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Police Stage Roundup of Many Floaters

Twenty-one Are Placed in Jail for Night and to Face Exile from the City.

From Thursday's Daily

This city has had a large floating population for the past weeks and many of these apparently without any reason for their making this city their headquarters and last evening Officers Joe Libershal and David Pickrel started a roundup of the parties.

In the past ten days reports have reached the police that strangers were roaming over all parts of the city, apparently without any purpose or reason. In addition two business places were broken into within the past week and which gave added reason for the roundup.

Many were gathered up on the streets, several of whom were men seeking shelter for the night while others were located over different sections of the city where they had congregated.

One of the places visited was the old ice house in the Burlington yards where in the past carloads of beer were stored. After some effort the police reached the upper portion of the ice house and found some four strangers making their headquarters at that place. These men were taken on to the city jail to be investigated. One party who was caught in the roundup was found to have dice and a small roulette wheel in his possession, but Lady Luck was against the possessor of the gambling tools.

The men were lodged in the city jail to await the disposition of the roundup by Chief of Police Effett today and who had charge of seeing that the men took their departure from the city.

FUNERAL OF ROBERT WARREN

The funeral services of Robert Allan Warren, popular student of the local high school, was held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Sattler funeral home. The high school was dismissed for the afternoon and the students attended in a body the services of the schoolmate and friend. The spacious funeral home was inadequate to contain the large number in attendance at the service. Many beautiful floral remembrances silently attested the feeling of sorrow that the death had brought to the friends over the city.

Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, was in charge of the service and in his remarks brought words of comfort to the sorrowing family and friends, bringing to them the promise of the future reuniting of the broken ties of love and associations.

The boys' quartet of the high school, James Nowacek, George Adam, Otto Stedola and David Robinson, gave the "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" during the service, Miss Cora Williams being the accompanist.

Miss Williams gave as a solo number, "Sometime We'll Understand," a song of comfort in the hour of parting.

At the conclusion of the service the body was borne to the last resting place in Oak Hill cemetery, the pall bearers being members of the Plattsmouth high school basketball team, Sam Arn, Henry Donat, Clarence Forbes, William Ronne, Robert Rummel and Louis Knofficek.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Friday, March 4th was the ninety-third birthday anniversary of Mrs. Mary J. Voody, one of the loved and honored residents of this city. Mrs. Voody makes her home with her sister, Mrs. Lois Troop and owing to her advanced years spent the day very quietly at home. A great many remembrances of flowers, cards and well wishes in person and message, came to this estimable lady. Mrs. Voody has stood her years in splendid shape and is able to keep an active interest in the affairs of the world and in the community. This estimable lady who is now nearing the century mark of life has a host of friends in the community who are joining in the wish that she may enjoy many more pleasant birthdays.

MOVES BLACKSMITH SHOP

E. M. Griffin, who has been operating a blacksmith shop on North Fifth street, today moved his equipment from the shop to his new place of business at his residence. Mr. Griffin will now be located on east Vine street, two blocks east of the postoffice. He expects to continue his blacksmith work at the new location and will be pleased to meet his many friends there.

File Petition for J. A. Capwell for State Senator

Joseph C. Wheeler Files Petition Asking Local Attorney to Enter Primary.

As the time for the filing of names for the April primary is drawing to the close, a number of candidates are getting under the wire before the race is started.

One of the latest of the filings made was that of a petition on Wednesday afternoon asking that the name of Joseph A. Capwell be placed on the ballot as a candidate for the democratic nomination for state senator from the second district. The petition was presented by Joseph C. Wheeler at the office of County Treasurer Turner.

The filing of the petition will place two candidates in the race for the senatorial nomination, as W. E. Banning, of Union, former senator, filed some weeks ago.

Mr. Capwell will have to make acceptance of the petition before his name will be placed on the ballot for the election.

Mr. Capwell was the democratic candidate for the senatorship two years ago in the Cass-Otoe-Sarpy district, but was defeated by W. H. Pitzer of Nebraska City, who is however, not a candidate this year. Mr. Capwell has been an active figure in Cass county democratic circles since he commenced his career at the bar and has served as the chairman of the county committee several times. He is at this time city attorney of Plattsmouth.

