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## AN OLD CITIZEN WILL MAKE EXTENDED VISIT IN THE WEST

John D. Tutt One of Our Oldest and Most Highly Respected Citizens Leaves Tomorrow for Washington.

From Monday's Daily.

With the departure of John D. Tutt for the west tomorrow morning, many of the incidents of his long and very honorable residence in this city are recalled. Mr. Tutt was born in Missouri, near St. Joseph, nearly 77 years ago and when a mere lad came to Glenwood, Ia., and later to Plattsmouth, settling and taking a homestead on the quarter section now occupied and where J. R. Vallery makes his home, twelve miles southwest of this city. Mr. Tutt was relating to the write a few days since some of the incidents of his early life and while yet a boy, of his making a trip with an ox train from near Marysville, Mo., to a point in Page county, Ia., near where Shambaugh now stands, and of hitting a stump in the road, breaking his wagon, which a school teacher and the big boys of the school assisted him in repairing, thus early creating a cordial feeling for the educators of the land with Mr. Tutt.

After having completed the homestead entry, Mr. Tutt disposed of the same and was for a number of years connected with a wholesale house in St. Joseph, Mo., both at that city and later at Glenwood, afterwards coming to Plattsmouth and for a number of years working for the firm of Tootle & Hanna here while they were engaged in business on lower Main street, working for them for some six years. Mr. Tutt was county clerk of Cass county for two terms or four years, which position he filled with credit to himself and the general best interests of the county. In politics Mr. Tutt has al-

ways been a Democrat and a man of the most sterling worth, loved and trusted by all who knew him. In no position was he ever placed that he did not do his share of the duties creditably and correctly. After having served in the capacity of county clerk, Mr. Tutt worked for the grocery firm of Bennett & Lewis for a number of years and after having been connected with them for about five years, purchased the interest of Eugene Lewis and formed the partnership with Mr. Bennett, which was prosperous.

At about this time Plattsmouth was experiencing a boom and the addition of South Park was incorporated in the city. With many others, Mr. Tutt invested in this suburb, in an endeavor to make a better town, but after that came times when the country in general was not very prosperous and the investment was not attended with a great deal of profit. The holdings were disposed of later, and Mr. Bennett, his partner, becoming in poor health, the business was closed, Mr. Bennett departing for California to live. Mr. Tutt has not engaged in business on his own account since, but has been engaged with others.

Mr. Tutt will visit for some time with his daughter in the west and probably at Phoenix, Ariz., with another daughter, Mrs. T. C. Gentry, before his return. We have to say for Mr. Tutt that he is one of the best men we ever met and for every time you meet him he had a cheerful word and a smile of encouragement. May he have a pleasant trip is the wish of the Journal.

### Ralph White Resigns.

Ralph White, the popular manager of the Bell Telephone company at this place tendered his resignation to the company some time since and is awaiting the appointment of his successor. During his stay in this city Mr. White has made many warm friends and has done much to improve the condition of the plant of the company and made it many friends. All will regret to see him take his departure. As yet he has not concluded just what business he will engage in, but it is thought he will not follow the telephone business but rather go into some undertaking for himself.—Nebraska City News.

## DEATH OF A PROMINENT BOHEMIAN

John Rosicky, Well Known in This City Passes Away.

From Monday's Daily.

John Rosicky, president of the National Printing company, and one of the pioneer Bohemian-Americans of the west, died at his home in Omaha Saturday night. On December 3, Mr. Rosicky was stricken with paralysis, and had remained in a comatose state most of the time up to his death. The deceased was 64 years of age. He had been a hard worker since young manhood in literary pursuits and was, even up to the time he was stricken, editor of more than one publication. He was a man of vigorous frame and constitution in active life almost without cessation since he first came to America from his native land.

Mr. Rosicky was born in Humpolec, Bohemia, in 1845. He came to America in 1861, going to Grant county, Wis., where he engaged in farming. He continued in that vocation until 1865 when he went to Milwaukee. He remained in Milwaukee but six months thence going to Chicago, where he opened a wholesale flour and feed establishment. In 1870 he opened a grocery in Chicago, discontinuing the feed business. The great Chicago fire burned him out and he left there in 1871 and went to California, Oregon and other western states. He returned and settled in Crete, Neb., in 1873, where he opened a general store. January 1, 1876 he came to Omaha and began his newspaper career as business manager of the *Pokrok Zapadu*, which he published up to 1900. The paper was established in 1871 by E. Rosewater of the Bee. It was a three-column folio, published bi-monthly. The paper bore the date of Omaha, but was printed in Iowa City, Ia., for several years. In April, 1876, Mr. Rosicky became editor of the paper. In the meanwhile the paper became a weekly. In June, Mr. Rosicky purchased it from Mr. Rosewater. In 1900 Mr. Rosicky sold the paper to the *Pokrok Publishing* company of which V. A. Buresh is president. Mr. Rosicky was at the time of his death editor of *Osveta Americka* and the *Hospodar*. He was a hard worker for the elevation of the Slavonic races in America.

