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GLEN PHEBUS IS VICTIM IN A STRANGE CASE

FORMER PLATTSMOUTH MAN IS CHARGED BY WOMAN AS BEING HER HUSBAND.

CLERKED IN A STORE HERE

Los Angeles Friends Rally to Support of Seemingly Mistaken Identity Victim.

From Monday's Daily.—The Plattsmouth people will learn with interest of a strange case now being threshed out in the courts of Los Angeles in which Joseph Glenn Phebus, one-time resident of this city, is charged by a woman named Grace Moore with having married her in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1904.

The older residents of the city will recall Mr. Phebus, who was employed as a clerk in the grocery store of C. D. Long and J. E. Tacy on South Sixth street, in the room now occupied by the Halstead meat market. It was at the time that Mr. Phebus was charged with having been a blushing groom at St. Louis that he was here in this city engaged in working in the store here, and to the old friends here the story related by the woman seems to be clearly a case of mistaken identity.

Mr. Phebus was a son of the late Joseph Phebus and was educated in the local schools and clerked here in the grocery store until he left, some sixteen years ago, for the west and finally located in Los Angeles where he has since made his home and has been quite successful.

The Los Angeles Examiner of last Wednesday has the following account of the case, which was heard there on that day:

Positive identification of Joseph Glenn Phebus, Los Angeles Railway supervisor, as James W. Moore, a much-wanted husband, and equally positive identification of Mrs. Phebus and no one else, featured a bewildering conflict of evidence in Police Judge Bullock's court yesterday. The case began in the morning and at 6:30 p. m. about half the evidence was in and the positive identification of Mr. Phebus was still a matter of conjecture.

"That man is my husband, James W. Moore, who left me and my two babies to starve," declared Mrs. Grace Moore.

"I never saw or heard of that woman before," stoutly asserted Joseph Glenn Phebus.

And from that point on, life in the merry village of Plattsmouth, Neb., was brought into the discussion, Mrs. Phebus telling how she bought soda biscuits from Joe when he identified her in the general store; Earl Westcott, testifying to the good old Plattsmouth high school days with Joe Phebus and Charlie Anderson, deputy county assessor of Los Angeles, describing how he knew Joe Phebus back in Plattsmouth when Joe "wasn't more'n 'bout 4 years old."

And now and again, Mrs. Grace Moore would take the stand, reiterate her contention that Joseph Glenn Phebus is her husband, James W. Moore, and then wander into a detailed description how they identified her in Santa Barbara to get a warrant.

"Who directed you, Mrs. Moore?" queried Judge Bullock.

"The Ku Klux Klan," asserted Mrs. Moore—and waning interest in the case revived.

It seems that Phebus was told by several friends that a woman in a candy store near Vernon and Central avenues was claiming him as her husband, Phebus, having one wife of whom he is very fond, sped to the candy store, met Mrs. Moore and "proceeded to haul her out," as he testified. Then she caused his arrest on a charge of failure to provide for herself and her two children. Mrs. Moore declared James W. Moore married her in August, 1904.

Not only did Mrs. Moore identify Phebus as her husband, but her brother, D. E. Sipes, also took the stand and made a similar identification. An old picture was introduced in evidence.

Then Phebus sketched his entire life, limited to domiciles in Nebraska, Minneapolis and California, said he never was in St. Louis in his life, never saw the woman, was working in the general store in Plattsmouth in 1904; worked in Los Angeles for the railway company fifteen years; married Pearl Thayer here in 1918; knew her since she was a little girl in Plattsmouth.

And then Mrs. Phebus took the stand and described life in Plattsmouth when Joe was in the store. So did Earl C. Westcott, district manager of the Marbellite Corporation; likewise did Mrs. Westcott, a Plattsmouth girl; Charles Anderson, who knew Joe Phebus and Joe's father. And while they testified, Joe Phebus drew his bushy eyebrows over his large blue-gray eyes and turned very red; it almost ap-

peared as though Joe was trying to forget his earlier struggles in good old Plattsmouth.

At 6:30 o'clock, Judge Bullock called a halt and said: "I will state at this time that I believe I might be putting it charitably to say this is a case of mistaken identity. Mrs. Moore's troubles and the sickness of her children may have led her to believe Mr. Phebus is the Mr. Moore she married. However, this is a serious case and it should be settled beyond the shadow of a doubt. I will continue it a week, with instructions for more complete evidence in the form of birth records, letters of identification and so forth, to be brought to this court."

