

DEATH FROM A DOSE OF POISON

J. J. Kurtz, a Burlington Engineer, and a Son of Adam Kurtz, of This City Gets Hold of Wrong Bottle---Death Results.

Sunday night at about the midnight hour, Adam Kurtz received the sad intelligence of the death of his son, John, at his home in Lincoln, where through mistake he had taken a dose of cresolene, a highly poisonous substance. The father could give no further particulars than that he had taken the poison through mistake. The father departed this morning for Lincoln. The Lincoln Journal of this (Monday) morning gives the following account of the sad accident:

J. J. Kurtz, a Burlington engineer, living at 814 North Thirteenth street, died last night about 11 o'clock, from the effects of poisoning by cresolene, a highly poisonous substance that it is presumed he took by mistake. He was thirty-six years old and leaves a wife, two children, a father, brother and sister. (Coroner Matthews decided that no inquest was necessary.)

Mr. Kurtz came last night from his run from Ravenna on No. 46 on the Burlington and reached his home on North Thirteenth street about 10 o'clock. He went into the bedroom and asked concerning his wife and children who had returned yesterday afternoon from a visit to Omaha. Mrs. Kurtz, after assuring her husband that all was well, asked him if he wished some whisky that she had brought from Omaha. She said that the bottle was standing on the dresser. He reached for the bottle, but on account of the dim light made by a lighted lamp in the adjoining room he was not able to distinguish or to see that there were two bottles. When Mrs. Kurtz saw how soon it was that he began to drink she suspected that something was wrong for the whisky bottle was sealed and had not been opened.

Wife Summons Physician.

She arose and followed him to the kitchen where she found him rinsing his mouth with water. She gave him some of the whisky and some milk. She called Dr. Metheny, who arrived as soon as possible. Before the physician arrived, however, the man had fallen from the chair. A stomach pump was used, but to no avail. He died in a few minutes after the doctor got there.

Dr. Metheny gave as his theory that the acid had perforated the walls of the stomach before he got through pumping the stomach, for towards the last the pump drew blood.

Before the man had died, but after he had lost consciousness, Coroner Matthews, who was called by the physician, arrived and learned all the particulars of the death from the wife and from the neighbors. There was

nothing, the coroner said, that pointed to suicide and he thought for that reason no inquest would be necessary. The neighbors who were present testified that the members of the family idolized each other, and there was not the least suspicion on that point that would warrant the man in ending his life intentionally. From the fact, too, that the room in which the bottles stood was nearly dark and especially names on the labels of bottles would be indistinct, Coroner Matthews was of the opinion that it was a case of making a mistake in the bottle. The bottles were not the same shape, but the one which contained the cresolene was about the shape of an ordinary whisky bottle.

Used Poison for Fumigating.

The cresolene is a liquid that Mrs. Kurtz kept in the house for the purpose of fumigating the rooms to guard the children from ailment. Last night, after the two girls had retired, she used the substance by burning it over a small lamp for that purpose. The lamp was standing on the dresser in the bedroom. After she had used all that was required for the fumigation she set the bottle containing the rest of the poison back on the dresser. She had cautioned the children many times that they should not use the contents in the bottle, but the idea of her husband using it failed to enter her mind until she suspected it from the fact that it took him such a short time to get the bottle to his mouth. Before she could stop him, however, he had taken to much for his system to withstand.

The cresolene is a compound of tar that is about as strong as carbolic acid and is used only for fumigating purposes and for out ward applications.

Mr. Kurtz has been a resident of the city for two years. He has been in the employ of the Burlington railroad for eighteen years and has been an engineer for ten years. He was a medium sized man, with sandy hair and a small mustache. He was not disfigured from the effects of the poison, except on his chin, where the liquid had touched in his effort to throw it off.

He leaves a wife and two children in the immediate family, besides a brother who lives in Lincoln. His sister, Lizzie Kurtz, who is a trained nurse in Omaha, was apprised of the death of her brother by telegraph and she was to arrive on No. 13 on the Burlington. His father, Adam Kurtz, lives in Plattsmouth. His brother Henry, who lives in Lincoln, is an engineer on the Burlington.

Mr. Bryan Returns Home.

A special from Lincoln, under date of February 24, says: "After a month of speech making in the south and east William Jennings Bryan returned to his Lincoln home this evening for a stay of two days, when he will go direct to Mississippi. Mr. Bryan came from Kansas City tonight especially to address on Wednesday the Nebraska Editorial association. Mr. Bryan declined to discuss politics, but said he was feeling well and would be active in a political way for some time. After his trip to Mississippi, which will be brief, he will return to Nebraska for a stay of several days. His present plan is to attend the democratic state convention at Omaha March 5."

In District Court.

Last evening a divorce was granted to Nellie Robinson from her husband, Edwin Robinson, of Avoca.

