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## Death Comes to A. W. Dawson at Detroit Hospital

Former Well Known Resident of This City Passes Away After Illness of Several Months

From Monday's Daily—  
After an illness that has covered practically the past seven months, A. W. Dawson, old time resident of this city, a veteran employe of the Burlington, passed away on last Thursday night at St. Luke's hospital in Detroit, where he has been for the past several weeks taking treatment.

Mr. Dawson has been failing since last June when he was taken with an attack of paralysis and has since been in failing health, the last few months his condition growing more serious.

A. W. Dawson was born October 6, 1842, at London, England. When a boy of sixteen years he went to sea, his service covering the greater part of the world and occupying several years of his life. He was in Siam seven months, India three months, Hong Kong, China, eighteen months, Colombo, Ceylon, five months and in Australia two years.

After his service in the orient, Mr. Dawson decided that he would locate in the United States and accordingly he came to this country and moved to Plattsmouth, then the center of the activities of the Burlington railroad in the west and where his brother, C. S. Dawson, was then storekeeper, as well as another relative, Mr. Hargrave, resided.

On his arrival here, Mr. Dawson was engaged on a transfer boat under Captain Butt and was associated with Jack McDaniel, who is the last survivor of the crew. Later he was transferred to the supply department of the Burlington in the late seventies and worked there until he was sent south as inspector of timber and ties for the Santa Fe railroad and other roads of the south and southwest under construction. Later Mr. Dawson was engaged with the railroads in the north, in Minnesota.

In the year 1892 Mr. Dawson returned to the service of the Burlington and entered the upholstery department of the local shops and continued in the service of the railroad here for a period of twenty-seven years, when he was retired.

In the year 1887 he was married at Chicago to Miss Eleanor Mary Brown and on February 13, 1889, their only son, Frederick G. Dawson, was born and the family remained here while Fred was educated in the local schools and the University of Nebraska. The son was in business here before the world war, when he entered the service of his country and later located at Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson several years ago removed to Detroit, where they joined their son and made their home there. On June 1, 1925, Mrs. Dawson passed away and a few days later Mr. Dawson was stricken with the malady that later caused his death.

There is left surviving the son and one sister of the deceased.

The funeral services were held on Saturday at Detroit and interment was beside the body of his wife in one of the beautiful cemeteries there.

## HAS NICE LOOKING STORE

From Monday's Daily—  
A representative of the Journal called at the Piggly Wiggly store at 39th and Ames avenue in Omaha, managed by Raymond Rebal, former linotype operator with the Journal, for a brief visit yesterday and found Mr. Rebal busily engaged in checking his stock, preparatory to making his semi-weekly requisition for stock from the Piggly Wiggly warehouses. His store was very neat and well kept up and the decorations presented an inviting appearance. This store has been in existence less than a year, being one of the newer establishments in the Piggly Wiggly chain in Omaha, and Mr. Rebal told us that on Saturday his gross business had gone well over \$300, a new high record for the store.

He has a high school boy assisting after school and on Saturdays as well as a smaller lad to run errands and similar work.

Mr. Rebal is an energetic young man and although the hours are considerably longer than for linotype operators he enjoys the work and the opportunities of advancement thru building up the business of the store of which he is manager.

## HAS EYE INJURED

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Rudolph Meisner, one of the well known farmers of the Cedar Creek vicinity was here today and called on a rather painful and annoying mission. "Rudy" was engaged yesterday in helping shell corn at the farm of Guy Hill and while at the work had some foreign substance lodge in the left eye and which was not so annoying at the time but has since made the eye very sore and painful and led to his coming in to receive medical attention.

Business forms of all kinds printed at the Journal office.

## OLD FASHIONED DANCE

From Monday's Daily—  
The old fashioned dance at the M. W. A. hall Saturday night, proved to be one of the best that has been given here in many a day, the hall being crowded to its capacity by the dancers and spectators.

Under the strict management of Gradoville and O'Donnell, the old fashioned dances are sure a real enjoyment for both young and old.

The special prize given for door admissions was that of a \$2.50 gold piece and was won by Philip Kehne.

The calling was done by Henry Klinger and Bert McKinney, and what the coming dances William Hiner will assist in the calling for the square dances.

## Funeral of Mrs. De Ella Lawn is Held on Sunday

Body is Laid to Rest at the Horning Cemetery—Large Number of Friends Attend Services.

