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## FORMER CASS COUPLE MARRIED SIXTY YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. Venner, Now Living at University Place, Surrounded by Children and Friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Venner celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage at their home, 110 West Nineteenth, University Place, last Sunday. About one hundred guests called between three and five o'clock. All the children were at home for the occasion. Ophelia, roses and ferns formed the decoration and an orchestra played during the afternoon. Mrs. H. R. Smith, a niece, presided at the table in the dining room, which bore a silver basket of Ophelias as a centerpiece. Miss Harriette Smith, Mrs. O. S. Anderson, Mrs. Guy Chapin assisted in serving and Mrs. P. F. Venner and Mrs. Cobe S. Venner invited the guests to the dining room. Master Bob Venner and Genevieve Smith received at the door. George W. Venner and Martha E. Shuck were born and reared in Harrison county, southern Indiana. They grew from childhood in the same neighborhood, went to the same school and enjoyed the ups and downs of the rural community together.

At the age of twenty they were married, April 16, 1863. Mr. Venner was born September 20, 1842, and Mrs. Venner December 12 of the same year. They spent about twenty years of their married life in Indiana, moving to Nebraska in 1882. They arrived at Factoryville February 15, 1882. They lived in the western part of the state three years and have been in the eastern part near Lincoln since. Mr. and Mrs. Venner have four boys living, Charles and Grover at home; P. F., at Eagle; Cobe S., at Havelock. Edward died six years ago. They have two daughters, Ida Mae of Lincoln, and Zetta M. Venner at home. There are four grand children and four great grand children living.—State Journal.

Mr. and Mrs. Venner were former residents of Eagle, where for many years they had their home and enjoy the anniversary with these estimable old people. Mr. and Mrs. John Adams, Mrs. B. F. Jenkins and Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Venner, of Eagle were present.

## HOLIDAY OBSERVED IN THIS CITY TODAY

Banks and Court House Closed For the Day But Otherwise Usual Business Routine Held.

From Monday's Daily. As the date of Arbor day this year fell on Sunday, Governor Charles W. Bryan proclaimed Monday, April 23 as the day for observance of the truly Nebraska holiday and in compliance with the request of the governor the banks of the city as well as the court house were closed and all legal business suspended for the day.

The stores of the city and the Burlington shops, however, continued their activities as usual and the holiday made little difference in the usual business routine.

Many of the residents of the city observed the day by planting a tree as was urged by the founder of Arbor day, Hon. J. Sterling Morton, and which in the years to come will stand as living monuments to the idea of the great Nebraskan.

## ENJOYING AN OUTING

From Monday's Daily. Fred G. Egenberger was out yesterday for the first time in several months to enjoy the fine spring atmosphere and this morning ventured down town to meet the host of old friends who were more than pleased to meet him and take the genial Fred by the hand. Mr. Egenberger is still far from well and states that if his strength will return he hopes to be able to go south to enjoy a period of recuperation there.

## FARM HOUSE BURNS

From Monday's Daily. Last night or early this morning during the rain storm the farm house of Mrs. O. Kramer located on the Rock Bluffs road a short distance south of the Mike Lutz farm, burned to the ground. The house was a frame building of three rooms and it is thought was probably struck by lightning to cause the fire as there had been no one living in the house for some time. The fire was discovered this morning by the neighbors and had evidently burned sometime about 1 o'clock.

## DIES IN LINCOLN

Angus Green, aged sixty-six, a former resident of Plattsmouth, died Saturday afternoon at 2:30 at a hospital in Lincoln. The body was taken from the hospital to the Alva Brown funeral home where it is held pending the arrival of relatives to make funeral arrangements. The deceased has a number of the members of his family buried at the cemetery in this city.

## BETTER WRITE YOUR FRIENDS.

All Plattsmouth folks having distant friends who own radio receiving sets, should write them at once telling them to tune to WOA's 360-meter wave on Tuesday night, May 15th which will be Plattsmouth night at this powerful Omaha sending station.

The arrangement of the program is proceeding nicely and it will be ready to announce in a few days. In the meantime, don't forget to write your distant friends, those who don't possess radio sets will doubtless be able to listen on the set of someone else, and thus afford a sort of homecoming for Plattsmouth people scattered to the four corners of the nation.

