

# THE LATE JOHN V. EGENBERGER

## Death Claims One of the Most Highly Respected Citizens of Plattsmouth

DIED—Egenberger, John V., at Immanuel hospital, Omaha, on Monday, July 26, 1909, of cancer, aged 54 years 9 months and 2 days. Funeral Thursday, July 29, 1909, at 2 o'clock p. m., from the residence to St. John's church. Interment in the Catholic cemetery.

As was announced last evening the soul of John V. Egenberger, one of the city's most distinguished and respected citizens, passed away yesterday afternoon. The sad news reached this city within a short time after he had breathed his last, and it brought sorrow to the hearts of the great mass of the people who had for so long a time known Mr. Egenberger and who had learned to respect and love him. In his lifetime he was the personification of all that was good and noble in man. Thoroughly upright in all his dealings with his fellow men, a man of lofty views and purposes, a citizen who was to every one a friend, the news of his passing away brought the deepest sorrow to all.

Not alone did those who were his intimate friends and acquaintances grieve at his loss, but all who had known him in a business sense felt keenly his demise. One and all the public unite in sympathy with the bereaved widow and family and within themselves they feel the self-same sorrow which so grieves those to whom he was a loving husband and father.

John V. Egenberger was born on October 24, 1854, in the German village of Waldhausen, in the province of Baden. It was in this land he grew to his early manhood and spent his youthful days. While he was still in his teens he came to America, that land of promise, landing here in the month of April, 1872, and coming direct to this city, where he has since resided and where his fortunes have been so intimately linked with those of his neighbors for so long a time. Not always did he remain closely in town, but for several years following his arrival here he followed farm work within a few miles of the city. A few years later he returned to Plattsmouth and commenced what was destined to be a long and honorable business career by entering the store of Guthman & Weckbach as a clerk. He remained with this firm in this capacity for the period of ten years.

Shortly after he had entered upon this work he was united in marriage at this place to Miss Mary E. Hohlshuh and of this union nine children came to bless them. These are Edward, Albert V., Fred B., R. William and Carl Elmer, sons, and Anna M., Ida G., Florence Helen and Mary Catharine, daughters, all of whom with his widow live in this city and survive him. In addition to these immediate members of his family, deceased is survived by two brothers, Louis B. and Fred G. Egenberger, and three sisters, Mrs. William Weber, Mrs. Herman Spies and Mrs. A. H. Weckbach, all residing in this city. Two brothers, Wilhelm and Francis Karl Egenberger, and one sister, Miss Francisco Egenberger, had preceded him to the better world.

After Mr. Egenberger had spent the years spoken of above in working for others, he eventually embarked in the fuel and feed business for himself, laying the foundation for his large business in a small and conservative way by the establishment of the Plattsmouth Coal and Wood Yards. The business opening on small capital has been steadily developed by the keen business acumen and the sound judgment of Mr. Egenberger until it had reached the proportions of the largest of its kind in the city. To it he had given his strictest attention, refusing to be led away into other lines and declining upon this ac-

count to permit his fellow citizens to honor him with political preference.

In his lifetime Mr. Egenberger affiliated with the Democrats in politics and had been asked by that party times without number to permit the use of his name as a candidate for offices of high trust and responsibility, but each time he was positive in his declination and his refusal to permit the use of his name. Once when the Democrats, casting about for one in whom the people had every faith and confidence refused to take no for his answer, he was placed upon the ballot as a candidate for councilman of this city, but he at once assumed the aggressive for his opponent and did all in his power to secure his election, declaring he would "not qualify if elected. Under such conditions he enforced his wishes and his opponent won by a slender margin. Only last spring he was sought to take the office of mayor on a citizen's ticket, but positively refused and declined likewise a nomination for the school board on the Democratic ticket. So great was his popularity and so deep the respect and confidence of the people in him that he could have had anything he wanted in the political line at their hands, yet as in his business life, he had fixed his mind and was firm and unyielding in his refusal.

