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## THE DEATH OF J. G. RICHEY AT KANSAS CITY THIS MORNING

Nothing Definite as to the Cause of His Death Was Received Up to the Hour of Going to Press.

The relatives and friends in this city of Justus G. Richey, for many years one of the leading figures in the business life of the community, were greatly shocked this morning when a message was received here announcing his death at an early hour this morning at his home in Kansas City, where he has lived for the past year. There was no definite information as to the cause of his death, as the message came from J. L. Richey, the son of the deceased, at Des Moines, who had just received the message of his father's death and was leaving for Kansas City at once. E. J. Richey, of this city, a nephew, departed this afternoon at 2:41 for Kansas City to assist in the arrangement for the funeral.

The death was quite unexpected, as Mr. Richey had been here on January 4th to attend a meeting of the Cass Land company, and was in splendid health, far better than he had been in for years, and remarked on his feeling so fine and well. Some five years ago Mr. Richey was taken with an attack of pneumonia while on his ranch in Colorado and for some weeks it was feared that he might not recover, but after being brought to his home here he improved and in the past two years had been in good health, apparently, and it is thought that his death was probably due to a second attack of pneumonia.

Mr. Richey was born in Ohio some sixty-three years ago, and while a very young boy his father passed away and the care of the family devolved upon his mother, his elder brother and himself. Later they removed to Iowa and located near Afton, Union county, where Mr. Richey made his home for a number of years, and here he was united in marriage in June, 1879, to Miss Isabel Grimes, and shortly after that event Mr. Richey and wife moved to Plattsmouth, where he, in company with his brother, the late Francis M. Richey, later embarked in the lumber business, and continued in this until the early nineties, when F. M. Richey assumed the management of the business and J. G. Richey took up the conduct of the business of the Plattsmouth Gas and Electric Light company, which he continued until 1895. Of late years Mr. Richey had been very active in looking after his large land interests throughout the west, and for some time was in active charge of the large ranch in Colorado of the Cass Land company. In the fall of 1910 Mrs. Richey passed away, and since that time Mr. Richey had spent the greater part of his time in looking after business matters throughout the country. He was married for the second time at Kansas City on November 2, 1913, to Miss Faye Landsdowne, and they have since made their home in that city. One son, Justus Livingston Richey, of Des Moines, Iowa, together with the widow, are left to mourn the loss of this good man. No arrangements have as yet been made for the funeral, although it is thought the body will be brought here for interment in the family lot at Oak Hill cemetery. Mr. Richey was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Knights Templar commandery of this city.

### New Daughter Makes Appearance.

James Marousek and wife, residing just south of the city, are rejoicing over the arrival at their home of a fine new daughter that made her advent there on last Friday, and it is needless to say that the little miss is the object of great admiration from the relatives, while Jim is just about as proud as it is possible for a person to be. The mother and little one are doing nicely and the friends of the family will extend to the new arrival their best wishes for a long and happy married life.

Farm Loans at Lowest Rates.  
T. H. POLLOCK.

### Secures a Carload of Poultry.

From Friday's Daily.  
Yesterday John Hatt & Son of this city completed the filling of a car of poultry, which they have secured in this locality and which will be shipped to the Chicago market. The car of chickens weighs some 20,000 pounds and is valued at some \$2,200. This poultry was secured from the different farmers in this vicinity and is one of extra fine quality. The car will be shipped over the Burlington to the Chicago market.

### RABBI COHN'S LECTURE LAST NIGHT PLEASSED EVERY-ONE WHO HEARD IT

From Friday's Daily.  
The lecture delivered at the High school auditorium last evening by Rabbi Frederick Cohn of Omaha, proved all that had been expected of it and the audience present were delighted with the splendid manner in which the speaker handled his subject, "The A. B. C. of Success." Rabbi Cohn is one of the leading orators of Omaha and a student who has a keen insight into the strength and weakness of the human race, and his address was most helpful in pointing out the necessary essentials that must enter into the life of a person to make it one of profit and success and benefit to the entire race. The lecture was one that should be heard by everyone and it is to be regretted that a larger number did not avail themselves of the opportunity to be present and listen to the able address, as it could not but be helpful to everyone hearing it. The speaker is one of the leaders of the Hebrew race in the west and his great talents have been given freely to the upbuilding and benefit of his people and the residents of the city where he makes his home. The lecture course this year as provided by the International Bureau of Dramatic Art, has been of a very high character and the different attractions of the very best and those who secured their season tickets feel that it has been money most profitably spent, as any one of the numbers given was well worth the price of the tickets. There are two remaining numbers on the course and they will be of the same high standard as that of the three already presented, and includes the famous Elks' quartet of Council Bluffs.

