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## BURLINGTON SECTION HAND IS KILLED

ROCK ISLAND FREIGHT TRAIN NO. 95 STRIKES MOTOR CAR FILLED WITH BRIDGE MEN

## CON SOHL DANGEROUSLY HURT

Foreman of Gang Will Probably Die and Charles Bullock is Killed in the Accident.

From Friday's Daily.  
This morning at 9:30 as the freight train No. 95 of the Rock Island was traveling from South Bend to Louisville over the Burlington tracks, the train ran into a motor car filled with Burlington bridge men and as a result Charles Bullock, aged 50 years, of Cedar Creek was instantly killed and Con Sohl, the foreman, received injuries from which it is thought he will die.  
Where the accident occurred, one mile west of Louisville, there is a very sharp curve and the approaching train was not in view of the bridge gang who were hurrying to their work traveling on a railroad motor car and the train was upon them before they discovered it approaching. Bullock was instantly killed in the wreck while the foreman suffered severe injuries to the back and chest as well as a dangerous cut on the head. The train was stopped as soon as possible and the injured man, Con Sohl placed on a train and hurried to Lincoln, where he was placed in the hospital. The injured men are all employees of the Burlington on the Cedar Creek bridge gang and make their home at that place. The bridge men claim that the approaching train did not whistle or offer any other indication of its approach until too late to avoid the collision. Conductor W. E. Brown was in charge of the freight at the time of the accident.  
Since the starting of the work on the Rock Island bridge at South Bend the Rock Island has been detouring its trains from that place over the Burlington to Louisville and from there to Meadow over the Missouri Pacific.

## RECEIVES INFORMATION ABOUT BONDS

Department of Justice at Lincoln Informs County Clerks of the Proceeding in Issuance of Bonds

From Friday's Daily.  
County Clerk George R. Sayles has received information from Lincoln from the state department of justice in regard to the issuing by counties, municipalities and school districts of bonds and which will be of interest to all the taxpayers of the state. The letter is as follows:  
"The attention of this office has been called recently to certain bond transactions in this state, which have been very unsatisfactory to the municipalities and school districts voting such bonds. Inasmuch as there will be confusion and innocent persons may be defrauded and the reputation of Nebraska bonds may be injured if great care is not used in the issuance and sale of bonds in this state, this office deems it advisable to make the following suggestion:  
First. Counties, municipalities or school districts voting bonds should see to it that the record or history of their bond issue be made up by their officers, by a duly authorized agent or an attorney representing such district or municipality and representing no other person, persons or corporation.  
Second. That upon entering into a contract with any person or corporation for the sale of such bonds it would be advisable, in the case of a foreign corporation or non-resident of this state, to require such person or corporation to deposit in a local bank the sum required under the contract for the purchase of such bonds, the bond transaction to be completed at the local bank where the money and bonds are to be de-

posited in escrow, subject to the terms of the contract.  
Third. Be certain of the bidder's financial responsibility and his right to do business in this state, and keep the bonds in the state until the bidder performs his contract.

## FROST DAMAGES PAVING

From Thursday's Daily.  
The frost coming out of the ground has raised several varieties of trouble with the paving on Main street and a section of the cobble stone pavement in front of the store of F. P. Busch has been pushed several feet above the surface of the street by the action of the frost. The use of the roller in tamping the pavement will be necessary as soon as the weather conditions settle.

## PRESBYTERIAN LADIES WERE ENTERTAINED

Met on Wednesday Afternoon at the Church Parlors—Refreshments Served.

From Friday's Daily.  
The Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church was very pleasantly entertained on Wednesday afternoon at the church parlors by Mesdames G. L. Farley, C. E. Hartford and E. A. Wurl. The parlors were very charmingly arranged for the occasion with a large number of potted and flowering plants whose bright flowers and pleasant green foliage made the scene one of rare beauty and charm.  
The decorations throughout were in keeping with the Easter season and showed much care and thoughtfulness in their preparation. The auxiliary has secured several large ornamental screens for use in the church parlors which had been decorated and completed by Rev. and Mrs. McCluskey and which were in use for the first time at this meeting and made a very pleasant addition to the decorations of the rooms.  
Following the business session of the society the members of whom there were a large number in attendance, proceeded to enjoy a fine social time which was featured by very dainty and delicious refreshments served by the hostesses and which were in keeping with the spirit of the Easter season.

## OLD RESIDENT RECOVERING

From Thursday's Daily.  
Albert O'Neill, who was injured several weeks ago by being struck by the Missouri Pacific northbound passenger train, is so far recovered as to return home from the hospital in Omaha and is now up and around. He is still carrying his arm in a sling but is feeling greatly improved. Mr. O'Neill is also without a doubt, Plattsmouth's oldest resident as his parents were among the first white settlers in the county. In speaking of this, Mr. O'Neill says that he was here when Drury Graves, who was considered the oldest settler, came to the city.

