

# The Plattsmouth Journal.

## BENJAMIN F. WILES SURPRISED ON HIS FORTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Neighbors Assemble at His Home Shortly After Nightfall and Proceed to Surprise Their Friend—Evening Most Delightfully Spent in Playing Games and Visiting.

From Wednesday's Daily. Benjamin Franklin Wiles, one of Cass county's most prosperous and industrious farmers and stock raisers, celebrated his forty-first birthday yesterday. It was a cool morning on April 23, 1871, that our good friend first gazed about at the old homestead, southeast of the then small town of Plattsmouth. He was not slow in recognizing the fertility of Cass county's soil and resolved to make his home right here in his native county.

The celebration of his birthday yesterday was a complete surprise to Mr. Wiles, as he had not dreamed of such a thing, and when about thirty of his neighbors quietly assembled in his dooryard shortly after nightfall and rapped at his door he was not expecting them in the least. Ben Horning telephoned him in the evening that he would be over after awhile to see him on business, but this did not arouse his suspicions, and when he went to the door and opened it to find his yard full of his neighbors, his pleasure can well be imagined.

The evening passed very quickly, games and visiting furnishing entertainment until Mrs. Wiles, assisted by some of her kind neighbor ladies, served a delicious lunch. At a late hour the company dispersed for their homes, wishing Mr. Wiles forty-one more pleasant returns of the day. He was the recipient of a substantial present, which he very much appreciated, and both he and his good wife were delighted to have their neighbors with them for the evening, although it was a surprise party.

Those present were: Mrs. C. L. Jean, Mrs. Ida Cole and son, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gopen, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Wiles, Mr. and Mrs. John Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wiles, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spangler, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Spangler, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spangler, B. W. Livingston, Mrs. W. T. Adams, Mrs. B. F. Goodman, Julius Pitz, Mrs. Nimms, Ben Horning, Miss Ollie Horning and Mr. and Mrs. Lafe Nelson.

## THE SERVICES OF AMERICAN JOURNALISM

Whenever a Road Needs to Be Improved Public Instinctively Turns to the Newspaper.

Notwithstanding all the faults of our newspapers, there is one thing that can be said in behalf of American journalism. It stands for unselfish work for community betterment. It is manifestly suicidal when a newspaper permits personal spites to govern its policy. Hence a conviction and tradition has grown up in the newspaper fraternity that considerations of public welfare alone must govern newspaper policy, according to the best intelligence of the editor.

Who can measure the good accomplished by the American newspaper as a righter of wrongs, as a proclaimer of hidden evils, as a persuader in campaigns of public enterprise, and business advancement?

Whenever a road needs to be improved, wherever a charitable or religious society needs help, wherever a scamp is to be ousted from office, the public instinctively turns to the newspaper for help. Here and there a newspaper shows the yellow streak and fails to assist, but is it often?

In view of these services, there is a growing recognition of the honorable character of journalism as a profession, a growing disposition to co-operate with the newspaper by helping it obtain all legitimate news, and a growing tendency to extend adequate financial support through subscriptions and advertising.

### Met With Serious Accident.

From Wednesday's Daily. Fred Olenhausen, who has been cutting brush for Ed Fitzgerald for some time, met with a serious accident this morning soon after he went to work. While cutting away at a good-sized sapling his ax caught in a shumach bush and glancing off alighted across the left foot of Mr. Olenhausen, inflicting a dangerous and painful wound an inch and a half long. Dr. Cummins was consulted as soon as Tom Kildow could bring Fred to town and the doctor stitched the wound, placing eight stitches in the wound and dressing it. Fred will lay off for several days in consequence of the injury.

Petition was filed in the district court today for the partition of land in Tipton precinct, the plaintiff being Isiah L. Creamer vs. Sarah Hess, et al.

## OFFICIAL PRIMARY RESULTS IN CASS COUNTY

The Canvassing Board Finally Completes Its Task—Official Vote Given Below.

The following is the official count of the vote cast at the primary election last Friday, including the preferential vote of the electors of Cass county as to their choice for president of the United States, as well as United States senator. The people's independent party cast a single vote, and that was cast in Elmwood precinct. W. J. Bryan was the choice of this elector, while La Follette was desired as vice president. Out of the more than 50 socialists in the county, but ten voted at the primary, a majority of those casting their ballots favorable to the constitutional amendments. There were eight prohibition votes in the county out of about 100 usually voting at the general election. We simply give the total vote that each candidate received in the county:

DEMOCRATS.	
For President.	
Woodrow Wilson	341
Judson Harmon	218
Champ Clark	301
United States Senator.	
W. H. Thompson	195
Ashton C. Shallenberger	508
Willis Reed	76
Robert F. Smith	74

Electors at Large.	
Waldo Winterstien	444
C. F. Beauschauen	325
James R. Dean	546
District Elector.	
John W. Cutwright	719
National Committeeman.	
P. L. Hall	461
Chas. Fanning	304
Delegates to National Convention at Large.	
Geo. L. Loomis	564
Fred Voipp	320
G. M. Hitchcock	182
Tom W. Smith	369
I. J. Dunn	474
W. H. Westover	425
W. J. Bryan	535

