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Death Comes to Judge Begley Sunday Evening

Stricken With Heart Attack at Home as He Turns Off Radio—Twenty Years on District Bench.

The death of Judge James T. Begley, occurring here in the early evening Sunday, takes away from his activities one of the most distinguished and honored members of the bench and bar of the state and from the

state and in his service has served often with the state supreme court in hearing.

James T. Begley was a member of one of the pioneer families of Sarpy county, he being born on a farm near Springfield fifty-four years ago and where he grew to manhood and received his education in the Springfield schools. He later attended the University of Nebraska law college from which he graduated in 1906 and opened his law offices at Papillion. His first public office was that of county attorney of Sarpy county, he being induced to make the contest for that office by the residents who wished to have the liquor conditions at



community here one of its most outstanding figures and one who had given the best years of his life to the service of the people of the state.

The end came suddenly and without warning to Judge Begley at the family home in the north part of the city, at 6:30 p. m. Judge and Mrs. Begley had with them at the time of the death, Mrs. R. F. Patterson, a neighbor, and Mrs. Floyd Harding, sister of Mrs. Patterson, who is visiting here, they calling for a short visit with the Begley family. Judge Begley arose to turn down a radio and was suddenly stricken, dying almost instantly, as he fell to the floor.

Death was pronounced as due to an heart attack by Dr. R. P. Westover who arrived at the Begley home in a few moments. Judge Begley had suffered from this malady for months and had a slight attack some time ago and had just recently returned from an outing in the south which it was hoped would benefit his health.

Judge Begley has had a more than usually brilliant career in his chosen life work of the law and was recognized as one of the most outstanding members of the district bench in the

Fort Crook City, remedied, and in this he proved successful, bringing a strict law enforcement to that section.

The county board of Sarpy county appointed Judge Begley to the county judgeship of that county in the early part of 1913 and but a short time later he was appointed by Governor John H. Morshead to be judge of the second judicial district, in 1913, succeeding Judge H. D. Travis of this city. The appointment brought to the bench one of the ablest men that has held this position in the history of the state. He has been repeatedly re-elected to the bench with large majorities and the greater part of the time without opposition.

Judge Begley was also active in the Masonic circles of the city, serving as master of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, high priest of Nebraska Chapter No. 3 and commander of Mt. Zion commandery No. 5.

Judge Begley is survived by the widow, Mrs. Irma Begley, one daughter, Mrs. Dale Jacques of Alexandria, Nebraska, and one son, James F. Begley, a junior at the University of Nebraska, as well as a number of brothers and sisters.

one of the most efficient members of the regiment, has come as a great shock to the officers of the regiment and the men of his company, he having had a splendid record in his soldiering and was given the honor of having his name placed on the headquarters building of the post for his work as a soldier. He had been in service ten years, re-enlisting twice after reaching the rank of corporal. He was a member of the Fort Crook rifle team and also of the National rifle team in 1932.

A number of the officers detailed on the case were here Thursday to make personal inquiry into the case in preparation for their report.

POST IS BROKEN

From Thursday's Daily
Sometime early this morning the electroliner post on the east side of Sixth street near Pearl was broken off when struck by a car or truck. The person driving the vehicle was able to get away from the scene before the accident was discovered by police. A clue to the identification of the party has been secured and it is hoped to have him located and made to pay for the cost of the electroliner.

Happy Hundred Hail Advent of New River Era

Former Governor Weaver Is Chief Speaker at Banquet to Celebrate Start of Work.

From Thursday's Daily
Last evening at the American Legion building some 150 of the residents of Cass county gathered to enjoy a banquet that was arranged to honor the event of the start of the improvement of the Missouri river and making a great commercial waterway for the middle west.

The event was one of the Happy Hundred banquets sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and which brought to the gathering many of the distinguished residents of the state, two former governors and a possible forthcoming governor being among those gathered at the speakers' table as well as several of the veteran river boosters of Omaha.

The banquet which fittingly had fish as the chief dish, was served by the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary and the tables had as centerpieces small boats.

The toast list was presided over by R. Foster Patterson, principal of the local high school and who introduced a number of the guests of the evening, Senator W. B. Banning and Philip Rihn of Union; Elmer Sundstrom, James Corum, George Bremmer and Ralph Larson of Louisville; I. T. Collister, J. D. Oliver and W. J. Hardeman, of the A. W. Farney Co., contractors on the river work; Ray Misner, district commercial manager of the Lincoln Telephone Co.; Alex Geist and J. H. Helms, also of the telephone company; J. A. Sunderland, C. C. George and J. Willis Wolf, Omaha, leaders in the fight for Missouri river navigation and who were guests of H. A. Schneider for the event.