## MAY LOSE SIGHT OF HIS LEFT EYE

James Gilmour of This City Who is Employed on the John Gustin Farm Meets With Accident

From Friday's Daily.  
James Gilmour, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Gilmour of this city, met with an accident a few days ago that will probably result in the loss of his left eye. The young man has been engaged in working on the farm of his uncle, John J. Gustin, near Murdock and while he was engaged in cutting a strand of wire with a pair of cutters a small piece of wire flew up and struck him in the eye, lacerating the eyeball and from what can be learned will probably result in the destruction of the sight of the eye. Mrs. Gilmour, the mother of the young man left yesterday for Murdock and will assist in looking after the injured young man.  
The many friends of Mr. Gilmour in this city will regret very much to learn of the unfortunate accident and trust that he may recover from the ordeal without the permanent injury of the eye, but at this time this seems doubtful.

## FREE BRIDGE OVER PLATTE IS ADVOCATED

AUTO OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF COMMUNITY ARE STRONG FOR SUCH A PROPOSITION

## WILL PETITION COMMISSIONERS

To Take Up With State the Matter of Getting The Platte River Auto and Wagon Bridge for People

From Thursday's Daily.  
The matter of a free automobile and wagon bridge over the Platte river at this place has been taken up by a number of the prominent residents of the community and will soon be brought to the attention of the board of county commissioners as the boosters for the proposition have a petition being circulated that is being filled up by the auto owners and those who have had occasion to use the bridge as a means of travel.  
The question of the free bridge has long been in the minds of the residents not only of this city and county but also of the neighboring counties to the south that find the government highway running through from the north to south an ideal means of travel and one that should be open and free to all. The federal government as well as the state has expended quite a sum in making the highway, but their efforts will not extend to improving the final roadway to the bridge if it is privately owned as there is a strict ruling against the government aiding any private enterprise of this kind.  
The cost of the bridge would be divided one-quarter to both Cass and Sarpy county and a half by the state and the Omaha good roads boosters are willing to get into the game, we are informed and help out the Sarpy end of the proposition so as to give this free bridge which is an important link on the Omaha-Kansas City road.  
The encouragement that the petitioners have met with has greatly encouraged them and they will continue their work until a good representation of the people of the county is found on the petition that will be put up to the county commissioners for action. The general response seems to indicate that it is a very popular move.

## ENJOY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Mesdames L. L. Wiles and Allen J. Beeson Entertain the Members of the B. H. W. Club.

From Friday's Daily.  
Last evening the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. Luke L. Wiles was the scene of a most pleasant gathering when Mrs. Wiles and Mrs. Allen J. Beeson entertained their friends of the B. H. W. club in honor of the birthday anniversaries of Mr. Wiles and Judge Beeson. Now as to what anniversary was celebrated we are unable to state but the guests of honor blushingly acknowledged that they were "over eighteen". The anniversary of Mr. Wiles occurring yesterday while Judge Beeson was celebrating his natal day today.  
The hostesses had prepared a most charmingly arranged 6 o'clock dinner that was thoroughly enjoyed by the members of the party. The tables were arranged in a large room and were very beautiful with the tasteful decoration of cut flowers and ferns, which with the snowy linen, sparkling silver and handsome china made a picture of beauty.  
The dinner was served in four courses by the daughters of the hostesses, Misses Elizabeth, Grace, Virginia and Helen Beeson and Marguerite Wiles. One of the features of the dinner was the birthday cakes with their candles denoting the years that had been enjoyed by the gentlemen in whose honor the event had been prepared.  
During the progress of the dinner the guests of honor were toasted as well as "roasted" by their friends and

responded gracefully to the many kind remarks of their helpmates and associates. In honor of the occasion the gentlemen were presented with many handsome tokens of the esteem of their friends.  
Following the dinner the members of the party were entertained at a theater party at the Parmele to enjoy the "Bird of Paradise". Those who participated in the pleasant evening were Messrs. and Mesdames William Baird, Allen J. Beeson, E. H. Wescott, Robert B. Hayes, L. L. Wiles, J. E. Wiles and Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Wiles of Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hill of Beeman, who were former members of this social club were represented at the gathering by a letter of congratulations to the guests of honor.

