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THE LATE WASHINGTON SMITH AN EMPLOYE OF BURLINGTON FOR YEARS

His Services With the Company Began With the Construction of the Lines West of the Missouri River.

From Monday's Daily

The following in reference of the late Washington Smith was taken from a special to the Lincoln Journal from Central City, where he passed away Monday, December 27:

Washington Smith, a veteran railroad man, and at the time of his resignation from the service of the Burlington two years ago, one of the oldest foremen in point of service, died here this morning at 8:30 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. Cleve Scott. Mr. Smith was nearly seventy-four years old, and his death was due to a complication of diseases. He had not been in good health for a number of years, and in April, 1908, he severed his connection with the railroad after having been in the service thirty-eight years for thirty-three years of which he was foreman. At the time of his resignation Mr. Smith was general foreman of the Plattsmouth shops. During the last year his health has failed more rapidly, and about two months ago he was taken with an attack which kept him confined to his bed almost continuously. The body will be taken to Plattsmouth today for burial.

Washington Smith was born in New York city July 31, 1838. With his father, a cabinetmaker, he went to live on a farm near Carbondale, Pa., making his home there till 1852. At the age of eighteen he moved to Michigan City, Ind., where he worked with his father, Robert Smith, learning the cabinetmaker's trade.

In 1860, when he was twenty-four years of age, Mr. Smith engaged with the Salem & New Albany railroad, and worked for three years in station and depot building, and afterwards for two years in the company's shops in Michigan City, on coach work. Later he worked for five years, or until 1870, with the Michigan Central railroad.

At that time John Chandler was master mechanic for the Burlington at Plattsmouth, the railroad having then been built only about twelve miles west of that place. Mike Egan was running the engine, "War Eagle" on the twelve miles of track. He had brought the engine to Plattsmouth from Michigan City when it was purchased from the Michigan Central. On learning that the master mechanic needed a cabinetmaker Mr. Egan wrote for Mr. Smith to come to Plattsmouth, and in two weeks the first carpenter shop of the Burlington at Plattsmouth was in operation. This was in 1870 and in 1875 Mr. Smith was made foreman of the pattern and coach work of the Burlington. It was under his direction that the first pay car of the Burlington west of the river, No. 24, was constructed. About two years before his resignation Mr. Smith was made general foreman of the Burlington shops at Plattsmouth. He served his connection with the company on April 1, 1908.

Mr. Smith was married July 31, 1866, in Michigan City, to Miss Harriet Skinner. Four children were born to them, three of whom are living. Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. W. E. Coolidge of Rosaline, and Mrs. J. Cleve Scott of Central City, and one son, Glenn W. Smith, of Omaha.

Funeral Services.

The funeral services will take place from the Presbyterian church tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. J. T. Baird delivering the sermon. The services will be under the auspices of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, A. F. and A. M., of which the deceased was a member. The remains will arrive in this city at 5 o'clock this evening and conveyed to the Masonic Temple to remain over night.

New Real Estate Man.

For some time past W. E. Rosencrans has had an advertisement in the Journal to watch this space for further announcement, and today he brings a change, which we were unable to get in type, announcing that he will soon be one of the liveliest real estate men in Cass county, and we are willing to vouch that this is no joke either. "Rosey" is one of those fellows that is always up and doing and full of vim, which it takes to make a thorough business man of any nature, especially in the real estate line. He will open his office about the first of the year in the Fricke building, formerly occupied by H. C. McMaken as an office. He has many choice farms for sale now, both in Cass county and in the western part of the state, also South Dakota and Omaha city property. The Journal predicts unbounded success for Mr. Rosencrans in his new venture.

Observe St. John's Day.

Last night being the St. John's anniversary, or St. John's night, as it is called, the local members of the Masonic fraternity gathered at their hall and celebrated the event according to their annual custom with becoming festivity. After a very pleasant social evening had been enjoyed a banquet was served at which about forty persons were present, and a few informal speeches were made and toasts responded to.

W. L. Pickett, acted as toastmaster and among those who responded to unprompted toasts were the Rev. D. A. Youtzy, J. E. Peterson, W. C. Ramsey and W. A. Robertson. The evening was in the main devoted to pleasure but nevertheless a thought was given to the needy and contributions made to gladden the hearts of some of the less fortunate.

Heavy Snow at Weeping Water.

A special from Weeping Water, under date of yesterday, says: "The snowfall here Friday amounted to about eight inches. Passengers for Weeping Water leaving Lincoln Friday evening arrived here Saturday afternoon. People living near here desiring to leave for Union and Plattsmouth waited a full twenty-four hours for their train. The snow is not badly drifted here as yet."

Maguire Nominates Cadets.