From Monday's Daily—  
Yesterday afternoon at the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Venner, near Mynard, occurred the funeral services of the late Mrs. De Ella Venner Lawn, whose untimely death Friday afternoon had cast a deep sorrow over the entire community.

The home was filled with the relatives and friends who were sharing with the sorrowing husband and parents the deep sorrow that the death of this estimable lady had brought.

The Christian Science funeral service was conducted by Searl S. Davis, reader of the local church, and who read the words of the scripture and their application by the church, the words bringing to the bereaved ones a sense of comfort in the deep sorrow that they have experienced.

Mrs. E. H. Westcott accompanied at the piano by Mrs. J. M. Roberts, gave one of the Scriptural hymns of comfort while the Masonic quartet gave one number, "Some Day We'll Understand," at the close of the service.

The interment was at the Horning cemetery south of this city in the family lot there. The pall bearers were selected from among the cousins of the deceased lady.

## INJURED BOY SUFFERS MUCH

From Monday's Daily—  
Reports received here this morning from Avoca state that Ralph Harshman, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Harshman, of near that place, who was so severely injured in the auto wreck south of Murray Friday night, is suffering a great deal from the after effects of the injuries. The face of Ralph was very badly cut and necessitated a great deal of dressing to close the wounds and these have given him a great deal of pain. The young man has also suffered a great deal from pains in the back of his head and back, the results undoubtedly of his being hurled from the wrecked car some distance to the frozen ground. It was reported here yesterday that the young man had passed away from the effects of his injury but the Journal is pleased to state that this was untrue and that the young man is progressing just as well as his serious injuries will permit.

Orval Griffin, the companion of Harshman on the trip, is reported as getting along nicely although still and sore from the effects of the cuts and the bruises that he received in the wreck.

Both of the young men stood the trip back home very well despite their severe injuries.

Miss Edith Kephart, who was in one of the wrecked cars was suffering more or less from the effects of the accident as she has a severe scalp wound and bruises. Ben Ferguson seems to have suffered more from the effects of the accident as he was not seriously cut in the accident as were the other members of the party.

## PAUL LEMPKE GOES BACK TO HOSPITAL

From Monday's Daily—  
Paul Lempke, who was injured several months ago by the accidental discharge of his shotgun and which lacerated the flesh on his arm in very bad shaps, was compelled to return to the hospital Saturday afternoon for further treatment. The arm of Paul has been doing very nicely and he has been home here for several weeks and was rapidly regaining the use of the arm when a few days ago he started to suffer a great deal of pain from the injured arm and which caused some apprehension on the part of the members of the family and Paul was taken back to the St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha to receive treatment and be under the observation of the specialists there had taken care of him before.

Just how serious the affliction of the arm may be has not been fully determined but it is hoped that it will not be such a serious nature as to make necessary his remaining at the hospital.

## Farmers Mutual Insurance Stock- holders Election

Cass County Organization Meets on Saturday at Taylor School-house for Election.

From Monday's Daily—  
On Saturday afternoon the stockholders of the Cass County Farmers Mutual Insurance company, held their annual meeting at the Taylor schoolhouse near this city with a very pleasing number of the stockholders in attendance to hear the report of this strong and reliable insurance organization covering the past year.

The secretary of the company is J. P. Falter of this city, who has served in that capacity for a number of years and his report of the business of the year showed a very pleasing gain in policies as well as a flourishing financial condition.

The company provides insurance at a very low figure to the members of the association and for years has given the farmers of the community protection on their property through its mutual provisions.

The company elected as their officers for the ensuing year the following:

President—A. A. Wetenkamp, of Mynard.

Vice President—P. A. Hill, Mynard.

Secretary—J. P. Falter, Plattsmouth.

Treasurer—Louis Frederick, Cedar Creek.

Directors—John Hinz, Henry Horn, Ed. P. Lutz, August J. Enckemeier, Plattsmouth; J. H. Albert, Louisville; W. S. Wetenkamp, Mynard; H. A. Guthmann, Murdock; William Atchison, Elmwood; A. A. Wetenkamp, P. A. Hill, Mynard; J. P. Falter, Plattsmouth; Louis Frederick, Cedar Creek.

The auditing and adjusting committee for the year was named by the president, being Henry Horn, J. P. Falter and A. A. Wetenkamp.

The company has now in force insurance in the sum of \$1,381,520, the amount written in the past year being \$428,195.

