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BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF THE LATE WILLIAM LEWIS STREET

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"Will" Street, as he was so well known in Plattsmouth and vicinity, was born in Bristol, Pa., March 10, 1844, where he lived with his parents until 1855 at which time the family moved to Wenona, Ill., where his aged father, a brother and sister still reside.

At the age of 24, on January 7, 1868, he was united in marriage to Mary Amelia McCulloch at Rutland, Ill., where they made their home until 1874, when they moved to Red Oak, Iowa. In 1888 they came to Weeping Water, Neb., living there seven years, coming to Plattsmouth in the spring of 1895, where they have since made their home.

During these fourteen years Mr. Street has been one of the most familiar figures among Plattsmouth and Cass county people. Representing, as he did, for that period of time, the Singer Sewing Machine Co., he frequented almost every place of business and many of the homes of the town and county. His life has been lived in a simple, unpretentious manner, and as he moved among the people his characteristics of cheerfulness, good will and a high integrity, impressed themselves upon all. He was always hopeful, faithful to every duty as a loyal citizen, and true to the principles of noble manhood. He knew no foe—and enjoyed the friendship of every acquaintance. His work called him much into the county and his drives over its length and breadth have won him a lasting place in the hearts of many of its people.

For some years past Mr. Street has been a silent sufferer from a physical weakness which in November 1908, necessitated his removal

for treatment to Immanuel Hospital at Omaha.

After fourteen weeks of treatment at this time, he returned to the city much relieved, and has been actively engaged in the pursuit of his business until the last month. On December 9, his failing health caused him to again visit the hospital for treatment. His condition was serious from the start, and the physicians and friends were fearful of the results. The case would not succumb to the skillful treatment heretofore so successful, and on Monday morning, December 20, at 7 o'clock death came to the relief of the sufferer.

His family had spent the day on Sunday with him, and his wife was at his bedside when the end came.

He is survived by the following: His father, aged 90 years of Wenona, Ill., three children and five grandchildren. The children being:

Walter W. Street, Hastings, Neb.; Mrs. Mae S. Morgan, Plattsmouth, Neb.; Mrs. Hilt Wescott, Plattsmouth, Neb.

Four brothers and two sisters: Alonzo, Wenona, Ill.; Amos, Sioux Falls, S. D.; Joseph, Lemars, Ia.; Charles, Bloomington, Ill.; Clara, Wenona, Ill.; Mrs. Lucy Tisdale, Slayton, Minn.

The funeral will be held Wednesday morning at 8:30 from the late residence. The remains will be taken to Red Oak, Ia., for burial.

Mr. Street was a member of the G. A. R., having served in the 129th Illinois, Modern Woodmen of America and the Fraternal Union.

Born of Methodist parentage, he was identified with this church during his earlier years, but later joined with his wife, the Advent Christian church, in which faith he died.

In his passing, we bid farewell for a season to a good man whose absence from us will be keenly felt.

PIONEER CITIZEN LAID AT REST

Funeral of the Late James Palling in This City Sunday.

The funeral of the late James Palling was held yesterday afternoon at St. Luke's Episcopal church, Canon H. B. Burgess delivering the sermon. The remains of this lamented pioneer arrived in the city on the train due here at 1:12 p. m., being met at the depot by the members of A. F. & A. M. lodge No. 6 in a body. This lodge formed an escort for the remains to the church where the services were conducted under their auspices.

Canon H. B. Burgess delivered a sermon which was full of comfort to the sorrowing relatives and paid tribute to the sterling character and high worth of the deceased. He drew much worthy of emulation from the long life of the departed citizen. The interment was had at Oak Hill, the remains being escorted to their final resting place by the members of the masonic honor who braved the severe cold to pay this last mark of respect to the deceased. There were many floral offerings from old friends in this city and from those who had known him in his life time at Greenwood. The pall bearers were Messrs. W. J. White, W. H. Newell, J. M. Roberts, A. D. Despain, Harry Johnson and Robt. Sherwood, Sr.

Among those attending the funeral from out of the city was William Leesley of Greenwood, who accompanied W. E. Palling and family from that city with the remains.

