

The Plattsmouth Journal

FIRE DESTROYS RESIDENCE OF D. O. DWYER

Flames Driven by High Wind Early This Morning Wipe Out the Home on North Fifth

From Saturday's Daily—
The residence property on North Fifth street owned by Attorney D. O. Dwyer was completely destroyed by fire this morning at a very early hour. The alarm was turned in by the police at 1:30 and at that time the blaze had gained a great headway and when the fire department arrived a few moments later the house was blazing from one end to the other.

The structure was a frame one-story house and the whole interior of the house was a seething, roaring mass of flames when the firemen reached the scene. The flames breaking through the roof, shot to a great height, causing the reflection of the fire on the winter sky for many miles. From the burning building sparks were hurled clear down to the business section of the city, borne by the strong northwest wind, and for some time it seemed as though the blaze would spread to nearby houses which were being showered with sparks.

The firemen had no chance to save the house in the face of the terrific northwest wind that was sweeping over the hills and in the face of which the flames were driven with the greatest fury to all parts of the building, and it was only to subdue the fire and prevent it spreading that the battle was continued through several hours by the firemen, and as the result of their efforts the blaze was held from spreading to nearby buildings.

The house was unoccupied as Mr. Dwyer had moved two days ago to new apartments in the Dwyer building on Main street, but the greater part of the furniture, as well as many valuable family paintings and papers were in the house and the china ware also was left at the old home and all was destroyed in the fire, as there was no chance of saving anything out of the house after the blaze was discovered.

The family had been keeping a fire in the furnace at the house to keep the plants that had been left there from freezing and it is possible that the fire started from this, although it is not known and the terrific headway that the flames had gained prevented any determination of the cause of the fire.

Mr. Dwyer, owner of the property, was notified of the fire by the neighbors, but did not reach the scene of the fire until after the department had been at the scene of action for some time. He stated that the house was only partially insured and could not be replaced for \$3,000. The loss in furniture and fixtures was impossible to estimate, as they were articles that could never be replaced by the family.

The wind and cold made the suffering of the firemen very great, and they were compelled to stand in the intense cold with water soaked clothing that had frozen to ice and which had to be endured for hours by the firemen before they could be relieved with dry clothes and warm drinks. Many were completely exhausted by the severe ordeal of the fire.

ASBURY JACKS STRICKEN

From Saturday's Daily—
This morning Asbury Jacks, one of the few remaining old veterans of the civil war in this community, was stricken while he was at the court house, with a severe attack of dizziness and, but for the assistance of J. A. Pitz, who was near him, would have fallen to the floor. Mr. Jacks had gone to the office of the county clerk where he often visited and read the papers, and on starting to leave the office he was suddenly taken with the dizzy spell and started to fall. Mr. Pitz, with the assistance of M. M. Beal, conveyed the old soldier to the Donat soft drink parlor where he was given what attention was possible until a car could be summoned to take him to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jess Elliott, where he has been making his home for the past few weeks.

Mr. Jacks was taken with one of these spells a few weeks ago in Omaha although not so severe and he stated that he had felt poorly since that time but the attack today was so far.

The many friends of this excellent old soldier are hopeful that he may rally from his affliction and be able to be around as usual in a short time, but owing to his age these attacks are very severe and dangerous.

M. D. A. ENTERTAINMENT

From Saturday's Daily—
Last night the local M. D. A. of the C. B. & Q. shops had their regular monthly social event in the form of a dance. The music was furnished by Pete Gradoville's Happy Six. All present agree that Pete's can compete with any imported orchestra. During the evening the committee served refreshments. All present had a most enjoyable time.

NEW BUSINESS HOUSE OPENING

From Friday's Daily—
Emmons Ptak, who has been conducting the Mid-West cigar factory on lower Main street, is today moving to the Leonard building, 419 Main street where he is opening a very neat and attractive cigar store and shining parlor, which will be open to the public Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Ptak will carry in his new location a full line of local and foreign makes of cigars, candies and cigarettes and also in connection with the retail cigar store will continue the manufacture of the well known and popular bands of cigars, "General Stanton" and "Fontenelle" which he is featuring as his two leading brands and also the 5c cigar, "Bankers Union" that has been one of the best of the cheaper makes of cigars offered.

