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PASSING OF A WORTHY CITIZEN OF CASS COUNTY

HENRY KEHNE OF NEAR MANLEY PASSED AWAY AT HOSPITAL IN OMAHA.

SPLENDID MAN AND NEIGHBOR

Death Brings Great Regret All Over County Where He Has Long Been a Resident.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The death of Henry Kehne, long a resident of the vicinity of Manley, which occurred at the hospital in Omaha on Monday, removes one of the most highly respected and loved residents of that community where he has spent his years of life.

Mr. Kehne was seventy-seven years of age and has spent the greater part of his long and useful life here in Cass county where he had been one of the staunch and substantial citizens and a very kind and helpful friend and neighbor to those with whom he came in touch.

He leaves to mourn his going the wife and one son, William H. Kehne and Mrs. Margaret Otte of near Weeping Water and Miss Mary Kehne, daughters.

Henry Kehne was born in Germany, November 29, 1845, and when twenty-four years of age came to America to seek his fortune and thru his thrift and energy has accumulated a comfortable estate for his declining years. He was married December 20, 1877, to Miss Ella Jordan at Cedar Creek and the family has since made their home in this county.

Several months ago Mr. Kehne was taken sick and gradually grew worse until two weeks ago when he was taken to the Lord Lister hospital in Omaha where he was operated on last Tuesday and after lingering for several days answered the final summons.

The body was brought from Omaha yesterday and the funeral services will be held from the late home Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock conducted by Rev. Theodore Hartman of Louisville and the interment had at the Glendale cemetery near that place.

The deceased was a brother of Fred Kehne, one of the prominent farmers of near this city, and has been a frequent visitor to Plattsmouth where he possesses a host of friends who most sincerely will regret to learn of his passing.

INDIANA STUDENTS ON THEIR WAY WESTWARD

Twenty-five Young Ladies of Indiana State Normal School Pass Thru the City Yesterday.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon two large auto-buses arrived in the city loaded with some twenty-five ladies, students at the Indiana state normal school at Muncie, Indiana, and who were on their way westward to the Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado.

The buses are fixed so that they can carry the ladies as well as the stoves, tents and cots for the members of the party, camp being made each night along the way and the ladies get a real training in preparing their meals as they go on their journey westward. They have had a very fine trip and left Muncie on Friday, last, they informed the Journal representative, and on their journey have enjoyed visits at Urbana, Illinois; Ottumwa, Virginia; Osceola and Creston, Iowa.

The stop here was the first in the state of Nebraska and the party left after they had made purchases of foodstuffs for the night camp and expected to find some suitable place along the roadway where they could pitch their tents and enjoy their rest for the night and bright and early this morning expected to be on their way.

They are going to the Rockies in the interests of the geological work of the state normal school and in the mountains find a new and strange country to most of the members from the rolling land of their native state.

DOING VERY NICELY

From Wednesday's Daily.

Reports from the bedside of Leslie Niel at the Immanuel hospital in Omaha state that he is doing very nicely following an operation for appendicitis and every indication is for a complete and rapid improvement in the condition of the young man. This will be very pleasing to the many friends in this vicinity.

Journal want ads pay. Try them.

DEATH OF LITTLE ONE

From Wednesday's Daily.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Kehne, who reside west of this city, have been called upon to part with the little one who for a few brief days came to brighten their home with its presence and was in the wisdom of the Master called suddenly away from the scene of its earthly activities to the bosom of the tender Savior. The passing has brought a deep sense of sorrow to the parents and relatives as the babe, who was born last Friday, had endeared itself to the family in the few days of life. In their grief the parents will have the deep sympathy of the many friends over the county.

BOYS EXECUTE HORSE WHEN THE ANIMAL BALKS

Claimed That Two Youths Choked Horse to Death When It Refused to Work in Field.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The office of County Attorney A. G. Cole today received notice of the execution of a work horse near Elmwood yesterday by two young men of that locality when the animal that they were working with balked and refused to continue the farm work.

From the reports received by the county attorney it seems that the horse had been used in the field by the two boys and growing tired or exhausted had been unable to go on with the work and stopped proceedings in the midst of the day's work and all efforts of the two boys failed to get the horse back at work, it apparently having been exhausted by its efforts. The two boys then, it is alleged, proceeded to execute the animal by fastening a wire around the neck of the horse and drawing the wire tight around a nearby telephone pole proceeded to choke the animal to death.