Orange Blossoms.

A marriage license was issued this morning to William L. Copple, aged 23, and Miss Grace Maud Hinds, aged 22, both of Wabash, and to Ray E. Norris, aged 27, of Avoca, and Viola Hinds, aged 19 of Wabash. This is to be a double wedding and the date set is for December 29, at the home of the parents of the brides. All the young people are quite well known in their respective localities and are very popular. They have many friends who will unite in congratulations and the best wishes for a long and happy married life.

O license was also issued on Saturday evening to Oliver E. Allis, aged 20, and Miss Edna May McBride, aged 17, both of Elmwood. This young couple are well known throughout the western end of the county and very popular with many friends who will be glad to congratulate them upon their start in wedded life.

Letter From Ben Elson.

The Journal this morning is in receipt of a letter from Benj. Elson, formerly a leading clothier of this city, renewing his subscription to the paper and incidentally advising the publisher, R. A. Bates, that he ought to live in God's country. Mr. Elson says "where we have sunshine and flowers all the year around. We don't have to shovel snow nor keep our base burners going. Our city is growing at the rate of 25,000 population a year. She is a daisy." This is the true spirit for a man to have. Mr. Elson is justly a booster and his many friends here will be glad to know that he is doing so well as he is and hope that his prosperity will continue unabated. Mr. Elson, as is well known, resides in Los Angeles, Cal.

Hand Improving.

Adam Fornoff, one of Eight Mile Grove's best citizens, came down this morning from Cedar Creek on the Schuyler and has been attending to business matters in the city. The Journal is pleased to note that Mr. Fornoff has quite recovered from his recent injury to his hand and also recovered from the blood poisoning which set in.

Advertised Letter List.

The following letters remains in the Plattsmouth postoffice on this (December 20) date uncalled for, and unless called for within a reasonable length of time they will be sent to the Dead Letter office at Washington. In calling for same please say "advertised": Mrs. Mattie Dixon, Mrs. Gladis Jones, Mrs. Mary Moore, James Helge, W. B. Miller, Marion Tucker.

Judge Beeson Buys Property. Judge A. J. Beeson has concluded the purchase of the residence formerly owned by H. J. Helps, the consideration being \$1,500. The judge expects to put in a number of improvements on the place and to make it a modern up-to-date home. He does not expect to occupy the premises until spring.

Charles Warner, one of the best known citizens of the precinct, is in the city today looking after some business.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE SEASON

Saturday Night and Sunday Morning the Thermometer Stood at 18 and 20 Below Zero

The coldest night of the winter so far was last Saturday night and Sunday morning. The thermometer stood at 18 and 20 below zero all over the city and the cold was of that intense and piercing quality which crept into all the out of way places. This morning was also quite cold, the weather gage going as low as 14 below but not nearly so cold as yesterday. Both days have been bright and sunny and the winter is real crisp weather. Icing was suspended this morning on account of a sudden rise in the river which had backed the water over the ice on the first channel this side of the main channel. McMaken & Son who have been doing the icing, were compelled to build a bridge some eighty feet long across the channel before they could resume their work. They did this during the morning and by noon they were able to start in hauling ice again. The weather bureau does not hold out any hopes of much warmer weather in the near future and there is every probability that Christmas will dawn sharp and cold with plenty of snow on the ground. The sharp weather has affected Christmas shopping to a marked degree and business is not nearly so good as hoped for. The grand rush to buy presents will take place during the coming week and there will be much marketing done. Local merchants, however, report that business has proven satisfactory and they have no complaint to make. The Journal columns demonstrate that the local merchants are alive and are moving to the front as anything needed or wanted can be found in them.

CHRISTMAS IN SHOW WINDOWS

Merchants Whose Show Windows "Take the Cake" for Pretty and Neatness.

People who have been going up and down Main street have been compelled to stop and admire the fine display of foot wear which the shoe merchants of the city have on exhibition this Christmas. R. Sherwood & Son have a mighty fine line of good goods in their show windows, one window being devoted to ladies shoes of pretty and tasteful designs while the other is devoted to the men and boy's line.

