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Coroner's Jury Acquits Truck Driver of Blame

Finds Accident Near Greenwood That Resulted in Death of Council Bluffs Boy, Unavoidable

From Thursday's Daily—
The adjourned inquest on the death of Paul McCauley of Council Bluffs, who was fatally injured in an auto accident at the Laughlin bridge near Greenwood, on Friday, October 17th, was resumed today at the county court room and resulted in a verdict by the jury that the death of McCauley was caused by an unavoidable accident and acquitting J. Peter Dittenber of Raymond, Nebraska, of any liability in the matter. Mr. Dittenber was the driver of a Rio truck that collided with the car in which McCauley with five companions were returning home from Beatrice where they had been attending the Creighton Prep-Beatrice football game.

It was claimed in the testimony given last week by members of the auto party that their car had slowed down for parking along the east side of the roadway and was struck by the truck of Mr. Dittenber and which had then ran into another car just back of them.

Mr. Dittenber claimed that the two cars wrecked had been racing down the steep hill leading to the bridge and that they were running abreast when they struck him and that he could not get out of the way of the two cars and his truck had been hit by the cars.

This morning the story of Mr. Dittenber was supported by other witnesses as to the two cars racing and also the parties that had taken some of the injured boys into Ashland testified that the boys had told them that they had been racing with the Lincoln car at the time and which had contributed to the accident.

The members of the coroners jury, Clate Rosenkrans, George Born, William Starkjohn, Pat Reed, Carl Kunsman and John Livingston, after receiving the evidence, deliberated a few moments and then returned their verdict acquitting Mr. Dittenber.

The boy, Paul McCauley, who died at the hospital in Council Bluffs on Saturday morning, October 18th, was a member of the well known and wealthy Wickham family of that city and who have been active in having the facts of the accident probred.

DELIVERING BALLOTS

From Friday's Daily—
The delivery of the ballots for the coming election on November 4th was started today by County Clerk George R. Sayles, who is visiting the various polling places out in the county and delivering to the election boards the ballots as well as the other supplies that will be used in the election.

This year the voters of Cass county will have four ballots to deal with, the general ballot, the non-political, constitutional amendment to permit the appropriation of \$8,000,000 for the payment of deposits in failed state banks, and the initiative ballot that carries an enactment granting municipal owned power and light plants power to extend their lines in rural localities and also for the pledging of future earnings to cover the cost of operation.

The polls in all parts of the county will open Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock and remain open until 7 o'clock.

All of the precincts will have counting boards that start counting at noon and which will speed up the returns so that a definite idea of the general result should be in by midnight unless some of the contests are extremely close.

STANDARD BEARERS MEET

On Thursday evening the Standard Bearers of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. E. H. Wescott.

The meeting was called to order by the president Jean Hayes. Plans were made for the work in the coming year. Arrangements were made to give a play for the evening church service sometime in the near future. It was decided that all meetings would be held on the fourth Thursday of the month, except when this time conflicts with school events, and at the home of the sponsor, Mrs. E. H. Wescott. Margaret Shellenbarger was appointed to give a selection from "The Foreign Missionary Friend" at every meeting. The lesson was given from the study book, "A Cloud of Witnesses" by Amy Elliott and Margaret Lahoda. After adjournment lovely refreshments were served by the hostess.

YOUNG PEOPLE WEDDED HERE

Wednesday afternoon Judge A. H. Duxbury was called upon to join in the bonds of wedlock, Miss Inez Herdman and Mer G. Wells, both of Lincoln. The wedding was performed in the usual impressive manner of the Judge and the ceremony was witnessed by Deputy County Clerk W. T. Adams and I. James Hall of the county clerk's office.

WILL UNDERGO OPERATION

From Thursday's Daily—
A message was received here today by Mrs. M. S. Briggs, announcing that her sister, Mrs. Lydia M. Davis, of Indianola, Iowa, had been taken ill and was to go to the hospital at Iowa City, Iowa, to undergo an operation. Mrs. Davis was here for some time as a nurse at the Nebraska Masonic Home and has many friends here who will regret to learn of her illness. Mrs. Elvira E. Osburn, aged mother of Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Briggs, has been making her home with Mrs. Davis and it is expected will now come here to reside during the absence of the daughter.

