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## ONE OF PLATTSMOUTH'S FAIR DAUGHTERS IS CAPTURED BY DAN CUPID

Miss Helen Alice Swarhout United in Marriage to Dr. Ralph N. Ransom, Formerly a Dentist of This City, the Ceremony Occuring Today at Home of Bride's Mother.

A very pretty home wedding occurred Thursday at 3 o'clock at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. A. B. Swarhout on Pearl street, when her daughter, Miss Helen Alice Swarhout, was joined in marriage with Dr. Ralph N. Ransom, formerly practicing in dentistry in this city, but now of Boelus, Neb. Rev. L. W. Gade read the beautiful ring ceremony of the Presbyterian church. About twenty-five near relatives and friends of the happy young people witnessed the ceremony.

The bride was dressed in a pretty brown traveling suit and accompanied by Mrs. Downing, matron of honor, and given away by her mother, Mrs. A. B. Swarhout. The groom wore a black business suit and the best man, Fred Jess, also wore a black business suit.

Before the wedding party entered the room Miss Helen Chapman sang "All for You," accompanied with piano by Miss Ruth Chapman. Miss Jennie Johnson presided at the piano during the ceremony and played softly during the service. As the soft tones of the instrument stole out on the air, Dr. Ransom and his best man, Mr. Jess, entered the parlor, taking their positions in the bay window. A few moments later the bride and her mother, preceded by the matron of honor, joined the doctor and Mr. Jess, and the clergyman stepped forth and per-

formed the impressive ceremony, uniting the lives of two of Plattsmouth's most estimable young people, "so long as ye both shall live."

After receiving the congratulations of the guests assembled, the wedding party and guests were ushered to the dining room, where a sumptuous dinner was served. The bride and groom departed this afternoon for Farley, Iowa, where they will spend the holidays with the groom's parents, and after which they will go to Boelus, Neb., where Dr. Ransom has a home already fitted up awaiting the coming of his bride.

The bride and groom are both well known in this community and both possess a large circle of young friends, who will be delighted to hear of these nuptials. Dr. Ransom resided in Plattsmouth for a long time, having purchased the dental practice and office of Dr. Elster, and is a rising young dentist with all the elements of success in his make-up, and is a genial, pleasant gentleman. Miss Swarhout has many relatives and warm friends in the city, having resided here all her life, and is possessed of many accomplishments, having graduated at a ladies' seminary of Kansas.

The Journal joins their numerous friends in wishing them happiness and prosperity through life's journey.

### Married at Omaha.

Two of Plattsmouth's popular young people eluded their friends yesterday and boarded the fast mail for Omaha, where they procured a marriage license and were joined in wedlock, the groom being Tracy A. Graham and the bride Miss Ruth Spencer. Mr. Graham is in the employ of the Burlington, holding the position of fireman with the night switching crew, while Miss Spencer has been employed at the Riley hotel. The wedding, although expected to transpire within a week or two, was somewhat of a surprise to the numerous friends of the contracting parties. Both the groom and the bride are estimable young people and their many friends congratulate them on entering the ranks of double blessedness.

### IN HONOR OF HER FOURTEENTH BIRTHDAY

Numerous Classmates and Young Friends Assist Young Lady in Having a Good Time.

On account of it being her 14th birthday anniversary, Miss Meta Jennings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Jennings, residing in the south part of the city, was made the recipient of a most enjoyable surprise Wednesday evening by a number of her friends. To say that Miss Meta was surprised would be putting it mild, as she had never dreamed of the like. Nevertheless, she soon made the guests feel at home and all joined in celebrating this most important event in the proper manner.

There was music, both vocal and instrumental, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Then, too, they participated in many games, which aroused considerable merriment. At the proper time refreshments were served, to which all did ample justice. A little later all dispersed, voting Miss Meta a fine entertainer and wishing her many more happy birthdays.

Those who enjoyed this occasion were: Misses Gertrude Roessler, Katherine Lutz, Helen Lutz, Irma Covert, Mary Hetherington, Ruth Hetherington, Rebah Covert, Hattie Roessler, Gladys Steinhauer, Elsie Roessler, Silvia Green, Mary Green, Messrs. Eugene Vroman, Henry Lamphear, Silas Green, Roy Lamphear, Verdon Vroman; Mr. and Mrs. Steinhauer.

