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DEATH OF CONRAD SCHLATER, A PIONEER CITIZEN OF NEBRASKA

One of the Most Highly Respected and Best Known Citizens of Plattsmouth and Cass County is No More.

From Friday's Daily.

DIED—Schlater, Conrad, at his home in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on Friday, March 18, 1910, at 7 o'clock a. m., of bronchial affection, aged 77 years, 2 months and 23 days. Funeral on Monday, March 21, 1910, from St. John's Catholic church, Plattsmouth, Nebraska, Rev. Father M. A. Shine officiating. Interment at the Catholic cemetery at Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

After an illness of long duration death this morning claimed Conrad Schlater, for many years a resident of Cass county and one of its most respected and best beloved citizens. Owing to the advanced age of the deceased his death did not come as a surprise as he had been in falling health for several years past but his remarkable vitality and his strong constitution had enabled him to rally from a number of other attacks and to the end hope was entertained that this might be the case once more. He had been seriously ill for some time back but several weeks ago he had made one of his unexpected gains in strength and had so far advanced toward good health that he was able to come down town. As was always his custom he made the trip without an overcoat and this proved to be the direct cause of his death as he contracted a cold from which he did not recover.

Deceased was one of the men whom everyone in Cass county delighted to honor. He stood at the pinnacle of true, honest, sturdy manhood. During the more than half a century he had dwelt among the people of Cass county, he had made a name for himself as one of the most upright of its men. He was a man of unswerving honor and personal integrity of high, pure and lofty character, and the soul of honesty. A long and busy life in which he had witnessed the coming and going of many thousands of men in this country, closed absolutely stainless when the eyes of this excellent citizen closed in their last long sleep. Conrad Schlater is sincerely mourned throughout Cass county by a great host of friends who had known and respected him in his lifetime and the sorrowing and bereaved widow and children have the profound sympathy of everyone who had known him.

Conrad Schlater was born in Germany on the Christmas day of the year 1832. He came of that sturdy, strong German stock which in the latter years of the nineteenth century spread over the world and did much for the progress of civilization. He was educated in the schools of the fatherland, receiving there the rudiments of that learning which he employed to so good an advantage when he cast his lot in the new world. Here too, he was inculcated with the spirit of Democracy which was then rising in the empire and this early training had a powerful influence on his later life in the states. The extent of the simple, homelike life of the German race was well exemplified in Conrad Schlater and during his long residence in America, he showed the benefit of the early training he received in his home in the fatherland. In early life he was united to the Catholic church and throughout his long residence here there was no more devout member of the church than he.

Coming to America in the year 1849, Mr. Schlater lived for a number of years in the eastern states and on July 9, 1856, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Donelan in the state of Indiana and of this union which has been a happy one for more than fifty years, there was born four children, two daughters and two sons. Of the daughters one, Mrs. Carrie Tighe, wife of Joseph Tighe lives at Havelock, Neb. The other daughter is Mrs. Annie Fitzgerald, wife of Edward Fitzgerald of this city. One son is Frank E. Schlater, present county treasurer of this county. The other son William, was accidentally killed several years ago by the fall of a horse. All three of the surviving

T. H. Green of Elmwood came in last evening to attend to some business matters in the city, registering over night at the Riley.

children were at the bedside of the aged man when the last summons came this morning.

It was in the year 1859, that deceased located in Cass county, and this has been his residence ever since, he having lived for many years of his life at or near Louisville and his later years having been spent in this city, where he made his home with his son.

During his early life in this country, deceased had been a pioneer of very observing habits and in the later years when he was taking life's ease, he was prone to put in his hours in writing delightful reminiscences of his early life and of the many adventures which he had in the pioneer days. Having made a number of trips across the plains in the early days when the overland trail was beset with Indians and bandits, the aged citizen had a world of stories of exciting adventures which would take a large volume to tell. Through all these he came safely and with that rare tact and judgment which distinguished him in his later life, he succeeded in many times averting serious trouble. Readers of the Louisville Courier and the Journal will recall with delight the articles which his gifted pen had written and many a well worn scrap book today lies open at the pages whereon are pasted the story of a past age in western civilization penned by this excellent man. To the last mind of the deceased was clear and he conversed during his declining days with old friends, reverting back to the days when life was hard and living fraught with perils which today would daunt all but the strongest.

