

## HOW MEMBERS OF CHURCH MAY HURT SERIOUSLY

Failure to Live Up to Profession  
Damns the Cause in the Eyes of the World.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
We take the following from the Omaha Bee of Monday, which is a synopsis of the sermon delivered by Rev. Dr. A. F. Ernst at the Lowe Avenue Presbyterian church Sunday morning on the subject, "Weighed in the Balance," which is direct to the point and contains several very important truths. The report of the sermon:

"Weighed in the Balance" was the subject of a very practical sermon preached by Dr. A. F. Ernst at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian church Sunday morning. Drawing lessons from the doom of Belshazzar, he described several ways in which Christian people, themselves, are constantly being weighed in the balance and how the religion they profess suffers when they are found wanting.

"Here are the scales with the weight of honesty on one side and the professed Christian and church member is to get into the cup on the other side. Up it flies. He doesn't meet the test. That is, his honesty is not heavy enough to balance the weight of honesty.

"Here, we'll say, we have a church member who is a successful business man. He keeps a grocery store. He advertises sugar at eighteen pounds for \$1. The customer like that and buys \$1 worth. He happens to have a pair of scales at home and weighs the sugar to find only sixteen instead of eighteen pounds. He is a worldly man, this customer. What do you suppose he thinks of the religion professed by this church member grocer?"

"Now, of course, our business men, grocers and all, are as a rule honest men, but such cases as this can be found.

Here is a young man who is a member of a church, Sabbath school and Christian Endeavor. He enjoys the best of reputation. He has a position, drawing his wages weekly, and wants to buy a suit of clothes, but hasn't enough money. He tells the merchant so and promises to pay for the suit at the end of the week. The merchant, a worldly man, knows the youth's profession and reputation and lets him have the suit. The boy forgets all about his promise, sends neither money nor any reason for failing to pay and another week or two pass without any word to the merchant.

"What do you suppose the merchant thinks of the religion that young man professes? There truth was the test put into the scales and the young church member flew into the air when he stepped into the balance.

"My friends, I have often found—of course not in Omaha, but in some places—just such experiences. I have often found the cause of Christianity suffering severely by the lives and characters of some of its professors, some church members. I firmly believe that on the daily life of the churchman depends to a large extent the success or failure of the church. Whether the test in the balance be honesty, truthfulness, purity or what not, and we are found wanting, the result, I say, is bad, very bad, for the church and religion."

### Plattsmouth Basket Store Bargains.

Potatoes, 75c in 5-bushel lots; 80c single bushel. Oranges, 50c per peck, 1c each. Cranberries, 5c per quart. Fresh country butter, 30c per pound. Come in and get our cut prices on our goods. We deliver. 1-29-3rd-1st

### Card of Thanks.

I take this method of expressing my most sincere thanks to those in the Christian church who presented me with a fine rocker for my services rendered during the recent Soennichsen piano contest. I appreciate the gift very much. Simon Clark.

### Assessors to Hold Meeting.

The different county, precinct and district assessors of the state will hold a meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 26th and 27th, at the state capital in Lincoln, and all assessors who can be requested to be in attendance at the meeting without fail, as the subjects to be discussed will be filled with the greatest of interest to the taxpayers of the state.

## SIX EXCELLENT POINTS FOR RURAL ROUTE PATRONS

Excellent Suggestions for Patrons of Rural Routes to Follow to Facilitate Mail Delivery.

The following valuable and pertinent hints to patrons of rural routes appeared in the news columns of the Manhattan (Kan.) Daily Nationalist of December 11. Read them over, they're worth while:

"Patrons can help their carrier and by so doing help improve the service on rural routes.

"First—Purchase stamps and envelopes and have all mail ready to dispatch. Stamp your letters and cards before depositing them in your mail box, and especially do this for your carrier in all bad weather. Did ever you think how cold it would be for the rural carrier to take off his wraps and gloves and pick small coins out of your mail box? Have you a little cup in your box to place the coins in? If not your carrier would like to see one in there tomorrow morning. He carries for the patrons a supply of stamps, cards and stamped envelopes, so that the patron may buy in sufficient quantities to enable them to stamp all mail before it is left in the box.

"Second—Is your box well located? It should be set away from the fence on a solid post, and about four feet above the ground, in a position that the carrier may drive very close to it, and easily reach same without unwrapping.

"Third—Has your box a sign on it? If it has not, and there should happen to be no mail for you some day, then your outgoing mail is mist likely to be left in the box, as carriers are instructed to look for mail only in the boxes where the sign is shown of outgoing mail. Any simple sign that is easily seen when displayed is all that is necessary.

"Fourth—If you have any friends visiting you and they want their mail to come to your box, you should mention it to the carrier and he will watch for same at the postoffice, should it not come addressed in your care. Visitors' mail most often comes without special address.