## BEAUTIES OF HOME SURROUNDINGS NOT ALWAYS APPRECIATED

Distance Lends Enchantment and It May be Why We Overlook the Local Scenic Beauties.

It is one of the common fallings that the things we see often, we allow to grow common place and although they may possess beauty and charm they are not appreciated as they should be, and one of the things here that we do not fully realize the worth of, is the wonderful natural scenery that marks this portion of the state and particularly of that section in and near Plattsmouth.

Not long ago a number of young people from out in the western part of the state were here and they were loud in their praise of the beauty of the hills and bluffs that follow along the winding course of the Missouri river south of the city and well might they praise these wonderful old hills.

It is well worth the time of anyone to take a journey down among the hills and to appreciate and enjoy the best vista of the Missouri valley that is disclosed from the lofty hills and bluffs and especially in the summer or late spring when the trees have taken on the garb of green and the grassy hillsides bloom with wild flowers.

One of the attractive spots that afford a location fit for a castle like those that line the Rhine in Europe is that of the old Thomas place north of the Perry landing on the hillside. Here the view is truly wonderful and the equal of any that can be had on the west side of the great Rockies of the west. The eye sweeps an area that reaches from the distant city of Omaha to the softening shadows along the Iowa hills and at the foot of which the Buckingham lakes gleam in all of their beauty and charm. A mighty Missouri river is flowing on its way to the southland where its waters with those of the Mississippi mingle in the Gulf of Mexico and the sluggish stream is in itself an object of the greatest charm on the lazy summer days.

## GIVES AWAY PERCULATOR

The Nebraska Gas & Electric company have for the past two weeks been conducting a guessing contest, having arranged their show window with a large variety of electric light globes of different wattage the total amount of which each person buying a light globe was entitled to guess on, and the one guessing nearest the correct number of watts was to receive a fine silver electric coffee perculator.

There were many guesses registered prior to the close of the contest at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon, when the committee composed of Frank Bestor, Frank Cloldt and Frank Smith counted the number of watts represented by the lamps and found them to be 3,425.

## RETURNS TO KANSAS

John Reif, of Heston, Kansas, who has been here visiting at the home of his cousin, Charles E. Cook and family, has returned to his home in the Sunflower state. Mr. Reif was a resident here in Cass county some twenty years ago and will be well remembered by the residents of the community as he was living here a number of years and was engaged in farming here for the greater part of the time of his stay here. This is his first visit here since removing to Kansas.

**BEST TURKEY EGGS**  
White Holland turkey T. B. tested eggs, 40c each. Day old poult 50c.—Miss Etta Nickels, Murray, phone 1811.

## RING OUT THE OLD; RING IN NEW COUNCIL

OLD MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL GIVE WAY TO NEW ONES—IN FOR TWO YEARS.

From Tuesday's Daily. The session of the city council last night was a double header as the old council cleaned up what was demanding their attention and turned the reins of power over to the new members that will have the guiding of the city destinies for the next year.

When the gavel of Mayor Johnson fell there were three absentees, Brittain, Sebaska and Schulhof, but Brittain arrived later and got under the wire for the opener.

The communication of W. W. Berger relative to the completion of his work in the electroliner district was read but on the request of Councilman McMaken the contractor was notified to relay the paving that had been taken up and several places around the electroliner posts, before final payment was made to him.

Permission was granted to Philip Thierolf for an addition of twenty-eight feet to the rear of his building on Main street.

The Standard Oil company also requested permission to erect a service station at the corner of 7th and Vine streets and was granted the same provided that the fire laws were observed and the work done under the supervision of the streets, alleys and bridges committee.

Chief Sandin of the fire department gave a report of the fires of the past month which was received and referred to the fire and water committee.

Councilman McMaken of the parks and improvement committee reported that the old buildings on the Washington avenue park owned by Kroehler brothers were being torn down and also that so far the baseball team asking use of the ball park had made no written agreement although they had made a verbal one to turn over 10 per cent of the gate receipts to the city for the upkeep of the park.