Mr. Ptak will have the new store pleasantly arranged for the public and will see that they are given every courtesy and service that is possible to give.

The new business house is inviting its friends to call and look over the establishment and get acquainted with the place.

CASS COUNTY PEOPLE WEDDED AT GO. BLUFFS

Son and Daughter Witness Marriage of Father, Mother, Brother and Sister, Wednesday.

From Thursday's Daily—
Two years ago Charles Marshall of Ashland, Neb., married Alma Oehlerking of Wabash, Neb. And from that marriage sprang two more, both celebrated yesterday, which further entwined the family trees of Marshall and Oehlerking.

Before Rev. J. H. Oehlerking of the Wabash Evangelical church, Mrs. Mary Marshall, 59, mother of Charles, promised to love and honor Henry Oehlerking, 59, father of Alma. Beside them stood Harry Marshall, 22, and Jennie Oehlerking, 20, a son and a daughter, repeating after their uncle minister the words of the ceremony.

And, as if this was not enough to tax the keeper of the records, came Edward Guehlstorff, 37, and Lena Miller, 32, both of Wabash, to join the other couples and take the vows of matrimony.

Sitting in the registry as witnesses were Alma and Charles, the cause of it all.

This triple marriage took place in the private office of Roy Hardesty, Council Bluffs district court clerk, who issued licenses to the three couples. It was the second time within a few short hours that marriage had taken possession of his office.

A short prayer, a word of thanks to Hardesty and those who were Oehlerking but now are Marshalls and she who was a Marshall but is now an Oehlerking, left Council Bluffs for Nebraska and their homes in Ashland and Wabash.

Whereupon Hardesty, who had been trying to figure it all out, whined a deary growl and agreed that it was one thing after another.—Omaha Bee.

MRS. SCHWENNIKER IMPROVING

From Thursday's Daily—
The latest reports from the Methodist hospital in Omaha state that Mrs. Earl Schweniker, who has been there since last Saturday evening, is in very dangerous condition, is now showing for the first time definite signs of improvement which are most encouraging to the members of the family circle.

The patient yesterday afternoon for the first time showed marked signs of improvement and was able to recognize her husband who has been constantly at her side. She is still quite weak and is being slowly given nourishment in the hope that in the next few days she may begin to develop the strength that is so much desired.

The change for the better in the condition of Mrs. Schweniker is certainly very pleasing to the host of friends here who trust that the improvement will continue.

NEAR EAST RELIEF

From Thursday's Daily—
Yesterday Miss Clara Layton, field representative of the Near East Relief, was here for some time looking after the plans for the campaign this year to secure funds for the sufferers of the eastern lands. Miss Layton has a great deal of pleasure in visiting this locality as she was in her childhood a resident of Weeping Water and has many friends and acquaintances here among residents of that city. The time of Miss Layton was limited here and she was unable to meet many of the contributors to this relief work, but those who desire to assist in the work may do so by leaving their offerings with either E. H. Wescott or Frank M. Bestor.

FOR SALE

For Sale—R. C. Rhode Island Red and White Wyandotte cockerals.—\$1.50 each.—Julius Reinke, South 19th.

THE PART OF MASONRY IN OUR HISTORY

REV. C. M. SHEPHERD, GRAND CHAPLAIN NEBRASKA A. F. & A. M., SPEAKS HERE.

SPEAKS TO MASONS, GUESTS

Subject of the Evening is "Masonry and the American Commonwealth"—Great Offering.

From Friday's Daily—
Carrying with force and beauty the story of Masonry in the development of the American commonwealth, the Rev. Charles M. Shepherd of Lincoln, grand chaplain of the Nebraska A. F. & A. M., last evening paid a visit to Plattsmouth lodge No. 6 of the order to address the members, the Eastern Star ladies and a number of the invited guests of the fraternity.

The lodge room was filled with the deeply interested audience and the meeting approached the subject of the evening with a deep respect and feeling that it demanded.

Preceding the address of the evening, Earl S. Davis briefly introduced the members of the Masonic quartet, Messrs. F. A. Cloldt, L. O. Minor, H. G. McClusky and Raymond Cook, who sang one number, "Softly Now the Morn is Breaking."

