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Robert Allen Bates Publisher of Journal Goes to Last Rest

Illness of Many Months Duration is Terminated
This Afternoon at the Family Home
on North Seventh Street

THIRTY-TWO YEARS LEADER IN COUNTY

Deceased was Sixty-four Years of Age and Had Spent
His Lifetime in the Newspaper Business in
Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri.

From Friday's Daily

This afternoon at 2:30 at the family home at Seventh and Locust streets, Robert Allen Bates, publisher of the Plattsmouth Journal, passed peacefully away after an illness that has covered a period of many months.

In face of the malady that was

Funeral of Robert A. Bates Held Sunday

Service Attended by Very Large Number of Friends from Many Points—Many Beautiful Flowers

The funeral services for Robert A. Bates, publisher of the Plattsmouth Journal, were held on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the beautiful chapel of the Sattler funeral home.

The wide acquaintance and the universal esteem in which Mr. Bates was held was attested by the large number that was present and the banks of beautiful floral remembrances that surrounded the bier.

The Episcopal funeral service was conducted by Canon W. H. J. Petter, rector of the St. Luke's church with the scripture lesson and prayer by Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

The Rotary quartet composed of Frank A. Clويد, H. G. McClusky, R. W. Knorr and George Jeager gave the beautiful hymn, "Lead Kindly Light," while Mr. Clويد gave as a vocal solo, "Face to Face." E. H. Westcott served as the accompanist for the quartet and Mrs. J. M. Roberts for Mr. Clويد.

The body had lain in state during the day and hundreds called to pay their last tributes of respect to his memory. The body had been at the family home Saturday evening and taken Sunday morning to the funeral home to lie in state.

The interment was at the Oak Hill cemetery, the pall bearers being members of the Journal force, George B. Mann, M. S. Briggs, William Nelson, Floyd Yelick, Frank Smith and Carl B. Graves.

Canon Petter conducted the service at the grave.

Among those from out of the city here for the services were Mr. and Mrs. Guy French of Kansas City, Mrs. T. B. Bates, Kansas City; Senator W. B. Banning, Union; Hon. W. H. Pitzer, Nebraska City; Mr. and Mrs. Victor Zuckor, Mrs. W. D. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Grassman, Miss Laura Grassman, Joseph Manacek, Omaha; Dr. G. H. Gilmore, Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Murray Kline, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Laughlin, Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Mayfield, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Mayfield, Louisville.

VISIT OUT IN STATE

Mr. and Mrs. John Beck of Omaha were in the city Wednesday accompanied by their daughter, Charlotte, to look after some matters of business and while here Mr. Beck visited with a number of the old friends. They have just recently returned from a trip out in the state, visiting relatives at Bloomfield and Hastings and report that at that time the conditions were very dry and the country through which they passed had suffered a great deal from the drought.

DOING VERY NICELY

The reports from the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha are to the effect that Anton Svoboda, who was operated on several days ago there, is doing just as well as could be expected. Mr. Svoboda is well advanced in years and his condition has not been so good and it was found necessary to have an operation in the hope of giving him permanent relief.

Retailers to Aid in Traffic Problems of City

Move to Stop Parking of Cars of Business Men in Main Sections on Wednesday, Saturday.

The Plattsmouth Business Men's Ad club at their meeting on Wednesday, voted to aid in the solution of the constantly increasing traffic problem of the city, by the adoption of a resolution that would request all business men and their employes from parking their cars on Main street or Sixth street in the business section on Wednesday and Saturday nights when large numbers of out-of-town cars are here. A fine of \$1 to each member of the club is the penalty.

Many propositions have been advanced to aid in the solution of the need for more parking space for cars in the business section and the best one seems to be that of getting a large tract where proper parking space can be provided and the cars have the protection of a watchmen. This move has been considered a great many times but never put into execution. A lot south of the H. M. Soennichsen Co. store and east of the J. H. McMaken offices has been offered several times for the use of an auto park.

The increasing flow of motor traffic has become such that some steps must be taken to relieve the situation to assure safety to the public and the establishment of a parking place that can be watched to protect the cars from pillage seems the best solution of the matter.

