

The Plattsmouth Journal

Mrs. Dettmer Wins Verdict for \$450 Damages

Jury in District Court at Nebraska City Returns Sealed Verdict in Favor of Plaintiff.

The trial of the case of Mrs. Ruby Dettmer vs. W. W. Metz, et al., which was on trial Saturday in the district court at Nebraska City, resulted in the verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$450 altho the suit had been for \$1,450.

The jury returned a sealed verdict late Saturday night and which was opened this morning by Judge Begley at the opening of court.

The accident took place on a rainy evening, August 16, 1928, when the automobile driven by William Metz, husband of the plaintiff, crashed into a truck belonging to the Nebraska City Bottling Works, parked without lights, one-half mile south of Wyoming on U. S. 75. Mrs. Dettmer's automobile was damaged and she sustained injuries.

In her suit she asked for approximately \$1,450 because of damage done to the automobile, for time she lost because of her injuries, and for her hospital and doctor bills. Mrs. Dettmer was represented by D. O. Dwyer, Plattsmouth. The defendants, W. W. Metz, Henry Felthouser and Frank Chapin, were represented by Varro Tyler and Lloyd E. Peterson.

Attorney for the plaintiff attempted to show that the truck, parked along the side of the road by Edwin Metz when the motor failed in the rain, was left standing at an angle, with the rear end into the road. Negligence was charged. Metz, on the stand declared his truck was parked as close to the ditch as he could get it in the darkness, and that there was room for two other automobiles to pass in the road abreast the truck.

Witnesses for Mrs. Dettmer testified their automobile was traveling not more than 25 miles an hour prior to the accident and when this, Mrs. Dettmer came to a full stop, the speed had been reduced to approximately 10 miles an hour. This testimony was not attacked by the defendants.

With Mr. and Mrs. Dettmer at the time of the accident were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fullerton of Plattsmouth. Mr. Fullerton corroborated the testimony of the driver of the car and his wife.

The story of the accident, as told in the testimony that lasted the greater part of Saturday, was that Edwin Metz parked his truck along the road when rain caused the engine to fall and put out the lights. He ran for a telephone and while he was gone the Dettmer car had crashed into the truck, turning it in the road, as some witnesses testified. Before the driver could return, occupants of the Dettmer car, some of whom were injured, had been removed to Nebraska City.

MORE GRAVELED ROADS

The road running north of Weeping Water and which is to connect with the graveling project which is just being completed from the Louisville and Greenwood road, to the Red Ball, south of Manley, is going forward very rapidly at this time. The enterprising citizens of the vicinity which the road travels as well as Weeping Water, Manley and Louisville have contributed their quota, which is being matched by the county, thus making possible for the early completion of the road, which will be of benefit to the coming of winter. The corner at Herman Rauths and owned by J. C. Rauth, both enterprising and progressive citizens, is being cut so as to afford greater safety in the turn. The proposition of a better bridge at Louisville will also assure a better outlet from this whole territory to the Omaha markets and with a good road save much distance to the cattle market of South Omaha, as well as the wholesale houses of Omaha.

SOME FINE GRAPES

From Tuesday's Daily—
J. H. McMaken has followed the custom for several years of presenting the Journal a basket of his luscious grapes gathered in his vineyard at the home in the north part of the city and this year while Joe is at the hospital in Omaha recovering from the effects of a serious operation, he is on the job and yesterday the grapes came down as usual altho the necessity of illness made the delivery by proxy. Mr. McMaken also remembered the city council with a basket of grapes at the session last evening.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

From Monday's Daily—
This morning at the University hospital at Omaha Miss Ella Jacks, daughter of Mrs. Pearl Jacks of this city, was operated on for the removal of her tonsils and adenoids and from which she has been suffering more or less for some time. The operation was very successful and the patient rallying nicely from the effects of the ordeal.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Saturday was the eighth birthday anniversary of Lila Jane Elliott and in honor of the event a very pleasant time was enjoyed at the Elliott home west of the city, where the time was spent in games of all kinds that served to make the passing of time most pleasant for all of the members of the party.

The little guest of honor received many gifts in honor of the birthday anniversary and which were much appreciated. At a suitable hour dainty refreshments were served by Miss Mildred Elliott and Mrs. Pearl Jacks.

