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## Old Time Residents Celebrate Golden Wedding

### Mr. and Mrs. Will Oliver Observe Event at Family Home With Relatives and Friends

From Thursday's Daily—  
Today marks the fiftieth wedding anniversary of two of the highly esteemed and respected residents of this community, Mr. and Mrs. Will Oliver, who are celebrating the occasion at their pleasant home in the south portion of the city with their relatives and a few of the close friends of the past years.

It was on November 21, 1879, at the St. Paul's Episcopal cathedral at London, Ontario, that Will Oliver and Miss Mary McAleer were united in the bonds of wedlock, the beautiful and impressive Episcopal service being celebrated by the Rev. Thomas Innes, rector of the cathedral.

This young couple after a few years spent in the Canadian home decided to make their future home in the United States and accordingly in the year 1881 came to Nebraska and located here in Plattsmouth. The first home that Mr. and Mrs. Oliver occupied in this city was the Fitzgerald house that occupied the site of the present U. S. Government building at Fifth and Vine streets. Mr. Oliver following his trade as a painter at the local railroad shops.

Later Mr. and Mrs. Oliver located on a farm west of Louisville where they made their home for a number of years and where their industry and ability made their work a success. In the past years they have resided at Plattsmouth and are among our most loved residents where in their quiet and unassuming way they have made a host of warm friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver have reared a splendid family who like the parents are assisting in the developments of the communities where they reside and taking an active part in the affairs of life in their home communities. The children are Mrs. Charles Countryman of Oshkosh, Nebraska; Will Oliver, Jr., of Louisville; Frank Oliver of Jamesville, Wisconsin, and Mrs. Harry Henton of Louisville and of these all with the exception of Frank Oliver were able to be home today and he will join the family circle here on Thanksgiving day.

The Oliver home was very beautiful today with the floral remembrances that came from the members of the family circle and the old time friends to remind them of the happy day a half century ago when they had pledged their vows of love and which have endured in these years to make a beautiful sunset dream of the closing years as they enjoy the decline of life together.

## DEATH OF FORMER RESIDENT

From Thursday's Daily—  
Mrs. D. C. Morgan, who is visiting here from Los Angeles with the old friends, received word today of the death of the past week at Los Angeles of Mrs. Wayne Twitchell, for many years a resident of this city and whose many old time friends here will regret very much to learn of her passing.

The Twitchell family for a great many years made this city their home. Mr. Twitchell being employed here with the Burlington and during the time that the family resided here Mrs. Twitchell was very active in the work of the First Presbyterian church and a loved and highly esteemed member of the social circles of the community.

The deceased lady is survived by the husband and one son, Ralph, the family now residing at Los Angeles where they located after leaving Plattsmouth some twenty years ago.

## NEW FIRM FUNCTIONING

The Service Chevrolet Co., of this city which has comprised in the past, Fred Smith and Harry Platt, has been changed in the past week by the retirement of Mr. Smith from the firm and the acquisition of Ted Eaton, one of the popular auto salesmen of the city, as a member of the firm with Mr. Platt.

Both Mr. Platt and Mr. Eaton are well known in the community where they have been more or less actively identified with the automobile game and are clever and genial gentlemen and able automobile dealers who will be able to give the residents of the community the very best of service in their new business connection.

The business name of the new firm will continue to be the Service Chevrolet Co., as in the past and Messrs. Platt and Eaton will remain as the representatives of this popular automobile in this community.

Read the Journal Want-Ads.

## PUBLISHES NEW BOOK

Mrs. Charles H. Mullen of Omaha, one of the well known literary women of the state, has just received from the press her new work, "Songs of the Indian Dances" which is a work filled with the most artistic presentation of the story of the Indian spirit and reverence of the beauty of the dance. Mrs. Mullen writes under her name of Cora Phoebe Mullen. This gifted lady is well known in this city where she has frequently visited at the home of her niece, Mrs. T. B. Bates and is also known here by her activities in the Daughters of the American Revolution, being one of the prominent and active members of the Omaha chapter.

## Preparing for Opening of the Fun Festival

### American Legion Is Getting Set for the Opening Date on Next Monday Evening

From Thursday's Daily—  
The American Legion post of the city held their combined November and December meeting last evening at the community building as the holidays will cause the regular December meeting to be held up and the one last evening cared for the two months.

The session was filled with routine matters and hurried that the more important feature—work on the decorative features were arranged as far as possible for the Elks dinner-dance of tonight and then the final decorations for the Fall Fun Festival will be completed on Friday evening.