High School Students' Band in Concert

Musical Offering Is One That Wins Greatest Praise From the Auditors at Concert

From Thursday's Daily—
One of the live and active organizations of the Plattsmouth high school is the band, formed of the young men of the school and which is rapidly developing into one of the best musical organizations in the schools of eastern Nebraska.

This band was heard last night in concert at the high school auditorium and while the audience was not as large as the excellent concert deserved, those who were in attendance felt well repaid for their attendance.

B. E. Woodward is the director of the band and his excellent training of the students was reflected in the line manner in which each number was given and the young people of the band as well as their director deserve a great deal of praise for their efforts.

Stuart Porter, one of the splendid young musicians of the band, was heard in a baritone solo, "Canonet," and in which this young artist acquitted himself in line shape his work in the band being most valuable.

A bell solo was offered by Cecil Comstock, one of the promising young musicians of the city and which was the beautiful, "Ferns and Flowers" by Serade.

VIOLETES HOSPITALITY

From Thursday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon Chief of Police Jess Elliott was called to the apartments over the Ritz theatre where a family named Law resides and where it was reported that a guest was violating the ethics of hospitality by swearing and objecting to leaving. The chief on his arrival found that the man, giving the name of Roy Lohr, had been invited over to the Law home by Mr. Law and he had partaken of several drinks and as the result became abusive and to which the householder objected and this was followed by more drastic action and the two men came to blows. The parties were taken to the city hall and arraigned before Judge Charles L. Graves and who after hearing the story of the parties, decided that it would be necessary for Lohr to pay over \$15 and costs and Law the sum of \$10 and costs. The men are engaged in working on the pipeline work near this city, they stated.

FUNERAL OF OLD RESIDENT

From Friday's Daily—
This morning at 10 o'clock at the St. John's Catholic church was held the last services of Edward Fitzgerald, long time resident of this community and a man held in high esteem by a very large circle of friends over the entire county.

A very large number of the old time friends were present to give their last tributes of respect to this splendid citizen who has gone to the final rest.

Rev. Father Marcelles Agius, pastor of the church, celebrated the requiem mass for the departed and giving the last blessing of the church on the son that had been called away.

The interment was at the Catholic cemetery west of this city and the pall bearers were selected from the friends of the family of many years standing, Robert M. Walling, Frank M. Bestor, H. F. Goos, John J. Clويد, L. W. Egenberger and Charles Olson of Omaha.

ENJOY HUNTING PARTY

From Friday's Daily—
Frank Krefci, George Sedlacek, Frank Koubek and Louis Svoboda, have returned home from a short hunting trip out in Valley county, enjoying the pheasant hunting and also the opportunity of visiting with Joe Krefci at Ord. The boys secured a nice bunch of pheasants and felt that they had had a real time in the outing in the north part of the state.

Auburn Bulldogs Win from Platters, 14 to 6

Local Team Proves a Surprise to the Visitors Who Looked for a Sweeping Victory

From Thursday's Daily—
The Plattsmouth high school football team yesterday afternoon held the Auburn Bulldogs to a 14 to 6 score on the local athletic field despite the anticipation of the visitors that they would roll a large score in the battle.

The Auburn team has a flashy and fast backfield that made their gains and as well have a good passing attack that earned their scores for them against the Platters, while the local line was much better than that of the visitors and the line smashes of Plattsmouth opened wide holes in the ranks of the Bulldogs for practically all of the gains of the locals, Wiles and Bob Hinz carrying the ball and Wiles in particular making some effective gains for first downs through the Auburn line.

The scoring of Plattsmouth came early in the game and hardly had the ball been received by Auburn on the initial kickoff when the Platters were able to recover the ball and by a series of line smashes Chet Wiles pushed over the line for the score but the try for the place kick failed and left the score 6 to 0 for Plattsmouth.

The Auburn team in the second period by a series of long and runs advanced into the Plattsmouth territory and from where a long pass brought them the coveted score, Jorgemeyer, of the visitors crossing over and the try for point was good for the extra point and left the score at 7 to 6 for Auburn.