Will Donate Club House to Iowa City

Mrs. Emma Merner, of Long Beach, Calif., Here for Visit While En Route to Iowa.

The homes of the Misses Mia and Barbara Gering and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Herold are the scenes of a very pleasant family gathering this week when they have the pleasure of entertaining a number of the relatives who have gathered here from various parts of the country to a visit with a cousin, Mr. Knutinger, of Germany, eminent engineer, who is making a survey of American industrial plants.

In the party are Mrs. Emma Merner, of Long Beach, California; Mrs. Sue Merner, of Orlando, Florida, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer, of New York City. Mr. Pfeiffer is head of the Richard Hudnut Co. and several large chemical manufacturing companies in the east and one of the best known heads of chemical plants in the country.

Mrs. Merner, of Long Beach, is here for a short stay while enroute to Cedar Falls, Iowa, the former home of the Pfeiffer family, of which Mrs. Merner is a daughter. She has donated a large and very attractive club house to the Cedar Falls Women's club and it is to attend the dedication of this building that she is making her way back to the old home. The dedication will be held on Thursday and will mark a very notable occasion in the Iowa city.

GIVE BIRTHDAY DINNER

The home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Griffin in this city was the scene of a very pleasant gathering Sunday when a group of the relatives arrived there to enjoy a fine dinner and visit with this estimable couple and honoring Horace M. Griffin of Union on his 36th birthday anniversary and Alfred C. Griffin, who is home on a furlough from his duties in the navy he being stationed at the naval academy at Annapolis, Maryland, at the present time and will soon return to his post.

All came with well laden baskets and which afforded the means of a very delightful repast at the noon hour.

Those who enjoyed the event were: Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Griffin and children, Hattie, Opal, Ella, Ruthann and Paul; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Griffin and family; Mr. and Mrs. Walter of Nebraska and daughter, Florence of Plattsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. L. Carper of Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Meisinger of Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Miller, two daughters and two sons, of Nebraska, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oldham and sons, Randall and Denzell, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Griffin and daughters, Miss Frances.

ENTERTAINS FLOWER CLUB

Mrs. Frank Hull, residing south of this city, was the hostess the past week to the Social Workers Flower club, one of the most active organizations in this section of Cass county. In this pleasant entertainment Mrs. Hull had as her associate hostesses Mrs. William Baker and Mrs. Frank Sigel.

The ladies spent the time in visiting and enjoying a delightful social time as well as in sewing carpet bags.

As guests during the afternoon the club enjoyed the presence of Mrs. G. P. Eastwood, mother of Mrs. Hull, and Mrs. Harold Hull.

During the course of the day dainty and delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses and which were very much enjoyed.

The club will meet on the third Wednesday in October with Mrs. Ray Wiles and who will be assisted by Mrs. Ernest Hutchison. This meeting being for the election of the officers of the club and it is urged that all members be in attendance.

CHANGES AT STATION

From Monday's Daily—
Lester Burrows, the veteran driver of the Railway Express Co., delivery wagon, is enjoying his vacation starting this week and while Lester is regaining his strength and figure during the vacation, Paul Henderson, the henna haired and accommodating baggage man is running the delivery wagon and handling the business of the express company. Barrett Kohrell is acting as baggage man in place of Paul at the Burlington station.

Deadline on Drivers License is Drawing Near

County Treasurer Turner Urges All Who Have Not Secured Permits to Get Busy at Once

From Monday's Daily—
The time limit for persons to secure the required licenses to operate motor vehicles in the state of Nebraska is fast drawing near and a week from Tuesday will see the law in full effect and the authorities will have the task of checking up those who drive cars without the proper license.

There have been something over 5,000 licenses issued so far in Cass county. County Treasurer John E. Turner states, but this is only about half of the number it is anticipated will have to have driver licenses and accordingly the county treasurer is hopeful that those who have not as yet secured their licenses will get busy and see that they are properly supplied with the required paper that will allow them to drive a car, truck or motorcycle on the highways of the state of Nebraska.

The law was operative of the date of September 1st, but a thirty day grace period was given by the county officers over the state in order that the residents might have ample time to get in and secure their driver's license. Mr. Turner and his force made trips to the various towns over the county and received applications, but with this there are still a large number who have not as yet made application.

It is estimated that there will be an average of two licenses at least for each car owned in the county and this showing would mean that there is still about half of the would-be drivers who have not made application for their licenses.

