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## Drunken Truck Driver Has His License Revoked

### I. Criger of Auburn, Arrested Here a Week Ago Has Close Call at Nebraska City

I. Criger, Auburn trucker, who was arrested here a week ago while in an intoxicated condition and fined \$20 and costs in the court of Judge Charles L. Graves, had a very close call for his life at Nebraska City Tuesday, but he will not be in danger from any driving for the next year as Judge T. C. Morton at Nebraska City revoked his drivers license as well as giving him \$50 and costs.

The trucker was arrested Tuesday night after an accident near South Table creek bridge on South Eleventh street, Nebraska City, in which Criger's truck overturned and spilled a load of hogs into a ravine below. Two of the animals were killed and the rest were taken to the Morton-Gregson company stockyards Wednesday. They belonged to Guy Matthews, Nemaha county farmer.

The trucker did not believe he was drunk, he told the court, but he did admit having a few drinks. Criger's life probably was saved by a new cedar telephone pole, recently set on South Eleventh street. Against that pole the half overturned truck rested, hanging on the edge of a 20-foot embankment. Had Criger missed the pole and driven a few feet farther north his loaded truck would have plunged over a still higher bank into the muddy water of South Table Creek. The accident happened between 9 and 9:30 o'clock Tuesday night. Criger said he heard the Burlington's crossing warning and jammed on his brakes. He said he believed the front wheel stuck and his truck careened off the pavement on the left side of the road, plowing through the dirt at the roadside. The loaded vehicle tipped to the left and turned over against the telephone pole.

Thirty-five head of hogs were catapulted into the ravine where they scurried about in the darkness and the noise of the overturned truck. Criger was badly shaken and dazed but he wasn't hurt much. He fell out of the cab. The man he declared was riding with him could not be found after an hour's search by county officers.

Members of the Burlington train crew that took an engine to the packing house said they saw a truck standing at the crossing when the engine went by. They thought it was Criger's but they did not see the accident.

## LITTLE ONE IMPROVES

Audrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Finnyfrock, of this city, was taken ill on February 24th with a very severe headache and which failed to improve, the patient being finally placed under medical care and where it was found that she was suffering from meningitis, but not thought to be of a dangerous type. The child was taken to the University hospital at Omaha and where she has since been under the care of two specialists. It was found that while she was suffering from a form of meningitis, but not the contagious type known as spinal meningitis. The tests made of the patient have shown the absence of the two contagious types of the malady and the patient is now doing very nicely and it is thought will soon be on the highway to recovery. That the case is not of a dangerous or contagious type will be very pleasing news to the friends of the family here.

## DANGER TO CHILDREN

The intersection of Sixth and Main streets at the hour that the city schools are dismissed for the day is a place of real danger for the children, especially the younger children of the grades and also of the St. John's school, as the little folks dart and run through the intersection. Yesterday a very large group of the little folks were to be seen running and playing across the intersection despite the fact that a very heavy stream of travel comes through that part of the city on both Main street and Sixth street.

The larger part of the children are careful in crossing the streets, taking their way across the street at the designated place of crossing but others in disregard to safety "jaywalk" across the intersections in all directions for traffic and which will lead sooner or later to an accident.

## FIND MAN SANE

From Thursday's Daily—The hearing yesterday before the county board of insanity in the case of James Alloway, old time resident of Louisville, resulted in the board finding that Mr. Alloway was mentally sound and releasing him from the charges of insanity as had been preferred.

## AN OLD FAMILIAR FACE

The callers at the court house will in the future meet an old familiar face in the office of register of deeds, Miss Lillian White, register of deeds, having made the appointment of Andrew J. Snyder as deputy in the office. Mr. Snyder, who is an uncle of Miss White, has had a long experience in this office as he was register of deeds for a great many years, retiring in 1919, and has since that time been largely engaged in farming.

## Divide City for Yard and Garden Contest in Spring

Each Ward Will Have Number of Representatives Who Will Canvas the City Carefully

From Thursday's Daily—The committee of civic organization representatives who are to sponsor the better yards and gardens contest in the next few weeks, met last evening to perfect their plans for the contest so that the move for beautifying the city can be made as thorough as possible.

The city will be divided along the regular wards and in these a central committee or warden will be named and in turn there will be canvassers appointed in each ward of the city so that they can reach every home in the city with the plans for making attractive flower gardens, planting shrubs and otherwise decorating the city.