Auburn's second touchdown came in the third quarter of the game when after a punting duel the ball was in the Plattsmouth territory and where another pass made good a gain to the Plattsmouth fifteen yard line and end runs gained for the visitors until the ball rested on the Plattsmouth three yard line and from where line plunges carried the ball over for the touchdown and the kick was good for the extra point, making the score 14 to 6.

In the last period the Plattsmouth team made some fine gains in their line smashes and Wiles electrified the local fans by a twenty yard dash over for the touchdown and the kick was good for the extra point, making the score 14 to 6.

The Bulldogs brought with them a large crowd as well as a band and the Auburn spectators outnumbered the local people particularly in the school sections.

Coch Knapple of Omaha Central did the refereeing of the game and Auburn suffered several penalties for holding and unnecessary roughing.

VERY ENJOYABLE OCCASION

From Saturday's Daily—
Last evening a most charming Halloween party was held at the home of Miss Ellen Nora Meisinger and the hostesses of the occasion were a group of the Plattsmouth young ladies who are attending the state teachers college at Peru, Misses Helen Schulz, Louvise Albert, Marjorie Arn, Helen Koubek, Vivian Lightbody, Ellen Nora Meisinger, Marie Vallery.

The home was appropriately arranged for the occasion and the members of the party spent the time in the playing of seasonable games and at which great deal of merriment was derived.

At a suitable hour dainty refreshments were served that added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

Those who enjoyed the gathering were Misses Mary Swatek, Mildred Jahrig, Katherine Hinz, Minstance Ren, Maxine Clويد, Jean Hayes, Florence Nelson, Bernice Hogue, Messers Wilbur Hall, Hamilton Meisinger, Noble Kiser, Leonard Stoehr, Weldon Stoehr, William Nelson, William Mrasek, John Horn, Frederick Wehrlein.

HOLD HALLOWE'EN PARTY

From Friday's Daily—
Last evening the Queen Esther's society of the Methodist church held a very enjoyable Halloween party, staging the event at a vacant house on North Third street, and where the committee in charge had prepared all manner of spooky thrills for the occasion, ghosts flitting through the rooms of the house, with all manner of other devices that made for the excitement of the members of the party and each new feature gave added thrills. The members of the class also had an added feature when a party of invaders threatened to join the party.

There were a large number of Halloween stunts enjoyed and which added to the fun and frolic of the occasion.

As the evening was closing the members of the party gathered around and were served with the usual Halloween refreshments and which completed an evening of the rarest pleasure.

HOLD FINE BAZAAR

From Thursday's Daily—
The ladies of the St. John's church parish of this city have just concluded a very successful two days bazaar at the American Legion community building, one that provided many delightful features and afforded the sale of many articles of food and needlework. The ladies on Tuesday served a very fine chicken supper and Wednesday a cafeteria luncheon, the two days entertainment culminating last night in the dance at which Harry Collins and his orchestra of Grand Island, furnished the music. The event as a whole was one of the rarest delight to all and many enjoyed the Bingo feature of the bazaar.

R. E. Bailey Named Head of 2nd District

Plattsmouth Superintendent Named at Omaha Today as President of Second District.

From Friday's Daily—
The election of officers of the second district of the Nebraska State Teachers association was held at the session this morning and resulted in the naming of Superintendent R. E. Bailey of the Plattsmouth city schools as the new president of the association. Mr. Bailey was named over R. J. Bitner, superintendent of the Fullerton city schools.

In the vice-presidency O. L. Kanfield, of Columbus was named over P. J. Vogtman of Schuyler while in the position of secretary-treasurer, J. A. Savage of Omaha was named. The selection of Mr. Bailey was most pleasing to the Plattsmouth teachers in attendance and to the many friends of this well known educator over the state. Mr. Bailey has been active in the State Teachers' Association for a number of years and last year served as vice-president of the organization.

The Plattsmouth friends can feel pleased at the recognition given our very able superintendent and the compliment that comes to the school in his naming for the position.

The nominating committee of the convention comprised A. H. Waterhouse, superintendent of schools at Fremont, Miss Jessie Warren, county superintendent of Nance county, Fullerton, G. G. Warren, superintendent of Nebraska City, John G. Hansen, superintendent at Osceola and Miss Kate Codrington, principal at Saratoga school, Omaha.

