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JUDGE TRAVIS PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING

Entire Population of Judicial District Over Which He Presided Mourns His Loss.

Today the city of Plattsmouth and Cass county mourns the passing of one of its best beloved and distinguished citizens, District Judge Harvey D. Travis, who, as the new day was breaking into life peacefully sank into the sleep that knows no awakening in this world.

The death of the judge occurred at 4:20 this morning, and after the long months of suffering from cancer of the throat the summons to his final reward was a blessed relief to him, who had borne the agony and suffering with a Christian fortitude and patience, knowing months ago that there was no relief for him. For the past few years the judge had been in poor health, and with the duties of his office wearing on him he gradually began to fail, and although he sought to secure the regaining of his failing health by traveling, the malady continued its ravages and finally struck this able judge down in the prime of life.

There has been few men in the public life of Cass county that possessed the confidence and re-

attorney and was elected to that office in the fall of that year, and so efficient were his services that he was re-elected by the citizens of Cass county in 1892, and again in 1894. Mr. Travis then retired to engage in the practice of law, having in the meantime removed from Weeping Water to this city, where he has since made his home. In 1903 in response to the insistence of his friends he consented to accept the democratic nomination for county judge and was elected to that office by a large majority and re-elected again in 1905. As the time for the election of a judge for the second judicial district drew near in 1907 the name of Judge Travis was brought forward and the people of the district composed then of Otoe and Cass counties by a large majority placed him on the bench and in 1911 at the expiration of his first term he was elected without opposition to the office he had filled as well and ably and he continued in that office until his death. The judge leaves to mourn his loss his wife and three children, Earl R. Travis of this city, Mrs. A. G. Cole, of Plainview, Nebraska, and Raymond of Omaha.

Mrs. Mayme Cleaver Here.

Yesterday Mrs. Mayme Cleaver of Lincoln, grand chief of honor of the Degree of honor, was in the city looking after the interests of that order in the city. Mrs. Cleaver is one of the foremost workers along fraternal lines in the state, and while filling the position of chief of honor she has assisted greatly in advancing the interests of the order throughout the state. Mrs. Cleaver returned home on the afternoon Burlington train yesterday.

THE EMINENT JURIST LAID AT REST SUNDAY

A Large Number of Friends Pay Last Sad Tribute to the Late Judge Harvey D. Travis.

The funeral services of the late District Judge Harvey D. Travis yesterday afternoon from the late home was attended by a vast concourse of the friends of the distinguished jurist from this city, Nebraska City, Papillion and Omaha, who gathered for the last time to pay their tribute of respect to this able and just judge, who had gone from their midst, and there was many a tear-dimmed eye as all that was mortal of this well-loved citizen and friend was borne to its last earthly resting place.

The services were conducted by Rev. M. W. Lorimer of the First Presbyterian church who gave a short sermon on the life of the departed judge who had been such a force in the community and whose death would leave a place hard to fill in the hearts of his fellow men. The choir composed of Mesdames E. H. Wescott and Mae Morgan and Messrs. B. A. McElwain and G. L. Farley sang that comforting song so dear to the hearts of all, "Lead Kindly Light," and Messrs. Wescott and Mrs. Morgan sang very sweetly "Some Time We Will Understand," during the services and Mrs. Albert Glabaugh rendered the solo "Abide With Me," in a manner that greatly impressed everyone with the beautiful thoughts of the song and the grand good man who had been summoned to his final reward by the Ruler of the Universe. Attorney C. A. Rawls, of this city, paid a most eloquent tribute to the value of the departed jurist and the address was one of the finest that has ever been delivered in the city. The address was as follows:

"The two great mysteries, life and death confront us on every hand; the one daily, hourly, constantly, the other at intervals of short duration; the former from its frequent presentation to our minds, except to thoughtful ones, is passed unheeded, while the latter from its rude and ruthless sunderings of ties long formed, gives to all solemn and thoughtful pause.