## DIES AT MASONIC HOME

Dr. Emma J. Lawrence, for many years a well known figure in the medical profession of the state, who has been here at the Nebraska Masonic Home for the past two years, passed away Thursday and the body of Dr. Lawrence was taken Friday to the old home at Falls City for interment.

Dr. Lawrence was born May 7, 1858, at Oregon, Illinois, and came to Falls City in 1870, when a young girl and has lived the greater part of her lifetime in that place.

For a number of years she was a member of the medical staff at the Nebraska Feeble Minded Institution at Beatrice, continuing in this work until her health and advanced age made necessary her retirement from the position.

## CAMP FIRE NOTES

The Te He Ha Camp Fire girls met at the home of Shirley Seivers, February 26th. Plans were made and desires were drawn for the head work. Our head bands are being started. Ways and means of improving the condition of the group finances were discussed. A lunch was served after the meeting which the girls enjoyed very much.

## ELEANOR MINOR, Scribe.

## FIRE AT GIVENTER HOME

From Friday's Daily—The fire department was called last night shortly after 10 o'clock to the residence property on North 7th street, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Giventer and family. The fire was discovered first by Mr. Giventer as he was entering to the testimony of Andrew Brown, defendant in the suit of Madame Queen, but how the testimony came out Sam will never know, as the rolling clouds of smoke caused the radio to be silenced. The fire originated from an overheated furnace, the furnace causing a small pile of wood in the cellar to be fired and which for a time threatened to make some real trouble, but the prompt work of the fire department soon had the blaze under control and the danger eliminated.

## Outlines Plans for the Yard and Garden Contest

### Judge Aubrey H. Duxbury Outlines Details of Contest to Chamber of Commerce

From Thursday's Daily—The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce today attended by thirty-one members was featured by a detailed outline by Judge Aubrey H. Duxbury of a Yard and Garden Contest to be sponsored here by the Civic Improvement Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. In this matter which is designed to promote home ownership pride, the Rotary Club, Woman's Club and Park Board are co-operating with the Civic Improvement Committee. Three classifications will be made. The one will include yards and gardens where the owner does all the work, a second where the owner does part of the work and the third where the work is hired done. The main object of the contest is to encourage the small home owner who does his own work.

Five committees have been appointed to handle the details of the plan. These are: Entrance, Publicity, Planting, Judging and Prize. Entries will open on March 15 and remain open for thirty days. A flower show will climax the activities of the contest in the fall. At the close of Judge Duxbury's remarks, the Chamber of Commerce voted to allow the committee the sum of \$50 for its work.

R. E. Bailey gave a report on bills pending in the state legislature which affect the public schools and pointed out the interest which this community should have in many of these matters. The attention of the Legislative Committee was called to inform themselves upon these matters. He also made comparison of the average per pupil cost for education in towns and villages over the state, which is \$93 per year while in Plattsmouth last year the cost was but \$67 per pupil.

President Schneider reported that he had conferred with State Engineer Cochran and has been advised that U. S. highway No. 75 would be kept open except for a slight detour through LaPlatte, as the highway south of LaPlatte will be paved one side at a time.

E. A. Wurl reported that the meeting of executives and members of chambers of commerce towns for the purpose of attempting to form more uniform regulations in regard to occupation taxes was very successful. Some sort of permanent organization of these towns is planned to carry on the program which has been started. Another meeting will be held at Nebraska City next Thursday.

## FINED FOR STEALING RIDE

From Thursday's Daily—Yesterday afternoon W. T. Tucker a gentleman of color, was present in the county court to answer to the charge of having stolen a ride on one of the freight trains of the Missouri Pacific railroad. The gentleman complained of, had been taken off a train of the M. P. at Union and at once offered to battle the members of the train crew and all comers, but after several railroad special agents appeared on the scene the colored man was tamed down and brought on to this city.

Mr. Tucker was charged with the stealing of a ride which is an offense against the laws of the state of Nebraska and for the penalty he was given a fine of \$25 and costs. In failure to pay the fine the prisoner was turned over to Sheriff Bert Reed whose guest he will be for several days.

