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ROADS AND FREE BRIDGE TO THE FORE

ATTENTION FOCUSED ON A FREE BRIDGE OVER PLATTE AS BILL INTRODUCED.

In the way of highway improvement in this portion of the state, the present trend of events is such as to offer encouragement to boosters for better roads, and prospects are good that the near future will hold some needed improvements.

The present legislature is considering legislation that will have an important part in the securing of a state aid bridge over the Platte river near this city, and which is being backed by the residents of the eastern portion of the state, having been brought up by Senator Cooper of Omaha.

The measure provides that when one county and the state decide to have a bridge placed over a county boundary, the other county affected by their decision can be compelled to take up its share of the cost of such a bridge.

Several times the free bridge matter has been agitated and the state of Nebraska as well as this county have shown friendly interest in the matter, but each time the representatives of Sarpy county have voiced opposition to the project, claiming that the condition would not permit them to join in the building of the bridge.

The other counties in this portion of the state, Otoe, Nemaha and Richardson, are strong boosters for the state aid bridge and all are willing to do all that is possible in promoting a bridge and their hearty cooperation may be expected in anything that is started along this line.

Another measure that will provide further relief is the bill which has been introduced in congress by Congressman Jeffers, of Omaha, relative to the building of a paved road from the present limits of the paving in South Omaha to the government reservation at Fort Crook. This is a measure that will be heartily supported by every sane owner in this part of Nebraska, and prove a great means of travel between the army post and the big city. The paving of the army highway by the government is a stepping stone to the still further extension of the paving to link up the fort with the rifle range north of this city, and will provide a swift and sure means of travel for the soldiers and supplies from the range to the fort.

The completion of the paving to the range here would necessarily have to come after the installation of the state aid bridge as the government would only aid in the work on a public owned road and bridge.

These questions are worthy of the thought of every resident of this county and this portion of Nebraska, and should be heartily supported. We here in Plattsmouth are more directly interested in the matter, but the eastern section of the state is equally interested in the outcome.

FIRE SATURDAY NIGHT DOES LITTLE DAMAGE

The fire alarm Saturday evening shortly after 8 o'clock called the fire department to the residence of John Harris on Pearl street, near the Almazal Hill, where the roof was found to be blazing as the result of sparks having evidently lit there. The members of the department soon had the ladder up and a few shots of the chemical fluid had the fire extinguished and with but little loss to the building.

Even greater excitement than the fire was occasioned when the cap on one of the chemical tanks was blown off with a sound resembling the discharge of an artillery piece and a number of the firemen and bystanders were deluged by the liquid before it was shut off. The caps weigh eight and three quarter pounds and this one was hurled by the explosion clear over to Fifth street, the distance of an entire block, being found near the Gesse residence. Had the cap been blown straight up and come down in the crowd it would in all probability have been with fatal results. As it was, it is most fortunate for everyone concerned.

MARRIED THIS MORNING BY REV. MCCLUSKY

From Monday's Daily.
The Presbyterian Manse was the scene of a very quiet wedding this morning when Clifton A. Bowsby, of Council Bluffs, and Miss Helen Hopkins, of Sterling, Illinois, were united in the bonds of wedlock by the Rev. H. G. McClusky. The young people arrived in the city on an early Burlington train and at once securing the license hastened to the residence of the minister, where the ceremony was performed. Mrs. McClusky and Miss Catherine were the witnesses of the ceremony.

FUNERAL OF IRA BATES.

From Monday's Daily.
The funeral services of the late Ira Bates were held yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the Christian church and were conducted by the Rev. A. G. Hollowell, pastor of the church, who spoke to the bereaved family words of consolation and hope. During the service a quartet composed of B. A. McElwain, A. M. Saunders, Mrs. Minnie Prickard and Miss Thelma Hudson sang a number of the old and loved hymns. The burial was had at the Rock Bluffs cemetery near the old home where the deceased had been born and a large number of old friends were present at the grave to pay their last tribute of love and respect to the departed.

OLD RESIDENT IS CALLED TO REWARD

Mrs. Amelia Swift Died This Morning at Home of Daughter, Mrs. Frank J. Morgan.

From Saturday's Daily.
Mrs. Amelia Swift passed away at 9:45 this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank J. Morgan in this city, after a lingering illness of some two years.

Amelia White was born in Englewood, N. Y., March 28th, 1836, and was united in marriage to George Swift, March 16, 1854 in Chicago, Ill., and to this union three children were born, the oldest, a boy, Bion, who died in infancy, Mrs. Anna P. Horn of Hay Springs, Neb., and Mrs. Gertrude E. Morgan of this city, who survive her.

