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## Death Calls a Pioneer Surveyor of Nebraska

Alexander Schlage, One-Time Resident Here, Dies at Home in Los Angeles—Age 82

Word has been received in this city of the death on last Saturday at Los Angeles, of Alexander Schlage, a pioneer surveyor of Nebraska, and who was in the early seventies connected with the office of the surveyor general, then located at Plattsmouth. At the time of his death, Mr. Schlage was eighty-two years of age.

The deceased came to Plattsmouth in 1871 with General E. E. Cunningham, who had recently been appointed surveyor general, and while the office of the surveyor general was maintained here, he served as the draftsman and his work was outstanding in his mapping of this part of the west.

It was one of the tasks of Mr. Schlage to assist in laying out and making records of the counties of the northwest part of the state and Brown, Holt, Rock, Cherry, Dawes and other of the counties he spent a number of years after leaving this city.

The family located at Lincoln in the eighties after leaving here in 1881 and they made their home there for the greater part of the time, although Mr. Schlage was forced to put in much of his time on work in other parts of the state during his younger years.

Mr. Schlage was a veteran of the Civil war and was a member of a battery of artillery under command of General Frank Sigel, a noted general of the Civil war and who commanded a large detachment of German-American troops in the campaigns in the south.

At the time of the Spanish-American war Mr. Schlage was assigned to work in carting for government surveying records and at the conclusion of the peace treaty and its ratification he was sent to Porto Rico to assist in the auditing department of the American territorial government, remaining there for a number of years and then returning to Lincoln.

Some years ago Mr. Schlage removed to Los Angeles, where he has since made his home with his only daughter, Mrs. Grace Reed, and at whose home he passed away, his wife having preceded him in death some years ago. He is survived by the daughter and three sons, Everett Schlage, of New Orleans; Lester and Howard Schlage, of Lincoln.

After leaving here, Mr. Schlage came back often for visits, being a close friend of the R. R. Livingston family and these pleasant visits continued until his removal to California.

The deceased is well remembered by the older residents as a very clever gentleman and one who was honored and esteemed by those who knew him.

## MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

From Friday's Daily—This morning at the court house occurred the marriage of Miss Frances P. Godfrey of Nebraska City and Mr. Herman E. Sullivan of this city. The wedding was very quiet and the ceremony witnessed by S. E. Godfrey, father of the bride and Mrs. Blanche Rakes of Nebraska City.

The groom is well known in this city where he has made his home since a small boy and was a student at the local schools for several years altho in the past few years he has been engaged in working. He is a son of Mrs. Ernest Porter of this city.

## ABLE TO BE OUT

From Friday's Daily—This morning Ray McMaken, one of the victims of an auto accident near LaPlatte last Saturday night and in which Herman Gansamer was fatally injured, was able to be out for a short time and while he is still suffering from the effects of the broken ribs and general bruised up condition, he is getting along very well. Mr. McMaken has been confined to his home since the accident and for a few days was unable to leave his bed, but his improvement now gives hopes of his speedy restoration to his former good health.

## SUFFERS FRACTURED ARM

From Thursday's Daily—This morning while playing around the home, the eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Armstrong, fell and fractured his left arm. The fracture was near the shoulder and the bone of the arm was quite badly splintered. The member was given temporary attention by Dr. R. P. Westover and the boy was later taken to Omaha to have the member set by a bone specialist. The lad was accompanied by his mother to the hospital and where she remained until it was possible to bring the young man back home.

## DEATH OF OLD RESIDENT

A message was received here last evening from Peru announcing the death at that place of Mrs. J. D. Graves, who is perhaps better known in Cass county by her maiden name of Dr. Capitola Reed. The deceased lady was the daughter of Dr. Reed, a pioneer physician who was located at Rock Bluffs in the late sixties and the early seventies and the daughter following the profession of the father was for many years an active member of the medical profession and served the residents of her home community. The deceased lady was a very close friend of Miss Olive Gass of this city, who just recently was at Peru to visit the friend, Mrs. Graves having been in failing health for several months.

## Enrollment of the City Schools Shows Decrease

Junior High and Freshmen Classes Smaller Than in Recent Years—269 in High School.