A Washington special to the Lincoln Journal of December 27, says: "Representative Maguire of Nebraska today announced that he has selected George T. Liddell of Tecumseh, as principal to take the examination for entrance to West Point, and Thomas J. Doyle of Lincoln, to take the examination for Annapolis. Liddell is the son of Rev. Robert Liddell, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Tecumseh. He was a student at the Tecumseh high school and attended the Peru normal school. He will take his examination at the Jefferson barracks, Missouri, on January 11. Doyle is the son of Attorney T. J. Doyle. He is a sophomore at the University of Nebraska. He was graduated from the Lincoln schools. His examination will be held in Lincoln next April."

Subscription snowders.

A popular social affair among the newspaper boys is a "subscription shower." It is a good deal like the linen and china showers given in honor of prospective brides. A number of subscribers whose subscriptions are due get together and induce all of their neighbors who are not subscribers to join them. They go in a body to the newspaper office, where each one plunks down \$1.50, and takes credit for a year's subscription. If the editor's face is wreathed in smiles the affair is a success. If he looks glum and grouchy, the affair is a failure and not worth trying again. Try it once and see if it isn't a success.

Col. Bob Wilkinson in Town.

Col. (Bob) R. A. Wilkinson, the boss auctioneer from Dunbar, was in the city for a few hours last evening, and paid the Journal office a brief call, placing an advertisement in these columns. Mr. Wilkinson needs no introduction to the people of Cass county, especially the southern part where he has cried sales and many of them, for years. He is an auctioneer of great ability, and is unusually successful in getting the full value of all property at his sales.

Joseph Cook, from south of the city, was doing some trading in the city today.

A MOST HAPPY FAMILY GATHERING

The Children and Grandchildren Spend Christmas With Grandpa and Grandma Schlater

The Journal very much regrets that it overlooked in last evening's issue to record one of the happiest family reunions that has occurred this Merry Christmas season. Our dear old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Schlater who make their home with their son, County Treasurer Frank E. Schlater, enjoy having their children and their children's children gather around the festive board at least once a year, and oftener if possible. And Christmas day they were in the height of happiness, surrounded by all their children and grandchildren, and from the way they enjoyed the day, one would have thought they were much younger than they are. Those present were Joseph Tighe and family of Havelock; William Ossenkop and family of Louisville; Ed. Fitzgerald and family of this city, besides Frank E. Schlater and family.

There were fourteen grand children present, making in all twenty-eight who enjoyed Christmas dinner with these two old people. For some years these excellent old people have enjoyed the home-coming of their children and families, and this gathering was no exception to the rule, and was a pleasure to all present to note the joyous smile that spread over the countenances of these grand old people as the grandchildren made merry during the day. It was indeed a most happy event, and the Journal sincerely hopes Mr. and Mrs. Schlater may live to enjoy many more such Merry Christmases. The time wore away too quickly for them, and they very much regretted the hour of departure.

Funeral of Mrs. Walker.

Mrs. A. E. Walker arrived in this city yesterday at 1:30 p. m., and the funeral cortege drove directly from the Burlington depot to the United Brethren church, one mile south of town, where the last sad rites were observed and interment made in the Horning cemetery. A large number of sorrowing friends and relatives accompanied the body to its final resting place, and listened to a touching eulogy of the departed from the lips of Rev. W. C. Leslie, the presiding pastor of the church. The pall bearers were: Max Adams, Elbert Wiles, Nelson Jean, John Vallery and Fritz Fricke.

T. J. Sokol's Mask Ball.

The date for that long looked for annual event, the T. J. Sokol annual mask ball, has been set, the appointed committee having met a few days since, and decided that the date should be Saturday evening, January 15th. It is hardly necessary for us to dwell long on the good time that is had on this occasion, as all who love dancing both far and near, well know what it means when the T. J. Sokol's announce their annual mask ball, and begin to prepare for it at once. This year the various committees are exerting every effort to make the coming event the grandest of them all. The prizes will be announced later.

The Ossenkop Case.

Word has been received by the county attorney here that the celebrated Ossenkop case will be opened up again for argument before the supreme court during the week of January 17, 1910. It will be remembered by Journal readers that Ossenkop was tried and convicted in the local courts of manslaughter, and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. He now takes an appeal to the supreme court, through his attorney Matthew Gering of this city. The State's side will be defended before the supreme court by Attorney General W. D. Thompson, assisted by George D. Ayres of Lincoln.

Off for the Mining Districts.

A. S. Will and Fred G. Egenberger, two of the stockholders in the Bavcanra Mining Co., of Arispe, Mexico, departed this afternoon for the scenes of activity and experience real mining life for the next two months. They were passengers to Omaha on this afternoon's train and go over the Burlington to Kansas City tonight.

Violating the Law.