## SHOWS SOME IMPROVEMENT

The many friends of John Lutz, veteran Burlington employe, will be very much pleased to learn that Mr. Lutz is showing some improvement at the Immanuel hospital at Omaha where he has been for the past several days. Mr. Lutz has been suffering from what seems to be ulcers of the stomach and has been under treatment since going to the hospital. He has shown some improvement and while weak as the result of the attack was able yesterday to take some nourishment which it is hoped will build up his strength.

## SUFFERS SEVERE FALL

From Saturday's Daily—William Rice, Sr., was quite severely injured this morning while walking near Fifth and Vine street. Mr. Rice was out about 5 o'clock looking after a number of furnaces which he has charge and while walking near the Haworth residence, he fell and as the result sustained a badly wrenched back. While able to be around Mr. Rice is still feeling very much the effects of the accident.

## RECOVERS STOLEN PAPERS

On Wednesday morning the Safety Box containing the papers which were of great value to L. J. Fuller and which were taken from the safe, Saturday morning when the store at Elmwood was burglarized were found in a field east of the Henry Hons farm southeast of Elmwood. Frank Hoffman accidentally found them as he was coming through the field and gathered them up and brought them in to Mr. Fuller, who was very glad to get them back. Some of the papers, however, were missing as the box had been broken open and they had been gone over. Thursday Orville Gerbeling and Merle Long went out in the place where the papers were found and made a search to see if any more of the missing papers could be found but were unsuccessful in finding any.

## Platters Lose Opening Round of Peru Tourney

### Syracuse in Close Battle Eliminates Locals 21 to 19—Nebraska City Wins from Peru 12 to 11

From Friday's Daily—The opening round of the regional basketball tournament at Peru Thursday resulted in the elimination of one of the teams that had been figured as candidate for the honor of representing the southeast in the season tossed into the discard the favorites in the tournament. The Plattsmouth-Syracuse game was one of the most closely contested of the tournament and not determined until the final whistle as the teams battled for the needed points that would give them the margin of victory and at the close the score was 21 to 19 for the Syracuse five. Syracuse has had a good team this year and won twelve of their fifteen contests, altho not playing with as hard and formidable organizations.

In the Peru tourney Falls City, Auburn and Dunbar, three of the strongest teams, weathered the first round and will today face their harder stride. Auburn will play Dunbar while Nebraska City will meet Shubert. The Falls City team will play the Sacred Heart school of Falls City.

## Bell Company to Expand Work at Gravel Pits

### Prepare to Enlarge Lake Used in Securing Gravel on Land North of This City

The George W. Bell Co., of Omaha, which maintains sand and gravel pits just north of this city near highway No. 75, are making preparation for a busy season in their line and have in the slack months in this line of work been organizing their plant to handle a large volume of business.

The company has in the past few months had their fleet of trucks overhauled and placed back in service and they are now ready for the handling of the volume of business that may be demanded of the company in the next few months.

## REPORT STOLEN CAR

From Saturday's Daily—The office of Sheriff Bert Reed was notified today that a model A Ford coupe had been stolen at Nebraska City and the Cass county officers were asked by Sheriff Carl Ryder to keep an eye out for the car if it should pass this way. No trace of the car sought was to be found in this locality however.

## Dan Lynn Tells of Early Town of Factoryville

### Union Resident Gives Interesting Story of Pioneer Days in Southern Cass County

The origin of the once thriving town of Factoryville is unknown to the writer, Joshua Lynn and wife, my parents, arrived in Cass county and settled near Factoryville, where they made their home on a farm, some seventy years ago, when I was only a lad of twelve years of age, says Dan Lynn, relating the story of the old days. A farmer, George Hunt had a farm on the south branch of the Weeping Water creek and for the benefit of his own family, built a mill on the banks of this stream, where he ground corn for use of his own family, and as the neighbors came he also ground for them. He had first installed a small set of stone burrs, for the grinding, which was more than sufficient for the purpose and the use to which they were put. With but little to eat, except which was freighted far, this meal which was produced, was very appetizing to all the rugged frontier farmers.