HAS A CLOSE CALL

From Saturday's Daily

Alex McCrary, who resides in a residence on Lincoln avenue, had a close call from death early this morning when his home was destroyed by fire. Mr. McCrary was sleeping and about 4:15 this morning awoke to find the home and contents afire, the fire pouring into the room in which he was sleeping. It was only by escaping through a window near the bed that Mr. McCrary was able to escape from the house. The fire had gained such headway when it was discovered that it was impossible to check the blaze and the house was burned to the ground. The cause of the fire is unknown as Mr. McCrary reports that the fire in the stove had gone out and that the fire could not have been from an overheated stove.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Frederick Ohm of this city this week observed the passing of his eighty-ninth birthday anniversary, the event being held at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. Jess Blackwell at Omaha. In honor of the grandfather Mrs. Blackwell had arranged a pleasant dinner party and had as guests Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ohm of this city and Mr. and Mrs. George Meyers of Marysville, Kansas, guests of the Ohm family. The occasion was enjoyed very much by Mr. Ohm who has lived a long and useful life in the community and is now spending the declining years in the quiet and comfort of his home in this city. The friends here will join in the wish that he may enjoy many more of these happy anniversaries.

DIES AT MAYWOOD

From Saturday's Daily

The message has been received in this city of the death the fore part of the week, of James Burnett, former resident of this city. Mr. Burnett, who was well advanced in age, lived here many years ago. The family has resided at Maywood for the past thirty-five years.

File Petition for G. L. Farley for Commissioner

Petition for Present Commissioner Filed by Seal S. Davis Wednesday Afternoon.

A petition asking that the name of George L. Farley be placed in the primary ballot as a candidate for the republican nomination for county commissioner in the first district was filed Wednesday.

The petition was presented by Seal S. Davis of this city and contained a large number of signatures from different sections of the district.

Mr. Farley had been undecided as to whether he desired to make a filing for re-election to the office he has held for the past four years, but the filing of the petition will make necessary his acceptance of the filing or declination of the request of the petition.

Mr. Farley has served two terms in the office of county commissioner, first being elected in 1920 and after serving his first term was defeated for re-election by C. D. Spangler of Murray. He was elected the second time to the commission in 1928 and is now serving out this term. Mr. Farley has had a great deal of experience in county affairs as he has served in the past as county superintendent of schools and county assessor.

This is the first republican filing for the commission but there are four democratic aspirants to the office. Under the law passed by the last legislature, the commissioners are elected by the people of their districts instead of from the county at large. This district comprises Plattsmouth city, East and West Rock Bluffs, Plattsmouth precinct and Eight Mile Grove precinct.

PASSING OF LOVED LADY

From Thursday's Daily

Mrs. Martin Steppat, 79, one of the long time residents of this community, passed away last evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John M. Kaffenberger, with whom she has been making her home. The death of Mrs. Steppat came at the close of a long and useful life, she gradually yielding to the infirmities of her advanced years.

Marie Butkus was born in east Germany on March 25, 1853, and spent her younger years in the land of her birth. On April 19, 1874, she was united in marriage to Martin Steppat. The family came to the United States forty-one years ago and located near this city where they engaged in farming for a great many years. Mr. and Mrs. Steppat were splendid residents in the county and labored earnestly and helped to build up the community of which they were a part. After the years on the farm Mr. and Mrs. Steppat removed to Blair where they resided for some four years. Fourteen years ago they came to Plattsmouth and have since made their home here, residing in the home at Eleventh and Elm streets until the death of Mr. Steppat in January, 1930. Since the death of the husband Mrs. Steppat has made her home with the children. There are surviving the passing of the mother nine children, August, Mills, South Dakota; William, Turlock, South Dakota; Mrs. F. W. Nolting, Plattsmouth; Mrs. Max Schultz, Olympia, Washington; Frank, Grant, Nebraska; Edward, Mrs. John M. Kaffenberger and Mrs. P. A. Meisinger of Plattsmouth and Mrs. J. J. Tinken of Beatrice.

