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## DEATH OF A PIONEER NEBRASKA LADY IN WEST

Mrs. Margaret Byers, Wife of Former Minister to Switzerland Dies at Los Angeles, Calif.

William Gilmore, residing south of this city has received the announcement of the death of his last surviving sister, Mrs. Margaret Byers, at her home in Los Angeles, on Tuesday, January 31st.

Mrs. Byers was a pioneer resident of this county, coming here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Gilmore, Sr., in 1853, when eleven years of age, and the family settled in Rock Bluffs, where the father became one of the leaders of the pioneer life and the daughter became interested in educational work and taught school at Oregon and also in the vicinity of Rock Bluffs. Later she returned east and has spent the greater part of her life in the line of educational and literary work. Her husband, Major Byers, was very prominent in his younger days and was a member of the staff of General Sherman during the civil war and was captured and while in prison wrote the words of the song "Marching Through Georgia."

In speaking of the death the Los Angeles Times has the following: "After an illness which lasted for more than a year, the end came last night for Mrs. Margaret Byers, wife of Maj. S. H. M. Byers, former United States minister to Switzerland. She died at the family residence, 3044 West Seventh street, where she had resided since coming to this city from Des Moines. "Mrs. Byers was born in Pontiac, Mich., October 23, 1842. Her marriage to Maj. Byers was consummated at Galesburg, Ill., June 14, 1869. The family resided in Des Moines from 1893 to 1918, coming to this city at that time.

"Always a great student of art and literature, Mrs. Byers had an exceptional opportunity to cultivate herself when her husband was in the consular service. She graduated from college at 18 and was professor of higher mathematics in the State Normal school of Pennsylvania at 19. "When she was 28 years of age, Maj. Byers was sent to Switzerland to represent the United States as the wife of a foreign minister she witnessed the coming and going of five presidents of the United States. "During her residence abroad, Mrs. Byers devoted herself largely to the study of history and art and to the social and political history of France and England. In this connection she mastered the French, Italian, German and Spanish languages. While she was not a professional artist, sketches by her appeared in Harper's Magazine and elsewhere.

"Mrs. Byers collected many paintings and carvings which a few years ago she presented to the Women's club of Des Moines. Though widely traveled, Mrs. Byers was domestic in her nature, a great lover of home and exceedingly hospitable. She was an invalid for the last four years of her life. "The only surviving members of her immediate family are the widow, Maj. Byers, and a brother residing in Nebraska."

## SOME BASKETBALL PLAYER

From Thursday's Daily. Gustave Brubaker, now studying at the University of Omaha, was here last evening to participate in the basketball game at the high school between the American Legion team and the Morgan team. Gus is still putting out the high class brand of basketball that characterized his playing here when a member of the high school team, being one of the best guards ever seen on the local floors, and his playing last evening contributed much to the success of the Morgan team. He was a member of the local high school team of last year that appeared in the state tournament at Lincoln but suffered defeat at the hands of Central City, and was one of the most brilliant players of the five. He is not playing much this season, however, only with the Morgan team of this city.

## PARTIES MOVE ON

From Thursday's Daily. A short time ago the Journal printed an article relative to parties in this city conducting a systematic pan-handling campaign from house to house and since that time the evil has been ceased. The parties have folded their tents like the Arabs and steadily stole away to seek other fields of operation or at least to give the Plattsmouth people a rest.

## SOME EARLY CHICKENS

The recounting of one of the earliest hatches of the season is reported from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Campbell, south of the city, where they have just had one of their hens come off with a flock of fifteen chicks from a setting of seventeen eggs. This is not only a very early hatch, but a good showing of the excellence of the eggs used in the setting.

Blank books! Yes you can get of all kinds.—The Journal.

