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Former Residents in Omaha Have Close Call

Bomb in Nearby Barber Shop Causes Damage to Restaurant of Fred Wagner at Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wagner, formerly in charge of the Hotel Wagner here, well known in this community, had a close call and thrilling experience when a barber shop adjoining their restaurant, the Campus Inn, at 403 North 24th street, Omaha, was wrecked by what is supposed to be a bomb explosion.

The effects of the explosion caused the plaster in the restaurant to be strewn over the building and Mr. and Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Carrie Christianson, an employe, were all showered with the flying plaster, but fortunately none were seriously injured as the result.

The explosion occurred Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock as J. Z. Zevely, who operates the barber shop at 505 North 24th street, was closing this place of business, the explosion being in the basement of the shop and causing heavy damage to the building but no one suffered any personal injury as the result.

Fire Chief Esau Gardiner, who made a thorough inspection of the structure a few minutes after the blast, declared that all indications pointed to a charge of powerful explosive, probably a bomb, which was exploded by a heater operated by gas, was intact and there was nothing else to be found in the basement that could have caused an explosion so powerful," Gardiner said.

"The partition wall in the basement was pushed over more than a foot, the floor was pushed up a foot and the supporting beams and joists were snapped like watch-wood. There was an aerial smell, but little fire. A 1,600-pound machine in the cleaning establishment next door was moved several feet.

J. C. Zevely, 2424 1/2 Cuming street, proprietor of the barber shop, was blown nearly into the street, but was only dazed. An unidentified man was seen to leave the rear entrance to the shop shortly afterward, but denied he had been there or knew anything about the blast. He hurried away when questioned. His description was given police.

The blast occurred just as Zevely was outside the barber shop door, locking up for the day. The windows of the place were blown out, and walls and ceilings in adjoining shops were loosened.

Zevely said he was last in the basement between 4 and 4:30 p. m., when he went there to shut off his gas heater. He was sure he could have seen anybody who was in the basement then, and believes he could have heard anybody enter the place while he was at work. He says he had no gasoline in the basement, and he is sure he shut off the gas heater.

BAND CONCERT SEASON OPENS

Last evening the first concert of the summer season was given by the Elks band under the direction of W. R. Holly. These concerts are sponsored by the city of Plattsmouth and the Chamber of Commerce and are to be held at the Cass country court house lawn.

The opening concert saw a very pleasing number out to enjoy the occasion and for which special double parking of cars gave much more additional room for those who desired to remain in their cars and enjoy the music. This arrangement also permitted the traffic passing through the streets with no inconvenience to the cars parked or the driver of the cars traveling up or down the street.

The band gave a very fine offering of the standard numbers that made a nicely varied program.

One of the most delightful features of the concert was the vocal refrain of the popular from the "Gold Diggers of Broadway," "Tip Toe Through the Tulips With Me," which was given by James Begley, Jr. This young vocalist has a strong voice and his rendition was as fine as any open air number that has been heard here.

SETS A NEW RECORD

From Thursday's Daily—Frank Horsack, one of the crack young golfers of the city, while playing over the local course last evening with Don Pittman, southeastern Nebraska champion, and Lester Gaylord, set a fast pace for his fellow players and made the course in four under par, Frank making a twenty-seven in his playing against the par thirty-one.

WRITES TO OLD FRIENDS

Carl Weigel, popular organist at the Parmele theatre, who has been located in Colorado for the past two years, writes that he is now at Grand Junction, where he is engaged in working as a representative of the Cities Service utilities. Mr. Weigel has been engaged in this work for some time in the Colorado field and has been very successful in his work. The coming of the "talkies" has interested him in the organist work in the theatre to some extent but in the midst of his regular work Carl finds time to keep up his musical work, both in playing and his compositions on which he is working.

Floater Found in the Missouri on Wednesday

Body Discovered by Fisherman Three Miles South of This City on the Iowa Side.

From Thursday's Daily—The Missouri river yesterday revealed what may be a murder mystery when the decomposed body of a man was found on a sandbar of the river three miles south of the Plattsmouth bridge, the body being on the Iowa side of the stream and accordingly taken to Glenwood for burial.