And the last seen of Joseph Glenn Phebus he was being surrounded by the folks who used to trade with him at the general store, while his attorney, A. H. Edler, tried vainly to get through the ring of congratulating Plattsmouthians.

DEATH COMES TO PROMINENT ELMWOOD MAN

C. S. Aldrich, Banker and Attorney of Elmwood, Died Suddenly While at Church Services.

From Monday's Daily.—Yesterday morning while C. S. Aldrich, well known attorney and banker of Elmwood, was at the morning service at the First Methodist church of that place, he was suddenly stricken and died in a few seconds before medical assistance could reach his side.

Mr. Aldrich has for the past several years been in failing health, suffering from diabetes and which has gradually undermined his health until the sudden heart attack brought the close of his life's story.

The news of the death brought a great sense of sorrow to the community in which Mr. Aldrich has resided since 1908, and the sorrowing wife and children were the recipients of the unbounded sympathy of the host of friends the loss of whom has come with such startling suddenness to their home.

C. S. Aldrich was born in Iowa, fifty-two years ago, and for many years made his home at Marshalltown, where he had grown to manhood. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war he enlisted in the service of his country and was commissioned as captain of the company of volunteers raised at Marshalltown, serving with the Iowa troops in the Cuban campaign.

After the close of the war Mr. Aldrich returned to Marshalltown and made his home there for a number of years. He was married at Tipton, Iowa, to Miss Bess Streeter, just prior to removing to Nebraska. In 1908 Mr. Aldrich came to Elmwood and opened his law office, he having been practicing attorney at Marshalltown for a number of years, and in 1910 was admitted to practice in the state courts of Nebraska.

In addition to his law practice Mr. Aldrich has been identified with the banking interests of Elmwood and with his brother-in-law, John P. Cobb, has been interested in the American Exchange bank, being at the time of his death the cashier of the institution.

Mr. Aldrich, the widow, is well known here, the late Mrs. Bess Streeter Aldrich, the authoress, as her fiction contributions have appeared in a number of the best known American magazines. There are also three sons and one daughter to mourn the passing of this good man.

Those who have known Mr. Aldrich the best have held him in the highest regard as a gentleman in every sense of the term, kindly and courteous to all and one whose honor and integrity was of the highest type. A member of the Cass county bar he was loved and esteemed by his associates.

The funeral services will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 from the First Methodist church at Elmwood and the body laid to rest there amid the scenes of so many happy years of the lifetime of the departed.

GOING TO MISSOURI

From Tuesday's Daily.—W. R. Patrick, the eminent Omaha attorney, was in the city today for a few hours taking up with the county commissioners the matter of the allowance of his claim for legal fees in the trials of the grand jury cases and in which he secured convictions. Mr. Patrick is working hard to get his legal affairs in shape for his summer outing when he will seek a month's outing and rest, away from the tiresome and busy haunts of the law cases. Mr. Patrick spent the last two summers in Minnesota but this year he is going to seek a new spot for recreation and has about decided on the White River section of the Ozarks in old Missouri where there are many pleasant nooks far from the busy haunts of the law cases. Mr. Patrick is said to bite with vigor.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

From Tuesday's Daily.—Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Larson announce the birth of a son, May 4, 1925.

PILE DRIVING BEGINS AT THE NEW BRIDGE ON PLATTE

Construction of Approaches and Driving of Piling Getting Under Way.

From Tuesday's Daily.—The actual construction work of the new bridge over the Platte river which the Kings of Trails Bridge company is erecting, was started the last of the week and pile driving has been going on since Sunday, the steel piling on the north approach being in and the contractors, the Economy Bridge Co., of Lincoln, being ready to take the second row of the piling today.

While the pile driver is placing in the steel piling on which the structure of the bridge is to rest, the dredging outfit is working to place in the approach to the bridge and digging up the sand in the clamshell that is to make the roadway to the bridge. Great piles of sand are rapidly placed by the dredging outfit and the fill and approach to the bridge should be finished by the last of this week.

It is stated by those in charge that the main portion of the fill, which take in what was formerly the north channel of the Platte, will be made of the sand on top of which will be hauled several feet of black dirt and on the top a coating of gravel to give a hard surface to the roadway.

The road that will lead from La Platte to the new bridge is also being under construction although there is a great deal of work yet to be done before the bridge is ready for travel.

The engineers in charge of the work are well pleased that the Platte river is now at a very low level and which allows the work to be pushed much more rapidly than otherwise would be possible, as the high water would hold up the driving of the piling. It is hoped by the workmen to get the steel piling in before the coming of the high water in June, as the other work can then be carried on while the river is up.