Deceased in his lifetime was a member of three fraternal and social orders, being a member of the B. P. O. E., the Modern Woodmen and the A. O. U. W., and to each of them he gave that fidelity which membership implies. He was also a prominent and active member of the Commercial club, and one of its most reliable and vigorous members.

Always in his lifetime a faithful and devout communicant of the Catholic church, he had lived within the stern rules imposed by it and shaped his life to a strict conformity with its decrees.

His disease had fastened upon him some time since, as the examination at the Immanuel hospital showed, and it was not until his rugged spirit was bent to the breaking point that he showed signs of it. With that splendid fortitude which had characterized him in all his dealings in life he had fought the disease until it conquered him and when the end came he went "sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust" to his Maker.

At 2:30 p. m. yesterday came that final summons, which all must answer in the little ward at Immanuel hospital, Omaha. When it came he was surrounded by his loved ones, all of whom had been summoned when the desperate nature of his illness became apparent. He passed away gently and calmly as if entering upon a long sleep after a stormy and tempestuous voyage upon the sea of life.

The family returned to their home in this city last evening and the body was brought to this city this morning over the Burlington road, being accompanied by his son Edward and his brother, Louis B. The body was met at the depot by the Elks of this city, who formed an escort from the depot to the residence on South Sixth street. The pall bearers at the depot and the house were Messrs: Charles Hergor, Frank McElroy, George E. Dovey, J. P. Falter, M. Fanger and George Weidman.

The funeral will be held on Thursday, July 29, from the residence on South Sixth street, to St. John's Catholic church, leaving the house at 2 o'clock p. m. Rev. Father M. S. Shine will conduct the funeral ceremonies. Interment will be in the Catholic cemetery at West Oak Hill cemetery.

### In County Court.

Two petitions have been filed in county court asking for the administration of estates. The one asks for the appointment of an executor for the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Ella Davis of Union. The other seeks to secure the appointment of Byron Clark as administrator of the estate of Samuel McFadden and others. This is peculiar as it seeks to secure administration on an estate consisting of eighty acres of land who have died since the party in whom the title rested. Both hearings are set for August sixteenth.

### To Be Married Today.

A marriage license was issued yesterday afternoon from the county judge's office for the marriage of William H. Bunch, aged 35 of Bellevue, Neb., and Mrs. Maud E. Burley, aged 29 of Omaha, Neb. The wedding is to take place today in this city. The bride is the handsome and popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer McKay of this city and has a host of good friends in this city who wish her all possible happiness and a long wedded life.

Fine line Solid Silver and Cut Glass at Crabbill's Jewelry store.

### Has a New Title.

Ed. M. Westerfelt, for many years right of way agent for the Burlington lines west of the Missouri river, will hereafter be known as real estate agent. A circular letter issued yesterday under date of August 1, from the office of the general manager lines west of the Missouri river, and signed by Mr. Holdrege, makes this announcement:

"Effective this date (August 1) the office of right of way agent is abolished and the real estate department is established, embracing all matters pertaining to lands belonging to this company. Mr. E. M. Westerfelt is appointed real estate agent, with headquarters at Lincoln, Neb., and will report to the general manager. He will have custody of all title papers and is authorized to execute leases for real estate when approved by the proper operating and traffic officials."

This is understood to be a move on the part of the railroad to enable it to comply with the ruling of the interstate commerce commission that all lands leased to private parties, corporations and industry owners, by the railroad, must bring a return of at least 6 per cent of its value, and further to enable the road to conform to like organizations for real estate care that are being established by other roads.

In the past all leases and care of land has been handled by division superintendents. Hereafter such matters will come to the Lincoln office of the Burlington real estate department. The business heretofore done in the offices of the seven superintendents of west of the river divisions will be handled in Lincoln.

Some of the company's rules relating to leases are as follows: Company land shall not be occupied by any person, firm or corporation without a lease. All leases shall be for an indefinite period and may be terminated on thirty days' notice.

Buildings on land leased from the company may not be nearer than 150 feet of the company's buildings, and premises of tenants must be kept in a neat condition and free from rubbish in which fire might start.

