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## NAVIGATION ON MISSOURI

### Good Old Times May be Revived on the Big Muddy.

### VOYAGE OF OMAHA BOAT MAY START RIVER TRADE

#### First Freighter of Years Piled up the Missouri Yesterday With Cargo.

The putting out from the Douglas street dock yesterday at Omaha of the new ship "The Eagle" may mean a striver in the revival of a great industry that once flourished at this city, that of Missouri river transportation. On the principal of the old proverb, "Mighty oaks from little acorns grow" it is expected the little thirty-ton gasoline propelled freighter will be the originator of a new fleet of cargo carriers on the Big Muddy and that within a few years the dirty waters will again be dotted with boats, but this time in greater numbers than rode it's waters when this country was in its infancy. This little forerunner of the boats to some will nose her way up stream to Decatur, Ia., where she will unload her first shipment, a twenty-five ton cargo which consists mostly of Omaha goods. The good ship Eagle is the property of W. A. Smith of California Junction, Ia., who is putting the craft on the river in attempting to prove his idea that river transportation on the Missouri will be a paying proposition even though the stream be a troublesome one for navigation and the freight traffic is now firmly held by the railroads. His boat takes but two feet of water when loaded and consequently can be used at nearly any place along the stream.

If this lonely ship makes good, which it is firmly expected to do, it will be but a short time before it will have many companions, and their course will not be confined to points above Omaha, but lines will be operated between that point and St. Joseph, Kansas City and the intermediate cities. A stock company for the development of this traffic and the placing of a commercial fleet on the river was formed last year but it will be some time before they will really commence operations. When they do, the old river bottom at Plattsmouth will again show signs of activity and the freighter's will once more tie up at the city door. However their landing will not be the same place it formerly was, for the spot where the steamers once lashed their moorings is now a stock pasture, a number of feet above water level and over which a man may travel in a buggy on a smooth road where thirty-five years ago, he would have plied up the current in a steam boat.

This river navigation is an airy feather which will be stuck in Plattsmouth's hat some day in the future which means a nice plum for the city without the bitter taste that so many good things leave. It is true it will bring Plattsmouth closer to Omaha, which the Lord knows is close enough now to take away a powerful big share of the trade which belongs to the home merchant. But the river boats will not cut any figure in the passenger traffic with the city while it will materially lower the freight rates with the market. With Plattsmouth as a landing point of importance the revived industry will give employment to a number of people and also offer the city additional service with the productive centers of the south.

#### T. J. Sokol Dance.

On Saturday May 14, the T. J. Sokols have arranged to give another social dance at their hall. The M. W. A. Orchestra have been engaged and a fine time is assured for all. Remember you are invited to attend. 176-St.

#### Former Principal to Idaho.

W. G. Brooks, the finely educated young man who held the position of principal of the Plattsmouth High school last year, has recently secured the office of superintendent of schools at Caldwell, Idaho. The announcement of the good promotion of the young man was a pleasant piece of news that reached the ears of his many friends in the city today. At present Mr. Brooks is holding the position of superintendent at Fairmont and will not take up the new work until the beginning of the next school year. The change which the gentleman is expected to make will mean a gratifying move toward the better for the young man for at Caldwell he will have charge of a force of twenty-five teachers.

#### New Barber Shop Fixtures.

The two hustling proprietors of the Riley barber shop have got the improvement fever and are proceeding to throw everything out of the shop that does not look up to date. They have taken out the small mirrors that were formerly in front of the barber chairs and have replaced them with a large plate glass mirror. A long panel of mirror has been placed along the side wall of the shop and to complete the new fixtures, they have ordered new barber chairs which were expected to arrive and be put in place this afternoon. It will make quite a metropolitan little shop when the changes are completed and with the fine work of the tonsorial artists, Rosenerans and Thackston, the combination will be one hard to beat any place.