### THE UNION PEOPLE ARE PUSHING FOR AN ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT

From Friday's Daily.  
If present plans are carried to a finish (and no doubt they will be) Union will soon be lighted by her own electric light plant and the "juice" will take the place of man's muscle in some of our shops and offices. There was a good attendance at a meeting of citizens Monday evening, and the sentiment expressed was all in favor of taking immediate steps to put in a good plant, to be owned by the village. Representatives of electrical firms in Omaha and Kansas City were here to discuss the matter, and they stated that if the preliminaries are hurried along the plant can be installed and in operation by the first of March.

The village now has on hand nearly \$2,500, and a petition signed by all the legal voters will authorize the council to expend that and to borrow whatever additional amount may be required. The council has lost no time, for on Tuesday they had an electrical engineer here and employed him to proceed at once to get the plans and specifications ready. W. E. Standeven of Omaha being the engineer in charge. In a very short time there will be "things doing," and it is the duty of every citizen to lend his aid and encouragement to this enterprise, something that is not only needed, but will mark Union as a little city that is progressive and keeping up with the times. Everybody push!—Union Ledger.

For Sale.  
A lot of one-half-inch safe cable, good for hay forks and all kinds of farm work, at 1 1/2 cents per foot.  
Richardson & Doty,  
Missouri River Ferry.

## NEW ASHLAND BRIDGE ALMOST READY FOR USE

Burlington to Shift Heavy Girders From Old to New Structure on Saturday.

From Friday's Daily.  
The Burlington's new bridge across the Platte river at Ashland will be placed in service early next week. The change from the old to the new will be started early Saturday morning and the transfer will be made just as quickly as thirteen heavy steel girders carrying sections of main line track can be lifted from the old structure and placed on the new.

After No. 1 crosses over the Ashland bridge Friday night the work of making the change will begin. It is planned to start lifting the girders about daylight Saturday morning, and it is hoped to have the job completed by the end of Saturday.

In the meantime the Burlington's Omaha-Ashland short line will be out of service and all traffic will be carried over the longer route via Oreapolis.

The heaviest derricks in the service of the railroad will be employed in moving these long and heavy steel girders. They will be moved carrying their sections of ties and rails, so that when once in place on the new piers the track can be connected quickly. This is said to be one of the biggest jobs of girder moving ever attempted in the west. Preparations will be made for the work in advance, so that if no ill luck attends the performance it will be quickly completed.

Construction of concrete piers reaching from girder to bedrock, more than eighty feet below the high water mark of the river, has been in progress for more than a year. The bridge, when the transfer of girders is made, will be the most permanent structure of its kind in service anywhere on the Platte or Missouri rivers. Its cost has run high into the thousands, one estimate placing it at near a quarter of a million dollars.

No. 1 will be the last train to use the old bridge. After that train crosses a little after midnight Friday night workmen will begin disconnecting the track at the girder ends and disconnecting the girders so they can be moved. When daylight comes it is hoped to place the derricks at work lifting them from the old to the new piers. When this is done Burlington engineers believe they will have a bridge that will withstand ice floes and summer floods.