Mr. Patterson then presented W. G. Kleck, county attorney, who in turn presented former Governor George L. Sheldon, now of Jackson, Mississippi, who briefly greeted the old friends.

Judge A. H. Duxbury was called upon and presented Bert Hickey, county director of the CWA work and who was greeted by the banquet party.

Mr. Patterson also presented A. J. Weaver, Jr., of Falls City, who had accompanied his father on the trip to this city.

Mr. Sunderland spoke briefly of the days when he had seen steamers plying the Missouri river and the new days when this traffic was about to be resumed as the result of the excellent fight made by the men who had believed in this theory through the years.

The first formal address of the evening was by Captain J. M. Young, of Omaha, the officer in charge of the Omaha district of the river improvement proposition which includes from St. Joseph, Missouri, to the Yellowstone river in Montana. Mr. Young sketched briefly the change in time that made the work on the river necessary for the successful navigation program. In the early days there were two modes of travel to the west, the river steamers and the covered wagons. At the same time the river packets drew some two to three feet of water and then the journey was a matter of weeks and a part of the time stuck on sand bars, today the boats push barges, a convoy of eight or nine, each of which can carry as much as a small train, requiring a channel of six to eight feet deep. The scouring of the channel was to be made by the current and for this reason dikes and revetments were being placed along the stream that would insure a safe deep channel suitable to the commercial uses of the age. The river could be made suitable for navigation, Capt. Young stated, and would be, when the government plans were carried out. The Missouri river from Kansas City to St. Louis was in practical use and the stream from Kansas City north to Sioux City could also be made navigable. The building of the Fort Peck reservoir in Montana would insure the proper amount of water in the river at all times as the surplus water was impounded and held until needed. Captain Young also presented C. C. Cook, area engineer, who is located at Nebraska

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PURCHASES SHOE REPAIR BUSINESS

Frank Chovanec, well known resident of this community, has purchased the shoe repair business as well as shoe stock owned by Miles M. Allen, moving the same to the building just west of the Donat building. Mr. Chovanec is an experienced shoe repair man and is prepared with excellent equipment to look after all of the needs of the residents of the community in this line. The stock and machinery was moved today and the building will soon be ready for the formal opening of the new plant.

Deputy Sheriff Lancaster is to Receive Reward

Nebraska Bankers Association and Omaha Clearing House Association Will Present \$250.

The announcement was made in Omaha Friday evening that the Nebraska State bankers association and the Omaha Clearing House association were joining in the presentation of an award of \$250 to Deputy Sheriff J. E. Lancaster of Cass county.

The former reward for the killing of a bank robber in the act of robbing a bank was withdrawn several years ago by the state bankers association, but the splendid work of Mr. Lancaster has led to the Omaha Clearing House association to offer \$150 and the state association will contribute \$100 as a token of appreciation at the crushing of the bank robbery in this city.

This is a nice recognition of the fine service of Mr. Lancaster and one that he is well deserving of receiving.

HAVE SPLENDID MEETING

The ladies aid society of the Methodist church held one of the most interesting meetings of the winter season Thursday afternoon at the church parlors, the evening being of a patriotic nature and to which had been invited members of the various societies of the city.

The main address of the afternoon was by R. Foster Patterson, principal of the high school, who discussed the matter of "Peace and War," a timely and well given address on the world conditions today when the nations of the earth are busily arming and nervously watching the actions of their neighboring nations, the conditions being even more acute than those prevailing in Europe in 1913 and the early portion of 1914 when the world war broke in all its fury. The speaker urged a better understanding between nations, a greater appreciation of their several interests and the need for the spirit of brotherly love among nations and individuals. The address was one that was appreciated by all who were in attendance and was given in the impressive manner of Mr. Patterson to leave his thought long with those who heard it.

Heads of the various societies were called upon for short remarks. Mrs. E. H. Wescott for the Daughters of the American Revolution; Mrs. H. L. Thomas for the American Legion Auxiliary and Mrs. Val Burkle for the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Jack Figley was heard in two very beautiful vocal offerings.

At the close of the afternoon dainty and delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses of the afternoon.

Notice Farmers

We are now contracting for Sweet Corn, Peas, String Beans and Tomatoes!

Norfolk Packing Co.
Plattsmouth, Nebr.
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Platters Close Season with Victory Over Wahoo

Score of 23 to 7 for Locals—Plattsmouth Storz Hook Co. I of Glenwood 14 to 11.