The body was found by several fishermen and who accordingly notified the coroner of Mills county, Iowa, and the body was taken to Glenwood, where it was interred.

Coroner F. H. Raynor of Mills county, after the examination of the body, which was in a very bad state, was of the opinion that the man had been killed and thrown into the river, as marks on the skull indicated that the man had been struck by some blunt instrument and the skull fractured. It was the opinion that the body had been in the water several weeks as far as it could be judged.

The description of the man was that he was six foot tall and had apparently weighed some 180 pounds and about forty years of age. He wore blue overalls and jumper and an old pair of black shoes.

The only possible identification was that he had in his pocket a section of the want ad department of an Omaha newspaper and also a large bolt, which it is thought may have been the death weapon.

FIND FOR DEFENDANTS

From Thursday's Daily—The county court room whose walls have echoed to the happy words of love and bitter strangle over the estates of deceased persons, yesterday was filled to its capacity and dozens of the residents of Greenwood and vicinity were standing in the hall to hear the testimony and arguments in the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Everett Stewart, Art Weideman, Jr. and Ernest Bright.

The case is one arising out of the complaint filed here against the three young men charging them with having taken a quantity of ice cream which was to have been used at a social affair of one of the Greenwood churches, the cream being recovered later. At the request of the parties making the complaint the charge was made of petty larceny, filed here by County Attorney W. G. Kleck and the defendants placed under arrest. The plea of not guilty was made by the parties and they were released under bond until the hearing yesterday.

After the submission of the evidence and the arguments that required half of the day the case was submitted to the jury of six men and after a short deliberation the verdict was returned of not guilty and the three young men freed of the charge that had been made against them.

The case has attracted a great deal of attention at Greenwood, some seventy-five of the residents there being here for the hearing and the verdict of not guilty was received with both favor and disfavor by the parties who were here to attend the hearing.

SUFFERS SEVERE INJURY

R. G. Griffin, proprietor of the Ritz theatre, was the victim of a very serious accident Thursday afternoon at his home in the apartments in the theatre building. Mr. Griffin was engaged in cutting on a board, using a knife for that purpose and which suddenly slipped, the knife penetrating the left hand of the victim, severing the little finger and cutting very deep into the palm. The injury was so severe that it was necessary to hurry the injured man to the Immanuel hospital at Omaha where the injuries were dressed and the unfortunate man made as comfortable as possible.

Mrs. Griffin accompanied her husband and returned this morning and reports Mr. Griffin as suffering more or less pain from the effects of the accident, the wife later returning to be with the injured man.

Journal Want Ads get results.

Many Vacancies in Filings for the August Primary

Few Seem Desirous of Entering Political Race Alto Thmo Time Is Now Drawing Short

The zero hour for the filing for the primary election to be held on August 8 is fast drawing near, the final date that the filings can be made being at midnight on Thursday July 31. So far the race has not been heated in the entries save that of county commissioner and the republican nomination for sheriff, the other offices being largely filled for by the present occupants. The filings that have so far been made at the office of the county clerk embrace the following:

State Senator, 2nd district—W. B. Banning, (D), petition not yet accepted; G. W. Olson, (D), and W. H. Pitzer, (R.), petition filed at secretary of state office at Lincoln.

State Representative—Troy L. Davis, (R.).

Clerk of the District Court—C. E. Ledgeway, (R.); Michael Hild, (D.); County Sheriff—Bert Reed, (R.); Theodore R. Davis, (R.); E. P. Stewart, (R.); George Trunkenbolz, (D).

County Attorney—W. G. Kleck, (R.); Robert J. McNeely, (R.); County Clerk—George R. Syles, (R.).

Register of Deeds—Jessie M. Robertson, (R.); Lillian White, (D.); County Treasurer—John E. Turner, (R.); Fred Engenberger, (D.); J. L. Stamp, (D).

County Assessor—W. H. Puls, (D.).

County Surveyor—Fred Patterson, (D.).