This morning a divorce was granted to Otto J. Rennwitz from his wife, Emma L. Rennwitz.

Bertha Leppold was granted a divorce from her husband, Jake Lippold, and given custody of the child, a little girl, and her maiden name, Bertha Cole, restored.

By the death of John A. Donelan, who was guardian for Grace May Castens, she was without a guardian, Emmor Marshall was appointed with bonds placed at \$3,000.

Out on a Business Trip.

The news of this city of Tuesday contained an article regarding the disappearance of J. H. Edmisten, chairman of the populist state committee. It was not published as a news item, but more as a "slur" upon the populists generally. Now comes the Lincoln Journal, from which paper the item originated, and says: "United States court officials at Omaha have received word from attorneys for J. H. Edmisten saying that they had a misunderstanding as to the time the case was to be called in federal court, and that they will get word to their client and secure his appearance in court. As Mr. Edmisten is in the land business and frequently takes trips outside the state, it is not held to be strange that he should be out of the city at a time when the case was called, when there was a misunderstanding as to dates."

Will Remain For the Present.

W. J. Lorenz came in last evening from his former home at David City, and expects to remain here for the present. He called at this office this morning and stated that the reason he quit business at David City was because the building he was occupying was sold, that he had to give immediate possession and could secure no other suitable building. Jim has many friends in Plattsmouth, who welcome his return.

Plattsmouth Telephone Company stock pays dividends in cash every three months.

Told Location of Watch

L. C. Buckley and wife came in from Omaha Tuesday and in conversation with the reporter said, that yesterday Professor George, a clairvoyant, had found a watch for Joy E. Hargus, who formerly lived in the city, and which had been lost about three weeks. It seems that during a visit at a certain house two blocks from where Mr. Hargus was stopping, the watch had slipped out of his pocket and worked under the bottom of a sofa which he had been sitting on. How he was able to tell is a mystery, but Mr. George told the parties where to look and there they found the watch.

PETRIFIED PLANK WAS FOUND

Which Has Been Under the Ground For Forty Years Near Heisel's Mill

Just a little southwest of where the Plattsmouth Milling plant stands, in the early days of Plattsmouth stood a saw mill, and from which the present mill grew. Here imbedded in the earth, Martin Buttery the engineer for the milling company found a slab which had taken off a log in straightening it up, a number of feet in length, which had been petrified. The bark shows every curl and convolution, while the inner side where the saw cut can be seen the saw teeth marks, and a knot as plain as when the board was first sawed. Col. H. C. McMaken has a piece about eighteen inches in length in his collection of curios.

WERE MARRIED AND NOW HAPPY

A Couple from the West Come To Plattsmouth to Plight Their Troth.

Monday evening a couple came from Omaha on Charlie Johnson's passenger train, and the young man, Oscar L. May, from Cheyenne, Wyoming, left his blushing bride-to-be at the Burlington station, while with a step as light as a fawn he skipped up to the county judge's office, to get the license which was to permit him to wed Miss Pearl Hathe of Central City, Nebraska. While on the train, they had made inquiries as to where they could find Rev. Longhurst, and when the necessary papers had been given them, they hid themselves to the parsonage, and in a very few moments had received his blessing, which made them man and wife, and were basking in each other's smiles. They took a later train east where they will spend their honeymoon. The Journal extends the kindest of wishes and trusts that their pathway may be strewn with roses.

A Successful Attorney

Attorney William DellesDernier, of Elmwood, came in Tuesday, having business in the district court. Mr. DellesDernier is one of the ablest lawyers that practices before the district court of Cass county, or any other county, for that matter, and his success has been phenomenal. Here is where the Journal casts aside its political prejudices to bestow upon one a deserving compliment. We believe in giving credit to whom credit is due, when it comes to business affairs, whether he be republican or democrat.

Will Return to Plattsmouth.

John Schaeffer, formerly living here, and for a number of years farming the Donelan farm, near the county farm, and moved to near Davenport, this state a year since, where he purchased a farm, and which he subsequently sold at an advance of some three thousand dollars, will return. He has rented the Valley farm for the coming year. Phillip Schaeffer, his brother, departed for Bellevue this morning, and will assist in getting things loaded for his return.

Miss Ina Briggs Dies

Miss Ina Briggs of Medora, Illinois, of whom mention was made in the columns as being very sick with heart trouble some days since, and who is a niece of M. S. Briggs, died Monday morning at one o'clock. A message was received here this morning announcing the death. The message was brief and what arrangements have been made for the funeral is not known as yet. Miss Ina was known to many of the people of this city, having visited here with her uncle's family for some time two years since.