It is stated by those in charge of the work that as soon as the pile driver has placed a considerable number of the steel piling that the work of placing the concrete around the piling will be taken up, which will be a very interesting process as the water-tight caissons will be placed around each of the steel piling, the water pumped out and then the concrete poured in to make the piers heavy and solid.

After the piling are driven to the desired depth, marked by the engineers and where they are too long for the requirements of the bridge the steel is cut by the torches that trim them off nicely and make them ready for the steel work that will bear the main structure of the bridge.

W. C. T. U. MEETING

From Tuesday's Daily.—Yesterday afternoon the ladies of the W. C. T. U. held a very pleasant session at the home of Mrs. E. H. Westcott, the occasion being devoted to the subject of Mother's day and in which a large number of the ladies participated.

During the afternoon readings on the subject of Mother's day were given by Mesdames V. T. Arn, John Elliott, W. T. Smith, Glen Valley, W. W. Wasley and Charles Troop, that gave a tender expression to the beautiful memories of the day.

A most pleasant feature was the vocal numbers given by Miss Gretchen Warner, with Miss Helen Westcott accompanist, in which the talented young vocalist won the hearts of all of her auditors.

At the close of the afternoon program very enjoyable refreshments were served by the hostess that came as the climax of the most delightful afternoon.

MARRIED AT THE COURT HOUSE

From Tuesday's Daily.—Yesterday afternoon County Judge A. H. Duxbury was called upon to perform another of his well known marriage ceremonies which are fast bringing him fame second only to that of Rev. C. M. Savage of Omaha, the marrying parson.

The parties seeking their life's happiness were Thomas F. Renner and Miss Olla Burns, both of Omaha. The young people, after the marriage ceremony, returned to their home in the west portion of the county where they will reside in the future.

MRS. RAINEY IMPROVING

From Tuesday's Daily.—The reports from the bedside of Mrs. Isabel Rainey, aged lady, whose condition has been very poorly the last few weeks state that she is now improving some and shows the most favorable condition that she has for some time and which greatly encourages the members of the family that the mother may soon be showing enough improvement to assure her recovery.

Buy your ink and pencils at the Bates Book and Gift Shop.

ATTEND THE BIG CONVENTION

From Wednesday's Daily.—The meetings of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps of the state of Nebraska, which are being held at Omaha this week, are attracting a great deal of attention and fully 1,000 members of the G. A. R. and the W. R. C. are present at the meetings that are being held at the Hotel Rome.

SOLDIERS HERE ON FIRST STOP OF BIG 'TRAMP'

TWO BATTALIONS OF THE 17TH INFANTRY WILL HERE FOR OVER NIGHT REST

ENROUTE TO FT. LEAVENWORTH

Twelve Hundred of the Soldiers in the Party That Will Conduct Training Camp at Leavenworth.

From Wednesday's Daily.—The annual hike of the Seventeenth infantry, United States army, from their home post at Fort Crook to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where they are to conduct the citizens military training camp this summer, started this morning at 8 o'clock, when the columns of khaki clad warriors, loaded with their packs and arms swung out of the gates at Fort Crook to move southward.

The troops that are making the hike to Fort Leavenworth number 1,200 men and have with them Col. C. C. Kinney, commanding officer of the regiment as well as the headquarters of the regiment and the service company attached to the two battalions of troops.

The largest company in the force making the trip is the service company, one of the new organization units that has been made a part of the tables of organization of the army and embraces a number of the specialties of the regiment and has an important part in the training camp activities.

In the second battalion are companies E, F, G, and H, and in the third battalion companies I, K, L, and M.

The troops have with them the large array of trucks, supply wagons with the famous government mules, and the machine gun carts which carry the guns and ammunition for the guns.

The troops reached Plattsmouth this morning at 11:30 and marched to the farm of Luke L. Wiles, west of this city on the Louisville road where they will make camp and remain for one night to rest, breaking camp at an early hour in the morning to start on the second day hike that will carry them as far as Union where they camp Thursday night. The stop on Friday will be at Nebraska City.

As the troops approached the city representatives of the chamber of commerce motored out to meet them, a part of the band, relieving them to reach here ahead of the main body of troops. The band took their station at Sixth and Main street and played as their comrades in arms marched through the city to the camp grounds.

This evening at 5:30 the baseball team of the 17th infantry will play the Plattsmouth team at the baseball park and at 8 o'clock this evening at Garfield park the band will give a concert for the entertainment of the Plattsmouth people that will be one of the finest attractions of its kind that has been offered to the citizens of this community.