The basketball fans last evening had a full card of entertainment at the high school gym in the games arranged to mark the close of the season here for the high school team who annexed a game from Wahoo by the score of 23 to 7, while in the opening the Plattsmouth Storz team tossed out Co. I of Glenwood by the score of 14 to 11.

The high school game was one in which barring the first seconds of play the visitors had no chance in the contest and were smothered by the Platter defense as well as unable to check the local offensive and had the team been hitting their usual stride a large score would have been rolled up as they were bombarding the visitors hoop the greater part of the time.

In the opening quarter McCleary scored two field goals and Hiner one for a six point start while Olson won a field goal scored two for Wahoo.

The second quarter saw the honors even as the teams battled, Hiner securing a field goal and Armstrong a free toss, while for Wahoo, Middlekuff had a free toss to his credit and Fuller a field goal.

The third quarter saw the Platters pull away from the Indians as the visitors were held scoreless while Coach Rother's boys were hustling in the counters. Cotner secured two field goals, McCleary and Hiner one each and Hiner a free toss to run the score to 18 to 5 at the close of the quarter.

In the last quarter Johnson for the visitors scored a field goal and McCleary a field goal and a free toss and Ronne made good two out of three free tosses, leaving the score at 23 to 7.

While the locals were not hitting with their usual accuracy at the hoop they played a fine floor game that had their guests baffled at all stages of the contest.

The tabulated score was as follows:

Plattsmouth—	FG	FT	PF	TP
McCleary, f	4	1	1	9
Jensen, f	0	0	0	0
Ronne, f	0	2	1	2
Cotner, f	2	0	0	4
Hiner, c	3	1	0	7
Knoffleek, f	0	0	0	0
Armstrong, g	0	1	2	1
Rhodes, g	0	0	0	0
	9	5	4	23

Wahoo—

FG	FT	PF	TP
Hurt, f (C)	0	0	0
Middlekuff, f	0	1	0
Fuller, f	1	0	1
A. Johnson, c	0	0	2
Henrickson, c	0	0	0
Olson, g	1	0	2
Chaulupka, g	0	0	2
W. Johnson, g	1	0	1
	3	1	7

Referee, George Parish, Nebraska; Timekeeper, H. Taylor, Plattsmouth.

The Curtain Raiser.

The first game of the evening provided plenty of excitement in the last minutes of the contest as Co. I of Glenwood threatened the comfortable lead that the Plattsmouth Storz had rolled up against them and lost the contest by only three points.

Both teams were minus some of their players, the Storz having Forbes, their star guard, as well as Joe Krejci out of the game while the militia boys had several out, but Killman, fast forward of the Glenwood high school team led their scoring, even though substituting.

In the opening quarter Glenwood secured only a free throw while Donat and Rummel were accumulating five points.

The second period saw Plattsmouth leap to twelve points while Glenwood with another free toss had two at the half time. Donat, Rummel and Knoffleek were in the scoring for the Storz in this period.

In the last roundup the Storz were held by the visitors while they proceeded to race along with basket after basket and threatened for a time the large lead that had been rolled up. Killman with one field goal started the fireworks, and Hall and Evans each secured a shot at the hoop and

Evans a free toss, but the final whistle cut short the rally.

The tabulated score:

Platt. Storz—	FG	FT	PF	TP
Rummel, f	2	0	0	4
Yelick, f	0	0	0	0
Donat, c	2	1	1	5
Knoffleek, g	2	1	1	5
McCrary, g	0	0	2	0
	6	2	4	14

Company I—	FG	FT	PF	TP
Osterholm, f	0	0	0	0
Creakman, f	0	0	1	0
Killman, f	2	1	0	5
Flynn, c	0	0	1	0
Keeter, c	0	0	0	0
Hall, g	1	1	0	3
Evans, g	1	1	1	3
	4	3	3	11

Bank Bandits Receive Sentence of 45 Years Each

John R. Langston and John C. Scislowski Stocially Receive Long Term in State Prison.

From Saturday's Daily

The brief life of crime of John R. Langston and John C. Scislowski, was closed this morning when in the district court they received a sentence that aggregated forty-five years in the state penitentiary at hard labor and which if served to the limit will mean two aged men will step forth from the prison many years hence, instead of the two young men who were last week soldiers in the service of their country and who Wednesday violated their oath of allegiance in attempting the robbery of the Plattsmouth State bank.

The men were arraigned before Judge James T. Begley at 9:15 this morning and at that early hour the court room was crowded to the doors with spectators anxious to witness the last act of the drama that so stirred the community on Wednesday afternoon.

