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## AGREE AS TO THE CAUSE OF THE WRECK ON THE BURLINGTON MONDAY

Commerce Commission Agents Investigation at Indianola Reveals the Fact That the Night Operator Failed to Turn Over Orders to the Day Operator.

A special from McCook under date of June 1, says: Representatives of the interstate commerce commission who have been investigating the wreck have not announced their findings, but the story is current among railroad men here that the findings are the same as that arrived at by the railroad authorities; that is that the wreck at Indianola was caused by failure of the operator to deliver orders to the train crew, and the failure of the members of the crew to discover that an order was missing from those enumerated by numbers on the "No. 12 may go" card issued by the operator. The claim is made that the day operator did not receive the meet order for Nos. 9 and 12 at Red Willow, issued by the dispatcher to the night operator, when the change of shifts was made, but this is denied.

To which the Lincoln State Journal adds: Concerning the cause of the wreck at Indianola, General Superintendent Allen of the Burlington yesterday issued the following statement:

"As stated in the Burlington company's first statement, the operator at McCook was primarily responsible. He did not give the crew of No. 12 the order for it to meet No. 9 at Red Willow. The crew of No. 12 was also partly responsible. If the trainmen had checked over their orders they would have seen that the meeting order was missing. I don't think there is anything to the statement of people at the wreck who say that the conductor asked the operator about the meeting order and was told that there was none."

Superintendent Ed Flynn of the McCook division, who has been in the city since Wednesday attending the funerals and making arrangements for funerals, will leave for McCook this morning.

The Indianola disaster was the most serious that has ever happened on the Burlington lines west and the loss of life was double that of any other single wreck on the lines west of the Missouri river. Accidents may have happened where the loss to the company equipment was greater, because of more equipment involved, but never one where the loss of life was equalled.

Railroad men whose run takes them to McCook bring back the story that the engine on No. 12 had been shut off and air applied. Investigations, however, have not disclosed a similar condition on the engine of No. 9, although the wreck was so complete that a positive statement as to this cannot be made. Some believe, however, that the engine on No. 9 went into the collision working at high speed. Evidently, however, Engineer Hyder on No. 12 had some warning and had time to apply the air. Passengers on the train say that the shock of air application was spaced from the shock of collision by a very short interval.

H. H. Culbertson, the young married man, who, with his bride, met death while on their honeymoon trip, was chief clerk at Galesburg for J. H. Waterman of the Burlington timber preservation department. Mr. Waterman was for many years storekeeper for the Burlington in this city.

### Visitors at the Hempel Home.

From Friday's Daily. Miss Lorein Hempel, who has been teaching during the past year at Clarks, Nebraska, and Miss Tressa Hempel, who has been teaching at Guide Rock, arrived this morning to be guests of their aunt, Miss Tressa Hempel, and other relatives in this city for a time before departing for their home in Oklahoma. Mr. Will Hewitt of Atchinson arrived this morning, also to be a guest of the Hempel home for a few days.

### FORMER EARLY RESIDENT VISITS PLATTSMOUTH

Moved From Here Twenty-seven Years Ago, and, of Course, Notes Many Changes.

From Friday's Daily. Mr. S. H. Kenaston of Spring Valley, Nebraska, a former Cass county citizen, from 1868 to 1884, was an over-night guest of the Cecil brothers in this city. Mr. Kenaston was accompanied by his wife, and with her departed for Omaha this morning to consult a physician regarding Mrs. Kenaston's health.

Mr. Kenaston is a son of Dr. Kenaston, formerly of this county, but now of Tennessee, and a brother of Mrs. W. L. Gordon, formerly of Weeping Water. Mr. Kenaston says his father is now 83 years of age and retired from the practice of medicine some years ago, and still enjoys good health for a man of his years.

During the twenty-seven years Mr. Kenaston has been absent from this county he notes many changes, more particularly in the growth of trees. He was glad to be in Plattsmouth again, he having landed at the foot of Main street in 1868.

### Picnic Supper at Paradise Lake.

From Friday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon four young ladies—Misses Helen and Agnes Plak, Sophia Jirousek and Sophia Ehrlich—prepared a delicious picnic supper and then wended their way to Paradise lake, north of this city, for the purpose of enjoying an outing and participating in a meal out in the open air. Upon their arrival at the picnic grounds the time was most delightfully spent in various games and amusements incidental to a picnic and an outing, and which made the hours just fly. When all had succeeded in capturing terrible appetites, the picnic supper was spread, to which all did ample justice. It was a late hour in the evening when the young ladies returned to their homes, having had one of the best outings they have participated in for some time.