## ENJOY FINE TIME

Sunday school officers and teachers of the Presbyterian church were entertained at a delicious supper in the church parlors Wednesday evening by the following committee: Mesdames Emil Wurl, H. J. Streight, W. J. Streight, C. A. Rawls, C. D. Quinton, J. W. Holmes, Wm. Rummel, Ada Moore, George Staats, Edna Shannon and Fred Kehne. Following the supper, the usual monthly conference was held, adjournment being had in time for the Havelock-Plattsmouth game. A rising vote of thanks was extended to the ladies for their delightful supper.

## THE GOLDEN HOURS OF YOUTHFUL LIFE

Dr. Frank Crane Tells of the Wonderful Opportunity that School Days Bring to the Young

There is no time of my life I would rather live over than my school days. It may interest boys and girls to know how I, fifty years old and over, having had all sorts of experiences, would feel about going to school, if I were young again. I would surely go to school because school is the best place in which to pass one's youth. No matter how great a chance to make money a boy may have, he will make more money in the long run if he has a good schooling. No matter how good an opportunity a girl may have to get married, she will make a better wife and mother, and be happier, if she has an education.

There is more and better fun to be had in school than anywhere else during the age between six and twenty.

You are much more likely to meet the best kind of people with whom to form lifelong friendships in school than elsewhere. Schools are not perfect, but they are the best institutions that exist for boys and girls. They are the finest product of civilization, the best result of evolution. Time spent in school is not wasted. You lose nothing by taking pains to sharpen your ax.

In school you get in touch with the best of human nature. You exist for a long while. At school you get the benefit of its accumulated experience. You stand on your forefathers' shoulders and do not have to try experiments that they have tried over and over.

In school you acquire your inheritance from the wisdom of the past, which is better than inheriting a million dollars from your father. At school you learn to love and to use books, and from books have come the best efficiency and enjoyment of my life. At school you learn what is best of all, how to form good tastes. The most marked difference between a cultured person and a vulgar one is the kind of things they like.

At school you learn how to use your riches so as to get real satisfaction, if you are to be rich; also, if you are to be poor, how to have a full and happy life in spite of it.

At school you rub off the sharp corners of your personality; you learn how to be agreeable, how to get along with folks, and how to play the game of life with the most enjoyment. Of all the men and women I have known, not one of them was ever sorry for going to school and everyone who for any reason had missed an education regretted it.

If you have parents that will send you to school you are fortunate, and three fortunate if you have to work your way through school by your own exertions. To say that you would like to go to school if you were able is nonsense. Any boy can get an education if he desires it enough. Any girl can get schooling if she is sufficiently determined. Of all the fools that roam the earth, the one that wears the blue ribbon as the biggest fool of all is the boy who will not go to school because he wants to go into business. His only competitor for first prize is the girl who leaves school to get married.—Dr. Frank Crane, in Good Housekeeping.

## PREPARING FOR ACTIVITIES

From Friday's Daily. The schools of the county are preparing for a number of activities in the next few weeks that will prove an added pleasure to the young people who are attending school. County Superintendent Miss Alpha Peterson is preparing to have the schools observe national song week which is from February 19 to 25, and which will include the participation of the pupils and schools in this tuneful occasion and from the "little red schoolhouse" may be heard the melodies of song all the week that the national festival is on. The county superintendent is also arranging for the holding of a county spelling contest on March 18 that promises to be some event.

## FOR SALE

Good, clean sawdust for sale. JOE M'MAKEN. Journal want ads pay. Try them.

## PLATTSMOUTH HIGH TRIMS UP HAVELOCK FIVE

Win by Decisive Score of 4 to 13—Visitors Overwhelmed by Fast Second Team Playing.

From Thursday's Daily. The basketball team of the Havelock high school journeyed down last evening from the Lincoln suburb and met up with hard luck in the shape of the fast basket ball machine of the local high school, and as a result the Havelock boys dropped the game to Plattsmouth by the score of 4 to 13.