The enrollment of the Plattsmouth city schools for the year 1929-1930 so far reported is \$37 in all departments of the school, a slight decrease over that of recent years, there being fewer in the freshman class and in the junior high school than has been in recent years.

The enrollment figure will be increased some by the end of the week as there are a number of the pupils returning from vacations while others have been with parents at the state fair and who will be back in school for the next week.

The enrollment in the high school shows 269 in all four of the classes of this senior department, while in the junior high there are 110 enrolled for the term.

In the grade schools the Central shows the largest with 264 students while at the Columbian school on the south side 117 are enrolled. In the ward buildings, the first ward shows 16, the west second ward 15 and the Mercerville school has ten so far registered for the school year.

The various teachers are now getting into the regular routine of school work and the first two days with its necessary organization is now past and the students getting down to the regular grind of their studies.

## OFFICIALS UP IN AIR

From Thursday's Daily—This morning the plane of the Klapp Printing Co., of Omaha with William Metcalf, the salesman of the company, as well as an experienced pilot arrived in the city to give the Cass county officials a treat in an air trip if they so desired. A number of the officials motored out to the landing field on the Luke Wiles farm southwest of the city and where the plane and Mr. Metcalf were waiting the coming of the officials. County Attorney W. G. Kleck, himself a former member of the U. S. air corps, was an interested passenger.

The various officials, clerks and their guests who enjoyed the opportunity of a trip up among the clouds were in the regular routine of school work and the first two days with its necessary organization is now past and the students getting down to the regular grind of their studies.

## CONSTRUCTS OWN PLANE

Seymore Mayabb, of Grand Island, brother of Claude Mayabb and a nephew of Lester Burrows of this city, has constructed a plane of his own design and which he flew recently at Grand Island with the greatest success and which was one of the best planes shown at the third city. Mr. Mayabb made his initial flight in the plant on Labor day and the event was watched with considerable interest by the residents of the central part of the west. The young man is planning a trip here soon by plane to visit his brother and uncle and enjoy the fine trip over the fertile country between the Missouri river and Grand Island.

## RETURNS WANTED MAN

From Thursday's Daily—Yesterday Constable Tom Svoboda was called to Louisville to secure Claude Oshell, wanted at Parsons, Kansas, on a felony charge. The young man has been working at the Ash Grove Cement Plant for the past few weeks and his arrest and detention was asked by Sheriff Earle Johnson, of Parsons, who arrived today to take the man back to Kansas for trial. The charge against the young man was thought by Cass county officers to be that of removing mortgaged property from the state of Kansas.

## Very Enjoyable Time at the Ed C. Ripple Home

Mr. and Mrs. James K. Lee and Webster Lee, of Hamilton, Ohio, are Guests of Honor.

Mr. and Mrs. James K. Lee and daughter, Cleo May and Webster W. Lee, of Hamilton, Ohio, arrived last Saturday night and spent the past few days visiting with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ripple and other friends and relatives. The Lee boys formerly lived here and worked at the local shops and in the country and both are well known here. For the past several years the boys have been working in a large steel mill at Hamilton, Ohio, Webb operating a 600 watt electric welding machine, while James is now assistant foreman in the plant and looks after a large part of the mechanical drafting. Both of the boys are making good. A good many Plattsmouth residents will remember them as the boys who at one time carried the World Herald route over the entire city.

On Wednesday evening a farwell dinner was given in honor of the visitors who were leaving Thursday morning for their home. Those present included the guests of honor, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Harley Gadow, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sands and son, Morris Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cheval and daughters, Deloris and Margaret and son Frank Jr., all of Omaha; Mr. Frank Gadow, of North Platte; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Core and Mr. A. C. Core, of Louisville; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hiner, daughter, Catherine and son, Wayne, Miss Adelia Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Ripple.

The boys intended to make a stop at South Sioux City to see an uncle, and then on to Ralston, Iowa, to see the youngest brother, Robert Lee, who formerly lived here and went to school here. They expected to be back on their jobs again next Monday. It has been four years since they left here.