DRAW THIRTY DAYS

From Friday's Daily

A trio of Lincoln youths were present in the county court today to answer to a charge of draining gasoline from cars at Elmwood several nights ago. The three young men had been discovered in the act of draining gas by Marshal Sterner and who had arrested them and held for Sheriff Sylvester.

The three boys stated that they had ran out of gas while out joy riding and had taken this means of replenishing their supply.

Judge A. H. Duxbury imposed a sentence of thirty days in the county jail which would be suspended if the three would produce the costs of the case \$17.50 by Saturday evening.

WILL UNDERGO OPERATION

From Thursday's Daily

Elmer A. Webb, councilman from the first ward and a member of the Journal composing room force departed this morning for Lincoln to enter the U. S. Veterans hospital. Mr. Webb has been bothered for the past year with an affliction thought to be a fatty tumor on one shoulder and which has become so severe that it had been difficult for him to carry on his work. It is hoped that he may soon be able to recover from the ordeal and be able to return home to this city permanently relieved of his condition.

SEEKS COMMISSIONER JOB

E. H. Armstrong, one of the well known residents of near Greenwood, Wednesday filed his name as a candidate for the republican nomination for county commissioner in the third district. Mr. Armstrong is a native of the west portion of Cass county and has lived in the vicinity of Greenwood since a child. He is one of the well known farmers of west of Greenwood and a member of one of the old families of that locality. His filing increases the candidates in that district to three, William Borneimier and H. C. Backmeyer being the other candidates for this office.

VISITING IN THE CITY

Mrs. C. F. Weber and Edward Scotten of Chicago as well as Mrs. Thomas L. Murphy of Omaha, are in the city for a visit at the home of their mother, Mrs. W. T. Scotten and sister, Miss Margaret. Mrs. W. T. Scotten has been quite poorly of late, suffering from a severe attack of stomach trouble and is quite ill at this time.

Robert Allen Bates

There is gone from the scene of his active labors, one who has occupied a large part in the community life—Robert Allen Bates, publisher of the Journal.

To all who have had intimate contact with Mr. Bates, his going has brought a keen sense of the separation that they have had visited upon them. The good that he has brought to the community and to his friends will long live on in the memory of the old friends and associates.

To us of the Journal the going away of "the boss," has brought a sorrow whose burden is only lightened by the recollection and the memory of the frank, friendly and comradelike association that to all has covered a period of years. To us he has been a friend and advisor in many things, a guiding hand in the many details of the departments of the paper, whose absence will be sadly missed.

His example of courage and leadership will serve as a beacon to guide on those who must take up the tasks that have fallen from his tired hands at the close of life's fitful fever, now o'er.

When hearts whose truth was proven,
Like thine are laid to earth
There should a wreath be woven
To tell the world their worth.

Collins Arraigned in Federal Court Under Lindy Law

Alleged Author of Extortion Note to County Attorney W. G. Kieck Enters Not Guilty Plea.

Albert Collins, accused of sending an extortion note to County Attorney W. G. Kieck, on June 12th, was arraigned Friday at Omaha before United States Commissioner Mary Mullen.

Collins was arraigned under the new "Lindbergh" law, covering kidnaping and which carries a very severe penalty of kidnaping and extortion. The prisoner entered a plea of not guilty to the charge.

The preliminary hearing of the case was set for Tuesday, July 3rd at Omaha.

The defendant is charged with being the author of the note mailed in this city and addressed to County Attorney W. G. Kieck, demanding that the sum of \$50 in bills be delivered to the Harry Miller cafe at South Omaha, addressed to Mrs. Addie Spicer, and threatening serious consequences if the demand was not complied with.

A letter was left at the cafe in compliance with the threat but was not called for as officers were there to arrest any one that might claim the letter. Later the man Collins was located here and arrested and placed in jail to be turned over to the federal officers for their action.

FILES FOR REPRESENTATIVE

Paul Schewe, residing near Murdock, is one of the latest to toss his hat into the political ring, filing Wednesday as a candidate for the democratic nomination for state representative from the sixth district.

