

# DAY IS FATAL TO KROON FAMILY

Third of February is Bad Day for Both Husband and Wife.

Albert Kroon, aged 67 years, was instantly killed Thursday morning between 9 and 10 o'clock in the Burlington yards at Pacific Junction, where he had been employed for the past twenty years.

His position was that of track walker in the yards. He had just been assisting the other section men near the depot in transferring the mail from No. 15, which was late that day. Foreman Olson directed him to proceed with his work of inspecting the tracks. Kroon then started east, and was presumably eroding the yards to the tool house when he met his death.

Freight train No. 76 had just pulled in from Plattsmouth, and a car was being "kicked" from the train onto a siding. It is supposed he was struck by this car. It appears that no one saw Kroon till several cars had passed over him. He was terribly mangled and death was instantaneous.

The funeral will be held from the late home at 11 o'clock Saturday morning. Burial will take place in the Glenwood cemetery, where the wife, a brother and the parents of the unfortunate man are interred.

Mr. Kroon is survived by an only daughter Anna, at the home. Two brothers and two sisters also survive—Charles of Pacific Junction, Alexander of Omaha, Miss Lena Kroon of Denver, and Miss Hilma Kroon of Council Bluffs.

The deceased was born in Sweden and would have been 67 years old in April. He was married about thirty-two years ago, and an infant child died while they still lived in the old country. The family came direct to Pacific Junction from Sweden about twenty years ago.

## A Startling Coincidence.

February 3 is certainly an ominous date in the Kroon family, for on this particular day of the month occurred the death of both Mr. Kroon and his wife, both having previously sustained serious accidents on that date. Here is the record:

Feb. 3, 1901—Mrs. Kroon fell and broke her hip, from which she never recovered.

Feb. 3, 1902—Mr. Kroon mashed his foot while working in the railroad yard, and the surgeons urged amputation, but the victim's earnest protest saved his foot.

Feb. 3, 1910—Mr. Kroon killed.—Mills County Tribune.

## In County Court.

In county court today the contest over the will of the late Johanna Coleman of Greenwood was had, the proponents of the will being present and also represented by counsel attorney D. K. Barr of Omaha and Byron Clark of this city, appearing for them while the objector to the will Mrs. J. C. Lemon, a daughter of deceased, was represented by W. C. Ramsey. O. B. Polk of Lincoln is also one of the counsel for the objectors. After hearing a number of witnesses, Judge Beeson held the will to be good and allowed it for probate. The case will be appealed to district court. A special administrator to conserve the property pending the appeal was appointed, this being Niles Coleman, a son of deceased.

## Senator Thomas Here.

Former Senator Samuel L. Thomas now located at Long Beach, Cal., came in last Tuesday evening for a visit in the city and vicinity with friends and to look after business matters. Senator Thomas is looking well and hearty and seems to enjoy his new home immensely. He is delighted with California and believes that he has finally found a better land than Nebraska. Business on the coast is very good and the senator reports that the Plattsmouth contingent there is doing nicely. He left all the former Plattsmouth folks well and hale. His son Walter L., is engaged in the automobile business at Long Beach and is doing finely, that industry being a flourishing one in that locality. The senator will remain in this locality for several days.

## Won't Need a Crutch.

When Editor J. P. Sossman of Cornwell, N. C., bruised his leg badly, it started an ugly sore. Many salves and ointments proved worthless. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve healed it thoroughly. Nothing is so prompt and sure for Ulcers, Sores, Burns, Bruises, Cuts, Corns, Blisters, Pimples, Eczema or Piles. 25c at F. G. Fricke & Co.