The windows display unusual skill in preparation and are a fine testimonial to the worth and skill of Robert W. Shrewood, the window dresser of the firm and the salesman as well. The idea in the windows is that of the holiday season and he has taken exceptional pains to make the stock bear an attractiveness calculated to draw custom from all who note it. Jos. Fetzer also has a very attractive set of windows, with a mighty fine line of the latest and most attractive goods. Henry Goos is the salesman and window dresser for their store and he deserves great credit for the skill in which he has displayed in fixing the stock up for customers. These two firms have perhaps the best stock ever brought to this city and they present the latest and handsomest styles for the best trade. On boots and shoes they cannot be beaten and deserve a big holiday trade.

C. F. Vallery from near Murray, was in the city today.

DEATH AT THE MASONIC HOME

D. C. Sutphen Died Saturday Afternoon and Body to Be Taken to Davenport, Iowa, for Cremation.

Died—Sutphen, D. C., at the Masonic Home, Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on December 18, 1909, of concussion of the brain, aged 80 years, 11 months and 6 days. Funeral services at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on December 19, 1909, conducted by Canon H. B. Burgess, and at Omaha on December 20, conducted by Covert Lodge, A. F. & A. M. The body will be cremated at Davenport, Ia.

The serious injuries which Mr. D. C. Sutphen sustained several days since by a fall received at the Masonic Home resulted fatally last Saturday, the aged man passing away at that time. His many friends in this city were greatly shocked at the termination of his long and useful life but were in a measure prepared for it as the attending physicians held out no hope for recovery at any time.

The deceased had been an inmate of the home since September 1, 1904, and was among the highest respected and most esteemed members of the home. He was born in New York City on January 12, 1829, and was a member of Covert Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Omaha.

Services were held yesterday at the Episcopal church, Canon H. B. Burgess conducting the services, the body was taken to Omaha and after services in that city will be sent to Davenport, Ia., for cremation.

Will Wed.

Late yesterday afternoon the deputy county judge, Miss Gertrude Beeson, added one more marriage license to the long list for the closing month of 1909. This license will permit to wed two of the city's popular young people, Mr. Charles William Acord and Miss Edna Saffer. Mr. Acord has, up to a few weeks ago, held the position of night operator at the M. P. station, and Miss Saffer is the daughter of the late Frank Saffer, and has been at one of the switchboards of the Plattsmouth Telephone company, as night operator for the past few years.

Later—Since the above was put in type it has been learned that the parties referred to were married last night by Justice Archer at his home, the ceremony being witnessed only by Mrs. Saffer, mother of the bride, and by Mrs. Archer. For the present, the bride will make her home in this city while the groom returns to his work at Lyons, Neb.

Two Good Men.

Chas. E. Heebner and T. W. Fleming, two of the best fellows in the land, and prominent farmers near Nehawka, were Plattsmouth visitors Saturday evening, coming up from home in a sleigh to meet their wives, who arrived in Plattsmouth on train No. 2 over the Burlington from Omaha, where they had been spending the day. Both gentlemen paid this office a brief call. In conversation with Mr. Heebner he tells us that he had just marketed his hogs in Nehawka, and received eight cents per pound for them, from James Farmer, and of course were the first eight cent hogs this dealer had ever bought. There were 34 of them in number and averaged 275 pounds, making very desirable animals for the present market. Came again gentlemen, you are always welcome at the Journal headquarters.

A Fractured Hip.

Mrs. Nelson Jean living at Myrard last Saturday morning fell and fractured her hip, sustaining injuries which are very serious on account of her age. The aged lady is 84 years old. She had gone out in the yard to attend to some household duties when she slipped upon the ice and received the fall. Her many friends who have known her for so many years will be glad to note her speedy recovery.

Miss Edith Martin of Omaha, who spent Sunday in the city with her parents, returned to her duties in the city this morning, having gone by way of Pacific Junction on account of missing No. 15.

A Double Wedding. Cards have been received by friends in this city, announcing the forthcoming marriage of Miss Grace Hinds of Wabash to Mr. John Copple of Wabash and Miss Viola Hinds of Wabash to Mr. Ray Morris of Nehawka, on Wednesday evening, December 29.