Mr. Schewe is one of the well known democrats of his portion of the county and has been active in the life of his community where he is one of the successful farmers and leaders in that section of the county.

Mr. Schewe has been a candidate several times in the past and has a large acquaintanceship over the county and his many friends will be interested in learning that he is to be a candidate for this important office. He is a student of the public questions of the day and amply qualified for the office that he is seeking.

SUFFERS PAINFUL ACCIDENT

John Royer of near Murray was the victim of a very painful accident one day this week while he was engaged in putting up hay. Mr. Royer had his left thumb caught in a pulley and tore the end of the thumb off. He is getting along now as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

Jury Acquits Gilbert Burks of Kidnap Charge

Return Verdict This Morning at Opening of Court After Several Hours Deliberation.

From Thursday's Daily

The jury in the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Gilbert Burks, which has been deliberating since Wednesday afternoon on the issues of the case, returned a verdict this morning finding the defendant not guilty.

The defendant, was charged with kidnaping Nick Hau and with Napoleon Posten and Mrs. Helen Craig it was alleged had forced Hau to deliver to them a key to a safe deposit box in Omaha as well as an order to the bank to allow the entrance to the bank.

The verdict of the jury was criticized by Judge Livingston as not following the evidence and the instructions of the court which he thought had not been thoroughly understood by the jurors. The court ordered that the defendant be kept in custody until further orders of the court.

The trial has covered the past three days and attracted more or less interest as it was one of the first cases of its kind to be tried here in the local court.

RETURNS FROM THE EAST

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Holmes returned home Thursday afternoon from their vacation and outing on the east coast, having a very delightful time in that section. They spent the larger part of their time at Camden, New Jersey, where their son, Ralph, is located. Ralph Holmes is connected with the television department of the R-C-A Victor company, having one of the chief positions in that organization.

They also visited New York City at the time the U. S. fleet was assembled for the presidential review, as well as making short visits at Atlantic City, well known east coast resort.

W. B. A. HOLDS MEETING

Wednesday evening Miss Mary Peterson was hostess to the members of the W. B. A. at her home, the occasion being enjoyed by a very large number of the members who spent the time in the pleasures of cards. In the playing sizes were won by Mrs. J. H. McMaken and Mrs. Emmons Ptak for their skill.

Refreshments closed the social portion of the evening and an attendance felt that they had an evening of the rarest pleasure.

Phone the news to No. 6.

SURPRISED ON BIRTHDAY

Miss Antonia Vanek, celebrating the passing of her birthday anniversary Wednesday, was given a most delightful surprise last evening at her home in the south part of the city. A group of the friends had gathered and motoring to the Vanek home proceeded to give the guest of honor a real surprise.

The evening was spent in games and in which a great deal of enjoyment was derived by all of the members of the jolly party.

The ladies had come with well laden baskets and which provided the basis for a dainty and delicious luncheon that all appreciated to the fullest extent.

Dismiss Charges in Alleged Kidnaping Cases

Mrs. Helen Craig and Napoleon Posten Complaints Dismissed as Result of Burks Verdict.

From Friday's Daily

This morning in the district court on the motion of County Attorney W. G. Kieck, the charges of kidnaping filed some weeks ago against Mrs. Helen Craig and Napoleon Posten were dismissed by Judge D. W. Livingston.

These two with Gilbert Burks were charged with having kidnaped and held one Nick Hau, alias Joe Campbell, at their home at Weeping Water to force him to deliver to them certain stocks that he possessed. They were arrested at Omaha and have since been in the county jail here awaiting trial.

The case of the state against Gilbert Burks was the first to be tried this week and after a three day trial resulted in the acquittal of Mr. Burks.

In view of the fact of the verdict and to avoid the necessity of further cost to the people of Cass county, Mr. Kieck decided on the dismissal of the charges as the prospects of conviction of Mrs. Craig and Posten was less likely than that in the Burks case.

Burks, who has been in jail since the return of the verdict of acquittal on Thursday morning was also released and the trio returned to their home at Weeping Water.