At 6:30 the chamber of commerce is tendering a dinner at the parlors of the First Presbyterian church to Col. Kinney and the members of his staff and which will embrace 100 of the Plattsmouth men and the visiting officers.

HOLD PLEASANT MEETING

From Wednesday's Daily.—Yesterday afternoon the Loyal Woman's club of the First Christian church met at the home of Mrs. Harry Rainey on Wintersteen hill, who was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. George Stones. The ladies enjoyed a very busy business session and later the social hour which was passed in social conversation and visiting. At an appropriate hour dainties and delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses that added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Mrs. John Lutz and daughter, Miss Helen, were in Omaha today to spend a few hours there attending to some matters of business.

MRS. ALLEN BEESON PASSES TO HER REWARD

Attained the Ripe Age of Eighty-Nine Years, Pioneer Lady Peacefully Called Away.

From Wednesday's Daily.—Last evening when the shadows of the nightfall came to gather into their embraces the glories of the dying day, the bark of life of Mrs. Allen Beeson, pioneer woman of the great west, set its sail upon the unknown sea of eternity, to meet the glories of the great beyond.

For several days Mrs. Beeson has been failing, her life reaching over a period of eighty-nine years, gradually dying out as the lamp of her life burned lower and lower in the days that were passing her to the last long rest.

In all of the time that the end has been nearing she has quietly and peacefully awaited the end, suffering no pain and sleeping away the hours that were consuming what was left of the brief period of life.

The death of this splendid lady, loving mother and kindly friend occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herbert H. Cotton in Omaha where she has spent the past two years.

Eliza F. Beeson was born at Leesburg, Ohio, December 26, 1835, where in an early day her parents had come to make their home in the comparatively little known section of the nation. It was in this locality that the deceased lady was reared to womanhood and in the year 1856 was united in marriage to Allen Beeson, a young school teacher, who was then studying law in the vicinity of Leesburg. In the year 1863, Mr. Beeson completed his law work and the family moved west to Iowa and located at the town of Frankfort, then the county seat of Montgomery county, Iowa, removing several years later to Red Oak, when the county seat was moved to that place, and where the family made their home for a number of years.

The family later moved to Osceola, Iowa, and then to Carthage, Missouri, returning to Red Oak in 1876. In the year 1878, Mr. Beeson and his family came to Cass county, and located on a farm in the west portion of the county where they spent a few years.

It was in the year 1880 that the Beeson family came to Plattsmouth to reside, the husband and father opening a law office here and continuing the practice of law here until his death twenty-five years ago.

The life of Mrs. Beeson was spent largely in the loving care of her family, rearing them through their childhood years and her greatest joy was in serving those that she loved the best. Gently and quietly she has lived her life and left in the hearts of her children a precious memory that will inspire them in their daily walks of life.

The deceased leaves four sons, Allen J. Beeson of Plattsmouth, Frank Beeson of Alliance, Charles Beeson of Cleveland, Ohio, John R. Beeson of Plattsmouth, and one daughter, Mrs. H. H. Cotton of Omaha, to mourn her loss.

In her lifetime Mrs. Beeson was a devout member of the Methodist faith and for many years a member of the congregation of the First Methodist church of this city.

The funeral of Mrs. Beeson will be held on Thursday afternoon. There will be a short service at the Cotton home, 4222 Lafayette street, Omaha, at 10 o'clock and the body brought by auto hearse to Plattsmouth where services will be held at 2:30 at the First Methodist church. Interment will be at the Oak Hill cemetery.

HOLD PLEASANT MEETING

From Wednesday's Daily.—The Merry Workers Club spent a very pleasant afternoon at the home of Mrs. Harvey Leonard on April 30. Twenty-one ladies attended and enjoyed the discussion on "The Choice and Making of Labor Savers." Many helpful suggestions were given by the various members present.

Each lady is requested to bring some small article which finds especially useful to the next meeting, which will be held at the home of Mrs. Grant Hackenberg on June 3rd.

GIVES PLEASING NUMBER

At the program given Monday afternoon at the public library by the pupils of the grade schools of the city, there was one number that has attracted particular attention as it was very fitting in view of the near approach of Mother's day and this was the reading of Robert Mann, "Somebody's Mother." The reading was most beautiful and well given and certainly was most thoroughly appreciated by all those in attendance.