Mr. Davis touched briefly on the educational and Americanization campaigns that are being conducted by several of the important jurisdictions of the Masonic fraternity in the United States and among which is that of Nebraska, and presented to the members of the order and their guests, the orator of the occasion, the Rev. Charles M. Shepherd.

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Rev. Shepherd pointed to the foundation of all Masonry and of life, in God, the creator of life, the inspiration of the race in its forward march through the ages, the teachings of the order that the membership must live the life of the faithful and just manhood. In connection with his beautifully worked outline of the Christian life, Rev. Shepherd touched on the wording of the Declaration of Independence, which stated the fact that all men were created equal and had a just right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Life, as the speaker said, was the acknowledgment of living in God, liberty, the brotherhood of man on earth. Too many, the speaker stated, had placed the last phrase of the preamble to the declaration as the first—the pursuit of happiness, especially in this day and age.

In the main subject of the evening lecture was that of from 1704 to 1776, taking the colonial formation of the Masonic fraternity and the war of independence in which the notable figures of the order had played a distinguished part.

With the very interesting historical lecture there were a large number of colored slides showing the leaders in early Masonry in the colonies and many of the original Masonic meeting places in the country. An interesting feature given in that at the outbreak of the Revolution there were 110 lodges of Masons in the colonies with a membership of a little over 1,000, less by far than almost any state in the union at this time.

One of the first pictures shown was that of John Belcher, governor of Massachusetts, who in 1704 had received his master Mason degree and was the first provincial grand master of Masonry in New England, returning to the colonies from England in 1705 and carrying on the work of Masonry.

There was also shown the meeting places of St. John's lodge No. 1 of Boston, of the modern Masons and St. Andrew's lodge of the ancient body of the craft, the one composed of the leading professional and business men of the colony and the last of the rank and file of the Masons of the New England territory. The St. Andrew's lodge was particularly active in the formation of patriotic thought and the inspiration of the growing spirit of liberty in Boston up to and during the war for independence. This lodge had among its members, John Hancock, Dr. Joseph Warren, Samuel Adams, Paul Revere and other notable figures in the early days of patriotic resistance to the English misrule. The Boston tea party, Rev. Shepherd stated, was planned and carried out by the mem-

bers of St. Andrew's lodge, disguised as Indians, and was one of the first active blows struck in the interest of American liberty. All of these exciting scenes were shown as well as the march on Concord, the battle of the minute men that sounded the cry of freedom heard around the world and was to rock the thrones of the kings and rulers of the old world through the years that were to come.

There was also shown the scenes of early Masonry in Philadelphia including a picture of Dr. Benjamin Franklin, master of the grand lodge of that colony and one of the great figures of all time in our nation's history. There was shown the meeting places of the first lodges and the gatherings of the continental congress where the Declaration of Independence was signed, eighty per cent of the signers being Masons.

The famous Virginia lodge with its membership comprising George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Richard Henry Lee, Peyton Randolph, grand master of Virginia and president of the first continental congress, and George Mason, was also shown.

Each slide unfolded some interesting story of personal sacrifice in the cause of liberty, the strong efforts of early Masonry for liberty in the new world.

At the close of the meeting the audience joined in the singing of "America," the portrait of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Richard Henry Lee, Peyton Randolph, grand master of Virginia and president of the first continental congress, and George Mason, was also shown.

The Nebraska grand lodge is presenting this series of educational and patriotic lectures with the assistance of the grand lodge of New York, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts that are a part of their Americanization program.

NEW POSTAL RATES EFFECTIVE IN APRIL

Changes in Law That Are Made for Additional Revenue Increase Cost of Mail Business.

From Friday's Daily—
The new postal laws that were passed by congress at the time of the increasing of the salaries of postal employees, will become effective on April 15, 1925, and means a material increase in several classes of mail matter that is handled every year in the postal service.

Newspapers are affected in the increasing rates which have not been fully determined but apparently will bring a large number of the papers that circulate out of a radius of forty miles from the postoffice of publication. The rate on carrying papers from the first to sixth zones has been given a sharp increase, and also in the rates for insular possessions of the United States.

The two cent rate on letters remains as it has in the past and the regular postal card purchased at the postoffice may still be bought for one cent. Private mailing cards such as views, and the like, will require a two cent stamp under the new law. Double post cards for reply will also require two cents each for mailing.

