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## TWO MURRAY MEN STRUCK BY M. P. TRAIN

### ROBERT GOOD PROBABLY FATALY INJURED AND OMAR K. YARDLEY SERIOUSLY INJURED

## OCCURS NEAR NEBRASKA CITY

### Men Were On Truck Load of Hogs Enroute to Nebraska City When Hit by Train on Crossing

From Friday's Daily. A very serious accident occurred yesterday morning at 10 o'clock near Nebraska City, when a truck load of hogs in charge of Robert Good and Omar K. Yardley of Murray, was struck by the south bound Missouri Pacific train and as a result Mr. Good is in the hospital suffering from what may prove fatal injuries while Mr. Yardley is very seriously hurt.

The men had driven onto the crossing, which is a very dangerous one and just as they were making the crossing the south-bound train running at a high rate of speed came down upon them and before the truck could be gotten off the crossing the train crashed into the truck demolishing it and hurling the two men quite a distance as well as killing three of the hogs and badly injuring the remaining. Mr. Good was thrown against a telephone pole having his leg broken in two places and the bones badly shattered and some ten or twelve cuts on the head. Omar K. Yardley, the owner of the truckload of hogs, was thrown some distance and the calf of his leg badly mashed but no bones broken. He was astride a dead hog when he regained consciousness.

The accident occurred at the Graham mill crossing a few miles north of Nebraska City and one of the most dangerous crossings on the Missouri Pacific line. As soon as the accident occurred the train was stopped and Mr. Good placed on board and brought on into Nebraska City, where he was rushed to the hospital. The injured man suffering terribly from his injuries was made as comfortable as possible by Dr. Wilson at the hospital. It is the opinion of the attending physicians that it will be several days before the full extent of the injuries can be determined.

## CRYING FOR A FREE BRIDGE OVER PLATTE

### Cass County Commissioners Want Help for Project, Says the Nebraska City Daily Press.

From Friday's Daily. That the federal aid highway system cannot be extended from Plattsmouth to Sarpy county and thence into Omaha until there is a free bridge across the Platte river, north of Plattsmouth, was the declaration made in Nebraska City yesterday by officials from Cass county who were interviewing Oteo county men yesterday with a view to petitioning the state engineer for some relief.

The government highway officials, it is pointed out, will not sanction a federal road project from Plattsmouth to the Platte river unless a free bridge is provided. The present structure is owned privately and is said to be a mint for its owners. Traffic is heavy and the tolls are not light but there is nothing to do except pay the bill, for the bridge is the only connecting link except one at Louisville, some twenty-five miles to the west.

For some time there has been a genuine demand for better roads in Cass, Sarpy and Douglas counties. The men who were here yesterday say this wish is impossible of fulfillment until a federal highway project is laid out. Without a free bridge across the Platte the government is adamant, they say.

Petitions are being drawn and the state department of highways will be urged to take such action as is needed to give the travelers for a large territory south of the Platte the relief desired.

The men here yesterday were

Messrs. C. F. Harris, Julius Pittz and C. F. Valley commissioners from Cass county; and Arthur Troop. They met with a warm reception at the court house here and were told that the petitions from this county would not be hard to obtain. At the same time they called upon the B. M. A. and it is quite likely some action will be taken at the next director's meeting, a resolution endorsing the proposition or something of that sort.—Nebraska Daily Press.

## ARRIVAL OF NEW SON

From Friday's Daily. A fine little son and heir arrived Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cole in this city. The mother and little son are doing nicely and the happy father busy receiving the congratulations of the many friends. Mrs. Cole was formerly Miss Lloyd of Murray.

## ESTATE OF AGED MAN WILL BE LARGE

### Valuable Property Held by A. J. Seaman, Omaha Eccentric Will Reach a Large Sum It is Thought

From Friday's Daily. The estate of the late Albert Seaman, Omaha eccentric, who died six weeks ago, will probably reach into the hundred thousands of dollars instead of the mere \$50,000 to \$100,000 that was found in cash and securities in his safety deposit box, and local building and loan associations.