Throughout his long life Conrad Schlater was a Democrat of the uncompromising type. He believed thoroughly in the people and trusted them implicitly. Affiliated as he was with the Democratic party, he believed in the sacred rights of the great mass of the people and their right and ability to rule and rule wisely. He was with all that a man of very liberal views and he was unalterably opposed to the enactment of laws which fettered the liberty of the individual. Owing these principles he was always opposed to summary legislation and he deplored to the end the modern tendency to restrict the liberty of the individual. With the rise in politics of William J. Bryan, Mr. Schlater attached himself to his cause and during the memorable campaigns in which that statesman took part, he had no more faithful and loyal follower than in Conrad Schlater. From this political intimacy grew a strong bond of personal friendship between the two minds which thought so much alike and there was never a time when the two men could meet and talk together that they did not seize the opportunity. The news of the death of his old friend will fall heavily upon Mr. Bryan who had known him to love and esteem him.

Always a faithful Catholic as is spoken of above, the last sad rites for this noted Nebraska pioneer will be held on next Monday from the St. John's Catholic church in this city, mass being said by Rev. Father Shine. The remains will be laid away in consecrated ground in the Catholic cemetery west of the city.

As an evidence of the faith which deceased had in his church it may be said that when he lived at College Hill near Louisville his home was the haven of the priest and he took the greatest delight in being the host for these faithful workers of the church. There was in the deceased a broad charity, however, which was not bounded by church ties and the wanderer and the wayfarer in the world never left his door with his cry for help unheard and unheeded. It is indeed a great loss to the community when so good a man as Conrad Schlater is called to his reward and his many friends will be bowed in grief before the inexorable decree of Providence.

Adam Hill, one of the best farmers of the precinct, is spending the day in the city with his son, having come in this morning from his home.

ASSIST MOTHER IN CELEBRATING

Children of Mrs. Kate Oliver Celebrate Mother's Seventy-Second Birthday

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday the home of Mrs. Kate Oliver on north Third street was the scene of a fine family reunion and an appropriate celebration of two great events. The first and the greatest was the seventy-first anniversary of the birth of the hostess, Mrs. Kate Oliver, secondly and quite incidentally, was the anniversary of St. Patrick, the patron saint of the Emerald Isle.

The party which gathered at the Oliver home was composed of the children of Mrs. Oliver and a large number of warm personal friends who were anxious to aid her in rounding out another milestone in a long life. For the occasion the parlors of the Oliver home had been decorated throughout in the color of the day—green. There were festoons of the shamrock everywhere and interspersed among this dainty plant were the flags of "Ould" Ireland with its golden harp resplendent upon the emerald background. Tiny Irish flags in profusion added to the picturesque and effectiveness of the scene and the motto "Erin Go Bragh" was in evidence throughout the house.

Of course, the feature of this gala occasion was the family dinner. The tables upon which this feast was spread were handsomely decorated in green and miniature Irish flags formed here as elsewhere, one of the pretty features of the decorations. The dinner in itself was an elaborate affair, the markets having been scored for all the delicacies and dainties of the season. The dinner was of three courses and it was one of the most superb served in this city in years.

As spoken of above, the guests for this day included besides immediate relatives many friends and one of the rules of the occasion was that dress should be the prevailing tint of green. In consequence of this, all things on the premises bore a distinctly emerald hue emblematic of early spring and of the "ould sod."

This annual gathering is one of the features of Mrs. Oliver's life. Each year her children gather together and observe with her each recurring anniversary and the meetings are always happy events, long remembered in the hearts of all. The gathering this year was perhaps the greatest of all which have taken place. In addition to the children present, Mrs. Oliver had the pleasure of seeing a number of her sisters with their sons and daughters at the festive board, so that the family this year was larger than ever before and a more robust and healthy family never sat down to a table than this was, and they all hope to return annually for many years. Among the guests present were: Mrs. D. P. Aylesworth and daughter, Mrs. Charles Williams, Miss Genevieve Stiles, all of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Margaret Hallen, of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eads and daughter Miss Fern, of South Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Ward and son, of Omaha; Mrs. Anna Miller and sons, Harry and John; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller and son, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Van Cleave and daughters, Mrs. Gage and daughters, all of Fort Crook; and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Morgan and daughter, Miss Gertrude of this city.

A Hard Hit.

The editor of the Plattsmouth News, which is misnamed, for it fails to publish any, says that "the coming into Weeping Water of a load of corn causes the inhabitants to fly to the windows and doors to see it go by." Now we will wager you anything from a year's subscription to many plunks that Weeping Water grain dealers buy five bushels of corn to Plattsmouth's one. That there is shipped out more hogs, cattle and grain than go out of Plattsmouth. More farmers teams are in Weeping Water every day than in Plattsmouth. Our merchants collect their accounts with less trouble. The county feeds five times more poor people in Plattsmouth than about the "hum-drum life of a country village," or "the cock that crows in the morning," but fix your rotten old walks and scrape the mud out of your streets. If you can't get the government to build something or the county to pave for you, get busy yourself and spend your own money.—Weeping Water Republican.