T. W. Vallery is spending today in the city, coming in this morning from his home at Murray.

## Honors Henry R. Gering.

The annual meeting and banquet of the Omaha Ad club was held last evening at the Paxton hotel in that city. One of the features of the meeting was the election of officers for the ensuing year. A former Plattsmouth citizen was honored in the election of ex-Mayor Henry R. Gering as vice president of the club. The occasion was a great one and the honor bestowed on Mr. Gering a merited one. He is one of the live wires of Omaha just as he was one of the live wires of this city when he lived here. That he will advance to lead the Omaha Ad club seems to be only a question of a short time and when he does that organization will have a fit and worthy leader.

# THE COUNTY OPTION QUESTION

## The Cass County Sunday School Association to Enter Fight

It looks as if Cass county may have quite a strenuous campaign this fall over the county option question. The determination to inject this issue to the front regardless of the eight o'clock closing law is manifested by those interested in the anti-saloon fight. The only reason ever given for the enactment of the eight o'clock law was that it would allay the demand for county option or state wide prohibition but this reasoning appears to have been fallacious as the county optionites and the prohibitionists are organizing and getting ready to enter into the fray in dead earnest.

A meeting was held yesterday at Union of the executive temperance committee of the Cass County Sunday school association, comprising six members selected from different parts of the county. This committee is given charge of the county option campaign in the county and the meeting yesterday was for the purpose of perfecting plans for their campaign. They expect to be organized throughout the county by the time the fall election is had and their intention is to throw their support only to those candidates for the legislature and for other executive and legislative offices who will pledge themselves to support county option.

This would mean in this case a senator, two representatives from this county and one float representative from this and Otoe county. Whether the committee would take any hand in the election of a governor except in the case of the nomination of Mayor Dahlman of Omaha, who is a pronounced advocate of high license is not known. They would be sure to get busy if Dahlman won the nomination and the probabilities are that they will support the Republican nominee in any event. The attempt to placate this element by the eight o'clock law has proven a dismal failure as those responsible for the act can now see.

An attempt to learn the identity of the executive committee of six which met yesterday as outlined above failed, as it was explained their names being given out, "would draw the fire upon them and this is not desirable."

So far as can be learned there has been no steps taken by the high license advocates or the liquor element to organize and little interest seems to be taken in the matter on that side of the house. Whether they will make any effort or not to stem the county option and prohibition tide looks doubtful in this county as they seem thoroughly demoralized and without any head. In conversation with some of the leading high license advocates, it is apparent from their talk that they have no leadership worthy the name and each seems afraid to assume any responsibility. In the meantime the county optionites are strengthening their forces and preparing to win the battle.

## Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers were recorded today in the office of Register of Deeds Snyder:

Dan C. Stafford and wife to W. L. Burke, the south one-half of lots 1 and 2, in block 56, Plattsmouth, consideration \$4,000 and assuming a mortgage of \$1,000. This is the property known as the Schildknecht property on south Ninth street. It is a two and a half story frame dwelling with a large plot of ground. At present it is occupied by Dr. Barnes as a rooming house.

James H. Kinneson and wife to Thos. Payne, lot 270 in the town of Greenwood, consideration \$75.

Margaet A. Tennant and husband to M. L. Williams, lots 502, 503, 504 and the east 20 feet of lot 447, town of Louisville, consideration \$800.

Joe and Anna Zitka to Marie Jellinek, mortgage, lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, block 21, Duke's addition to Plattsmouth consideration \$750.

# ANNUAL MEETING OF TELEPHONE CO.

## A Wonderful Increase in the Business of the Plattsmouth Telephone Company.

The annual meeting of the Plattsmouth Telephone company was held last evening at the office of the company in the Plattsmouth Telephone company building on North Sixth street. There was a large attendance of stockholders from all parts of the county and the annual statements of the officers were heard with careful attention. They disclosed a remarkably excellent state of finances on the part of the company and showed that the past year has been one of the most profitable in the history of the great Plattsmouth enterprise.

The excellent management of the company is manifested in the statistics which the annual reports show. The growth of the company has been marvelous and its prosperity has kept pace with the physical development of the property. Too much credit cannot be given to the work of the officers of the company who have had the interests of the organization at heart at all times and who can point with a just pride to the fine showing which they have made for the past year.