## PRISONER ESCAPED CONVICT

From Tuesday's Daily—  
When Sheriff E. P. Stewart delivered David Brott, the man who was found guilty here of burglarizing the Becker store at Union, at the state penitentiary at Lincoln he found that David was not a stranger to that institution. The man was recognized by the old employes at the penitentiary as a young man that had been committed to the penitentiary in 1917 from Dawson county, where he had been convicted of horse stealing. The man served a few months in the state prison and later made his way out and had evidently in the excitement of the wartime days been able to get into the service and was then lost sight of in the handling of the troops as he evidently had taken an assumed name. When addressed by the deputy warden the man acknowledged that his coming to the penitentiary was a sort of home coming as he had been there before.

## ORCHESTRA MAKES A HIT

From Monday's Daily—  
The Gradoville Classique orchestra motored to Omaha on Friday evening when they played at the dance of the Omaha Railroad Telegraphers club, one of the big social functions of the year in the club. There were some 150 couples at the dance and the orchestra received repeated encores for their excellent numbers that were peppy and full of snap and delighted the dancers of the metropolis. The members of the club complemented Mr. Gradoville and his orchestra on the fine music that they offered and which made the occasion one of the greatest pleasure. The personnel of the orchestra was as follows: Peter Gradoville, piano and tuba, Ray Denham, banjo and guitar, Walter Stohlman, trumpet and harp, Bob Nichols, saxophone, Howard Jenkins, saxophone and Glen Mendenhall, drums and traps.

## BURLINGTON OFFICIAL HERE

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Yesterday afternoon F. F. Kutzner of Omaha, division passenger agent of the Burlington was here for a few hours and in company with R. W. Clement, local agent of the railroad company was calling on the business houses of the city, Mr. Kutzner being a new member of the official railroad family in Omaha and getting acquainted with the towns in this territory. Mr. Kutzner has just recently been transferred to Omaha from the Illinois lines of the Burlington and is getting down to the grind in the new territory. The new division passenger agent is a very clever and genial gentleman and while here was a pleasant caller at the Journal office for a chat for a few moments. With the pleasant personality the new agent should make a very strong man for the railroad company in this territory.

## SECURES NEW TAXI

From Monday's Daily—  
Clarence Cotner, the owner of the local taxi line, has just added to the equipment of his line that makes it one of the best of any city of the state. The securing of one of the late model Chevrolet sedans from John B. Livingston, the local dealer, gives Mr. Cotner two of these cars in service now and enables him to look after the needs of the traveling public in the best of shape. The first sedan was such a success that Mr. Cotner has decided to have his line an exclusive Chevrolet one.

## Fire Destroys Farm Home Sunday Forenoon

Farm Residence of Grant Hackenberg Near Mynard is Swept by Fire Sunday Morning.

From Monday's Daily—  
Yesterday morning shortly after 10 o'clock the farm home of Grant Hackenberg in the Mynard neighborhood was entirely destroyed by fire and it was only through the desperate effort of the neighbors that the household goods in the house were saved.

The family was preparing to start to Sunday school when smoke was noticed emerging through the roof of the house and in a few moments the structure was well ablaze. The fire started evidently from a defective fuse and gained considerable headway before it was discovered and was then too far advanced to permit the checking of the blaze.

There were several of the neighbors at the house at the time and due to this fortunate circumstance they were able to get out the larger part of the household effects and remove them to a place of safety.

The residence was an old frame structure and located on the old M. L. Ruby farm that Mr. Hackenberg has been farming, the building being of old and seasoned lumber burned very rapidly when the fire had gotten a good start.

Whether or not the structure was insured could not be learned.

## MASQUERADE DRAWS MANY

From Monday's Daily—  
The masquerade which was held on Saturday evening at the K. S. hall drew out a very large crowd of persons to enjoy the event and the number that were masked and on the dance floor was the largest seen in a number of years.

The Tom Gradoville orchestra was finishing the music and gave a large number of selections that were fully appreciated by the audience, the later selections being interspersed with the old time Bohemian dance melodies.

The first prize for the best mask was awarded to a group consisting of Jack Uhlk, James Holy and Louis Svoboda, they impersonating a family party.

The second prize was awarded to Smetana Kapril and Mrs. Louise Smetana whose costume was one that created a great deal of amusement among those attending the dance.

The third prize was won by Misses Lillian Koubek and Margaret Sitzman who were most fittingly attired for the occasion.