Mr. Rosicky leaves a wife two sons and daughters. He was a member of Palacky, C. L., Z. C. B. L., and of the Omaha Tel Jed Sokal. The deceased had many friends in this city, where he had visited frequently, some of whom will attend the funeral tomorrow in Omaha.

### Matrimonial Market Brisk.

Miss Beeson did a flourishing business in the marriage license department this morning, writing up three of these interesting documents before ten o'clock. In one case, that of the license issued to Otto M. Ring and Miss Mable J. Horton, both of Elmwood, the contracting parties were under age and as a consequence the written consent of their parents accompanied the request for a license. These young people are well known throughout the county and their many friends will be pleased to hear of their happy marriage. The third license issued by Miss Beeson was to Orve E. Gilson and Miss Rosa Rotter, both of this city. They are both fine young people and are well and favorably known in this vicinity, having lived here for a number of years. A rather peculiar condition exists in the case of this marriage, as both the bride and groom are unfortunate in that they are partially or entirely deaf mutes.

K. M. Meisinger of this place was a passenger this afternoon on the fast mail for Omaha.

## HAVE FINE FRUIT LAND IN IDAHO

The Section Where Charles F. Guthman Resides One of the Richest in State.

We are in receipt of a copy of the Idaho Daily Statesman, published at Boise, which has several interesting articles pertaining to what is termed the "Murphy Project." Charles F. Guthman, formerly of Plattsmouth, and born and reared here, is located at the town of Murphy, Idaho, and right in the midst of this district, and has land under this system. That the readers of the Journal may desire to learn something of this project, we publish the following article which may prove interesting to some who have the Idaho fever and desire to locate there. There are thousands going to that country every day from the east, and Mr. Guthman is so favorably impressed with the project that he does not hesitate to encourage his friends to come and make investment, where in a short time they will double the value of their purchase. James Agnew Hughes, a student in botany and agriculture, formerly in the government employ in agricultural works, has just finished an investigation of the Murphy section in Owyhee county, and in speaking of the same says:

"I recently made a three days' trip with Louis Blank over the Murphy Land & Irrigation project, in Owyhee county. The land watered by this project consists of about 8000 acres. Last year was the first time that water came through the canals, and it surely has made the desert bloom.

"The land is a level bench land of phenomenal fertility, and for miles and miles is as smooth as a plain. It is entirely free from rock and hardpan, and the soil does not seem to have any bottom at all. In several places we dug quite deep, and as far as we would go there was the rich mellow soil. Several sections have but a fall of a few feet, and irrigation is by no means the task that it is elsewhere.

"Sinkers creek furnishes water for the project. This stream is fed by the melting snow of the mountains, and is a perpetual one. If the water that goes to waste, by flowing into the Snake river could be retained there would be enough to irrigate 20,000 acres. The canyon through which it flows has excellent places for a series of dams, which would make a chain of reservoirs. The time will come when this will be done, and the rest of the "Utopian" valley will be watered.

"Already one such dam has been constructed, and it now holds back a large body of water, which will be later turned into the canals.

"The climate conditions are ideal and fruit will nowhere do as well as there. Mountain ranges protect it from the late freezes and frosts. There seems to be a perfect drainage of both air and water.

"Spring is from two to three weeks earlier than it is anywhere else in southern Idaho. Already the vegetation seems far advanced. I noticed wheat that was four and five inches high, alfalfa is growing right along, and the trees are putting out their foliage.

"At the upper end of the valley we visited the Crocherson ranch, now owned by Mr. Harder. It is one of the best and most picturesque in all Idaho. With its beautiful home and grounds it is not unlike the "old plantation" of the south. In the front yard there were the pretty jonquills, crocus and hyacinths in full bloom.

"Here I was so surprised to find tropical nuts growing in a vigorous way. Out in that orchard were butternut trees that were 60 feet tall. The condition of the limbs showed that the trees have been bearing very heavily. English walnuts, almonds and hazelnuts were flourishing as if they were in their southern home.

"When this land has been planted into fruit it will be worth more than any other orchard land in Idaho. I think that in a few years time no orchardist in that favored valley could be induced to exchange his land for any in the far-famed Pinalide fruit section of Colorado."

O. H. Parkening departed for Chapell, Neb., yesterday, where he will reside in the future. Before his departure, Mr. Parkening called at this office and ordered the paper sent out to him twice a week.