The company will collect rentals one year in advance. Company colors must be used in painting all buildings on the company's right of way, and no signs or advertisements may be printed on the buildings other than signs relating to the business of the party leasing the land. Leased premises may be used only for the purposes named in the contract. No person or persons other than the party making the lease may occupy company premises.

The ruling of the interstate commerce commission forcing all tenants of railroads to pay for use of railroad property was a move to prevent discrimination practiced in the past by which many shippers secured advantages over others.—State Journal.

Any lady can get a silvered "No-Drip" Coffee Strainer by writing Dr. Shopp, Racine, Wis. Send no money. Simply ask for the "No-Drip" Coupon privilege, giving your name and address. Dr. Shopp will also send free his new and very interesting little book describing Dr. Shopp's Health Coffee. Health Coffee is such a close imitation of real coffee, that it requires an expert to tell the difference. And neither is there a grain of real coffee in it. Made from pure toasted grains, malt and nuts, its flavor and taste is exceeding gratifying. No tedious boiling either. "Made in a minute," says Dr. Shopp. Write today for the book and "No-Drip" Coupon. F. W. White.

### Edition Receives Praise.

The Journal is in receipt of the following letter from Secretary Clarence S. Paine of the Nebraska State Historical society, which is self-explanatory:

Lincoln, Neb., July 23, 1909.  
R. A. Bates, Editor Journal, Plattsmouth, Neb.:

Dear Mr. Bates—Permit me to congratulate you upon the general excellence of your historical edition of the Journal for July 1. This is one of the best papers of its kind that it has ever been my privilege to see, and I very much desire an extra copy for the archives of the society. Thanking you in advance, I remain, yours very truly,  
C. S. PAINE.

### Mr. Heisel's Condition.

The condition of Mr. C. Heisel is reported today to be somewhat better. The disease has made no further progress in his foot and he is holding his own remarkably well. This is pleasing news to the many friends of the aged gentleman, who hope his favorable condition may continue and that he may eventually become a well man.

Smoke the "Cut Hell," it is always good.

### Normal Training Classes.

As superintendent of normal training work in Cass county I want to remind the good people of the Bible schools all over the county that the time is drawing near for the organization of a normal training class in each and every town of the county, if not in each Bible school. Hundreds of thousands of students are being enrolled in these classes all over the United States under the auspices of the National Sunday School association. A regular course of study has been outlined by the national association. There are about fifty lessons in the first course covering Bible history, Bible geography, Bible institutions, and the Bible school, upon the completion of which the international diploma is granted to those who make an average grade of 70 per cent. It is the intention, as far as possible, to have this course of study synchronize with the public school term, beginning about the September 1 and closing about June 1. In the smaller towns two or more Bible schools can write and have a normal class if that should be more convenient. A class was graduated at the Elmwood this year made up of Methodists and disciples. I am very anxious that there shall be at least one normal training class in each and every town in Cass county this coming year. Let the church people take this matter up at once and plan to organize the work the fore party of September. I will assist in this work as far as I can all over the county, wherever I may be called. It is the purpose of the National Sunday School association to raise up a generation of Bible scholars through these normal training classes, as well as to prepare Bible school teachers for their work.

### L. A. CHAPMAN.

Superintendent Normal Training Work, Elmwood, Neb.

P. S.—Let all papers in Cass county please copy the above note in the interest of Bible school work.  
L. A. C.

### He Has Some Howl.

To the Editor of the Journal.

After reading the journal Saturday evening and seeing the injustice that was done our ball boy's in the write up of the game between Glenwood and Plattsmouth, it surely was written by one who was not there, it was one of the best ball games of the season and when you take into consideration that three of our boys were so crippled they couldn't run bases at all you surely can see who played ball. Glenwood had 1 score up to the seventh inning and Plattsmouth had 3. When with bases full, two men out and two strikes on batter, he made a hit over the fence and lost the ball, and this fence was close in on left field. The writer said if our boy's made a hit like that Plattsmouth would go crazy, but our boys do make just such hits every game, but they are called foul balls here.