District Delegates.	
W. D. Wheeler	699
A. S. Tibbets	407
J. F. Walsh	258
John J. Ledwith	227
Alternate Delegate.	
William Ritchie, Jr.	582
For Governor.	
John H. Morehead	547
R. L. Metcalfe	326
Lieutenant Governor.	
Herman Diers	704
Secretary of State.	
A. T. Gatewood	324
J. W. Kelley	314
Chas. P. Whitesides	139
Auditor of Public Accounts.	
H. C. Richmond	694
State Treasurer.	
Floyd Seybolt	456
George E. Hall	333
Supt. of Public Instruction.	
John Speedie	245
Ernest F. Monroe	154
R. V. Clark	224
P. M. Whitehead	471

Attorney General.	
Andrew M. Morrissey	408
M. W. Terry	368
Commissioner of Public Lands.	
William B. Eastman	694
Railway Commissioner.	
Sam Hinkle	245
Edward C. Simons	68
William G. Stamm	54
B. M. Sims	57
Clarence E. Harman	148
Ben H. Hayden	103
Will M. Maupin	137
Congressman.	
John A. Maguire	791
State Senator.	
Wm. B. Banning	721
Representative.	
John J. Gustin	495
G. W. Olsen	292
Float Representative.	
Chas. H. Busch	734
County Assessor.	
W. R. Bryan	705
County Commissioner.	
Julius A. Pitz	322
A. G. Nolting	85

REPUBLICANS.	
For President.	
Theodore Roosevelt	698
William H. Taft	188
Robert M. La Follette	238
Vice President.	
Albert J. Beveridge	457
John O. Yeiser	442

## United States Senator.

Norris Brown	482
George W. Norris	575
Electors at Large.	
W. J. Broatch	494
I. A. Reneau	413
E. M. Pollard	550
E. G. McGilton	231
C. H. Grimes	132
Allan Johnson	258

## District Elector.

Samuel P. Davidson	462
George S. Flory	544

## National Committeeman.

Victor Rosewater	430
R. B. Howell	542

## Delegates to National Convention at Large.

H. E. Sackett	634
Nathan Merriam	578
J. J. McCarthy	545
Don L. Love	745
E. B. Perry	323
R. B. Schneider	423
Allen W. Field	440
John L. Webster	342

## Alternates at Large.

Clarendon E. Adams	312
Chas. R. Hensinger	352
Frank M. Currie	377
C. A. Schappel	345
John A. Davis	628
Don C. Van Dusen	614
Dan Garber	517
O. L. Schuman	583

## District Delegates.

Julius C. Harpham	634
William Ernst	505
Frank Heavis	312
Frank P. Sheldon	609
Alternate Delegates.	
Herbert P. Howe	454
E. H. McCarthy	767
L. H. Howe	650

## For Governor.

Chester H. Aldrich	609
Jesse S. Newton	441

## Lieutenant Governor.

Samuel Ray McKelvie	548
Martin L. Fries	468
L. A. Garner	452
L. W. Hague	439

## Secretary of State.

Addison Wait	939
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## Auditor of Public Accounts.

H. A. Webber	222
Wm. B. Howard	422
Isaiah D. Evans	765
W. J. Blair	461

## State Treasurer.

Walter A. George	618
Franklin C. Hamer	384

## Supt. of Public Instruction.

James E. Dalzell	690
G. W. Whitehorn	291

## Attorney General.

Grant G. Martin	887
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## Commissioner of Public Lands.

Clarence C. Barlow	420
Wilbur S. Waite	128
W. L. Minor	93
Henry Howard	73
S. C. Bassett	425
Fred Beckman	441

## Railway Commissioner.

William Colton	229
H. G. Taylor	199
Marshall T. Harrison	407
C. L. Hedlund	444

## Congressman.

Paul Clark	553
W. A. Selleck	462

## State Senator.

Henry H. Bartling	931
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## Representative.

G. W. Cheney	495
C. A. Richey	540

## Float Representative.

Oliver C. Dovey	942
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## RIVER CUTTING IN NEAR K. C. TRACK

Missouri River Cutting Into the Iowa Side—Army of Men Fighting to Save Tracks.

The Glenwood Tribune, in speaking of the efforts to keep the river from cutting into the K. C. railroad tracks, says: "A small army of Burlington workmen are busy about half a mile below Folsom making every effort possible to check the encroachments of the Missouri river, which is cutting away blocks of the Iowa bank and now within 100 feet of the track. Acres of what is left of the old Robert Boyce and Godsey farms are being eaten away by the river, while all the farms for two miles below Folsom are being crumbled away.

"Monday morning a spur track was built to the river bank and twenty box cars containing fifty tons of rock apiece were turned loose and ran into the river. Train loads of willow rip-rapping have been used. Orchard and other trees were chopped down and used as rip-rapping material by the railroad company and the farmers. The river is about twenty-five feet deep and rapidly deepening at the point cut nearest the track.

