

The Plattsmouth Journal

Omaha Youth Shot Here During a Brawl

Paul Leihy, 19, is at University Hospital Dangerously Wounded as Result of Brawl

From Monday's Daily—

Paul Leihy, 19, 1823 Capitol avenue, Omaha, is at the University hospital in that city seriously if not fatally wounded as the result of a brawl at the residence property of George Rennie, in this city at 5 a. m. today.

This young man, with Jack Brown, 23, Clearmont hotel, Mike DeSaviti, laundry company employe and Weaver Burton, former resident here, came down from Omaha last night and visited the residence of Mr. Rennie, who was not at home at the time. One of the members of the party had been a frequent visitor at the Rennie home and had a key to the house and accordingly the quartet entered the house and according to the statements of the members of the party, merrily with some liquor that they had brought with them.

This morning as the party was waxing strong, according to Leihy, an argument arose and while he was not able to give the authorities a very clear picture of the facts of the case, he was shot in the abdomen, the weapon used being a forty-five revolver belonging to Mr. Rennie and which had been left lying around the house where it was found by Brown who it is charged fired the shot that wounded Leihy while the whole party was wrestling and milling around the room.

Mr. Rennie was not at home during the night, having secured a room at the Hotel Riley and was there when notified by police this morning of the shooting at his home. He denied any knowledge of the party that his friends had staged at the house.

The officers on visiting the Rennie home found a jug of whisky which was claimed by one of the Omaha men as his possession.

The stories of the men involved in the affair varies as Mike DeSaviti, states that he was sitting in a hamburger place near the Clearmont this morning about 4 o'clock when Brown, Leihy and Burton came in and they had been invited over to the Clearmont by Brown to do a little singing, all four being well lit up, that on reaching there the strains of music was too strong and the clerk in charge had ordered them to leave. Burton had then said, "I know a good place at Plattsmouth where you can have a better time." DeSaviti then told them that he had some whisky ditched near 19th and Mason street and they had gone there, secured the whisky and started for Plattsmouth. Burton had a key to the Rennie house and as they came there DeSaviti had invited Leihy over in first. They had not been in the house more than five minutes when the shooting took place but the first he knew of the matter was when he heard Leihy say, "you have a lot of crust to shoot me," as he lay on the floor.

Brown, whom it seems was at the Rennie home on St. Patrick's day night, also, says that he had gotten the gun off the bed of Rennie and was showing it to Leihy when it was discharged. He stated this morning as he was being questioned at the Central police headquarters that "Leihy was my best pal." DeSaviti states that Brown had told Burton to go and get a specialist for the wounded man and apparently Burton is still on the hunt for the specialist. It is thought by the officers that the trouble arose over a dispute over cards or dice and which led to the shooting and in view of this the men were being questioned by Omaha detectives.

Rennie claims to have gone to the hotel at 11 o'clock last night and to have been there for the rest of the night, hotel employes supporting his statement as to his time of registering and going to his room.

The young man, Burton, member of the Omaha party, made his escape from the scene of the shooting as soon as the affair took place, driving away in the car of Leihy, while the others remained to await the arrival of aid for Leihy and they were then placed in jail and held for questioning.

MRS. GOCHENOUR AT HOSPITAL

Mrs. Harry Gochenour of this city is at the University hospital where she has been for the past week taking treatment for gall stones. The patient has been at Omaha for a week and Mr. Gochenour was at Omaha Saturday to visit with the wife. It has not been fully determined whether an operation will be necessary or not.

W. G. CLYDE, RETIRED STEEL MAGNATE, DIES

Pittsburgh, March 23.—William G. Clyde, 62, former president of the Carnegie Steel Co., died Monday.

HAS CASE STOLEN

Dr. O. C. Hudson, well known osteopath of this city, was the victim of robbers Saturday night sometime when they entered his garage at the Herold apartments and proceeded to open the door of his coupe and carried off a case of instruments and articles that he kept with him for emergency calls. The matter was reported to the authorities who are investigating the case and hope to have the missing instruments located.

