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DEATH CALLS

L. C. SHARP AT ROCHESTER

PROMINENT CITIZEN OF THIS CITY PASSES AWAY AT ROCHESTER, MINN.

From Tuesday's Daily.

One of the best known citizens of Plattsmouth was called to his final reward yesterday morning at 10 a. m. at the Mayo hospital in Rochester, Minnesota, following an operation performed several days ago for stomach trouble.

Mr. Sharp has been at Rochester for the past three weeks, going there for treatment and examination and at the time it was not thought that his case was dangerous although owing to his weakened condition the operation was not performed until a few days ago.

The announcement of his death came as a crushing blow to the wife and the little family of children here who were unaware of the serious condition of the husband and father until the news of his passing away was received.

The body will arrive here today and the funeral will be held at the home Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Sharp was the son of one of the pioneer families of this locality, his parents, Ewing G. Sharp and wife, coming here at an early date and locating east of this city in Iowa where Lee C. Sharp was born some sixty years ago in what was then the town of Bethlehem and later known as East Plattsmouth. The family removed later to Plattsmouth where the parents resided up to the time of their death.

Mr. Sharp entered the Burlington shops here when a young man and early displayed a genius for mechanical work and was foreman of the machine shop at the time it was divided and a portion of it taken away and at that time he ceased his connection with the railroad to enter other lines of the mechanical work. While a youth he devoted much time to trying new inventions along the line of improving and perfecting machinery and some of his later inventions have been very successful.

In the year 1892 Mr. Sharp established in Omaha the L. C. Sharp Manufacturing company and entered on the manufacturing of all kinds of machinery and patents, eventually becoming interested with the American Can company in their patented cans and devoted his plant to their use for a number of years. He made a trip to Australia some years ago and spent two years there searching for tin ore mines that might be adapted to the use of the can manufacturing and on his return from the island continent he came to Plattsmouth to make his home.

The business interests here of Mr. Sharp, chiefly the machine shops that he has maintained, have been a valuable asset to the city and afforded employment to a large number of men and the constant ambition of the deceased was to see the enlarging of the plant so that it might be one of the largest and best in the west. He was one of the leaders in developing the process of making patent cattle feed and erected the Alfa-Melze mill here to put into activity the machines of which he was the inventor.

A man of progressive ideas, he was constantly striving for the development and improvement of the city and every public enterprise that was brought up found him an earnest and whole-souled supporter and in his going the community loses one who had a large vision of the future that might lead to the upbuilding of the community in which he lived.

Of the family of Mr. Sharp there remains the wife and six children, Helen, Ewing, LaFayette, Vallima, Mazie and Alexander, one child, Betty, having preceded the father in death. He also leaves one brother, Will A. Sharp of Grant's Pass, Oregon, the only surviving member of the family.

ENTERTAIN AT DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Short entertained Sunday at their home in honor of a number of the relatives and a fine holiday dinner was enjoyed by the seventeen members of the family on the occasion. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Short and son, Sanford, Hillard Grassman, wife and daughter, Jacqueline, Earl M. Short, wife and son, Teddy of Omaha, Wade Gorman, wife and three children of Omaha, Paul Grassman of Omaha and the host and hostess.

FINE LITTLE DAUGHTER

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Steider was gladdened Sunday morning by the arrival of a fine eight and a half pound girl who, with the mother is doing nicely and the occasion has brought much pleasure to the proud and happy father.

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RECEIVES REAL RECOGNITION

Mrs. C. C. Wescott of this city has a present that she values very highly and which was sent to her by her son, Mason E. Wescott. The gift is a volume of the life of Henry Lee Higginson and which was awarded to Mason for his freshmen work at Northwestern university. There were six women and six men selected for the recognition out of a class of a large size and the book given as an honor for their rank in scholarship.

The award of the book was made at the formal exercises of the university on Friday, December 8th and is certainly an honor that Mason can well feel proud of.

FIRST HOLDUP OF THE SEASON OCCURS IN THIS CITY

Fred Stewart is the Victim of Highwayman Near the Old Laundry Building on 4th Street.