### Last Man for Mail.

Judge A. J. Beeson enjoys the distinction of being the last man to go to the old postoffice for his mail. He made this trip Tuesday as he went home for dinner. When the judge left his office he was deep in the knotty problems of the law and made his way up Main street in deep thought, circled the corner at the Plattsmouth State bank and crossed over to the old postoffice site and tried the door. The jurist backed off surprised that the office should be locked at that hour of the day, and resumed his journey home, soliloquizing that he would try it again after dinner. On informing his wife of the singular circumstance of the postoffice being locked the first time in his experience, the Judge was reminded that the new building was probably open.

Robert Troop was the last man to buy a postage stamp at the old stand, and Claude Mayfield the first to purchase one at the new quarters.

### Window Full of Xmas Goods.

Rynott & Co. have one of the nicest window displays in the city, and almost every sort of article desirable for a Christmas present can be seen in their window, arranged in an attractive manner. Toilet sets, traveling sets, hat and clothes brushes, leather goods, meerschbaum pipes, military brushes and nice leather collar and cuff boxes, any or all of these make a splendid Christmas present.

Mrs. N. W. Dickson of Marion, Iowa, and Mrs. J. E. Dickson of Collins, Iowa, who have been guests of P. M. Biehey and family for a few days, returned to their home this morning.

### BEAT THIS—IF YOU CAN!

Actual Settlement Made on December 30, 1910, of a Twenty Payment Life Policy in the

OLD LINE BANKERS LIFE Insurance Company of Lincoln, Neb.	
No. of Policy	1637
Age	42
Name of insured	Wm. R. Kelly
Residence	Los Angeles, Cal.
Amount of policy	\$5,000.00
Annual premium	180.55
Total premiums	3,644.00

### Options of Settlement.

1st. Reserve	\$3,036.05
Surplus	3,286.20
Cash value	\$6,322.25

2d. Surplus in cash	\$3,286.20
And paid up participating policy	5,000.00
Total	\$8,286.20

3d. Paid up insurance	\$10,410.00
4th. Life annuity	686.25

Mr. Kelly settled under option No. 2, having secured his full paid-up Life Policy at a net cost of \$16.24 per year. His death occurred March 9, 1911. This company had \$131.86 assets to each \$100.00 of liabilities, and saved 59.16 per cent of its income in the year of 1910, and is still going. For a home company that has a 25-year record of such work, little more need be said.

References—State Insurance Department of Nebraska, and hundreds of satisfied policyholders. Full information given upon request.

**C. M. ROBINSON,**  
General Agent.

### Is Olive Sore?

Postmaster Schneider of Plattsmouth is now located in the new government building. There is no question that he feels proud over the new quarters. Uncle Sam is the boy who does things in style and gives just a little better than is expected. But just wait a few weeks and see what your Uncle Jake is going to give the people of Weeping Water. One of the coziest little offices imaginable, to be sure there is no shower bath, or bath tub, but we have plenty of water, light and heat. Receptacles for blanks, a safe, toilet, lavatory, more windows for the customers' convenience, and a light, handsome room. Let Schneider have a bath if he wants it at government expense, we'll continue to take ours in a gun barrel if the city well holds out. Besides, we are going to have our new office placed on a solid foundation with no fear of collapse from the foundation settling a few inches.—Weeping Water Republican.

### Happy Because It's a Boy.

We venture to say that one of the happiest men in the Burlington shops today is our excellent young friend, Louis Jiran, and although a few days early for Christmas time, we know that Louie could not have been presented with a more pleasing present for that happy season than this bouncing baby boy, born early this morning. We are told that Louie's heart fairly leaped with joy when the doctor said, "Louie, it's a boy." The mother and little one are doing nicely and Louie is happy because he has just what his heart desired, a handsome girl a few years old, and a boy. May the little fellow live long and ever prove a beam of joy to the excellent parents in their declining days.

Miss Eva Windham of Glenwood, who has been visiting her uncle, R. B. Windham and family, of this city for a few days, returned to her home at Glenwood this morning.

## TRIAL OF M'CANN, DOUD AND LYTLE ON TRIAL IN THE DISTRICT COURT

Greater Part of Yesterday Taken Up in Securing a Jury for the Case—Many Witnesses Are on Hand to Testify, McCann Is Granted Separate Trial.