It is probable that a complaint will be filed against the parties involved for their undue and cruel methods.

NEBRASKA PRODUCES HIGH GRADE FLOUR

State Agricultural Department Says Southwestern Part of State Grows Good Wheat.

From Wednesday's Daily.

"The University of Nebraska in making tests of Nebraska wheat, demonstrated its quality for bread making purposes, is doing a good work," said Secretary Shumway of the state department of agriculture.

"Some weeks ago it came to the attention of this department that Nebraska wheat was discriminated against in some of the leading mills of the country and also that mills in this part of the state shipped in wheat from Kansas to mix with the local wheat in order to get the best grade of flour.

"Our investigations lead us to communicate with Washburn-Crosby company of Minneapolis, and we have received a surprising statement from Mr. Crosby that part of wheat value for flour making is psychological. Southeast Nebraska wheat is said to be soft, yellow and thick skinned, but other parts of Nebraska have a wheat equal to that of Kansas for mixing with this yellow wheat and making a high grade flour. The southwest part of the state puts out a wheat equal to the best Kansas wheat.

"Mr. Crosby informed me that wheat shipped from Nebraska to Kansas City and from Kansas City to the Minneapolis mills, if his millers believed the wheat came from Kansas, they were able to make better flour from it than if they had a knowledge that it came from Nebraska.

"The Minneapolis millers are again making a thorough investigation of Nebraska wheat for the purpose of using it in their mills, and the university demonstrations will aid in the Nebraska product in the really high class to which it belongs."

RECEIVES SAD NEWS

From Tuesday's Daily.

This morning a message was received at Murray announcing the death of O'Neill, Nebraska, of Mrs. James Nickels, daughter-in-law of William Nickels well known resident of near Murray and a sister-in-law of George Nickels and Miss Etna Nickels. The death of Mrs. Nickels came after a long illness, she being a sufferer from cancer for several months and during which time she has gradually been growing weaker until death came to her relief. The deceased lady was formerly a resident of near Murray and her maiden name was Miss Maude Carroll. She was forty-three years of age and leaves the husband and one adopted son to mourn her death.

The funeral services will be held at O'Neill Thursday.

WAS OUT EARLY IN MORNING SAY THE POLICE

Young Man Found Wending His Way Alleyward With Pitcher Pure, Ice Cold Lemonade.

From Monday's Daily.

This morning when near the hour when the earth awakens from the night repose to life and action, the members of the night police force were startled to see a solitary figure flit along the alleyway north of Main street and the young man it seemed was engaged in carrying a burden of some sort and all manner of conjectures as to what this might be floated through the minds of the police. As the young man drew nearer it was seen that he carried a pitcher and this re-awoke the memories of the days when it was fashionable to carry these pitchers along the alleys filled with the foaming, life giving beverages and for a few moments it was thought that perhaps someone had violated the precepts of the well known legal production of Mr. Volstead of Minnesota.

Such was not the case, however, as it was discovered that the pitcher contained nothing more serious than the delicious ice cold lemonade which the young man had thoughtfully prepared as an offering to his heart's desire and affected by the wonderful thoughtfulness of the young man the police silently stood with bowed heads as the bearer of the pitcher sped on his way, the only sound breaking the hush of the early morning being the soft, musical tinkle of the ice in the pitcher.

FUNERAL OF YOUNG LAD HELD SATURDAY

Elvin Fleming is Laid to Rest in the Oak Hill Cemetery—Services are Largely Attended.

From Monday's Daily.

The funeral services of Elvin Fleming, whose death occurred on Thursday morning at the St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha, were held Saturday afternoon from the First Methodist church and were very largely attended by the young friends of the deceased as well as the neighbors and friends of the family.

The pastor of the church, Rev. Frank Emory Pfoutz, conducted the services and spoke of the sudden calling of the lad while yet in his youth to his final reward and gave to the sorrowing relatives and friends the comfort and hope of the future that for their loved one would be filled with the joys of the life everlasting.