### CORN STOCK DISEASE KILLING MANY HORSES HERE IN CASS COUNTY

There is a great deal of the corn stalk disease raging among the horses throughout this county and there seems to be no remedy that will check the spread of the disease, which seizes upon the animals as they are running in the fields, and in a few few hours after the appearance of the disease they are dead. In almost every community of the county the disease has made its appearance, having first developed in the central part of the county, near Manley, and has steadily spread amongst the stock until there is hardly a section that has not suffered greatly from this pest. The horses taken with the disease seem almost crazed, as in many cases reported they have raced around the field until they have exhausted themselves, and show a desire to run into any object that they may come near, being apparently somewhat blinded, and regardless of what it is they will lunge into it. In several cases the horse have injured themselves in a very severe manner by dashing into wire fences, as well as the stalls in barns where they may be when the disease comes upon them. Every effort is being made by the veterinarians in the county to check the disease, but not with a great deal of success.

### Mynard Choir Meets at Propst Home.

From Saturday's Daily.  
Friday evening the Mynard choir from the Methodist church, about twenty in number, met at the home of Mrs. R. L. Propst for choir practice. After the routine of business and singing was dispensed with, a delicious lunch was served. And in the small hours of the night good-night was said, all feeling that Mrs. Propst, with the assistance of her daughters, Mayola and Vera, were royal entertainers.

### FRANK MARLER GETS TWENTY DOLLARS FOR DOG KILLED BY HUNTERS

From Friday's Daily.  
The trial of the Murray dog shooting case, which was continued yesterday from 10 o'clock in the morning until 1:30 in the afternoon, was resumed before a large audience of interested spectators, and standing room was at a premium in the court room. There were quite a number of witnesses called to testify in the case on both sides, and the plaintiff, Mr. Marler, stated his side of the case, seeking to establish the fact that the dog, which he had had for the past five years, was of great value to him as a watch-dog and companion of his son and wife around the house. He testified to having seen the boys near his place on the day that the dog was shot and saw them shooting in the woods near the house. He, on cross-examination, however, stated he did not see the boys shoot the dog. The defense was that the dog was shot accidentally and that the value of the animal was not as great as claimed by the plaintiff, that of \$100, as it could not bring anything like that if sold. The case occupied the whole afternoon, and it was not until after 5 o'clock that it was given to the jury.

The jury, composed of J. V. Hatt, F. E. Dunbar, Peter Halmes, George Born and William Rice, had the case under consideration for some time and returned a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$20 and the costs of the case. The costs, it is thought, will aggregate in the neighborhood of \$30. The defendants, it is thought, will not appeal the case to a higher court, as it is stated they had offered to settle before the trial with Mr. Marler for \$40. The animal was shot, it is claimed, by Morris Lloyd, while the other boys were merely included in the case as having been with him at the time.

### WEDDING OF WELL KNOWN YOUNG COUPLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF MANLEY

From Friday's Daily.  
The following account of the marriage of Louis Krecklow of near Manley and Mrs. Emma Pautsch, is taken from the Manley department of the Weeping Water Republican, and will be of great interest to the friends of the contracting parties throughout the county:

The marriage of Louis Krecklow and Mrs. Emma Pautsch of Milwaukee occurred at 12 o'clock, noon, Sunday, January 10, at the Lutheran church, north of town, Rev. Hartman officiating. A reception was held at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Krecklow, at which a large number of friends were present.

The groom is a young man who was born and reared in the vicinity of Manley, and who is known and liked throughout the community. The bride, although not a resident here, has several times visited friends in the neighborhood, and made many warm friends during her stay. The young couple have the best wishes of the entire community for their future happiness.

They will be at home to their friends after February 15th at their home a mile north of town, which has recently been remodeled by the groom's father for their occupancy. Those from a distance attending the wedding were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Pautsch and daughter, Elsie, of Milwaukee; Lawrence Krecklow and daughter, Elsie, and Mr. and Mrs. Fischer of Omaha.

## PLATTSMOUTH STILL HAS A FEW KNOCKERS LEFT

If You Can't Boost Don't Knock, for It Is a Great Deal Easier to Say a Good Word for Your Town.

From Saturday's Daily.  
It has often come to light how easily some slight remark in speaking ill of the city or community in which you live may do a great amount of injury. A short time ago some strangers were here inquiring as to the value of certain properties and the general condition of affairs in the city, and they happened to approach one of these chronic kickers who never knows a good word for anything, and who have gotten so much in the habit of knocking that it is chronic with them, and they asked this sored specimen as to his opinion of the condition of things. This was seized upon as a golden opportunity and the party seeking the information was really surprised at the tales of woe of the general blue aspect of the prospects, and the property in particular held by this individual, and of course the good words that had been offered before by the more clear-headed citizens was forgotten in the deluge of the woeful stories put up by the chronic complainer.