T. H. Weirich, superintendent of the Welfare board, and one of the administrators of the estate, said yesterday that a far-reaching investigation is being made and new property is being found continually. "Mr. Seaman had bought tax titles not only in Omaha but in many towns and cities of Nebraska and Kansas, and in Denver, Colo.," he said.

"We are investigating each case and finding out how much is due his estate. Many of these tax titles have been redeemed by their original owners and the money is awaiting the order of the estate. "We have found, also, that Mr. Seaman owned a number of farms. This we learn through people writing in to know about renting them. Some asked to purchase and want a price placed upon farms."

It is believed that Mr. Seaman bought these farms some years ago and that, owing to the great increase in land values, they will add to the estate much larger sums than the already large sums found in cash and securities.

## MRS. GRACE LEACH.

From Friday's Daily. The shocking news of the death of Mrs. Grace Leach of Union was received here Tuesday. Mrs. Leach was taken to Omaha for an operation for septic poisoning, but it was deemed unwise to operate on account of her weakened condition.

The body was brought to Avoca to the home of her mother Mrs. Hester Conrad, Wednesday afternoon. Funeral services were held at the Christian church at Avoca Thursday afternoon at two o'clock, and interment made at the Nehawka cemetery.

Mrs. Leach leaves a husband, Harry Leach, an infant son two years old, a mother Mrs. Hester Conrad of Avoca, five brothers, Clarence Conrad of Grant, Charles of Omaha, Lawson of Omaha, Lucian of Chapel and John of Avoca.

Grace as she was known to everyone in Avoca was born and reared in the village, and endeared herself to all who knew her by her cheerful and happy disposition. Grace Conrad was born April 26th, 1897, at Avoca, Neb., died March 30th at St. Joseph hospital, Omaha, Neb., aged 23 years, 11 months and 2 days.—Weeping Water Republican.

## ASKS FOR PROBATE OF ESTATE

From Friday's Daily. A petition has been filed in the county court by Mrs. Mary Carney, through her attorney C. A. Rawls, asking for the determination of heirship in the estate of Andrew Barry, who died in this county, June 15, 1914, and also for the probate of the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Barry, deceased. The petition asks for the appointment of A. G. Bach as administrator of the estate of Mrs. Barry.

## DEATH OF MRS. LYDIA TODD AT DENVER, COLO.

### FOR MANY YEARS A RESIDENT OF THIS CITY AND WIDOW OF THE LATE A. B. TODD.

## HER DEMISE CAME SUDDENLY

### Had Made Home at Denver for Number of Years and Was Caring for Her Sister at Time of Death

From Friday's Daily. This morning a message was received in this city by Mrs. D. O. Dwyer announcing the death at Denver, Colorado, of Mrs. Lydia Todd, widow of A. B. Todd, step-father of Mrs. Dwyer. The message gave but few facts aside from that death had come to her suddenly Thursday morning.

Mrs. Todd was, during the past summer and fall, visiting here with the relatives and old friends, but has this winter been staying at her own home at Denver and assisting in the care of her sister, Mrs. Frank Caruth.

The Todd family were for many years among the most prominent residents in the city. Mr. Todd being very active in the politics of the late eighties and early nineties and was for a number of years county commissioner. Later the family removed to Denver, where Mr. Todd died a number of years ago and where for the greater part of the time the widow has made her home since that time.

Mrs. Todd was in the neighborhood of seventy years of age and her death came as a great surprise to the old friends in this city as she had apparently been in the best of health when visiting here last fall.

The deceased lady is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Carruth of Denver and Mrs. Dickson of Lincoln, as well as a number of nieces and nephews at Denver. The body of Mrs. Todd will be brought to this city for burial but no date of the funeral services has been announced.