During the service Miss Edith Mays of Wahoo and Mrs. Charles Schultz of this city gave two of the well loved songs, "Asleep in Jesus" and "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

At the conclusion of the service at the church the body was borne to Oak Hill cemetery where it was laid to rest, the pall bearers being from the members of the DeMolay and were: Jack McCarty, George Persinger, Edward Matchallatt, James A. V. Warren, George Ebersole and Edgar L. Petersen.

At the grave prayer was offered by Rev. Pfoutz and four of the young playmates of the departed assisted in the burial ritual by the scattering of flowers on the casket as it was consigned to the silent tomb.

Elvin Cecil Fleming was born at Coleridge, Nebraska, August 16, 1911, and died at St. Catherine's hospital July 19, 1923, following an operation from appendicitis, aged 11 years, 11 months and 3 days.

Elvin was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Fleming, who reside six miles west of Plattsmouth, having moved there from Coleridge three years ago.

Elvin leaves to mourn, his parents, one sister Mildred and two brothers, Gerald and Sterling, several other relatives and a host of friends.

One of Elvin's characteristics was his sunny disposition and his patience which was shown thru his last illness. Although his suffering was intense, the smile on his face never vanished and not a murmur of complaint passed his lips, though he was conscious until the last.

APPOINTED ADMINISTRATOR

This morning County Judge Beeson appointed George O. Dovey as administrator of the estate of Sam Goodman, deceased, of Manley, on the petition of the relatives of the deceased gentleman. The estate will be from \$3,000 to \$4,000 in value.

DIES AT HOSPITAL

Mrs. Sam Aaron, formerly a resident of Greenwood, but who has been for the past few years in poor health and cared for at the hospital in Lincoln, died there yesterday and the body is being held at Lincoln pending the arrangements for the funeral which will probably be held in the old home at Greenwood. The husband of the deceased lady is employed at Greenwood in carrying mail.

WILL VISIT CANADA

From Tuesday's Daily.

This afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lutz departed for Priestville, Canada, where they expect to spend some time visiting at the home of Mrs. Lutz's father, Carsten Carstens, whom Mrs. Lutz has not seen for the past twelve years and the meeting is one being looked forward to with the greatest of pleasure by the daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Lutz will enjoy a trip through the picturesque western section of Canada and where some of the most attractive scenery of the North American continent is to be found.

NORMAL SCHOOLS OF STATE MUST CUT EXPENSES

Claim They Can't Operate on Sum Allowed Them Since Legislative Cut of Last Winter.

From Tuesday's Daily.

A. L. Caviness, retiring president of the Peru state normal school, told the state normal board Monday at a meeting in Lincoln that it is impossible to conduct the Peru institution on the present basis of expenditure. The last legislature appropriated \$100,000 less than it did the former biennium and the state normal schools will have to cut expenses according to word from the men in charge of the schools.

The board discussed the situation, including a recommendation that fees paid by students be increased. A recommendation by President George E. Martin of the Kearney normal that \$1 be charged for diplomas was not acted upon. No charge has been made in the past.

Mr. Caviness said the maintenance of the Peru school is \$21,000 a year. To cut expenses will be necessary to cut the payroll. It is not possible to spend over \$9,000 a month for salaries, which means a reduction of \$1,000 a month. He said fewer instructors could be used in classes where there are fewer students and notes-courses designated as non-need not be filled, according to Mr. Caviness.

The board will continue the plan of buying coal in the open market this year, and has instructed heads of normals to report next spring the amount used, the cost and tests of different kinds.

The board met at the Lindell hotel instead of at the state house because of an injury received by Secretary Reische of Chadron. He is using crutches as a result of stepping off a moving truck. His ankle was fractured. Miss Peake of Lincoln and Fred S. Bern reports an enrollment of 700; Wayne, 1,000; Kearney, 1,600; Peru, 556. Ninety-eight scholars of the training school belonging to grade school and five absentia pupils are not included in the enrollment at Peru or are these included in enrollment at other schools.

The Peru normal has dropped 6,000 pounds of corn to be sold in Denver for 19 cents a pound to the government. In addition to this they also carried flour and merchandise, and also a consignment of Henry rifles, the first shipment of breech loading rifles ever taken across the plains. On the trip they were followed by Sioux Indians all the way, their cattle were stampeded and they suffered many hardships.