Owing to the nice rain that we had, the boys were not able to get out and see all their friends as they would have liked to do, but they expect to be back again next year.

## YOUNG MAN IS IMPROVING

The many friends in this section of the county of the T. E. Todd family, will be pleased to know that their son, Albert, 14, is now showing much improvement and it is hoped that he may entirely recover from an attack of diabetes that he was stricken with while en route to California. The Todd family left this city to make their journey to Long Beach, California, for the winter and had driven as far as Fort Morgan, Colorado, when Albert was taken very seriously ill and when medical aid was called it was found that he was suffering from an attack of diabetes and was very poorly. The family remained at Fort Morgan for several days and after a course of treatment the condition of Albert improved so much that he and Mrs. Todd were able to continue their journey west, taking the train at Fort Morgan for Long Beach, while Mr. Todd drove on with the auto.

Albert has been expected to have the young man attend school at Long Beach and the illness will probably interfere with this to some extent.

## OLD FRIENDS MEET

Last Sunday morning Mr. C. L. Wiles, or Ted, as he is better known, was happily surprised when his hood friend, Fred Crawford, wife and son drove into his home from Alliance, Nebraska.

It was the first meeting of these gentlemen in nineteen years and the occasion was a very happy one. During the conversation that followed during the day, their boyhood days were lived over again.

Old friends of the Wm. Crawford family will recall that the Veterans farm was formerly owned by Wm. Crawford, father of Fred Crawford. The family moved from Plattsmouth twenty-nine years ago and Mrs. Wm. Crawford now resides at Alliance, while one son, Paul, lives in Canada, and the other son, Fred owns a large ranch twenty miles from Alliance.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crawford and son remained at the Wiles home till the following day when they continued their trip motoring to Shenandoah, and other towns in Iowa, to visit with relatives.

## GUEST AT WILES' HOME

At the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wiles west of this city, Miss Delores Wiles had as her guest for a few days, Miss Hazel Suduth of Omaha. Both Miss Wiles and Miss Suduth are in nurse-training at the Nebraska Methodist hospital at Omaha. A picnic dinner at King Hill, honoring Miss Suduth was a most enjoyable occasion, as was also the time spent at the Murray bathing beach during her stay here.

## HAS FINE TRIP

G. K. Petring and party of thirteen Ford dealers who left Omaha in a Ford all metal tri-motored airplane at eight thirty-five central time Monday morning arrived at Chicago twelve ten; had lunch and departed for Detroit at two arriving at Detroit at four p. m. central time. Actual flying time five hours, thirty-five minutes; total elapsed time seven hours, twenty-five minutes; distance six hundred seventy miles; average flying speed one hundred twenty-five miles per hour. Excellent weather at five to eight thousand feet altitude at which height they traveled most of the way and a most delightful journey was thoroughly enjoyed by all members of the party. Their program there included a thorough tour of the Lincoln and Ford plants, the Stout airplane factory and the Ford experimental laboratories at Detroit and Dearborn. The fourteen members of the party left Detroit this morning in new Lincoln automobiles each of which they have purchased for their own personal use. With favorable weather Mr. Petring will arrive home Sunday or Monday.

## Game Fish Park on 65 Acre Tract Near Louisville

Eight Sand Pit Lakes in New Park Secured by State and Which Makes Ideal Spot

The state park board at their meeting at Lincoln Wednesday authorized the purchase of a sixty-five acre tract of land near Louisville which is to be made into a game fish reserve and provide a real place for the enjoyment of the sport of angling. The price agreed upon was \$50 an acre.

This new park site is owned by the Lyman-Richey-Sand Co., of Omaha and it has on it eight lakes which have been created from sand pits and from every standpoint it is an ideal location for a series of fishing lakes. The water in the pits varies from three to thirty feet and is very clear and well suited for fish as well as other varieties of game fish.

It is planned to have the new park arranged for a most attractive recreational spot and being located only short distances from Omaha and Lincoln as well as smaller eastern Nebraska cities will give the section a very fine fishing spot. The plans of the state park board call for the planting of trees in the park and the sowing of grass seed along the lake shores and the park in general will be made as attractive as possible.

