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BIRTHDAY OF THOMAS A. EDISON YESTERDAY

Greatest Inventor of the Age Passes 76th Milestone—Has List of Wonderful Inventions.

From Monday's Daily.

Yesterday marked the 76th year of Thomas A. Edison's life—a life spent in experimental work which has brought better things to the homes of millions.

To enumerate all of his inventions would take a long time, for up to 1910 he had taken out over 1,300 patents in America and over 1,200 in foreign countries. This does not include all his inventions, for many are of such a nature that they are kept secret.

In October of this last year Mr. Edison paid a visit to the great General Electric Works at Schenectady, N. Y., and at the time of this visit a plaque was unveiled in his honor and placed over one of the entrances to the Research Laboratory.

Mr. Edison selected the site for these works when he moved the Edison Machine Works to this place in 1888.

In connection with one of the popular applications of science today, namely radio telephony, it will not be out of place to call attention to the fact that the great achievements in this field are based on an effort to which Mr. Edison called attention 39 years ago, and the outcome of which was the "Fleming Valve," the patents upon which have just expired.

The two "pet" inventions of Mr. Edison are the nickel-iron storage battery and the phonograph, but not least is the incandescent electric lamp and the motion picture camera. His storage battery is the result of over 50,000 distinct experiments.

The phonograph is perhaps the most popular product of his inventive mind. The original is in the South Kensington Museum, London. At the time he exhibited his first phonograph in the office of "The Scientific American," the crowds were so great that the floor beneath the floor would collapse, and he had to stop.

Upon making several larger phonographs and exhibiting them at Menlo Park, the Pennsylvania railroad ran special trains to take people there to see them.

He was requested by President Hayes to come to the White House and entertain with it. He did so, continuing the exhibition until 12:30 a. m., when Mrs. Hayes and several other ladies who had been induced to get up and dress appeared.

Mr. Edison named his exhibition until 2:30 in the morning.

One of the standards set by Mr. Edison for the improvement of the phonograph was that it should so compare with the original that there would be no difference. He was told that it could not be done, but he went ahead and did it, and today the fact is demonstrated repeatedly by means of the Tone-Test, using the original artist and the record of his voice or instrument in comparison.

Millions of people have witnessed these tests in assemblies ranging from the small church to the big auditoriums.

Some time ago at the state armory at Albany, N. Y., 6,000 teachers, principals and superintendents of the New York state public schools sat spell-bound as they heard Mr. Laurenti, world famous baritone of the Metropolitan Opera company sing in comparison with the Edison record of his voice.

May a kind Providence grant him many more years.

CHANGES LOCATION

Drury H. Phebus, former Plattsmouth boy, who has for the past few years been in the employ of the Milwaukee railroad in their store department, writes to the Journal announcing his change of location from Miles City, Montana, to Moberidge, South Dakota, where he is now located as division storekeeper for the railroad.

Mr. Phebus states that the railroad has a \$270,000 stock of material on the Moberidge division and that the railroad is doing a big business the past few months. He reports his brother, Place, is still at Baker, Montana, and doing very nicely in his work there.

On arriving at Moberidge, Mr. Phebus met Mr. and Mrs. Randall and was pleased to meet them very much, as Mrs. Randall was formerly Miss Kate Foster of this city. The town of Moberidge is located on the Missouri river and Drury states that it seems good to be there even if the river is not the large stream that it is at this place.

QUITE SERIOUSLY SICK

Norris Cummins, son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank L. Cummins has been quite sick at the home on Pearl street the last few days and seems threatened with an attack of pneumonia as the result of a very severe cold and the condition of the young man has caused some anxiety to the parents and other relatives. It is hoped that the case does not develop the serious pneumonia and every possible care is being given the young man in the hope of warding off this malady.

Blank books at Journal office.

RECEIVES FLATTERING RECOGNITION IN CONTEST

From Monday's Daily.

The World-Herald yesterday had a number of portraits of young ladies of Nebraska selected as the most beautiful in the contest which has been held in connection with the spring style shows in Omaha and among these was that of Miss Kathryn Wadick, whose name and portrait had been entered by friends in the contest. This a very pleasing recognition of one of the attractive and popular Plattsmouth ladies and while Miss Wadick is very pleased with the recognition she does not feel that she will take part in the coming style show.

