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REAL PIONEER OF CASS COUNTY

Amel Sheldon, of Avoca, is Sturdy Representative of a Long Line of Empire Builders.

From Thursday's Daily.
Yesterday while making the rounds of the offices at the courthouse, the Journal reporter had the pleasure of meeting one of the grand old men of Cass county, in the person of Amel Sheldon of near Avoca. Mr. Sheldon is one of the splendid type of American citizenship that has made the nation great in the past and in his strong and sturdy form he represents the hardy spirit of the New England ancestor that carried on a republic of free people and have assisted in maintaining that republic.

Mr. Sheldon is now past his eighty-third year, but in his vigor does not seem more than a man of seventy-five years and his interest in the affairs of the state and nation is as keen as ever. Mr. Sheldon was born in Windsor, Vermont, September 27, 1839, and has lived through some of the greatest events of the nation's life.

This splendid citizen came west to Nebraska in May, 1869, and settled in Berlin precinct, Otoe county, and was accompanied in his westward journey by his father, Joel Sheldon, and his brother, Lawson Sheldon. In 1884 he moved from Otoe county to his farm in Cass county and has since lived there.

Mr. Sheldon has labored diligently for the advancement of the things worth while in the life of the community and his splendid work has shown in the upbuilding of the community which he has lived. Taking a keen interest in the political affairs of the county, he has been an earnest supporter of the republican party in the years of his life.

It is a real pleasure to meet a man like Mr. Sheldon and to realize how much the present generation owes to the efforts of a grand old American citizen like this in giving us the kind of a country that we enjoy today.

Mr. Sheldon was accompanied here by his son-in-law, Attorney C. E. Teft and son, Carl Teft.

POLICE FORCE STATUS IS STILL UP IN THE AIR

Emergency Patrolmen Have Been Dispensed With—Mayor Undecided As Yet.

From Thursday's Daily.
The members of the police force that has been functioning for the past several weeks, have ceased their work in the department as they seemingly have cleared up the situation for which they were appointed by Mayor Johnson and at the present time the status of the police department is undetermined.

Alvin Jones, former chief of police, has been asked by the mayor to assist in the conduct of the department for the present until a permanent arrangement can be secured.

The retiring members of the force have faithfully performed their services as guardians of the peace and have constantly been on the job in seeing that there were no law violations that might fracture the peace of the community in their work are entitled to the commendation of the citizens.

The problem has been one of much importance and the city administration has labored to their utmost to see that the law was enforced and was impartially and have succeeded very pleasantly in this task.

GETS COLD BATH IN LAKE
While out skating last Wednesday a number of the young folks of Murdock had a very trying experience when the ice broke and Joe Guthmann went into the lake at the Pawnee ranch of W. O. Schewe.

In his endeavor to keep from going into the icy waters he had accepted the offer of aid from one of the young ladies of the party, and with the result that she was nearly dragged in as well. Fortunately it was that Joe found that he could touch bottom and still have his head above water. With the aid of others of the party he was able to crawl out, but he received a very cold bath. He was hurried to the home of Mr. W. Schewe and a telephone call sent down for dry clothing, which was sent to him. He is wiser for his experience but he still likes the exhilarating exercise of skating.

A FINE GIFT
August Keil, one of the industrious and successful young farmers of the county, gave his wife a very fine Christmas present in the shape of a fine Durant four cylinder Sedan type car. The car was sold through F. C. Martin, the local agent and is a present that will certainly be appreciated by Mrs. Keil as a gift that is worth while.

Journal want ads pay. Try them.

HAVE A FINE TIME

From Thursday's Daily.
Last evening the Elks high five party at the club house on Sixth street was very largely attended and the members of the party enjoyed themselves to the utmost during the evening at the fascination of the game.

The ladies winning the prizes were Mrs. W. K. Krecklow, Mrs. H. W. Smith and Mrs. B. J. Halstead, while the lucky gentlemen were J. W. Holmes and James Bulin. The ladies had prepared very delicious refreshments which were served at the close of the evening and came as a surprise most delightful to all members of the party.