In the first part of the game it was clear that the visitors were no match for the locals and the second team was used a great part of the time against the Havelock lads and proved to be regular whirlwinds in the way of handling the ball. Havelock, as well as Plattsmouth, has lost many of their last year players and has not been as fortunate as the school here which has an even faster team than they had last season. Hecht, left forward of the visitors, was the whole show for his team as far as scoring was concerned and gathered in eleven of their thirteen points while Gradoville starred for Plattsmouth with nineteen points.

As the preliminary to the big game, the American Legion team was defeated by the Morgan's by the score of 17 to 14 in a hard fought battle. Doolen of the Legion team did not play in the second half of the game which served to weaken the service men's team somewhat, as did the absence of Frank Marshall, who was out of the game on account of injuries. The Morgan team, composed of former high school players, showed exceptional speed in their work and the efforts of Burke were particularly effective.

The tabulated score of the big game was as follows:

| Plattsmouth High | PG | FT | PF | TF | TO |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Gradoville, H    | 5  | 2  | 1  | 1  | 19 |
| Hartford, H      | 2  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 4  |
| Dwyer, Howard, C | 3  | 0  | 0  | 2  | 6  |
| Mullis, H        | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 2  |
| Chase, H         | 1  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 2  |
| Calvert, H       | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 6  |
| Ofe, C           | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Renner, H        | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Egenberger, H    | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |

Havelock High

| Players       | PG | FT | PF | TF | TO |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Hart, H       | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 11 |
| Wagman, H     | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  |
| Simpson, C    | 0  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 1  |
| Martin, H     | 0  | 0  | 2  | 0  | 0  |
| McLaughlin, H | 0  | 0  | 3  | 2  | 0  |
| Piper, H      | 0  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 1  |

Referee, Toft, Uni. of Neb.

## GIVES KITCHEN SHOWER

From Friday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Eugene Vroman, formerly Miss Helen York, was tendered a very pleasant kitchen shower at the home of Mrs. Ed Cotner in the south part of the city and which proved a most complete surprise to the guest of honor, Mrs. Vroman had visited the home of Mrs. Vroman and requested her to come over and assist in some matters around the house for a few moments and it was not until she entered the Cotner home and was greeted by the friends that she realized the pleasant event that had been planned. The afternoon was spent in visiting and in the enjoyment of a number of piano selections given by Mrs. William R. Egenberger. As the feature of the afternoon the guest of honor was requested to trace down the many pieces of strings festooned over the room and which when finally wound up disclosed a fine array of handsome and useful gifts for the future home of the bride and which will be highly valued as tokens from the friends. At the close of the afternoon the hostess served a very dainty two-course luncheon, being assisted by Mrs. Floyd McCarty of Omaha in the serving. Those in attendance were: Mesdames W. R. Egenberger, Broyer, Christiansen, John Schulhof, Jr., Charles Renner, Edward Rehal, James Ault, O. L. York, L. E. Vroman, Floyd McCarty of Omaha, Miss Donice Vroman, Mrs. Cotner and the guest of honor Mrs. E. O. Vroman.

## CLASS ENTERTAINED

From Friday's Daily. The Sunday school class of Mrs. D. C. Morgan was very pleasantly entertained at the home of their teacher Thursday after school. The time was spent in music, as well as guessing contests and a general social time. In the guessing contest three of the girls were tied for the prize and as the result the box of divinity fudge was divided among the entire class. At a suitable hour dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. Morgan assisted by Mrs. S. S. Chase, assistant superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday school. The members of the class present were: Virginia Forbes, Helen Creamer, Anna Harris, Rebecca Marquet, Martha Olson, Sylvia Skalak, Miriam Tritsch, Maybelle Troup.