The Plattsmouth Telephone company entered into existence in the year 1899 and from the date of its organization to the present time the same officers have remained in control and that period is ample evidence that they are the right men in the right places. The company entered into existence with one exchange and 100 telephones in the year 1899. The last report shows that it now owns and controls 13 exchanges and has a total of 3,991 telephones. The lines of the company cover all the territory from South Omaha to the south line of Cass county and runs west from this city to Lincoln. The company owns and operates 300 miles of first class copper wire for long distance service.

The wonderful growth of the company is strikingly illustrated by its receipts which have grown in the ten years between 1899 and 1909 from \$1,800 per year to \$60,000—a remarkable increase. At present the company employs 54 regular employees with large construction gangs working throughout the summer season. The monthly pay roll of the company foots up a handsome sum and it has been one of the main factors in helping Plattsmouth to succeed.

The meeting last night in addition to hearing the excellent report which is summarized above, declared the usual dividend of ten per cent which amounts now to \$19,000 per year, a neat sum to place in circulation in the community. In addition officers were re-elected and the company decided to buy some property at Ashland for a new telephone building to handle the increasing business at that point. The officers who were chosen are as follows:

President—Thos. E. Parmele.  
Vice President—Chas. C. Parmele.  
Secretary—J. N. Wise.  
Gen. Mgr. and Treas.—T. H. Pollock.

Directors—Thos. E. Parmele, C. C. Parmele, T. H. Pollock, Dr. J. M. Neely of Elmwood, Edwin Jeary of Elmwood, H. F. Swanback, Greenwood, Peter Eveland, Murdock, J. W. Reasoner, Ashland, M. H. Polard, Nehawka, C. H. Smith and Jacob Tritsch.

"See Plattsmouth Succeed."  
Among the stockholders attending the meeting from out of the city were Messrs. M. H. Pollard, Nehawka; J. W. Reasoner, J. E. W. Fenton, Ashland; H. A. Talcott, H. F. Swanback, Greenwood; Amsdel Sheldon, Avoca; B. H. Landis, Waverly and Dr. J. M. Neely, G. L. Berger, Elmwood. There are 399 stockholders in the company in all.

## Hats Off to the Judge.

Hats off to Judge Dr. R. L. Newell, for at the meeting of the county commissioners Tuesday the board made the genial dentist a full-fledged judge by appointing him justice of the peace and he and Judge Foster will no doubt pool in the marriage ceremony business, or perhaps the competition in that line may become so strong that they will offer premiums. Judge Newell has offices in the Woodman building and says he is ready to deal out all kinds of justice at all hours.—Union Ledger.

A. W. Smith and wife arrived in the city this morning from their former home at Carson, Ia., and will make their future residence at their recently purchased home west of this city. Mr. Smith it will be recalled purchased the Hohlschuh place some time ago and is now moving into it, to make it his future home.

# A FEW WINTER OVERCOATS LEFT

We have placed them in three lots to close. Here they go. Cash only.

**\$5 \$8 \$10**

Just like giving them away, but we have so few left that we want to make a clean sweep of them. It's your good fortune if you need a coat. Better buy it and buy it quick at these prices. See them in our corner window.

# C. E. Wescott's Sons

THE HOME OF SATISFACTION.

## Public Sale

The undersigned will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Ray Chrisweisser farm, two and one-half miles west and one and one-quarter miles south of Murray, and five miles north of Nehawka, on

**MONDAY, FEB. 14, 1910**

the following described property, to-wit:

### HORSES AND CATTLE.

Two brown mares, weight 2800, eight and nine years old, two bay mares, weight 2300, three and four years old, one roan horse and one bay horse, weight 2400, seven years old, Two bay mares, weight 2000, eight and nine years old, two bay horses, weight 1800, seven years old, four milk cows, two yearling heifers, one Whiteface bull calf.