The husband, George Swift, departed this life September 21, 1881, and lies buried in Oak Hill cemetery, where body of Mrs. Swift will be laid to rest.

Besides the above named, one brother, Henry White, survives her, two sisters having passed away some years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Swift after leaving Chicago, moved to Markeson, Wis., where they resided until the year 1865, when they came to Nebraska, settling on a farm 10 miles west of Plattsmouth, living there until moving to town in the year 1883, where she has since resided with her daughter.

Amelia Swift united with the Methodist Episcopal church of this city August 15, 1886, and has been a faithful and active worker in the church until the beginning of her last illness.

Thus marks the passing of another of the pioneers of this community, one who came in the early days and did her part in the upbuilding of this section of the west, making it possible for the children of this generation to live in peace.

Funeral services will be held from the home of Mrs. Morgan on Monday afternoon at 2:30 p. m., her pastor, Rev. A. V. Hunter, officiating.

DEATH OF YOUNG LAD LAST SATURDAY NIGHT

Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Todd, two miles west of treapolis, occurred the death of their oldest son, Lee Edwin, who passed away after an illness of several months duration from diabetes. The little lad was born July 13, 1913, and has for the past year been in very poor health and was for some time at one of the Omaha hospitals to receive treatment, which, however failed to bring him relief. To mourn his death there remain the parents and one brother, Albert.

The funeral services were held this afternoon at 1 o'clock from the home, conducted by Rev. A. G. Hollowell and the body was laid to rest in the Oak Hill cemetery west of the city.

In their hour of grief and sorrow, the parents will have the deepest sympathy of the host of friends in this city and vicinity in the loss that has come to them.

FARM HOUSE OF ROBERT SHRADER BURNS TO GROUND

Saturday night the farm residence on the farm of Robert Shrader, east of Murray, was totally destroyed by fire, the origin of which is unknown. Mr. Shrader was absent from home at the time of the fire, being at the home of his brother, Homer Shrader, assisting in the care of his father, when he was notified that the farm house was burning, the blaze having been discovered by the neighbors.

The loss on the building and contents was total and is only partially covered by insurance.

SUFFERING FROM SICKNESS

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. George Schantz, Sr., will regret to learn of the serious illness of these two estimable old people at their home in the south part of the city. Mr. Schantz has been laid up as the result of stiffness and soreness occasioned by his working around the home, owing to his advanced years, while Mrs. Schantz has been in very poor health for the past few years.

PLATTSMOUTH BOY MARRIED IN ILLINOIS

George E. Lamphear, Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lamphear of This City Married in Chicago.

The announcement has been received here by the relatives and friends of the marriage on Wednesday at Downer's Grove, Illinois, of George E. Lamphear, formerly of this city and Miss Nellie Andrus of Downer's Grove. The wedding comes as the result of a war time romance as Mr. Lamphear first met his bride in 1917, when he enlisted in the navy and was sent to the Great Lakes training station, and there met Miss Andrus. After serving for the duration of the war the young man was discharged from the navy and after a few months spent here went to Chicago where he entered the employ of the firm of Montgomery & Ward, where he is now employed. The return to Chicago brought a renewal of the war time friendship and which soon deepened into love, culminating in the marriage on Wednesday.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lamphear of this city and is well known and very popular with a large circle of warm personal friends who will learn of his new happiness with the greatest of pleasure and extend to the newly weds their best wishes for their future happiness. Owing to the fact that the family here are just recovering from quarantine for small pox they were unable to attend the wedding, which was very quiet and attended by Bert Lamphear and family, a brother, and the family of the bride.

IMPROVING ROADS BRING IN VISITORS

Saturday Proves Best Day in Several Weeks in This City in Number of Shoppers.

The improving condition of the highways over this portion of the county was reflected Saturday afternoon when for the first time in many weeks the streets were well thronged with the parked automobiles of the residents of the nearby territory who had availed themselves of the opportunity to drive in and transact the week end trading.

The last few days of the past week a great deal of dragging was done on the highways leading out over this city and in fact all over the county the highway supervisors were busy in rounding the roads into shape for travel and making it possible to get over them for the first time in weeks. With the present weather conditions prevailing it will be possible in a very short time to get the highways in good shape with the exception of a few low places where a great deal of mud has formed, but everything considered the road workers have done remarkably well.

The improving of the roads has led to a great deal of renewed interest in the automobile business and the local dealers are beginning to warm up on the 1921 business both in the sale of cars as well as the repairing of the older machines and the sale of accessories to the auto owners of the county.

