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## Naturalization Ceremonies at Court House

Impressive Patriotic Services Mark the Induction of Group of New Citizens.

From Monday's Daily—  
This morning at the opening of the April term of the district court there was held the naturalization hearings and at which six new citizens were formally given their final papers. Charles Warren Beard of Louisville, Louis A. Mueller, Luis Anna Zaiser, Carl Otto Zaiser of Avoca, Andrew K. Frolich of Louisville and Karolina Guehstorff of Wash.

Before the examinations were taken up by the representative of the United States government before Judge James T. Begley, a short patriotic program was given by the various societies of this city.  
Mrs. E. H. Wescott, state regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution was present and with Mrs. J. S. Livingston extended the greetings of their society to the new citizens. Mrs. Wescott spoke at some length and presented the D. A. R. manual of citizenship to the new citizens.  
On behalf of the Women's Relief Corps Mrs. Robert Troop, president, gave a very beautiful reading, "The Flag" and which she said tribute to the banner of the country.  
Mrs. William Woolcott on behalf of the W. R. C. presented the "American's Creed," on behalf of her organization to the new citizens.  
Mrs. C. A. Rosenkrans, on behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary presented flags and the flag code to the members of the class of citizens.

## FUNERAL OF J. W. BARNARD

The funeral of J. W. Barnard was held on Saturday afternoon from the Sattler funeral home at Fourth and Pine street and which she said tribute to the banner of the country.  
The Rev. C. O. Troy, pastor of the First Methodist church, had charge of the services and gave words of comfort to the members of the bereaved family and the old friends.  
The services were held at 2 p. m. and Mrs. Wescott gave two of the old and loved hymns.

## MARRIED AT GLENWOOD

The marriage of Miss Wilma Schless and Mr. Lawrence Baner of this city, occurred on Saturday afternoon at Glenwood, Iowa. The wedding was a very quiet one, the young people motoring to the Iowa city for a wedding ceremony. The ceremony was broken to the relatives and friends.

## CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. J. W. Barnard and family, and relatives wish to express their thanks to friends and neighbors in their bereavement.—Mrs. J. W. Barnard and Family.

## SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

Clarence Forbes, Jr., popular member of the junior class of the high school and one of the leading figures in the school athletics, has for the past few days been confined to his home by an attack of pneumonia. Clarence is now showing some improvement and it is thought is over the crisis of his case, but for a few days his condition was very grave, especially on Saturday when his case was at the worst and aroused the greatest fear on the part of the family and the attending physician. His improving condition is most pleasant news to the many friends of this fine young man.

## CAR VS. COW

From Tuesday's Daily—  
C. A. Marshall of this city had a most unpleasant experience yesterday on the highway near Murray when his car and a cow belonging to John Hoberheidt, Jr., had a collision. The radiator of the car of Mr. Marshall was damaged to some extent but fortunately no other damage was done and the cow escaped without serious injury. As the car came along the cow rushed into the roadway and before the driver could stop the car it had crashed into the cow.

## FEELING MUCH BETTER

The many friends of John Lutz, veteran Burlington employe, were very much pleased to see him down in the business section of the city Saturday afternoon after several weeks of illness. Mrs. Lutz has suffered very much from ulcers of the intestines and stomach and was under observation and treatment at the Immanuel hospital at Omaha for some two weeks. He is now doing very nicely and it is hoped that the treatment and diet will give him permanent relief from the trouble which he has been afflicted.

## Death Comes to John A. Gutsche, Former Mayor

Passes Away at Home at Cleveland, Ohio, Sunday Evening at Age of 77 Years.

From Monday's Daily—  
The message was received here this morning by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ofe, announcing the death of their old time friend and neighbor, John A. Gutsche, for many years a resident here and former mayor of Plattsmouth.  
The death of Mr. Gutsche occurred Sunday night at Cleveland, Ohio, where he was engaged with the Burlington over a long period of years, being the foreman of the brass foundry here for a great many years and until he left this city some twenty-eight years ago for New York where he carried on the superintendency of a large foundry for a number of years and later located at Cleveland.  
Mr. Gutsche was a very active leader in the democratic party in Cass county for many years and was elected mayor of Plattsmouth in 1896 and served two years in that office. He was a member of the city council from the fourth ward for a great many terms and retained a very keen and active interest in the affairs of the city during his residence here.  
Mr. Gutsche is survived by the wife and one daughter, Mrs. Hugh Robinson, of Cleveland, Ohio, the only son, Carl, and one daughter, preceded the father in death.  
The funeral and burial service will be at Cleveland as far as known here.