The decorative features this year will be much better than heretofore and the various booths will be arranged more artistically through the efforts of Chairman W. R. Holly and the members of the working crew. An entertainment program of unusual merit is being prepared and one feature of which will be the juvenile night at which there will be presented a number of the most popular songs which have musical and dancing talent, of which this city has a large number, more than the average community of this size.

At the close of the meeting last evening the members were invited to enjoy a fine repast prepared by the "show" committee, composed of Frank Rehal, Don Selvers, Ralph Pettit and Jack Tower and the only regret of the committee was that there was not a larger showing of the membership present at the meeting.

## LOCAL PEOPLE FEATURED

Of all the wealth of material available in the field of comic opera—probably no one opera has been presented more often or met with wider and more sincere success than the amateur "Opera Twins" Gilbert & Sullivan's "Mikado." Scarcely a day passes but we hear parts of it via the radio. Many of our elder brothers and sisters or even our parents recall with due pride and gusto how they sang the role of "Poah Bah" or "Yum Yum" or "Ko Ko" or "Nani Poe."

It is a very cleverly conceived satire—occasional satire on oriental customs. It is filled with charming songs, comedy and truly humorous situations.

The Michado is being presented Nov. 29, 1929 at Peru State Teachers College auditorium at 8:00 p. m.

G. Holt Steck, director of the vocal department is directing the production. Mr. Steck is peculiarly fitted for his task, having sung the role of Ko Ko with the Tanley Opera Co. of Chicago for 4 years.

Plattsmouth should feel proud of three of her young people who are in the cast—Bernard Galloway sings in the picked chorus, and Margaret Engelkemier sings the role of "Yum Yum" and Leona Hudson the role of "Katsusha." It is seldom that a freshman gains recognition in a major college function—but in the cast of nine principles two are freshman and Miss Hudson is one of them.

## REACHING WINTERY CONDITION

From Thursday's Daily—  
Today registered the coldest of the season so far, the mercury falling to 11 degrees above zero at 8 o'clock at the Burlington station and bringing with it a chilling breeze and snowfall that made the continuation of the bad road conditions. The fall of the snow may mark a continuation of the bad road conditions as the continued bad weather for practically the last few weeks has not permitted very much improvement in the streets or highways.

## Police Judge Charles Graves Enjoys Birthday

### Head of the City Court Passes His Sixty-Eighth Anniversary—Tells of Old Times.

From Saturday's Daily—  
Police Judge Charles L. Graves is today observing the passing of his sixty-eighth birthday and with the exception of a few years this period of time has been passed in Cass county.

Learning of the anniversary of the great Judge, the representative of the Journal called at the city hall to interview the court whose citizen tresses bear little of the marks of his age. Judge Graves acknowledged his anniversary and also that he was a native of Iowa, having been born at Hillsdale, across the river in Mills county, where his parents, William W. and Mahalah Graves settled at an early day and resided for a time before they came on west to Nebraska and Cass county which was to be their home for many years.

The Judge was asked of some of the old time incidents and friends of the past while Judge Graves was a resident at the town of Old Rock Bluffs and under the spirit of long ago the court finally yielded and started to talk over the old times and friends that he had known many years ago:

"Well, Frank, since you have asked me, I don't mind telling you that I am the youngest of a family of twelve children, of whom six are now living, my oldest sister passed away in 1926 at the age of 88, and my oldest brother, Alex, will celebrate his 89th birthday next Tuesday at his home in Murray. Our mother passed away ten years ago at the age of 99. The ages of the six now living total 465 years or an average age of 78 years.

Our parents brought us to Cass county in 1864 and located in a small house in this city on the corner near the alfalfa mill and near the old county jail, and later the family moved to Rock Bluffs, where my first "schooling" was at the knee of Miss Rannie Towner, now Mrs. Rannie Tishue and living in Seward, and my limited education was finished under the direction of the late Judge B. S. Ramsey. The later years in "Old Rock Bluffs" were full of interest and much pleasure for my young men, where I played baseball with Jim and Tom Patterson, Mark White, my brother, Shered, Chet Smith, Lon Lacy, George Smith, Wyatt Hutcherson, Tap Lacy, Jeff Lewis and others, when we often had our opponents Will Vivian, Charley Duke, Morris O'Rourke, Whitney Miller, Kelly Fox and leaders of the Plattsmouth team with Charley Warren, a barber, as the principal "rooter" for the Plattsmouth boys. It was only a short time later that I first met my musical friend, Eddie Schulmet, who was then trying (successfully) to blow discords from an old alto horn in the B. & M. band here in Plattsmouth. Ah, those were the good old time, augmented later by my acquaintance with many Plattsmouth people while reading law in the office of the late Allen Beeson, Sr., and Judge A. N. Sullivan whose office was then (1886) in the old Union Block. My financial worries were then overcome (in part at least) by teaching the school at Eight Mile Grove, where I had among my pupils and best friends Major Hall, Hurd Minford, Colonel Jenkins and Ran Minford, as well as pupils from the families of the late Peter Perry, Joe Lloyd, Ross Morrow and others. One year in Kearney, Neb., (but not in the reform school) was followed by my return to "Old Cass" and locating at Union, now one of the best towns in the county, which I saw grow from a little "tank town" to the flourishing little city it now is.