Poor Judgment.

The News editor of Plattsmouth is standing up for his home town with a chip on his shoulder. The position might argue ability, but shows mighty poor judgment as a circulation builder. The censors down there have got him scared to death, and about all that appears is a snap and growl at some one as he issues his sheet day after day. It reminds one of a dog sucking a dry bone and fears it will be taken away.—Weeping Water Republican.

LOUISVILLE MARSHAL SHALL GETS THEM

Captures Parties Who Burglarized Boone and Davis' Store at Weeping Water.

Last Monday night the clothing store of Boone & Davis at Weeping Water was broken into and a quantity of clothing stolen. The parties who did the job also broke into a bunk car of the Missouri Pacific railroad at Manly but they did not secure plunder at this point. They went on to Louisville, having their spoils in a sack and at that point a disagreement arose between them as to the division of it. One man finally left for Lincoln without taking any of the junk with him and the other two were gathered into custody by the Louisville marshal who is some sleuth. This was on Tuesday and the marshal hurried the men, into the Louisville calaboose. During that night they came near digging their way out and Wednesday the marshal telephoned the sheriff to come out and get the prisoners which he did that night. They were incarcerated in jail here Wednesday night and held all day yesterday without the sheriff notifying the county attorney of the marshal's victims, being in his clutches. They were taken from the jail this morning by the sheriff and had an interview with County Attorney Ramsey. They give the names of James Lynch and Henry Harrison and are young men in years but have the indications of being rather hardened in crime.

The interview which the two young men had with County Attorney Ramsey this morning resulted in their telling him all the facts in the case and admitting that they were the parties who did the burglary. After the interview they were taken to county court where the county attorney filed a complaint against them charging them with burglary and also with grand larceny, the goods taken being valued at more than \$50.

The men were arraigned before Judge Beeson and plead guilty to the complaints being held by him for appearance at the present term of the district court in bonds of \$500 each which they were unable to give and in consequence of which they were remanded to jail. They seem to be rather young and impressed the county attorney as not overly experienced in crime.

Sheriff Quinton informed the county attorney this morning that he had tried to get him over the phone yesterday morning to notify him of the capture of the two men but could not catch him before the train left for Lincoln, he (the sheriff) going to that city on the early Burlington train with an insane man.

Comply With the Law.

Considerable grief is in store for horse breeders of the state who have taken no steps to comply with section 567, A, chapter 4, article 1 of the compiled statutes of Nebraska for 1909, by which the last legislature sought to prevent the representation of stallion owners that their horses were pure bred when they had no certificate to that effect. The law provides that any owner of a pure bred horse shall secure a certificate from the stud book of the occasion in which his horse is registered and shall present this to the animal husbandry department of the university of Nebraska who shall pass thereon and if satisfactory shall issue to the owner a certificate. Any owner of a horse who does not hold such certificate must in all descriptive advertising speak of the horse as a grade stallion. A hand-bill to this effect must be placed over the horse's stall. The penalty for the violation of any of the provisions of the above act is a fine of not more and \$100 and imprisonment for not more than thirty days.

TALK ON GOOD ROADS QUESTION

The Commercial Club Have an Interesting Meeting.

The session of the commercial club held last evening was not nearly so largely attended as the merits of the matters which were up for consideration deserved. President Falter was ill and unable to attend and Secretary Wescott was detained by important business so he was unable to attend. Vice President Windham presided in Mr. Falter's absence and C. W. Baylor acted as secretary.

The most important matter coming up for consideration was the report of the committee on macadamizing Chicago avenue. John Bauer for the committee made a report which stated in effect what has been heretofore printed in the Journal relative to the offer of A. S. Will to furnish teams for grading the avenue, teams for hauling the rock and to supervise the work of macadamizing the avenue for the city free of charge providing the city would furnish the rock and the hand labor required in the premises. It is reported that a draft of the proposition would be presented at the next meeting of the council embodying these proposals and that the committee hoped for its adoption by the council. A laughable feature of Mr. Bauer's remarks was the fact that he was entirely oblivious of Mr. Will being in the room when delivering them and only discovered his presence when the chairman called upon Mr. Will for a statement. Mr. Will reaffirmed what Mr. Bauer had said and expressed his willingness to carry out the work as provided in the committee report which Mr. Bauer had submitted. However, Mr. Will stated that there would have to be some provision made for moving some of the telephone poles on the avenue, removing the present wooden bridge across the avenue and substituting there for drain pipe and also straightening out the creek along the avenue. A general discussion was participated in by several members and George E. Dovey suggested that an estimate of the cost should be made and submitted to the council together with the proposal. This the committee promised to make up and later a motion by A. L. Tidd that the committee be empowered to hire an engineer and make the estimate carried. Manager Davis of the Nebraska Telephone company who was present stated that the company stood ready to move the poles which would be required to be moved if the work was done, but he wanted time in which to get ready for this work. A motion was also adopted which was proposed by Mr. Baylor that the members of the commercial club attend the session of the council at which the proposal was to be presented.