I would wager that Glenwood gave our boy's a most considerate write up than did our home paper and about that Glenwood laugh, there was not much hillarty till the 7th inning. But while we are talking about laughing at things why don't you write about the big laugh that is handed Plattsmouth? You should have seen how Glenwood turned out to see the game. It's covered grand stand was full, also its two wings of bleachers and its enclosed ball park with its score board and inducements to the home players. Do you think the boys did that? No probably the town. In Auburn they raised \$800 in one day for their ball team. It took 2 weeks for our boys to scare up \$0.

Turn out and give the boy's encouragement; don't be afraid of the "two bits." Charge it up to knowledge and don't be a yellow fan and thing all the poor playing has to be done by the visiting teams. Come on, every one, get to boosting and what a glorious time we can have.  
MEMBER PLATTSMOUTH TEAM.

### Home From Wedding Tour.

Dr. and Mrs. Alexander E. Walker returned from making footprints all over the west on Monday morning, and will soon be at home to their friends.

Their tour took in Denver, Colorado Springs, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Spokane, Billings and a number of other points. They report a delightful trip, but were glad to be back among the home folks.

In the evening they were welcomed in due and ancient style by a host of their kid friends, who when it was all over proposed "three cheers and a tiger" for Mr. and Mrs. Doc.—Nehawka Register.

H. L. Kruger, wife and baby came in this morning from their home west of the city and departed on the morning train for Perry, Okla., where they will spend a month. Before returning Mr. Kruger expects to visit Texas and look over the land in that state.

# SETTLES WITH WATER COMPANY

## City Council Agrees to Pay the Company \$4,026.10 on Claim

The city council held its regular session last evening, and for the first time since his elevation to the office of president of the council President Steimker presided, filling the place of Mayor Sattler with dignity and ease. In fact, President Steimker developed a knack of getting business done expeditiously and well, as the council did quite an amount of business in a comparatively short time. The session in addition was marked by no wrangling or oratory, but the members waded into the accumulated business and disposed of it in short order.

All members were present save Councilman Bookmeyer, who is at Hot Springs, Ark., for several weeks. Mayor Sattler, being called out of the city by important business, was unavoidably absent, and President Steimker took the chair. After the minutes of the previous session had been read and approved, a report from the street commissioner was read showing the condition of the tools belonging to the city, and the same was referred to the street committee for investigation.

The claims committee reported claims of Sam Smith for \$1.50 for hauling hose cart and 50 cents for burying a dog, and the claim of Cass county for \$41.45 for boarding prisoners as correct and the claims were ordered paid.

Chairman Kurtz of the cemetery committee, reported that work was needed at the cemetery, but he was not prepared to ask for it now.

Chairman Mendenhall of the police committee reported that the reports of the police judge and marshal were O. K., and the same were placed on file.

An opinion by City Attorney Ramsey was then read on the claim of the Plattsmouth Water company for \$4,512, less interest, balance due for water furnished. Judge Ramsey reviewed the circumstances surrounding the settlement had in 1897 between the city and the water company, of the litigation then pending, and gave it as his opinion that this settlement and compromise was valid until attacked in court when it was doubtful if a modification of the settlement could be obtained. As the present franchise and contract had but little over two years and a half to run, he considered that the proposed settlement of the water company was a good one to accept and so recommended.

Councilman Neuman of the water committee then moved that the claim of the water company in the sum of \$4,026.10, in full settlement, be allowed as recommended, which motion prevailed unanimously.

An ordinance prohibiting the throwing of rubbish in creeks was read a second time and went over to a third reading at the next meeting. Weber sought to have the penalty reduced from a fine of not less than \$5 to \$1, but failed of a second and the motion was not considered.

An ordinance prohibiting the distribution of patent medicine samples and literature was also read a second time and went over to the next meeting.

Councilman Dwyer brought up the matter of sprinkling the streets and wanted a special committee appointed to confer with the water company and see whether they

could arrange to get water for sprinkling in place of water for flushing the streets, as the contract provided. Neuman thought this infringed on the powers of the water committee, but the Dwyer motion prevailed. President Steimker then raised laughter by appointing as the committee Councilmen Neuman, Dovey and Reznor.