The habit of complaining and lamenting grows on a person so that after a time they really believe what they say and consider they have a mission to sit as mourners and with their woeful stories of the general condition of affairs in the city keep out strangers who might desire to come in to make their homes here and invest in property. Such a spirit is to be condemned and the person who has become a chronic knocker is certainly to be pitied for their lack of the bright optimism that allows the live wires to aid in boosting the community in which they live and to make their own lives and prospects brighter. It is just as easy to say good of a community as it is to knock it, and the person doing the knocking feels a mighty lot better than the knocker.

Make it a New Year's resolve that you will be a booster in the future and cut out all harmful remarks that might injure the place where you make your home or some of your friends who are doing their best to make the town a live one. To be cheerful doesn't cost any more and the results will be a great deal more satisfactory, and if the community in which the knocker lives is not suited to him then he should seek other fields.

### THE OLDEST ODD FELLOW IN THE WORLD ENJOYS SMOKEING A PIPE

From Saturday's Daily.  
H. F. Swanback of Greenwood, Cass county's grand old man, who although he will be a hundred years old in a few months, is as active as a man of 70, attracts much attention from all those who know his age, and the following appears in the Omaha News of last evening in regard to him:

H. F. Swanback, Greenwood, Neb., is the only man who can smoke a pipe in the Burlington depot waiting room without police interference, according to Officer Frank Goodrich, stationed there.

Goodrich noticed Swanback smoking in the waiting room yesterday. He started toward him, and noticed that Swanback was apparently older than the average traveler.

"Old man, you like that pipe pretty well, don't you?" said Goodrich in a friendly manner.

"You bet I do; smoked one for ninety years," he replied.  
Swanback will be 100 years old March 9. He is a native of Germany, and claims to be the oldest Odd Fellow in the world. He served against the Danes in the war of 1848, and won the Prussian iron cross for valor. He came to Omaha to attend a business meeting in which he is interested. Goodrich let him smoke.

### Gets Fine of \$2 and Costs.

From Saturday's Daily.  
This morning S. L. Morris was a forced visitor at the court of Judge M. Archer to explain why he had been found suffering from an overload of stimulating spirits, and his explanation did not serve to impress the court very strongly with his innocence, and as a result he was given a fine of \$2 and costs, but the court decided to suspend the sentence for a week in order that he might dig up the wherewithal to settle the feelings of mangled justice. Morris has been here for some time and claims to be a cook.

### IMPORTANT SUIT AGAINST THE ROCK ISLAND R. R. FILED IN DISTRICT COURT

From Saturday's Daily.  
This morning there was a suit filed in the district court entitled Calvin Chapman vs. the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway company, and John T. McLean. The plaintiff, in his petition, states that he is the administrator of the estate of William H. Hammond, deceased, and that on the 29th day of October, 1914, the said William H. Hammond and a companion named Howard E. Koon, were driving a horse and buggy over the crossing of the plaintiff railway company near Fairbury, Nebraska, and were then struck by a train, which was under the charge of John T. McLean as engineer, and that the said Hammond was instantly killed without his fault in any way. The petition further alleges that the crossing was a very dangerous one and that the proper safeguards were not placed there to tell when a train was coming. Judgment in the sum of \$25,000 is asked for the loss of the life of Mr. Hammond, who at the time of his death was only 21 years of age. The case was filed in this county through which the defendant railroad operates and the summons will be served on the nearest agent of the company, Matthew Gering of this city and John C. Watson of Nebraska City appear as the attorneys for the plaintiff in the case.