RETURNS FROM CALIFORNIA

J. C. Coleman, who has been spending the winter on the Pacific coast, returned Friday from his outing and reports a very fine time. While in the west Mr. Coleman visited with his brother at Lodi, California, as well as a sister at Cottage Grove, California, spending some time with both of these and later going to Portland, Oregon, where he has an uncle residing. The weather was very cold in sections of the north-west when Mr. Coleman started back to Nebraska and in some of the mountain sections snow was from fourteen to sixteen feet deep on the level, making necessary the use of snow shoes by the residents of these sections.

CARD OF THANKS

To friends who have been so kind in their tender sympathy and aided us in every way in our bereavement, we wish to express our appreciation. Their acts of kindness and remembrances to our loved one will be always a precious memory. Especially do we wish to thank the young people of the city schools for their services.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Warren and Family.

Nelson Postmaster Ends His Life Thursday

Former Resident of This City Shoots Self at Home—Comes as Terrible Shock to Friends.

Nelson. — Postmaster Carl G. Fricke, a former resident of Plattsmouth, killed himself at his home here about 10 o'clock Thursday morning by shooting himself. He had been at the office assisting with the morning mail immediately before this. Inspector C. L. Peckham of Hastings was here checking the affairs of the office and when Mr. Fricke left he gave the impression he was going out to get a draft for a cash balance. Instead he went home and entered his bed chamber where he inflicted the fatal wound from a .32 calibre revolver, just below the right ear.

Mr. Fricke assumed charge of the Nelson postoffice Jan. 13, 1928. He was about fifty and is survived by his wife, a son and two daughters.

DEATH OF LITTLE ONE

From Friday's Daily

This morning little Bonnie Jean Capwell, 5, passed away at the Methodist hospital at Omaha, where she was operated on Wednesday for mastoid. The death of the little one, whose sweet and charming personality was known to many of the residents here, came as a severe shock. Taken ill last week, the condition of the little girl had grown such that an operation was decided to be necessary and from which she failed to rally.

Bonnie Jean was the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Capwell, coming to this city to reside with Mrs. Capwell, her aunt, when the parents were both called away. She has been a delight to the members of the family, while her going leaves a deep sorrow, her living has enriched the life of her loved ones by the beauty of its being.

The departed child is survived by one brother, Joe Hendrix and one sister, Twila Fae Hendrix, both of who reside here. Three aunts, Mrs. Capwell, Mrs. R. R. Oredosky and Miss Virginia Samek, of this city, are left to mourn the passing.

MANY ATTEND CLINIC

From Friday's Daily

The basement of the Cass county court house was a busy place today, the sewing machine clinic being held there as a part of the program of extension work of the state department of agriculture.

The ladies of the city who are members of the extension clubs were invited to attend the clinic and learn of the proper methods of handling the machines and their care. The ladies were given the instructions by Paul R. Hoff, extension engineer of the college of agriculture.

Each lady was required to work on their own machines under the directions as given by the extension engineer, covering all lines of repair work, the adjustment of the machine as well as showing the operation of the machines.

Trucks were busy unloading the machines at the court house and all types from the large machines to the smaller makes of the electric machines were to be found in the array that was being worked on by the extension engineer.

FILES FOR COUNTY JUDGE

M. S. Briggs, forty-eight years a resident of Cass county, admitted as attorney at law, filed this morning for the nomination to the office of county judge.

DOING VERY NICELY

Miss Mary Holy, who was operated on a few days ago at the St. Joseph hospital for appendicitis, is doing very nicely at this time. The patient rallied well from the operation and has continued to show the most pleasing improvement.

FILES FOR SURVEYOR

The democratic nomination for the office of county surveyor will not remain vacant, was assured Thursday afternoon when Robert Fitch, Jr., of this city, filed his name as a candidate for the nomination and election to this office. "Bob," as he is familiarly known in this city, is one of the well known young men of the community where he was born and reared to manhood. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fitch and his family are long time residents in the eastern section of Cass county, the grandparents of the young man coming to Nebraska in an early day. He was born and reared in this city and graduated from the local high school in the class of 1929. He has also attended the University of Nebraska and in the past year has been engaged in practical surveying work. He was for eight months connected with the surveying and engineering department of the Continental Construction Co. at Kansas City and for six months was engaged in the engineering department of the Omaha Steel Co., being an assistant engineer there. He also has had a great deal of experience in all lines of surveying work.