"These two great mysteries have not been fully solved; their depths have not yet been fathomed; into their deepest recesses the divines and philosophers of all countries and all times have delved, and analyzed, but from every final analysis there has been a residuum which could not be resolved. Day after day, year after year, century after century, throughout the ages, the strange phenomena of life and hope, the appalling scenes of death and despair have been passing like a panorama before the eyes of humankind, and we, like all before us who have come and gone, take little heed of the Dark Messenger unless perchance he beckons one from near our side, and then with throbbing breasts and streaming eyes we peer for a time after the departed one. We think and long, and perchance we dream, until from crushed and broken hearts there springs new and fonder hopes, and we turn our face towards the rising sun to chiefly think of coming days. So life, hope, happiness, joy, success, failure, wisdom and power come and go, history is formed—the multitude unknown; but from the teachings of the Sacred Book, from the writings of inspired and holy men, from the axioms of philosophy, from universal knowledge and experience, we ought to know, and universally accept two plain and simple truths, one the insignificance of a single life when measured alone by the test of time; the other that the true standard of measurement of the worth of a human life is not the ticking of a

clock nor the rising and setting of the sun, but rather the tenacity and fidelity with which one selects and pursues some useful and worthy purpose and object in life. Measured by this standard, which is the only true test of the worth of a human life, the memory of Judge Travis does, and will stand out in bold relief. I have known him for many years. We have often met, coming together at the many and varied angles of life. I have been associated with him as co-counsel in the trial of cases and again tried cases with him on the opposite side; have tried cases in court before him as county judge, and for the past eight years before him as judge of the district court; being of opposite political faith we have met in joint discussions in the political arena. I have met him many times in a social way, and when at last he felt his time on earth was limited, he called me to his home and told me that he clearly saw the end of this life; talked to me of many things, but his chief concern was for the welfare and happiness of those he best loved. I knew him well. He was a worthy opponent, a valuable friend, a devoted lover of the law, an able and just judge, influential citizen, and his memory will live. He was my friend and I was his.

Attorney Matthew Gering, an old and valued friend of the judge gave a few remarks of respect to the memory of Judge Travis and his eloquence in paying his tribute to the memory of the one who had been in his lifetime one of the most just and upright of men and who on the bench was one to whom the humblest in the land could come with the knowledge that they would be treated with the same fairness as one of power and influence.

As the casket was borne from the home by the pall bearers selected from the members of the bar of Otoe, Cass and Sarpy counties, William Deles Dernier, of Elmwood, Paul Jessen, of Nebraska City, Allen J. Beeson, Plattsmouth, W. R. Moran, Nebraska City, James T. Begley, Papillion and W. R. Patrick, of Bellevue, it was preceded by the honorary pall bearers, T. H. Pollock, J. M. Roberts, F. E. Schlater, G. E. Dovey, C. C. Parmele, Wilbur Leyda, Falls City, William Holly, D. B. Smith, C. E. Martin and Dr. E. W. Cook, and the Plattsmouth lodge of the B. P. O. E., who were present in a body formed in open ranks through which was borne the body of their departed friend and brother. To the sorrowing widow and children the deepest sympathy of the entire district will go out, and the loss while most keenly felt by them, will be shared by everyone in the city and county who had loved the departed judge as a neighbor and friend.

The members of the bar of Otoe county were present in a body at the funeral as follows: O. G. Leidigh, A. P. Moran, W. F. Moran, A. A. Bischof, Paul Jessen, W. H. Pitzer, D. W. Livingston, Paul Topping, N. C. Abbott, W. W. Wilson and County Commissioner Henry Fastenau.

Card of Thanks.

To the many kind friends of the late Judge Travis, who so kindly tendered sympathy and assistance during his illness and death, we wish to return our heartfelt thanks.

Mrs. H. D. Travis and Family.

Visits the Masonic Home.

J. W. Bowen of Scotts Bluff, Neb., was an over Sunday visitor in this city with his friend, Superintendent W. S. Askwith of the Masonic Home. Mr. Bowen is a very pleasing gentleman and a former newspaper man, retiring from active business some twenty-five years ago. He came through this city in 1865, driving a load of corn from Council Bluffs to Denver, and the trip occupied some sixty-eight days.

Money to loan on city real estate on good terms and at moderate rates. Buy or build a home on the easy payment plan. See T. M. Patterson, Secretary Plattsmouth Loan and Building Association.

THE ELKS TO PREPARE A NEW HOME

Purchase Pearlman Property on Sixth Street and Reconstruct Same for Lodge Purposes.