## AN EXTENSIVE LINE OF HIGH CLASS STATIONERY ON HAND AT ALL TIMES AT THE JOURNAL OFFICE.

## IDENTIFICATION BUREAU

From Friday's Daily. This morning W. W. Brown of St. Joseph, Mo., was in the city in the interest of the Pleasant National Identification Bureau, of that city, and while here placed a local representative in the person of John P. Sattler, the funeral director. The purpose of this bureau is to keep track of all parties apparently unknown who may meet with accident or death in a community and the members of the bureau will get in touch with the headquarters and the identification of the person made if possible. The bureau is one that fills a long felt want and already have secured a large number of cases of identification.

## PARENTS VISIT WITH JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS

Very Interesting Program Given By Junior High School Yesterday in Honor of Parents.

From Saturday's Daily. Yesterday the junior high school was the scene of a most pleasing gathering of the parents of the young people to be the guests at the reception arranged for the occasion by the scholars. The program given was one that gave the young people an opportunity of displaying their talents in various lines and was one that held the closest interests of all of the visitors until the close. The school opened the exercises by singing "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean" and was followed by a very pleasing piano duet by Martha Gorder and Wilma Decker, while Helen Beeson, who has unusual talent as a reader, gave one of her pleasing numbers. Six of the girls of the school, Helen Clement, Eleanor McCarthy, Violet Begley, Sylvia Noble, Edna Kilinger and Catherine Schneider sang a group of songs that added to the pleasure and enjoyment of the occasion, and the vocalists were accompanied by Helen Wurl and her piano. One of the most accomplished musicians of the school, gave a piano number that was much enjoyed by all of the school. The orchestra of the school under the direction of Mrs. A. D. Caldwell, high school principal, consisted of Louis and Dudley Utter, Margaret Sitzmann and Harold Draper also added to the enjoyment with a few numbers. The Gettysburg address of Abraham Lincoln was given by Gerald Smith in a very finished manner.

The program was closed by the singing of "America" by the school and the visitors and the salute to the flag given by the school. After the program the time was spent very pleasantly in games by the young people in the gym and in visiting over the flag over the school building by the parents, this being the first visit for a number of them to the fine structure that houses the scholars of the city in their educational work. Light refreshments were also served to add to the enjoyment of the event.

## A GREAT FAMILY

The Journal has received a copy of the Long Beach Press, which contained a very attractive picture of the Walter Thomas family of that city. The Press was handed us by A. S. Will and the account which is given below certainly speaks well for the Thomases, who were for so many years residents of Plattsmouth.

The Long Beach Auto company is a great success and owned by the Thomases. "The business was incorporated as the Long Beach Auto Company early in 1917 and six months later Glenn Thomas was made manager, his two older brothers being at that time in Salt Lake City. The burden of details were gradually shifted from the shoulders of Dad to Glenn, though the head of the family continued to be the president of the corporation until 1920, when the name was changed to Glenn E. Thomas company, incorporated, with the father president, though finding it possible to retire from the work of chief executive, which was taken over by Glenn. The six boys are: "Ceel L. Thomas, aged 24 years, 1409 East Fifth street, foreman of the service shop, married, five children.

"Clare Thomas, aged 32 years, 2155 Olive avenue, the corporation's service manager at the shops, married, two children. "Glenn E. Thomas, aged 28 years, 1616 Linden avenue, manager of the corporation, married, two children. "Herch G. Thomas, aged 26 years, 2285 Perkins avenue, manager of the corporation's San Pedro branch, married. "Roland S. Thomas, aged 22 years, football and baseball star, attending school at Pasadena, unmarried. "Warren S. Thomas, aged 19 years, 1527 Freeman avenue, employed in the stock room of the corporation, learning the business, married, one son.

"Each of the brothers heading a department is supreme in its administration, with co-operation but no conflict in the relations between each department and the others."

## TAKEN SUDDENLY ILL

From Thursday's Daily. Mrs. H. W. Rainey one of the highly esteemed ladies of the city, was taken with quite a serious attack of heart trouble yesterday and has been confined to her home since that time. She is reported as being some better today.

Office supplies of all kinds handled at the Journal office.