Rudolph Ramsel Dies at Omaha Last Evening

Long Time Resident of This City Passes Away After Several Weeks Illness.

From Thursday's Daily

Rudolph Henry Ramsel, 64, passed away Wednesday evening at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha following an illness of several weeks duration from flu which later developed into pneumonia. Mr. Ramsel was taken to the hospital at Omaha Monday and was operated on to remove the pus from the lungs but failed to rally from the illness.

Mr. Ramsel has been a resident of Plattsmouth for the greater part of the last fifty years and was a man esteemed and honored by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. His passing will bring a great regret to the friends and who share with the bereaved family the loss that has come to them.

Mr. Ramsel was born July 5, 1866, in Germany, residing in his native land until in 1882 when he came to America and with his brother, August Ramsel, located in Plattsmouth. The brother preceded him in death some thirty years ago. The greater part of the lifetime of Mr. Ramsel was spent in railroad work, he being in the employ of the Burlington in the local shops as well as a short time at Deadwood. In his earlier residence Mr. Ramsel was engaged in the conduct of a market at Cedar Creek. On July 16, 1924, Mr. Ramsel was united in marriage to Miss Tillie Kaufmann and since their marriage they have made their home in the residence on Locust street. The deceased is survived by the wife, one brother, William, in Germany, a sister-in-law, Mrs. Minnie Ramsel at Seward; one nephew and two nieces, William Ramsel of Seward; Mrs. Blackley, of Laramie, Wyoming and Mrs. Revinkel of Minneapolis, Minnesota. One brother, Fred died in Germany two years ago.

Mr. Ramsel entertained a very fond recollection of the old home and the family that remained in Germany and during his residence here has made nine trips across the ocean to visit the old home.

Burglar Pays Visit to Home of Judge Begley

While Family Out of City Residence Is Ransacked by Prowler Who Takes Loot.

The residence of Judge and Mrs. J. T. Begley was ransacked by burglars, it was discovered late Friday afternoon when the family returned from Falls City where they had been for the past several days.

It was found that a section of the panel of the kitchen door had been whittled away with apparently a small knife, permitting the person seeking entrance, to reach through and turn the key in the door.

That the crime had been committed some time at night was indicated by the fact that burnt matches were scattered over the house and also several cigarette butts had been left lying around the rooms.

The burglar took several gowns belonging to Mrs. Begley as well as sweaters, clothing and shoes of James Begley, Jr., son of the family. The clothing of Judge Begley was not taken, altho they had been looked over apparently by the burglar.

Several small pieces of jewelry had been taken, in addition to the clothing, but the silverware was not disturbed, altho the drawers where it was kept had been searched.

In coming down the stairs from the second floor, the burglar had partially turned over the clock standing near the stairs and which had stopped at 11 o'clock, indicating the time that the burglary had been committed.

From the clues developed it would indicate that the burglary had been committed some time Thursday night, Herbert Patterson, a neighbor, reports that he saw a stranger with two suit cases in the vicinity of the Begley home and that the man had asked the way to reach the highways leading from the city. There had been no particular attention paid to the incident at the time until the discovery of the robbery brought it to the mind of Mr. Patterson.

On Thursday morning a stranger had visited the court house and stated that Judge Begley had called him from Falls City and promised to meet him, the man evidently seeking to find when Judge and Mrs. Begley were to return home. The man did not give his name to Glenn Woodbury, court reporter. Later in the day a stranger had been seen in the vicinity of the Begley home by Searl Davis, a neighbor, the man stating that he was looking for Judge Begley.

The amount of loot taken from the home is estimated at about some \$200 in value.

SMOKE DAMAGES RESIDENCE

From Saturday's Daily

This morning shortly after 8 o'clock the fire department was called to the residence of Dr. G. L. Taylor on Chicago avenue where a small fire caused by burning rubbish in the furnace room was causing a great deal of smoke. The fire was extinguished without a great deal of trouble but the house and its contents suffered a great deal from the effects of the dense smoke that filled the building for some time.