PREPARING FOR ELECTION

From Friday's Daily—
James Hall who is the official vote tabulator at the office of the county clerk on election nights when the smoke is thick and the candidates gather around to learn the worst, has arranged his blackboard with all of the candidates and precincts listed so that the public can gaze upon the result as the returns roll in from the various sections of the county. The election night crowd is a great study of human nature, the eagerness of the candidates to learn whether or not they are emerging triumphant or sunk in the depths of defeat, the worker that has put in a day of hard licks for his candidate watching to see whether he has made good or the opposition has swept his particular bailiwick.

Several years ago a candidate was slipping in the returns and was encouraged by his friends by the assurance that he was running ahead of his ticket, "but," the candidate stated, "where in blazes is the ticket?"

HALLOWE'EN IS QUIET

From Saturday's Daily—
The observance of Halloween last evening in this city lacked the excitement for the police of those of past years, there being but very little disturbance reported over the city and the officers were permitted a very quiet night.

There was a number of cases of parties having their car windows smeared up with soap and other small damages but nothing that was to be counted as being of a serious nature. The celebration of this occasion as many old timers recall it was a real time for the youngsters in those days as well as the older ones and many were the various stunts that took place in that day of the old wooden picket fences, buggies, barns and outbuildings, all of these being scattered over the city and deposited in the most unlikely places.

BIRTH OF LITTLE DAUGHTER

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Newton formerly of this city, will be pleased to learn of the birth of a little girl at their home at North Bend, Nebraska.

Mrs. Newton before her marriage, was Ruth Thomsen, daughter of Mrs. Ruth Sathes Thomsen, formerly of Cedar Creek and Plattsmouth.

It is needless to say the parents and the grandmother are proud of the little lady.

Passing of Old Landmark of Mills County

Frank Choate of Glenwood Opinion Writes of Old Stone House Located Near Junction

The passing of the Stout stone quarry and the historical "Old Stone House" located in Section 15, Lyons township, southwest of Glenwood, and southeast of Plattsmouth near Lake Waubonsie, is a subject now attracting the attention of the historically inclined, as this familiar landmark for more than half a century has stood a silent sentinel guarding carefully the undiscernable history made within its walls and still more carefully the history made within the walls of its predecessors, the long, low ambling log bunk house and cook shack, whose position and responsibilities this one time stately edifice supplanted, but of late years presenting a dilapidated, deserted and ghost-like appearance, benignly guarding the waning and all but forgotten one time flourishing industry within the borders of our domain.

The story of the quarry has its beginning some time in the early "Seventies" when Vard Fletcher constructed a log cabin by the side of the Iowa-Missouri trail, which closely skirted the Waubonsie river valley in Section 15, Lyons township, at which point there was a projecting ledge of limestone rock. In addition to his cabin he also constructed upon the hillside on the rock ledge a lime kiln, where he proceeded to burn lime for the local trade, selling his products at Tabor, Bartlett, Glenwood and Pacific Junction.

This industry Fletcher continued until, according to the records, early in 1877 when title to this property passed to W. H. B. Stout, a public construction contractor of Lincoln, Neb., who acquired a considerable amount of land adjacent to the lime kiln.

The Missouri river bottom in those days was a much more swampy and overflow body of land than it is today. The K. C. railroad threaded its way north and south through the valley, following as well as they could the higher ground and trespassing over the long sloughs.

The Stouts built a branch road from the main line north of Bartlett in a southeasterly direction to the quarry, extending well up on the hillside, so when the cars were loaded their own weight on the incline would carry them out to the main line. Traces of this old branch line is still to be seen in some places, reminding one of the old "Tote Road" of the "Dismal Swamps" of the South, constructed by the Union army during the Civil war.

Temporary log and frame structures were hurriedly constructed by these contractors for the housing and feeding of their small army of laborers required to develop the quarry.