BASKET BALL TEAM WINS ANOTHER GAME

High School Team Annexes Victory From the Geneva Team Saturday Night 36 to 18.

The local high school basketball team added to their fine record for the season Saturday evening when they annexed a victory from the Geneva team by the score of 36 to 18. The victory came easier than others of the season as the locals were able to outclass the visiting team at all points of the game and they had ease in registering a win. Sattler, the center of the Plattsmouth team, as well as McCarthy and Schubeck, Brubacker and Schneider, the members of the fighting machine of the high school, played an effective game throughout the evening and kept the visitors safe at all stages of the game.

RETURNS FROM A VISIT IN OHIO AND VIRGINIA

From Monday's Daily.
This morning Miss Honor Seybert returned home after a visit of several months duration in Ohio and Virginia, where she has been visiting with relatives and friends. Miss Seybert spent some time at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. A. Marshall, Jr., at Dayton, Ohio, and from there went to West Virginia for a visit at Montgomery with her aunt, Mrs. Susie Fudge and also with her grandmother, Mrs. George E. Sayles, who has been spending the winter in Virginia. The visit in the east was thoroughly enjoyed by Miss Seybert and she reports that Mrs. Sayles is also enjoying very much the scenes of the old home.

DEATH OF PIONEER

The death of W. H. Peters, one of the old residents of Springfield, occurred at his home in that city on Saturday and the funeral services held there today. The deceased was one of the best known residents of the vicinity of Springfield and was at the time of his death, ninety years of age. Mrs. John F. Gorder of this city is a daughter of Mr. Peters and was at the bedside of the aged gentleman when the death messenger called him from the scene of his earthly activities.

In her sorrow Mrs. Gorder will have the deep sympathy of the friends in this city in the taking away of the father.

METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Choir of School Gives Excellent Program at Morning Hours Yesterday Before Record Attendance

From Monday's Daily.
The services of the Methodist Sunday school yesterday morning was attended by the largest number in the past three years at any one service and the members were delighted with the excellent program of music furnished by the Sunday school choir, composed of fifteen young ladies who each Sunday have furnished the music for the services.

This choir is one of the foundations of the musical work of the church as the talent that is to carry on the work in the senior and intermediate choir is developed here and the young people comprising the organization have proven unusually adept in their work and have given some very pleasing programs of song and music.

At the service yesterday a special program had been arranged for and in which the whole choir gave two choruses numbers while vocal selections were given by Helen Westcott and Laura Petersen and piano numbers by Olive Benge and Marion Copenhaver, while Alice Louise Westcott added to the interest of the program by one of her clever whistling numbers.

The work of the members of the choir has been most commendable and the members of the church are well pleased to see the young people hold music in store in the future in their musical work as their talents are developed.

At the morning worship hour Rev. A. V. Hunter presented an unusually strong sermon, taking up for discussion the proposition of whether the world is growing better or worse and the minister in his discussion took a review of the world and its events back to the fall of the Roman civilization and the tendency of the years that had in his opinion added to the betterment of the human race and that the modern day conditions were decidedly for a higher standard of civilization.

ONCE MORE TOUCHED WITH A BAD CHECK

B. A. McElwain, the Jeweler, Gets Victimized on Another Phoney Check Late Yesterday.

From Tuesday's Daily.
Late yesterday afternoon while the jeweler store of B. A. McElwain was quite busy with a number of customers, a young man approached Mr. McElwain and asked to look at some fountain pens and a few other articles of jewelry, and picking out a number of articles, the value of which totaled \$13.50, he asked the proprietor of the store if he would cash a check for the amount of \$18.50, the gentleman needed a small amount of change.

The owner of the store to accommodate the customer, took one of his own checks and wrote in the name of the Plattsmouth State bank, on which the check was drawn and the amount and the gentleman signed the name "E. Courtain" to the scrap of paper and securing the purchases and the \$5 in change, departed on his way.

A few moments after the departure of the customer the conscience of Mr. McElwain smote him as he recalled an incident of a few months ago when he had been made the victim of a bad check, and he at once hastened to a telephone and got in touch with the Plattsmouth State Bank and was informed that they had no account with a gentleman of the name of Courtain and that as far as their bank was concerned the check was bogus.

A hurry up call was sent forth by Mr. McElwain for the police and Officer Alvin Jones hastened forth to endeavor to locate the party who had sprung the check, but without success, although the officer worked all night in an effort to capture his man.