The late William Lesley, of Greenwood, was with him on the trip and as far as Mr. Augie knows he is now the only one left of those who made the journey in the columns of the World-Herald. Mr. Augie tells of the arrival of the train at Denver and some of their experiences in settling the claims of the trip.

"When we got to Denver the corn was turned over to the government, and Mr. Henry, who had gone ahead of us by stage, was paid with a single big government draft. When he tried to cash it, he found there was not enough money in the whole of Denver to accommodate him. Henry was in a decidedly awkward position. He couldn't pay his men, nor A. B. Smith, of Nebraska City, whom he owed a lot, having made a loan of Smith to finance the trip. Smith insisted that he be paid, but the men were willing to wait for their's until they got back to the Missouri.

"While the matter was being discussed, some of the cattle were taken to the foothills near Denver and turned loose. Later the sheriff started out to attach part of the herd, which had been kept in the old elephant corral in the interest of the claim by Smith.

"When Mr. Henry got news of this intended attachment, he called his men to him and told them the catch and outfit were theirs until they were paid. The 'whackers' no sooner heard of the Smith attachment than they broke down the corral and turned the cattle loose. The sheriff objected strenuously, but as there were twice as many men in our outfit as there were soldiers in Denver, the 'bullywhackers' triumphed. The soldiers had asked us not to shoot at them if trouble started, and they wouldn't shoot at us. They knew our strength and the fact that we sported Henry rifles, while they had old-fashioned muskets.

"Shortly after this the commanding army officer called up before him, talked to us in a fatherly way and took our names, ages, etc. Then he suddenly announced that we had all

MURRAY COMMUNITY CLUB HAS FINE ENTERTAINMENT

Lawn at Presbyterian Church There Filled with Crowd of Several Hundred Persons.

From Monday's Daily.

Another of the very entertaining and pleasing social gatherings which the Murray Community club has been planning was held Saturday evening at that place and for the evening the lawn at the Presbyterian church vied with the bathing beach as the chief point of interest in the community.

The club, through its president, Everett Spangler, had arranged a very pleasing program which included a musical offering by the Westcott family of Plattsmouth, Mrs. E. H. Westcott and daughter, Miss Helen, giving several delightful vocal selections during the evening and Mr. E. H. Westcott at the piano gave a few solo numbers as well as serving as the accompanist for the vocal selections. Miss Alice Louise gave two of her always pleasing whistling numbers, which proved a very pleasing feature of the evening's program.

The address of the evening was by Mr. Gaines of the extension department of the state university agricultural college and in his remarks Mr. Gaines gave some very pertinent facts to the audience regarding the present day conditions as the farmers of the country and particularly of Nebraska found them and urged the greatest conservation of the farm and the most intensive handling of the crops to secure a paying investment for the farmer at this time when the low prices of products, particularly of wheat, is being felt in the west.

The address was one filled with the greatest of interest and closely followed by the audience and it is needless to say the remarks of the speaker will result in a great deal of good to the farming community that had the opportunity of hearing his address.

TELLS OF DAYS OF BULL WHACKERS

J. T. Augie, Old Settler of Ashland, Gives Experience of Early Trip from Here to Denver.

The Sunday World-Herald magazine section contained a picture of J. T. Augie of Ashland and an extensive write-up of his bullwhacking experiences of early days. Freighters between Missouri and Denver, and in this article, Mr. Augie tells in an interesting way of one trip that was made in 1864 between Plattsmouth and Denver. In the train there were 157 wagons with six or more yoke of cattle hauled to each wagon and each wagon hauled about 6,000 pounds of corn to be sold in Denver for 19 cents a pound to the government. In addition to this they also carried flour and merchandise, and also a consignment of Henry rifles, the first shipment of breech loading rifles ever taken across the plains.

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been drafted into the United States army and were ordered to take the ox teams and leave at once for the Arkansas river, in Colorado, where we were to load hogs for Julesburg. The logs were to be used to help rebuild the fort that the Indians had burned a year before. The next day we were on our trip for the logs, which we delivered, and then returned to Plattsmouth, where we got our pay."

HAS TONSILS REMOVED

From Tuesday's Daily.