THE GRIND OF THE MILL OF JUSTICE

Justice Weber Has Number of Cases to Demand His Attention and Law Violators Punished.

From Thursday's Daily.
The court of Justice William Weber is always open and the mills of justice grinding and yesterday afternoon and this morning several violators of the law were given their punishments.

Earnest Melburn, who is the game warden in the vicinity of Murray, brought up complaints against James Peka, Charlie Bale, Fay Homan and John Willis, all of Omaha, who were charged with having hunted on the farm of Cal Rhoden near Murray. County Attorney A. G. Cole filed complaint against the men for the violation of the game laws and they were given a fine of \$1 and costs by the court which was paid and the gentlemen sent on their way rejoicing.

Last evening as train No. 14 pulled in Constable Frank Detlef and Alvin Jones were at the station and espied two gentlemen alighting from the train with a suspicious looking suitcase and as the men made their way down the railroad yards in the direction of the pumping station, the officers followed them. In the sheltering gloom of a friendly box car they detected the gentlemen of the law that cheer and accordingly they were placed in custody and brought on up to the city. This morning County Attorney Cole filed a complaint against Jesse Green for possession and Martin Jensen for being intoxicated and Justice Weber assessed a fine of \$100 and costs on Green and \$25 and costs on Jensen.

OBITUARY OF MRS. SPECK
Edith Jensen was born in Denmark October 28, 1850, and came to America when a girl. She was united in marriage on July 27, 1878, to Claus Speck and the family have since made their home in Plattsmouth where their family has been reared and the husband and father gathered to his long rest some thirty years ago. The children living are Claus Speck, Jr., Annie Roberts, Amanda Ewing, Walter, Fred H. and Alma.

The funeral services were held this afternoon from the late home on Locust street and conducted by Father W. S. Leete, rector of the St. Luke's Episcopal church and attended by a large number of the old friends and neighbors.

During the service a number of the old and well loved hymns were given by the members of the choir of the church. At the close of the service the body of this estimable lady now at her last long rest, was tenderly borne to Oak Hill cemetery, where it was laid beside that of the husband and children, who had preceded her in death, to remain until the coming of the final day of judgment.

RECEIVES DESERVED PROMOTION; TO LOCATE IN EAST

Glen Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Elliott of this city, who has been located at Chicago, with the Kenyon Clothing company, one of the largest manufacturers of rain coats and overcoats in the country, has received a well deserved recognition of his work. Mr. Elliott, who has been one of the leaders in the work in the Chicago house, has just been promoted to the position of assistant to the district manager in the New York offices of the company and expects to assume his new duties the middle of January.

This is a very fine advancement and is well bestowed on this bright and progressive young man who has made his mark in the business world already. Mr. Elliott is a graduate of the Plattsmouth high school and one of the many young men of this county who have found the recognition of their ability from the business world.

GREETING OLD FRIENDS
The many old time friends of W. R. or "Billy" Butler, as he was better known in this city, will be pleased to learn that this genial gentleman is now located at Chicago, where he is the traveling passenger agent of the Gulf Coast lines, one of the chief railroad lines of the southland. Billy writes to friends here that he is feeling fine and enjoying life and this will be very good news to the old friends here.

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE MARRIED HERE ON WEDNESDAY

Miss Florence Ledgway and William Kraeger Joined in Wedlock at Home of the Bride.

From Thursday's Daily.
Yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ledgway occurred the marriage of their daughter, Miss Florence to Mr. William P. Kraeger of this city.

The home was arranged in the decorations of the Christmas season, and afforded a pleasing touch to the happy scene that marks the consummation of future happiness in the lives of these two estimable young people.

Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, performed the beautiful and impressive ring service. The bridal couple were attended by Carl Kraeger, brother of the groom, as best man and Miss Mabel Ledgway, sister of the bride as bridesmaid.