Early in 1878 the Stouts who had contracts in western Iowa and eastern Nebraska, realizing they would probably operate this quarry for several years and would need permanent quarters, and with plenty of rock at hand, rushed to completion the two-story brick building now known as the "Old Stone House." Its dimensions were 48x50 feet, builded of solid stone walls a foot and a half thick, many of the single pieces of stone in the walls being 2x4 feet, such a structure being typical for the purpose for which it was intended, for it has been truthfully said "housed vigorous men of a vigorous age, in fact all kinds of men from the mild-mannered quarry laborer to murderously inclined, which was proven in the first year of its existence when it became the center of a double murder case, on Aug. 17, 1878, when Wm. Doran and Thomas, derelict foreman in the quarry were waylaid and shot to death, the act of which was charged to Joseph McCreary, who was later tried, convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment, but who was paroled April 29, 1902, and died about two years ago near Percival, Iowa.

W. H. Stout for a number of years continued to work the quarry, supplying rock for many projects through the middle west; one being rip-rapping and approach of the Union Pacific bridge at Council Bluffs, and another the state prison at Lincoln, Nebraska.

About 1881 it was abandoned as a rock quarry, but a younger son, Harry Stout, announced his intention of establishing a country home at the quarry quarters, and fitted it out for a modern home, bringing a bride from the East, and for a year or more, in its day was about what a movie colony is to the present day.

After tiring of this, the place became a tenant proposition, twice having been enlivened, by being elevated to a country store.

The present owner, Earl Dashner, came in to its possession about 1910 or 11, and has now provided a small bungalow for his renter, which is in keeping with the modern trend, thus the razing of this old building, which almost one sweep of the hand, obliterates all but the mem-

ories of a people, types of people, and events requiring more than a half century to build.

R. A. M. MEETS

From Friday's Daily—
Last evening Nebraska Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons, held a very interesting session at the lodge rooms in the Masonic temple. The work in the Royal Arch degree was given and the occasion enjoyed by a large number of visitors from Bellevue chapter of Omaha as well as Nebraska City. At the conclusion of the work the members were served with dainty and delicious refreshments.

Auto and Corn Sheller Have a Wreck on Road

Accident Near Murray Smashed Up Car and Sheller But No One Is Seriously Injured

From Saturday's Daily—
Last evening while Henry Rice and Maynard Reed were driving a corn sheller along the highway near the Reed place and were just preparing to turn off into the farm when a car came from the north and crashed into the rear of the corn sheller, the impact damaging the car very badly and at the rate of speed that it was traveling the car continued on for over 100 feet before stopping. The impact knocked one wheel off the corn sheller and did more or less damage to the sheller, while the car was badly damaged.

With the force that the car struck the sheller it was good fortune that the occupants of the car were not dangerously injured but they as well as the two men on the sheller were uninjured.

In the car which was from Nebraska City was Edward Teten and two companions and who after the accident continued on to their home in the Otoe county city.

TWINS TEACHERS

At the session of the second district convention of the Nebraska State Teachers association, Misses Helen and Hazel Iverson of this city, twin sisters, secured recognition of the fact that they have been to school and college with each other and now both are engaged in the teaching profession. Miss Hazel teaches near South Bend and Miss Helen near this city. The young ladies had their portraits appear in the World-Herald of this morning with a short story of their long association together in their daily activities.

The two young ladies are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Iverson of this city, and they have another sister, Miss Margaret, who is also a member of the teaching profession.

DEATH OF C. R. REEVES

From Saturday's Daily—
The message was received here today of the death of his home seven miles north of Nebraska City, of C. R. Reeves, long time resident of that community and father of W. O. Reeves of this city. The deceased is survived by the widow, three daughters and two sons, W. O. Reeves, Plattsmouth, Mrs. Ed Ranard, Omaha; C. E. Reeves, Nebraska City; Mrs. Bud Studdie, of Iowa, and Miss Dorothy Reeves at home.

The funeral services of Mr. Reeves will be held at the home on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 and the interment be at the Wyoming cemetery.

ENJOY HALLOWE'EN PARTY

From Saturday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon at George Taylor's residence a group of friends held a very enjoyable Halloween party.

The time was spent in playing Halloween stunts which added to the fun and frolic of the occasion.

The prizes were won by Helen Kotska and Clara Mae Taylor.

At the close of the party the friends were served with the usual Halloween refreshments which completed the afternoon of pleasure.