This morning at the Clarkson hospital, Mrs. R. A. Bates of this city, was operated on for the removal of her tonsils, which have been giving her more or less trouble the past few months and to secure a permanent relief it was found necessary to have them removed. Mr. Bates accompanied the wife to the hospital and remained there for the day.

FREIGHT RATE CUTS NOT COMPLETE CURE

Wheat Costs 7 Cents a Bushel More to Carry to Chicago Than Before the World War.

Grain dealers as well as railroad men say that the wheat price situation is entirely too serious to hope for any particular relief thru a reduction in freight rates. At the most it could help but a few cents a bushel, and a few cents won't get the farmer out of his hole.

Take a shipment of wheat from an average point like Hastings. The rate per hundred from Hastings to Omaha is 19 1/2 cents and from Omaha to Chicago 17 1/2 cents, a total of 37 cents a hundred pounds, or 22 cents a bushel. Before the war—and no one would suggest a reduction of freight rates below that level—the cost was 13 1/2 cents. Hastings to Omaha, and 12 cents, Omaha to Chicago, or 25 1/2 cents a hundred, or 15 cents a bushel; Hastings to Chicago.

In other words, it costs 7 cents a bushel more to ship wheat from Hastings to Chicago than it did before the war. The cash price of wheat on the Chicago market now is \$1.00. In 1903 it was 78 cents, and the average for the ten years previous to the start of the war was 97 cents. If it be assumed that the handling charges of the elevators and brokers were the same, the Nebraska wheat farmer is, therefore, 4 cents a bushel worse off than in the average ten years before the war. In fact handling charges are heavier, and the difference is actually closer to 2 cents a bushel, in the opinion of those who have figured it out. Two cents a bushel is a million dollars on the whole Nebraska crop.

Freight charges on wheat are now 17 per cent higher than before the war, but the farmer is paying on the average for what he buys around 50 per cent more, outside of transportation.

The corn situation is much more favorable. Unlike the wheat price, that of corn is not figured on Chicago, minus the freight and handling charges. Much of it does not go to Chicago. Often Omaha is paying as much as Chicago, and when other movements are on, to the south, for instance, the price is better. In 1903 No. 2 yellow corn, on the Chicago market was 50 cents a bushel.

COLORED FOLKS QUIETLY SHAKE THE DUST FROM FEET

Once More a Purely Aryan Population Exists in City With the Going of the Negroes.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Once more this city boasts of a purely white population as the result of the leaving yesterday of the negroes who had been brought here to form a labor gang at the lumber yard at the Burlington shops.

The members of the party of colored folks were not well pleased with the situation here as they found there were none of their race living here and the negro, especially those from the sunny south are fond of social intercourse and the associations of each other and accordingly were not overly enthusiastic over the outlook. In fact several left the next day after being brought here from St. Louis. The remainder of the men quit yesterday and while a bunch of additional negroes were brought in yesterday they soon got in touch with the first delegation and a few hours after reaching here were ready to depart as rapidly as they had come.

SPLENDID SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

From Monday's Daily.

Yesterday morning at the Methodist church the members of the congregation had the pleasure of hearing an excellent sermon given by Father W. S. Leete of the St. Luke's Episcopal church and which was very inspirational to the audience.

In his remarks the rector took up the thought of life as the passing of the day and the care of the Lord over the believer as he journeyed through life, drawing a very graphic picture of the dawn of the day when the man or woman hastened out to their task, as the beginning of life, and at the hour of darkness returning home and the worthiness of the day's labor would determine the reward that would be bestowed on the man or woman by the Master. The choir of the church gave a very much enjoyed anthem by Dudley Buck, the solo part being carried by Mrs. Ferris York Jelinek in her usual effective manner. The size of the congregation was a recognition of the appreciation of the church members to Father Leete for his very inspiring sermon.

At the evening service there was a special musical program given in which Mr. W. H. Hohmann was heard in a number of vocal selections as was also Miss Edith Mays of Wahoo and Mrs. Charles Jelinek of Omaha, all of which were very artistically given. A double piano number from Liszt and Beethoven was given by Mr. and Mrs. Hohmann that was very much enjoyed and was truly a beautiful piece of work from the standpoint of artistic ability.

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