Following the wedding the members of the party were entertained at a very enjoyable wedding luncheon, and following which the two happy young people received the well wishes of their relatives who were present to participate in the very enjoyable occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Kraeger departed last evening on a short honeymoon trip and on their return will be at home to their friends in the home that the groom has arranged for the coming of the bride.

Both of the young people are well known in this city and their friends are legion throughout this portion of Cass county and these friends will join in the best wishes for the future welfare and happiness of the newly weds.

MORGAN TEAM TRIMS UP DUNBAR TEAM LAST NIGHT

Lose First Half but Come Back and Cop the Game by a Count of 27 to 23.

From Thursday's Daily.
Last evening the basket ball fans who journeyed up the hill to the high school witnessed a most exciting exhibition of basket ball when the Morgan Sweet Shop team of this city defeated the Dunbar team by the score of 27 to 23 in a hard fought battle.

In the opening half the visitors closed with slight lead on the Morgans and with the larger players of the Dunbar team closely guarding the locals they were able to check the basket throwing of the Morgan bunch.

In the second half B. C. Doolan and Sattler secured a number of baskets and the effective guarding of Brubaker and Schneider assisted materially in checking the possibilities of the visitors in making goals. McCarty and Schubeck who played during the game were also very effective in their work.

The Dunbar team was much stronger than last year and played a very effective game throughout the contest.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY
From Thursday's Daily.
At the meeting of Hugh J. Kearns post No. 56, American Legion, last evening Byron Babbitt was elected as the finance officer of the post for the coming year and Elmer A. Webb the present efficient post adjutant, was unanimously selected for the office for the coming year.

The post voted to make no change in the existing by-laws such as had been contemplated covering the regulating of the membership.

EXPRESSES APPRECIATION
The ladies of the Shop Craft Auxiliary desire to express to the generous patronage given them at the bake sale held on last Saturday at the Coates block. The efforts of the friends in their patronage will long be remembered by the ladies.

ELECT NEW TREASURER
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WILL GO TO SIOUX CITY
The many friends of Karl Wurl, one of the promising young men of the city and a member of the class of 1922 of the high school, will regret to learn that he is planning to leave soon for Sioux City, Iowa. Mr. Wurl will enter the office of one of the large insurance companies of the west whose headquarters are located at Sioux City and with his capability and pleasant personality should make a great success of his chosen vocation.

GET BRUISED UP

From Friday's Daily.
This afternoon County Commissioner C. P. Harris, coming up from Union, played on Gay Samaritan, broke up and bringing to this city a young man and woman who had the misfortune to have their car run over and as they were anxious to get to this city to catch a train to Pacific Junction the commissioner speeded up and brought them to town. The young man had a slight bruise over the right eye and Dr. Flynn fixed up the injury and the party made their train all right. They stated their home was at Nebraska City.

HAPPY WEDDING BELLS RING MERRILY WEDNESDAY

Frederick Stohman and Miss Lydia Anna Neumann Participants in Christmas Event.

Wedding bells have been ringing all fall and winter and hardly a week passes that we do not have the pleasure of announcing the marriage of some young couple of the neighborhood. The latest wedding was the marriage of a popular young couple, Miss Lydia Anna Neumann, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Neumann and Frederick Stohman, two of the prominent and highly respected families of this community.

The wedding took place on Wednesday afternoon, December 27, at two o'clock in the Evangelical Lutheran church, the pastor, Rev. T. Hartman, performing the ceremony in his usual impressive manner and stamping deep in the minds of the contracting pair the solemn obligations they were assuming. The bride was beautifully attired in a white Canton crepe gown with veil and flowers. Her bridesmaid was Miss Lydia Stohman, sister of the groom, who looked very sweet in a gown of pale green crepe de chine with flowers.

William Neumann, brother of the bride, was the best man and the bride's father, was the officiating minister. The young couple have always lived in this vicinity and are highly respected and greatly loved by their many friends. After the wedding a fine dinner was served to the immediate relatives at the home of the bride's parents. The week before the wedding they were given a miscellaneous shower by their friends at which time they were showered with many handsome gifts as tokens of the esteem in which they have always been held.