The first holdup of the season is reported to have occurred a few evenings ago, although the matter was not reported to the police by the victim of the "stickup" man. Fred Stewart was returning homeward shortly after 11 o'clock to his residence which is situated on South Fourth street within a half block of the main business street, and as he passed the mouth of the alleyway between Main and Pearl streets, he was surprised and more or less startled to hear the hoarse voiced command of "Put 'em up" as the holdup man stepped from the shadows and pointed a gun at the young man. It is unnecessary to say that with the surprise attack the victim at once hoisted his hands and the robber "frisked" him for what money he possessed. There was fortunately only a small amount in change on the person of Mr. Stewart and grabbing this the holdup man ran down the alley and disappeared. As Mr. Stewart was unarmed and in no position to pursue the robber, he continued on his way home.

HEARS GOOD NEWS OF BROTHER'S SAFETY

George Conis of This City Receives Welcome Letter from Greece Telling of Conditions.

George Conis of the Palace Shining bar, is one of the happiest of men over the good news that has come across the reaches of the Atlantic ocean, telling of the safety of his brother, Astres Conis, a soldier in the Greek army and from whom George had not heard in more than six months.

The brother has been in service for more than six years, by far the greater part of which he was actively engaged in fighting, having served in the last of the Balkan wars when Greece and Serbia warred with Bulgaria, and then the stupendous world war in which the Greeks, after a slight hesitation, were arrayed on the side of the Allies against the Germans and the Turks.

Since the close of the world war the young soldier has been stationed at various points in Asia Minor, where the Greeks had mandates and served in the fighting that marked the last few months when the Turks swept the Greeks out of the Asiatic possessions of Turkey, including Smyrna, the capital of the Greek mandates.

Following the collapse of the Greek army, the young man returned to his family home at Levkas, one of the cities in the Ionian islands on the west coast of Greece, where the Conis family have resided for hundreds of years.

HAVE A REAL TIME

Saturday evening a number of the residents of the west section of the city were most royally entertained at the T. J. Sokol hall when Frank Kozak and Albert Pental entertained a number of the relatives and friends who will long be remembered by everyone in attendance.

The party was given an address by Edward Donat complimentary to the hosts of the evening and which started the program of fun and dancing.

The music for the dance was furnished by Louis Koska, Fred Duda and Anton Zadlak and embraced many of the favorite dancing numbers of the old timers, melodies that they had enjoyed in their native homes across the sea. Refreshments were served at an appropriate hour and much enjoyed by all of the party.

A HAPPY EVENT

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Tomasi in the west portion of the city was gladdened Sunday morning at 3 o'clock when a fine little son arrived to make his home there and it is needless to say that the young man, the first in the family, has brought on himself a great deal of admiration and is hailed as the finest baby in the land.

NEW YEAR USHERED IN WITH NOISY DEMONSTRATIONS

Songs, Cheers, Salutes with Guns and General Greeting of Demonstration in This City.

The passing of the old year and the coming of the new was observed here with more or less demonstration by the residents of the community in various ways and manners as the occasion demanded.

As usual there were a number of watch parties held by the churches and societies and the homes of the city, where the passing of the old year was watched with eagerness and the new year with its yet unknown possibilities greeted in an appropriate manner.

On the streets there was more or less of a noisy welcome to the new year with cheers and firing of guns as a salute to the coming of 1923 and which served to close many of the private parties that had been held at the homes over the city where friends gathered to speed the old year on its way.

The occasion in Plattsmouth was one that should have brought joy to the heart of Andrew Volstead, as there were very few infractions of the well known piece of legislation which bears the name of the Minnesota apostle of dryness.

Such, however, does not seem to have been the case everywhere, as radio fans listened in on some of the "old fashioned" watch parties that were holding sway in the cities and where hilarity reigned supreme.

The "Nighthawk" announcer at the Plantation Grill, Muehlbach hotel in Kansas City, where standing room even was at a premium, stated the large ball room was full as well as many of the occupants. And he did not need to give out the information either, as the microphones picked up that part very nicely. At Atlanta, where the new station of the Atlanta Constitution was broadcasting a New Year's program, the announcer stated the pianist would accompany the singer on the piano "as far as he was able." Volsteadism came in for various jibes in song and story, and even in far off Los Angeles, where they had to wait two hours longer than us to receive their New Year, the old time spirit was in evidence, as the Times played out the New Year to the tune of Aloha for the benefit of their Hawaiian friends who were still several hours short of arriving at 1923, and with its coming threw into action their famous siren whistle for ten minutes of enthusiastic greeting for the newcomer.