After the grand march and the award of the prizes to the winners the members of the dancing party were treated to a special contest in which the little folks who were present were invited to join and in the waltzing contest Rosie and Jimmie Kosak were awarded the cash prize for their very clever work on the floor.

## SMALL FIRE OCCURS

From Tuesday's Daily—  
The fire department was called to the residence of Mrs. Nellie Gorder on South 7th street yesterday afternoon where a small fire was threatening to do a great deal of damage to the house. The fire was started it seems from a spark alighting on the roof of the house and which soon fanned into a small blaze. Prompt action by a bucket of brigade served to get the fire out in a few moments and which was fortunate as the strong northwest wind that was blowing there could easily have been a dangerous fire waging that would have been hard to control and resulted in the loss of the residence property.

## RECOVERING FROM OPERATION

From Monday's Daily—  
To the many friends of Miss Georgia White in this city will be pleased to learn that Miss White was able to leave the hospital at Kansas City yesterday where she has been since a week before Christmas, having had two very serious operations performed but fortunately have been passed through most successfully and the patient reported as doing nicely.

Journal Want-Ads get results!

## Burglars are Scared Away by Police Call

Night Prowlers Frightened Away by Prompt Response of Officers Libershal and Jackson.

From Tuesday's Daily—  
The prompt response to the alarm sent from the residence of Dr. T. P. Livingston last night, made by Officers Joe Libershal and Clyde Jackson put to flight the party or parties that were attempting to stage a burglary at the Livingston home.

The visitation of the burglary occurred late in the evening when Mrs. Livingston was sitting in the living room when she heard the sounds of the back door being forced and at once realized that night prowlers or burglars were attempting to gain an entrance to the place. At once Mrs. Livingston hastened to the second floor of the home where the telephone was located and sent the call for the police.

It was evident later that the burglar had gained entrance to the house and heard the call for the police as he left the rear door of the house open as they made their get away.

As far as could be ascertained there was nothing missing from the house and the fact that Mrs. Livingston was alert and called the police promptly and the short time that elapsed when the officers arrived saved the loss of many valuable articles around the house.

The members of the night police force who are alert and vigilant in their duties as protectors of the property and lives of the residents of the city in the still watches of the night are to be commended on their promptness in responding to the call and their splendid efforts to protect the interest of the taxpayers by whom they are employed.

## HOLD JOINT INSTALLATION

From Monday's Daily—  
The members of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps held their joint installation of officers at the rooms in the court house on Saturday afternoon and a very pleasing number of the members were in attendance at the meeting.

The officers of the Grand Army installed were: Col. M. A. Bates, commander and Thomas Wiles, adjutant.

The following officers were installed by the Woman's Relief Corps by the installing officers with appropriate ceremonies:

President—Elizabeth Forbes.  
Senior Vice-President—Mrs. Mary Woodra.  
Junior Vice-President—Mrs. Frances Parley.

Secretary—Mrs. Nannie Burkle.  
Treasurer—Mrs. Anna Egenberger.  
Chaplain—Mrs. Jennie Dodge.  
Conductor—Mrs. Katherine Wiles.  
Guard—Mrs. Elizabeth Straight.  
Assist. Conductor—Mrs. Jessie Hall.

First Color Bearer—Mrs. G. W. Goodman.  
Second Color Bearer—Mrs. Kate Morgan.  
Third Color Bearer—Mrs. Elizabeth Buttery.  
Fourth Color Bearer—Mrs. Lois Troop.

Delegate to the department convention at Hastings in May—Mrs. Elizabeth Forbes; Alternate, Mrs. Jennie Dodge.

## GIVE FRIENDS FAREWELL

From Monday's Daily—  
Saturday evening the old time friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Starkjohn, gathered at the Starkjohn home to give them a fitting farewell on their occasion of leaving the farm for Plattsmouth, as Mr. and Mrs. Starkjohn have purchased a home at 1117 Rock street that they will soon occupy.

The farewell was marked by the appearance of the second edition of the "Mercerville Journal" which is edited and prepared by Mrs. Starkjohn and the reading of which produced a great deal of fun for the members of the jolly party.

The general sentiment of regret at losing this estimable family from the neighborhood that they have resided in for a number of years, was expressed by the members of the party while all were pleased that they are not to move to any great distance and would still be in touch with the old neighborhood.

Short three minute talks were given by Mr. and Mrs. Starkjohn, Q. K. Parmele, George Goodman and Judge Allen J. Beeson.