## RAILROADS HELP ON VIADUCTS.

Three overhead passes, or viaducts, above railroad tracks will be built in connection with these highway developments. Railroad companies, the governor said, have agreed to spend \$110,000 upon them.  
The viaduct will be erected near the western edge of Grand Island. Another will provide a crossing on U. S. highway No. 30 above the Missouri Pacific tracks at Wyoming, in Otoe county. The third is a passage way over the Northwestern line between Arlington and Plattsmouth.

## TO BROADCAST ON EARLY HISTORY OF CITY

Miss Olive Gass, member of one of the pioneer families of this community and who was for many years identified with the teaching force of the city schools is to tell the story of the early history of Plattsmouth over the radio on next Saturday morning.  
The special historic broadcast will be over station WOW at Omaha and will be made at 11 a. m. on Saturday.

## CAST FOR PLAY

The cast for the Senior Class Play "Holiday," was chosen last week and practices began this week under the direction of Miss Mary Jane Tidball. The play is an outstanding successful comedy drama and will be given at the Parmelee theatre on the evening of May 1, 1931.

## RECEIVES HIGH HONOR

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Edgar Wescott, junior at the University of Nebraska, was yesterday elected as president of the Beta Theta Phi fraternity in which he has been an active figure since taking up his studies at the university. Mr. Wescott is the chairman of the rushing committee of his fraternity at the commencement of the school year. The election is a very fine expression of the esteem in which the young man is held by his close and intimate associates at the university and there is no doubt that under his able management the Betas will find that they have chosen well for their leader. Mr. Wescott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wescott of this city and a graduate of the class of 1928 of the Plattsmouth high school.

## Fort Crook Viaduct Contract to be Let Soon

Part of \$2,340,000 Road Letting Contract to be Held on April 30th at Lincoln.

Another 323 miles of state highway construction for which bids are to be taken on April 30th, for a total estimated expenditure of \$2,340,000 in federal and state funds, has been added to the 1931 highway program in Nebraska. Information to this effect was given to the press Saturday by Governor Bryan, who said that the location and mileage of each of the various improvement projects will be announced within the next day or two.  
Fifty-three miles of paving constitutes the largest item in the batch of contracts to be awarded the last of the month. All of this, together with 54 miles of graveling, will be done with combined federal and state aid, computed to cost \$1,900,000 in round numbers.  
The remaining projects, to be paid for with state funds only, are on routes outside the original federal system as laid out in Nebraska twelve years ago, but established by law as state highways. The outlay upon them will be approximately \$400,000. The mileage to be gravelled is 183; 24 miles more in western and northern Nebraska will be gravelled on sand surface; and 9 miles will be improved by grading. One bridge is included in the last stretch.  
Incidental grading and drainage structures are covered by the plans for all paving and graveling projects.

## ELECTED 'Y. W.' PRESIDENT

Miss Marjorie Arn, graduate of the class of 1930 of the Plattsmouth high school and who is now a freshman at the Peru State Teachers college, has been elected as the president of the Y. W. C. A. at the college. This is a very distinct honor and especially for one of the lower class members to attain, and attests the popularity and standing of Miss Arn at the college. During her fall and winter course she has been active in the various lines of activities among the girl students and her services on the campus has placed her among the outstanding students.

## EASTER IS VERY GALA OCCASION IN THIS CITY

Beautiful Weather Conditions Permits Public to Get Out to Enjoy the Day  
With the weather conditions ideal for the day, Easter was a very gala occasion in this city, permitting the citizens to get out and participate in the various services of the churches.  
From the sunrise services of the Epworth League and the Christian Endeavor, there was a succession of religious services held in the city and the various churches were scenes of great beauty with the floral displays that added to the colorful settings of this great day.  
The services at the churches were very largely attended and the Easter message was carried by the ministers of the churches in both the morning and evening services.  
At the First Presbyterian church, the Knights Templar were in attendance with members of the DeMolay their guests and for the observance of the Easter communion.  
The Queen Esther of the Methodist church presented a pageant, "The Challenge of the Cross" at the evening service at that church.  
There was a general spirit of gaiety after the Lenten quietude and many theatre parties were enjoyed as the social season was again resumed.