The state is planning to have a caretaker at the park in the summer season to look after its upkeep and the general supervision of the park and its stock of fish.

## FUNERAL OF OLD PHYSICIAN

From Saturday's Daily—This morning Mrs. W. H. Rainey departed for Peru, Nebraska, where she attended the funeral services of Mrs. J. D. Graves, her maiden name. Mrs. Rainey when a girl, resided near Peru and was the first patient that Dr. Reed had on coming to that place to start in on the practice of her profession. This was back in 1885 and Mrs. Rainey was suffering from diphtheria and through the excellent treatment and care of Dr. Reed was able to regain her health.

## TEACHERS HOLD MEETING

From Saturday's Daily—This morning the teachers over the county in the one and two room school buildings, held a very interesting session at the district court room at the court house. There were some seventy-five in attendance and from all parts of the county. Lectures were given by Superintendent R. E. Bailey of the Plattsmouth city school, Prof. Tyler of the Peru teachers college, Miss Marie Kaufmann, art supervisor of the Plattsmouth schools and Miss McNairs of Omaha.

## CALLED ON SAD MISSION

Mrs. B. F. Goodman of near Cedar Creek has gone to Chicago where she was called by a message from her brother, stating that the mother of Mrs. Goodman was sinking very rapidly and that her death was the matter of only a very short time. The mother has been ill for several months suffering from cancer of the stomach and for several weeks Mrs. Goodman was with her to assist in her care.

## DIES IN CHICAGO

From Friday's Daily—A message was received by members of the family at Cedar Creek giving the sad news of the death of the mother of Mrs. F. Goodman which occurred at Chicago, Mrs. Goodman being able to reach the bedside of the mother. The body was taken to Johnsburg, Illinois, for burial.

## Death of One Time Resident of This City

E. C. Stiles, Yardmaster of the C. R. I. P., Dies at His Home in Pratt, Kansas.

The last issue of the Rock Island magazine contained among the doings of their employes along various lines, an account of the passing of a former resident of this city, E. C. Stiles, who has for several years been engaged as the yardmaster of the railroad at Pratt, Kansas, and whose death occurred early in August.

Mr. Stiles was born in 1873 at Plattsmouth, where he spent his boyhood days, and when he had attained the age of fourteen years, he entered the employ of the Burlington as a telegraph operator and after learning his profession followed it for some three years with the Burlington. In 1893 he entered the employ of the Rock Island as an operator and was stationed at Council Bluffs, under C. W. Jones, then the division superintendent. After a short time at that place, Mr. Stiles was promoted to be night yardmaster and later to general yardmaster, which position he held for eleven years and was then sent to Des Moines as general yardmaster, where he remained but a short time, and on account of poor health was transferred to Delhart, Texas, as yardmaster in 1911 and in 1912 was sent to Pratt, Kansas, as the yardmaster at that place, which position he has since held.

In recent years the health of Mr. Stiles has failed very rapidly and he has been in serious shape for the past several months.

Besides his wife, he leaves three sisters, Mrs. Marie Olds, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mrs. Rudy Von Gunton and Mrs. E. T. Seahill, Kansas City, and a stepson, Fred Meek, of Pratt, Kansas.

The deceased was a member of the Masonic order, Knights Templar and of the Shriners, which organizations assisted in the funeral services which were held in the First Methodist church at Pratt. He was laid to rest in the Greenlawn cemetery at Pratt.

## THE TRAGIC RECORD

As another summer draws toward its close the newspapers are crowded with reports of devastating fires. A dropped cigar or cigarette, a camp fire, an incompletely extinguished such little careless things as these have resulted in the destruction of magnificent forests, great factories and thousands of homes.

The most tragic part of it all is that the waste is entirely unnecessary. It is a matter of moments only to properly put out a fire or step on a burning cigar stub, or properly inspect a building for possible risks. Yet when these small tasks are left for the most part unattended, a conflagration that wrecks the work of years is the result.

A little care and a little knowledge and a little energy on the part of our citizens would reduce our fire loss to a minimum. The fact that losses have been decreasing, slowly, for two years, is hopeful but inconclusive. Our fire record remains a national disgrace, a black blot on our efficiency and prosperity.