"The county seat had attractions, both business and social, and about two years ago Attorney A. L. Tidd and myself entered into a verbal agreement after ten minutes talk, whereby I share office with him, and that little arrangement has never since been mentioned by either, and evidently it has proven satisfactory to both."

## OUR LADY LAWYER

From Friday's Daily—  
This morning the visitors at the county court had the privilege of hearing Mrs. D. O. Dwyer, who is studying for the legal profession, try a case in the court that covered a claim in a case from Union over an auto. Mrs. Dwyer handled the case very ably and with calmness and poise as she carried on the examination of witnesses and argued the various technical questions that arose and this in view of being pitted against one of the most astute members of the local bar, W. A. Robertson. While Mrs. Dwyer has assisted her distinguished husband on many occasions in trial this is the first time that she has been in the court in her own case and from her showing, the male members of the bar had best beware of this feminine follower of Blackstone in the trial of cases.

## WM. DELES DERNIER DIES

From Friday's Daily—  
A message received here this morning at 11 o'clock announced that William Deles Dernier, one of the most prominent residents of the county, had died at his home in Elmwood.

Mr. Dernier has long been a member of the Cass county bar and one of the active leaders of the republican party in the state and county for many years and his acquaintanceship over the county was very large. He deceased is survived by the widow and six children, one son preceding the father in death.

## Plattsmouth Young People Wed in Omaha

### Miss Viola Taylor and Mr. Charles Goodman of This City Are Joined in Wedlock

From Friday's Daily—  
The marriage of two of the well known young people of this city, Miss Viola Taylor and Mr. Charles Goodman, occurred on Wednesday afternoon at Omaha.

The wedding ceremony occurred at the residence of the Rev. Charles Bready, pastor of the First Methodist church and the impressive double ring service was used in the uniting of the lives and hearts of these estimable young people.

The attendants were Miss Edith Johnson and Mr. Arnie Johnson, close friends of the bride couple. The bride wore a very charming gown of dark blue crepe fashioned on princess lines with hat and shoes to match and carried an arm bouquet of the bride roses. Miss Johnson wore a gown of brown chiffon which was most becoming. The groom and best man were attired in dark blue suits.

Following the wedding ceremony a delightful wedding dinner was served at the home of Miss Mildred Maxwell and at which the members of the wedding party were the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodman will continue to make their home in this city after the enjoyment of a short honeymoon. The bride is one of the popular young ladies of this city where she has resided for the past two years and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor, the father being the superintendent of the Lyman-Richey company at this place. She is a graduate of the Louisville high school, in which city she spent her early years and where she has a very large circle of friends who will learn with pleasure of her new found happiness.

The groom is one of the well known young men of the city and held in the highest esteem by a very large circle of friends in this community where he has grown to manhood and is now engaged in the management of the New Way Castle restaurant.

## Banquet Will Feature Poultry Show Activities

### December Happy Hundred Will Make Poultry Show a Feature of Program and Feast

The December dinner of the Happy Hundred which will probably be held on Wednesday, December 11th, will bring with it the atmosphere of the poultry industry of this part of Nebraska, it being held during the time of the Tri-County Poultry show which will be held December 10th to 13th inclusive.

The program will be largely devoted to giving the residents of the city the opportunity of meeting the visiting exhibitors, the superintendents and officers of the show and association that is sponsoring it and learning something of this large and growing factor of Nebraska wealth—poultry.

The place of the supper will be announced later but it will no doubt be at one of the local churches as the Legion community building will be occupied by the show itself, but the church papers are able to care for the crowd that will not doubt wish to attend the event and enjoy the opportunity of meeting our visitors among whom will be our able and genial county agent, D. D. Wainwright of Weeping Water who has taken over this important work in Cass county.

## VERY HAPPY OCCASION

From Friday's Daily—  
The members of the McGuire family in this city received a message last evening announcing that a fine seven pound son had arrived to share the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Backer at Osmond, Nebraska. The little son was born at the hospital at Sioux City and with the mother is doing very nicely. Mrs. Backer was formerly Miss Mary McGuire of this city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGuire.