On the proposition of the numbering of the residence property of the city, Councilman McCarty reported that he had taken the matter up with the engineer and that he had agreed to do the work of the city showing the different pieces of property and their proper numbers. These numbers could be purchased for from three to four cents each and the work done by the property owners and not cost more than fifteen cents for each place. In the event that the work would be assessed against the property, this report was adopted.

The park board, composed of Robert Hayes, George Luschnisky and John P. Sattler, filed its report for the past year showing the sum of \$30,000 expended in the various parks of the city and which was referred to the finance committee.

The last act of the old councilmen was in the approving of the bonds of the newly elected members which were as follows, each bond being in the sum of \$1,000: Frank M. Bestor—C. K. Bestor, H. F. Goos; John P. Sattler—P. T. Becker, H. M. Soenichsen; R. W. Knorr—H. A. Schneider, G. W. Morgan; T. B. Peterson—G. O. Dovey, R. W. Clement; James Henderson—J. B. Higley, H. M. Soenichsen.

All of the newly elected members were present with the exception of James Henderson, and they were duly sworn in by Mayor Johnson and then ready to function and after the roll call the first matter to come before the body was that of the selecting of the president of the council and for this position Councilman Sattler nominated Frank M. Bestor, who was duly elected.

Mayor Johnson briefly thanked the retiring councilmen for their work for the city in the midst of one of the most trying periods in the history of the city.

The new committees announced by Mayor Johnson were as follows: Finance—Bestor, Knorr, Sattler. Judiciary—Knorr, Sattler, Howe. Streets, Alleys and Bridges—Sattler, McMaken, Bestor. Fire and Water—McCarty, McMaken, Bestor. Claims—Peterson, Vroman, Brittain. Parks and Improvements—Vroman, Howe, Knorr. License—Brittain, Henderson, McCarty. Cemetery—Henderson, Brittain, Peterson. Lighting—McMaken, Peterson, Vroman. Mayor Johnson then announced the following appointments which were duly confirmed by the council: C. A. Rawls, city attorney; J. N. Elliott, street commissioner; J. W. Tuene, sexton cemetery; Robert Hayes, George Luschnisky and William Schmidtmann, park commissioners; P. J. Flynn, city physician.

The mayor announced that he would defer for a period of two weeks the matter of the appointment of the police force of the city and would then name the force.

In regard to the merchants' police a petition signed by thirty-four persons for the appointment of W. C. Foster was received and also the application of Frank Detlef for this position but it was decided to take no action until the mayor was ready to announce his appointments.

Councilman Bestor stated that a number of parties had violated the ordinance in regard to the dumping of rubbish along the road east of the city instead of at the regular dumping grounds and this matter was recommended by the councilman to be placed in the hands of the police to see that the ordinance was enforced. Some of the stuff dumped was refuse from butcher shops and groceries which should be properly burned instead of being dumped.

Councilman Bestor also urged that the old can and sweeping devices be placed in service and assist in keeping the streets clean and this was left of the streets, alleys and bridges committee.

Councilman McMaken called the attention of the council to the bridge on 15th street and this was ordered fixed as soon as possible.

The big show of paving was then brought on which included three paving ordinances. The first covered the work in the first ward which would connect the present paving and pave the streets that now have curb and gutter. The second ordinance created district No. 28 which would embrace several blocks on Main street west from 16th street. District No. 28 included Sixth street from Pearl to Marble and district No. 29 covered North 11th street.

When these ordinances were read, Councilman Sattler arose and stated that he was in favor of paving but thought that there was a time to do the work and not all be pushed thru at once or in one place but put where needed the most and that ten or twelve blocks a year would give the city substantial improvements. The extensive work would mean a heavy cost and the city in general as well as the heavy cost to the property owners. He moved that the matter of the ordinances be referred to the streets, alleys and bridges committee to look over and report at the next meeting of the council. This motion was carried and the ordinance turned over to the committee to take action upon.

Councilman Sattler also asked that the ordinance against digging up the streets and parkways by the water and light company be enforced and that the city should have a part of the parkway on high school hill which had been dug up. Manager Thellen of the light company was present and promised that his company would do their work of replacing the sod in proper shape in the parkway as it had been dug up in the winter when it was impossible to fix it properly.