"Fifth—Do you receive any parcel post packages? Some kind of a large box placed at a convenient position, though it sits on the ground, will be better than for your carrier to place package on the snow or dampened ground. You do not want your package lost, but have you provided for it?"

"Sixth—Bad road conditions are a great drawback to rural delivery. All patrons should insist on township officers keeping road over which carrier travels in best possible condition. You travel over this same road, and aside from helping your carrier deliver your mail earlier and more promptly, you have the pleasure and satisfaction of traveling over a smooth, well-kept road.

"When the snow drifts around your box, see that it is cleared away and the road open to your box by the time your carrier comes. Remember, the Postoffice Department does not require him to get out of his vehicle to get to a box. The carrier is not supposed to venture into snowdrifts or mud.

"These are only a few of the ways you can assist in prompt delivery of your mail. Your carrier will appreciate all courtesies and will do his best to always return good for good."—R. F. D. News.

Charles A. Richey of Omaha was here yesterday for the funeral services of his uncle, the late J. G. Richey, which were held yesterday afternoon.

## THE GOULDS LOSE MISSOURI PACIFIC R. R.

The Big Deal Finally Put Through and Rockefeller Interests Get It.

St. Louis, Mo., January 19.—The Goulds are no longer in control of the Missouri Pacific railway, it was learned from an authoritative source here today. With the exception of the shares held by Mrs. Helen Gould Sheppard, the holdings of the Gould family do not exceed approximately 240 shares. A list of the shareholders of the company has been filed with the Missouri public service commissioner and it was said that this list showed that the Gould family no longer control the property. Reports that a reorganization of the company is imminent were denied.

New York, Jan. 19.—For several days it has been reported here that Rockefeller interests control the Missouri Pacific, having purchased the property through Kuhn, Loeb & Co. The Missouri Pacific was Jay Gould's pride. For a year or more financiers have deemed it certain that it must pass from the control of the Gould family. It is said now that satisfactory financing will be arranged and a receivership will be avoided.

President B. F. Bush and Vice President Finley Sherwood of the Missouri Pacific, paid a visit to the offices of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. on Saturday and were in consultation with Otto Kuhn for some time. This was regarded as significant, as Mr. Kuhn seldom comes to his office on Saturday. From time to time in recent months negotiations have been carried on in an endeavor to formulate some plans of readjustment of the affairs of the Missouri Pacific Railway company.

## WOODMAN CIRCLE DRILL TEAM ENTERTAINED BY MRS. M. E. MANSPEAKER

From Tuesday's Daily.  
Last evening the members of the drill team of the Woodmen Circle lodge of this city were entertained in a most charming manner at the home of their captain, Mrs. M. E. Manspeaker, and the gracious hospitality of the occasion will be long very pleasantly remembered by the ladies in attendance. A short business session was had and the members then proceeded to spend a short time most delightfully among themselves. A number of very pleasing musical numbers were given during the evening, including a delightful instrumental selection by Mrs. Larson and a very pleasing vocal selection by Mrs. Charles Jelinek. At a suitable hour most tempting and delicious refreshments were served, which added much to the pleasures of the evening, and the members of the team departed for their homes feeling that the occasion was one of the rarest enjoyment.

Mrs. Joseph Droege, the deputy for the Woodman Circle, and Mrs. Charles Mehering and daughter were guests at this most delightful gathering.

## IF YOU SOLVE THE PROBLEM PLEASE BRING IN THE ANSWER AT ONCE

An editor who was asked by his son to help with some of the problems assigned at night work, says he can't see how a boy is going to learn anything when teacher sends him home with problems like the following: "If it takes a 4-months-old woodpecker with a rubber bill, nine months and thirteen days to peck a hole through a cypress log that is large enough to make 117 shingles, and it takes 165 shingles to make a bundle worth 39 cents, how long will it take a cross-eyed grasshopper with a cork leg to kick all the seed out of a dill pickle?"

### St. Mary's Guild Entertained.

The ladies of St. Mary's Guild was entertained in a most delightful manner yesterday afternoon at the Hotel Riley by Miss Gussie Robb, and the occasion was one filled with much pleasantness to all who were present. There was quite a goodly number in attendance and a most delightful time was enjoyed for several hours in social conversation and in playing the busy needle. At a suitable hour very delicious refreshments were served, which added greatly to the pleasantness of the afternoon. The ladies enjoyed to the utmost the hospitality afforded them.