A number of the Plattsmouth residents hid themselves to the metropolis of the state to celebrate the New Year and report that the celebration there was one of the noisiest in the past few years.

The Elks ball here commencing at midnight, was one of the largest gatherings of the evening and the music and dancing continued until the approach of day caused the happy though worn out dancers, to seek repose and prepare to take up the tasks of the coming year.

CLASS IS ENTERTAINED

From Tuesday's Daily.

Last evening the parlors of the First Presbyterian church were the scene of a very delightful social gathering when the young ladies of the H. F. class of Miss Clara Weyrich and the young men's class of George L. Farley were entertained.

A large number of the young men who are attending college and school out of the city were home for the vacation and participated in the class reunion and general good time that had been arranged for them. Rev. and Mrs. H. G. McClusky were present as the guests of the classes and participated in the general good time.

The evening was completed by the serving of dainty and delicious refreshments by the committee and which added to the thoroughness of the pleasant gathering.

ENJOY FAMILY REUNION

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday the members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Wiles gathered at the parental home in the south portion of the city for a family reunion, it being the first time that all of the sons of the family had been together in a number of years. The day was spent in visiting and in the enjoyment of a real old fashioned New Year's dinner prepared by the ladies of the party and which served to complete the enjoyment of the event. Those in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Wiles, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wiles and daughters, Freda and Nella, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wiles and daughters, Ruth and Wilma, Mr. M. E. Wiles and daughter, Maxine, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Wiles and daughter, Mildred, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Wiles and son, Richard, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Tilson and sons, John and Robert, and Mr. L. W. Nelson.

CAME WITH THE NEW YEAR.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Almost as youthful as the pictured New Year itself, is the happy little youngster that came yesterday morning to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tiekotter. This is the first grandson for Grandpa Herman Tiekotter, who is as delighted over the arrival as the happy parents themselves.

DEMONSTRATION POSTPONED

Owing to the fact that Miss Baker, demonstrator of the Dennison company, was taken sick Christmas at Kearney, it has become necessary to postpone the demonstration that was to have been held at the Journal this week of the Dennison line of novelties and crepe paper art work. The demonstrator will be here at a later date and the public is urged to watch for the date when Miss Baker will be here to give the Plattsmouth people an opportunity of looking over the large line of paper goods and the many artistic ways in which they can be used.

GROVER RUFFNER RECEIVES SEVERE INJURIES MONDAY

Kicked by Horse and Right Shoulder Fractured and Victim Rendered Unconscious for Time.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday noon while Grover Ruffner was driving several head of horses up into the barnyard at his farm southwest of Newark, he received a very severe injury from one of the horses. As he was driving the horses along one of them became unruly and knocked Mr. Ruffner down and launching a kick at the prostrate man inflicted what is thought to be a fracture of the right shoulder.

Mr. Ruffner was rendered unconscious by the effect of the fall and the kick and does not retain a clear impression of just how the accident occurred and for some time following the accident he was lying on the ground unconscious but finally rallied and was able to make his way to the house where the family called Dr. P. Livingston to the scene of the accident and the injured man was treated and made as comfortable as possible.

It is expected to take an X-ray of the injured shoulder this afternoon in order to fully determine the extent of the injuries of the young man.

ONE OF THE SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL WORKERS IN STATE

Miss Delia Tartsch, For a Number of Years Instructor Here, Now Teaching in Omaha.

The Omaha city schools have in recent years secured some of their most efficient teachers from the schools of Plattsmouth and among those who have won high recognition in the metropolis in the line of educational work is Miss Delia Tartsch, who has in the last few years been teaching in Omaha.

Miss Tartsch is at the Clifton school, where she has charge of the primary and kindergarten departments and has been more than usually successful in this line of work among the younger children and found to be a valuable part of the great public school system which is educating the young people of the metropolis. During her work in Omaha Miss Tartsch has received recognition of her efforts in advances in her subject as well as in the advancement of her work and greater responsibility in the handling of the young children in their first steps in school.

During her teaching here Miss Tartsch was very successful in her school work and her friends here will be more than pleased over her continued advancement in her work in the Omaha schools.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH HAS ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Congregation of the Church Elect New Officers for the Ensuing Year Yesterday.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The congregation of the Christian church met yesterday at the church for the annual election of the officers of the church and the meeting was very largely attended. The officers selected were:

Elders—Thomas Wiles, Luther Pickett, E. M. Godwin.