"Four hundred railroad workmen were hurried to the scene when it was first reported Saturday that the river was cutting and have been busy day and night since that time. The men are housed in bunk cars on the Folsom siding.

"The river rose several inches Sunday and Sunday night. It is feared the ravages of the river will greatly increase when it falls and the waves can eat into the quicksand that forms the foundation of the gumbo bottoms.

"No explanation is offered why the river should have changed its channel in only a day so the entire force of the current should strike this side. Burlington officials say they are ready to move tracks when there is danger of the river cutting into the present roadbed."

## River Cuts on Iowa Shore.

From Tuesday's Daily. K. W. Zavgren, foreman of the Burlington bridge force, has been keeping a sharp watch of the Missouri river on the Iowa shore, where it has threatened to cut away the bank. The man on guard last night notified Mr. Zavgren that trouble was forming, the news reaching the foreman about 8 o'clock. With a force of twenty-five men he hastened to the place of trouble, about a quarter of a mile north of the large grove on the opposite shore, and found that he was not in time to save the tools which had been used through the day. Just before he arrived with his force over 100 feet of the bank fifty feet back from the water's edge fell in. Mr. Zavgren and his force worked at rip-rapping all night, and this morning sent over a large force of Italian workmen, who will keep at it today, and again tonight Mr. Zavgren and his men will go at it again. The track was moved back from the river 200 feet last week, in anticipation that when the river began to fall a part of the bank would go in. It may seem a little strange to the inexperienced river man, but it nevertheless is a fact that the most damage to the bank occurs when the river is falling.

## In County Court.

From Wednesday's Daily. A hearing was had in the county court this morning and the probate of the last will of Mrs. Anna Coon ordered by Judge Beeson. Sterling Girardet, one of Weeping Water's most enterprising general merchants, was one of the attesting witnesses and testified in support of the document. D. M. Johnson, son-in-law of the deceased, was appointed administrator, with will annexed. Messrs. Girardet and Johnson returned to their homes on the morning of M. P. train.

A petition was filed in the county court this morning praying for the probate of the will of Thomas J. Fountain, one of the pioneer citizens of South Bend.

## Fine Lettuce.

From Tuesday's Daily. Our excellent friend, Henry Kaufman, the boss Cass county gardener, was in the city yesterday evening with a fine line of home-grown lettuce. From the wagon our friend, Adolph Wesch, "the Shonock" brought the Journal man a fine supply, so we are really indebted to both gentlemen for the treat.

## HAPPY WEDDING OF SOUTH OMAHA PARTIES

The Happy Event Occurring at the Home of Rev. Gade, Who Performed Ceremony.

From Tuesday's Daily. A very pretty wedding occurred at the residence of Rev. L. W. Gade, pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, this morning, the contracting parties being Mr. Lawrence Joseph Shinrock of Omaha and Miss Louise Martha Metzger of Lincoln, and was witnessed by William Dineen and Miss Lyda Samuelson, both of South Omaha.

The wedding party came in on No. 4 this morning and as soon as the county judge could make out the necessary license the home of the clergyman was sought and the ceremony took place at once. The happy young couple left on the afternoon train for South Omaha, where they will make their future home.

The groom and bride are very popular in their large circle of acquaintances. Mr. Shinrock is a rising young business man of South Omaha, where he is in the plumbing, heating and electric wiring business, having for a partner W. J. Dineen. The bride is the accomplished daughter of one of Lincoln's wealthy retired farmers and possesses many admirable traits of character. May long life and happiness be theirs.

## Burlington Trains Run This Way.

On account of the precarious condition of the Burlington track at old Hinton station, on the opposite side of the river, all Burlington trains were run through Plattsmouth today. Every available box car and flat car is pressed into service and loaded with stone, which is being hurried to the scene of the cave-in and dumped into the river. Every effort is being put forth by the company to stop the further washing away of the river bank at that place.

## Will Wed Thursday.

From Tuesday's Daily. Herman Schweppe of Wabash and Lydia Rieckmann of Murock were granted a permit to wed by County Judge Beeson yesterday morning. The ceremony will occur Thursday at the residence of the bride's parents. Rev. Janan of Elmwood will officiate at the ceremony. The groom is a prosperous young German farmer and the bride the accomplished daughter of Henry Rieckmann, well known in that vicinity.

## Attends His Aunt's Funeral.

From Tuesday's Daily. Sheriff Quinton returned from Talmage Monday afternoon, where he went to attend the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. C. E. Mead, who died Friday from a complication of diseases. Mrs. Mead had been sick nearly all of last winter, she being in the Methodist hospital at Omaha for two months, returning from that institution about two months ago. Mrs. Mead was about 72 years of age.

## Spring Backward in South.

Mr. Mead of Fort Worth, Texas, is in the city, the guest of his cousin, Sheriff Quinton. He reports a very backward spring in the south and last winter one long and cloudy, with scarcely any sunshine at all. Planters had begun to put out their cotton, however, and spring work was progressing.

H. C. McMaken & Son company loaded their large concrete mixer and big steel roller on a flat car at the Burlington station yesterday, preparatory to moving it to Clarinda, Iowa, where they have the contract for putting in some pavement.