Another big improvement is to take place in this city in the near future, as the Pearlman building on North Sixth street, just north of the Coates' block, has been purchased by the Plattsmouth lodge of Elks and will be transferred by them into a club house for the use of their members and a home for the order in this city. The purchase of this building by the Elks is the cause of universal satisfaction, because it means that what has been a dangerous fire-trap, will make way for a handsome building that will house those live wires who compose the Elks' lodge. The building will be moved back from its present location some twelve feet and will be raised four feet from the lot level and a fine porch will be built the entire height of the building on the west, which will add greatly to the appearance of the structure. The first floor of the building will be devoted to the reading and lounging rooms, committee and cloak rooms, and the members will find here a most sumptuous place to enjoy themselves.

The roof of the building will be raised several feet and the lodge rooms placed on this floor and in addition a large hall that can be used for dancing or social gatherings will be constructed on this floor that will be the finest of its kind in the city. The whole building will be decorated most artistically throughout on the interior. The building will be brick veneered all over and when completed the structure will be one of the handsomest in the city and will be a place the Elks can well be proud of.

The enterprise of the members of the Elks in taking up this proposition is to be commended, and while the building will require the expenditure of a large amount of money, the "live ones" who compose the lodge have taken hold of the matter and will see that it is pushed to a successful finish and the Plattsmouth Lodge No. 739 provided with a home that is in keeping with the size and position of the order in the community. Whatever way the public can assist in the making of a splendid success of the building should be cheerfully done, as the Elks have come to the front nobly in making this important addition to the buildings of the city and the advancement toward a bigger and better Plattsmouth.

LITTLE SON OF OTTO PULS TAKEN TO OMAHA FOR TREATMENT

From Saturday's Daily.

This morning Otto Puls and Dr. G. H. Gilmore of Murray were passengers for Omaha, taking with them Harold, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Puls, who will be taken to that city to be examined by a specialist. The little boy had his hand injured some two months ago by having a rope sear it in such a manner as to tear out almost the whole of the palm of the hand, and that member since has been slightly crippled and it is hoped to be able to restore it to its former state of usefulness.

Beautiful Shetland Ponies

for sale at all times, for the next 100 years, unless I die in the meantime. I have now an extra fine stallion, the best in the state, for sale. Well broke for both harness and saddle.

Wm. Gilmour, Plattsmouth, Neb. R. F. D. No. 4.

"Some" Corn Crop.

From Saturday's Daily. Talking about the big corn crops of the county, William Miller of this city has come in with what may truly be called "some" corn, and the three ears that he brought into the Journal office for inspection are about the nicest we have seen this year. Mr. Miller has an acre of this corn at his home in the west part of the city, which will yield sixty bushels to the acre, and this is certainly a splendid showing for the dry season and "Billy" is very proud of his corn crop.

GERMAN DAY CELEBRATION APPROACHING

Arrangements Are Nearing Completion for the Great Event of the Season.

From Friday's Daily.

In a very few days and almost before one realizes it, the two big days of the year in Plattsmouth—German days—will be here, and a big time is anticipated, not only by the Germans, but the other residents of the city, who will unite in making the event one great big success. The committee in charge of the arrangements has prepared excellent entertainment for all who take part in the celebration, starting in with a monster parade on Saturday, October 18, which will be taken part in by some thirty or forty mounted horsemen attired in white uniforms and wearing red and black sashes and carrying small American flags, as well as the members of the committee and older German in automobiles, followed by the representatives of the different German societies on foot, which procession will proceed to the German Home on Washington avenue, where appropriate exercises will be held and a short concert will be given on Main street by the Burlington band at noon and also at 6 o'clock in the evening.

On Saturday evening, October 18, a grand ball will be given at the German hall, which will furnish amusement for the younger people, as well as the old ones, who will delight in tripping the light fantastic. The exercises on Sunday, the 19th, will consist of a concert by a company of artists from Omaha at the hall, as well as a number of speeches from several well known German orators, and an oration in English delivered by Hon. Matthew Gering of this city, which will be a very interesting program, as the musical selections will be given by some of the most talented German singers in Omaha, and the oratory will be all that a person could ask for, as in addition to the German speakers the orations of Mr. Gering are so famous over the state as to be a guarantee of something both uplifting and entertaining. The Germans should receive the fullest measure of the public support in making their celebration a success, and regardless of race or creed.