## DEATH OF GEORGE H. BECKER TODAY

Passes Away After a Week's Illness Due to Pneumonia and Flu—Was Making Home at Perkins House

From Thursday's Daily.  
This afternoon at 1:15, George H. Becker passed away after a week's illness due to the flu and complications of pneumonia. Mr. Becker had been visiting at Alvo for a few days at the home of his aunt, Mrs. H. J. Miller and on returning to this city last Saturday was taken down with a slight attack of the flu which rapidly developed into pneumonia. A trained nurse has been caring for him at his room in the Perkins hotel but he had steadily grown worse until this noon when the death messenger came to relieve him of his suffering.  
George H. Becker was the oldest son of John H. Becker, one of the old residents of this community and was 55 years of age at the time of his death. He has spent his lifetime in this community, residing at the parental home on the farm until the family removed to this city and has since lived in Plattsmouth. Of a kindly and helpful disposition the deceased found no greater pleasure than assisting someone in their tasks and to those who knew him best his kindly and friendly presence will be missed.  
The father, J. H. Becker is spending the winter with Mrs. Becker at Long Beach, California. George H. Becker leaves surviving him three sisters and three brothers, Mrs. George A. Kaffenberger of Lincoln; Mrs. C. T. Peacock and Mrs. Frank A. Clويد of this city; William A. Becker, Philip T. Becker and H. E. Becker, all of this community. The mother preceded George in death some four years ago. The departed was also a nephew of Mrs. Frank Brinkman of this city and Mrs. H. J. Miller of Alvo.

## RECEIVES DEATH MESSAGE

From Thursday's Daily.  
This afternoon B. B. Danier of this city received a message announcing the death in Chicago of his nephew, George Evans. The message did not give the particulars of the death. Mr. Evans has been in the employe of the Burlington in Chicago for several years. He was thirty-five years of age and leaves a wife and two children to mourn his death. The deceased was also a nephew of Mrs. E. F. Grimes of Omaha.

## TWO MORE CANDIDATES WITHDRAW

R. W. Knorr for City Treasurer and Guy W. Morgan for Councilman Withdraw

From Thursday's Daily.  
The lure of running for office in the city government does not seem to appeal to the average citizen and the effort made to enlist the best available man is not meeting with great success. A number on both tickets have pulled out of the race and the latest to have their declarations filed with City Clerk McElwain are Roy W. Knorr, who was nominated by the republicans for city treasurer, and Guy W. Morgan, who has declined to run for councilman in the first ward. Both of these gentlemen feel that to make the race would be too much of a sacrifice and even if selected they would find difficulty in serving and doing justice to themselves.

## BELIEVE JOB NOT WORK OF KANSAS GANG

GREENWOOD BURGLARY FAILS TO CARRY EARMARKS OF THE PROFESSIONALS.

## SAFE PROVES BURGLAR PROOF

Withstanding Three Charges of High Explosive—Loss May Not be Heavy as Expected.

From Thursday's Daily.  
Peace officers who inspected the work of burglars at the Greenwood First National bank Tuesday were not convinced that the Kansas gang of bank burglars had moved into Nebraska. When they first heard of the burglars, they were ready to gamble that the Kansas gang had invaded the state and that the long series of burglaries there, where hundreds of thousands of liberty bonds had been stolen, might be repeated in this state.  
A close inspection of the work made it apparent that the work was not participated in by those accustomed to safe cracking. It also showed that the so-called burglar proof safe might live up to its name. Three charges of high explosive had been tried on it and the worst that had happened was that three blotches had been made on the paint and the lower compartment combination lock would not respond to the touch of the banker who knew how it should open.  
The burglary started bankers and peace officers to discussing bank robberies where government bonds and securities are taken. The value of registering bonds was shown when it was stated that although there may be much delay in replacing securities, owners of government bonds that were registered will not lose. The bonds will be replaced.  
After the Greenwood bank bought its new burglar proof safe about a month ago the customers were urged to place their valuables, kept in the safety deposit boxes, in the vault of the bank, that they might be placed in the bombproof safe at night. Some of the customers, in fact a large number of them, did so. They did not lose.

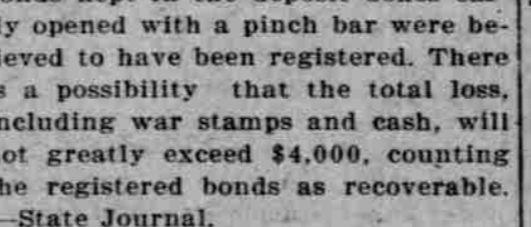
If it develops that the work was that of professionals a strong suspicion will remain that the bank was on their list of easy marks and that the yeggs had not heard that the bank had replaced the old safe a few weeks ago. While the yeggs took bonds they prefer cash. It is less dangerous to handle.  
If the registered government bonds form as large a part of the loss at Greenwood as the bankers think it will, the actual loss in the end will be small. The bank's loss was about \$150 in money, while the loss in coupon bonds is thought to be considerably under the \$4,000 mark. Practically all of the government bonds kept in the deposit boxes easily opened with a pinch bar were believed to have been registered. There is a possibility that the total loss, including war stamps and cash, will not greatly exceed \$4,000, counting the registered bonds as recoverable.—State Journal.