## ROBERT PATTERSON SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

### Regains Consciousness Last Evening and Fracture of Skull Has Been Found by Examination

From Friday's Daily. Robert Patterson who was so severely injured on Wednesday at the W. D. Wheeler farm south of the city and who was taken to the Wise Memorial hospital in Omaha that same evening, is reported as showing some improvement. Mr. Patterson regained consciousness last evening and was reported to be suffering from a fracture of the skull, but how severe had not been fully determined. When taken to the hospital it was feared that he had suffered a fracture of the backbone, but this was not developed in the examination. Up to this morning it had been found impossible to allow anyone in to see the injured man aside from the attending surgeons and nurses. Members of the family are remaining there to be with the patient when he recovers sufficiently to receive them.

## RESTRAINING ORDER GRANTED

From Friday's Daily. A restraining order was granted yesterday in the district court by Judge Begley in the case of William D. Messersmith and Elizabeth A. Messersmith vs. Jess Bashus, and in which the plaintiff requested the order to restrain the defendant from trespassing on a tract of land on the Missouri river bottom to which they claim title. The case will be heard on Saturday at 9 o'clock. Attorney W. A. Robertson appears as attorney for the plaintiffs.

## FOR SALE

Five pedigreed poland china gilts, farrowed Sept. 20th, weigh 170 pounds, \$40 each. Telephone 3513. A. O. Ramge.

## IN SERIOUS CONDITION

From Friday's Daily. The reports from the home of Mrs. Fred Heinrich, sr., this morning state that her condition has become very serious and has greatly alarmed the members of the family. Mrs. Heinrich has been a sufferer from heart trouble for some years and the present illness covering the past two weeks has been complicated with this affliction so that very little hopes of her recovery are entertained. The daughter, Mrs. L. D. Hiatt of Murray has been here at the bedside of the mother during her illness and a son of Mrs. Heinrich, Henry Zuckeweller of Miller, South Dakota, accompanied by his wife arrived yesterday to be with the mother.

Mr. Heinrich was taken sick about the same time as his wife is improving somewhat, but still bears the effect of the paralytic stroke which he suffered.

## CASS COUNTY PIONEER DIES IN EAST

### John F. Polk, Formerly a Resident of Near Louisville, Passes Away at His Home at Knightstown, Ind.

From Friday's Daily. Hon. John F. Polk, one of the pioneer residents of the vicinity of Louisville and who has for the past few years made his home at Knightstown, Indiana, passed away yesterday morning at that place at the close of a long and useful life. Mr. Polk came to Cass county in 1871 and settled on a farm near Louisville, where he made his home up to the time of his departure for the old home in the east. During his residence in this county he followed his profession as a teacher as well as civil engineer and was quite active in political circles of the county, being at one time a member of the legislature from Cass county and during his residence here was a staunch republican. He leaves to mourn his death, three sons, Dr. L. F. Polk and John Polk of Lincoln and Milton D. Polk of Nampa, Idaho, and a daughter, Mrs. Estelle Heath of Los Angeles, California. Another son, C. S. Polk, former county attorney of Cass county, died a number of years ago at Lincoln. The two sons from Lincoln departed yesterday for Indiana to attend the funeral.

## OPERATION PROVES SUCCESSFUL

From Friday's Daily. Yesterday morning Mrs. Joseph Kvapil, formerly Miss Mary Novatney of this city was operated on at the St. Joseph hospital in Omaha and the last report received from the hospital stated that the patient was doing as well as possible under the conditions. The operation has been a very severe one and the patient has stood it in splendid shape after her long illness. Mrs. Emil Stenik was a visitor this afternoon at the hospital with her sister.