## JURY FINDS FOR ROY WATSON IN DAMAGE CASE

Trial in Otoe County Results in Verdict for \$4,000 for Damages for Wreck Near Murray

A jury in the district court at Nebraska City Friday night returned a verdict in the case of Roy Watson vs. Harry Schreiner of Unadilla, a judgment for damages for personal injuries, setting the amount at the sum of \$4,000. The trial of the case occupied two days and among the witnesses were Deputy Sheriff Rex Young and Dr. O. C. Hudson of this city.  
The case was completed at 8:30 Friday night following an unusually brilliant display of legal pyrotechnics. The jury deliberated until 10:30 when a verdict was reached. In the absence of Judge Begley, who had returned to his home in Plattsmouth, the verdict was sealed and opened in court Saturday morning.  
The case grew out of an automobile accident on U. S. 75 New Year's Eve, 1929. Watson and a young woman, Miss Bertha Lancaster of Murray, were in a car which was going north. Schreiner, approaching from the other direction, crashed into the Watson car, rendering the occupants unconscious. Miss Lancaster survived only a few hours. Watson, battered and lacerated, claimed disabilities which, he testified, have incapacitated him from attending to his business as a partner in the firm of Watson Brothers, trucking concern.

## WINS CONTEST HONORS

James Begley, Jr., one of the well known vocalists in the high school musical department, received a very agreeable surprise Monday afternoon and a well deserved honor, when he was notified that he was the winner of the second place in the baritone solo section of the district music contest held at Omaha on Friday and Saturday.  
The winners of the contests as announced on Saturday and Sunday failed to carry the name of the talented Plattsmouth young man, although he had been requested to sing twice at the contest by the judges. In the checking of the entries and the contestants who participated, in some manner the name of James was omitted and the award announced as falling to one of the Omaha students.  
The notification of the winning of second place honors was given yesterday and the many friends here of Mr. Begley can feel well pleased over the honors that has come to him. The narrow margin of one point separated the first and second place winners, it was announced.

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Especially do we wish to thank the Masonic male quartet, the order of the Eastern Star, and those who expressed their love with beautiful flowers. May God bless you in your stricken hours as we have been blessed.—Mrs. and Mrs. R. Guy Kiser, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sporer, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Leonard, and Families, d&w.

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Silas, three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Green, suffered a very serious fall on Saturday at the family home on Lincoln avenue and since that time the child has been suffering a great deal. The little one fell on the floor at the home Saturday and sustained what seems to be a severe injury to the back and head and what is feared may be an affliction of the spine. The little one was taken to the hospital at Omaha for examination but is some now.

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## CIVIL WAR VETERAN PASSES

Edwin Bates, 85, Civil war veteran, died March 24th at 6446 South Montgomery street, Tacoma, Mr. Bates served in the 156th Illinois Infantry, Company I, during the Civil war and came to Washington 10 years ago from Nebraska. He was for many years a resident of Plattsmouth.  
He was a member of the Methodist church and of Lawton post of the Grand Army of the Republic.  
He leaves his wife, Sarah Belle Orting; two sons, George and William H., of Tacoma; one daughter, Mrs. Almeta Manspeter of Kansas; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.  
Funeral services were held Saturday, March 25th at 2 p. m. at the Orting Methodist church. Rev. Rohrbough of Tacoma officiated, assisted by Rev. McFarland of Orting. Burial was in the Orting G. A. R. cemetery.

## DRAWN JAIL SENTENCE

In the county court Monday the hearing was had on the complaint against Harold Elliott and Earl Arnold, charged with having taken a tire from the car of Gus Splitz at Union several nights ago. The two men were arrested by Marshal O. E. Keene of Union after a spirited chase and held for the county officers. After hearing the evidence in the case Judge Duxbury placed the sentence of the two men at thirty days in jail and they were remanded to the custody of Sheriff Bert Reed to serve out the time.