Another matter which came up for discussion was the holding of another carnival or stock show or something along that line and it was decided to allow the president of the club to appoint ten delegates from the city and twenty from the country to get together and formulate some plan for holding an appropriate county fair, a live stock show, a corn carnival and the like were made but no definite conclusion was reached on the matter. Mr. Tidd of the advertising committee was authorized to obtain estimates on the cost of printing a pamphlet which would present the manifold advantages of Plattsmouth to the public and present the figures at the next meeting of the club.

It was also decided to send three delegates to the meeting of the commercial clubs of the state which is to be held at Columbus shortly and President Falter, Secretary Wescott and A. L. Tidd were chosen as delegates, the club to pay their expenses. The alternates chosen were R. B. Windham, A. S. Will and one other.

A motion to join Fremont and other cities in securing the attendance of a good roads lecturer in this city to talk upon this subject, was also adopted. Several minor matters were taken up and discussed after which the meeting adjourned until the first Thursday in April.

In connection with the movement to macadamize Chicago avenue, Mr. Will states this morning to a Journal representative that he would like to go over the avenue tomorrow with some representatives of the city or the club and asked that two men join him with a tape line, and he believed he could easily show them what

would be required and give them some idea of the cost of the work. Mr. Will will be compelled to leave tomorrow evening for Mexico City and will be gone for several days, hence he is anxious to get the work in shape before he leaves. It is understood that Mayor Sattler and probably Chairman Weber of the streets committee will go over the matter with Mr. Will tomorrow.

ST. PATRICK'S EVENING PARTY

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church Enjoy a Good Time.

From Friday's Daily.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church held a most delightful St. Patrick's party last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Schneider, to which the husbands and friends of this organization were invited. In deference to the season and for the occasion the charming rooms of the Schneider home had been handsomely decorated with a generous use of green, there being shamrock portieres and streamers of green crepe paper draped throughout the rooms.

At the appointed hour of 7, a most elegant supper was served. It is needless to say ought of the supper itself. It was prepared by the members of the auxiliary and was thoroughly up to the standard which this splendid organization has produced in the past. The serving of the supper also partook of the St. Patrick's spirit, the napkins bearing the shamrock and harp. Each guest also received a paper shamrock as a souvenir of this most enjoyable occasion.

Following the supper a potato race was then introduced. Mr. Roberts won the prize, a potato with a green ribbon tied around it. Miss Verna Cole then favored the company with an instrumental solo which was followed by a vocal solo by Mrs. J. W. Gamble, both being most thoroughly appreciated by those present. The gentlemen then indulged in a very amusing stunt, that of pinning the tail on the pig. Miss Bernice Nowell then delighted the company with a reading in a most charming manner. The guests were then invited to one of the rooms where was to be found a table bearing many different articles. The guests were requested to glance over these articles and then repair to the other rooms and jot down what they could remember seeing. In this contest Lynn Miner carried off the prize. The remainder of the evening was spent in music, social conversation and the like.

Storing up Coal.

The Burlington is storing more coal at Havelock. At first it was planned to store about 65,000 tons there. Already 70,000 tons have been unloaded. The first estimate was raised to 75,000 tons and then it was raised to 100,000. It is said the total amount may be 200,000 tons before storing may cease. The coal is now being unloaded at the rate of about a train load a day, and the force of laborers used there has been increased several times since the work started. It is unloaded by shovel from the cars.

It is claimed that this is a good quality of coal and that it is being stored in anticipation of trouble later on with the miners or a fuel shortage. While trouble seems to have blown over in the Iowa and Illinois coal fields, negotiations for the new schedule are still pending in the Kansas and Missouri district. By drawing the supply from western mines the railroad permits the accumulation of larger stores on the lines east of the river from nearby mines.—State Journal.

Roads No Place For Trash.

County Commissioner Friedrich who was out to his farm this morning came in this afternoon. He reports that a great many complaints have reached the commissioners of the hedges along a quarter of a mile of road leading to Eight Mile Grove precinct, have been cut off and the tops thrown in the road, making the passage dangerous for public travel and liable to produce runaways. He hopes that the parties throwing these tops out in the road will take speedy action and get them out of the way, otherwise the commissioners will have the same removed. The hedges are liable to cause runaways and is also dangerous for automobile tires.