### A Fine Time.

Last Saturday night Coates' hall was the scene of high festivity and celebration when the Jolly Six Indians and their friends held one of the balls for which they are so justly famous. There was as usual a large and enthusiastic crowd in attendance and many and various were the plaudits and encomiums heaped upon the M. W. A. orchestra, which was on hand to furnish the accustomed unparalleled brand of music for the dancing. No stone was left unturned by the management in its endeavor to make everyone present have an enjoyable time and to cause them all to unite in the demand for another at an early date.

## TEAM SCARES AT AN AUTOMOBILE

Runs Away Throwing Philip Riehn Out and Breaking Up Fine New Buggy.

From Monday's Daily.

Philip Riehn of the clerical force of E. G. Dovey & Son, had a thrilling experience yesterday that resulted in considerable grief for himself as well as some others. While indulging himself in a joy-ride behind the team of black colts belonging to Parmele & Wehrlein, the team became frightened at the sight of a passing automobile and ran away. The cause of runaways has become habitual with this team anyway, this being the same team that recently spilled Sam Henderson in a similar manner. Yesterday afternoon Mr. Riehn secured the horses from the Wehrlein barn and went out for a drive. Everything went well until they encountered an automobile on Lincoln avenue driven by Mr. Thomas, of the local garage. When they saw the machine the team went up in the air and depositing the driver by the roadside, proceeded to distribute the buggy and harness over the landscape in a frivolous manner, completely wrecking the new vehicle and generally skinning up Mr. Riehn.

The team ran till it encountered a hydrant that stood near the road and the buggy striking the hydrant was overturned. As it was a new buggy this will be quite a loss. Mr. Parmele, in speaking of the accident said that many of the injuries and accidents resulting from runaways were due to carelessness on the part of the persons who drive automobiles as a great many of them do not stop as they should when they meet with a team that shows signs of becoming frightened. All drivers should be very careful on this point and bring their machines to a stop in time to avert an accident whenever possible.

### Another Runaway.

Another accident that serves to emphasize the necessity for caution on the part of those who drive automobiles took place Friday when the fine young team of colts owned and driven by W. A. Fight, near Mynard, became frightened at the passing of the automobile driven by Jacob Bengen and bolted, running away and striking the fence near the farm of Ed. Rummell, north of Mynard. When they started to run the pole of the buggy dropped and broke in two and the broken pieces striking on the ground served to frighten still further the already frenzied team with the result that when they struck the fence one of the fine standard bred colts suffered a broken leg, an accident that Mr. Fight said he would not have had happen for five hundred dollars. The frequency with which these runaways have been taking place is beginning to cause considerable indignation among the farmers, many of whom have had young horses ruined by these accidents and it begins to look as though it would be necessary to take some measures to insure them against this danger. Mr. Fight made the Journal a call this morning and while here said that the injured animal was being treated and it is to be hoped that with the best care it may be saved.

J. F. Clugy Sundayed at home, after having been at Omaha for the past week where he is working for the Missouri Pacific and where he has a contract for grading and at which he expects to remain during the summer.

## YOUNG PEOPLE HAPPILY WEDDED

Mr. Thomas Svoboda and Miss Anna Janda Married.

From Monday's Daily.

A beautiful and impressive marriage took place this morning when Father Shine of the Catholic church united the hearts and lives of two of Plattsmouth's most popular young people in the persons of Thomas Svoboda and Miss Anna Janda, the ceremony being performed at the church of the Holy Rosary and the usual beautiful Catholic service being employed. The wedding took place at ten o'clock, only the near friends and relatives being present.

This happy event, the most important in the lives of these two young people, marks the culmination of a life-long acquaintance between them and is truly a union of the very highest type. The bride is the daughter of Anton Janda and is a young woman of the most estimable qualities in every respect, as she has the good fortune to possess the love and esteem of a host of friends and acquaintances. The groom is also a native of this place, having been born and brought up in this city where he is at present fulfilling his second term in the service of the county as janitor of the court house. Mr. Svoboda is a most splendid young man and one of whom the city is well proud, as a citizen and as a public servant, and the Journal joins the many friends of the happy couple in wishing them all kinds of good fortune and happiness. They expect to make their home in this city where they will be ready to receive their friends in a short time.

### The John C. Roddy Estate.

The John C. Roddy estate is being probated in the county court in accordance to a will he made in 1900. His son Michael A. Roddy has been appointed executor of the estate. The real estate is valued at something like \$60,000, and personal property at something like \$20,000. He cuts his son, J. B. Roddy down to a \$10 bequest, but leaves considerable land to his wife, in trust for his children. He leaves all of his real and personal property to his wife so long as she may live and then he provides how it shall be divided, parceling out only the land, leaving the personal property to be divided by his wife as she may deem best.—Nebraska City News.