Nearly 900 national banks of the United States have been warned by the comptroller of the currency that they are liable to forfeit their charters and that their directors may be held to individual responsibility. They are charged with having made loans in excess of 10 per cent of their capital, the legal limit. In 1908, according to the report of the comptroller made public recently, over one-half of national banks had violated the law in this respect. Early in 1907, the percentage had been reduced to something over a quarter of the total number of banks, in September of this year 15.26 per cent.

A VERY WELCOME VISITOR IN TOWN

Geo. W. Young, Former County Commissioner Enjoying Good Time With Friends.

George W. Young of Alva, Oklahoma, was in the city today shaking hands with his many friends. Mr. Young came up to Murray, one week ago to visit his daughter, Mrs. I. M. (Meek) Davis, and while there he thought it proper to come on up to the county seat to spend a day, ere departing for home.

Mr. Young served as one of the commissioners for six years, and from all reports served the people well and faithfully. He removed to near Alva, Oklahoma, about seven years ago, and bought a tract of land that joins the town closely, which is now worth about three times the amount what he paid for it. Mr. Young resided in Cass county for many years and has a host of friends who are always ready to extend the glad hand. He reports J. W. Cox, also a former commissioner of this county as being in poor health at the present time, but his illness is not of a serious nature. He resides near Mr. Young and they see one another almost daily. He also reports the balance of the Cass county colony in that section as doing nicely, and that they all retain a warm spot in their hearts for their former home. While in the city Mr. Young gave the Journal a pleasant call and while here said he had just as well subscribe for the Old Reliable and get the news fresh and not wait to get it second-hand from his neighbors, who are elderly subscribers. He says the Journal is a most excellent paper and a great credit to the county. Mr. Young removed from here about the time the Journal folks came here and we failed to meet him, and are very much delighted to make his acquaintance. While in Plattsmouth Mr. Young is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Charles Troop.

New Year Suggestions.

Every time the closet of your neighbors is open a little, do you strain your neck to peep and then afterwards strain your neck to talk about it? Do you ever stop to think that some day the tongue of slander may cut you like a sharp sword and the whispers of your neighbors be as vinegar to your wounds? Misfortune and disgrace may have overtaken you to get on the housetops and shout it out to the world. You will not be called upon to pay nor answer any of the sins of your neighbors. You have all you can tend to to pay for your own indiscretions. Some day some one near and dear to you may fall—the prison walls may open to a son or a scarlet letter of eternity blight a daughter. When a home is in mourning over a tragedy, the best thing to do is to keep your mouth shut unless you can say something that will be as a rift in the clouds. Then again, you know you may be no better than your neighbor. The only difference is that your neighbor was caught and you, up-to-date, have kept the sunlight away. Be charitable, my friend, for you know not the day nor the hour when the blight will appear in your own sacred circle.

In District Court.

Judge Travis held a session of district court yesterday to hear the testimony in the case of Harshman vs. C. F. Royal, in which plaintiff seeks to enjoin defendant from entering upon a certain tract of land owned by him. The case was left over for verdict until the next session of court.

Mrs. Geo. Sayles and children came in from Cullom on the morning train today.

A BIG BOOST FOR J. F. VALLERY

Cass County Boys Always Go to the Front Where There is the Least Possible Show.

It is with great pleasure that the Journal notes the advancement of the Cass county boys. Here is one that is gradually ascending to the highest rounds of the railroad ladder, and his many friends are also glad to see his gradual advancement. In speaking of the promotion of Mr. Vallery, the Lincoln Journal says:

J. F. Vallery, general agent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy at Denver, Col., has been appointed general agent in the freight department of that road and of the Colorado & Southern, effective January 1, when the local offices of these roads at Denver will be consolidated. E. A. Cooper, city passenger and ticket agent of the Colorado & Southern at Denver, has been appointed general agent in the passenger department, and L. C. Zimmerman, commercial freight agent of the Colorado & Southern, has been appointed assistant general agent of the freight department of both roads, all with offices at Denver.

In Honor of Guests.

The cozy home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Roberts rang with merriment last evening when Mrs. Roberts entertained a company of young folks, in honor of Misses Coralie and Mildred Stewart of Wynore, Nebraska, who are spending the holidays with relatives and friends in this city.

For the occasion, various games and contests had been planned, and the young people entered into the amusements with much interest and enthusiasm.

Slips of papers and sticks of gum were distributed and the guests requested to chew the gum and then mold some animal out of the gum and place on the cardboard. In this contest Sam Windham won the prize.

Pictures which had been clipped from newspapers, paper and pencil were then distributed and the guests requested to write a few verses of poetry concerning the picture. Miss Mildred Stewart proved to be the most brilliant poetess and carried off first prize. In the guessing contest, Miss Mildred Johnson won first honor.