## Elks and Friends Enjoy Fine Dinner and Dance

### Large Attendance at Legion Building Where Social Evening Provided Much Pleasure.

From Friday's Daily—  
The Plattsmouth Elks have in the past presented many very fine social events in the past but none more pleasant than that which was given last evening at the American Legion Community building and which left with the large number attending, the one thought, of an evening of the rarest enjoyment.

The committee having charge of the event is to be congratulated on the event and the arrangements which gave everyone some form of entertainment whether in the dance, cards or the sitting in at the various entertaining features.

The evening opened with the dinner which was prepared and served by the American Legion Auxiliary ladies in the manner that they have delighted many other dinner parties in the past with the most exquisite of menus and unexcelled service. The menu served was as follows:

- Fruit Cocktail
- Breaded Pork Cutlet
- Au Gratin Potatoes
- Buttered Carrots and Peas
- Golden Glow Salad
- Cranberries
- Celery - Olives - Pickles
- Preserves
- Hot Buttered Rolls
- Coffee
- Apple Pie a la mode

The tables were decorated in the purple and white of the Elks with large bouquets of the stately chrysanthemums added a pleasing note to the decorative plan.

During the dinner the "Varsity Five," local youthful musicians gave a very pleasing musical program, the orchestra being under the direction of Charles Nowacek.

In the toast and entertainment Judge James T. Begley presided as toastmaster and made genial and clever choice for this position and in calling on various ones for short remarks.

One of the big hits of the evening was the acrobatic dancing of little Loretta Jacqueline Astell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Distell, this little lady winning a great ovation for her clever and original dancing showings in the new and difficult acrobatic dances. The little artist is much better than many finished performers and was a real hit of the evening.

In the songs and dances Charles Nowacek served as the accompanist for both of the little ladies.

Mrs. James T. Begley was heard in the charming "Good Bye" by Post, in her usual delightful manner and with the accompaniment being given by Mrs. Robert Reed at the piano.

## CASS COUNTY WOMAN DIES

Mrs. Catherine S. Latrom, a pioneer resident of Cass county died Thursday morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. George W. King, 141 South 15th street, Havelock, where she has made her home for the past three months.

She had lived in Cass county for fifty-six years, and spent most of that time at Eagle where her husband, who died over a year ago ran a hardware store. She had also lived at Palmyra. She is survived by one son, William J. of Lincoln; a sister, Mrs. George W. King of Havelock; two brothers, Edward Ax of Lincoln, and Frank Ax of Crab Orchard. There are three grandchildren and one grandchild. The body is at Castle, Roper & Matthews', at Lincoln.

## REFRIGERATOR CAR BURNED

From Friday's Daily—  
Last evening the fire department was called to the yards of the Burlington Refrigerator Express Co., where a refrigerator car was reported to be on fire and the blaze was extinguished without a great deal of damage and confining the fire to the one car. The fire evidently originated in the haircloth insulation of the car and may have been smoldering for some time until it gained headway sufficient to catch some of the wood of the car and was detected by the night watchman of the Burlington who gave the alarm. It is thought that perhaps the insulation was caught by sparks that may have hit there while welding work was being done in the car.

## Wrecked Car Near Union Creates Stir

### Essex Coach Found on Highway By Grading Gang, But Occupants Made Getaway

From Thursday's Daily—  
Yesterday the grading gang of which Harlo Weatherly is superintendent, engaged in some road work along the K. T. highway one mile north of Union when they started work discovered a wrecked Essex coach bearing a Kansas license which had during the night crashed into the road grader that had been left along the roadway, the driver of the car evidently ignoring the lanterns that had been placed on the grader by the workmen when they had ceased work for the night.

The car was found to be rather liberally sprinkled with blood and also some whiskey was found in the car and the superintendent of the grading force came into Plattsmouth and notified the office of Sheriff Bert Reed. Sheriff Reed being absent at the time at Louisville, Constable Tom Svoboda drove down to the scene of the accident and discovered the car and the facts above stated as to its condition and on returning left word for the workmen to keep track of the car.

Last evening on the request of Sheriff Reed one of the Union garages sent a truck out to haul in the car and it was found that the car had been already taken by a truck whose driver claimed to represent the owners of the car and it was taken on into Syracuse to be repaired.

It was learned by the authorities later that the parties in the car were not seriously injured in the accident and had made their way on to Omaha Wednesday morning through the aid of a passing motorist.

## ENJOY GOLDEN WEDDING

From Friday's Daily—  
The golden wedding anniversary at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Oliver in the southwest part of the city yesterday, was enjoyed by a group of the relatives and friends in visiting and greeting this estimable couple on their happy anniversary. A large number of gifts and beautiful flowers were received and as well a purse of gold presented to the guest of honor.