### Funeral of J. R. Peoples.

Funeral services were held Saturday for the late J. R. Peoples at the home, Rev. Austin of the Methodist Episcopal church officiating, and yesterday morning the body of the deceased accompanied by the relatives was removed to Watson, Mo., for interment in the High Creek cemetery at that place. Those who accompanied the remains to their last resting place were J. C. Baughman and wife of Coshocton, Ohio; Fred Peoples and wife of Skidmore, Mo.; E. B. Peoples and wife of Corning, Mo.; and Jos. Peoples of Watson, Mo.

Those who acted as pallbearers at the funeral were Messrs. John Marrow, I. B. Green, Charles Vroman, Will Streight and D. C. York.

### A Pleasant Surprise.

The members of the U. N. C., and some friends took the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Justus Lillie by storm last Friday evening and gave Miss Villa Gopen a most agreeable surprise, which was in honor of her birthday, which occurred on that day. After the young lady had recovered from the shock, she gave her guests a royal time. Many of the "good old childhood games" were played until everyone felt like they were young again. Delightful refreshments were served at the usual hour to which all did amply justice.

Those present to enjoy the fun were Misses Willa Moore, Elsie Gopen, Anna Snyder, Leona Asemisen, Hattie Hoffman, Gertrude Morgan, Elsa and Mina Thierolf.

### Entertainment and Box Supper.

The pupils of the Cottonwood school in District 27, three and one-half miles west of Mynard, will give an entertainment and box supper at the school house on Saturday evening, April 9th to which all are invited. The ladies are urged to bring well filled boxes and during the evening these will be sold at auction, the proceeds of which will be used for school supplies.

## DEATH AT POCASSET, OKLA.

Louis Brau, Former Cass County Boy Died March 28, 1910.

The old neighbors and friends in the vicinity of where the young man was reared in Cass county, will be pained to learn of the death of Louis Brau. The young man passed away at the home of his parents at Pocasset, Oklahoma, on March 28, 1910, at the age of 23 years and 11 months.

The deceased was born and grew to manhood in Cass county, having moved to Oklahoma some five years ago with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Brau, who were well known here. He was the junior member of the firm of Cotner & Brau, general merchants of Pocasset. He was one of a family of five children, only one sister of whom survives him—Mrs. John Schwartzfischer, the other three children having died in infancy.

Louis had been in failing health for some time, but was thought to be better when he passed away suddenly of heart failure. He was universally loved by all who knew him, and it can be truly said that he died knowing that he did not have an enemy. The greatest consolation that the parents have is that they have buried a noble, good and christian son. One of the noblest traits of his beautiful nature was the love that he manifested for his mother.

The funeral was one of the largest ever held in Caddo county, Oklahoma. The floral offerings were many and beautiful, which bespoke the love and esteem in which he was held. The deceased was a member of the M. W. A. of Pocasset. The parents and sister have the sympathy of the entire community in which the young man was so well known in the hour of their great bereavement. Messrs. Charles and Ferdinand Hennings of this county, who are brothers of Mrs. Brau, attended the funeral of their nephew. The Journal extends its sympathy to the grief-stricken parents in the loss of a noble son.

**An Appreciated Call.**  
Charles Creamer who came back to old Cass after some time in California, made the Journal a pleasant call Saturday afternoon and had the address of his paper changed from San Jose, Cal., where he has been located, to Route 1, out of

this city. Mr. Creamer has not abated one jot of his admiration for California and predicts a banner year for that state, it having been blessed with what is known here as a million dollar rain shortly before he left. He looks for great crops of everything and predicts that everyone in that section will be prosperous and flourishing. However, his business interests in this section required his attention and he came back on that account and will make his home on his Rock Creek farm. Mr. Creamer says the Journal was the one semi-weekly visitor whose coming was always hailed with delight in his household.

### New Delivery Auto.

That Plattsmouth is nothing if not up-to-date has been further shown by the progressive and enterprising hardware firm of John Bauer. The latest addition to their business being a brand new delivery automobile that they have been contemplating the purchase of for some time past and that was delivered for service yesterday. Yesterday afternoon Mr. Bauer went to Omaha where he got the machine and drove it to Louisville, where he was met by John Hatt in his machine and then the two of them came in to Plattsmouth over the Louisville road. By installing these modern vehicles, both of these gentlemen have not only done a great deal to facilitate the handling of their own business but helped by their example to make the other merchants in this city adopt progressive methods.

### Departs for Texas.

From Monday's Daily.

Charles D. Grimes, the Journal's efficient reporter, departed Sunday for Fort Worth, Texas. For several days previous to his departure, Mr. Grimes had not fully made up his mind as to whether he would remain in Texas permanently, or simply take a few days vacation and then return. It will no doubt be gratifying to his friends to learn that he finally decided to visit with his Texas friends for a week or ten days at the end of which time he will be back at his usual place on the Journal. This fact he assured the Journal people just before his departure. In the meantime his nephew, Livingston Richey, will hold down the position of reporter until he returns. We hope Charley will have a pleasant trip, and that he will return without a blemish upon his brow.