## ARGUE MOTION IN PAUL LEMPKE CASE

### Representative of Mrs. F. R. Guthmann in Habeas Corpus Case Attacks Jurisdiction of Court

From Thursday's Daily. Yesterday at Lincoln the matter of the habeas corpus proceedings whereby the father of Paul Lempke, seeks to secure the custody of his son from Mrs. F. R. Guthmann of this city, who has had the rearing of the boy since babyhood, was heard before the district court of Lancaster county. Attorney Matthew Gering of this city representing Mrs. Guthmann, raised the question of the jurisdiction of the Lancaster county court in the matter, contending that as the child had not been brought to Cass county by force or against the protest of the parents the jurisdiction of the case lay with the district court of Cass county. This matter was argued by Mr. Gering and submitted to the court and has been taken under advisement.

In the event that this motion is over ruled by the court the matter will be heard on Monday at Lincoln, but should the motion be sustained the case will be heard in the court here should other steps be taken by the father to secure his son.

## SERIOUS FIRE OCCURS AT S. S. CHASE HOME

### GARAGE TOGETHER WITH OVERLAND CAR, AND OTHER ARTICLES DESTROYED

## ORIGIN OF BLAZE IS UNKNOWN

### Owner Carried No Insurance and Sufferers Total Loss—Second Fire Caused by Electric Wires

From Thursday's Daily. Last evening shortly after 6 o'clock the fire alarm aroused the citizens of the community to the fact that the dread visitation of fire had come onto the city and it was soon found that the blaze was located at the property of S. S. Chase on Pearl street, between Ninth and Tenth street. The fire originated in the frame garage located on the alley in the rear of the premises and when discovered by Superintendent C. E. Pratt, who resides just north of the Chase property the flames had gained great headway and the whole interior of the garage was ablaze. The neighbors securing the garden hose from the residence of E. H. Wescott attempted to cope with the blaze, but without success and it was not until the arrival of the fire department shortly after the alarm was turned in that the flames were checked but by that time the building was practically destroyed and the contents reduced to smoldering ruins. The blaze from the burning building caused the cable lines of the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co., which run through the alley to melt and fall and a number of poles which had been loosened by the high wind last Sunday fell, putting the telephone lines in that portion of the city out of commission. The fire also spread to the poles of the electric light company and interfered with the service, one of the transformers being burned quite badly.

The residence of Mrs. William Cowles was also in great danger as the roof of the house caught on fire twice from the flying fragments of burning wood and was put out only by the prompt action of the fire department. The residence of Mr. Chase was also threatened with the fire as the paint on the exterior of the house was badly scorched by the heat from the burning garage.

The origin of the fire is unknown but started in the interior of the garage as the whole structure was on fire inside when discovered. Mr. Chase, the owner of the building will suffer a total loss as there was no insurance carried on either the building or the contents. The loss will include the garage which is valued at from \$1,200 to \$1,500 and an Overland touring car which Mr. Chase had just had painted and repaired and which has been used only a few times this spring. The loss on the car will be in the neighborhood of \$1,000 while the other articles of household goods stored in the building will make the loss reach at least \$2,500.

A second fire occurred in the same neighborhood about 10 o'clock last night but which was extinguished by the prompt action of the neighbors. The electric line running through the alley had become entangled in a tree on the property of Superintendent C. E. Pratt and a shortage occurring in the line, the tree was caught on fire and started to blaze quite freely and the falling pieces of burning bark and twigs caught a pile of leaves on fire and for a time seemed ready to start another fire but the prompt use of the small garden hose soon had this fire checked.

## SECURES MARRIAGE LICENSE

From Thursday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon a marriage license was issued in the county court to Mr. Webb Russell and Miss Gladys Mae Prichard, both of Weeping Water. License to marry has also been granted to Benjamin F. Ruby, aged 75 and Mrs. Jane Ingwersen, aged 77, both of near Weeping Water.

The popular line of Dennison stickers and cards at the Journal office.

## DIES SERVING COMPANY

From Monday's Daily. Con Sohl, who was fatally injured Friday morning in the railroad accident and whose death occurred Friday night at Lincoln was one of the old and trusted employes of the Burlington having spent the last thirty years of his life working for this company. The death of Mr. Sohl was due to his desire to protect the property of the company as he and Charles Bullock were endeavoring to get the railroad motor car off the track in the advance of the oncoming Rock Island freight train when they were injured and Bullock killed outright. The other members of the party had gotten off of the car and left it to its fate and consequently were not killed. The funeral of Mr. Sohl was held this afternoon at his home in Ashland.

