

The Plattsmouth Journal

Parmelee Home Swept by Fire Sunday Noon

One of the Largest Residences of the City Practically Guttered by Fire Caused by Sparks.

From Monday's Daily—
Fire, starting from what is thought to have been sparks on the roof, Sunday near the noon hour, caused the practical gutting of the fine Charles C. Parmelee residence on North, Sixth street.

The fire was burning on the roof when first discovered and had eaten its way through the roof and into the large attic of the house and this was soon a roaring mass of flames and burned very rapidly. The fire department had several lines of hose soon working and battled to save the lower portion of the building from being consumed by the fire and it was with the greatest difficulty that the fire was kept from destroying the entire residence.

The roof and upper part of the house was destroyed by the blaze and the lower floors of the home damaged very much by the charred timbers and water debris that was caused by the fire and will make the building almost a total loss as the cost of the repair of the building will be very heavy. The fine hardwood floors of the house were damaged by the water that was necessary to check the blaze as it was necessary to keep the water playing on the upper part of the house for several hours.

This residence, one of the finest in this section of the state, was erected in 1909 and at that time cost in the neighborhood of \$27,000, and at the present prices the cost would be in the neighborhood of \$40,000.

The residence was occupied by the Parmelee family and the George O. Dovey family up to the past year and has in the last several months been occupied by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clouidt and family.

With the fire raging on the roof and in the upper portion of the building the firemen and a force of volunteer workers removed a great deal of the furnishings of the Clouidt family from the burning building and they were taken to a place of safety, but some of the contents of the house could not be saved.

The loss will be partially covered by insurance and the exact amount of the insurance was not learned here as Mr. Parmelee, the owner of the house was at Lincoln and will not reach this city until today sometime to look over the loss.

FUNERAL OF MRS OTTERSTEIN

The funeral of the late Mrs. Richard Otterstein were held on Sunday afternoon from the Sattler funeral home at Fourth and Vine streets, a very large number of the relatives and friends of the family being present to pay their last tributes to the memory of this estimable lady.

The services were conducted by the Rev. O. G. Wichmann, pastor of the St. Paul's church, who paid tribute to the memory of the departed lady and to the sorrowing husband and children brought words of comfort and hope.

CHANGES AT BURLINGTON STATION

The Burlington is making a change in the force of the local Burlington station, the position of freight clerk being eliminated by the management of the railroad. Mr. Chiesek, who came here from Havelock a few weeks ago to take the place as freight clerk as successor to William Krecklow, is let out by the change in the force and the work that has been handled by the clerk will be transferred to the rest of the force at the station to care for in addition to their other work. Mr. Chiesek will probably return to Havelock as Mr. Krecklow is planning on retiring from the railroad service on the first and to return here as manager of the local station of the Continental Oil company.

DIES AT HUMBOLDT

From Tuesday's Daily—
Y. J. Vejvoda, who for a number of years was engaged in operating the tailoring establishment here now owned by Fred Lugsch, died at Humboldt on Sunday, the result of an attack of heart trouble. The body was brought to Omaha and where the funeral services were held today. Mr. Vejvoda was sixty-five years of age and is survived by a number of children.

INSTALLS NEW EQUIPMENT

The Brown cafe has just completed the installation of a fine large and modern steam table to the equipment of the restaurant and which will add greatly to the convenience of the kitchen and the handling of the large amount of business that is cared for at this popular establishment. The table has large pans where hot meats may be kept at an even temperature at all times, as well as large containers which will be used for other foodstuffs and keep them ready for serving at any time. This is the second addition to the kitchen of the restaurant as a few months ago a fine modern natural gas range was installed that has been a great asset to the kitchen.

Style Show to be Held Here in April

Annual Spring Offering of Fashion and Entertainment Will Be Held 22nd to 25th

The annual spring style show and exposition will be held in this city on the dates of April 22nd to 25th, the announcement is made by the committee in charge of the event.

The show will be one that will show the latest offerings in the world of fashion offered by the stores of the city and all of the business firms of the city will have booths at the exposition to show their various lines in the city commercial life.