They will go to housekeeping on the farm of the groom's mother, formerly the farm home of Herman Stohman, brother of the groom, and previous to that time, it was the old farm home of the groom's uncle, William Stohman, now residing in Louisville. It is a very fine farm and the young couple will enjoy beginning their married life under such pleasant circumstances.—Louisville Courier.

ELECTRIC BUSINESS IS GROWING
More than nine and one-half million people are using electricity to light their homes. At the close of 1921 there were 1,500,000 commercial lighting customers and more than 100,000 power customers. At the beginning of 1922 there will be eleven and one-half million patrons in the various branches of electric current.

This growth is phenomenal in contrast with the growth in population. The census figures for 1920 show a growth in a population during the decade of something less than 15 per cent, while the same official report shows a growth of more than 250 per cent in electric customers and more than 350 per cent in consumption of current. All sections of the nation maintained about an equal ratio of increase.

BRINGS IN THE "JACK"
William Grebe, who has officiated as state deputy sheriff in this locality, having a little idle time, figured up the sum that he has assisted in bringing in for the county from October 1921 to the present date. Mr. Grebe states that outside of the small fines, he has made forty-five arrests where the fines aggregated the sum of \$4,500 and with the smaller ones ran the total up to \$4,923. In addition to this there were a large number of cars taken at the same time and sold and which would at the lowest figures double this amount. The fines alone make a good sized sum, however.

CELEBRATE HOLIDAYS
A two days celebration was held at the home of Mrs. P. Nutzman, where the regular family gathering was planned for Christmas day, but relatives from Nebraska joined by the folks living at Avoca, came with well filled baskets for a Sunday dinner and seasonal good will. Many families present were Hon. Fred Nutzman's, Nicholas Opps, Frank Roedecker's, Carl Balfour's, Henry J. Ross's, Will Ost's, Henry Gruber's, John Ruge's, Richard Earnest and John Nutzman's, together with the home folks, totaling 48 good will.

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JOINED IN MARRIAGE
A. L. Huffer, one of the well known farmers of Plattsmouth precinct, and Mrs. Edna Huffer of Dayton, were very quietly married at the court house on Wednesday afternoon by County Judge Allen J. Beeson. The bride was met in Chicago by Mr. Huffer and accompanied to this city where the marriage occurred.

Mont Robb, who has been spending the Christmas vacation at Union with the home folks, came up Thursday afternoon and spent a short time here visiting with his friends, departing on the morning train for Ashland.

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CHILDREN OF ST. LUKE'S CHURCH HAVE PROGRAM

Large Number of Literary Last Evening to Witness the Event of the Annual Xmas Party.

From Friday's Daily.
The Christmas party of the St. Luke's parish church school was held last evening at the public library auditorium and attended by a very large number of the little folks of the church school as well as members of the parish to enjoy the program and the treat that had been prepared for the younger members of the parish.

The auditorium had been arranged very prettily in red and green, the colors of the season, and with the bright and happy faces of the little ones made a very attractive scene. The program was opened by the singing of the Christmas carols, "The First Noel" and "Carol, Sweetly Carol" by the audience and followed by the prayer by Father W. S. Leete, rector of the parish. The carol, "The Snow Lay on the Ground," was also given by the children.

The Little Helpers, the kindergarten department of the church school, made their first roll offering, the little red boxes of contributions to the mission work being offered by each of the little members of this department.

Following the singing of the hymn "Holy Night," the members of the party were charmed by the vocal number "Babe Jesus," given by Little Betty McCarty, one of the tots of the school.

The professional was one that was beautiful and impressive as the auditorium had been darkened and the lighted Christmas tree and the candles in the hands of the little folks as they marched through the auditorium added to the impressiveness of the picture of childhood's tribute to the Christmas tide.

The number "The Three Kings" was given by Edward Egenberger and Harlan Estes, as Harold Seay, the third of the three kings, was unable to be present.