Luncheon was then announced and the guests were requested to repair to the hall where they would find cards bearing their names. Attached to each card was a string, which the guests were to follow up. After a considerable chase this string eventually led them to the places at the table in the dining room.

A luncheon, both delicious and dainty, was then served, after which the jolly company repaired to the parlors and an hour or so spent in music and games brought to a close one of the most delightful occasions of the season.

Mrs. Roberts was assisted in entertaining and serving by Miss Bernese Newell.

Those who enjoyed Mrs. Robert's hospitality were: Mildred Johnson, Edna Shopp, Dorothy Britt, Barbara Clement, Adelia White, Sam Windham, Pollock Parmele, Ralph Larson, Carl Smith, Glen Scott, Sonny Knapp.

Surprise Miss Berggren.

On Christmas night a large number of young people assembled at Jesse Perry's barber shop, chartered several bob sleds and sleighs and then drove out to the home of Miss Celia Taylor, some miles northwest of this city.

Miss Hanna Berggren, who has been handling the telephone business at Louisville for the past six or more weeks, during the illness of the operator at that place and who had come to Plattsmouth to spend the holidays, had gone out to the Taylor home to spend Sunday. This particular occasion had been planned for her and was in the nature of a surprise and she was completely surprised as she had not suspected the like at all.

The usual amusements, such as games, music and the like, were indulged in and thoroughly enjoyed by all until a late hour. Delicious refreshments, which the merry surprises had provided, were served and all in all, this particular event was counted among the most enjoyable of the season.

Ed. Brantner Receives Money. Yesterday Ed. Brantner received the remainder of his judgment which amounted to some \$1300.00 against the Burlington railroad company, which was held up through some legal difficulties by the Glenwood attorneys interested in the case here. Yesterday the draft was received at the First National Bank paying Mr. Brantner in full.

SOME MORE OF CUPID'S CAPERS

Miss Winnifred Shea of this City and Dr. Chas. S. Malley of Galesburg, Ill., United in Holy Wedlock.

Announcement is made today of the marriage of Miss Winnifred Shea of this city to Chas. S. Malley, a doctor of Galesburg, Illinois. They were married in this city this morning by Father Shine at his home and will go to Galesburg tonight, where they will reside in the future. Miss Shea is well known in this city, where she has lived all her life, graduating from the Plattsmouth High school with the class of 1905. After graduating here she took a course in business training in the Omaha Commercial College and for some time past has been employed as stenographer in the office of the Auditor of the Plattsmouth Telephone Co., in this city. The bride has many friends in this city who join the Journal in extending their heartiest congratulations to the happy couple and in wishing them long life and prosperity.

Visiting Friends.

From Wednesday's Daily. Joseph Lloyd, who has been living in Lincoln for the past few months, was in the city yesterday visiting with his many friends at the old home, going to Murray today for a few days visit with his brothers before returning to the capital city. In conversation with him, Mr. Lloyd tells us that he is in the fine horse business, and looking after the two fine animals owned by his son, W. A. Lloyd, one of which is the corner of the land, Lady St. Patrick, a four-year-old pacing mare. Billy Stantz, a trackman of vast experience, who has charge of the big yards at Hastings, will take Lady St. Patrick to Davenport, Ia., the latter part of next week for winter trackage. Now her condition is fine and prospects look very good, so he contemplates early training, and a record breaker for the coming season.

Goes Back to Hospital.

We regret to learn that Mrs. Mark White has again been taken to Omaha to undergo another operation. It will be remembered that Mrs. White went through a serious operation several months since for appendicitis and returned home apparently in the best of health, and it is very unfortunate that she is compelled to go up against the same thing again. We trust this will not prove so serious as the first operation and that she will return to her home in a few days in a much better condition than ever.

Advertised Letter List.

The following letters remain in the Plattsmouth postoffice on this (December 27) date uncalled for, and unless called for within a reasonable length of time they will be sent to the Dead Letter office at Washington, D. C. In calling for same please say "advertised:" Miss Katherine Haven, Rink Manager, John Dutz, Claude Grechtmov, Harry Hatcher, Claus Stoldberg, R. L. Wright.

Taken to the Asylum.

The Board of Insanity yesterday investigated the case of Ford Kiser, aged 15 years of Mynard, and adjudged him insane. He is a victim of hypochondria and has been for about six years. He was taken to the State Hospital for the insane at Lincoln this morning for treatment.

Here From Avoca.

C. F. Royal and wife, Louis Shumaker, Jesse Kirk and Brook Schneider, all of Avoca precinct, were in the city yesterday on legal business, and found time to pay the Journal office a brief call.

Harmon Klugey and family, who have been visiting in this city the guests of his brother Fred, departed this morning for their home at Clarinda, Ia.