FRIENDS OF KIDNAPED BANKER

The safe return of the Galva, Ill., banker, Earl Yocum, has been more than general interest to one Plattsmouth family, Mrs. O. B. Yocum, mother of Earl and Mrs. Nathan S. Willis of Carroll county, Illinois, mother of Mrs. F. G. Corryell, were personal friends and neighbors during their residence in Aurelia, Iowa.

WISCONSIN HOLDS MANHUNT

Temah, Wis.—Counties to the north of here joined in the search Thursday night for four middle aged men who robbed the Bank of Tomah of \$22,000 shortly after it opened Thursday morning. It was the sixth Wisconsin bank robbery this month and the twenty-fourth this year. The wild country east and north of here was expected to afford good shelter for the bandits.

Two Party System is Best, Says Sen. Hitchcock

Democratic Candidate for Senator Tells of Work of Two Parties — Urges Tariff Change

From Friday's Daily—
Gilbert M. Hitchcock, former U. S. senator and now a candidate for that position against George W. Norris, was the speaker here at the last campaign rally of the year, held at the American Legion community building, the former senator drawing the largest crowd that has been out this year.

The meeting was presided over by D. O. Dwyer, the county chairman and who spoke briefly in the opening and introduced the speaker of the evening.

Senator Hitchcock in his opening touched on the American theory of two party government, of the fact that it had made stable government and made possible the enactment of legislation at the mandate of the people, that the two great political parties offered an opportunity for the people to express themselves as to their desires. He contrasted the sound government here with the conditions in foreign countries where there are blocs instead of two parties, where the governments in many cases are formed from several groups, unstable and unable to enact legislation, the result being that in many cases dictators had been appointed to carry on the government because of the chaos that the bloc system had caused.

In bearing out his point Senator Hitchcock pointed out that no great measures had ever been enacted by an insurgent, that all of the laws represented the action of one of the great parties of the nation. He cited the national bank act and the home-stead law passed by the republicans at the close of the civil war, the legislation of the Roosevelt administration as some of the outstanding republican legislation, while he also pointed out the civil service measures of the Cleveland administration, the good roads law that permitted federal money to match that of the state in road building, the federal reserve bank act and the federal farm loan bill that had been enacted under the first two years of the Wilson administration. All of these senator pointed out was the result of the democratic party leadership.

The present tariff was attacked by the Senator as being a bar to the prosperity of the nation, that its enactment had resulted in the European nations being unable to buy our agricultural surplus as the tariff was able to exchange their goods for our products, that the result had been that factories were idle here and a vast surplus of wheat, corn and other commodities had piled up in our nation. Under the blasting influences of the high tariff Nebraska had gained but six per cent in population in the past ten years. Senator Hitchcock cited the condition of the country under the Underwood bill of 1913 as against the present Smoot-Hawley Grundy high tariff measure, the highest rates that had ever been placed in a tariff bill and which cost the American people a tribute whenever they bought any article.

Co-operation in securing needed legislation was stressed by the Senator and who pointed out his fight for the dairy industry of the state, for the enactment of the features of the farm loan and federal reserve measures in the senate where party organization was able to enact the needed legislation. No member of congress had any higher mission than to serve the best interests of his people and hatreds and bickerings were unnecessary to secure good constructive legislation. If elected, Senator Hitchcock promised to be a representative of the people of the state of Nebraska.

Judge W. C. Parriott of Lincoln was in attendance and was called upon for a few remarks and made a stirring plea for the election of Senator Hitchcock, Governor Charles W. Bryan and Congressman John H. Morehead, all of whom, the speaker stated, had been tried and not found wanting and would serve the best interests of all of the people.

The audience were disappointed that Charles S. Smrha, candidate for state treasurer was unable to be present, but his cause was ably urged by Senator W. B. Banning of Union, who had served in the legislation with the distinguished statesman from Fillmore county, Mr. Banning told of the high standing of Mr. Smrha and his recognition by being given a chairmanship in the senate despite his political affiliation. He had been a fine straight-forward business man and his election would assure a great administration of the treasurer's office.

STILL IS DESTROYED

Milwaukee—Two huge vats containing about 30,000 gallons of mash from the top floor of a three story building here to the basement Tuesday and destroyed a still prohibition agents said worth about \$14,000. The interior of the building was wrecked.