Misses Grace and Viola Hinds are the accomplished daughters of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hinds of Wabash and are well and favorably known throughout the county, having visited our city, they have made friends who will wish them a happy and prosperous life.

NEEDS SOME DETECTIVE WORK

The Body of an Unborn Child Found While Renovating A Sewerage.

While cleaning out a sewer pipe yesterday Alf. Edgerton made a discovery which has put the county attorney on the track of what appears to be very evidently a criminal case. For some time past the people who have been operating the steam laundry in the building owned by P. R. Guthman, have been troubled by having the sewer pipe which carries the sewerage from the second story of the building becoming clogged up. The stench arising from this pipe caused the proprietor of the laundry to complain to Mr. Guthman, who secured Alf. Edgerton to investigate the condition of the pipe and surroundings. Upon opening the pipe under the floor to clean it out, Mr. Edgerton discovered lodged in the pipe, the body of a very small infant.

A representative of the Journal accompanied County Attorney Ramsey and Mr. Edgerton to the cellar where the body was found, and from the description of the conditions under which it was found, it seems very difficult to conjecture who placed it there.

The building has been occupied for the past several years by the laundry downstairs and the upstairs has been vacant for the greater part of the time. Owing to the fact that anyone who was familiar with the vicinity would have access to the building it is rather a hard proposition to tell who is the guilty party, but the county attorney has consulted with Sheriff Quinton and will proceed to investigate and leave nothing undone which can lead to the apprehension of those who committed the atrocious act. Whether or not the crime was that of murder, the presence of the body in the sewer shows a reckless and barbarous disregard for decency and human life that is appalling in itself, and a real menace to the community in which it exists.

Decided for the Plaintiff.

Justice Archer this morning decided the case of Propst vs. Wagner, a case arising from the sale of a cream separator by the plaintiff to the defendant. Justice Archer Archer found for the plaintiff, holding that he should have been notified by the defendant of the failure of the separator to work. This notice he found was not given. The case will be appealed to district court. A. L. Tidd represented the plaintiff and Matthew Gering was counsel for the defendant.

Departs for Ft. Worth, Texas.

Chas. D. Grimes, local reporter for the Journal departed this morning for Ft. Worth and other points in the Lone Star state, to spend a week among old friends and associates. He expects to be gone about a week, and in the meantime his position will be filled by Livingston Richey, and if this department is lacking in interest you can attribute the deficiency to Mr. Grimes' absence. The Journal hopes he will enjoy a very Merry Christmas, and return in safety.

In connection with getting out this year's ice crop, Col. H. C. McMaken has just completed what is bound to be a permanent improvement in the shape of a bridge over the first channel opposite the B. & M. depot. The structure is about eighty feet long and will greatly facilitate the work that the cold weather has put under way.

A SLEIGH RIDE TO THE COUNTRY

The Sophomore Class of the High School Enjoy Evening With Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gopen

The first bob sled sleighing party of the season took place Saturday evening, when the Sophomore class of the local high school went out to the pleasant country home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gopen, four miles south of Plattsmouth, to spend the evening. This sleigh ride was had because the Sophomores have felt in the recent game, through errors on the part of the Junior boys, as well as the umpire, they had practically won the game.

The merry company started from the M. E. church in this city about 8:30, drove down Main street and out Lincoln avenue, to the Gopen home. The entire party was well supplied with songs and class yells and residents along the road were reminded of the fact that "something was doing."

Arriving at the Gopen home, they were soon made to feel at home and the next few hours were spent in the usual amusements, such as games, music and the like. Many good things to eat were taken along and a good luncheon was prepared and served, which materially added to the pleasures of the evening.

After thanking Mr. and Mrs. Gopen for their kind hospitality, they started on the homeward journey. On the return trip they were well armed with songs, and class yells, which aroused many of the residents from their slumbers. The Sophomores voted this occasion one of the most delightful and report a fine time.

They were chaperoned by Mr. J. W. Gamble, Martin Root of Lincoln, a former member of the class and who is visiting relatives and friends in the city during the holidays, was a guest.

Read The Evening Journal.