#### Joined the Indians.

Bill Williams, the husky Indian pitcher who played such good ball with Plattsmouth last year and who arrived in town Thursday with the expectation of playing with Plattsmouth again this season, signed with the Nebraska Indians this morning and left with them for Louisville. Williams played great ball last season and pitched some exceedingly fine game against some of the strongest amateur teams in this section of the country. He is a good bater and ought to make good with Green right off the deal. His many friends in Plattsmouth will wish him every success possible. He has many warm friends here made so by his always gentlemanly behavior and hard work while playing the game.

#### Funny Editor Graves.

Harry Graves, the fun loving and good looking editor of the Union Ledger in advertising the ball game between Plattsmouth and the Nebraska Indians said: "The Plattsmouth team has hired a battery from the Western league and they had better keep them for the Union game." Recognizing the fact that the game over at Union between Plattsmouth and the Union Unicorns would be a hard one and desiring to completely shut them out the Western league team will not be used but the battery from the 4th grade of the Plattsmouth schools will be taken instead.

#### A Beautiful Song.

Tomorrow morning at the Methodist church Miss Zelma Tuoy and Miss Howard will sing one of the most beautiful duets ever published. "Through the Gates of Gold" is the name of the piece and those who have heard it say that it is certainly a treat to have the chance to hear it. Those who love beautiful music should not fail to embrace the opportunity and be present at the morning service. To hear it once is to wish to hear it again.

P. H. Bennett of Randolph, Ia., the owner of the Wetencamp block occupied by the city council chamber and the News office was in the city yesterday looking after his property. Although he did not publicly announce it, it is expected he will locate in the city in a short time and open a store of some kind in the vacant room formerly occupied by Barnes restaurant.

A delegation of three or four members of the Plattsmouth Red Sox left town shortly before noon today for a drive to Louisville where they were to have played with the boys against the Indians.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wiles started for the metropolis this morning expecting to make a short visit there.

## KING EDWARD IS NO MORE

### Ruler of the British Passes Away After Only a Three Days Illness.

## CAUSE OF DEATH AN ATTACK OF PNEUMONIA

### Prince of Wales to be His Successor and Will be Known as George V.

LONDON, May 7.—King Edward VII, who returned to England from a vacation ten days ago, in the best of health died at 11:45 last night in the presence of his family, after an illness of less than a week, which was serious hardly more than three days.

The prince of Wales is king, assuming the title of George V. and will take the oath before the privy council at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Coming so suddenly, the death of the king cannot not bring the greatest sorrow to the nation, in whose hearts Edwards, first as Prince of Wales and afterwards as sovereign, held first place.

Edward VII's short reign of nine years and four months has been a history of stirring times. It opened with the conclusion of peace after a long and trying campaign in South Africa, and concludes at the critical moment of one of the momentous political struggles of modern times between the peers and commons. In a day the political outlook of great Britain has been revolutionized.

Gathered around the bedside of the dying king was the queen and princess. No hope had been held out during the day for the recovery

of his majesty, whose death, it is believed, was due to pneumonia, following bronchitis contracted shortly after his return from Biarritz.

Only a day or two ago the king was conducting the business of state and giving audiences, but on Wednesday he was compelled to submit to the orders of his physicians. Since then until the end his decline was rapid.

The Prince of Wales succeeds to the throne immediately, according to the laws of the kingdom, without official ceremony. His first official act was to dispatch to the lord mayor the announcement of his father's death in pursuance of custom. His telegram read:

"I am deeply grieved to inform you that my beloved father, the king, passed away peacefully at 11:45 tonight. (Signed) George."

The physicians soon afterwards issued their official bulletin, which was as follows:

"May 6—His majesty, the king, breathed his last at 11:45 tonight in the presence of her majesty, Queen Alexandra, the prince and princess of Wales, Princess Royal, the duchess of Fife, Princess Victoria and Princess Louise, the duchess of Argyll. (Signed) Laking, Reid, Powell, Dawson."