ENJOY A FINE REUNION

From Monday's Daily—
Yesterday the members of the Sturm family from this section of Nebraska gathered at the Methodist church in Lincoln for a most pleasant family reunion and which drew in the neighborhood of some 100 persons to take part in the program of the day. So successful was the reunion that it is planned to make this an annual event in the future and to aid in which an organization was formed to carry on the work. The officers named were A. F. Sturm of Nehawka, president and Albert Paap of Lincoln, secretary.

The members of the party enjoyed a fine picnic dinner at the noon hour and a group picture of the members of the family was also taken during the afternoon. A great many of the members of the family from Nehawka were present Mr. and Mrs. John G. Wunderlich, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wunderlich and children, Henry Schoemaker and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Adams and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Sturm and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thiele, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schoemaker and family and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Switzer and family. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rosencranz of this city were also among the members of the family in attendance.

MRS. DWYER WOULD BECOME A LAWYER

Sitting close behind her husband, who was in district court Saturday conducting the trial of a lawsuit, was Mrs. D. O. Dwyer, comely Plattsmouth woman.

No sightseer is Mrs. Dwyer, but watching the progress of lawsuits for purposes of self-improvement. Studying the ancient and honorable profession, Mrs. Dwyer hopes soon to take the bar examination, be admitted to practice and take up the profession as a life work. She was formerly in her husband's office as a stenographer, knows a great deal about court procedure and has been of great help to her husband, well known as an important integer in the Cass county bar.

STUDENTS AT THE ROTARY

From Tuesday's Daily—
The weekly luncheon of the Rotary at the Barclay Inn this noon was turned into an occasion when the members of this club were reviewed by their student members for the month and the young men gave the impressions of Rotary and its workings and the promotion of good fellowship and international good will that the organization makes an important part of their activities.

DEATH OF JAMES GALLAGHER

From Tuesday's Daily—
The death of James Gallagher, one of the longest time residents at the Nebraska Masonic Home in this city, occurred yesterday at the Home. Mr. Gallagher was eighty-two years of age, having been born in the state of Ohio on February 3, 1847. He has been a resident of Nebraska for a great many years and was formerly a resident of Pawnee City, where he was a member of Pawnee lodge No. 23, A. F. & A. M. Mr. Gallagher came to the Home April 21, 1918, and was one of the oldest residents there in the point of his years at the Home. For the past year he has been in failing health and the condition of the aged man has grown much worse in the past few months until death came to his relief. The body was taken to Pawnee City this morning and where the funeral services will be conducted by the Masonic order at that place.

PARMELE DOVEY HOME

From Monday's Daily—
Parmele Dovey, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George O. Dovey of this city, who has been at the Methodist hospital at Omaha for the past ten days recovering from the effects of gun shot wounds received on September 10th, was able yesterday to return home and while he is still bearing the marks of the effects of the accident he is well on the highway to recovery and it is hoped will soon be able to resume his school activities.

VISITS PARENTS HERE

Miss Ruby Winscott, who is now teaching in the Blair high school in the English and Home Economics departments, was here Sunday to enjoy a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Winscott and the many friends in this city. Miss Winscott has been very successful in her school work and enjoys very much the work in the present location.

SUFFERS BAD FALL

Mrs. Max Pfitzmeier was confined to her home in the north part of the city as the result of a fall that she sustained while engaged in her household work on Saturday. Mrs. Pfitzmeier was looking after some work in the cellar of the house and while she was descending the steps, fell the third step from the bottom and as a result she turned one ankle very badly, the ligaments of the ankle being torn loose.

Mrs. Pfitzmeier was able to crawl up the stairs and tried to get assistance by phone and being unable to do so, called to Mrs. W. C. Tippens, a neighbor, who came to her aid and finally medical aid was secured and the injured member dressed. Mrs. Pfitzmeier will, however, have to remain inactive for some time.

Recover Money Taken by Roomer at Wilcox Home

Owners Are Lucky When Officers Secure Sum of \$101 Hidden by Thief

From Monday's Daily—
Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wilcox, residing on Washington avenue, are rejoicing today over the fact that \$101.25, which had been taken from them on Saturday evening, was restored to them through the efforts of the county and city authorities.