NEW MINISTER FOR THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH HERE

Rev. Walter R. Robb of Bethany, Nebraska, Arrived Yesterday and Accepts Church Here.

From Monday's Daily.

The Christian church of this city which, since the departure of Rev. A. G. Hollowell for Kansas, several months ago, has been without the services of a regular pastor, has had the vacancy filled by the acceptance of the call to the church by the Rev. Walter R. Robb of Bethany.

Rev. Robb and family will move here in the next few weeks and prepare to make their home here in the future and look after the church work here. The new minister is one of the ablest of the Christian ministers in the state and comes of a family of religious leaders as his brother, Rev. W. E. Robb, was chaplain of the 168th infantry in the A. E. F. and later sheriff of Polk county, Ia.

The new minister and his family will receive a hearty welcome from the people of Plattsmouth in their new field of labor.

OBSERVES FIRST ANNIVERSARY

From Tuesday's Daily.

Last evening Plattsmouth court of the Catholic Daughters of America held a very delightful social meeting at the home of Mrs. J. S. Pate, the party, it being the first anniversary of the foundation of the court.

The K. of C. hall was tastefully arranged with streamers of purple and gold, the colors of the order and at the end of the hall a handsome banner, the handwork of Miss Zora Smith, and which had been presented to the court, completed the decorative scheme of the evening.

The program of the evening was very much enjoyed consisting of a number of dancing specialties that showed a great deal of skill on the part of the young ladies taking part. At the opening of the program there was a hearty welcome from the patriotic songs by the audience and followed by the dances. The dutch windmill dance by Vernese F. Forgarty and Patricia Flynn was very charming and the spring dance by Catherine Flynn was a very classic rendition of the artist in the dance.

The Dolly song by Nadine Clodt, Emily Lorenz, and Cecile Janda was one of the attractive features of the evening. August Knoflicek gave a very enjoyable violin solo that completed the formal program.

At the conclusion of the program the ladies of the court presented Mrs. Catherine Flynn, the regent for the past year with a handsome bouquet of roses for her splendid services to the order and which was very much of a surprise to the recipient. The latter part of the evening was spent in a social way with cards and other features and at an appropriate time a three course supper was served.

One of the features of the supper was the huge birthday cake of gold and purple the color scheme carried out in the frosting and the purple hearts while the center of the cake a purple candle cast a pleasing glow. The cake was the work of Mrs. Joe Libshal and the ladies state was delicious as it was beautiful to the eye.

There were some sixty members and guests in attendance at the meeting.

SUFFERS BROKEN ARM

From Monday's Daily.

This morning during the sleet and ice storm, Mrs. William Shawblitz was so unfortunate as to slip and fall, breaking her right arm in a double fracture. The husband of the unfortunate lady had stepped out of the house and fallen down and the wife, hastening to his assistance, fell and broke her arm. Dr. H. C. Leopold was called and dressed the injured arm.

HAS TONSILS REMOVED

From Monday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon George Conis, proprietor of the Palace Shining parlor was operated on by Dr. H. C. Leopold for the removal of his tonsils and was reported as feeling much better this morning and it is thought will have no ill effects from the operation.

Magazines at Journal office.

COUNCIL HAS A BIG PAVING PROGRAM ON MATTER LAID OVER UNTIL CONDITIONS ARE MORE SETTLED IN THE CITY

From Tuesday's Daily.

The meeting of the city council last evening was as calm and peaceful as a gathering of a mite society and the matter of more paving the coming season was the only thing that caused enough stir to arouse Dave Ebersole from his usual comfortable seat in the area outside of the railing where with the reporter he watches the regular legislative mill every two weeks.

All the councilmen were on hand when the gavel of the mayor called the meeting to order and the machinery of the council at once started in to operate without a hitch.

Chief of Police Jones reported nine arrests, \$64 in fines and \$31.50 in costs for the month of January and which coincided with the report of Judge William Weber of the police court in his report.

City Clerk Duxbury had a very flattering report for January as he had collected and deposited in the city treasury the sum of \$3,017.30.