## DEATH OF PIONEER RESIDENT OF CASS COUNTY

Mrs. Melvina Alton, Widow of Late Rev. Cyrus Alton Passes Away at Elmwood Sunday.

The funeral services of Mrs. Melvina Alton was held at the Christian church last Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Bro. Hay, the pastor of the Christian church, and by J. H. Dickel of Bethany. The services were largely attended, by relatives and friends.

Melvina Abel was born in DeKalb county, Indiana, December 6, 1841, and died Feb. 5th, 1922, aged 80 years and two months. Her early life was spent in the community known as Coburn's Corners, Indiana, where the old family home with its frame of heavy timbers squared and smoothed by hand, still stands.

Her parents were of that band of sturdy pioneers who gave their incessant toil to the task of making a home in a new country amidst adverse surroundings. She grew to womanhood inured to a life of hardships and privation. The family consisted of eight children, five boys and three girls and being the oldest girl to her lot fell many heavy tasks in the routine of household work that would seem almost for one of her age. She lived in the day of the rail, candle and when the carding of wool, spinning of yarn and the weaving and making of garments was but an ordinary accomplishment.

It was well that she was accustomed to the privations of frontier life and had inherent ability to make a home in a log cabin or a sod house for when 19 years of age she married a young preacher and school teacher, Cyrus Alton, who received a salary of \$75 or less per year in the early days in Nebraska.

The nomadic life of a pioneer preacher led them to Michigan and then to Nebraska at a time when buffalo and hostile Indians were still a feature of life in the middle west. In Plattsmouth the home was first established but after a year they moved to the city of Plattsmouth, where they lived near Weeping Water and for a short time also in Greenwood and Wood River but Elmwood was the real home and the residence for many years.

The life of the preacher's wife of those early days was full of arduous responsibilities, drudgery and toil. The returning from services held at a country school house to get dinner for a household of people and then return to the service of the evening, not in the luxurious mode of today but often in a wagon and perhaps sitting on a board placed across the wagon box; was but one of the usual events. As the pioneer preacher was often called to distant communities (distant in the sense of the facilities for travel) it was left to his wife to manage the household near the family and meet the exigencies of many a trying and difficult situation alone.

To all of this Melvina Alton measured up to the highest ideals as a wife, mother, a consistent follower of Christ and a lover of all good works. To her the caring for the comfort of the itinerant preacher or the evangelist was a sacred duty and she gave willingly of strength and time for the good of the church. Never when well enough to attend to the services of the Lord's House, and many a preacher has found inspiration in the earnest attention of the frail little woman who sat well forward in her accustomed place.

When but a year was lacking of the fifty needed to round out fifty years of wedded life, her first great sorrow came in the death of her husband, Cyrus Alton, so well known to most of the older residents of this community. In no situation of life did she seem to know the meaning of fear and in her last days spoke of death in a manner as unconcerned as most people speak of things pertaining to life. She loved religious songs and sang in quavering voice until shortly before her death. Her favorites were, "God Will Take Care of You," and "I Walked in the Garden Alone."

She leaves to mourn her loss 2 sisters, Alice Hart of St. Joe, Indiana, and Myra Kimes of Kinsley, Kas., three children, Mrs. L. A. Tyson of Elmwood, Mrs. W. S. Waters of Lincoln, Nebraska, and W. A. Alton of Los Angeles, Cal., thirteen grandchildren. These besides a host of friends will cherish the memory of Melvina Alton, whose life on earth has only merged into the life that is not measured by whitening hair or fleecing years and into whose bright realms, sickness and pain, sorrow and death can never come.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

## HAS A REAL TRIAL

From Friday's Daily. This morning in county court for the first time in many months, Judge Beeson had a jury impaneled to try the case of the A. Hospe Co. vs. Louie H. Hill, and in which the matter of a piano was involved. The opposite sides were taken by Attorney W. G. Kieck and Attorney Charles E. Martin and the jury composed of business men of the city.