### HON. WM. DELS DERNIER, OF ELMWOOD, REPORTS HIS MOTHER SOME BETTER

From Friday's Daily.  
This morning Hon. William Deles-Dernier of Elmwood, the genial attorney of that city, came over to spend a few hours here with friends and to look after some matters at the court house. This is the first time Mr. Deles-Dernier has been able to get away from his home in the past six weeks, as he was in constant attendance at the bedside of his aged mother, Mrs. Sarah Deles-Dernier, who has been in a very serious condition for some time. Mrs. Deles-Dernier is some 79 years of age and has not been in the best of health, and for the past two months her family have been greatly worried over her condition, but Mr. Deles-Dernier reports that she is feeling somewhat improved today. The friends of the Deles-Dernier family throughout the county trust that this estimable lady may come out of her illness without any serious effects and soon be able to be up and around.

### Experience With Gasoline.

Roy Howard and W. S. Wetenkamp were in town a few hours last Friday, at which time Roy was receiving treatment for quite a severely burned hand that he received while carelessly playing with gasoline. The boys never were really aware just how dangerous a little gasoline was before. The can in which gasoline was kept had a small amount of water in it that had frozen, and they thought that a match touched to the same would thaw the ice. No sooner had this process been placed into a box when the gas in the can blew up, with the result that Roy came out with quite a severe burn about the hand and arm. Roy says that the accident was a well-earned lesson for him, and it will not occur again.

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## DEATH OF PROMINENT YOUNG MAN NEAR UNION, NEB.

In the Passing of George M. Mead Those Who Knew Him Well Mourn His Demise.

From Saturday's Daily.  
Last Sunday morning at 10:15, at his home near Union, George M. Mead, one of the energetic young farmers of that locality, passed away after an illness of some three years. Mr. Mead was born in Polk county, Missouri, April 4, 1881, and at the time of his death was aged 33 years, 9 months and 6 days. In speaking of his death the Union Ledger has the following brief tribute to his worth as a citizen, neighbor and friend:

The death of George M. Mead takes from our midst one of our best citizens, and although his illness was of such a nature that it was known to be incurable, yet it was with deep sorrow that people of this town and vicinity learned of his death. Naturally a strong and healthy man until about three years ago, he was able to combat his ailment, known as "Hodgkins' disease," which in his case showed enlargement of lymphatic glands principally in the neck. During all his many months of suffering and realizing that death must be the result, he seldom complained, and until last October he attended to his farm work. Four weeks ago he sought his bed and calmly awaited the summons that he well knew would soon come, and Sunday morning he expressed himself as ready for the long journey, being conscious and apparently happy to the last moment. Funeral services were held in the Wyoming M. E. church at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Rev. W. A. Taylor officiating, and interment was made in the cemetery near the church. The pallbearers were three brothers, William, Alonzo and Luther Mead, a brother-in-law, James Reeves, F. H. McCarthy and Roy Kerking.

The deceased spent his boyhood days at home, near Fairplay, Missouri, where he was married January 2, 1907, to Miss Lillie Pickel, and immediately thereafter they came to this neighborhood and have lived near here ever since. They were the parents of five children, two being deceased; those living are: Bessie, 5 years old; David, 3 years old, and a babe 5 months old. George Mead was a friend to everybody, and none had aught to say in criticism of his character or his reputation as an honorable citizen and neighbor. Always optimistic, even with his ailment constantly taking him toward the grave, he had a cheerful greeting for everybody he met, and many friends are sharing the sorrow of the relatives who mourn the loss of a noble and devoted husband, father, son and brother, such as was George Mead.

### MANLEY COUPLE SECURE LICENSE AND WILL BE MARRIED WEDNESDAY

This morning Charles Murphy and son, John, of Manley were in the city, coming down to look after some matters of importance at the court house, where Mr. John Murphy was granted a marriage license to wed Miss Mary Agnes O'Brien of Manley. The wedding of these two popular young people will take place on Wednesday, January 29th, at the St. Patrick's Catholic church in Manley and the ceremony will be performed by Rev. Father William Higgins, rector of the church. Both the bride and groom are among the best known and popular young people in that section of the county, where they have been reared to manhood and womanhood, and their friends are without number there who will learn with the greatest of pleasure of their approaching nuptials. The young people will continue to make their home in the vicinity of Manley in the future.

1915 Calendar Pads at the Journal office.