## THE NEW BRIDGE OF THE BURLINGTON AT ASHLAND COMPLETE AND NOW IN USE

From Tuesday's Daily.  
The new bridge of the Burlington over the Platte river at Ashland, which was opened for travel Sunday last, is now in full running order, with only a few minor changes that will be necessary before it will be fully completed, in lining up the approaches and ballasting the track over the bridge. It is the intention also to have heavier steel laid on the bridge than is at present in use, in order to allow the heavier engines and trains to travel with greater ease over the structure. The transfer of the thirteen steel girders of the old to the new bridge was made under the most extreme difficulties, as the weather was of the old-fashioned blizzard variety while it lasted and consumed the greater part of Saturday. Despite this handicap the transfer of the bridge was made and the trains sent over the new bridge by Sunday morning, and since then the schedule of the trains has been kept in perfect running order.

## THE CAUSE OF DEATH OF THE LATE J. G. RICHEY WAS HEART TROUBLE

From Wednesday's Daily.  
The body of the late Justus G. Richey arrived in the city this morning from his late home in Kansas City for the funeral services in this city. The body was taken at once to the F. M. Richey home, where the services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The death of Mr. Richey was very sudden and came without warning to the members of his family, as he was apparently in the best of health up to the time of his death. He had retired for the night, and as his wife was taken with a severe coughing spell he advised her to secure some medicine from an adjoining room, and when she returned from securing the medicine she found Mr. Richey lying by the side of the bed lifeless, having apparently been stricken with heart failure and passed away without a struggle. The death came as a great shock to the wife and other members of the family and messages were at once sent to the son, J. L. Richey, at Des Moines, who hastened at once to Kansas City and accompanied the body to this city for the last sad rites.

## MISSOURI PACIFIC EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTY IN MOVING THEIR TRAINS

From Wednesday's Daily.  
The Missouri Pacific railroad yesterday experienced considerable difficulty in operating their trains on account of the snow along their roadway, and in fact the conditions were worse than on Saturday during the blizzard. The St. Louis-St. Paul flyer, due here at 7:45 last evening, did not arrive until 10:30, as it was stalled behind a freight train between Murray and Mynard and were compelled to wait at Murray until another engine could be hooked on to double-head into Omaha. The snow in the cut just south of the city was up to the boiler of the locomotive, and it required a great deal of work to get the freight train through out of the way of the passenger.

## FUNERAL OF THE LATE JUSTUS G. RICHEY YESTERDAY

A Large Number of Relatives, Sympathetic Friends and Masons in a Body Attend Last Sad Rites.

The funeral of the late Justus G. Richey was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the F. M. Richey home on Chicago avenue, and was attended by a large number of the old friends, who gathered to show their last respects to one whom they had known so well during his lifetime. The body lay in state at the home up to the hour of the funeral attended by a guard of honor from the Knight Templars, of which Mr. Richey was a member, and the Masonic lodge conducted the funeral. At the home the Rev. W. S. Lete, rector of St. Luke's church, celebrated the deeply impressive Episcopal funeral service and the members of St. Luke's choir gave several very beautiful selections. At the close of the services the body was borne to its last resting place in Oak Hill cemetery by the pallbearers selected from among the members of the Knight Templars, including Dr. E. W. Cook, Hon. Francis E. White, Omaha; Dr. T. P. Livingston, C. C. Parmele, J. M. Robertson and M. Mauzy. At the cemetery the burial service of the Masonic lodge was used and the beautiful ceremony of the order laid the departed brother to his last long sleep. The wealth of floral tributes at the funeral silently attested the deep feeling of esteem in which the departed was held by his friends and neighbors.

The death of Mr. Richey removes one who during his residence here was one of the most prominent residents of city where he had made his home for the past thirty years, and his place in the hearts of his family and in the life of the community will be hard to fill indeed. While a resident of Plattsmouth Mr. Richey was identified with the business life of the community to a great extent, and his splendid judgment was often sought by those who always found him willing to assist them in their business affairs, and it was always found to be of the greatest value. Mr. Richey during the past year made frequent visits to this city, where he was always welcomed by a host of warm and steadfast friends, and to them the news of his death came as a great shock, but they have the consolation of his long and useful life to inspire them to greater things.

## MRS. E. D. CUMMINS ENTERTAINS THE AUXILIARY OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

From Wednesday's Daily.  
The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church were very pleasantly entertained by Mesdames E. D. Cummins and C. A. Rawls, at the home of Mrs. Cummins, yesterday afternoon. The ladies held their usual business session, which was a most interesting one. The ladies of the organization and the church had been requested to hand the dollar in they had acquired from the quarter, which had been handed to them a few weeks ago. The neat sum of \$56.75 was realized at the meeting yesterday afternoon, leaving a large amount to be turned in, as a number were detained home yesterday on account of inclemency of the weather and sickness. This amount will be placed in the manse fund, and the ladies of this splendid organization are very much pleased over the results of this effort. After the business session the ladies whiled away the flying moments in an enjoyable social time and other amusements calculated to make the occasion a most delightful one. During the course of the afternoon's entertainment Miss Emma Cummins furnished some piano selections, which, as usual, were most highly appreciated by the company. A dainty luncheon was provided by the hostesses, who were assisted in serving by Miss Emma Cummins and Miss Nora Rosencrans.