## BANQUET FOR SERVICE MEN IS BEING PLANNED

American Legion Post Here will Endeavor to Promote Such a Gathering in Near Future.

From Friday's Daily. At the meeting of Hugh Kearns post of the American Legion held last evening at the club rooms, a project was formed that seems destined to be one of the greatest gatherings of service men that has been together for many months. This is a banquet for the former soldiers, sailors and marines who reside in Cass county and desire to participate in the gathering, both Legion members and their more unfortunate comrades who do not happen to belong.

As yet the matter is in the stage of formation, but it is well for the service men to bear the fact in mind that this big event is being planned for the not distant future and that it will be one of the events that will be talked about for many moons. If it is possible the head officers of the American Legion in the state as well as other distinguished service men will be secured to add to the interest of the banquet and the service men from over Cass county have an opportunity of getting together in a real feast of reason and flow of soul. It is planned to have the tickets sold to the service men exclusively so that the event will be a real get together of those who were in the world war, in the service of their country.

## LADIES FORM CLUB

The Ladies dress form club in the Glendale community met at the home of the leader, Mrs. Charlie H. Hennings, on Friday, Feb. 3. Miss Wilkins the county home agent, gave a demonstration on style and short cuts. With Miss Wilkins acting as chairman the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. George Hennings; Vice President, Mrs. Edward Ingum; Secretary, Mrs. Philip Hennings. The name "The Busy Bees" was chosen for the name of the club. Miss Wilkins will give another demonstration at the home of the president on March 13.

## HUGHES TO TAKE VACATION

Washington, Feb. 8.—Secretary Hughes expects to lay aside his duties for a two weeks' vacation in Bermuda, it was learned today. The secretary said his trip was occasioned by a desire to visit a daughter who had been in Bermuda for some months as much as by a wish to obtain a rest. Mr. Hughes said he expected to be back at his desk the latter part of this month.

Blank Books at the Journal Office.

## WILLIAM ROTHMANN CALLED BY DEATH

Passed Away Last Evening After An Illness Covering Period of Several Days From Flu.

From Thursday's Daily. After an illness of some few days duration from flu which was followed by pneumonia, William Rothmann passed away last evening at the family home in this city. The condition of the young man has been gradually growing worse until his recovery was despaired of by the attending physicians and the end was recognized as not being far off yesterday but he lingered through the day and passed away at the close of the afternoon.

The deceased was born in Plattsmouth, September 22, 1889, and has made his home here for practically his entire lifetime. In his young manhood he suffered a severe accident that had served to incapacitate him for the more active duties of life but despite this fact he was of a very cheerful disposition and a young man of much industry. To mourn his death there remains the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Rothmann of this city, four sisters, Mrs. Anna Thompson, Omaha; Mrs. Alvina Bergman, Kansas City, Kas.; Mrs. Emma Ramsey, Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Roy L. Stewart, Plattsmouth, two brothers, Henry Rothmann, O'Neill, Neb., and Louis Rothmann of Plattsmouth.

## NEBRASKA CITY FIRES CHIEF AND ALL POLICEMEN

Former Army Officer Named Chief to Reorganize Department—Police Fall in Disorder.

The entire police force at Nebraska City, including Chief William Dunn, has been dismissed by the city council there, according to information telephoned from that city by Col. Amos Thomas of Omaha, commander of Nebraska National guard troops sent there recently to preserve order during a strike of packing plant employees.


Colonel Thomas, who recently said that the local authorities at Nebraska City had "fallen down" during disorder that occurred during the strike, announced that Turley Cook, who served as a first lieutenant during the world war, has been appointed police chief and was now engaged in reorganization of the department.

Martial law still is in force at Nebraska City, despite the recent calling off of the strike, three companies out of five remaining on duty. The next company to withdraw will be that from Seward, Colonel Thomas said.

## FOR SALE

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