### FARM IMPLEMENTS.

One top buggy, rubber tire, two farm wagons, nearly new, one spring wagon, one McCormick mower, one John Deere gang plow, one riding cultivator, one walking cultivator, one John Deere corn planter, one disc harrow, one John Deere lister, three sets of work harness, one set of buggy harness, three sets of fly nets, one riding saddle.

All this farm machinery is practically new, been used but very little.

### TERMS OF SALE.

All sums of \$10 and under, cash in hand; over \$10, a credit of from six to twelve months will be given, the purchaser giving good bankable paper bearing eight per cent interest from date. All property must be settled for before being removed.

### LUNCH SERVED ON THE GROUNDS AT NOON.

Sale to Commence at 10:00 o'clock A. M. Sharp.

This property must and will be sold without reserve to the highest bidder on the date of the sale.

James W. Sage, Owner.  
Rob't Wilkinson, Auctioneer.  
W. G. Boedeker, Clerk.

## "See Plattsmouth Succeed."

Plattsmouth is to have a new dry cleaning and dyeing establishment, arrangements having been completed for the opening of such an establishment in the Frank White building on Main street between Fourth and Fifth streets. The new institution will be run by Rollin Hampton, a practical dyer and cleaner and a specialty will be made of neat cleaning of women's garments as well as men's garments and hats. Mr. Hampton comes to the city well recommended as a practical cleaner and dyer and it is to be hoped that he secures patronage sufficient to make the institution a go. There is a great deal of this kind of work which has been going to Omaha and other points which should remain right here at home where the work can be done just as cheaply or even cheaper than abroad and where the added advantage of quick service can be had. All the necessary equipments for the establishment will be installed at once and immediate results will be had. This makes an increase in the business establishments of the city which has been badly needed and is another step in advance. Plattsmouth is succeeding and the way for it to keep on is to patronize the new establishments and new industries which have come here and which are fighting Omaha for the trade of the city. In addition to the local field there is a number of good Cass county towns to draw from the people of Murray, Union, Nehawka, Louisville, Weeping Water, Avoca and other towns will find that they can get better and quicker service in Plattsmouth than in Omaha and Lincoln which they have been patronizing in the past. Send it to the new Plattsmouth cleaning and dyeing establishment.

Perry Marsh is a visitor today in South Omaha going to that city on the morning train.

## FATHER SHINE TO THE BIBLE CLASS

"Ancient Nebraska" His Theme in an Address to a Large Number of Hearers.

The young men's bible class of the Methodist church last evening held one of the most interesting sessions of their winter season, the occasion being a lecture delivered to them by Father M. S. Shine of St. John's Catholic church. Father Shine addressed the gathering which was a large one upon "Ancient Nebraska," his address being necessarily confined to a discussion of the early Spanish explorations of this territory and the adjoining portion of Kansas. This is a very voluminous subject and one of the most intense interest, especially to the student of history.

Commencing with the early Spanish explorers who travelled over this territory, Father Shine declared that the recent investigations of historians among the archives of Spain and the church documents of that time, had disclosed that much of what has been considered as mythical and legendary, was in reality the truth.

It is to be regretted that Father Shine's excellent address cannot be printed in full, as it is not alone very interesting and instructive but entertaining as well. The speaker dwelt upon the expedition of Coronado in his search for the mysterious land of Quivira and the seven cities of Cibola and he gave his audience a wonderfully interesting account of the travels which that adventurous Spaniard made throughout this section in the years of the sixteenth century. According to the latest discoveries and the last translations of ancient documents Father Shine is firm in the belief that this part of Nebraska is that country which Coronado was searching for. He contends that this section is really the famed land of Quivira which so teamed with wealth in the ancient days.

In addition to his interesting account of the ancient explorations of this territory Father Shine spoke at length of the early Indian race and its abolition from this territory, this being also a very interesting portion of his address.