A very pleasing dialogue was given by Irene Conzere and Patricia Egenberger that was very much enjoyed.

During the program short recitations were given by Jacqueline Grassman, Bobbie Funder, Jack Egenberger, Halle Funder, Harlan Estes, Ruth Funder and Edna Mae Peterson, that added to the interest and reflected great credit on the little folks.

Little Miss Florence Schutz gave a very charming vocal number during the evening that was much enjoyed by everyone.

As the program drew to a close the long looked for arrival of Santa Claus occurred, and the jolly old gent was heard coming in the distance with his sleigh bells jingling and in a few seconds he was on hand giving out the boxes of goodies to the little folks.

At the church and later at the library the ladies had arranged a "Cradle" for the little ones, where the crib of the Nativity with figures of the Shepherd kings, the wise men and the Holy family were represented and which impressed the lessons of the coming of the infant Jesus on the little ones. Miss Margaret Donegan prepared the "Cradle."

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LOSES A DIGIT

From Friday's Daily.
Yesterday afternoon Percy H. Field, one of the employees at the Burlington planing mill, had the misfortune to be the victim of a very serious accident when he had his left hand come in contact with the "slapper," the machine that he was operating, and as the result had the ring finger of the left hand lacerated so badly that it was necessary to remove it and the second finger badly cut. The injured man was hurried to the office of the company surgeon where the injured member was dressed and Percy made as comfortable as possible.

DEATH OF MRS. MARIA ASKWITH LAST EVENING

Aged Lady Who Has Been Residing at Nebraska Masonic Home is Called to Her Reward.

From Friday's Daily.
Last evening at 9:30 at the Nebraska Masonic Home occurred the death of Mrs. Maria E. Askwith, wife of Charles Askwith, who was with the wife until the end.

Mr. and Mrs. Askwith have made their home at the Nebraska Masonic Home since May 16, 1920, when they came from Omaha where Mr. Askwith was for many years a member of Capital lodge, to spend their declining years in Plattsmouth, owing to the failing health.

The deceased lady was born in eastern Pennsylvania, February 26, 1847, and came to Omaha thirty years ago to reside and where her husband, Frank Wallace, passed away. Later she was married to Mr. Askwith, who, with the two children of her first marriage and four step children, survive her death.

Mrs. Askwith was a lady of very pleasant disposition and a great favorite with a large circle of friends in her old home in Omaha and at the home here where she continued to reside for the past few years.

Arrangements for the funeral have not as yet been completed but the services and burial will probably be in Omaha.

GIVE SHOWER FOR BRIDE
From Friday's Daily.
Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Joseph Hawksworth of Lincoln and Miss Virginia Beeson entertained very charmingly at "Clover Lodge," the Beeson country home, in honor of Mrs. George F. Dovey, one of the Christmas brides.

The occasion was in the nature of a miscellaneous shower and in honor of the bride, the rooms were tastefully decorated with hearts and cupid emblematic of the nuptials of the guest of honor.

The hostesses served a very charming three course luncheon and covers were laid for fourteen of the young lady friends of Mrs. Dovey who were present to enjoy the happy event.

The guest of honor received a large number of very beautiful gifts that will be cherished as tokens of the friends of her old home when she removes to her new home in the east.

Blank Books at the Journal Office

LITTLE ONE ILL
From Thursday's Daily.
Last evening little Betty Jane Briggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Briggs, of Hamel, South Dakota, who has been here visiting for the holiday season together with the parents, was taken sick last evening at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Briggs, suffering from an attack of stomach trouble. The little one is now better but still feeling the effects of the attack to some extent.

A New Year!
A new year stands at the threshold. What does it hold in store for America? For our own immediate community? For us individually?

The answer already lies largely in what we each set out to accomplish; in the determination we put behind each endeavor.

To make this bank helpful in fulfilling worthy community and individual aims is the sincere pledge of our officers and directors—will be our constant purpose.

We extend to all—to you—our best wishes for a New Year of Happiness and Achievement.

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