

# THE NEWS-HERALD.

TWICE A WEEK

SEE PLATTSMOUTH SUCCEED

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## HOME WAS DESTROYED

### Friday by Fire. Heroic Efforts Upon the Part of the Fire Department.

### FURNITURE AND DWELLING COMPLETE LOSS.

#### Wind High and Fire Brands Whirled Over Dwellings Causing Dismay Among the Residents.

About midnight Friday the citizens of Plattsmouth were awakened by the fire gong and whistle calling the department to Mrs. Leary's residence just across the street south of the jail. The fire was well under way when it was discovered and the alarm sent in, so that when the hose cart maned by three or four of the force went dashing up to the burning building, the fire demon had gained such headway that the side of the building could be saved. Mrs. Leary, who owns and occupied the building, had barely time to get out and did not save any of the furniture. There was a small amount of insurance on the building, but not nearly enough to cover the loss. The wind was high and the flames from the burning building, and firebrands whirled high in the air and covered the residences on the hill above. Had the shingles of the neighboring houses on the south been dry, there is no doubt but other fires would have been started and property loss very great.

Mrs. Leary went to a neighbor and remained the rest of the night. The loss will fall very heavily on her, as she is not financially able to bear such a loss as the burning of her home.

#### In District Court.

There was filed today, in the district court, an application of Frances Skoumal, as guardian of Rosie, Charles David and Lucile Skoumal, minors an application for a license to sell real estate. The lots in controversy being numbered 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 in Block 13, Duke's addition to Plattsmouth. The guardian is represented by attorneys Jos. L. Padrnos.

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**A Question For Somebody to Answer in "Seeing Platts-mouth Succeed."**

Mr. Nash of Denver who has been in the city for some weeks promoting a land sale in Mexico, has been taking note of the progress made by the Booster committee of the city and while he admires the push and enthusiasm apparent in the movement, yet he has a question to propound and one that no doubt can be answered. Mr. Nash would like to know how it is that there is so much fuss and feathers about patronizing home institutions, while the laundry of many members of the boosters goes out of town by the basket full, at the same time there is a good laundry in town. More help could be employed in the home institution and more work done there and done just as well as elsewhere, if the work of the Plattsmouth people was kept at home for the home laundry.

Mr. Nash is preparing a list of the names of those sending their laundry away, and he says he will see if there is anything to the cry of patronizing Plattsmouth industries.

### A CLEMENCY PLEA THAT SHOULD WIN

### Inmate of County Jail Tells His Story.

County attorney W. C. Ramsey, received a communication from an inmate of the county jail, who recently pleaded guilty to petit larceny before the Justice of the Peace at Murdock. The letter is directed to executive clemency of the attorney and expresses the prisoner's penitence in picturesque language. He says that that he knows he did wrong in stealing the goods, but that he did it at a time when he was intoxicated, and his reason had fled. That he would have made a better showing in the court, but that he was "surrounded by a pestiferous bunch of surging humanity reminding him of a flock of native pelicans hovering over a carcass." The writer always stood for the grand principals of Thomas Jefferson, and if he could be released he would go right to work repairing his wasted fortune, as he was offered from \$90 to \$110 working per month by the master mechanic any day he could go to work. The appeal would melt the heart of the most unsympathetic prosecutor in any state.

It has become necessary to postpone the first appearance of the Grew Stock Company at the Parmele and instead of showing on next Friday night they will be here on the following Wednesday night and will open with "The Invader."  
Fed. 9 the time.

## MORRISON TRAGEDY

### Attempts to Kill His Wife and Father-in-Law and Then Kills Himself.

### WAS A FORMER PLATTSMOUTH CITIZEN.

#### Well Known to Many Citizens of This City and Around the County.

Sandy Morrison, one time principal of the Eagle schools, later candidate for County Superintendent, but failed to receive the nomination, from the Republican party, and afterwards editor of the Louisville Courier shot and killed himself at Fifteenth and Farnam streets after shooting his wife and father-in-law. The wife and her father were seriously if not fatally wounded and were hurried away to a hospital in an automobile. After shooting his wife and her father, Morrison turned the gun on himself and shot himself in the temple dying almost instantly. William Schmidtman and D. O. Dwyer were on the scene soon after the shooting, and saw Morrison lying on the ground dead. At one time Morrison was well known in this county, having signed the muster roll with the boys of the First Nebraska he drilled in Plattsmouth for sometime before the company was ordered to the front. He failed to pass the necessary physical examination at Omaha so did not go out with the boys. For the past five years he has been living in Omaha, and served on the police force, and later was letter carrier in the city, and was occupying this position at the time of the tragedy.