Insurance and fire-resistant construction of buildings and fire patrols in our parks and forests, are necessary protections. But valuable as they are, they can never be a substitute for individual "fire carelessness." And we pay each year for our carelessness with close to half a billion dollars, beside the inestimable loss in business and in human lives.

## KANSAS CITY PARTY COMING

The representatives of the Kansas City wholesale houses who are to make a trip through their neighboring territory of Iowa, Nebraska and northwestern Missouri, have notified the local Chamber of Commerce that they will be here on the scheduled date of Wednesday, Sept. 25th. This party will stay over the night of September 24th at Nebraska City, and will reach here on the 25th and spending a short time here go on to Omaha where they will cross the Missouri river and will make their night stop on September 25th at Red Oak, Iowa.

## UNDERGOES AN OPERATION

From Friday's Daily—This morning Joseph Schlessel of this city was operated on at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha, the operation being for the purpose of the removal of a growth from the lower lip of the aged man. The operation was performed and the patient was resting as easily as possible this afternoon and it is thought that the operation will be a success and remove the cause of the illness of Mr. Schlessel in the last few years.

When entertaining, use Dennison decorative material, favors, etc. The Bates Book and Gift Shop carries the entire Dennison line.

## NEED FOR MORE ROOMS

With the large number located here at present and engaged in the bridge work, paving and graveling projects that are now being carried on in this locality, there has come an increasing demand for furnished rooms or apartments where light housekeeping may be carried on. There has been dozens of inquiries each day at the Journal office as well as at the office of the president of the Chamber of Commerce, asking as to rooms of this kind and which are available. This unusual demand for this class of rooms has more than taken up all the available apartments of this kind and those who have rooms that they will allow to be used for light housekeeping are urged to get in touch with the Chamber of Commerce to list their places so that those seeking rooms of this type may be accommodated.

## Seek to Prevent Use of Farm for Road Purposes

James Elbert Wiles Secures Temporary Order Against State and Appraisers

From Friday's Daily—This morning in the office of the clerk of the district court was filed the petition of James Elbert Wiles against Orin A. Davis, Frank P. Sheldon and Charles Troop, appraisers appointed by the county court to appraise the land of the plaintiff for road purposes and also against Roy Cochran, secretary of the state department of public works and A. L. Lobdell, assistant in the state department.

The temporary restraining order was issued by Judge James T. Begley and the hearing on the injunction was set for Friday, September 13th at the district court in this city.

This case is one growing out of the changing of the route of highway No. 75 at the south outskirts of the city, where the road was changed from the present course to a line through the farm of Mr. Wiles and which the land owner has objected to on the grounds that his farm was very greatly damaged and that the state was unable to pay the proper amount of damages for the taking of the land. The road as outlined was to have taken a southwest course through the Wiles farm and would bring the road into the present highway near the E. H. Spangler farm.

Under the terms of the restraining order the appraisers as well as the state officers and highway engineers are ordered to keep off the property of the plaintiff and from pursuing any further steps toward the road construction.

## SHOULD INSPECT CHIMNEYS

The fact that the mercury this morning was at only 45 degrees above zero has led Chief Sandin of the fire department to urge that property owners look after the care of the flues and chimneys of their homes before the winter season starts in and the danger from fires originated in the defective flues is increased.

The greater part of the fires in the winter season occur as the result of defective flues which go neglected until the real cold weather comes and the necessity for heating causes the starting of furnaces and stoves and then the next thing that is known, there is a fire.

It requires but a short time to have the chimneys examined and cared for and which may save the heavy loss of property or even lives and this is a matter that all of the property owners should heed and see are cared for now and not wait until too late.

Our fire record in Plattsmouth is very good, but could be made even better if the property owners would only get busy and see that the defective chimney or any other fire cause that may exist around their property is eliminated. With this in view there should be a check over of the chimneys of the homes and business houses of the city to discover any defects that might exist and have them corrected at once.