This event has grown to be one of the popular attractions of the year and at both the fall and spring showings there has been very large crowds attending the shows and where the showings of the merchants has been very lavish and beautiful in all lines.

One of the always attractive features of the style show has been the modeling of the ladies ready to wear lines of gowns and millinery showings and in which the various stores of the city carrying those lines have shared in the showings.

There will also be entertainment of various kinds to add to the pleasures of the attendees and the business houses of the city joining in the greeting to the residents of this trade territory of eastern Nebraska and western Iowa who are invited here for the big four days of delightful offerings.

HAS BIRTHDAY

From Tuesday's Daily—
Today, the many friends of Mrs. L. G. Larson reminded her of her 73rd birthday by sending greetings to her.

She enjoyed the cards and letters very much and wishes to thank all who so kindly remembered her in this way.

Mrs. Larson is in reasonably good health, and enjoys herself in many activities. She and Mr. Larson came here nearly 50 years ago as bride and groom, and have made their home here ever since, until the death of the husband a few years since.

On Sunday, all the sons and daughters living near Plattsmouth were at the Larson home where Mr. and Mrs. Farnk Barkus reside with the mother, made them welcome, in honor of the mother.

Mrs. R. E. Foster of Union and children, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Franzen and Donald of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Larson and Ralph, Jr., of Louisville, and R. J. Larson and family were present.

VISITS FRIEND AT HOSPITAL

From Tuesday's Daily—
George Born, a visitor in Omaha today, going with his friend via a truck, where he spent the day visiting with friends and also looking after some business which called him there. While there he was spending some time with his friend, Wm. Hunter who has been at the Clarkson hospital where he has been for the past four months. Mr. Hunter was greatly pleased to have his friend call on him. Mr. Hunter is doing only fairly, and with the very best of care in the matter of nursing and medical attention is hoping to soon be able to return from the institution to his home.

SHIPS CATTLE TO CHICAGO

Saturday night John Bauer, Sr., departed for Chicago, taking with him a load of the white face cattle from his farm and which will be placed on the Chicago market today. The stockraisers in this section are doing more shipping to the Chicago market with their stock and stock raising firm of Boedeker & Wehrbeck at Murray are also extensive shippers to the eastern market.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Fred Hirz, who has been at the Immanuel hospital at Omaha for the past few weeks, returned home Friday and is now feeling fine and in the best of condition and it is hoped has fully recovered from her former illness. The many friends of Mrs. Hirz are pleased to see her home again and trust that she will now be able to enjoy excellent health.

W. C. T. U. is Given History of Early Days

Miss Olive Gass Tells of Organization of Local Union Here Fifty-Seven Years Ago.

The W. C. T. U. held a very fine meeting at the home of Mrs. William Baird on Monday afternoon and one that was filled with a great deal of interest as the ladies reviewed the work of the organization for the past fifty-seven years and observed the anniversary of the founding of the local society.

The devotion of the meeting were led by Mrs. C. C. Westcott while the leader of the day was Mrs. Charles Troop and who gave a report on the general work of the society for the past fifty-seven years.

Mrs. Lois Troop gave a very fine reading, "A Pest," by Edgar Guest and Mrs. B. C. Kerr gave a review of the first crusade of the W. C. T. U. in 1874 in this city and brought out many interesting facts of the early days in the work of the society.

In the musical portion of the program Mrs. Robert Hayes and Mrs. E. H. Westcott were heard in a very pleasing duet and Mrs. Hayes also in a fine vocal solo, "The White Ribbon."

Miss Olive Gass gave a wonderful review of the work of the society and its establishment fifty-seven years ago and which the Journal is very much pleased to have the opportunity of printing.

"It is said of George Washington that he was first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

"Our little city of Plattsmouth also has the honor to be first to organize a W. C. T. U. in Nebraska, the first to organize a Literary Society in the state, and the first to organize a volunteer company of soldiers at the time of the Civil war."

"Fifty-seven years ago, on March 17th, 1874, the present W. C. T. U. was organized at Plattsmouth, this St. Patrick's day, and being partly Irish myself, I was struck with the coincidence of the organization upon that day. For, didn't St. Patrick drive the snakes out of Ireland? And didn't these dear women here do the same thing by driving the liquor out of the United States? The 'snakes' would vanish of their own volition?"