City Treasurer C. E. Hartford reported the sum of \$28,531.81 balance in the city treasury and registered warrants in the sum of \$120,620.14 outstanding.

The lighting committee through Chairman Schulhof reported that they had taken up the matter of replacing the lamps burned out in the electric lamps and that they would be replaced if burned out before the time they were guaranteed for.

The bond of City Attorney C. A. Rawls in the sum of \$600 with H. A. Schneider as surety, was read and approved by the council.

Councilman Ptacek suggested that the bridge on Maiden Lane where there was a defective plank be repaired and the same was so ordered. Councilman McCarty suggested that as spring was near it would be a good idea to start the paving program for the year and offered the outline of a new district that would connect all of the paving work on the north side of the city and would embrace Third street from Main to Oak, Fourth street from Vine to Elm, Fifth street from Vine to Elm, Locust to Timber on Sixth street, on 8th street from Oak street to alley north of Timber street, Locust street from Washington avenue to 4th street, Sixth and Fifth streets north to Oak, Elm street from 11th to Fifth street, Walnut from 6th to 5th street, alley between 3rd and 4th street in block 17.

The paving proposition caused some discussion and Councilman Ptacek stated that while he favored improvements and particularly paving, he thought that it was hardly the right time to take up the matter and moved that it be laid over for a period of sixty days.

Councilman Howe was in favor of creating the district whether there was any contracts let at this time or not and thought there should be more in the district than had been included.

Councilman Knorr stated that last season many of the residents of West Main street had asked that the paving there be extended to connect with the Washington avenue paving and he thought that this should be taken up.

It was decided on the vote to lay the matter over for sixty days. Councilman McCarty suggested that the street lights on Main street be regulated by a switch which could be looked after by the police as the present time switch was not satisfactory as some mornings it was necessary to burn the lights later than at others.

The question of cheaper gas was brought up and referred to the lighting committee to wrestle with in the future.

The council adjourned after allowing the following claims:

Neb. Gas & Elec. Co., electro-troler lights	\$189.03
Neb. Gas & Elec. Co., street lights	236.85
Neb. Gas & Elec. Co., lights at city hall	5.35
Lin. Tel. Co., rents	6.02
William Weber, salary	30.00
Frank Sebaska, street work	13.73
A. F. Braun, same	6.98
J. C. Bridgewater, same	1.80
E. O. Howe, same	3.83
George Jones, same	7.65
O. L. York, same	4.95
J. F. Wurga, lamps and labor	10.00
Platts. Water Co., repairs to faucet	.80
World-Herald, publishing notice	28.50
Claus Boetel, Jr., hauling	
Hose	1.50
C. Boetel, burying dogs	2.00
Frank Detlef, taxi to police	3.00

VERY HAPPY EVENT

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Murray was gladdened Sunday morning by the arrival of a fine little eight pound daughter, who with the mother is doing nicely and the event has brought the greatest of pleasure to the many relatives of the little lady.

ADMINISTRATOR OF DIOCESE

From Tuesday's Daily.

This morning, the Rev. Michael A. Shine departed for Lincoln where he goes to look after the new duties that have been placed upon him in the past few days, that of being administrator of the diocese of Lincoln of the Roman Catholic church and as such official he has the conduct of the affairs of the church in the diocese until the appointment of the successor to the late Bishop O'Reilly. Father Shine is an able leader in his church and thoroughly capable of the office and in fact the church could not find an able gentleman for the executive work of the church in the state.

HAVE A VERY PLEASANT MEETING LAST NIGHT

Fontenelle Chapter D. A. R. Elects Delegates and Has Fine Time at Old Fashioned Party.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon the ladies of Fontenelle chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held a very charming gathering at the home of Mrs. William Baird, and who was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Geo. H. Mann.

The atmosphere of the party was of the days of long ago and to carry out the expression the settings of the dinner and the decorations were largely of the heirlooms of the older families of the city and many of the guests to the national convention at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, where he located and spent a number of years and desiring to remove back to this section of the state where his brothers had founded their homes he came to Louisville and resided there until some three years ago when yielding to the advancing years he came to Washington in April, the local regent, Mrs. E. H. Wescott was named as delegate with Mrs. William Baird as alternate. Both Mrs. Wescott and Mrs. Baird are to be on the program at the state convention, Mrs. Baird being the national regent.