## DOING VERY WELL

From Friday's Daily—The reports from the Clarkson hospital at Omaha state that J. H. McMaken, who is there recovering from his operation of Tuesday, is showing good strength and while he has suffered a great deal as the result of the long sickness and the severe operation, he is now showing a good rate of progress and it is hoped that the next few days may result in a decided change for the better.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the friends and neighbors who were so kind to us in the loss of our dear father, Asbury Jacks, and also for the many beautiful floral offerings.—The Children.

## Women's Club Hostess to the City Teachers

Very Large Number of Residents of City Attend Reception at M. E. Church

From Saturday's Daily—Last evening the Plattsmouth Women's club were hostesses at a very delightful reception to the members of the teaching force of the local schools, the reception being staged at the parlors of the First Methodist church.

The ladies had arranged the church parlors very tastefully with the bright colored asters of the fall season which had been provided by Mrs. W. A. Bennett, making a very charming feature of the evening.

The guests were received by the chairman of the social and courtesy committees, Mrs. Robert Reed, Mrs. J. A. Griffin and Mrs. D. O. Dwyer and the members of the party soon were acquainted and the local people had the opportunity of greeting the new teachers as well as the ones who have been here in the past years as efficient teachers of the school.

The program of the evening was in charge of Mrs. James T. Begley as chairman and who introduced Mrs. E. H. Wescott, president of the local Women's club who gave the address of welcome to the teachers from the ladies civic organization.

The response for the teachers was given by R. Foster Patterson of the high school faculty and who expressed the appreciation of the teaching force at the delightful time that had been arranged for them.

President C. C. Wescott of the Chamber of Commerce also welcomed the new teachers to the city and expressed the great interest and satisfaction that all have felt in the success of the schools and their excellent management.

Frank A. Cloldt, member of the board of education, and one of the talented vocalists of the city was heard in two delightful numbers, "The Old Reel" by Kreiser and "My Hour" by Bull, which gave a very fine feature of the evening.

On behalf of the school faculty Mr. R. E. Bailey spoke briefly of the schools and their work and the fine manner in which the present teaching year has been started.

Mrs. J. A. Capwell then gave in a very artistic piano number and which was so heartily enjoyed that she was compelled to respond with a pianologue that was given in her usual delightful manner.

The musical portion of the program was closed with two vocal selections by Miss Helen Wescott, one of the gifted younger musicians of the city and whose number was a very enjoyable part of the evening's program.

The ladies of the city served dainty refreshments at the close of the program and which was a fitting climax of a very pleasant evening.

## HOLD UP FOILED

The Trunkenbolz Oil station was an exciting place for a while last Wednesday night. Just as John Hartsock, the attendant at the station was preparing to lock up for the night two young men about 23 years old, walked into the station. One young man walked into the office where John was working. Drawing a gun he demanded that John hand over the day's receipts, but John proved he could move faster than the hold-up anticipated, and instead of John handing over the money he began handling the hold-up.

The other man stepped in to help his partner but they soon discovered they had attacked the wrong fellow. Instead of staying and finishing what they had attempted they took to their feet and made a hurried getaway. Help was called but by the time they arrived there was no place to be found.

Mr. Hartsock came out of the mix none the worse save for a bump on his head, resulting from a blow dealt by the man with the gun. Not until the next morning, when John took an inventory of his teeth, did he discover that he had lost one the night before in the mix-up.—Eagle Beacon.

## FAMILY REUNION

Thursday, August 29th, the Spangler family reunion was held at the Philip Spangler home. They enjoyed a picnic dinner at noon and a most pleasant social time was spent. Those present were Philip Spangler and family; Peter Spangler and family; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gobelman; Cyrus Livingston and family; Frank Spangler and family; of Weeping Water; John Spangler, of Louisville; Mr. and Mrs. Val Gobelman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gobelman, Mrs. Ezra Albin, Union; Lewis Stander and children, Archer, Nebr.; Willson and Rachel Spangler and Clara Miller, Callaway, Nebr.; Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Christman, Miller, Nebr.; Mrs. Albert Shellhorn, Louisville; Mr. and Mrs. George Munn and daughter; Fred Spangler and family; Ed Lutz and family, Plattsmouth; Chris Spangler and family; Reuel Sack and family, Mynard.—Weeping Water Republican.