Throughout his lecture Father Shine gave a number of most interesting of the many myths and legends which ancient Nebraska history records show. His graphic picture of the wild Indians and their alluring tales of gold which drew the gold seeking Spaniard on to the banks of the mighty Missouri from far off Mexico, held his audience spell-bound. The entire lecture was far and away one of the best ever delivered in the city.

It is the desire of Father Shine to rouse up a spirit of interest among the city in history and it is to be regretted that all could not have been present last evening and heard his masterly address as it would easily have accomplished its purpose.

## Took All His Money.

Often all a man earns goes to doctors or for medicines, to cure a Stomach, Liver or Kidney trouble that Dr. King's New Life Pills would quickly cure at slight cost. Best for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Biliousness, Constipation, Jaundice, Malaria and Debility. 25c at F. G. Fricke & Co.

## George White Dies.

This morning's papers chronicle the death at Hotchkiss, Col., of George White, for many years a Burlington engineer and at that time quite well known in this city. Mr. White left the Burlington at the time of the big strike in 1888 and for the past several years he has been engaged in managing the big stock ranch of his brother Asbury White in Colorado. The body will be taken to Creston, Ia., for interment, deceased having formerly lived at that place. Mr. White was a very popular man when he worked on the Burlington and had friends all over the western part of Iowa and eastern Nebraska.

## PUBLIC SALE

The undersigned will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at his farm, five and one-half miles south west of Plattsmouth, two and three-fourths northwest of Mynard, on

**Wednesday, Feb. 16th**

the following described property, to-wit:

### THIRTEEN HEAD OF HORSES.

One span bay geldings, coming 4 and 5 years, weight 2600, one span bay mares, twelve years old, weight 2500, one span bay geldings, eleven years old, weight 2200, two bay horses, eight years old, weight 1400 and 1300, one black mare with foal, twelve years old, weight 1250, one black horse, nine years old, weight 800, one bay horse, weight 1200, one black colt, eight months old; one buckskin colt, six months old, four head of milk cows and one bull.

### FARM MACHINERY.

One Deering binder, one stalk rake, three cultivators, one Bradley riding lister, one John Deere walking lister, one three-section harrow, two 16-inch Bradley riding plows, one Marseilles cylinder sheller with patent feed complete, three lumber wagons, two good top buggies, three sets of fly nets, one Flying Swede 2-row machine, one Buckeye mower, one disc harrow, one hay rack, one 50-foot corn elevator, one 2-horse Foom gasoline engine, one Peerless cream separator, six sets of work harness, two sets of buggy harness, one set of single harness.

Many other articles too numerous to mention.

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## To Coax Them Out.

The meeting of the fire department held last evening at the council chamber was quite well attended and considerable business of interest to the department was transacted. Chief Koubek took occasion to try to rouse up more interest among the members and to secure if possible, a greater attendance of members at fires. To this end it was agreed that the department would offer a standing reward of \$5 to the member of the department attending the greatest number of fires during the year. As the department is limited to a total expenditure of \$25, it was agreed to give \$5 each to those tying in the total up to five men and if there were more they five tied then the purse of \$25 should be divided between them. It is believed that this will stimulate interest in the department and that there will be a better turn out to fires in the future than in the past.

## Nehawka Will Boom.

The business men of Nehawka met last evening at that place and organized a commercial club along the lines of the Nebraska City commercial club. The meeting was well attended and quite enthusiastic. Two hundred shares were subscribed for creating a fund of \$1,000 a year for four years. Directors were selected and they will elect the officers in a short time.

A banquet will be given the farmers of that vicinity on next Saturday evening and their membership solicited and their co-operation in the matter of making Nehawka a better and bigger trading point by securing good roads leading to and from that place.—Nebraska City News.

Tom McCullough, the good Rock Bluff Democrat, is in the city this afternoon attending to business matters.