Preceding the dinner, the business session was held and at which Mrs. William Baird was elected as delegate to the state convention at Lincoln March 22-24th and Mrs. J. S. Livingston and Mrs. T. B. Bates as alternates. In the selection of a delegate to the national convention at Washington in April, the local regent, Mrs. E. H. Wescott was named as delegate with Mrs. William Baird as alternate. Both Mrs. Wescott and Mrs. Baird are to be on the program at the state convention, Mrs. Baird being the national regent.

At the supper hour the guests were carried to a day long gone when they were invited into the dining room where beneath the glow of lamps which were more than 100 years old and heirlooms of the Mann family, the repast was served. The table linen was of the red cloth of civil war days and the china also of beauty and age and representing the days of our grandmothers. Even the cutlery was of the old fashioned type and the whole setting was one of the days gone by.

On the wall was displayed a picture of the filing on the first homestead in the United States, made by John Freeman near Beatrice in 1854. Mrs. Arnold had made application for admission to the Masonic home and this was awaiting action when her death occurred. Mr. Arnold is eighty-eight years old and the wife just a few years his junior and the sad news came as a great shock to the aged husband. The Arnold family were former residents of Blair and Fort Calhoun and have lived in Nebraska the greater part of their married life of sixty years. Mr. Arnold was accompanied to Omaha by Charles Nordenson of the Masonic Home.

FLU HITS JOURNAL

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Journal force has been a heavy sufferer from the prevailing epidemic of the flu that is sweeping over this locality and there is hardly one of the force connected with the newspaper that is not suffering with the malady more or less severe degrees and occurring at the hardest time of the month with the Bargain Wednesday special ads has laid a heavy burden on the sick workers who have been trying to push through despite the sickness.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors, the Holy Rosary choir and the Holy Rosary lodge for their kindness during the sickness and burial of our dear mother, also for the lovely floral offerings—Mrs. Mary Rys, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bajcek, Mr. and Mrs. John Bajcek, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Granville, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wooster, James Bajcek and Anton Bajcek.

Stationery and magazines at the Journal office.

JOSEPH SCHLATER, OLD RESIDENT, IS CALLED BY DEATH

Passed Away Last Night at the Home of Nephew, Frank Schlater, with Whom He Resided.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Last night at a late hour there was called to his final reward one of the oldest residents of Cass county, Joseph Schlater, who answered the final summons at the home of his nephew, Frank E. Schlater, with whom he has made his home for the past few years.

Mr. Schlater was at the time of his death past his ninety-first year, having been born in September 1831 in Germany and since 1848 has been a resident of the United States and the greater part of that time a resident of Cass county. Mr. Schlater was the eldest of three brothers, Conrad and John, having both preceded him in death.

Leaving his native land when a boy of seventeen years he came to America and after spending a short time in the south and east, in the year 1856 came to Plattsmouth then a rude outpost on the frontier and located as a jeweler, which trade he had been apprenticed to in his native land, the first location of Mr. Schlater was in the frame building located just west of the Grand building and here for a great many years the deceased was a familiar figure in looking after the wants of the residents of the pioneer day.

In later years desiring a change Mr. Schlater sold his interests in Plattsmouth and moved west to Hayes Center, Nebraska, where he located and spent a number of years and desiring to remove back to this section of the state where his brothers had founded their homes he came to Louisville and resided there until some three years ago when yielding to the advancing years he came to Washington in April, the local regent, Mrs. E. H. Wescott was named as delegate with Mrs. William Baird as alternate. Both Mrs. Wescott and Mrs. Baird are to be on the program at the state convention, Mrs. Baird being the national regent.

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PIONEER OF WASHINGTON COUNTY DIES IN OMAHA

Mrs. Rich Arnold, 76, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. F. Sturgess, 707 North Thirty-third street, Sunday morning, Mrs. Arnold was a native of Washington county, having been married in the vicinity of Blair 56 years ago. For the last 16 years she had made her home with her daughter in Omaha. Mrs. Arnold's mother was proprietress of the first hotel at Calhoun, Neb.