"It was a pleasure and a privilege to read the minutes in the secretary's book, beginning with the year 1874, yellow and rusty with age, and through the years to the spic and span secretary's book of 1931.

here to enjoy the fruits of their labor.

"Today, the voice of battle, 'The next, the Victor's Song.' 'In the first year of their organization, 1874, we find that Mrs. B. Spurlock (a charter member) had the honor of being the first delegate to the state convention. Also, later she was the first delegate sent to a national convention."

"The officers in the first year, 1874, were, president, Mrs. T. J. Arnold; vice president, Mrs. Wm. Bartle and Mrs. McKelvey; secretary and treasurer, Miss Flora Wise."

"The work of these early years was quite varied. As early as 1876 they organized 'Gospel Temperance Meetings,' which were held every Sunday afternoon in Rockwood Hall. They edited a column in the Plattsmouth Herald when Mr. Mac Murphy was editor. Part of their work was to relieve the destitute in the city. Mention is made as early as 1877 of a Reading Room for the public which they maintained for several years. When the Reading Room was discontinued the books were stored in a room in the Pearlman block. When they wished to use those books again at a later date, it was found that the rats and mice had placed havoc with the books and rendered them useless."

"The W. C. T. U. also organized at an early date, a 'Loyal Temperance Legion' for children and a 'Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union.'"

"For lack of time, we must pass over many years of successful endeavor on the part of the W. C. T. U. and give a summary of this organization as it is today.

"For the past 13 years the W. C. T. U. has been fortunate in having as president Mrs. Julia Troop, whose courage, capability and tenacity of purpose, have been an inspiration to the members."

"The officers and department heads for 1931 are as follows: President, Mrs. Julia Troop; Vice president, Mrs. Walter Propst; secretary, Mrs. V. Ann; treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Spangler. Leaders of departments: Narcotics, Mrs. Dora Tidd; non-alcoholic fruit products, Mrs. Minnie Troop; Publicity, Miss Jessie Robertson; Scientific temperance instruction, Mrs. Gertrude W. Bible in Public Schools, Mrs. John Gordon; Child Welfare, Mrs. Anna Williams; Flower Mission, mercy and relief, Mrs. W. Propst; Medal Contest, Mrs. J. E. Wiles; Sunday School, Mrs. Adaleen Boynton; Union Signal, Young Crusades, Mrs. J. E. Wiles."

"Besides the work of these departments the members of the W. C. T. U. used their influence in enforcing the law against slot-machines and assisted in securing 6 o'clock closing of business houses."

Death of Miss Dora McNurlin at Lincoln

Passed Away Monday Night at Bryan Memorial Hospital After Illness of Some Duration.

The death of Miss Dora McNurlin of this city, occurred Monday night at 10:30 at the Bryan Memorial hospital at Lincoln following an illness that has covered the past few months. Miss McNurlin was a sufferer from diabetes and with complications of heart trouble and for the last weeks she has been under treatment at the Lincoln hospital, but has continued to fall in health until death came to her relief.

The deceased lady was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank McNurlin, long time resident of Eight Mile Grove precinct and where the deceased lady grew to womanhood and spent the greater part of her lifetime, moving to this city with the father following the death of the mother some five years ago. Miss McNurlin was born February 20th, 1886, and at the time of her death was fifty-one years of age.

Miss McNurlin is survived by one sister, Mrs. R. A. Barritt, of Havelock, as well as three nephews and one niece, and one uncle, John McNurlin of this city.

Since moving to this city from the farm home Miss McNurlin has been quite active in the local lodge of the Rebekahs up to the time of her last illness and which made necessary her going to the hospital for care and treatment.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

From Tuesday's Daily—
The anniversary of the birth of St. Patrick, patron of Ireland, was marked today by a lack of the old time enthusiasm with which the day was sometimes observed in this city, probably due to the fact that in the years the Irish population of the city has diminished as the older native born population has passed on and the younger generations born here in the United States lack of enthusiasm of the older ones for the Irish saint. At one time there were some fifty-two families residing here whose origin was in the old sod, but the real native born Irish population as far as could be learned is confined to two persons, Charles McGuire and Mrs. Peter Claus, both of whom were born in the emerald isle. There are still a large number of Irish descent in the city but whose acquaintance with the land by their ancestry is but a legend and song.