Deacons—O. C. Hudson, J. R. Stine, E. J. Bonnett, Earl Hackenberg, A. L. Connor, Jess Cahoon, E. G. Ofe and Cassius Carey.

The wives of the elders and deacons also Mesdames W. A. Rouse, J. H. Hall and Clara Clark were elected as deaconesses.

As trustees for a term of three years, E. M. Godwin was re-elected and Luther Pickett elected chairman of the church board, O. C. Hudson assistant chairman, Luther Pickett chairman of the finance committee and also chairman of the every member canvass committee.

The following were elected as officers of the Sunday school: Ed Ofe, superintendent of the Sunday school; Earl Hackenberg, assistant superintendent; Luther Pickett, treasurer; Russell Hackenberg, secretary.

Mrs. George Decker, Mrs. A. L. Connor and Earl Hackenberg were appointed to audit the church books.

The Christian Endeavor society elected the following officers: Earl Hackenberg, president; Luther Pickett, vice president; Doris Winscot, secretary; Marjorie Pickett, pianist; Luther Pickett, chairman of the lookout committee.

VISITS OLD HOME

Ed Maybee, former Plattsmouth boy, now a member of the U. S. army and stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, was here over New Year's visiting with his old time friends and enjoying a short outing from his routine work at the army post. Ed is now with the quartermaster's department and has been kept very busy in checking up the large amount of supplies handled by this department both in this country and in the army of occupation at Coblenz, Ed states that he is expecting to be sent back to Belgium in a short time to serve with the quartermaster detachment at Antwerp, the American base port in Europe, and will finish his enlistment there. He will soon have his first enlistment completed and expects to "re up" for a hitch in the Philippine Islands, serving with Uncle Sam in the Orient.

CHARLES WOOSTER IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 29.—Charles Wooster, well known pioneer and farmer residing near Silver Creek, was found alongside the road between the village and his farm home late Thursday. He had been overcome with chills and weakness while attempting, as usual, to walk the three miles.

Mr. Wooster had attended the meeting of the taxpayers' league at Hastings Wednesday and arrived at Silver Creek from Grand Island about 6 o'clock Thursday. He is about eighty years of age. His physician declares that he has an even chance, heart complications being the only element feared.

BLANK BOOKS! YES YOU CAN GET OF ALL KINDS.—The Journal.

A VERY PRETTY HOME WEDDING HERE ON SUNDAY

Miss Mary Egenberger and Mr. Sidney Bell United in Marriage Sunday Evening.

On Sunday evening at the home of Mrs. J. V. Egenberger occurred the marriage of her youngest daughter, Miss Mary, to Mr. Sidney Bell.

The wedding was very quiet, only the brothers and sisters of the contracting parties being present to witness the nuptials of these two estimable young people. The rooms of the home were attractive with the Christmas decorations and made a very pretty setting for the happy event.

Father W. S. Loete, rector of the St. Luke's Episcopal church, read the marriage lines and the impressive service of the church was used in the uniting of the lives of the happy young couple. Mrs. L. L. Turpin, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor and Mr. Merle Bell of Bellevue, brother of the groom, as best man.

The bride was gowned in brown tulle while the groom wore a traveling suit of dark brown.

Following the marriage ceremony the bridal party and the guests were entertained at a dainty two course luncheon and the newly weds showered with the well wishes of their relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell are spending a short honeymoon at Des Moines with relatives and friends and on their return will go to housekeeping in the home that the groom has arranged for the bride.

The bride has grown to womanhood in this city and is a graduate of the city schools here and at this time is one of the efficient teachers of the county, being engaged in teaching in the Jean school just west of the city and which she will complete for the term. A lady of charming personality, she possesses an unusually large circle of friends in the community. The groom is a young man of the highest standing and is in the employ of the Plattsmouth Motor company, as one of the department heads and is a gentleman of genial disposition, possessing many friends here and in his former home at Bellevue.

VISITS OLD FRIENDS HERE

Saturday afternoon Rev. John Calvert, former pastor of the Methodist church here and at the present time superintendent of the Mother's Jewel's home at York, delighted the old friends by dropping down for a new year's visit. In company with his daughter, Miss Lillian, who is attending Wesleyan.