Manley Store Has Visit from Burglars Sunday

General Store of Theodore Harms Suffers Loss of Overalls, Shoes, and Cigarettes

From Monday's Daily—

Some time last night burglars visited the general store of Theodore Harms at Manley and made away with a large amount of clothing, shoes and cigarettes which formed a part of the stock of the store.

The entrance to the building was gained by prying open doors in the rear part of the building, the locks being forced off the doors and allowing the parties to get into the main part of the store.

No loss as far as could be ascertained by the owner and employes at the store this morning was confined to the clothing, mostly overalls, as well as a number of pairs of shoes and a large quantity of cigarettes taken.

No trace of the robbers could be found and it is thought that they made their getaway before the rain-fall as no tracks could be found in the vicinity of the store.

The value of the goods taken could not be learned as Hr. Harms had not completed a check of the stock this morning.

ATTENDS OMAHA WEDDING

From Monday's Daily—

The marriage of Miss Ruth Kaplan of Omaha to Mr. Nathan Turner of Georgia, occurred Saturday evening at the ball room of the Hotel Paxton in Omaha, the ceremony being witnessed by some three hundred guests.

The ball room was very handsomely arranged for the occasion and the wedding ceremony was performed by Rabbi David A. Golsteyn of the Conservative synagogue officiating.

Following the wedding a reception and dance was held for the young people at the hotel and the members of the party served a very delicious wedding luncheon.

The bride couple will make their home at Bainbridge, Georgia, in the future, where the groom is located in business.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kaplan, well known Omaha residents, and very popular in first. They had not been in the house more than five minutes when the shooting took place but the first he knew of the matter was when he heard Leihy say, "you have a lot of crust to shoot me," as he lay on the floor.

ARRANTS IN TROUBLE

S. H. Arrants, 61, pleaded guilty in court at Denver, Saturday, to attempting a confidence game and was given a sentence of two to three years in prison. Arrants was accused of attempting to obtain one thousand dollars from L. S. Loomer, York, Nebraska, rancher, by posing as Loomer's son.

Loomer received a telegram from Denver several months ago, which asked for one thousand dollars with which to buy cattle. It was signed "Carl Loomer." Loomer's son, Earl, happened to be near home at the time the telegram was received. Arrants was arrested when he called for a return telegram. He had been a farm hand in the vicinity of York.

Arrants was a resident near Cedar Creek for a number of years, and was convicted in Cass county of selling mortgaged property but was later paroled.

NORMAL TRAINERS TO TEACH

Arrangements have been made by Miss Peck with County Superintendent Alpha Peterson of the county schools, whereby the members of the normal training class at the high school will get a week of practice teaching beginning next Monday. Normal Training students are not allowed to go out for the practice week until they have completed at least nine of the teachers examinations. Six students of the department have completed nine or more and have been assigned schools. They are as follows: Theresa Bierl, District 4; Lucille Albert, the Becker school; Velma Fulton, District 2; Marie Lutz; Carlyne Thomas; Dorothy Woster, District 3. The other seven members of the class, Kathryn Stava, Ed Howard, Vera Hughes, Dorothy Hinz, Kathryn Hinz, Vivian Moore and Lotetta Taylor, will visit rural schools on Monday and Tuesday.

Debaters Win District Title at Tournament

Three Victories at Fremont Give Platters Right to Argue for State Championship

By defeating Snyder, Blair and Valley in three successive debates in the district debate tournament held at Fremont last Saturday, the Plattsmouth high school debate team composed of Mr. G. K. Kvasnicka and composed of Madge Garnet, Ed Wehrlein, Robert Bestor and John Becker, won the district championship and with it the right to represent the district in the state tournament to be held in Lincoln the last of April. The local team was clearly the outstanding team of the four present in delivery and presentation and won the compliments of the judges for their extemporaneous style of debating as compared to some of the other speakers who were inclined to read their remarks. The subject debated was "Resolved that the nations of the world should disarm."