### Plattsmouth to Have Airdome.

From Friday's Daily. Yesterday an Airdome company began preliminary excavation for an airdome, the dome to be located on the vacant lots west of the Journal office. The lots will be leveled off and a stage erected on the south end of the space, which will be enclosed. The amphitheater will be in open air and composed of raised seats. An archway will be cut through the bill-boards which are erected on the north of the lots and a box-office erected within the lot space. The construction of the dome will be hastened and will be in readiness for business within a few days. The attractions will be all of the latest moving pictures, with vaudeville stunts whenever same are demanded. Almost every city in the country the size of Plattsmouth have airdomes during the summer season.

### Meets With Accident.

From Friday's Daily. Miss Addie Searl met with an unfortunate accident yesterday morning, resulting in the dislocation of her shoulder. Miss Searl was attending to her household duties at her home, and while passing out of the door she stepped upon a board, which tripped her and threw her with such force as to dislocate her shoulder. A physician was summoned and the dislocation reduced.

Mr. W. W. Dow of Springfield, Nebraska, is in the city, the guest of Julius Hall and wife.

### CELEBRATE THEIR FIRST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

A Delightful Evening Spent at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Holmberg.

From Friday's Daily. In response to dainty invitations, a large number of friends assembled at the cosy home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Holmberg last evening to assist them in properly celebrating their first wedding anniversary, the first anniversary being a paper one. Whenever invited to the Holmberg home the friends always expect a delightful time, and expectations were fully realized in the entertainment of last evening, the host and hostess having left nothing undone in the way of insuring their guests of a good time.

The evening was most enjoyably spent in conversation and music, there being both vocal and instrumental music, furnished by Misses Ida Johnson and Ruth Roman. At the proper time the guests were ushered to the dining room, which had been very appropriately and handsomely decorated for the occasion, the color scheme being pink and white with a large wedding bell suspended from the ceiling above the dining table. Delicious ice cream and cake were served by the hostess, which was likewise thoroughly enjoyed by the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmberg were made the recipients of many beautiful gifts, which will assist them in remembering this happy occasion. At a late hour the guests, after having extended their heartiest congratulations to the host and hostess on this, their first wedding anniversary, and wished them many more such happy ones as the one of last evening, departed for their homes.

Those in attendance were: Messrs. A. Peistrup, Gus Johnson, A. Berggren, W. A. Nord, Gus Roman; Misses Ida and Svea Johnson, Hannah Berggren, Ruth Roman; Messrs. G. E. Roman, Henry and Francis Roman.

### Takes Britian Children.

From Friday's Daily. Rev. Albert A. Martin, superintendent of the Nebraska Children's Home society, was in the city today and made arrangements to take the little children of Walter Brittan, Dorris and Alta Pearl, and will find homes for them. The little ones will not be moved for a week or so, as they have been in the home of Brittan, who has been quarantined for smallpox. The quarantine was raised yesterday and the home disinfected, but as there is a possibility of the children taking the disease yet for a few days, it is thought best to leave them in their present home until all danger of them taking the disease is past. Brittan signed a release of his custody of the children to the home and the little ones will be placed in good homes, where their needs will be cared for.

### Good Roads Near Elmwood.

The people of Elmwood, the prosperous and hustling little city of western Cass, are sure up and doing on the good roads proposition. The nearby farmers are joining hands with the business men of the city and are fully determined to make the good roads movement one worth while. A meeting has been held and the city has agreed to raise \$150 in cash, in addition to their regular work, and twenty farmers have agreed to grade one mile each of road and keep it in good condition throughout the summer. This will insure a good road for many miles around and leading into Elmwood. We are informed that there are now over twenty automobiles in and near Elmwood, and they are all proving hustlers for the good roads movement.

### Colonel 68 Years Young Today.

From Friday's Daily. Colonel M. A. Bates, the head push of the Journal, is 68 years young today and is as husky as a lad of eighteen summers. None of the force would tackle him to try to put him under the table, as they used to do when the colonel was a lad. Printers have come and printers have gone, but the colonel stays. May his shadow never grow less.

### Is Feeling Fairly Well.

From Friday's Daily. Uncle George Shrader was in the city today looking after some business matters, and, of course, dropped in to see the Journal people. He is enjoying fairly good health, and reports the crops in his section looking fine, and says that with favorable weather Cass county will have bumper crops of everything grown on the farm. We were pleased to see our old friend looking so well and hope he may live many years longer.