The following claims were allowed by the council before adjourning: Marshall Nursery Co., trees to city \$24.00; C. Boedel, Sr., burying 1 hog, 3 dogs, tax police, 2.50; Frank M. Bestor, tax police, 2.50; Hans Selvers, janitor work, 2.00; Dalton Adding Machine Co., Ribbons and paper, 3.85; Perry Coffman, rent of room for election, 7.50; Modern Con. Co., work at park, 14.20; George Taylor, street work, 15.30; Walter Goucheour, same, 16.20; Dr. O. Sandin, same, 9.10; John Maurer, Sr., same, 7.43.

## HAS HARD LUCK

Not many days since one of the young men of the city—one who has reached an age where he should know better—wandered into one of our leading and popular business houses to read a missive from one of his many ardent lady admirers. The billet d'amour was one of the kind that makes the recipient twist around in their chair and was full of the endearing terms that beckon to either the altar or the beach of a promise court and caused the young man to blush and sigh as he read the letter.

But, to hasten on, as Laura Jean Libby would say. The young man, after reading the letter, hurriedly left the store and in his haste forgot the letter and the beach of a promise court and caused the young man to blush and sigh as he read the letter.

## SHOW REAL ENTERPRISE

The business men of Nehawka and the live wires there have gotten together and arranged a weekly entertainment at the fine municipal auditorium in that thriving little city. This will be in the nature of a free picture show and at which the best and latest releases will be shown for the benefit of the general public. The business men of Nehawka desire to show their appreciation of the patronage of their friends and neighbors and take this form of giving them a real entertainment which will be the equal of any city shows.

Blank books at Journal office.

## WILL HOLD MAY DAY EXERCISES IN LOCAL SCHOOLS

All Pupils of the Plattsmouth Public Schools Will Join in Big Fete the First Day of May.

There will be instituted on Tuesday, May 1, Ivy day in the local public schools and which will be made a custom for the future years in the schools as an event to be held on the first day of May.

The first on the program of the festivities will be the election tomorrow in the high school of the Queen of May, one of the girls of the senior class to be chosen for this honor and the election by ballot, each student in the high school voting. The second and highest girl will be maid of honor and crown the queen while all the senior girls will be attendants of the regal party. The result of the election, however, is to be kept a secret until the ceremonies at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of May 1 when the queen will be enthroned.

The scene of the festivities will be on the campus between the high school and Central buildings where the boys of the manual training department will erect a throne fitting for the beautiful queen. On the day of the coronation every member of the schools will participate in the opening song, "Welcome Lovely Spring," and in the final selection, "The Star Spangled Banner."

The various grade schools will have dances and drills from the little folks from the first grade up which will be one of the most pleasing events of the day. The children of the Columbian school will have a hoop drill and Danish dance while the little folks of the Central building will have a colonial dance and many fancy drills. For these events the high school orchestra will furnish the accompaniment and add to the interest and beauty of the ceremonies.

The president of the senior class will deliver a short address and plant the ivy plant on the south front of the high school building and present the award to the senior girls. This afternoon two inches fell with in forty minutes. Charles Thurnburg, manager of the Beatrice Power company, which recently completed a big hydro-electric project near Barnston, on the Blue river, said tonight the Tainter gates with which the dam is equipped had met the test successfully. Three of the four gates were all that were necessary to keep the river down to a normal "head" at the dam, although a twelve-foot rise was registered up stream.

## STILL COMMIT DEPREDACTIONS

The residents of the north part of the city still appear to be suffering from the visitation of some party or parties who make a practice of taking the bottles of milk that may be left outside of the homes at night.

This practice has been continued for some time and the residents of that part of the city are getting very tired of the annoying and expensive habit that is caused by the night caller and he is liable to visit the wrong home and retire filled with a choice assortment of buckshot.

## DEATH OF WELL KNOWN YOUTH OCCURS IN CHICAGO

Paul Billon, Who Was Here for Several Years, Passes Away Following an Operation.

From Tuesday's Daily. Yesterday the message was received here announcing the death at Chicago on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 of Paul Billon, who for several years made his home in this community.

For his past year Paul has resided in Chicago, where the members of his family are located and was taken sick a short time ago with the result that he was compelled to go to the hospital and following an operation died Sunday.