Old time residents of the city well recall many amusing incidents of the day when it was a real occasion in this city and featured by many a battle among the representatives of the race of Erin and particularly if an occasion was so unfortunate as to drift into the picture.

DINNER AT PROBST HOME

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Propst entertained with a dinner at their home Sunday. The guests were Mr. Propst's father and his brothers and sisters, all of whom were present but one. They were as follows: R. L. Propst and son, Dwight, an Mrs. Elvin Green, Lake Worth, Fla.; Miss Mayola Propst, Havana, Cuba; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Snelgar, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Halstrom, Avoca; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilcox and daughter, Plattsmouth; William Propst, Miss Dorothy Propst and Robert Propst, Ralston, and Mrs. Albert Test of Mitchell, S. D. The guests from Florida and Miss Propst from Havana and Mrs. Test are house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Propst.—Nebraska City News-Press.

SUFFERS FROM BREAKDOWN

From Tuesday's Daily—
Frank Aschenbrenner, well known local service man, who has been for the past few years engaged with the Chase and Red and White meat markets, has been suffering from a general breakdown in the last few months and which has kept him from his usual activities for a great deal of the time. Mr. Aschenbrenner was at Omaha the last of the week and underwent an examination at the U. S. Veterans bureau offices there and his physical condition. It was found he is suffering from a complication of ailments, including an internal goiter. Just what will be done with his case has not been fully determined.

PRIZES ARE HERE

The window of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co., offices in this city has exhibited in them the first, second and third prizes which will be awarded as a part of the Better Yards and Garden contest which is now being opened in this city.

These prizes have been selected by the committee in charge of the awards section of the contest and will be awarded to the successful contestants when the judging is taken up. All of the prizes are selected with a view of beautifying the yards and make more attractive and will make most acceptable prizes in every way.

ADDRESSES SENIORS

From Tuesday's Daily—
This morning Miss Alpha Peterson, county superintendent of schools, was at the high school where she was heard by the members of the class in sociology of Principal R. Foster Patterson, on the subject of "Class County Rural Schools." The class has been studying the work of the city and rural schools and the address of Miss Peterson was most interesting and gave details of the work of the schools in the various part of the county and the methods of handling their affairs. The class comprises some thirty-six of the members of the senior class and the remarks of the superintendent was followed with the greatest of interest by the members of the class.

Light Company Employees Hold Fine Meeting

Plattsmouth Employees Gather at Hotel Chieftan at Council Bluffs With Iowa Group

From Tuesday's Daily—
Last evening the employees of the Plattsmouth, Missouri Valley and Avoca districts of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co. enjoyed a very fine meeting at Council Bluffs and in which the officers of the company and the employees joined in the discussion of the work of the stock department of the company.

There were 110 of the employees in attendance and from this city there were twenty-five of the force present while from other parts of the district there were present a large number.

The meeting was opened with a dinner party at the Hotel Chieftan, the fine new hotel of the Iowa city and after the delicious repast had been disposed of the members of the party joined in the business part of the program of the evening.

While the dinner was being served the orchestra of company employees from Lincoln gave a very fine program and the speaker addressed to the pleasures of the occasion.

During the evening talks were given by F. H. Brooks, president of the company, Stanley Tabor, sales manager, John E. Curtis, manager of the Lincoln district, C. C. Hellmers, assistant general manager, Superintendent Carson of the Avoca (Ia.) district, and Fred I. Rea, manager of the Plattsmouth district.

C. J. Thelean, manager of the Missouri Valley district, a former manager of the company in Plattsmouth, presided as the toastmaster of the occasion.

The meeting was one filled with the greatest of interest and it was a late hour when the group disbanded to return to their homes feeling that the evening had been one of real pleasure as well as profit.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

From Wednesday's Daily—
This morning at the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha, Miss Ruth Janda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Janda, of this city, was operated on for appendicitis. Miss Janda has been feeling poorly for some time and her condition has become such that it was deemed best to have the operation performed at this time. The many friends are hopeful that Miss Janda will soon be able to return home and again be restored to her old time health. During her stay at the hospital Mrs. Frank Dasher of Glenwood and Miss Josephine Janda are taking the place of Miss Janda at the Walling Abstract Co. office.