It is stated that the young man has been here for some time and had been employed in the Burlington shops but had been recently released from the service, and he has apparently disappeared from this locality. So far no trace of his whereabouts has been found and Mr. McElwain is still holding the check and is even more wise than before to the evils of cashing checks for unknown parties.

CAPTAIN L. D. BENNETT CALLED BY DEATH

LONG TIME RESIDENT OF PLATTSMOUTH PASSED AWAY AT HIS HOME IN CALIFORNIA

Another of the hardy pioneers whose best years were spent in the development of the west, has answered the final summons and passed to eternal rest in the person of Captain Lloyd D. Bennett, whose death occurred at 4 a. m., Monday, February 21st, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Will H. Miller at Los Angeles. Despite his advanced age of eighty-nine years, Mr. Bennett has been in very good health up to a short time ago when he contracted a severe cold and has since been gradually sinking until death came to his relief.

Surviving the passing of this kindred old gentleman there remains two daughters, Mrs. Carrie L. Wilson of Omaha, and Mrs. Will H. Miller of Los Angeles, California, one brother, Mr. Matthew Bennett of Oskaloosa, Iowa, four grandchildren, Madge Wilson Johnstone of Lincoln, Lloyd B. Wilson of Omaha, Will H. Miller, Jr., of Los Angeles, Miss Ruth Mann of San Francisco.

The life of Captain Bennett is one in which is interwoven the early days of Plattsmouth and Cass county and in his youth and young manhood he had a great part in the thrill and romance of the life of the west and the great drama of the civil war in which he served so bravely and well for his country. Lloyd D. Bennett was born at Brownsville, Pennsylvania, February 11, 1832, and was at the time of his death eighty-nine years of age. In his youth he was filled with the desire to have a part in the activities of the world and served some time as clerk on a steamboat on the Ohio river, which was commanded by his father, Captain Josiah Bennett, and later in the days of the excitement over the finding of gold in California he made several trips to that portion of the country. On the return from one of these, coming back home by way of Panama and hence by boat to the east coast.

Mr. Bennett was residing at Fort Maddiso, Ia., when the civil war broke out and he at once entered the service of his country and served with distinction throughout the long struggle and was made captain of Co. D, 29th Iowa infantry, and his brother, William F. Bennett, was also captain of another company in the same regiment and the two brothers served together until the coming of peace permitted them to lay aside their arms and resume activities of civil life.

Shortly after the close of the civil war Mr. Bennett came to Plattsmouth and spent the best years of his life here in this city where he had been united in marriage to Miss Margaret Duke in the early sixties.

Mr. Bennett engaged in the real estate business here with D. H. Wheeler and also served as agent for one of the steamboat lines and express company until the late seventies when the arrival of the railroads made the steamboats a thing of the past. In 1879 with Eugene B. Lewis he embarked in the grocery business under the firm name of Bennett & Lewis and which was later Bennett & Tuttle, the late John D. Tuttle purchasing the interest of Mr. Lewis. For many years this firm was one of the leading business houses of the city and it was not until the weight of years made necessary the rest that Mr. Bennett laid aside the duties of active business life.

During his residence here the deceased was a faithful citizen and labored for the best interests of the city, serving for nine years as a member of the board of education and for four years as city treasurer of Plattsmouth. While here he acquired a great deal of city real estate and was for years of the largest real estate owners in the community. In 1904 Mr. Bennett closed out his interests here and departed for California, where he has since resided.

The funeral services of Mr. Bennett will be held on Wednesday and the burial made at Long Beach, California, where Mrs. Bennett is buried. The deceased was a member of the Masonic fraternity having joined the order in this city and was a member of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, being elected to membership February 21st, 1870. He was also a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and while a resident here was very active in the work of the organization.

BUYS HOME IN LOUISVILLE

Andy Schmaier, Cass county athlete, who was married here a fortnight ago, has purchased a home in Louisville, where he and his bride will be at home to their friends in the near future. Unlike most boxers of note, Andy is settling down in his home town, rather than seek the bright lights of the city. This does not mean that he will forsake the boxing game however, and if he continues to improve in the next year as he has in the past, he will be one of the big men in the heavy weight class.

BIRTH OF DAUGHTER

The announcement has been received here of the birth of a fine little daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion D. Schwatka in Omaha, and the little one has been christened Geraldine Loraine Schwatka. The mother and little one are both reported as doing nicely. Mrs. Schwatka was formerly Miss Fern Lair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Lair of this city.

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. ELMER MEISINGER

Passed Away at Methodist Hospital in Omaha, Where She Has Been for Some Time Taking Treatment

The friends throughout this portion of Cass county were profoundly shocked to learn of the death of Mrs. Elmer Meisinger, which occurred at the Methodist hospital in Omaha on Sunday afternoon following a period of illness and an operation that was performed in the hopes of giving her relief from her suffering.