WEDDING AT BOISE, IDAHO

The Marriage of Mr. Noel B. Rawls and Miss Lucy Case

The following account of the Rawls-Case marriage, is taken from the society page of the Capital News, of Boise, Idaho:

A wedding of unusual interest to a large number of Boise people was solemnized Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Iona Case, when her daughter, Lucy, was united in marriage to Mr. Noel B. Rawls. The house was charming with its decorations, the color scheme being pink and white. The parlor where the ceremony was performed was exquisite. The circular bay window was draped with roses of smilax and banked with palms and ferns. An altar of pink and white satin ribbon was very effective. A large wedding bell of white carnations and ferns was suspended from the ceiling and ropes of smilax reached to either corner of the window. The mantle was a bower of ferns with a profusion of pink and white cyclamen. As the wedding march was begun by Professor Bassett the bride ascended the stairs and was joined by the groom. They took their places before the altar and Dean Hinks of St. Michael's cathedral, performed the beautiful ring service.

The bride was given away by Judge Dunbar. Soft music floated through the rooms during the entire ceremony. The bride was charming in a white satin messaline, made simple and girlish. She wore a long tulle veil fastened in place with orange blossoms, and her bouquet was bride roses. Mrs. Case, mother of the bride, wore an elegant black silk crepe de chine. After congratulations an elegant lunch was served. The dining room, a large and attractive room, was also in pink and white. A tall cut glass vase filled with long stemmed white carnations rested on one end of the table while on the other was a silver candelabra and two silver candle sticks with pink shades. The centerpiece was a beautiful cake surrounded by smilax. The archways were all draped with smilax, which gave a pretty effect throughout. Mrs. Case was assisted during the evening by her sister, Mrs. Pointer, Misses Nancy and Susie Pointer, Ialene Casky and Gene Orr.

An array of handsome presents attested the popularity of both bride and groom. The bride is the only daughter of Mrs. Iona Case and is a graduate of St. Margaret's school and also took music two years at the state university at Moscow. She is very popular among the younger set. The groom is a member of the reporter staff of the Evening Capital News and has a host of friends. It was one of the prettiest wedding that has ever taken place in Boise and was witnessed by fifty friends. Being leap year the gentlemen were favored in the cutting of the cake. The ring fell to Mr. Germene, the button to Mr. Price and the coin to Mr. Austin. Mr. Kitchen caught the bride's bouquet. The happy couple went to their new home in South Boise where they will live.

THE SMOOTHEST OF THE SMOOTH

Are Married for a Month Before it is Generally Known.

The beautiful and accomplished daughter of L. W. Nelson, Janette, well known by every person in this vicinity, was about a month since united in marriage with J. M. Mickelwait, of Glenwood, Iowa, where they are making their home. The ceremony was performed at Atchison, Kansas, about a month ago. The couple in the playfulness of youth, thought to keep the matter a secret for a joke, and a good one they played on every body too. Mrs. Mickelwait has just been visiting with her parents, and departed this morning for her home at Glenwood. The Journal wishes the young people a joyful trip through life.

Grandpa Wynn Still Very Sick

Wm. Wynn, who has been sick at his home for sometime, and who passed a very bad day Tuesday, was reported as being somewhat better last evening and passed a very good night. Mr. Wynn is in very poor health, and had been confined to his bed for a long time. We hope he may recover his health very rapidly and get around again soon.

CITY STREETS ARE TO BE LOWERED

So Reads a Resolution Passed by the City Council Monday Evening, After Much Discussion---Ordinances Soon to Follow

Every portion of the old town was represented in the legislative branch of the city government Monday evening when at the instance of Mayor Gering the signal for order was given. The reading of the minutes of the last meeting showed that a correct report of the proceedings of that meeting had been made by the clerk.

The first matter claiming their attention was a communication from Attorney John L. Webster of Omaha, representing the Plattsmouth Water company, in which he said he had sent them a letter some time since which they had not even given the courtesy of a reply. He said that this must be attended to and an adjustment made of the charges which the company had against the city, or action would have to be taken for its collection much as he regretted the matter.

He called attention to the fact of the validity of the ordinance, extending the hydrant rental, and as so considered by the council by their repealing it.

On motion by Sattler, the letter was placed on file and arrangements were made with T. H. Pollock, secretary of the company, whereby a meeting should be called in the near future when the council and Mr. Webster would take up the matter for adjudication, if possible, which meeting should be as soon as possible after one week from last evening. The motion as a solution of the proposition for the present difficulties was adopted unanimously.

The finance committee's report showed the expenditure of a little over a hundred dollars and was adopted by a unanimous vote, paying the bills which appear at the end of this article.

The street commissioner's report, after a reading, went to the streets, alleys and bridges committee, and was followed by no response from the clerk, treasurer, board of public works, board of health, chief of the fire department or judiciary committee.