ATTEND CHURCH SERVICES

The members of the local council of the Knights of Columbus were in attendance in a body Sunday morning at the Holy Rosary church where they were given communion by Father Jerry Hanck, pastor of the church. The members of the council make the practice of going in a body once a year to receive the communion as a unit, alternating between the two Catholic churches of the city.

Legion Post Entertains the Service Men

Large Number Present to Join in County Meeting and to Observe St. Patrick's Day.

From Wednesday's Daily—
Last evening the Hugh J. Kearns post of the American Legion of this city had present as guests at a county meeting and observance of St. Patrick's day at the local community building, there being some 150 of the former service men present at the meeting.

In the business session of the post, presided over by Commander Harold Holcomb, the local post adopted a resolution commending the work of Mrs. J. P. Jensen of Blair, service officer of the Nebraska department of the American Legion, she having been entering in her work and the resolution was adopted with enthusiasm as members of the large group arose to testify to the efforts of this splendid lady in securing compensation, hospitalization and care for the service men. The resolution was concurred in very heartily by the members of the Greenwood and Nebraska City posts and who are to adopt similar resolutions to be presented at the state executive committee meetings as the expression of the sentiments of the service men for their tried and faithful officer.

A number of the ladies of the auxiliary had prepared a very fine feast for the service men and the tables arranged in the Shamrocks and green candles in honor of the occasion. The menu was one enjoyed to the utmost and the ladies who arranged the feast were given a vote of thanks for their services.

The banquet was presided over by Frank Smith, past commander, and a large number of the distinguished Legion leaders over the county and from Nebraska City were heard on the informal toast list.

The visitors were given welcome by Mayor John P. Sattler on behalf of the city and the local people and the response for the visitors given by County Commander Ben A. Olive of Weeping Water.

Brief and very clever responses were given to toasts by District Commander Fred Witt of Nebraska City, Sterling Amick of Weeping Water, Roy Ojers, William G. Utterback, V. E. Tyler and Lloyd Peterson of Nebraska City and Ralph Twiss of Louisville.

The chief address of the evening was by Judge F. James Cosgrave of Lincoln, distinguished figure in the veteran circles of the state and who was in service in Co. L of the 1st Nebraska in the Spanish-American war and also as a major in the world war. The speaker urged the Legion to maintain its high standard of American ideals and the fostering of the spirit of comradeship and service to each other that has marked the organization in the past. Judge Cosgrave also paid a very fine tribute to this city and the first pioneers of the territory and state who had crossed the Missouri here and at Nebraska City to found a new empire in the heart of the then unknown west.

During the dinner music was furnished by Joe Prozdri of South Omaha, one time favorite musician of the late Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria, and which was a very pleasing feature of the affair.

CASE IS DISMISSED

The action that Attorney R. J. McNeely of Papillion had filed against one of the Papillion banks, asking for damages in the sum of \$10,000, has been dismissed in the district court at that place, by Mr. McNeely, the matter being settled among the parties. This action was one in which Mr. McNeely claimed damages as the result of having had a check charged to his account that had been drawn by some other party and which resulted in an overdraft in the account of Mr. McNeely and a check being refused payment. Mr. McNeely is a former Louisville attorney and well known over the county.

STILL UNDERGOING TREATMENT

John Lutz of this city is still undergoing a course of treatment at the hospital at Omaha, it being necessary to build up his strength before an operation will be possible. Mr. Lutz, who it is thought is suffering from stomach and intestinal ulcers, has been quite poorly and it will be some time probably before an operation can be performed.

ROTARY CLUB MEETS

The Rotary club at their meeting Tuesday had the pleasure of a very pleasant and interesting address by Judge A. H. Duxbury on the subject of the Better Yards and Garden contest. The meeting was in charge of Frank R. Gohelman and who gave the review of "India" as the current topic of the meeting.

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