### CAT ADOPTS YOUNG SQUIRREL AS ONE OF HER OWN

Treats It Same as One of Her Own and Seems to Think Just as Much of the Squirrel.

From Friday's Daily. O. P. Monroe, the East Main street merchant, exhibited in his show window today a singular freak and one not seen in this city before. It was that of a cat acting as mother to a young timber squirrel. The young squirrel was found by the boys of Mr. C. S. Stevens, residing in the south part of the city, and the little squirrel was taken to their home and placed with the cat, which had a litter of young kittens so small that their eyes were not yet open. The young squirrel was almost as helpless as the kittens, and the old cat adopted it at once and allowed it to take nourishment. The squirrel has been nursing at the old cat's breast since that time and appears to be getting the best of the kittens, four in number.

Mr. Monroe heard of the freak and procured the cat and her family, with the adopted squirrel and placed them in his window. The squirrel will eat nuts when they are placed in the cage, but as soon as the old cat announces dinner for the kittens the squirrel is right on hand to get his share of the milk.

### Mrs. Wurl Entertains Auxiliary.

From Friday's Daily. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church were very pleasantly entertained at the cosy home of Mrs. E. A. Wurl yesterday afternoon. There were a large number of the ladies in attendance and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The regular business session was held, which took up the early hours of the afternoon. During this business session arrangements were made for the payment of the piano which was purchased recently and which was placed in the Sunday school rooms of the church. Following the business session the ladies had a genuine good social time; some brought out their needle work and others indulged in various amusements. Most excellent refreshments were provided by the hostess, to which all did ample justice. When the hour of departure came all dispersed greatly indebted to Mrs. Wurl for the splendid entertainment afforded them on this occasion.

### Meets With Mrs. Livingston.

From Friday's Daily. The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Luke's church held a very profitable and pleasant special meeting at the pretty home of Mrs. T. P. Livingston yesterday afternoon, but which was not as well attended as it should and would have been on account of the announcement of this special meeting our columns not giving the place it was to be held. This was one on us and one which we regret very much and we trust that it will not occur again. This special meeting was a business one, most of the time being spent in discussing, planning and arranging some matters of importance. Just previous to the close Mrs. Livingston served some delicious sherbet and cake and the remainder of the time was spent in a social way.

### Cass County to Receive \$6,304.05.

According to the apportionment of state school funds, Cass county will receive \$6,304.08 as her share. This will help some.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wurdeman of Leigh, Nebraska, arrived today to visit the William Nickels home for a time.

### PLEASANT EVENT IN THE LINE OF A "DIME SHOWER"

Given in Honor of Miss Gertrude Cole of Mynard at the Home of Mrs. C. L. Wiles.

From Saturday's Daily. Invitations are out announcing the marriage of Miss Gertrude Viola Cole to Charles C. Barnard, and the many girl friends of Gertrude are planning a series of parties and showers in honor of the coming event.

The first of these, a "Dime" shower, was given by Mrs. S. O. Cole and Mrs. C. L. Wiles Wednesday afternoon at the pleasant home of Mrs. Wiles, west of this city. For this occasion the rooms were tastefully decorated in red and white. In the library a large red heart was suspended from the chandelier, from which red and white crepe streamers extended to the upper side walls, producing a most artistic effect.

Shortly after the arrival of the guests they were summoned to the dining room, where, in one corner, beneath a canopy, formed of red and white crepe streamers, Opal Cole and Helen Livingston served the red punch in a pleasing manner. The guests then assembled in the library, where they proceeded to "furnish a home" for the bride-to-be. This afforded great amusement. Then each guest was requested to write a cooking recipe, from memory, in the booklet prepared by the hostess. Tiny red pencils with red silk tassels, were given each guest for this purpose, and these they were permitted to retain as souvenirs of the occasion. In the delicious luncheon that followed, the color scheme was further evidenced in the strawberries and ice cream, wafers and also the crepe paper napkins with red hearts.

This pleasant occasion was one long to be remembered by all present, and which proved to be one of the most delightful social events of the season. With the dimes which were received a picture will be purchased by the hostess and may be seen at the home of Miss Gertrude.

Those present were: Misses Gertrude Cole, Elsa Gopen, Nora Perry, Lillian Wheeler, Winnie and Florence Hutchinson, Rachel Livingston, Mabel Adams, De Ella Verner, Jennie and Ruth Johnson, Eye Porter, Edward and Mae Propst, Stella and Fern Long and Verna Cole; Mesdames John Valery, Guy Kiser, Albert Wheeler, Earl V. Cole, Will Jean, Ed Spangler, L. L. Wiles, J. E. Wiles, C. L. Wiles, S. O. Cole; Opal Cole, Helen Livingston and Delores Wiles.