The body was taken to Cedar Creek, the old home of the departed lady yesterday afternoon and the funeral services will be held there tomorrow at 2 o'clock from the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Gauer, and the interment made at the Glendale cemetery near the old home.

The deceased lady was formerly Miss Emma Gauer and at the time of her death was twenty-nine years of age. Six years ago she was united in marriage to Mr. Elmer Meisinger, in an effort to surmount the untimely death of his beloved companion and wife. For some time the family resided in Plattsmouth, but for the past two years have made their home on a farm near Cedar Creek in the community in which Mrs. Meisinger had been reared to womanhood.

In the sorrow that has come to them, the husband and the parents will have the deep sympathy of the entire community. The death of this young woman who was still in the first flush of life has come as a great grief to the family and close friends and which grief can only be softened by the healing touch of time.

CASS COUNTY YOUNG LAD IS MARRIED IN OMAHA

The many friends in this portion of Cass county will be pleased to learn of the marriage at Omaha of Miss Vera Yardley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Yardley of near Murray. The bride has been working in Omaha for some time and the ceremony occurred in that city on February 2, and came as a surprise to the friends and relatives. The groom is Mr. Albert Clagett, one of the leading electrical workers of the metropolis and the newly weds will make their home in that city in the future. The bride is one of the best known and popular young ladies of the Murray neighborhood and her friends are limited only by the number of her acquaintances and these friends extend to Mr. and Mrs. Clagett their warmest wishes for their future happiness.

My, but she'd appreciate one of those lovely boxes of stationery on display at the Journal office.

CELEBRATES 88TH BIRTHDAY IN WEST

Uncle Henry Boeck, Old Time Plattsmouth Man is Given Pleasant Treat on Anniversary

Uncle Henry Boeck's 88th birthday was celebrated at his nice little home in Los Angeles, February 19th with an excellent and beautiful dinner prepared by Mrs. Boeck, ably assisted by Mrs. Ed Hesser, who had baked a fine large ornamental cake for the occasion. Uncle Henry and wife were in their element as hosts to the following friends who were able to attend and enjoy the fine hospitality of the 88 year young Henry Boeck, viz: Mrs. Fanny Olive, nee Myers, Mrs. Ed Hesser, Mrs. Bryan nee Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. John Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Elson, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Waybright and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Schlegel, all former residents of Plattsmouth and Cass county.

After dinner the talk drifted to early days of Plattsmouth and the many old friends yet there and those gone to the beyond in advance of us—only remembering the fine and pleasant things of the friends back in the dear old home town.

HUNTERS BUSY AROUND MURRAY; BAG MUCH GAME

The vicinity of Murray seems to be a favorite spot for the wolves and coyotes of the county according to the showing made in the past few days at the office of County Clerk George R. Sayles when the residents of that portion of Cass county arrived with the scalps of the animals they had killed. Charles A. McReynolds had the record game bag with four gray wolves and two coyotes, for which he received \$50. Willis Eaton had one coyote for which he received \$3 and W. H. Wiley, who had a bag of one coyote and one wolf that netted him in bounties the sum of \$9. The returns of the scalps have not been as numerous this season as last and seem to be all from the one locality.

FUNERAL OF MRS. AMELIA SWIFT

From Tuesday's Daily.
The funeral of Mrs. Amelia Swift was held yesterday afternoon from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank J. Morgan and was largely attended by the friends and neighbors who gathered to render to this estimable lady the tribute of their love and respect that she had held during the long years of her residence here.

The Rev. A. V. Hunter, pastor of the First Methodist church of which the deceased had been a member for many years, conducted the service and took as his text, Proverbs 31:23 and Mark 14:8, these being well loved scripture selections of the departed lady. The scripture lesson was the 14th chapter of St. John.

The quartet composed of Rev. Hunter, Mrs. E. H. Farley, Mrs. John Lyon and G. L. Wescott, sang two of the old hymns, "Asleep in Jesus" and "Rock of Ages" while Mrs. E. H. Wescott sang a solo number, "Sometime We'll Understand." The interment was at Oak Hill cemetery where the husband is resting, having preceded the wife in death several years ago.



Burglars Rob Farm Homes!

Newspaper every day record additional victims of the bandits who are touring the agricultural districts and robbing farm homes.

It is a dangerous practice for a farmer to keep money secreted anywhere about the farm because these desperadoes find it even if they have to torture their victims into telling where it is.

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