To the reading of the information by County Attorney W. G. Kleck, both men readily responded with guilty to the first count, that charging them with attempt to rob a bank, but in the reading of the second count, that of shooting with intent to kill, while Scislowski readily made his plea of guilty, Langston hesitated for a few moments before he too made his plea of guilt.

The men were asked by the court as to why and how they had devised the plan for the attempted stickup of the bank here and when they had first contemplated the crime.

Scislowski stated to the court that the matter had first been talked of on Wednesday morning when Clyde Durham, who was slain in the attempted robbery, had come to him and asked him to join in a "little stickup, and to secure some guns, which he had done. He gave his age as 27 and his home as Joliet, Illinois.

Langston, when questioned stated that he also had been approached by Durham on Wednesday morning with the proposition of joining in the robbery and Durham had told him he had a man that would get the guns for them. He gave his age as 35 and his home in Arkansas, where he has two children living with relatives, his wife being dead.

Judge Begley addressing the prisoners stated that their crime had no features that could possibly excuse them as they were in the army and had taken an oath to defend the constitution and the people of the United States and instead had spread terror and might have caused the death of many in their attempt to hold up the bank with firearms. In many cases men without homes, food or shelter, had committed crimes but with them they had their living provided and received their regular pay from the government, a sum more than many received that had to maintain themselves and their dependents.

The court then sentenced the men on the first count, of attempted robbery, to twenty-five years in the state penitentiary, and on the second count, of shooting with intent to kill, twenty years, the sentences to run consecutively, or a term of forty-five years.

The men were taken to Lincoln this morning by Sheriff Homer Sylvester to start serving the long term behind the gray walls of the state prison for their banditry.

Gov. Sheldon Speaks on Sales Tax at C. of C.

Former Nebraska Executive Tells of the Workings of the Law in Mississippi.

From Friday's Daily

A record attendance of 45 was present yesterday at one of the most interesting sessions of the local Chamber of Commerce. There was present a large number of guests, among them a distinguished former governor, George L. Sheldon. President F. I. Rea dispensed with the usual committee reports in order to devote the entire time to the guests and the speech of Governor Sheldon. J. L. Hull and Elmer Tritsch were welcomed as former guests. Other guests were Claude Ruse, J. L. Root, Reverend W. J. H. Petter and two new directors, Mr. Misner and Mr. Heim of the telephone company.

Sheriff Homer Sylvester was presented to the group in recognition of his services to the county and the importance of his office and then special recognition was given Deputy Jarvis Lancaster, and he received an ovation from the directors when he was introduced by Mr. S. S. Davis, an example of the brave and courageous officer so valuable to any community. The Chamber of Commerce then formally placed in their records an expression of the appreciation for the courageous performance of Deputy Lancaster in smashing the attempted holdup of the Plattsmouth State bank.

County Attorney W. G. Kleck was then called upon to introduce ex-Governor Sheldon who was chief executive of the state from 1907-09, and has been for a number of years a resident of the state of Mississippi. In the state of his adoption, Governor Sheldon has taken an active part in the politics of that great southern commonwealth, though it is overwhelmingly democratic politically. For the past three years, he has served as Collector of the Revenue with headquarters at Jackson, the state capital. As an example of the esteem in which Governor Sheldon was held by his friends and associates, he was elected to the Mississippi legislature on the Democratic ticket.

Governor Sheldon's address on the sales tax was particularly appropriate, due to the fact that it will probably be a political issue in this state in the elections this fall. Furthermore, the sales tax has been in operation in Mississippi and he has had an opportunity to see it work and to observe its possibilities.

Governor Sheldon pointed out that the property tax situation in Mississippi was in such a deplorable situation that people could not pay their taxes, and that millions of dollars worth of farm and city property had reverted to the state.

Since this situation made impossible the collection of enough revenue through ad valorem taxes, the legislature of that state found it necessary to seek some other source of revenue and this they did in a 2% gross sales tax.

The speaker stated that the tax met with tremendous opposition from the merchants of Mississippi, but that it had worked so successfully that the opposition to it now had practically melted away. He stated also that Mississippi had not been able as yet to use the sales tax as a replacement tax of property taxes, hence that it was only another tax in their case, but one which had made possible for them a solution of a most difficult situation. He expressed the opinion that he could see no value in the sales tax for a state in the financial condition of Nebraska unless it became a replacement tax.

In conclusion, Gov. Sheldon answered a number of very pertinent questions asked by local men who are interested in this situation. The meeting was a most interesting one to all concerned and will long be recalled as one of the outstanding meetings of the year.

From Saturday's Daily
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Woodard, residing in Otoe county south of Union, were in the city yesterday, attending to business matters and visiting with friends.