### Operated Upon Thursday.

Miss Opha Baker, accompanied by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Baker, and Dr. B. F. Brendel of Murray, went to Omaha Thursday morning, where Dr. Allison operated upon the young lady for a tuberculosis growth on the side of her face. Miss Opha went through the trying ordeal with the nerve and grit of a much older person and came out from under the effects of the anesthetic in fairly good condition, and it is hoped that she will recover rapidly. Mrs. Baker will remain with her daughter at the hospital for several days, while Mr. Baker and Dr. Brendel returned in the evening via way of Plattsmouth and the auto route. This is Miss Opha's second operation.

### Big Money for Chug Carts.

Nebraska continues to pour part of her millions into benzine buggies. The receipts of the secretary of state for auto licenses during May eclipsed all former receipts, amounting to \$2,589.25, as well as showing a record number of new registrations. New registrations were 1,237 in number. If the average automobile is sold for \$1,000, these licenses mean that about \$1,250,000 were spent in May for new chug carts.

Mrs. Frank Johnson and little son are spending a few days visiting at the home of Mrs. Joseph Adams, near Mynard. They will also spend a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gillispie before they return to this city next week.

### ENTITLED TO ONE OF THE CARNEGIE MEDALS

Mr. A. B. Hass of Orecopolis Saves the Life of A. O. Moore, Burlington Train Dispatcher.

Mr. A. B. Hass of Orecopolis yesterday morning earned a hero medal by swimming the Platte river in time to save the life of Mr. A. O. Moore, the Burlington train dispatcher, who had gone down three times and was calling for help.

Mr. Moore, who is not an expert swimmer, was bathing in the Platte. Mr. Hass had been in also, but had come out on this side and was preparing to dress himself. Mr. Moore was on the opposite side of the stream and had gotten out on the north bank when the bank caved in with him, letting him in again in a place where the water was deep and swift. Mr. Moore attempted to swim against the current to reach the place where he thought he could land and battled with the current until his breath was exhausted. The current was very swift and carried him down, and getting into a whirlpool he was swept under.

When he arose he called to Mr. Hass for help, and before Mr. Hass could swim across the river and reach him he sank twice more, but the bold swimmer reached him in time to prevent him going under a fourth time. Mr. Hass called to the sinking man to go with the current, as the current was taking him down stream, and by so doing Mr. Hass was able to get him out.

Mr. Moore was well nigh drowned, and he is now of the opinion that Mr. Hass is one of the best swimmers in the state, and had it not been for his strength and knowledge of the water Mr. Moore would have lost his life.

Attorney H. E. Maxwell of Omaha came down yesterday afternoon and spent the night with friends and looked after some business matters, returning to his home this morning.

### Made Flying Trip to Elmwood.

From Friday's Daily. Mr. W. E. Rosencrans, secretary of the Automobile Cass county association, made a quick trip to Elmwood yesterday in his new Mercer car. He was accompanied by Bruce and Clay Rosencrans and Jean Brady. Mr. W. E. Rosencrans was his own chauffeur and did remarkably well, considering the surface of the road between this point and Elmwood. He certainly has an excellent car.

### PLATTSMOUTH BALL TEAM WINS FROM GLENWOOD

Flushed With Victory Yesterday Are Ready to Tackle Any Team in the State of Their Class.

From Friday's Daily. The Plattsmouth ball team came back from Glenwood last night with colors flying, having snatched a victory from the boys across the river after it looked for a time very much of a forlorn hope. The Glenwood team made five of their eight runs in the first inning, while the Plattsmouth team made a goose egg in each of the first two innings, and in the third made three scores, and in the ninth inning when the game closed our boys had nine scores to Glenwood eight.

The Plattsmouth boys playing in the game were: Larson, McDaniel, Long, Edwards, Dalton, Smith, Hadraba, Maurer and Perry. Scores were made by Edwards in the third and fifth innings, by Perry in the fourth and seventh, and by McDaniel and Long in the third, and Smith and Hadraba in the seventh inning.

The Plattsmouth team will play the Omaha High school team in the near future. Plans are being made for the game, which will probably be July 4.

Miss Minnie Metzger, accompanied by her sister-in-law, came down from Cedar Creek this morning in time to catch No. 15 for Omaha, where they spent the day.