Printed circulars mailed in lots of twenty or more take a one and a half cent rate each. Whether the government will issue a half cent stamp and those who have their gas away.

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MARRIED AT COUNCIL BLUFFS

The third wedding of young people of this vicinity to be recorded within a month occurred at Council Bluffs yesterday, Wednesday, March 11, when Miss Hazel Pump became the bride of Mr. Elvin Umland. The couple were accompanied to the Iowa Mecca by Mr. and Mrs. Lester Scattergood, who acted as witnesses to the ceremony.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pump, who live south of Eagle, and a sister of Mrs. Carl Oberle, the announcement of whose wedding we published two weeks ago. She is a popular and accomplished young lady and will doubtless make an ideal wife for the man of her choice. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Umland of Eagle, is an energetic and thrifty young farmer and will no doubt make a husband his fair one will be proud of.—Eagle Beacon.

SHOWING PLEASING PROGRESS

From Friday's Daily—
The condition of Edward Patterson at Omaha continues very pleasing to the family, as the young man is now recuperating at the home of friends where he has been for the past several days. Edward is still taking treatments but is feeling much better and constantly growing in strength. It is hoped that with the continued improvement Edward may soon be able to return home.

ANNIVERSARY OF FAMOUS BREAK FROM STATE PEN

March 14, 1912, Date of Break of Desperate Criminals From State Prison.

From Saturday's Daily—
The cold weather and snow that was falling last night recalled another stormy day thirteen years ago on March 14, 1912, when three desperate convicts escaped from the state penitentiary after a riot that resulted in the death of Warden Delahanty, the deputy warden, and three other employees.

At that time, Mont Robb, well known citizen of Union, was steward at the prison and had a part in the exciting time that followed the death of the warden and the desperate bid for liberty made by John Doud, "Shorty" Gray and a convict named Morley. Doud, incidentally, was probably the ring leader of the trio and had been sent up from Cass county for the robbery of a bank at Wabash the year before and for which he was serving a long sentence in the state prison.

Shooting their way out of the penitentiary, the three desperate men forced the guards out of the chapel where the break occurred and were soon swallowed up in the heavy snow that was falling and in the disorder that followed the death of the warden and his assistants. The men spent the night on a farm near College View and the next morning made their way into Cass county, following along the line of the Rock Island railroad. At Murdock the trio broke into the Neitzel store, securing guns and revolvers as well as ammunition and knives, and thus armed, they continued their flight on toward Omaha, crossing the Platte river on the railroad bridge at South Bend.

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FRIDAY, THE 13TH

The weather today was in keeping with the general unlucky features of the day, which, to the superstitions, is one of the real hard luck days of the year. Friday, the 13th, moon over their left shoulder, spilled the salt at the breakfast table or had a black cat cross their path are sure out of luck on this date.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

From Friday's Daily—
Mrs. Ida Tritsch, who has been for several weeks at the St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha taking treatment, has so far recovered that she was able to return to her farm home west of this city, the first of the week. Mrs. Tritsch is now feeling somewhat improved although still far from well and her family and friends are delighted to learn that she is now able to be back with them and trust that in the next few weeks she may regain her former good health and be able to be around as usual.

FINAL SETTLEMENT HAD

From Thursday's Daily—
This morning in the county court final settlement was had in the estate of Adam Fornoff, deceased, and the discharge of the administrators, A. E. Fornoff and Philip Fornoff, sons of the deceased, and who have had charge of the disposition of the estate. The heirs of the deceased Mr. Fornoff were present at the hearing.

THE DOGS DO BARK

The canine population of the city is certainly not decreasing to any apparent extent despite the ukase that City Clerk John Cloldt has sent forth that tags must be purchased for the animals as well as the crusade that Chief of Police William Hinrichsen has made against the dogs both great and small.

This morning pedestrians on the sidewalks were almost forced to abandon the walk as a great flock of the yelping and frolicsome canines disported themselves in play and in small flights as they traveled up and down the main street.

From the numbers of the host of dogs this city bids fair to rank with Constantinople as the residence of the homeless, flea-bitten canines.