The time of the greater part of the day yesterday was consumed in getting a jury to try the case against the safe-blowers. McCann requested that he be given a separate trial, and asked that the men charged with him be excluded from the room. The court allowed the first request, but denied the second. The defendant used his eight peremptory challenges, while the state did not exercise any of its three allowed by the court, and a jury was secured about 3 o'clock and the trial began. The following is the list selected to try the case: A. C. Clymer, John Schrader, H. J. Schlutz, N. K. Peoples, George Hall, Theo. Starkjohn, John Rauth, A. F. Boedeker, William Atchison, A. E. Lake, Dave Foltz and Fred Stock.

Mike Tritsch, the owner of the jewelry stock which was taken from his safe after it was blown open with nitro-glycerine on the morning of September 29, 1911, was placed on the stand and testified to the location and situation of the store, he having his store in one corner of F. H. Nichols' general merchandise store. Mr. Tritsch also identified the articles of jewelry, as well as a lot of price tags, which were brought into the room by a Lincoln detective, Mr. Ellis, and which Mr. Tritsch stated he had not seen since the night before the robbery, when they were on goods that were in his safe, until he saw them in the possession of the detective. The detective brought the tags in a hand-satchel and exercised considerable caution with the tags and jewelry until the court reporter had identified them and numbered the exhibits. Mr. Tritsch testified that the value of the jewelry taken amounted to about \$1,000; that with the exception of the stick-pin and the tags he had not seen any of his property since the robbery.

F. H. Nichols, proprietor of the general store in which the jewelry store is located, testified that he locked the store on the night of the 28th of September and that he and F. F. Ross, a clerk in his store, left at about the same time, which was about 7:45 p. m.

Mr. Ross corroborated the testimony of Mr. Nichols. The store was in good shape when they left the night before the robbery. The witness said he locked the back door and Mr. Nichols locked the front one, and when they arrived at the store the next morning the doors were open and the safe door of Mr. Tritsch's safe was blown off and was lying ten feet away from the safe.

Harry Thompson, another clerk

in the Nichols store, swore that he had seen Doud in the store on the evening of September 28, and that he sold him a can of tomatoes. On cross-examination witness stated that he had not seen McCann in the store that day; that Doud was a stranger, but witness did not know whether he lived in Louisville at the time or not.

Jerry McHugh was called and testified that he had seen Doud in the store in which he worked in South Bend two days before the morning of the 29th of September; that he sold Doud at that time a loaf of bread, some butter, eggs, pork and wienerwurst; witness had seen Doud twice before in South Bend.

Charles Anthony, a Rock Island section man, testified that he had seen both McCann and Doud near the Rock Island station two days before the Louisville robbery; they were not together. On cross-examination the witness stated that the men wore slouch hats, one dark and the other light; both wore dark clothes. McCann asked witness for a match, which he gave him.

George Vogle, a young farmer, swore that he saw both Doud and McCann in an orchard going toward Gus Thimman's barn, about the middle of the afternoon two days before the robbery at Louisville. The men were not together. On cross-examination witness stated that he was further from the parties than the distance from the witness to the west end of the court room; that both men had on dark slouch hats; the clothing worn was not light, nor was it black.

The attorney for the defendant strenuously objected to any of the witnesses answering the question of the prosecution when asked if they had seen Doud at Louisville or South Bend; the reason given was that Doud was other than the defendant on trial and that it was immaterial whether Doud was in South Bend two days before the safe-blowing at Louisville. The state replied that it had a right to show the actions and whereabouts of the parties immediately prior and subsequent to the crime. The court overruled the objections to the identification of Doud, as well as that pointing to his presence with McCann at South Bend on the 27th of September.

On the completion of Mr. Vogle's testimony the court took a recess until 9 o'clock Friday morning. The state has twenty-five witnesses, seven of whom had given their testimony up to close of the session Thursday night.

### A "Whack" at Pollard.

Ernest M. Pollard grows more foxy as he grows older. Mr. Pollard is one of the coterie of "lame ducks" and worn-out politicians who has the bright idea that the best way to head off the threatened La Follette or Roosevelt boom is to work up fifty-seven varieties of harmony in the republican party at this time, so in his announcement of the impending Taft jubilee in Lincoln, which will be attended by all the office-holders and "lame ducks" in Nebraska, Mr. Pollard suggests that the meeting is for ALL brands, stripes, kinds and conditions of republicans—none barred from entry. From all of which one may get any sort of idea he wants, and the astute reader of political signs can readily perceive that the foxy Mr. Pollard still has his eyes on Washington and a job of some sort. The rank and file of the republican party should pray for deliverance from the "insurgency" or "progressiveness" of such rank standpatters as Ernest M. Pollard, an exponent of that brand of politics which talks about the "Grand old Flag" and the "Achievements of Our Glorious Country" when pressed for an

answer of a really interesting and topical question.—Nebraska City Press (rep.)