EINSTEIN AND WIFE TO SAIL FRIDAY FOR HOME

Pasadena, Cal., March 3.—Suffering from colds, Dr. and Mrs. Albert Einstein will sail Friday for their home in Germany following two months of scientific research here by Dr. Einstein, the scientist.

"See it before you Buy it."

Journal Want-Ads get results!

VISIT AT CRETE

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Henry and little son, Duane, departed for Crete Wednesday where they are to enjoy a week's visit there at the home of the parents of Mr. Henry, Mr. and Mrs. John Henry. The outing will give Mr. Henry, who just recently returned home from the hospital, an opportunity to recuperate from the effects of his illness and the operation that he underwent for appendicitis.

Platters Win Southeastern Tournament

Defeat the Peru Prep by Score of 22 to 11 for Honor of Playing at State Meet.

Not to be denied the honor of representing Southeastern Nebraska at the state tournament at Lincoln March 17-18-19, the Plattsmouth quintet went to victory Saturday night over the Peru Bobkittens, 22 to 11.

The game was one in which the Platters led in every department. While Peru had gone strong against Humboldt and Auburn in the previous games, it was a humbled Bobkitten that finished the tournament. Fisher, Pugh and Vosburg, who had starred for Peru in other games, were effectively bottled up by the fast and aggressive guarding of the "Blue Streak." Forbes keeping Fisher so well in hand that the shooting ace of Peru finally had to retire on the foul route. Aggressive floor play by Arn, Knofficek and Rummel, held the Peru team to few shots, several of these being from long range.

The Peru team had pointed for Donat, who had scored heavily in the earlier games and Donat was held to two free throws, but on the defensive play he was effective in stopping many attempted rallies by the Bobkittens.

In the first few moments of the game Rummel sank a basket for the Platters, and the game was on. Vosburg, a few seconds later was able to tie the score, 2 alike, but this was the nearest the Bobkittens came to leading the "Blue Streak." Knofficek looped a field goal to leave the first quarter 4 to 2 for Plattsmouth.

In the second period Peru failed to score against the stone wall defense of the Platters while Forbes and Arn each secured a field goal to bring the total to 8 to 2 for Plattsmouth at half time.

The two to one lead was maintained by the Platters in the third period of the game, Pugh secured a free toss for Peru while Vosburg and Fisher were able to break through for baskets. For the Platters Donat secured two free throws and Rummel twice racing through the Peru defense to score two field goals. The score at the end of the third period was 14 to 7 for the Plattsmouth quintet.

The "Blue Streak" proceeded to mop up the opposition in the last quarter as Fisher, one of the most effective of Peru's force had to retire from the game. Vosburg scored once and Rhodus sank a field goal in the last few seconds of the game. Forbes scored a beautiful field goal as well as a free toss, but Louie Knofficek was the best scoring nose of this part of the game, annexing two field goals and a free toss to add to the victory of his team. The final score was 22 to 11.

Following the final contest the award of the trophies was made by G. G. Warren, superintendent of the Nebraska City schools and director of the tournament. The Plattsmouth team as awarded the bronze plaque for the first place and Peru the trophy as runnerup. For third place Falls City received the prize, defeating Auburn 24 to 20 in a hard fought battle for the consolation honors.

The following is the score of the Plattsmouth-Peru game:

PERU (11)

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Fisher, f	1	0	4	2
Velvick, f	0	0	0	0
Pugh, m	0	1	2	1
Rhodus, g	1	0	1	2
Vosberg, g	3	0	0	6
Ralsback, f	0	0	3	0
	5	1	10	11

PLATTSMOUTH (22)

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Arn, f	1	0	0	2
Rummel, f	3	0	0	6
Donat, c (C)	0	2	0	2
Forbes, g	2	1	2	5
Knofficek, g	3	1	1	7
	9	4	3	22

Referee—Roper, Lincoln.

Shubert Wins from Avoca

In the Class B finals the Shubert team defeated the Avoca team by the score of 27 to 21, in a fast game. The score at the half was tied 10 alike. Shubert will represent the district in class B at the state tournament at Lincoln.