Lee Fickler, the veteran wrestler officiated as referee of the match. Andy Schmarder, the boxer and brother of Frank was present at the match.

## FIND JOURNAL A VALUABLE ADJUNCT TO HOUSEKEEPING

From Friday's Daily.  
Adam Meisinger, one of the prominent farmers of near Cedar Creek motored in this morning from his home accompanied by his mother, Mrs. J. H. Meisinger, and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ralph Meisinger and spent a few hours here trading and visiting with friends. While here Mr. Meisinger called and had the name of his son, Rudolph Meisinger enrolled for the Journal for the coming year. Rudolph and bride are just starting housekeeping and find they need this valuable asset in the enjoyment of their new home.

If it's in the stationery line, call at the Journal office.



## CIRCUS DAYS COMING

The joy of circus days will soon be with us in all its glory and a reminder of this fact was given this morning when the special train of the Sells-Floto company passed through this city over the Burlington for the east where they are to open the season. This is one of the big circus organizations of the nation and has pleased thousands of the old and young of America in its showing.

## MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

From Thursday's Daily.  
Yesterday afternoon County Judge Beeson was called upon to unite in marriage Miss Ruth Monroe of this city and Mr. William R. Steitke of Omaha. The young people expect to make their home in Omaha in the future. The bride is a daughter of

Elmer E. Monroe, formerly of Pacific Junction, and well known in this city. The parents of the bride at present are residing in Wyoming.  
Marriage license was issued in the county court to Louis G. Meisinger, and Miss Frances M. Hell, both of Cedar Creek. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Hell and the groom a son of John Meisinger.

## SELLS HORSES

From Thursday's Daily.  
Q. K. Parmele yesterday disposed of five head of his horses to A. S. Will and the stock will be removed to the farm of Mr. Will for use in the work there. Mr. Parmele has had some excellent stock in his barn here and his good judgment in the selecting of the horses gave him the best that could be secured.

## FRANK SCHMARDER GRABS OFF ANOTHER

Defeats Cal Wood of Stanton in Two Out of Three Falls at Coates Hall Last Evening.

From Friday's Daily.  
Frank Schmarder of Louisville, who has been grabbing them off regularly for the past few weeks, last night added another win to his record when he successfully pinned Cal Woods of Stanton for two falls. Woods weighs in the neighborhood of 210 pounds, while Schmarder wrestles at 175, but the difference in weight made little difference to the Louisville man in pinning down the shoulders of his opponent.  
In the opening fall Woods at the conclusion of thirteen minutes was able to get a head scissors and wrist lock which brought Schmarder to the mat for the decision. In the second fall Schmarder was able to come back when with the toe hold he forced Woods to quit at the end of twenty-one minutes.  
The third and decisive fall came after twenty-four minutes with Frank getting a head scissors and bar arm lock, which laid Woods down for the decision.

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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWLY DECORATED

INTERIOR OF BUILDING NOW RESTORED TO ITS FORMER BEAUTY BY SKILL OF DECORATORS

## AUXILIARY WAS IN CHARGE

Ladies Organization of Church Has Been Big Factor in Getting Work Completed This Season.

From Friday's Daily.  
The First Presbyterian church of this city, one of the handsomest of the houses of worship in the city, has just been redecorated and prepared for the use of the congregation, and the regular services will be held in the main auditorium of the structure on Sunday, the services having been held in the basement of the church during the redecorating period. The large auditorium of the church has been decorated by N. K. Peoples, who has the contract, in a very handsome manner and the interior of the church is one of great beauty. The lobby of the church has been finished in the soft cream tints of the walls and the rich mahogany of the woodwork makes it very beautiful to the eye. The swinging doors have also been prepared in the dark staining with leather covering the main part of the doors.  
The interior of the auditorium is where the beauty of the new decorations can be best appreciated as here they show to the greatest advantage. The large beams supporting the ceiling have been finished in the work mahogany shades while the walls and ceiling are in the cream tints which produces a harmonious and artistic effect. The frescoing that formerly was on the walls has been replaced by the plain and simple decorations which are much more pleasing to the eye and adds to the richness of the interior. The windows and woodwork of the room have also been touched up with the mahogany finish and as the soft light from the large colored glass windows enters the auditorium it produces an effect that is indescribable in its beauty.  
The woodwork of the Sunday school rooms in the basement of the church is receiving a coat of the finishing varnish and the floors are to be oiled and placed in fine shape. The building is a beauty and a credit to the splendid membership of the church.

## MILK COWS FOR SALE

Two good milk cows, just fresh. At reasonable prices. Come and see them at Murray.—Theo. Bouton, if  
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