### Elect Officers.

The Woodmen of the World held their annual meeting for the election of officers last night. The following were elected: V. M. Mullis, C. C.; Charles Kirby, A. L.; H. L. Kruger, banker; Robert Moffett, clerk; Peter Valley, escort; L. Cook, door-keeper; George Becker, sentry; H. M. Soennichsen, manager for three years; William West, manager for two years; Dr. E. W. Cook, camp physician. Installation of officers will be held the second Thursday night in January next. All Woodmen and their wives are invited to the installation exercises, as well as members of the Woodmen Circle. Ed Welch, state manager for the order, will preside at the installation exercises. The camp voted a donation of \$10 to go to the Y. M. C. A. enterprise in Plattsmouth.

Mrs. Emma Lawrence of Omaha arrived last evening to visit her daughter, Mrs. H. G. Stapleton and family, for a short time.

## THE WAY TO SHIP YOUR PRESENTS

A Few Directions for Shipping Christmas Presents by Express.

Patrons of express companies who contemplate sending presents for Christmas should have them in the hands of the company not later than December 18. There is nothing quite so disappointing to the donor as the delay of a present after Christmas day. It takes away the sweet sentiment embodied in these gifts and very greatly disappoints the receiver. Express companies are furnishing patrons with labels reading, "Do Not Open Until Christmas," which may be pasted upon your packages. Use wooden boxes for packing when possible. This reduces the risk of loss and prevents damage.

Write the address plainly with ink or crayon, giving street number and county. Write your name and address on the package following the prefix "From," giving your street and number, and also enclose in the package one of your cards.

Do not enclose money or jewelry in packages of merchandise. Such articles should be sent in a separate package through the money department. Insist upon a receipt and have the value of your package placed thereon. Mark the package "Paid" if so intended.

Write the word "Perishable" on your package if it contains matter of a perishable nature.

### Moves Family to Plattsmouth.

Dr. P. Juckniess, ex-state veterinarian, will reside in the J. E. Kuhn residence on North Sixth street, his household furniture having arrived last evening from Lincoln. J. H. McMaken transported the doctor's goods from the car to the residence today. Dr. Juckniess will immediately assume his duties with the Western Serum company. The office building on the government lot will be moved to Dr. Greeder's home today and will be converted into apartments for serum work.

If in need of fancy stationery give the Journal a call. We carry a full line.

### Dairy Inspector Here.

William C. Andreas, state dairy inspector, was in the city today and tested the milk from five dairies in the city and found but one of them with milk in No. 1 condition relative to sanitary conditions; two others would rank as good as No. 2, while two others were positively filthy and sufficient cow manure in the quart of milk tested was found to turn the stomach of a savage. One man's cream was found below the standard in butter fat; otherwise the cream tests were fairly good. Mr. Andreas wants to warn the dairymen to do better with regard to sanitary conditions or the next time he is here there will be arrests, and a good news item or items will result. He has made a dozen prosecutions since his appointment last March, and while he does not want to be harsh, yet in some instances the users of milk are being imposed upon, and conditions exist which would not be tolerated by Omaha or Lincoln people and there is no reason why Plattsmouth people should tolerate it.

### The Pure Food Law.

Persons breaking Uncle Sam's pure food law are being fined in large number rather than in severity. A St. Louis concern got \$20 and costs for adulterating and misbranding preserved peaches, apples and sugar. Another was forced to pay costs for misbranding sugar corn flakes. An egg outfit was caught with 175 crates of frozen eggs which were filthy, putrid and decomposed. Uncle Sam destroyed the goods; no fine. A Chicago milk concern was found with 10,000 cans of bad evaporated milk; no fine; goods ordered destroyed. Another Chicago company was fined \$200 for adulteration of compound catsup. A Long Island company got sentence suspended for adulterating tomato catsup.

### Did Not Exceed Speed Limit.

Guy McMaken unloaded from a Burlington freight car the firm's concrete mixer yesterday and proceeded along Main street at a cautious rate of speed, not over a mile an hour. Guy had heard that the speed ordinance was being strictly enforced against motor vehicles and he did not care to be called on the carpet.