However, the chief of police is preparing a great drive on the dogs that may thin out the population to some extent and those who own the dogs would do well to keep them tied up or secure a tag ere the chief opens up on them with his trusty cannon and adds to the canine mortality. There is certainly a large surplus of apparently homeless dogs that will not be missed in the general clean-up.

MISSOURI PACIFIC TO LAY NEW STEEL RAILS ON LINE HERE

Work Train Here to Start Work of Laying Heavier Rails on Line From Here to Gilmore.

From Thursday's Daily—
The Missouri Pacific railroad is making a large number of improvements on their main line from Kansas City to Omaha and among these is the laying of heavier steel for this city on into Gilmore Junction where the line reaches the Union Pacific lines and on which it travels into Omaha.

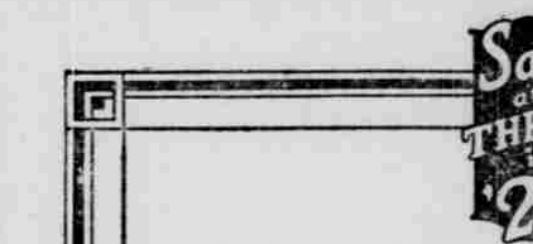
The work train that is caring for the workmen who are laying the new steel, reached here last evening and will start at once in getting the new steel in place to join the heavier line that has already been laid from the south and when completed will give the Missouri Pacific a fine up to date line.

The new heavy locomotives and the increasing number of new and heavier type of passenger coaches and passenger cars makes it necessary that the lines of track be equipped to handle them in better shape and thence the change to the heavier steel on the Omaha-Kansas City line.

This railroad is now operating a passenger service from St. Paul and Minneapolis via the Chicago North-western to New Orleans, their new fast trains from Kansas City south connecting with the Omaha line trains and making a very fact record on their passenger service between the Twin Cities and the southern metropolises.

CLARENCE BEAL SOME BETTER

The friends of Clarence Beal, the clerk of the district court, will be glad to learn that Mr. Beal had a somewhat easier time last night with his pain and suffering. He has been in very serious condition for several days but now seems to be showing some improvement that is encouraging to the family and friends of the young man.



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CENTRAL PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING

Two Very Interesting Papers Given On Child Welfare at Gathering Yesterday Afternoon.

From Friday's Daily—
The Central school Parent-Teachers' association held a very interesting meeting yesterday afternoon at the school building that was attended by a pleasing number of the members to enjoy the excellent program that had been prepared for the occasion.

The association has been studying the four square plan of child welfare and in this has taken up a number of the benefits that come to the child in the proper balanced training of spiritual, physical, mental and recreational lines as the boy or girl is in the childhood years.

Yesterday afternoon two very interesting papers on these subjects were given, Mrs. Ed Roman offering one on the "Spiritual Education of the Child," covering the need for the proper religious training in the childhood period to give the moral character that would fit the boy or girl for their battle in the arena of life. Miss Amelia Martens, one of the instructors in the city schools, also gave a most pleasing paper on "The Recreations of the Child," pointing out the need of clean, healthful recreation that would tend to give the child relaxation and rest from the mental studies and make the coordination of mind and body in the development of the child.

The membership committee of the association has been very active in the last few weeks and as the result they have added a large number to the rolls of membership in the association that now makes this one of the largest and most active organizations of its kind in the city and one that is doing a great deal of good for the parent as well as the child in solving many of the problems of school life.

SAY NOTE WAS FORGED

From Friday's Daily—
E. J. Wetenkamp, defendant in a suit brought by the Farmers State bank of Wabash in which the bank sought to recover on a \$1,000 note claimed to have been signed by the defendant, was awarded a jury verdict in his favor in the district court Thursday morning.

It was claimed by the plaintiff bank that the note was purchased by them from L. A. Berge, formerly head of the Walton bank, now believed to be sojourning in Mexico. The defendants claimed that the note is not genuine and had never been executed to Mr. Berge, but that it had been forged. The verdict for the defense was a sealed one and was opened Thursday morning.—State Journal.

FINE BOY ARRIVES

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Group are receiving the congratulations of their many friends on the arrival of a fine boy on Monday, March 9, 1925. The grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Group and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hell are also coming in for their share of congratulations over the little grandson.—Louisville Courier.