Plattsmouth drew the negative against Snyder and it was clear that they had their opponents outclassed. The local team had previously defeated Snyder in the Midland College tournament. The local team drew the affirmative side of the case against Blair and a spirited argument was the result but Plattsmouth's superiority in delivery was again outstanding. Fifteen minutes later, the Plattsmouth speakers took the same side of the question against Valley which proved to be the hardest debate of the three. The arguments were exceedingly close and both teams somewhat tired from the previous matches but again the superiority of the Plattsmouth speakers in their extemporaneous delivery was the deciding factor.

Blair placed second by defeating Valley and Snyder and Valley third with a lone victory over Snyder. Judges for the debates were: Mr. J. A. Nelson, coach of debate at Fremont high school, Highmaster Swan, English department of Midland College and Minnie Nelson and Kenneth Burkholder, Midland college debaters.

The Plattsmouth team was rated as a championship contender due to the record made during the year when victories were chalked up against the other three schools in previous contests. Though Madge Garnet was handicapped by a sore throat, she added to her reputation as a keen, quick-thinking, extemporaneous speaker. Ed Wehrlein was complimented by the judges for his easy, conversational and impressive manner of delivery. Robert Bestor debated on the negative side of the question and his effective delivery and argument did much to win the victory over Snyder. John Becker took Robert's place on the affirmative side without as much experience as the other three, went through two hard contests in a most commendable manner. The fact that Robert is the only speaker lost by graduation, gives great promise for prospects for another year. The team finished the season with six victories and one defeat at the hands of Creighton Prep.

Mr. Kvasnicka, the coach deserves to be highly complimented upon the record which the team has made. The championship is the result of hard work begun last fall and both Mr. Kvasnicka and the debaters were enthusiastic over the possibility of participating in the state tournament at Lincoln.

Principal R. F. Patterson, who also accompanied the team, and who coached debate for three years prior to this, complimented the team with the statement that it was the best team Plattsmouth had produced for the past four years.

The interest of the public and the school will follow the debaters and their coach to the state tournament where they will have the best wishes of the entire community.

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CARS HAVE SMASHUP

Last evening a Chevrolet sedan belonging to Harry Knight, of Union, and a Star coupe, driven by a young man named Lund, of this city, crashed head on into each other on Lincoln avenue, the result being that the cars were reduced to a mass of wreckage, but fortunately the occupants of the cars were not seriously injured. The Knight car was coming north into the city and when near the Bach store the car of Lund appeared on the scene coming south and it is claimed by the occupants of the Knight car that the driver was apparently unable to keep a straight track with the car and crashed into their machine. After the accident Lund was placed under arrest by police officers and lodged in jail to await the filing of charges of driving a car while intoxicated.

On being arraigned this morning on the charge of operating a car while intoxicated Lester Bach, placed a plea of guilty and agreed to have the car of Knight fixed up and was accordingly given a fine of \$25 and costs for the offense and also had his drivers license taken away for a year.

HAS BROKEN KNEE

Mrs. Ray Ayler, who was injured very severely some months ago in an auto accident in Omaha, this afternoon fell on the steps of the United States government building on North Fifth street and as the result fractured the knee of her right leg for the second time. Mrs. Ayler has had a great deal of trouble with the member since the injury in Omaha and this accident will cause her to go through this trying ordeal again. Mr. Ayler, who was with the wife and Dr. O. C. Hudson, who was nearby, carried the injured lady to the office of Dr. Hudson where she is being given treatment.