FORMER PLATTSMOUTH BOY RECEIVES PROMOTION

From Friday's Daily.

The news of the promotion of Fred Rezener, who has been located at Edgmont, S. D., in the employ of the Burlington, has been received in this city. Mr. Rezener has been transferred to Alliance, Neb., where he will have charge of the carpenter work in the car repair department of the Burlington there. He was formerly in the employ of the company here and is a gentleman well liked by both the employees and the railroad officials and is a most efficient workman and well suited for the position to which he has just been transferred.

CHIEF RAINEY PASSES 32ND MILESTONE

His Friends Tendered a Reception at Haymakers' Hall in Honor of the Event.

From Saturday's Daily.

Yesterday was the day that marked the passing of the thirty-second milestone of the life of Chief of Police Ben Rainey, and last evening a large number of his friends were invited to the Haymakers' hall, where a genuine good time was enjoyed for several hours. The big chief was made the recipient of a handsome gold-handled umbrella as a token of the warm feeling entertained for him by his friends, and responded most gracefully to the occasion, expressing his deep appreciation of the gift and the spirit that prompted it. The other guests present were all called upon for a few remarks and some very eloquent and forceful remarks were given that made a great impression upon all who were present. The pleasures of the evening were further enlivened by several musical selections by the talented guests, and a very pleasing quartet rendered a number of the popular songs.

During the evening the company was served with a very much appreciated lunch and refreshments, which greatly aided in making the celebration complete in every way. This gathering in honor of our efficient chief of police was a most enjoyable affair throughout and the occasion will be warmly remembered by all fortunate enough to be present.

Mr. Rainey during the time he has been a member of the police force and since his appointment to the position of chief of police several years ago, has preserved the best of order throughout the city and there has never been a time in the history of the city when there was less disorder or disturbance, and to a large extent this can be traced to the fact of the able manner in which the chief of police has enforced the law, and he has struck terror to the evildoers who have visited here. It is to be hoped that our chief will be able to celebrate many more such happy anniversaries.