ORGANIZE LEGAL SORORITY

The Alpha Gamma chapter of the Kappa Beta Pi, national legal sorority was organized in Omaha during the past week. Of particular interest to Plattsmouth is the fact that one of the charter members of the new organization is Miss Margaret Goos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Goos, one time residents of this city, where the young lady was born. Miss Goos is a student at the Creigh-

ton law school and on the completion of her school work will enter the practice of law. Her many friends here will be pleased to learn of her work in college and trust that she may have a successful and brilliant career at the bar.

RAIL CLERKS' MEETING STARTS WITH DISPUTE

Kansas City, Mo., May 4.—Frequent opposition to sending delegates and a charge that the grand lodge officers had violated the constitution of the brotherhood were incidents of the opening session here today of the convention of the brotherhood of railway and steamship clerks, freight handlers and express and station employes. The charge against the grand lodge officials was brought in connection with the issuance of a charter to a lodge of employees of the grand lodge officers at Cincinnati.

MASONIC LODGE HOLDS ELECTION OF ITS OFFICERS

Oliver C. Hudson Named as Worshipful Master of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 Last Night.

ELKS DANCE FINE

The dance last evening at the Elks club, music for which was furnished by the Al Finch Symphonians, was one of the most pleasant events of the dancing season and very largely attended by the members of the order and their friends. The orchestra was up to its usual high standard and furnished a very fine program of new and popular selections that lasted until the midnight hour.

HAS VERY SICK SPELL

Vernon T. Arn, head of the local M. W. A. was at his duties this morning at the Chase meat market after a very severe sick spell yesterday that caused a great deal of apprehension to the members of the family. Vern states that the attack was very severe and led to the belief that he might be threatened with a stroke of paralysis, but he is feeling much improved today and able to be out, although he is still feeling under the weather.

SECURES DIVORCE DECREE

In the district court a decree of divorce has been granted to Mrs. Bessie Flockhart from Harold Flockhart. The cause of action was given as desertion of the plaintiff by the defendant two years ago and since which time no word of the whereabouts of the defendant has been learned.

CARS WRECKED ON HIGHWAY YESTERDAY

From Monday's Daily.—Yesterday afternoon about 4:30 when the heavy windstorm swept down on this locality from the northwest, there were three cars badly wrecked on the highway near the openhaver oil station south of this city in the mad rush of the drivers to get under cover from the storm. The cars were all badly damaged, one, a 1921 Chevrolet touring car, belonging to J. E. McFarland of Auburn, being completely scrapped and made a heap of rubbish, practically.

In the three cars wrecked, Mrs. J. E. McFarland was the only one to receive any at all serious injuries and hers were very light considering the circumstances, she receiving a sprained and wrenched left arm.

The car of Mr. McFarland, containing his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Swinney and children, all of Auburn; a Ford touring car belonging to a young man near Murray were going south to reach home before the full force of the storm while Ford was coming north which was the property of Council Bluffs people.

As the three small cars neared the oil station, a large, heavy Studebaker came down from the north, running at a rate of speed estimated at 60 miles an hour or better. Mr. McFarland states that the heavy car struck one of the Fords, spinning it around and doing considerable damage and then crashed full force into his car, smashing it and hurling it to the left hand side of the road against a small embankment where it struck and then turned over. All the occupants of the McFarland car were pulled up in the wreckage and were extricated with some trouble by Mr. and Mrs. Copenhaver and the young men in the other damaged cars.

After hitting the first two cars, the heavy machine recklessly drove on and crashed into the third car, damaging it to a greater or less extent.

Mrs. McFarland was brought on into this city by Mrs. Copenhaver and taken to the office of Dr. L. Livingston where her injuries were looked after and the patient made as comfortable as possible.

The car that did all the damage evidently did not suffer a great deal of damage as it continued its mad flight and it was impossible to secure the number of the license, the driver of the car apparently not caring whether he had killed the occupants of the other cars or not.

While the damage to the cars will cost considerable to repair, all of the occupants are feeling very lucky that they did not suffer any fatal injuries and were able to get back home even on the railroad.

Save and Thrive 25 R-R-R-R-R-I-N-G-G-I

"It's funny," remarked one of our good customers the other day, "but it never occurred to me until yesterday that I could save myself a lot of time and effort by calling you folks by phone when I have a request to make or a question to answer."

"Yesterday I did phone you, and I found you so ready and willing to accommodate me that I wondered why I hadn't used the phone often instead of waiting until I could come into the bank in person."

You, too, will find willing, courteous service at our end of the line when you have occasion to call us by phone. Our number is 24.

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