Commissioner, 2nd District—P. A. Jacobson, (R.); C. F. Harris, (R.); E. B. Champman, (D.); August H. Gehlking, (R.).

Superintendent of Public Instruction—Miss Alpha Peterson, (Non-Partisan).

Commissioner Third District—A. L. Etheredge, (R.); Rex Peters, (R.); E. W. Thimman, (R.); petition not yet accepted; Fred H. Gorder, (D.); Fred Schafer, Sr., (D.).

FUNERAL OF WM. SCHNEIDER

The funeral services of the late William Schneider was held Thursday afternoon at Cedar Creek where for his lifetime the departed had made his home and for the services there were hundreds of the old friends gathered to pay their respects to the departed, many of the former residents of the community coming from distant points.

There was a short service at the home and the cortege then moved to the Cedar Creek church where there was a very large congregation awaiting the coming of the funeral party. The services were held by the Rev. H. G. McClusky of the First Presbyterian church of this city, who gave words of comfort to the bereaved family and paid a tribute to the worth of this splendid citizen, who had been so long a resident of the community and who had lived on the parental homestead for more than sixty years.

During the service the male quartet composed of Frank A. Cloldt, L. D. Hiatt, R. W. Knorr and H. G. McClusky gave two numbers, "Abide With Me" and "Now the Day is Over."

The interment was at the Glendale cemetery and the body was borne to the last resting place by the pall bearers, old time friends of the departed, they being James Perryberry, Ernest Ahl, Phillip Fornoff, S. J. Reams, Adam Melsinger, John Olson.

JUNIOR C. D. OF A.

From Thursday's Daily—The Junior Catholic Daughters of America held their annual business meeting last evening at the home of their councillor, Miss Eleanor Hiber, with a very large number of the young ladies in attendance.

The chief matters coming before the attention of the group was that of the selection of the officers for the ensuing year and the following were named: President—Theresa Bierl. Vice-President—Constance Rea. Secretary—Mary Ann Hadraba. Treasurer—Lucille Melsinger. Rankist—Helen Woodcock. Reporters—Anna May Sandin.

After the transaction of the other business affairs of the organization that was demanding their attention the members adjourned.

DEATH OF FORMER RESIDENT

From Thursday's Daily—The message was received here last evening of the death yesterday at Logan, Iowa, of Mrs. Hattie Hennessy, a former resident of this city who has been at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rose Parish at Logan for a short time. The death came very suddenly and was a great shock to the relatives and friends in this city, where Mrs. Hennessy made her home for a number of years. The deceased lady was an aunt of Earl Cline and Mrs. Joe Mrosek of this city, being formerly Miss Hattie Cline.

The funeral will be held at Omaha on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the body will be brought here for interment at the Oak Hill cemetery.

In their sorrow the members of the family will have the deepest sympathy of the many friends in this community in the loss that has come to them.

Noble C. Fairly Shows to Open in This City

Will Show Under the Auspices of the American Legion on Week of June 23rd.

The tooting of the whistles and the melodies of the automatic pianos and organs and the heralding cry of the Barker, will soon awaken the residents of the city, the contract having been closed yesterday between the Noble C. Fairly shows and the local post of the American Legion.

The Fairly shows will be here on the week of June 23rd and are bringing here a fine new array of the best in the carnival game in attractions and entertaining features that will be offered to the residents of this section of Nebraska.

It is expected to stage the carnival at the tourist park which is soon to be converted into an athletic park for the use of the city schools.

The Fairly shows are among the best playing in the west and were here in 1926 under the auspices of the Legion and gave a very fine entertaining feature for the week. The advertising matter will be sent at once and the stage all set for the appearance of this up-to-date carnival company in this city.

THREE MEN IMBIBE TOO FREELY

From Friday's Daily—This morning Judge C. L. Graves was kept busy hearing the story of man's weakness and to free indulgence in the flowing bowl, as Officers Libershal and Pickrel last evening gathered in three men in varying stages of intoxication and had them "on the spot" this morning when Judge Graves convened his court.