At a suitable hour a fine three course luncheon was served that added to the enjoyment of the pleasant event and it was a late hour when the members of the party wended their way homeward.

## COL. BATES FLAGGED

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Col. M. A. Bates the veteran editor of the Journal, has been flagged, and in the most fitting manner. The Colonel has been elected commander of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and was duly installed in his office on Saturday afternoon and this is the occasion of the flagging. The ladies of the W. R. C. have been presenting to a number of the old veterans these handsome silk flags and on Saturday afternoon the ladies made the Colonel a present of one of the beautiful silk emblems of our beloved land that he will long cherish and remember as the gift of the ladies of this patriotic society.

## Funeral of Fred Barnard Held at Christian Church

Body Brought Here From Potter, Nebraska and Interment Is at Oak Hill Cemetery.

From Monday's Daily—  
The funeral services of Fred Barnard, well known young man, who died at Potter, Nebraska, on Wednesday, were held Saturday afternoon from the First Christian church, a large number of the relatives and friends here being in attendance at the services.

The pastor of the church, Rev. Walter R. Robb, conducted the services, giving words of comfort to the bereaved relatives and the friends who had gathered to pay their last tribute to the young man that had been so untimely called from the scene of his earthly activity.

The services were very impressive and Mrs. Mimmie Pickhard and Mrs. George Nelson gave several of the old and well loved hymns.

The body was laid to rest in beautiful Oak Hill cemetery, the pall bearers being uncles of the young man: C. C. Barnard, Frank Barnard, Marion Rouse, Alvin Jones, George Decker and John Stander.

## CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of thanking our friends for their kindness in the time of our sorrow.—J. W. Barnard and family.

## STILL CONFINED TO BED

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Dr. P. J. Flynn, who has been confined to his home after nine weeks of illness, is still confined to his bed, although the friends have been hoping that the genial physician might be able to be up and with them again. The condition of the Doctor requires a long course of treatment and one that requires a great deal of patience on the part of the patient.

D. A. Young of Murray came up Tuesday from his home and departed on the early morning Burlington train for Lincoln where he will attend the meeting of the territorial pioneers that is meeting this week. Mr. Young is one of the few surviving territorial pioneers in this county.

## SUES ON INSURANCE

From Tuesday's Daily—  
This morning in the office of the clerk of the district court was filed an action entitled, Clara Mumm-Twiss and other heirs of the estate of Minnie Mumm, deceased, in which they sought to collect from the State Farmers Insurance Co., the value of a policy carried in that company in the name of the deceased.

It is claimed that such a policy was in force at the time of the death of the policy holder, Mrs. Mumm, that the defendant company assured them that in case of loss under the policy that covered fire and cyclone or tornado damage would not be affected and need not be changed from the name of the original policy holder.

It is further alleged that in September 1925, the property covered by the insurance policy was damaged by a cyclone or tornado that struck the farm a few miles south of Plattsmouth and caused injury to the property in the amount of \$2,000. The amount of the claim is asked in judgment of the defendant company.

## Missouri Pacific Sued for \$50,000 on Auto Wreck

Philip Wollen and Dennis E. Simmons Are Plaintiffs in Action Filed Today.

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Two more suits growing out of the accident at the Missouri Pacific railroad crossing near Weeping Water on August 24, 1925, and which resulted in the death of Pay Hutchison and his infant son, Kenneth, were filed today in the office of Mrs. Golda Noble Neal, clerk of the district court.

The petitions of the two plaintiffs are similar to those filed in the suit for \$75,000, started some time ago by Mrs. Hutchison against the railroad for the death of her husband and son. The petitions allege that the train was going at a very high rate of speed, that the engineer failed to sound a whistle or ring the bell of the locomotive, also that the view of the track is obstructed by weeds and a cut that prevents the occupants of cars from seeing the tracks, also that the crossing is rough and hard to travel over without danger.

In the petition filed today Mr. Wollen asks the sum of \$20,000 for injuries that were alleged to have been sustained in the wreck of the truck while in the Simmons petition there is damage asked in the sum of \$10,000 for injury sustained by the plaintiff, Dennis E. Simmons.

The cases just filed brings the total of the damage claims of the wreck to \$125,000.

While the cases are filed here it is probable that the defendant company will request their transfer to the federal court at Lincoln as one of the defendants, the engineer of the train is a resident of Lancaster county.

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