Soon, however, the farmers attempted to grow spring wheat which was a success and with this came the necessity of installing a better plant, so the very crude building was demolished and a new set of burrs installed for the grinding of flour as well as meal. The wheat burrs were added to by the bolting machine which separated the ground wheat into flour, shorts and bran. The charges for grinding was first one eight toll and later one seventh toll. About this time a man came from the east, George Jennings, father of Johannes, later county clerk, with some money and purchasing the mill and also laid out a city plat, which was the starting of the village which afterwards for some time was Factoryville. Lots were sold and some ten houses were erected, which a blacksmith shop, with two stores, doctors offices, a public hall. With this came carpenters, painters and about this time there was organized a lodge of the I. O. O. F., which flourished for a number of years. A school was also erected, which a new addition to the mill, and as the water supply was inadequate for the needs of the mill and the village, there was a dam built in the south branch of the Weeping Water creek, and a flume for providing water and brought it to the place where it was needed for providing power for the mill.

The mill changed hands and a man named Bailey secured it, conducted it at a profit for a time when the mill changed hands again and became the property of L. G. Todd, Sr. Mr. Todd was not a miller but conducted the mill for some time and at a profit, but later sold it to James Banning, who made a success of the venture, but with the coming of the Missouri Pacific railroad, and the springing up of the town of Union and also later of the town of Nehawka, the business of the village of Factoryville began to fall off. L. N. Applegate owned the land adjoining the mill and the village, and purchasing the mill, formed a stock company, who moved the mill to Nehawka, where it was erected. Joe Bauer having the contract for the tearing down of the mill and erecting it at Nehawka, where it was operated as a steam mill, and later was electrified and operated by electricity. At Nehawka the mill was operated by a number of parties until Charles D. Saint John secured it, and during the late war and for a short time after, had it leased to an Omaha firm. Later when the war was over the mill was again taken over by Mr. Saint John and a few years since was consumed by fire. Mr. Saint John erected another small mill which he uses for feed grinding, and finds it more profitable than the large mill with the large expenses.

With the moving away from Factoryville of the mill the houses found no inhabitants, as many of the families moved to Union, and the houses which stood vacant for some time were torn down and also converted into other buildings. The farm buildings of Stephen Copenhaver now contain much of the materials used in the buildings of the former village.

Among the other institutions of the village was a high school which for two years taught English and German. Other businesses and the social life of the once lively little town and the creek above the dam where the people went swimming, and there R. D. Stine and Dr. R. B. Wallace and many other learned the art of swimming, and this was years ago. We would like to hear from others who know of the early history of this village, we would like to hear of them.

DAN LYNN.

Edgar Wescott, who is attending the state university at Lincoln, arrived home Friday evening for a visit over the week end here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wescott.

## WILL GO TO HOSPITAL

Leo Boynton of this city, a world war veteran, who has been very poorly for the past several months, departed Sunday for Kansas City where he will enter the veterans hospital at that place. Mr. Boynton has been in need of hospitalization for the past several months but has been delayed by the red tape involved in the case, but through the good efforts of Mrs. J. P. Jensen, the "good angel" of the service man, the service officer of the state Legion, he has at last secured the much needed and deserved treatment. Mrs. Jensen has worked hard on this case as she does every able veterans claim and secured from the government the necessary orders that will secure the hospitalization for Mr. Boynton.

## Will Pave Half of Road at Time Near LaPlatte

### State Engineer Cochran Will See That Roadway is Kept Open for Traveling Public.

The matter of the paving of a section of highway No. 75 near the LaPlatte river bridge and between that place and LaPlatte, some 500 feet, which has offered a problem of keeping the road open for traffic, has been arranged by State Engineer Roy Cochran to be paved a half width of the roadway at a time.

This will permit travel to get through this section of road and reach the detour highways that will be used during the paving of the remainder of the road and will be a great relief to the motorists of this locality who were fearful that they might be forced to make a detour to Louisville or east through Glenwood and Council Bluffs to reach Omaha.

The half of the road will be paved and allowed to set and then repaved to travel while the other half is being paved and which will not make any delay in travel on the roadway and be a great convenience to the traveling public. With the narrow roadway the traveling public will have to use all necessary precautions to avoid wrecks while they are using this roadway.

## TOUGH OF REAL WINTER

From Friday's Daily—The semi-tropical weather of the past winter took a sudden shift on Thursday and to use a Californian expression, "an unusual cold" was prevailing yesterday and today. For the first time since the winter of 1929-30 snow was lying all over the state in a fleecy mantle that will do a great deal of good to the wheat and small grains.

The snowfall here Thursday afternoon and night showed four inches on the level but the earlier snow was fast melted and it was not until afternoon that the snow was commencing to form its mantle of white over the landscape.