A charge of possession that brought with it a fine of \$100 and costs was preferred against Harold Goulding, while Harold Yoeman and Fred Cunningham each drew down \$10 and costs for being intoxicated.

The men claimed to be members of one of the paving gangs working near this city and their bosses are engaged in trying to secure the necessary funds for their release and in the meantime they are enforced guests of the city.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all the kind friends who so kindly assisted us during the funeral of our dear brother and for the beautiful floral offerings.

We wish to thank the pall bearers and Mrs. Harry Schultz and Miss Gladys Bushnell for the songs rendered.

We also wish to thank Rev. H. E. Sortor for the kind words of comfort.—Louis Beckman and Family, John Beckman and Family and other Relatives.

WILL ENJOY VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Dalton and children are leaving on a very delightful vacation trip that will cover a great deal of the south and east before they return home to this city. Mr. Dalton will accompany the family as far as Paducah, Kentucky, where he has some business and from there the family will visit at Washington, D. C. and New York. Mrs. Dalton and children are expecting also to visit at Atlanta, Georgia, with the Erl R. Teepell family before their return west in the fall.

SELLS MEAT MARKET

Frank Mullen who is conducting the Sanitary meat market on South Sixth street here, has disposed of his meat market at Missouri Valley, Iowa, which has been conducted by Edward Mullen, the shop in the Iowa city being disposed of to parties from Adair, Iowa. Edward Mullen will go to Dunlap, Iowa, where he will be associated with his brother, Emmett Mullen in the large and up-to-date meat market that the Mullens are operating at that place.

Death of James Janca Due to Accident, Says Jury

Inquest Held This Morning and Evidence Taken as to Facts in Case as Far as Known

From Friday's Daily—The jury impaneled on last Monday to investigate the facts as to the death of James Janca at Union, reconvened today and had the hearing at the district court room of such evidence as was possible to find that might shed some light on how the young man came to his death and the apparent reason therefor.

The inquest was conducted by County Attorney W. G. Kleck as the coroner and all possible evidence that could be found was offered in the case, to try and fix the time and cause of the death.

Sheriff Bert Reed and Deputy Sheriff Rex Young testified as to their visit to the scene of the finding of the body, of the impressions for a distance where a body had apparently been dragged or rolled, how the lower limb severed in the accident, in the inside of the coat, the what the contents of the bottle was, they were not prepared to say as there was no clear odor from the contents. Mr. Young testified that there was a twitching of the limbs of the man even when he arrived there to investigate and he had at first thought Mr. Janca alive.

Dr. E. J. Gillespie testified as to the fact that muscular movements and nerve contractions can be noticeable even after the person has ceased to breathe, for some time.

Charles Staska testified as to the fact of the passing of traffic through this city on the Missouri Pacific on whose right of way the body was found. He stated that on the southbound schedule there was the passenger at 12:54 (midnight) and extra freights at 2:30 a. m. and 8:12 a. m. through this city, owing to a derailment at Auburn the only trains north were two freights at 4:30 a. m. and 6:39 a. m.

After hearing the evidence the jury retired and returned the verdict that the deceased met his death as a result of being run over by some train on the Missouri Pacific railroad.

MARRIED AT PARSONAGE

At the residence of Rev. Harold E. Sortor and family Thursday afternoon occurred the marriage of Miss Georgia Sullivan of this city to Mr. Ray Price of Topeka, Kansas. The wedding was a very quiet one, attended by only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties.

The simple ring service was used in the joining of the lives of the young people.

The bride wore a gown of the peach taffeta with picture hat of blue and carried an arm bouquet of the bride roses.

The bridal party motored to Nebraska City following the wedding and where a very delightful wedding dinner was served at the home of the groom's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Price are expecting to make their home in the future at Nebraska City.

The bride is the only daughter of Mrs. Ernest Porter of this city and where she has been reared to womanhood and educated in the schools of this city. A lady of much charm of personality she has a very large circle of friends in this community.

The groom has been engaged here in the paving work on highway No. 75. He is a young man held in the highest esteem by the associates and friends.