#### Things at the Play House.

The Majestic theater man is looking for amateurs for the Tuesday night performance of the show. He is offering attractive cash prizes which will probably draw a number of people who are anxious to try their luck on the stage. The bill of pictures which is shown for the last time today is said to be unusually good one and the piano player who is at the house this week brings it out to perfection. The young lady is Miss Anna Priesman of Omaha. She has been with them all week and will remain for a few days longer. The theater will soon blossom out with a pianola which the proprietor expects to have placed in the lobby for an attraction card while the piano at the stage will be used for the inside music and illustrated songs.

The attendance at the play house the last two rainy nights was a surprise to the owner who hardly expected half the crowd to venture out in the rain for even the show that the Majestic puts up. Tomorrow is the regular day for the change of films and the presenting of new pictures.

#### District Court Term Closed.

District court was in session this morning and the term's business was wound up, the court being adjourned sine die. There were no cases of special importance brought up in today's session. Silas Breckenridge pleaded guilty to the charge of selling mortgaged property and was bound over to the next term of court which will be held in the fall, starting October 3. His bond was fixed by Judge Travis at \$300 which the man expects to raise at once.

At the request of government officials the date of hearing on naturalization papers was changed from May 16 to the 21. In the case of Zella E. White vs. Sturm et al the motion for a new trial was overruled by the judge. The attorneys in the case were Pitzer and Hayward for the defendant, Dwyer, Leidigh and Moran for the plaintiff. The judge found in favor of the plaintiff in the case of the First National Bank vs. Hatt & Son. In the matter of Earl R. Blish against the C. B. & Q. et al, a demurrer to answer was overruled.

The Seniors are planning to partly repay the Juniors for the good times that have been tendered their class by the lower class and a party in honor of the Juniors is to be given at the residence of J. E. McDaniel next Friday evening.

Miss Marie Bookmeyer who is an instructor of music in Omaha arrived in the city this morning for an over Sunday visit with relatives.

#### FIRE CREPT FROM CORN FIELD DESTROYED HOUSE

#### Residence Owned by Charles Shopp On Old Hanna Place Went Up in Smoke.

(From Saturday's Daily)

Reports reached this city this morning of quite a disastrous little blaze that happened in the country last Wednesday. A small farm house on the old Hanna place south of town was razed to the ground by the flames that were communicated to the building in an odd manner. The Hanna farm had recently been purchased by Charles Shopp, one of the well known farmers who resides south of the city, and the little farm dwelling had been fitted up re-plastered and put in good condition by the new owner. The place was to be occupied by William Sitzman, but on account of sickness he had not moved out there yet. Consequently the building was vacant at the time of the fire and resulting damages for this reason were comparatively small.

Mr. Shopp, Wednesday morning, went out to burn some corn stalks and after the fire was over he supposed it had died out, he returned to his home about a quarter mile from the place. However the flames were not through their work and with a brisk wind blowing they started eating their way toward the house. They crept through a patch of dry blue grass and along the side of the road in a path not more than two feet wide. A good share of this was against the wind, but in the course of about two and a half hours, they reached the house and in a few minutes it was burning briskly. The smoke was noticed by the owner who hurried to the scene but it was nearly consumed before he arrived. Not a splinter of the little house was saved and no insurance was carried on the place which means quite a little loss for Mr. Shopp.

Thomas W. Glenn of this city is in Orion, Illinois attending the funeral of his sister Mrs. Emma Craig who died at that place last Sunday. The deceased leaves one son and two daughters. Her husband died several years ago. Mr. Glenn was notified of the death of his sister the first of the week and left as quickly as possible for the Illinois point where he will remain for a few days to come.

### ARE YOU COUNTED?

It is very essential that every man, woman and child in the City of Plattsmouth be counted by the census man. This will be impossible unless you take hold of the matter yourself and assist in the work. If the census this year should show a loss for the City it might mean a great loss to us in many ways. It might mean the loss of our public building and certainly every resident of the city is interested in the matter of seeing that building erected. If your name has not been taken by the Census enumerator it probably means that he has been to your house and you were not at home. It is therefore up to you to see that yourself and every member of your family are counted.

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