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NUMBER ATTEND FUNERAL

From Wednesday's Daily— A number of the Plattsmouth people, old time friends of Hon. Charles E. Noyes, were in attendance at the funeral of Mr. Noyes this afternoon which was held at the Methodist church at Louisville of which Mr. Noyes was a long time member. Among those going were County Commissioner George L. Farley, County Clerk George R. Sayles, E. H. Westcott and several others. The holding of the Leihy inquest this afternoon prevented a number of the other county officials from being in attendance at the services.

Cass County Loses Loved and Honored Man

Hon. Charles E. Noyes, Honored Figure in Cass County Passed to His Final Reward.

Hon. Charles E. Noyes, died at his farm home near Louisville on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock after a week's illness with flu. Mr. Noyes had been at the M. E. hospital in Omaha for a number of weeks for another ailment but was thought to be doing nicely. It was thought that his improvement had been such that he would soon be able to be around and attend his church, one of his dearest duties and responsibilities, but his call was made very suddenly and came as a great shock to the many friends.

Mr. Noyes was sixty-four years of age and a native of Illinois and has made his home in Louisville since he was an infant of a year old.

Mr. Noyes was a member of the state legislature in the session of 1907-1909 and has for the past several years been chairman of the republican county central committee, and while strong in his political views was an honest and fair opponent and had the respect and esteem of all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Mr. Noyes is survived by his wife and two brothers, Elmer, of Robertson, Texas, and J. P. Noyes of Louisville.

Weaver Burton Tells Story of Leihy Shooting

Accidental Says Former Plattsmouth Boy—Brown Showing Revolver, Accidentally Discharged

From Tuesday's Daily— Weaver Burton, 2505 Bancroft street, Omaha, former Plattsmouth youth, who figured in the shooting here early Monday morning of Paul Leihy of Omaha, at the residence of George Rennie, was taken into custody Monday afternoon at Omaha by Detectives Keane and Godeck, and held for questioning.

The story of the shooting as told by Burton sounds the most plausible of any and bears out the story told by other members of the party as the shooting being accidental. Burton, according to the story of the other members of the ill fated party at the Rennie house, had secured the car of Leihy to go and find medical aid and had failed to return and this had caused the authorities to seek to round him up and have him questioned.

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Burton told officers: "I was so scared that I jumped into Leihy's car and pulled out."

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NUMBER LOANS APPROVED

Washington—Nearly \$20,000,000 in loans have been approved for farmers in the drought area. G. L. Hoffman, chief of the farmer's seed loan office, said thousands of applications were reaching the agriculture department daily. He expressed the belief that the total of \$57,000,000 available for loans direct to farmers would be taken up.

Hoffman said only a few of the loans approved from the \$10,000,000 fund for agricultural rehabilitation were for food.

Local People in Auto Accident at Omaha

Ernest Bintner of Near This City and Alex Fowlds, Have Accident in Big City

From Tuesday's Daily— Investigation was being made by Omaha authorities yesterday of an auto accident which was reported to have occurred on South Tenth street in that city about 1:30 Monday morning in which a man received a fractured skull but was not found until 3 a. m. in a gutter on Castelar street between Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets. A parked car was reported to have been smashed in the accident.

Alex Fowlds, a farmer near this city, is in Lister hospital unconscious as the result of the accident. At the time of the crash he didn't think he was hurt, his companion said.

Ernest W. Bintner, another Plattsmouth farmer, driver of the auto in which Fowlds was riding was held for investigation.

Visited Omaha Theater Bintner and Fowlds, accompanied by Bintner's sister, Eva, and Miss Astasia Wagon, came to Omaha Sunday night to a theater and afterwards went to the home of Miss Wagon's sister, Mrs. P. M. Egan, 2428 South Twenty-first street.

At 12:30 a. m. Bintner and Fowlds took Eva to the Union station to catch a train to Schuylker, where she teaches school. At 1:30 Bintner reappeared at the Egan house, saying: "We had an accident on Tenth street."

"Where's Alex?" asked Mrs. Egan.

"He's out in the car."

"No, we're not hurt," said Bintner. "We just hit a parked car."

