. Why there should be accidents on such a railroad is hard to understand."

E. S. Koller, formerly trainmaster at Lincoln, superintendent at McCook and a well known Burlington Nebraska product, is general superintendent of the district where the accident happened, and the investigation is being made under his direction.

## Sells Transfer Business.

Frank Kauble, who has been in the general transfer business and light dray work for many years sold his outfit yesterday to Claus Boetel, sr. Mr. Boetel takes charge at once and takes over the wagon, horse and harness and business, good will and all, and was right on the ground this morning at the Burlington station when the trains arrived ready for whatever might turn up in his line. Mr. Kauble retires from the business after about fifteen years of close application, and he being now past his three score and ten years, concluded that he would get out of the business while he had an opportunity.

## Annual Tennis Tournament.

Drawings will be made Saturday evening for the annual tennis tournament of the city. This tournament bids fair to be one of the hardest fought ever held in the city. All of the sports are rapidly rounding into shape. Matches will be played on the Patterson court on North Sixth street. The court is being put in condition. Spectators will be admitted free. Entries close Saturday evening at 6 o'clock. The entry fee of 50 cents will be used in defraying the expenses of the tournament, as well as to put the court in shape for the county tournament, which takes place early in August.

## Arthur Helps and Wife Here.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Helps arrived from Chicago this morning, en route from their former home in England to their home at Long Beach, California. Mr. and Mrs. Helps will be guests of the Gering home and other friends in the city. They looked the picture of health and happiness when they stepped from the Burlington train this morning, and they were warmly greeted by numerous of their old-time friends.

Miss Frances Herger of Milwaukee and Mrs. William Herger and daughter of Washington, D. C., arrived Sunday and will visit the Charles L. Herger home for a few weeks. Miss Herger is a daughter and Mrs. Herger the daughter-in-law of C. L. Herger.

## Infant Died Last Night.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The 5-weeks-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Warren died last night, after an illness of three days. The babe was a twin and a few days after it was born appeared to be ill, but by careful nursing the little one grew better. Its death is a great shock to its fond parents, who have the sympathy of the entire community. The funeral occurred this afternoon and interment took place in Oak Hill cemetery.

## VANDALS AT WORK SATURDAY NIGHT

### If They Are Apprehended They Will Be Made to Feel Effects of the Law.

Last Saturday night, after the carnival closed, some ill-disposed devils in human form, twisted and broke down two of the fine young trees planted by the park commission this spring. The dastardly work was done along Washington avenue, between the Turner hall and the mouth of the sewer. It is not likely that anyone could have fallen against the trees and broken them, as the break was above a man's head. Nor is it believed that the mischief was done by any of the numerous sleeping forms which ornament the parkway. It resembles more the work of vandals who have no regard for property rights, or people, or government, or law, or anything else. Anyone knowing the name of the individual or individuals who committed the deed would confer a favor on the city officials and on the park commission if he will reveal the name, and they will undoubtedly be made to feel the effects of the law.

## Land Sells High.

From Wednesday's Daily.

At a partition sale yesterday, on an order from the district court, the eighty acres belonging to the J. M. Creamer estate and situated three miles west of Elmwood, was sold at a good figure. Dr. J. M. Neely, Howard Gramlich, professor at the state farm, and John Tighe, for Michael Smith, were spirited bidders. Mr. Tighe was instructed to bid the farm up to \$12,000, but as Dr. Neely owns a quarter joining the eighty he, as well as the professor, could see more in the land. Professor Gramlich wanted the land for himself and stated afterward that he had been over the state considerably and there was not a more desirable eighty for sale anywhere that he knew of. His last bid was \$12,225. This bid was raised \$25 by Mr. Tighe and the land knocked off to him. When informed afterward that Mr. Tighe would not have raised another bid, Professor Gramlich expressed regret that he had not known it. Mr. Smith expressed himself as satisfied with his buy, as the eighty is a fine, level tract.

## H. A. Newman in Town.

From Wednesday's Daily.  
H. A. Newman of Louisville was in the city today, carrying his broken arm in a sling. One week ago last Monday Mr. Newman, while trying to put a belt on the machinery of the crusher, slipped and fell to the ground a distance of thirty-five feet, alighting on his left arm. He was unconscious for some time after the fall and until a physician could arrive and administer restoratives. He is on the road to recovery now, and came down to the county seat to look after some business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Keil were Omaha passengers on the morning train today, where they spent the day with friends.

## DANCE SATURDAY.

The Cosmopolitan club will give a social dance at Coates' hall Saturday evening, July 20th. The M. W. A. orchestra will furnish the music and the public is cordially invited to attend. Admission 50c. Ladies, free.

## HAROLD STREIGHT WRITES STORY OF THE GREAT BURLINGTON WRECK

### Was Express Messenger on No. 2 That Was Run Into by No. 8 While Being Held at Western Springs, Near Chicago—Mr. Streight Did Heroic Work in Removing the Wounded From the Pullmans on Train No. 2.

I was in the second baggage car on No. 2, the train which was struck, and we had been standing still for about ten minutes, having been stopped by the signal being set against us. We had run by the board, and on account of the dense fog which hovered all around could not see for any distance in either direction. I heard the rattle of the exhaust of the engine on No. 8 and remarked to the other messenger on the car that No. 8 was going to run around us, that is, pass us on the parallel track.