Mr. W. G. Brooks and wife, of York, also former Plattsmouth residents, were making the trip here by car and invited the pastor to accompany them, which he did and had a most delightful visit, which was unfortunately far too short to please the old friends.

Rev. Calvert was a caller at the Journal office to make a short visit as was his custom when in charge of the church here, and states that both he and Mrs. Calvert are well pleased with their new charge and find the work most interesting in every way.

WATCH THE PASSING OF THE OLD YEAR

Epworth League and Methodist Congregation Hold Appropriate Services for the Event.

One of the very pleasing and interesting watch meetings of the city was that held at the Methodist church Sunday evening opening at 9 o'clock after the regular evening service and continuing until past the midnight hour when the year 1923 had been properly ushered into being.

The fore part of the evening was occupied with a general "sing" and a short devotional meeting, Miss Mable Lee Cooper having leading the singing of the hymns and songs appropriate to the occasion. Misses Helen Wescott, Florence and Harriet Penock and Olive Bonge sang several pleasing quartet numbers and Misses Wescott and Bonge also gave a very charming duet.

In the devotional meeting three of the young people gave short talks on the subject "What Christ Has Done For Me" Byron Babbitt, Mason Wescott and Zella Elliott giving very inspiring remarks and on the subject "What I would Like to Do For Christ," Misses Ruth Jacks, Clara Mae Morgan and Jess Perry spoke briefly.

The pastor of the church, Rev. Frank Pfoutz, gave a short sermonette, "The Dividends of Christian Living" during the course of the evening that proved very inspiring to all of the congregation.

Miss Alma Ash of Hastings, who has been here for the holiday season, gave a very much enjoyed vocal solo during the program that added much to the enjoyment of the members of the watch party.

As the midnight hour drew near, when the old year was to slip into the things that were, Rev. Pfoutz read the beautiful poem of Edward Guest, "Old Year and New Year," which was highly appropriate to the occasion and as it closed the bells rang out their welcome of the new year.

Following the services there was a social hour, kodak pictures of well known members of the congregation and scenes being shown on the screen and at the close the committee served very dainty and highly appreciated refreshments.

AUTO ACCIDENT OCCURS MONDAY NEAR MURRAY

Dodge Car Occupied by Omaha Hunters Crashes into Ford Coupe Bruising up All Parties.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon near the John Hobscheidt farm south of Murray occurred a collision between a large Dodge touring car occupied by a party of Omaha hunters and a Ford coupe being driven by a gentleman from Iowa who was driving from Omaha to Nebraska City.

The Dodge car was coming west along the side road east of the Hobscheidt farm and as they swung into the main highway the coupe came along and they crashed into the Ford turning it completely around and on its side while the Dodge car was also overturned by the force of the impact.

Passersby took the party of three hunters on into Murray where they had their injuries dressed at the office of Dr. J. F. Brendel and one of the men had a severe gash on his forehead while another had his ear cut rather badly from the broken glass of the windshield and all were more or less bruised and suffered small cuts on the head and face. The occupant of the Ford coupe had two of his ribs broken, but despite his injury he insisted on being placed in the motor bus that was passing and taken on to Nebraska City to have his injuries cared for there.

The parties after having their injuries looked after by the physician were able to return to Omaha but the damaged cars were left near the scene of the accident.

ENDS LIFE WITH SHOT FROM RIFLE LAST DAY OF YEAR

William Kuhn, Pacific Junction, Had No Desire to Watch the New Year In—Funeral Here.

From Tuesday's Daily.

William Kuhn, aged 26 years, residing near Pacific Junction, at 3:30 Sunday morning ended his life by shooting five shots from a .32-calibre rifle being used by the young man in his rash act.

At the time, Mr. Kuhn was alone in the home with his wife and little three-year-old daughter, and the first intimation of the intention of the young man to end his life was when the report of the rifle was heard and the wife rushed to the room to find her husband dying from the effects of the bullets fired by his own hand.

The deceased was a son-in-law of John Gouchenour of this city and well known to a large number of the Plattsmouth people, as he has been a frequent visitor here in the last few years.

The body was brought to this city this afternoon at 1:58 and conveyed to the Oak Hill cemetery, where it was laid to rest.

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