The snow was general over the state, five and six inches being reported at 5 last evening over the northern part and east while in the south it ranged from three to four inches.

In many places the snow drifting added to the discomfort of the travelers and made it difficult to get around.

## SELLS GROCERY STOCK

From Saturday's Daily—The stock of groceries in the Peoples Market which was recently flooded, was sold at public auction by George P. Horn of Omaha, representing the Omaha Credit Bureau. The stock was bid in by the Zinger Brothers and was removed last night by the McMaken Transfer Co., to Omaha where the purchasers will have the stock placed in stores there and disposed of. The work of removing the stock was carried on through the night despite the storm and delivered to the purchasers at their Omaha by the local transfer company.

## HAVE A FINE DANCE

From Thursday's Daily—The American Legion auditorium was the scene of a very fine dance last evening sponsored by the Legion and despite the Lenten season there was a very large crowd of dancers present at the delightful affair. The Dansonians, a snappy orchestra of Lincoln, furnished the music for the event and among the members was Frederick Gorder, of this city, who is attending the University of Nebraska and appeared as a saxophone soloist and added very much to the fine program of up to the minute dance selections.

## RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

From Saturday's Daily—Roy Lancaster of Nehawka, who has been at the University hospital at Omaha for the past three weeks, was able to come home today and will spend a few days at home with the family, returning to Omaha on next Thursday and where he will be operated on again. The many friends and relatives of Mr. Lancaster may be able to regain his former god health.

## Wedding of Well Known Young People Today

### Miss Edna Hannum and Ellsworth Taylor Married at M. E. Parsonage at Council Bluffs

From Saturday's Daily—This afternoon at 2:30 at the parsonage of the First Methodist church at Council Bluffs, Iowa, occurred the marriage of two well known young people of this city, Miss Edna Hannum and Mr. Ellsworth Taylor. The wedding was very simple, the bride and groom motoring to the Iowa city and where the impressive ring service was used in the joining of the lives and hearts of this estimable young couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will be guests at a family dinner party here on Sunday at the home of the groom's parents in their honor and will then start housekeeping in this city where they expect to continue to make their home.

## RECEIVING CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH OF A DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Meisinger, of near Cedar Creek, are receiving the hearty congratulations of their many friends on the birth of a beautiful little daughter at their home on Thursday, February 19, 1931. This is their first child.

Mrs. Meisinger is being cared for by Miss Anna Lau, one of the excellent nurses of the vicinity and mother and babe are getting along splendidly. Mr. Meisinger's sister, Miss Verna Meisinger, is also assisting with the household duties.

## WILL SOON UNDERGO OPERATION FOR GOITER

Theodore Harms, well known merchant of Manly, has been under treatment and observation at the Immanuel hospital in Omaha and the specialist's diagnosis reveals that Mr. Harms is suffering from goiter and expects soon to undergo an operation for the removal of the same.

Mr. Harms has the sympathy of his many friends and are wishing him the best of success and a speedy recovery. His physician has given him every assurance of a successful outcome of his trouble.

His daughter, Mrs. Alice Alberding will assist in the management of the store at Manly and Mr. Harms need feel no uneasiness as to the condition of his affairs either in his home or place of business which will go far towards aiding him in his recovery after the operation.—Louisville Courier.

## SNOW CUTS DOWN TRAVEL

From Saturday's Daily—The snowfall that reached mid-winter proportions last night, has been a very strong factor in stopping the usual flow of auto travel through this city and the residents of the country districts have not been in the city in the usual large numbers as usual especially from the more distant points in the county. A number of the roads have been filled with drifts and while the road forces and workers were out early to keep the roads cleared, a number have been blocked by the drifts that required some difficulty to overcome.

## LITTLE DAUGHTER ARRIVES

From Friday's Daily—Early this morning the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Parkening near Cullom was visited by the stork and left with the household a fine little daughter, who with the mother is doing very nicely. The occasion has brought a great deal of pleasure to the members of the family circle and the relatives, including the grandparents of the little lady, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hill of this city and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Parkening of Omaha.

## FRENCH LOAN TO RUMANIA IS NEAR COMPLETION

Paris, March 6.—Negotiations for the French portion of a loan to Rumania are expected to be concluded shortly. Much of the loan will go to agricultural relief and to strengthen national bank reserves.