One of the most personal of the gifts received was the present of two woolen blankets which were given by the children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Countryman and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver. These blankets were made from the wool of sheep that had been raised by the Countryman family, the wool sheared off and made into the blankets especially for the grandsons.

## ENJOY COSTUME PARTY

The members of the Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church held a very pleasant social meeting on Wednesday evening at the Fellowship room of the church and which proved a most delightful occasion for the young people of the society. The members came arrayed in the gowns and frocks of other days and some most interesting revivals of the old time demands of Dame Fashion was found in the array of costumes.

The evening was spent in the playing of games of all kinds and at which a great deal of enjoyment was derived by all of the members of the jolly party until a late hour when the serving of refreshments brought the most enjoyable occasion to a close.

Christmas cards this year are the most attractive in many seasons. Call at the Bates Book and Gift Shop to inspect the new line.

## Assault Charge Preferred Against Grading Boss

### W. G. Lindsay Receives Sentence of Thirty Days in Jail for Attacking T. B. Kelly

From Friday's Daily—  
Late yesterday afternoon Sheriff Bert Reed received a call from the farm of John Rutherford north of this city stating that a man named Kelly was there and claimed to have been assaulted by a companion of the name of Lindsay and that the man Kelly was in bad shape. The sheriff and deputies drove out to the place and found Kelly in the barn at the Rutherford farm and the head and face of the man was a mass of blood as the result of wounds on his head.

The injured man was brought on into the city and taken to the office of Dr. R. P. Westover where the injuries were dressed and it was found that they were very severe and the man had suffered a great deal from the loss of blood. He gave his name as T. P. Kelly and that his assailant was W. G. Lindsay, the boss of the grading gang working on the new road to the Missouri river bridge.

The man Lindsay was arrested a short time later by Sheriff Reed and Chief of Police Joe Libershal as he was preparing to take a taxi down to his camp and was taken to the city jail and locked up for the night while Kelly was taken to the county jail to remain for the night.

This morning the case heard in the county court before Judge A. H. Duxbury and the statement of the witnesses taken. According to Kelly, he and Lindsay had gone to Omaha in the Kelly car and on their return they had driven home by the old road across the Platte bottom and ran into a mud hole and which angered Lindsay, who was drinking heavily, and Lindsay had then started to beat up Kelly with an auto jack which inflicted the painful wounds on his head.

Mr. Lindsay was also called upon to give his story and stated that he had Kelly take him to Omaha to secure some repairs for a tractor and that they had started home about 3:30 in the afternoon when Kelly in Sarpy county had picked up a man named "Blackie" and who had a bottle of "Dago Red" as Mr. Lindsay stated. He claimed that Kelly and the mysterious "Blackie" had gotten into an argument several times on the way from Omaha here and the parties had drunk considerable, the witness taking a few drinks to help keep the others from getting too much and to expedite their return to the grading camp where Mr. Lindsay stated he wished to get the repairs made on his tractor. When the car had stuck in the mud, Mr. Lindsay said that he had urged that they push it out but that there had been an argument between Kelly and "Blackie" and that the witness had then gone on to the Rutherford house to telephone for a taxi to come out after him, and at that time Kelly was all right.

Several of the officers called, stated that Lindsay was intoxicated at the time of the arrest and that Kelly was not drunk as was claimed. After hearing the evidence Judge Duxbury gave his decision that Lindsay would have to receive a sentence of thirty days in the county jail and pay the costs in the case as being guilty of the assault. The defendant will appeal the case to a higher court, he stated, in order to finish up his grading work and accordingly the court set the amount of the bond at \$200.

## SHOWER FOR BRIDE TO BE

Tuesday afternoon at the home of Charles Heebner at Nehawka, Miss Imo Heebner entertained twenty-nine ladies at a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Mildred Fleming of this city.

The bride to be received many beautiful gifts which were hidden in groups about the house and she found them beside ringing alarm clocks.

The first alarm clock was found beside a door and there were two little girls, Kathleen Markland and Marian Schomaker, with a wagon decorated in pink and white. The gifts were found and put in the wagon, then taken to the parlor and opened.

## BURLINGTON HEADS THRU

From Thursday's Daily—  
Yesterday afternoon a special train carrying President Williamson of the Burlington Vice-President E. P. Bracken, General Manager Ed Flynn and Curtis James, the largest individual stockholder of the Burlington and widely known railroad leader, passed through this city for Chicago. The party have been on the far western lines of the railroad on a tour of inspection and on their way back to Chicago, made short stops at Denver, Omaha and Lincoln.

Phone your news to the Journal.