Since writing the above more facts have been learned relative to the cause of Sandy Morrison's rash deed. After leaving Cass county about seven years ago, Morrison was married to Miss Hattie Sumner of near Springfield, and it seems that fits of jealousy and often despondency came over him. Shortly after his marriage he is said to have proposed a suicide pact with his wife. Matters of difference sprang up between them, and last Friday he struck her over the head with a hatchet, causing a wound which required a doctor to dress. His wife became afraid of him and that he would take her life, she left home and went to the Monadnock hotel at Fifteenth and Capital Avenue, Wednesday to stay with her father J. A. Sumner who is a contractor. She was accompanied to the hotel by her mother and brother Morrison went to the hotel Thursday morning and inquired for his wife. Her presence there was denied by the proprietor who feared trouble. Prior to this time a divorce had been suggested. Not finding his wife at the hotel, Morrison left, afterwards his brother came and interviewed Mrs. Morrison and her mother. The brother said Sandy was willing to grant the divorce and that he desired Mrs. Morrison to go with him to a lawyer's office and the papers necessary to start proceedings would be procured. The father feared for his daughters safety and would not allow her to go, and they all three started on the mission.

When they reached the pavement, Morrison quickly drew a revolver and aimed it at his wife and fired, the ball making a wound in the head and burning a hole in her scarf. The insane man tried to shoot his wife a second time but her father sprang between her and Morrison receiving the bullet in his left eye. Morrison then ran to the middle of the street turned the revolver on himself, and after several attempts, fired a bullet into his own brain, dying instantly.

Mrs. Morrison and her father were first taken to the police station, but as no surgeon was there they were afterwards taken to a hospital for treatment. It is not thought that Mrs. Morrison is fatally shot, and Mr. Sumner has a chance to recover.

Julius Engelkemier and wife of near Murray, visited Omaha this morning boarding No 15 at this place.

## HE DIED AT DENVER

### Anselmo B. Smith, Pioneer Resident has Passed to his Reward.

### LAI D OUT TOWNSITE CITY OF LINCOLN.

#### He Left Plattsmouth Some Time in the Early Seventies. Funeral Saturday.

Baxter Smith of this city received a message from Denver this morning informing him of the death of his uncle Anselmo B. Smith at that city last night and requested him to make arrangements for service at the grave, the deceased before his death expressing a desire to be interred here. The message states no details, but that Mrs. Smith was sick also, and a later message stated that she was worse.

The deceased leaves surviving to mourn his death, his wife and four children, two sons and two daughters all married and residing in Denver. The children are Elmer E., Warren M., Lois Clara, Myrtle B.

Anselmo B. Smith was born in Eden, Vt., February 28, 1833, was educated at a private school of Rev. Edwin Wheelock as a civil engineer and surveyor and in 1849 began the practice of surveying at Eden, Vt., continuing there until 1852, when he removed to Macoupin county. He came to Nebraska in July 1856, and located in Cass county and in 1860 entered the employ of the Burlington railway as township surveyor.

He was elected county surveyor of Cass county in 1857, and held the position for six years. In 1867 Mr. Smith laid out the town site of the city of Lincoln for the state of Nebraska, and since that time he has laid out all of the townsites for the Burlington railway in the states of Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. In 1864 Mr. Smith's parents followed him to Nebraska and resided in Plattsmouth until their death, his father dying in 1868 and his mother in 1871 are buried here.

He was married in Plattsmouth April 8th 1862 to Miss Sylvia E. Mullin, a native of Henry county, Iowa. Mr. Smith and family have resided in Denver since 1871, but all of the years since he has been identified with Cass county interests. He was a stock holder in the Commercial Bank of Weeping Water, and was the only one among them who valued his honor and to discharge his obligation to the depositors, at one time he sent the receiver a check for over \$6000. His landed interests in the county have been large, and his visits to this city frequent. He was here for the last time the latter part of November.