The claims committee reported for payment on the bill of Cass county for \$54.05, less commitments amounting to \$13.50, which left the bills \$40.55, and this with a bill for \$1.50 for McMaken were ordered paid by unanimous vote. On favorable report, by committee, of bill for \$34.00 for services of Dr. J. H. Hall, bill was paid, with the votes of Sattler, Lutz and Dodge against it. The streets, alleys and bridges committee reported O. K. on the report of the street commissioner, and same was placed on file.

The license committee had nothing to offer. The fire and water committee recommended the placing of a new roof on the Fourth ward hose house. The cemetery and hospital committees passed, and the police committee reported the reports of the chief of police and police judge as being O. K.

A resolution ordering the lowering of the streets and repaving was taken

from the table and after much discussion, passed. On motion by Sattler seconded by Schuloff, the matter came up and was opposed by Stenker, who spoke against it.

J. M. Roberts, being present, asked to speak, which was granted, and said that many of those who had signed the petition for lowering the street, now objected. Mayor Gering said, "We do not want you saying there are a number, we want to know who they are, and we have a right to know, so tell us." Roberts named with himself Geo. Dovey, W. W. Coates, C. C. Parmele, J. V. Egenberger and L. B. Egenberger, and with Zuckweiler & Lutz, being in favor of an open sewer on Pearl street, thirty feet wide.

Mayor says cause damage suits, Roberts says Main street cause as many damage suits. Roberts says the cost would be less than \$4,000 and would require a cutting out of two blocks from Sixth to Fourth streets and a little at Third, with a retaining wall between Third and Fourth streets.

Mayor told Roberts it was because he wished to get out of his portion of the expense that he wished Pearl street used as a sewer instead of Main street while he replied that he would be willing to pay as much or more for the Pearl street sewer as he would have to pay for Main street. Many of the council spoke on the question, to which the Mayor replied that there were a few knockers in the city who were standing in the way of the city's progress.

Upon calling for the yeas and nays on the proposition the vote stood for the proposed lowering, Schlutz, White, Sattler, Bookmeyer, Lutz, Dodge and Tippins, and against the proposition, Schuloff, Steimker and Vondron. Then came a resolution instructing the Mayor to secure the services of an engineer to make an estimate of the work, the requirements and cost.

This was passed without a dissenting vote.

Councilman Sattler called attention to the matter of the ordinance paying the police judge a salary, and asking that the police committee be required to examine the books of the police judge and see if he had turned into the treasury costs collected as well as fines as required.

Bills were allowed as follows:

Public library expense.....	\$18.25
J. Wagner kill dogs.....	1.50
J. H. McMaken hose cart.....	1.50
P. S. Doren street work.....	4.03
W. R. Gardner.....	4.38
W. H. Scott.....	1.75
Al. Funk.....	1.58
J. L. Burrows.....	1.75
Al. Janda.....	9.45
F. Kalacek.....	1.58
Wm. Gingery.....	8.23
P. Harrison.....	8.40
A. A. Wetencamp rent.....	13.50
W. C. Ramsey opinion.....	4.70
Dr. J. H. Hall services.....	34.00
Cass Co. board prisoners.....	34.55

Telegraph Offices to Close

A special from Omaha, under date of February 24, says: "Superintendent Brooks of the Missouri Pacific railroad the morning stated that while that road was not seeking to evade the new nine-hour telegraph law, the Missouri Pacific would close the telegraph offices at twelve Nebraska towns, but would retain the operators as station agents. In this way the road will keep the stations' opens, but will maintain telegraph offices and will not be forced to employ an extra man. Telegraph offices that it is proposed to close are: Paul, Wyoming, Mynard, Glen Rock, Lorton, Burr, Panama, and probably Kramer, and probably Elmwood, and on the lower end of the line, Howe, Padonia, Lancaster, Willis and Wolcott."

Death at Elmwood

A special from Elmwood says: "Mrs. Sarah Stanford, an old resident, died at her home Monday from uraemic poisoning. She was eighty-two years of age. The deceased had lived in Nebraska since 1860, when she came to this state from Ohio with her husband. She is survived by two children."

Called on Account of Sickness

Rev. F. H. Fruend, formerly pastor of the St. Paul's church at this place, but for the past two years making his home at Portland, Oregon, where he has charge of the northwest for his church as superintendent of the work, came in last Saturday evening and visited with friends in the city, departing on the evening Burlington train Sunday evening for Vincennes, Indiana, where he goes to visit his parents both of whom are well advanced in age and have been in poor health for some time. It is hoped he may find them much improved.

Abate the Nuisance.

It is an outrage to common decency that parents of school children allow them to stop at the postoffice every noon and night to ask for mail. Little tots that are not big enough to near reach the delivery window have got on to the practice also. Thus frequenting the postoffice is a nuisance to the postmaster and his clerks, and it will be well for parents to apprise themselves of this fact. The superintendent, principal and teachers should take the matter in hand also.