The money had been placed by Mrs. Wilcox in a pocket book and locked in a cupboard at the home and later when the owner came to look for the money it was found that someone had unlocked the cupboard, removed the money from the pocket-book and apparently made away with it.

The matter was reported to the police and Chief of Police Libershal and later Sheriff Reed and Deputy Young visited the scene and looked over the situation and decided that the job had been carried out by someone who was familiar with the situation around the Wilcox home.

The officers investigating the case were successful in finding that had been staying at the Wilcox home for a short time and finally after some questioning a compromise was reached in the matter by the party taking the money restoring it to Mrs. Wilcox and who in turn agreed not to prosecute the matter. The officers and so in a few moments was forthcoming and the case settled.

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The local club has formed the plan to send a delegation of students as auxiliary members for each month during the school year and for September the two young men chosen were George E. Sayles and Richard Spangier, the two boys making brief remarks at the session of the club today.

SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

From Tuesday's Daily—
The many friends here of Mrs. Ona Lawton, matron of the Nebraska Masonic Home will be pleased to learn that she is doing very nicely and that she is being very well cared for at the hospital in Omaha where she has been for the past few days and the treatment received there seems to have given her relief. It is hoped that the treatment may result in some permanent relief for Mrs. Lawton and that she will be able to return home restored to her former good health.

ROBERT WURL PLEDGED

In the announcement of the students pledged by the fraternities and sororities at the University of Nebraska appears the name of Robert Wurl, who has been pledged to the Beta Theta Pi fraternity of the university. Mr. Wurl has had the strenuous experience of the "rushing" season and has been entertained very extensively during the opening weeks of the school.

ASKS FOR DIVORCE

From Wednesday's Daily—
This morning in the office of the clerk of the district court an action was filed in which Charles W. Beard was the plaintiff and Ida M. Beard, the defendant. The suit is one in which the plaintiff asks that he be given a decree of divorce from the defendant and names as the cause of action, cruelty. J. A. Capwell appears in the action as attorney for the plaintiff.

Read the Journal Want-Ads.

Officers Capture Car Loaded with Guns and Harness

Thought That Car Was Stolen From Kansas—Holding Car and Woman for Identification

From Tuesday's Daily—
Late last night Officers Pickrel and Hadraba noticed a Ford car parked on Main street and whose occupant was a woman and a small babe, the car remaining there for some time and the officers finally decided to look the car over and the result was that it was found the car contained two repeating shotguns as well as a very expensive saddle and a full set of harness.

The woman in the car gave the name of Mrs. Elmer Hayes and stated that her husband had stopped on the highway south of this city to pull another car out of the ditch. She gave her home as Blockton, Iowa.

The police officers called Sheriff Reed and his force and Mrs. Hayes was taken with her child to the hotel while a search was made for the husband and to locate if possible the place where the parties had come from as the story told was confused and did not impress the officers very strongly.

Officer Hadraba was left to guard the car while the other officers were investigating the case and a short time after another car drove up and the occupant, a stranger, asked as to the whereabouts of the woman and child and as the officers started to look the car the driver stepped on the gas and drove out toward the highway and made a getaway before the officer could reach him.

Messages this morning to the state sheriff's office at Lincoln indicated that it was possible that the articles in the car might have been taken from Rushville, Nebraska, and this is being checked up by the office of State Sheriff Condit to ascertain if the articles found here were taken from the western Nebraska town.

While the parties driving the car claim to be from this city, the car itself bore a Kansas license, 285-85 and which led the local officers to suspect that the car and its occupants might not be all that they should be.

The woman found in the car was held at the county jail today while the case is being investigated and efforts made to locate the husband if possible and to learn whether the parties have been in any trouble or are innocent.

This afternoon representatives from the office of State Sheriff Condit arrived in the city to make investigation of the case and with Sam Reed, son of Sheriff Bert Reed, the officers motored to Bedford, Iowa, in which locality it is thought that the arrested parties formerly resided.

It was found this morning that the man and woman who gave the name of Hayes had arrived in the city sometime Sunday and had secured the rental of the small house south and east of Garfield park on the east side of the city. Sheriff Reed and his force found the grip belonging to Mrs. Hayes at the place and a number of other articles that they will look over in hopes of finding some clue to a possible crime.