The remains will arrive in Platts-mouth Saturday morning on No. 6 and will be taken to the residence of his nephew, Baxter Smith on North Third street, from which the funeral procession will start at 10 a. m. There will be a short service at the cemetery, conducted by Canon Burgess.

#### The Proper Spirit.

Several interested property owners adjacent to Third, Fourth and Fifth streets south of Main, have indicated their willingness to have those streets paved, for a block south of Maine. This would certainly be an improvement which would be appreciated by every one in the city, as it would do away with much of the mud now carried onto Main street.

No doubt farmers would appreciate this improvement also, as they have great difficulty, during muddy seasons, in hitching their teams and in getting to their rigs with bundles or merchandise of any kind. The matter should be acted upon at once, and a petition circulated for the interested lot owners to sign, and while the work is being done on Vine, and the cross streets, complete the job by taking in the streets on the south side of Main for a block. There would be no expense to the city in this as the intersections are already paved.

Bill Hendrixson was a passenger to the metropolis on the early train today.

## THE BIG GOVERNMENT DAM COMPLETED.

### The Highest Masonry Dam in the World.

On Sunday, January 16th, at 2:00 p. m. the United States Government completed the highest masonry dam ever built anywhere at any time. This dam also has the smallest spread, from base to top, of any dam of a considerable height ever built.

The dam is between Rattlesnake and Cedar mountains in the Northwestern part of Wyoming, seven miles west of Cody and about sixty miles east of Yellowstone Park. The dam is 70 feet across at the base of the foundation, 108 feet wide at the river level and 170 feet wide at the top. It was started in 1905 and has been five years in building. Almost 100,000 barrels of cement and 90,000 tons of granite were required to complete the masonry work. It is built into the channel of the Shoshone river for the purpose of impounding the waters of that stream to converse them for irrigating what is known as the lands of the Shoshone Irrigation project, comprising 150,000 acres of land lying along the banks of the Shoshone River and along the Burlington Railroad to the east of Cody. When the waters are impounded, they will form a lake of ten square miles with an average depth of 70 feet and a capacity of 148,588,512,000 gallons, or enough water to cover 456,000 acres with water one foot deep—enough water to irrigate more than twice the acreage of the Government Project.

Upon this dam and other engineering works of this project, which include an outlet tunnel through the solid rock, a diversion dam at Corbett and a tunnel therefrom three and one half miles long through the solid rock, the Government is spending about \$7,000,000, or almost one-seventh of the total amount—\$50,000,000—thus far expended on the various Government irrigation projects scattered throughout the country.

During the past year hundreds of settlers have taken up lands under this project and have done exceptionally well, even for a first year.

The lands of the project are reached by the Burlington Route, which is spending millions of dollars in the construction of new lines through this rich and fertile country—known as the Big Horn Basin of Wyoming.

## THEY WENT TO THE LAW

### Deputy Sheriff Manspeaker Gets Busy and Puts in Lively Time.

### DEFENDANT HAD LEFT THE COUNTRY.

#### Was Unkind Enough not to Leave Creditors his Postoffice Address.

Litigation which has engaged the attention of Justice of the Peace M. Archer for a short time and kept Deputy Sheriff E. Manspeaker, on the jump for two days was brought to a close this morning. The suit was by Earnest Young of Nehawka, who sued Albert Jones for work and labor done at threshing and in running a threshing machine to the sum of \$27.64. Garnishment proceedings were instituted against Z. Shrader and W. K. Sherherdson, two men living near Nehawka. The answer day for the garnishee was set for today. Mr. Shrader answered that he had in his possession property of the defendant Jones consisting of corn in an amount more than sufficient to pay the claim and costs. Mr. Shepherdson answered that he had \$1.50 in his possession belonging to the defendant. Judgment was entered by the court against the defendant for the full amount of the claim and costs and Mr. Shrader ordered to pay into court the proceeds of the corn as soon as the same could be marketed.

The defendant is a single man and had departed for other territory, with out leaving his post office address, which makes it very inconvenient for creditors to present their claims.

H. C. McKinney, of Indianola, who has been the guest of his cousin Enock Mason for a few days, left for his home this morning. Mr. McKinney was formerly a resident of Plattsmouth and employed by the Burlington. He is now engaged in the confectionary business.

## A "Friend Making" Sale

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