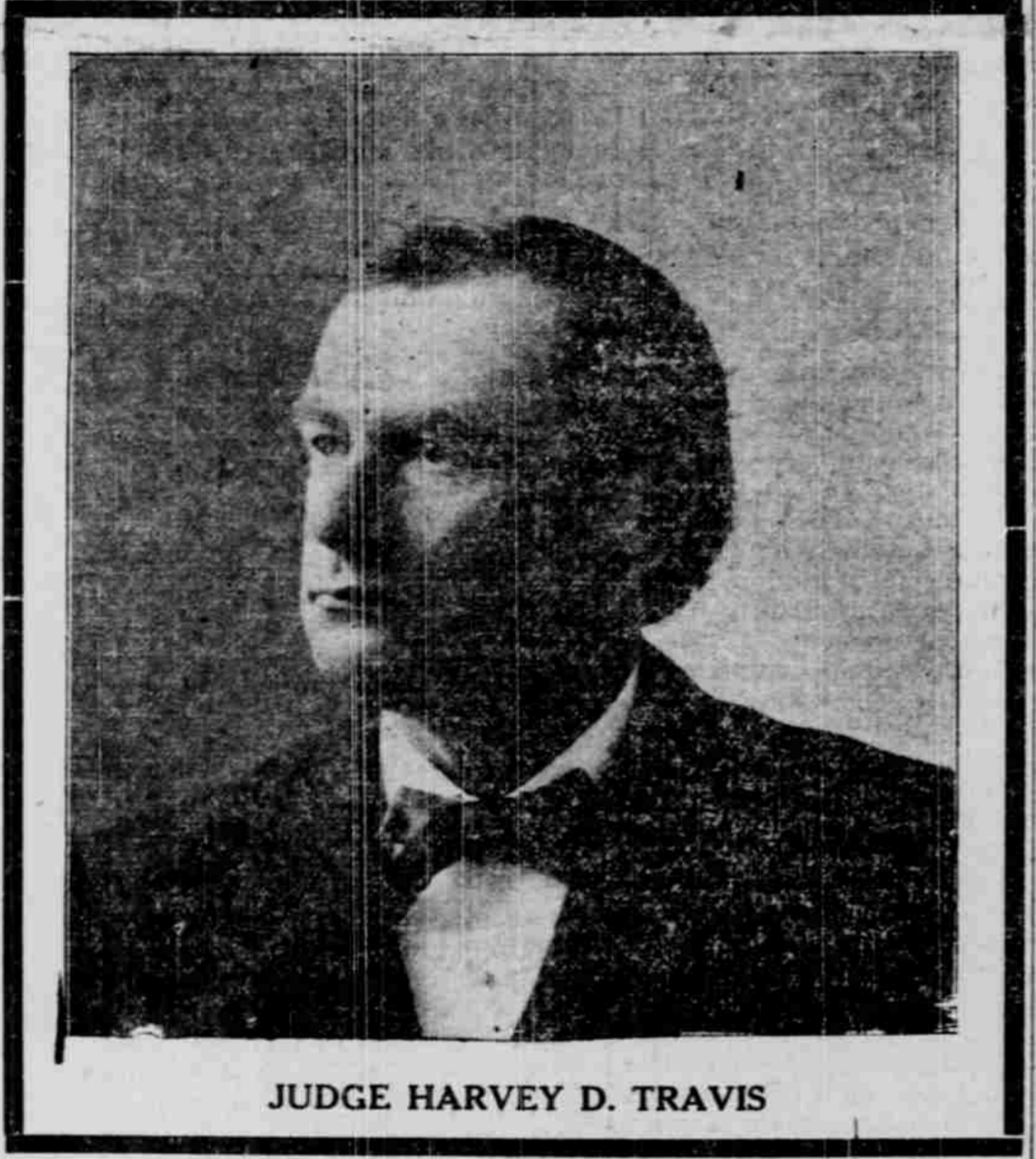
DEATH OF AN ESTIMABLE LADY NEAR NEHAWKA

Mrs. George F. Switzer died suddenly Tuesday evening at the home of her son, Chalmer, near town, the immediate cause of her death being heart failure. She had been ailing for several weeks and had been taken to the country two weeks ago in the hope that rest and care would enable her to get well. Her condition was not known to be so serious, and about 6 o'clock in the evening she called from the couch on which she was lying for medicine, but within a few minutes of the time she asked for help she was dead. Her husband, the nurse and Mrs. Chalmer Switzer were the only ones present when she died. She was aged 68 years, and leaves besides her husband, four boys and one daughter, Mrs. Henry Pollard, to mourn her loss. Funeral arrangements had not been made when we went to press, but the funeral will probably be held today (Friday). More extended notice next week. —Nehawka News.

Duroc Jersey Sale.

My annual sale of Durocs will be held at my home Tuesday, November 11. There will be in the offering about 35 head of boars, 30 gilts, and a few tried sows. Catalogs will be ready October 15. Send for one, if

V. E. Perry, Jr.



JUDGE HARVEY D. TRAVIS

spect of the citizens as did Judge Travis, and his reputation as a fair-minded and impartial judge was state-wide. The loss of Judge Travis will fall heavily on the Second judicial district, over which he has presided since 1907, and his death will be keenly felt by everyone residing in the district.

Harvey D. Travis was a native of Ohio, having been born in that state June 15, 1853, and resided there until the early seventies, when he came to Nebraska, and in company with his brother, I. F. Travis, settled at Weeping Water, where he engaged in the practice of law for a number of years. Judge Travis was in earlier days a member of the republican party, but in the late eighties identified himself with the democratic party and was a loyal and steadfast believer in the principles of that party, but on the bench and in the discharge of his office as a judge was strictly non-partisan and everyone received equal justice at his hands. Judge Travis was first brought into public life in 1890, when he received the democratic nomination for county

THE DOCKET FOR THE OCTOBER TERM OF THE DISTRICT COURT

From Saturday's Daily.

The clerk of the district court has prepared the copy for the docket for the coming October term of district court which will open in this city on October 21. There are fifteen law cases and twenty-seven equity cases set for hearing at this term of court, as well as eight criminal cases, but of these last, with the exception of that of the state against John McGee, the parties are out on parole and will not be tried. This is about the same number as was on the docket at the June term. The docket has been turned over to the printer, and the printed dockets will be out in a short time.

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