No sooner had I said it than the crash came, and with a series of terrible jerks our train was moved ahead. I realized in a second just what had happened and as soon as I could pick myself from under the express that had been thrown over me I found that beyond a few bruises that I was unhurt. I immediately jumped from my car and went back towards the rear end of our train, where a terrible sight met my eyes.

No. 8's engine had plowed completely through the last Pullman on our train and partially through the second one, then the engine turned upwards to the left and stopped with the front end of the engine pointing in the air and across the other tracks to the left. Our conductor, Mr. Hughes, was evidently struck by the engine, as he was standing beside our train when the crash came, and when I reached him he was lying just beyond where the engine had finally stopped. We carried him to one side and away from the escaping steam from the wrecked engine, both boiler plugs having blown out, covering everything with scalding steam. The fireman picked himself from the wreckage and did not seem to be badly hurt, but his face was bloody from the fall and his hand was badly cut, also his shoe torn off and his foot badly cut. How he escaped is a miracle, as he said his first intimation was the torpedoes which had been placed behind us, however not in time for the engineer to stop his train. The engineer on No. 8 I found to be dead, hanging in a most terrible and peculiar position by his head in the heavy frame of his engine just beneath his cab. He had shut off his engine and done all possible to stop; however, he stuck to his post and

was evidently killed instantly. The wreckage of the two Pullman cars was terrible and the passengers pinned under them were calling for help and the shrieks from those dying were something terrible to hear. Together with a couple of soldiers who were on the train, I succeeded in tearing a hole through the roof of the last sleeper, and letting myself down through this hole I extracted a man and his wife, who were both living. I since learned that they were Mr. and Mrs. Paulson, mentioned in the papers, she having died on the way to the city on the relief train. She was the bravest woman I ever saw, and with her injuries was cheerful and insisted that I rescue her husband first.

I then took from beneath where they were the body of a negro porter, who was badly mangled. Just beneath his body was that of a young man, the Notre Dame student spoken of in the papers. He was not cut nor crushed and his clothes were not even soiled, his collar and tie were as immaculate as when he had dressed; however, he was badly hurt and died in my arms as I was lifting him up. Below him was the body of a young woman, who was dead. She was fully dressed, but terribly mutilated, a long splinter of wood had pierced her shoulder and she was completely covered with the debris. From the description in the papers I believe she was the woman who was going to Chicago to meet her sweetheart, where they were to have been married.

The only one who escaped from this car comparatively unhurt was a young girl, who had extricated herself from the wreckage when I reached it. She would not leave, but stayed right there and told me how many more were in the car and where to look for them. She suffered a badly split lip, but aside from the shock sustained, no other injuries.

There were many heart-rending and pitiful sights, and when the wreckage caught fire it was terrible. However, we succeeded in extinguishing the fire by using the fire extinguishers carried in the mail cars. In a very short time there were many to help and the doctors and nurses arrived very quickly after the accident.

Harold Streight.

## PLATTSMOUTH WILL SECURE POSTAL BONDS

### Total Amount on Deposit in Plattsmouth Savings Bank May 31, \$1,952.

Lincoln ranked well among the towns of the state in the amount of money invested in postal bonds of the third issue on July 1, according to figures given out from the office of the postmaster general. Applications were placed for the issue of \$8,360 worth of bonds by the depositors of the various postal savings banks in the state. Of this amount Lincoln depositors asked for \$1,160 worth; Omaha, \$3,920; North Platte, \$600; Beatrice, Kearney, Nebraska City and Plattsmouth, \$500 each, says the Lincoln Star.

It is particularly interesting to note that more than \$6,000 of the total amounts of bonds applied for are those in the registered form. Application was received for twenty-eight coupon bonds, fifteen of the \$20 denomination, twelve of the \$100 and one of the \$500. Of the registered bonds application was made for eight of the \$20 denomination, thirty-two of the \$100 and six of the \$500, a grand total of \$6,360 of the registered bonds. The total amount on deposit in the various cities on May 31 was

as follows: Omaha, \$97,945; Lincoln, \$45,376; North Platte, \$5,520; Beatrice, \$5,997; Kearney, \$3,876; Nebraska City, \$9,794; Plattsmouth, \$1,952.

This is the third bond issue since the installation of the postal savings system in this country. The first issue was on July 1, 1911, and the second on February 1 of this year. Compared with applications in Nebraska on January 1, the date of the last conversion, the number of the present application shows a gratifying increase. For the previous bond issue applications were received from twenty depositors for \$3,320 of the bonds, of which amount \$2,780 were in the registered form.

## Died at Lima, Ohio.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
The news of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Hardnock, widow of Henry C. Hardnock, late of Alvo, in this county, has been received in the city, her death having occurred yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fisher, at Lima, Ohio. The funeral will occur Thursday. Her husband, Henry C. Hardnock, died at their home in Alvo May 14, 1911, and Mrs. Hardnock died July 15, 1912.

Rev. C. S. Long, field secretary of the U. B. hospital at Beatrice, was a guest of Plattsmouth friends over night, departing for Omaha and his home at Beatrice this morning.