The deceased young man was twenty years of age and was a gentleman of the most genial disposition and held in high esteem by a large circle of friends. Mr. Billon was a charter member of the DeMolay in this city and while residing here was quite active among a large circle of the younger people.

The funeral of Mr. Billon will be held in Chicago and interment had there. As far as could be learned here the father of the deceased resides at Ashland and the other members of the family are located in Chicago.

## DOINGS IN THE DISTRICT COURT

In the case of Marie Jean vs. Will Jean, heard late Saturday afternoon by Judge James T. Begley, the plaintiff was awarded a decree of divorce as prayed for against the defendant.

Suit was filed in the office of the clerk of the court entitled John M. Kaffenberger vs. White et al, asking quiet of title.

An action for divorce was filed today in the office of the clerk of the court entitled Cora D. Cotner vs. Sylvester L. Cotner. The petition states that they were married in Council Bluffs, Iowa, October 31, 1901. The petition also alleges desertion as the cause of action.

## NEW ORCHESTRA HERE

A new musical organization has appeared in this city and has been organized by Miles Altman, violinist, as the leader, and will be known as the Musical Merrimakers. The orchestra has not been permanently organized, but when it is the musicians will be able to give the best kind of dance music of any kind that is desired for entertainments. Composed of a jolly bunch of young people they expect to have a great deal of enjoyment out of the orchestra work as well as financial return.

## TORNADO SWEEPS GAGE COUNTY; ONE KNOWN FATALITY

Child is Killed Near Barnston as House is Razed—Others are Injured—Heavy Rain.

Beatrice, Neb., April 23.—South-eastern Gage county, which was deluged by a storm of cloudburst produced early Monday, was swept by a tornado late today which caused one fatality and heavy damage.

Evelyn, the 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brunsback, five miles southeast of Barnston, was killed when the farm house was turned completely over by the wind. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brunsback were injured, perhaps seriously, and another child—an infant—was badly hurt. The farm buildings were practically wrecked.

At the Frank Fisher farm, two miles distant from the Brunsback homestead, every building was razed. Mrs. Fisher, who was at home alone, took refuge in a small cave and escaped injury.

The high wind, which attained a terrific velocity, was confined to a narrow path in the district north and east of Barnston. Buildings were unroofed, groves torn down and fields were badly washed. Late Sunday night and early this morning the same district was swept by a rain storm during which four inches of water fell within an hour. This afternoon two inches fell within forty minutes. Charles Thurnburg, manager of the Beatrice Power company, which recently completed a big hydro-electric project near Barnston, on the Blue river, said tonight the Tainter gates with which the dam is equipped had met the test successfully. Three of the four gates were all that were necessary to keep the river down to a normal "head" at the dam, although a twelve-foot rise was registered up stream.

## GIVE PLEASING RECITAL

From Tuesday's Daily. The voice pupils of Mrs. E. H. Wescott enjoyed a very delightful recital at "Sunnyside" last evening that was very much enjoyed by the members and their friends who had been invited to be in attendance at the pleasant gathering. The program was well selected and the manner in which the different numbers were given reflected greatest credit on the members of the class and their very efficient teacher. The affair was very informal and those attending were invited from the friends and families of the class. The program given was as follows:

Duet, "Come Unto Me," (Parks)—Harriett Peacock, Helen Wescott. "Cuckoo Clock," (Grant-Schafer)—"My Dear Jerushy," (Gaynor)—Francis Ghrist.

"Land of Mine," (McDermid)—John Prady. "The Shore," (Naidlinger)—"Shadows," (Bond)—Mrs. Posa. "Winter's Lullaby," (DeKoven)—Marjory Pickett.

"Four Leaf Clover," (Coombs)—"I Doubt It," (Hosmer)—Helen Wescott. "Springtime," (Polk)—"The Wind," (Spross)—Harriett Peacock. Whistling Solos—"Mighty Like a Rose," "The Shepherd Boy"—Alice Louise Wescott.

"Till I Wake," (Finder)—"Nothing But Love," (Bond)—Mrs. Hill Martin. "In a Garden," (Temple)—"Snow" (Parker)—Mrs. Ed Roman. Duet—"Schubert's Serenade"—Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Wescott.

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