MRS CLINE POORLY

Miss Amelia Martens of this city, who with her sister, Mrs. Mary Cline of Omaha, at the Mayo clinic at Rochester, Minnesota, has returned home. Mrs. Cline has been poorly for some time and has had several courses of treatment in hope of giving her relief from her suffering, but which have not been as successful as had been expected, the patient not responding as favorably to the treatment as was hoped.

ASKS FOR DIVORCE

From Thursday's Daily—This morning an action was filed in the office of the clerk of the district court in which Mary Schieske is the plaintiff and Fritz August Schieske is the defendant. The petition states that the parties were married on July 25, 1928, and also asks for the custody of a minor child and also suitable alimony. Carl Self of Omaha, appears as the attorney in the case.

FUNERAL OF MRS. FINDER

The funeral of the late Mrs. Paulina FINDER was held on Wednesday afternoon at the Sattler funeral home and was attended by a number of the old time friends and neighbors. The services were held by the Rev. O. G. Wichman, pastor of the St. Paul's Evangelical church and who touched on the long and useful life of the deceased as well as holding to the members of the family the hope of the reuniting of the broken ties in the hereafter. The burial was at the Oak Hill cemetery where the husband is at rest.

Mrs. Christina Jess Dies at Omaha Home

Many Years a Resident Here and News of Death Comes as Blow to Family and Friends

From Friday's Daily—The death of Mrs. Christina Jess, 82, for a great many years a resident of this city, occurred yesterday at the family home, 406 South 48th street, Omaha, following an illness of some duration.

The deceased lady has made her home in Omaha for the past several years following the death of the husband and father, John Jess a number of years ago, she maintaining the family home for her unmarried son and daughter, and to those who have been with her all of these years the loss will come as a great blow.

Mrs. Jess is survived by four sons, Henry of Diller, John, Claus and Fred Jess of Omaha, six daughters, Mrs. C. J. Balser, Mrs. E. B. Gilbert, Miss Irene Jess of Omaha; Margaret Jess of Los Angeles; Mrs. Catherine Mayes of Fremont, and Mrs. E. H. Hahne of Chicago.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized on June 7th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Spangler, when their daughter, Miss Florence, was united in marriage to Mr. Roland Coon of Norton, Kansas.

The wedding took place at 8 o'clock with Rev. G. A. Morey officiating, in the presence of the immediate families. Little Dorothy Marion Rauth, who led the wedding party, wore a pink chiffon dress and carried the ring centered in a basket of pink roses.

The bride, Earl Selby, sister of the bride, acted as matron of honor and wore an orchid gown, carrying a bouquet of sweet peas and baby's breath. The bride wore a French gown of gray chiffon over peach crepe, with deep yoke and skirt insets of hand made lace in pastel shades. She carried a shower bouquet of rosebuds, sweet peas and baby's breath, with Dutch lace. The groom wore the conventional dark blue and was attended by Marion Spangler as best man.

The setting before which the vows were spoken was a background of ferns, cathedral candles and baskets of pink and white peonies tied with pink tulle. After the ceremony, a dainty luncheon, carrying out the pastel color scheme, was served.

The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Spangler, and has been engaged in teaching for the past few years. She was a member of the Gamma Mu Upsilon sorority of Wesleyan university, having attended school there for two years. The groom is the only son of the late Mr. Omar Coon of Manly.

Mr. and Mrs. Coon left soon after the wedding for their home in Norton, Kansas.—Weeping Water Republican.

HOSPITAL STARTS BATHS

The Epperson sanitarium and hospital here have started in on their special courses of vapor and medical baths and have here as a patient Mrs. D. L. Stanton, of Red Wing, Minnesota, who has come here to enjoy the benefits of the treatments and the baths at the hospital. The management of the hospital are having a special man attend come for the purpose of handling the baths and will then be in a position to handle the cases of both men and women as they have a lady attendant already at work on the bath treatments. The sanitarium is located in the former Walker residence at Fourth and Oak street and a number have been here already to enjoy the benefits of the line of medical baths.

MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

From Thursday's Daily—Yesterday afternoon Judge A. H. Duxbury was called upon to unite in the bonds of wedlock Robert H. Wall and Theresa L. Kelly, both of near Elmwood. The wedding was witnessed by C. H. Gibson of Weeping Water, a relative of the contracting parties and Sheriff Bert Reed, an old time friend of the bride and groom. After the wedding here the bridal couple returned to their home where they are to start housekeeping at once.

Livingston Road Dedicated by the W. R. C.

Impressive Ceremony Marks Designation of Highway Named for Distinguished Soldier

From Tuesday's Daily—This morning at 8 o'clock the Livingston Road, new highway from this city to the Missouri river bridge was formally dedicated in honor of General Robert Ramsey Livingston, pioneer physician, soldier and statesman.

The event was arranged by the members of the Women's Relief Corps and despite the rainfall of the earlier hours of the morning a very pleasing number of the residents of the city were present at the Western Hill park when the dedication ceremonies were staged.

The ceremonies opened with the assembly call given by Robert Mann, bugler, and following which Mrs. Robert Troop took charge of the program as the presiding officer.

The flag in the park was then floated to the breeze and an interesting part of this ceremony was that Robert Ramsey Livingston, III, grandson of General Livingston attached the flag to the rope and it was hoisted to the top of the staff by Henry Guy and William Stewart McMaken, great-grandsons of the distinguished soldier-statesman.

The salute to the flag given by the audience was followed by the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner." Mrs. Robert Troop gave a very beautiful reading in a tribute to the flag that was one of the outstanding features of the early portion of the program and which as given in the usual impressive manner of this talented lady.

The members of the party adjourned to the Livingston Road nearby the park and where the W. R. C. have placed a marker dedicating the road and here Mrs. Vay Burke gave the formal dedication, her address being as follows:

Citizens of Plattsmouth, Members of the Livingston Family, and Friends:

On July 13, 1929 the following communication was sent to the Mayor, Mr. John P. Sattler and the City Council:

"Whereas it is reported there is to be a highway to the new Missouri River Bridge passing over or near Riverstern Hill

And Whereas this Hill was made a historic spot in the annals of Nebraska History and American History when an American flag was planted by pioneer soldiers of Plattsmouth presented to Company 'A' of the First Nebraska, whose Captain was Robert Ramsey Livingston of Plattsmouth who performed distinguished service in the Civil War, and during the years following was so highly honored and respected as a citizen of Plattsmouth.

And Whereas his son Henry Guy Livingston gave his life in the service of his country in the Spanish-American War

And Whereas this pioneer family has contributed to the community and surrounding territory the services of four family physicians of a type that is now rapidly passing away, their lives having been devoted to the relief of suffering, namely:

Dr. Robert Ramsey Livingston Sr., Dr. Theodore Philip Livingston, Dr. Robert Ramsey Livingston Jr., Dr. John Stuart Livingston.

Therefore be it resolved that the Women's Relief Corps of McConable Post C. A. R. petition the Mayor and City Council to use their influence to have this new road called "LIVINGSTON ROAD" in honor of this pioneer family."

On May 12, 1930 the City Council, sitting in regular session passed the following Resolution:

"Whereas, Brig. Gen. Robert Ramsey Livingston during his lifetime performed signal patriotic services for his Country, and Whereas, it is the sense of this Council that it is fitting and proper that some recognition be made of such services so faithfully and loyally made.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, that the Highway from said City to the New Missouri River Bridge be designated and named the LIVINGSTON ROAD in memory of Robert Ramsey Livingston and that it be suitably marked as such."

We are gathered here this morning June 14, 1930, to dedicate this new road which has so recently become a part of a great National Highway, to the honor and memory of Robert Ramsey Livingston.

It was seven or more years ago, Oct. 1854—that this man came to the then frontier village of Plattsmouth to practice his profession as a doctor. He opened his office on Front Street and lived at the Hathaway House.

Picture if you will, this little group of homes and stores clustered near the river, which then ran close to the foot of what is now Main Street. News and provisions came via steamboat or wagon train.

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