## SARAH RAMSEY KOCH DIES AT HAVELOCK

From Wednesday's Daily. The sad news was received here this morning by Judge and Mrs. B. S. Ramsey, announcing the death of their foster daughter, Mrs. Sarah Ramsey Koch which occurred this morning at 2 o'clock after a short illness due to uremic poisoning. The deceased lady made her home here during her childhood and early womanhood with Judge and Mrs. Ramsey having been brought up in their care from the time she was five years old and was held in the greatest love and affection by the foster parents who feel greatly the loss that has come to them. Sixteen years ago the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Koch occurred in this city where they continued to make their home for a time, but the greater part of their married life has been spent at Havelock. The deceased is thirty-three years of age and leaves to mourn her death the husband and three young sons. The funeral services will be held Sunday at the late home in Havelock.

## PRESBYTERIANS IN ANNUAL MEETING

From Friday's Daily. The annual meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church was held last evening at the church and well attended by the members of the church. The reports of the officers and the different societies of the church showed that in the year just closed the record of the church has been the best in its history both in the handling of the church's financial affairs and in the carrying out of the religious mission of the church in the community. The congregation held the election of the officers of the church at this meeting and for elders, C. A. Rawls and D. B. Ebersole were selected for a term of three years. For trustees for the term of three years, Charles C. Parmele and W. F. Wurga were selected.

For superintendent of the Sunday school, Mr. C. A. Rawls was chosen with W. T. Adams as assistant superintendent, Miss Estelle Baird, secretary-treasurer, Miss Ada Mann, librarian, Miss Clara Trilety, organist and Rev. H. G. McClusky as chorister.

## TOO MANY WIVES LEAD TO PENITENTIARY

### HARRY DALE SNETHEN ARRESTED AT OMAHA BY SHERIFF QUINTON GETS PRISON TERM

## MARRIED IN CASS CO. IN FEBR.

### Discovery Made That Man Has Wife and Three Children Residing in Council Bluffs

From Wednesday's Daily. This morning in the district court Harry Dale Snethen received his sentence for having loved too numerous and not wisely and for having taken unto himself more wives than the law allows to one man.

The complaint was filed by County Attorney Cole and recited that the defendant had on September 28, 1908, at Hot Springs, South Dakota, been united in the bonds of wedlock to Nellie May Deuel and the marriage ties have not been dissolved by the courts leaving this lady as the legal wife of the defendant. The wife and a family of three children now reside at Council Bluffs. On February 21, 1920, Mr. Snethen was married in this county to Miss Esther M. Nord, who was unaware of the previous wedding of the defendant.

Since his wedding to Miss Nord the plaintiff has been employed in Omaha and it was here that he was found by the sheriff and brought to this city. The defendant acknowledged the fact that he had committed bigamy in taking his second wife and seemed fully aware that he had by this act made himself liable to an enforced residence at Lancaster as a guest of the state. The judgment of the court was that Mr. Snethen would have to serve a sentence of from one to seven years at the state prison, and he was then remanded to the custody of Sheriff Quinton to await the execution of the sentence.

Mr. Snethen is a man in the neighborhood of thirty-eight years old and was not apparently greatly depressed in court over the prospect of the sentence awaiting him in the penitentiary.

## TAKEN TO PENITENTIARY

From Thursday's Daily. This morning Sheriff C. D. Quinton departed for Lincoln, taking with him Harry Dale Snethen, bigamist, who was convicted and sentenced yesterday morning in the district court to from one to seven years in the Nebraska penitentiary at Lancaster. Snethen will at once start in on serving his sentence and have plenty of time to meditate over his folly in acquiring too many wives.

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