Missing From Auto. Mrs. Egan went out to talk to Fowlds, and found no one in the car. In the seat where he had been was blood. Bintner and Mrs. Egan began searching the neighborhood for him, and called police, who also searched. It is believed that Fowlds got out of the car and stumbled away.

At 3 a. m. Alex was found in a gutter around the corner from the Egan home. Police are investigating a report that an autoist picked up Bintner and drove him around, returning him to the neighborhood in which he had been found. They are puzzled over not seeing him at the time of their first search.

Patrolman Earl Jay found glass at 1706 South Tenth street, which fit into Bintner's shattered windshield, but found no damaged parked auto.

ROTARIANS ENTERTAINED

From Tuesday's Daily— The members of the Rotary club were entertained at the high school this afternoon by a very cleverly arranged and splendidly presented program by the young people of the school.

The convocation for the reception was presided over by Prof. R. Foster Patterson, principal of the high school and who introduced James Best, president of the student council, who welcomed the visitors. The program comprised a fine number of the girls sextette, comprising Margaret Sheibenbarger, Jean Hayes, Helen Schulz, Constance Ren, Maxine Clouid, Madge Garnett, as the opening selection and which was a real hit.

Otto Stodola was heard in a very fine recitation and which he gave in the dialect of the land of Italy and proved a real artist in this number.

David Robinson, first prize winner of the Peru musical contest, was heard in two tenor solos, "Danny Boy" and "Sylvia," both being well rendered and a real revelation to the visitors of this clever young artist. Miss Cora Williams, head of the musical department of the city schools, was heard in two very fine piano numbers that was a much enjoyed part of the afternoon program.

Robert Mann and James Comstock, retiring Rotary school members, gave their impressions of Rotary in a very clever and able manner.

President William Baird of the Rotary responded for the club in an appreciation of the fine entertainment that had been afforded them by the young men and women of the school.

CHARGED WITH POSSESSION

From Tuesday's Daily— Michael DeSaviti, 21, of 1907 South Twentieth street, Omaha, one of the parties detained here by officers following the shooting of Paul Leihy, 19, of Omaha, at the Rennie residence here, was arraigned today at the county court on the charge of possession of liquor. DeSaviti, who acknowledged the ownership of the gallon of whisky found at the Rennie house by Sheriff Reed and the city police, plead guilty to the charge. After hearing the evidence offered, Judge A. H. Duxbury gave the punishment of a sentence of sixty days for the offense.

Weaver Burton, who was brought here last night and lodged in the Cass county jail, will be charged with taking the auto of Paul Leihy without the authority of the owner. It was stated at the office of County Attorney W. G. Kleck today.

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VISITING IN CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Duda of this city are enjoying a visit at Los Angeles and other parts of southern California, leaving for that section on Friday and where they will spend some time. While on the west coast they will be guests of Mr. Duda's brother, Fred Duda, Jr., and wife and many old time friends who are making their home in that part of the west. The little daughter, Joan, is remaining here with the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kaufmann.

Find Leihy Death Result of Accidental Revolver Shot

Jury Releases Jack Brown From Criminal Responsibility for Death of Friend.

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The news of the death was telephoned by hospital authorities to Sheriff Bert Reed and County Attorney W. G. Kleck, and at once steps were taken to call an inquest on the shooting and to determine the findings as to whether it was an accident or the shot fired with intent to kill Leihy. The jury impaneled was composed of John Ledgway, William Starkjohn, Carl Kunsman, George Born, Ray Campbell, Philip Born.

The jury was taken to Omaha and viewed the body of the unfortunate youth, the victim of the shooting, as well as hearing the testimony of the interns at the hospital to whom the lad had recounted the accident.

The story told by Leihy was that the shooting was purely accidental, that he had come with the party willingly and had been standing with the other looking at the elaborately decorated forty-five revolver that belonged to Mr. Rennie and which Brown had taken from where the owner had left it and was showing it to the Omaha visitors, when it was accidentally discharged. All of the party were friends, the young man had stated to the hospital attendants.