Mrs. Arnold is survived by her husband, Rich Arnold; three daughters, Mrs. Sturgess, Mrs. George Bycrier, Youngstown, Pa., and Mrs. John Astleford, Blotxi, Mass., and one son, Bige Arnold, Moline, Ill.

Funeral services will be held in the Burkett chapel this morning. The body will be taken to Blair where services will be in charge of the Eastern Star, of which Mrs. Arnold had been a member for 55 years.—Omaha Bee.

HAVE A FINE TIME

The "New Way" dance at the M. W. A. hall Saturday evening was a real treat to the dancing public and a very large number were in attendance to enjoy the evening and the excellent music furnished by Dan Desdune's band of Omaha. The colored musicians furnished a program of the latest and most popular dance selections and to add to their excellent playing the members of the orchestra sang a number of the selections as well as the dancers joining in the singing and whistling of the various selections. The dancers encircled the orchestra repeatedly and the dance was marked by the spirit of good fellowship and friendliness and was very successful in this manner in particular. Percy Field gave a number of songs during the evening of pleasure. To add to the pleasure of the dancers the City cafe served enjoyable refreshments in the ante room of the hall and which was very generously patronized.

When your letterheads, envelopes, statements or other printed forms begin to run low, call us up. We will have more ready for you promptly.

MARRIED AT THE COURT HOUSE

Late Saturday afternoon at the court house occurred the marriage of Mrs. Erma Biggs and Mr. Earl Iles, both of this city. The wedding was very quiet and the marriage lines were read by County Judge Beson in his usual impressive manner as the two young people pledged their troth. Miss Lillian White, deputy in the office of the county judge, and Will T. Adams, deputy county clerk, witnessed the ceremony.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Rakow and has grown to womanhood in this community and the groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Iles, well known residents of south of this city and the groom is a young man of the highest standing among those who have the pleasure of knowing him. He is at present in the employ of the Burlington in the shops at this place.

PLATTSMOUTH HOME RELIEF MISSION BUSY

Seeking to Raise Funds to Clear up Outstanding Debts—Will Hit Merchants Once More.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Plattsmouth Home Relief Mission is doing very nicely. The merchants last month gave \$54.75 but the general and son, your brigadier are in hopes that they will be a little more liberal this collection February 15, which will make one month since the last collection of the business men were asked to help. Many strangers within our gates and home people have been helped, made possible by the free will help of our home peacemakers and merchants. General and son have worked hard and are showing us they believe in home work. The general has put out \$150 and still there remains an outstanding debt of some \$53 yet to pay. Help the boys pay this off. Then the mission will be free without a dollar on it. When they call on you commencing the 15th of February, Thursday, do all you can. Let's put our shoulder to the wheel. God will surely bless you. Non-sectarian mission Sunday school will open Feb. 18 at 11:00 a. m. Names of all donors will be published later on. T. General and son will call on you again Thursday, Feb. 15. Be ready to lend a helping hand in a good cause, Plattsmouth Home Relief and Mission. L. L. M.

SHIPS FINE BULL

From Tuesday's Daily.

This morning, Luke Wiles, well known breeder of the famous Red Polled cattle, shipped one of the fine young herd bulls to Elmer Ackerson at Beemer, Nebraska, who will add the bull to his herd of thorough-breds. The animal was shipped by express in order to insure a more prompt delivery and less delay on the road.

SMALL FIRE

From Tuesday's Daily.

This afternoon the fire department was called to the residence of John Bates on North 8th street, where the roof was ablaze. Prompt work on the part of the fire boys squelched the fire before a great deal of damage had been done.

NEW RED BOOKS

The February Red Books are now on sale at the Journal stationery department. Call and secure your copy at once before it is too late.

When Vacation Time Comes

Somewhere, next summer, there will be good fishing; somewhere there are old friends you want to visit, or new sights you want to see.

Start thinking about your vacation now, and start working to make it the best vacation you ever had.

A savings account at the First National Bank, increased by deposits every week will provide the means for a real vacation. If you wait until vacation time, you may not have the money. Start saving for a vacation now!

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