## FRED G. CORYELL PASSES TO LAST REWARD

Last evening shortly after six o'clock Fred G. Coryell, well known business man of the city died at the home here following an illness of some weeks from a heart affliction and other complications. Mr. Coryell has been poorly the past several months but had improved some in the last two weeks he had fallen greatly and gradually sank into the last long rest.  
Fred George Coryell was born August 20, 1856, at Toronto, Canada, and when a small child was brought by his parents to Parkersburg, Iowa, where the family was among the pioneer settlers and Mr. Coryell grew to manhood in that community, aiding in the upbuilding of the community and developing the sturdy character that was to mark his life and learned the honesty and spirit of square dealing that was to earn for him the respect and esteem of those who knew him in his long and useful life. When twenty-four years of age Mr. Coryell came to Cherokee county, Iowa, settling at Arelia, where he was married a year later to Miss Laura Willis of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Coryell continued to reside at Arelia for two years and then moved to Hull in Sioux county, where Mr. Coryell was engaged in the mercantile business as he had been at Arelia. Later the family removed to Neligh, Nebraska, where Mr. Coryell was engaged in the mercantile business at that time and then moved to Plattsmouth, where Mr. Coryell was engaged in the loan and real estate business for a great many years. After a busy life Mr. Coryell retired from active work for some time and four and a half years ago came to Plattsmouth and later to occupy his time established the furniture store that he has since operated. He was a member of the Congregational church at Norfolk and since coming here has been affiliated with the First Presbyterian church.  
Mr. Coryell is survived by the widow, Mrs. Laura Coryell and two daughters, Mrs. Frank L. Curley of Osceola, Iowa, and Mrs. Charles L. Yochum of Ashland, Nebraska. In the manner that has marked his lifetime, as life's story was drawing to a close Mr. Coryell whispered to the members of the family circle as they gathered near him, "Be honest, be on the square with your fellow man," stressing that which had been a creed of honor in his lifetime.

## MARRIED AT CITY HALL

Judge Charles L. Graves, who in his official capacity as justice of the peace is authorized to perform wedding ceremonies, was called upon Tuesday afternoon to officiate at the marriage of Miss Josephine A. Tritton and Kenneth M. Boetel, both of Omaha. The marriage service was impressively given by the genial judge and the conclusion of the bridal party motored back to their home at Omaha. The wedding was witnessed by Mrs. Ethel Jensen of Omaha and Frank Slatinsky, Jr., of this city.  
The groom is a former Plattsmouth boy and son of Frank Boetel and his many friends here will join in their well wishes to the young people.  
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## Bible Class has Notable Record in This City

Y. M. B. C. of Methodist Church Has Served as a Unit of Sunday School for 25 Years.

Some twenty-five years ago a group of some eight or ten young men of the city gathered in the small furnace room in the basement of the First Methodist church in this city to plan a class, affiliated with the Sunday school but would be exclusively for the young men of the community. The group felt that there was call for a class that would be for the boys and in which they might carry on their work away from the other classes of the church—so on April 1, 1906, the Young Men's Bible Class was brought into being.  
The next question was that of a meeting place and the solution of this matter was one that has reflected the greatest credit on the small group that launched the class. At that time there was but a small excavation under the church which was used as a furnace room and the rest was hard yellow clay bank. The class with picks, shovels and man strength dug out a small section under the northeast corner of the church and which is the present class room, although now the basement has been completed under practically the whole church.  
The first members of the class were Paul C. Morgan, James Rishel, Leander Barnes, Clyde Martin, Hugh Ceel, Barnes, Clyde Martin, Hugh Ceel, Edward Roman, George M. Hall, E. H. Wescott, David White, and Edward White. The first president of the class was Paul C. Morgan. Of the class charter members, three are still residents here. Mr. Wescott, James Rishel and Clyde Martin.  
In these long years the class has had one teacher, E. H. Wescott, who has in season and out served each Sunday to bring the lesson to the class and who has been friend and advisor as well as teacher to the many who have come and gone through the class.  
The first membership roll embraced eight while at this time there are some fifty members enrolled in the class. For many years it was the only class of young men in the city although in recent years other Sunday schools have established classes in their churches.  
Last evening the class held their regular meeting and a retiring president, Judge A. H. Duxbury, gave a very interesting address on the work of the class and his observations of the fifteen years of his membership.  
The election of the officers resulted in the following being named: President—W. G. Kleck, Vice-President—John E. Turner, Secretary—W. L. Heinrich, Treasurer—Ward Whalen, Song Leader—Harry White, Teacher—E. H. Wescott.  
As President of the class over the conduct of the class he made a very happy address that expressed the appreciation of the class to Mr. Wescott for his quarter of a century of service and presented him with a very handsome white gold watch as a token of their devotion and affection from the members of the class.

## CONTESTANTS WIN HONORS

In the district commercial contest of the schools in southeastern Nebraska held on Friday at Humboldt, the Plattsmouth contestants did very fine and placed several of their number in the coveted list of winners.  
Miss Eleanor Swatek, one of the talented members of the department, placed the first place in the bookkeeping section of the contest and her splendid work won the greatest praise from the judges of the event. Miss Swatek has been outstanding in her work in the high school and her success is one well deserved.  
Miss Josephine Janda scored fifth place in the advanced typewriting contest for accuracy in her work, she being one of the most efficient scholars in the school.  
The typewriting team composed of Miss Janda, Carroll Sutton and Katherine Hill were awarded second place in the advance typewriting class at the contest.

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