SUFFERS BEE STING

A tourist passing through this city Thursday afternoon from Illinois, suffered a strange accident and one that for a short time seemed destined to have a fatal ending for him. The man with his wife was riding in an auto the window of which was partially lowered. In driving along the highway a bee suddenly buzzed into the car and the man tried to drive it out with the result that the bee stung him on the throat and he was knocked out. It was with difficulty that the wife was able to get him down to the business section of the city and where the injured man was treated by Dr. L. S. Pucelik. After a short time the man recovered sufficiently to be on his way but will avoid any battle with bees in the future.

CASE IS DISMISSED

From Friday's Daily

The jury in the district court recalled to service last Monday, wound up their labors today when the case of the Manley State bank vs. Frank J. Sangler and H. J. Livingston was suddenly terminated. This action was for judgment on a note for \$2,000 with interest; and on which the defendants had been security. As the case drew to the close the defense moved that the defendants be given a directed verdict and which was sustained by Judge Livingston.

ENJOYS LAWN BREAKFAST

From Saturday's Daily

This morning Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Westcott entertained at a family breakfast for Mr. and Mrs. Mason Westcott of Chicago who have been spending the week here. The attractive lawn made a most delightful spot for the event and was enjoyed to the utmost by all of the members of the party.

Cleanup of Chicken Thefts by Co. Officers

Sifting Down of Clues Lead to Recovery of Chickens and Payment for Those Sold.

From Friday's Daily

This morning in the county court was arraigned Charles Clark of Omaha with Elvin Shryock, 17, and Charles Blunt, 18, of this city charged with stealing chickens on two occasions from the Nebraska Masonic Home in this city.

To the charges as preferred Shryock and Blunt entered pleas of guilty and waived their preliminary hearing while Clark made a plea of not guilty.

This case represents some excellent work on the part of Sheriff Sylvester in tracing down the parties that had looted the Masonic Home of some 147 chickens in the last month.

The first steps were when Shryock and a young man named Ed Price were arrested in Sarpy county after having taken license plates off a car here and using them on their car. When the car of the boys was examined a sack was found that contained chicken feathers and started the officers on this aspect of the case. With care and hard work the officers finally traced down the fact that the chickens had been sold at Omaha to a colored man named Ecton and who had some of them still at his place of business. These were found to be chickens from the Masonic Home flock and Sheriff Sylvester at once notified Superintendent Evers and a check of the flock revealed that some 147 were missing.

The sheriff with Mr. Evers visited Omaha and the place where the chickens had been disposed of, recovering seventy-five of them and the owner paid over the sum of \$39 for the chickens that he had already sold. There was no evidence to connect him with the case except that of a purchaser.

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FUNERAL OF L. J. MARQUARDT

Funeral services were held for the late L. J. Marquardt at the family home at Avoca at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, the Rev. Fred Hall officiating.

Music was furnished by the mixed quartet composed of Ruth Ruge, Mrs. Edith Maseman, Calvin Carsten and Ernest Golner. They sang "Abide With Me," "Jesus, Lover of my Soul" and "Lead Kindly Light." Mrs. Martha Ruge accompanied.

Mr. Marquardt was well known in Avoca and surrounding community having given long terms of service as member of the town board, president of the Bank of Avoca, treasurer of the church and director of the school board.

A large number of relatives from out of town and a host of friends attended the services.

Louis John Marquardt was born in Avoca, Iowa, August 6, 1878. His parents moved to Wahgo, Nebraska, when he was a child. They settled in Avoca, Nebraska, May 1, 1882, where he has resided ever since. On June 25, 1903, he was united in marriage to Miss Beckord, of Utica, Nebraska. To this union two children were born, one son, Fred, of Avoca, and a daughter, Dorothy Hills, of Beaver Crossing, Nebr. He departed this life June 9, 1934, at the age of 55 years, 10 months and 3 days. He is survived by his wife and children, by three sisters, Mrs. Eda Cocker, of Omaha; Mrs. Minnie Brendel, of Avoca, and Miss Selma Marquardt, of Omaha, and by one brother, Harry Marquardt, of Avoca. He leaves many relatives and friends.

Cass county farmers produce a full share of the foodstuff of the nation. It is to your interest and mine that their business of producing be placed on a profitable basis, for then we will all share in that prosperity.