The further testimony was heard this afternoon at the court house, with Jack Brown, the man who held the gun when the shot was fired, Weaver Burton and Mike Savi. The testimony showed that the trip here was the result of a sudden plan after a drinking party in Omaha, that Savi had brought with him a gallon of whisky that he showed to Leihy and which was later found in the Rennie home. The members of the party were not having any trouble and the shot from the revolver came while Brown, Leihy and Burton were looking the weapon over and according to Burton, he saw Brown take the shot down last Thursday to visit Rennie and at that time Brown had admired the gun and when the party was here early Monday he had gone into the bedroom of Rennie, who was not at home, secured the gun, brought it out and was showing it when it was discharged, the bullet, at short range entering the abdomen of Leihy and inflicting a very severe wound.

The jury after the hearing of the evidence and deliberating on the issues, decided that the death of Leihy was the result of a bullet fired accidentally from the gun held by Jack Brown and relieving Mr. Brown of any criminal responsibility in the matter.

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Pioneer of the West Called to Last Reward

C. C. Despain of This City Dies at Masonic Home in This City at Age of 92 Years.

From Tuesday's Daily— This morning at 4 o'clock at the Nebraska Masonic Home occurred the death of C. C. Despain, pioneer resident of the west and of the city of Plattsmouth after attaining the great age of more than ninety-one years.

Mr. Despain has been very active in his lifetime and the story of his life is filled with much of the glamour and romance of the old west when the hardy pioneers engaged in the task of empire building in the little known sections of the country. He was born October 4, 1839, at Macomb, McDonough county, Illinois, to which section his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Despain had come from their native home in Kentucky in 1831. When he had attained the age of fifteen years the parents came on far west to the state of Iowa and settled near Abbia in Monroe county, Iowa, and here Mr. Despain grew to manhood. In the winter of 1851-52 Mr. Despain attracted by the stories of the great gold fields in northern California and in the Nevada fields as plentiful as had been pictured, Mr. Despain took a journey northward into Idaho, then a wild and unsettled country that was largely the domain of the Indian and here he had many adventures. Finally tiring of the life in the far west he came to Salt Lake City and there joined a wagon train of the Mormons that was starting east and which took the members of the party as far east as old Fort Kearney, on the banks of the Platte river in Nebraska where the party was split up and Mr. Despain came on to the frontier town of Omaha where he arrived on June 18, 1854, and has since that time largely made his home in this part of Nebraska. Mr. Despain moved to St. Mary's, a pioneer trading post along the Missouri just below Council Bluffs and where he met and became acquainted with Miss Elvira Heppner, a daughter of Major George Heppner, who had settled there in 1855 and was one of the representatives of the government in dealing with the Indians. At the Heppner home on December 25, 1854, Mr. Despain and Miss Heppner were united in marriage and after a few months in the old town of Iowa, they moved to Plattsmouth and settled in Eight Mile Grove where Mr. Despain farmed for the summer and in the fall of that year moved into Plattsmouth where his parents in the meantime had settled at the home at 1103 North Tenth street, which is still occupied by the daughter of Mr. Despain, Mrs. Stella Persinger and family. Since 1865 the family largely made their home there, although Mr. Despain was engaged for some years in shipping and feeding cattle in the Dakotas. The family resided in their home here. While a resident of Iowa, Mr. Despain was raised in Masonry in Excelsior lodge at Council Bluffs, demitting to Plattsmouth lodge No. 6 some thirty-seven years ago.

Mr. Despain was one of the two surviving children of a family of ten, and on November 27, 1928, suffered the bereavement of the loss of his life's companion who was called to the last long rest. Mr. Despain has three children living: Mrs. Stella Persinger of this city, Albert N. Despain of Seattle, Washington, and Donald Despain of Chicago.

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