The finance committee then reported the following claims, which they recommended be allowed:

W. R. Rishel, sprinkling.....	\$34.80
Walter Breen, rent.....	18.75
I. Cummins, burying dogs....	.50
Ben Rainey, salary.....	32.60
J. Hickson, labor.....	3.50
J. Harkins, labor.....	21.00
R. E. Miller, labor.....	21.00
Frank Kalasek, labor.....	1.25
J. Mattson, labor.....	2.45
G. F. Scott, team.....	42.00
W. Siltzman, labor.....	3.50
W. M. Elliott, labor.....	5.25
W. H. Scott, labor.....	24.00
W. Fitzgerald, labor.....	3.95
W. Carter, labor.....	21.00
James Ptacek, salary.....	8.00

The following claim was referred to the police judge:

Bert Eledge, labor.....	\$ 1.57
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The claim of William Hassler for labor amounting to \$11.55 was referred to the claims committee.

Under the head of street repairs, Kurtz had the culvert on Twenty-second street, north of E. E. Hill-ton's, ordered repaired. President Steimker severely criticised the street commissioner, as did Councilman Neuman, for grading dirt onto the sidewalks and crossings where he was doing work and leaving it so that mud formed in wet weather. The commissioner was caustically treated by both these councilmen and warned to be more careful of doing this work in the future. President Steimker also had repairs ordered on the streets at Rock, from Seventh to Chicago avenue, Holdrege from Lincoln avenue to Billings' property, South Sixth street, and called attention to a bad gutter on the road between Chicago avenue and the Charles Cummins place.

Neuman created laughter by wanting his desk repaired, which was ordered done. He also wanted a washout on Rock and Fourth streets repaired. Schulhof again called attention of the council to the condition of the walk of the Burlington right-of-way leading to Wintersteen hill, and wanted it repaired. He also asked to have grading done at A. J. Trillity's place for a permanent sidewalk.

Weber roared on having to do all the street committee work himself, and wanted the remainder of the committee to help out, which President Steimker agreed on.

Mendenhall wanted some tilling on Bryant and Chicago covered up where it had washed out, and Reznor started something when he wanted the weeds mowed on Lincoln avenue. The celebrated weed day proclamation of the mayor came up, and at the conclusion Reznor dropped his fight and the weeds are still growing.

President Steimker had the clerk read the itemized list of repairs to crossings, showing what each had cost and warned the council of the expense attached to this work.

Dwyer called attention to the next meeting being the one at which the estimate for the coming year must be made and the council then adjourned.

### Broke His Collar Bone.

James Dore is on the "Bad Order" list suffering from a broken collar bone which he accumulated in trying to ride an untamed bronco.

He jumped on the animal in a pasture without a saddle and the bronco addressed itself to getting rid of him and it did with the above results. James is suffering some but in a week or so will be ready for another attempt.—Nehawka Register.

### A Night Rider's Raid.

The worst night riders are calmed croton oil or aloes pills. They raid your bed to rob you of rest. Not so with Dr. King's New Life Pills. They never distress or inconvenience, but always chase the system, curing colds, headache, Constipation, Malaria, 25c at F. G. Fricke & Co.

### Shortborns for Sale.

Three good registered Shorthorn yearling bulls for sale. Also good fresh milk cows. Mark White.

### Farm for Sale.

160 acres 6 miles northwest of Clarks, Neb.; 110 acres under cultivation, 10 acres alfalfa, balance in meadow and pasture. Good house, barn and granary, cribs, cattle shed, good shade and running spring at the house. No trade.

Geo. A. Agnew,  
Central City, Neb.

A. J. Snyder, one of the best young men in Cass county and Democratic candidate for register of deeds, is in the city today looking after business matters and incidentally meeting his many friends. Mr. Snyder is not alone a hustling farmer but he is a bright and brainy business man and he will make a most excellent register of deeds.

F. W. Marsh of Cleveland, O., who has been visiting in the city, the guest of George E. Dovey and family, departed yesterday afternoon for Seattle, Wash. Mr. Dovey and Miss Catherine were passengers with him as far as Omaha.