PRIZE BABIES

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wohlfarth are very proud over the fact that their little son, Robert, was selected as the prize winning boy in the class of the prize babies and Bobbie celebrated his second anniversary on Tuesday. The little lad is a fine specimen of babyhood and a real boy, being sturdy and healthy and a great representation for Cass county baby boys.

The Wohlfarth family resides near Mynard and near there also is the home of the prize girl of the 18 to 20 months class at the county fair, Elois Pearl Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy O. Cole, who is twenty-one months old. Elois Pearl also has the distinction of being the reserve champion girl of the county in all classifications.

These two fine little children are splendid examples of perfect physical babies and shows the farms boys and girls are the champs.

NEW BARBER HERE

From Wednesday's Daily—
Ed Spivey, one of the well known barbers of Norfolk, Nebraska, has located in this city and is now engaged at the Ross Baker shop across the street from the Journal. Mr. Spivey has had a number of years' experience in this line of work and Mr. Baker is well pleased that he has secured his services and will be able to afford his patrons the very best and latest methods of barbering.

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VERY HAPPY EVENT

From Tuesday's Daily—
The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warga south of this city, was made very happy last evening when a fine son and heir arrived at their home to join the family circle. It is needless to say that the event has brought the greatest of joy to the parents and the little sister who now has a playmate to share the happiness of the home. The mother and little one are both doing very nicely. Mrs. Warga was formerly Miss Josephine Vanek of this city, daughter of Mrs. Joseph Vanek.

Kansas City Business Men Pay Visit Here

Four Large Bus Loads of the Leading Men of Missouri City Bring Greetings.

From Wednesday's Daily—
This morning the caravan of Kansas City wholesalers and business men arrived in this city on their long looked forward to good will trip and get-acquainted tour which they are making through southeastern Nebraska and southwestern Iowa.

Four large Grayhound buses, especially arranged for the pleasure and comfort of the large and lively group of boosters arrived close to the scheduled time of 8:15 and found a large number of the local people on hand to greet them and to become acquainted as far as possible in the short time that was permitted by the schedule of the visitors.

As the caravan approached the city their pathfinders arrived and marked the way through the city where the caravan was stopped in the block between Fifth and Sixth street on Main. Here the caravan was greeted by C. C. Westcott, president of the Chamber of Commerce and the formal welcome on behalf of the citizens was given by Mayor John P. Sattler. To the address of welcome several of the visitors responded with their greetings and words of commendation for the city and its fine turnout and reception to the visitors.

Accompanying the party was a very fine band and which gave several numbers at the intersection of Fifth and Main street and this feature was one that was very much appreciated.

The members of the party were all uniformed in a neat and nobby uniform of knickerbocker suits with the dark blue Scotch caps.

After the greetings and the band numbers there were a number of remembrances given out to the little folks that was much appreciated and it was with the greatest reluctance that the school folks hurried from the scene of festivity.

On leaving the city the members of the party had the opportunity of a hurried view of the eastern portion of the business section or rather a part as they turned on their way to Omaha at Fourth and Main street, where the library and the Legion building on their way from the city.

SETTLE BREAD WARFARE

The warfare at Weeping Water between the city on the one hand and the baking companies of Omaha that operate trucks into that city, covering the right of the city to place into effect an occupation tax ordinance that would tax the baking companies operating the trucks \$50 per year, has taken a new aspect.

The baking companies secured an injunction to prevent the placing into effect of the tax until a hearing could be had in court on the matter. Now the business men of Weeping Water have taken a part in the affair by their refusal to handle or sell the Omaha baking products and as the result the trucks have ceased their visits to our neighboring city. The residents there in support of their local bakery will find that the latest method would be the most effective and have a greater influence than ordinances in discouraging the importation of outside baking products.

ENJOY WENIE ROAST

From Wednesday's Daily—
Last evening some of the little folks of the third grade held a very delightful picnic and wienie roast at the Country club last evening and in which they enjoyed the games arranged and the luncheon that was served for their benefit. The party was chaperoned by Mrs. Ray McMaken and Mrs. R. F. Westover and comprised the following: Mary Alice Ault, Jane Persinger, Dorothy Nelson, Betty McKinzie, Rachel and Ann Mary McMaken, Janet and Ruth Westover.

Grover Hobbs and E. H. Westcott were at Louisville today where they spent a few hours visiting with friends and enjoying a trip through the cement plant.