### Veteran Salesman in City.

This morning John Linder came down from Omaha to look after his interests here in disposing of orders for the brands of whisky handled by him, including the celebrated Green Briar and Old Taylor brands. Mr. Linder, who is 79 years of age, is able to read without the use of glasses of any kind and is as bright and active as a man of fifty. He was a pioneer in Nebraska, and in the early sixties conducted a freighting business out of this city to where the present city of Denver now stands.

## BURLINGTON TRAINS ALL SENT THROUGH HERE THIS MORNING

This morning the Burlington was forced to send their entire string of trains through this city, owing to the fact that there had been a derailment near Council Bluffs that prevented the use of the line from that city to Pacific Junction, and as a consequence it was necessary to transfer the trains around by the way of this city and Omaha. No. 5, from the east, passed through this city at 7:30 and the fast mail train, No. 15, from Chicago, was also sent through here. The freight business of the Burlington is almost all sent over this route, but a great many of the passenger trains—Nos. 1, 5, 15 and 3—are sent over the Council Bluffs route, as well as the Kansas City trains. With the splendid bridge over the Missouri river at this point, owned by the Burlington, it seems that they would send more of their trains over the Plattsmouth-Omaha route and save the toll made necessary by the use of the Union Pacific bridge at the Bluffs.

## HARRY FORBES SERIOUSLY INJURED BY HAVING HAND CAUGHT IN A DOUGH-MIXER

Last evening about 8 o'clock Harry Forbes, who is employed in the Mumm bakery on Main street, met with an accident that will have the most serious consequences for him and will at least result in the loss of the thumb of his right hand. The dough mixer was in operation at the time of the accident, and the young man, despite the warning placed on the machine, thrust his hand into the mixer to stir up the dough, and the thumb was at one gripped by the machine and drawn down into the rapidly revolving machinery of the mixer. Harry, as soon as the thumb was caught, started to attempt to pull his hand out and finally succeeded in releasing it, after having the thumb injured in a terrible manner and the palm of the hand lacerated and torn by the machinery. He was at once hurried to the office of a surgeon, where the injured member was dressed and he was conveyed to his home, where he was reported this morning as resting as easily as could be expected under the circumstances.

Although the accident is one that is most serious, still it is fortunate for the young man that he did not suffer the loss of his entire hand, as it could easily have been torn off in the machinery, and it is a wonder that it was not even more severely lacerated. These machines are quite dangerous when in operation and the operators are warned not to place their hands in the machinery when it is in motion, as there is no telling when they are liable to have a hand caught and torn in the machine.

T. J. SOKOL'S 23d ANNUAL MASK BALL Postponed to Saturday, January 23d. 5-BIG CASH PRIZES—5 Everybody Cordially Invited to Attend. Admission: Gents, 50c; Ladies, 25c; Children, 10c. Music by Holly's Five-Piece Orchestra.

M. Tritsch, refracting optician, at Gering & Co.'s Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Examination free.

## THE FUNERAL OF MRS. ANNA CATHERINE HOLSCHUH

Besides the Near Relatives Many Who Knew the Estimable Lady Were Present.

Yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock the funeral services of one of Cass county's pioneers and one of the best beloved ladies in this community, Mrs. Anna Catherine Holschuh, were held at the St. Paul's German Episcopal church, of which the deceased had been a member during her lifetime, and the old friends and neighbors from throughout this section of the county gathered to pay their last tributes of respect to this well beloved lady. The services were in charge of the pastor of the church, Rev. J. H. Steger, who delivered a short sermon, both in German and English, in which he gave to the bereaved family words of comfort and consolation in their irreparable loss and paid a glowing tribute to the life work of this most estimable lady, who since the late fifties had been a resident of Cass county. The floral tributes laid on the bier were most beautiful and expressed more than words the deep feeling of grief over the taking away of this lady whose life had been one filled with good deeds toward her friends and fellow man. At the close of the service the body was taken to Oak Hill cemetery, where it was laid to rest beside that of the husband, who had preceded her in death several years ago. The pallbearers were six of the stalwart grandsons of the departed lady—Albert, Fred, William and Carl Egenberger and William and Fred Hirz. A short prayer was offered at the grave as the body was consigned to its last long rest in the silent tomb.

There has been few whose going has brought such grief as that of Mrs. Holschuh, as during her life she had been to all who knew her a devout and faithful friend and there was never a task too hard or difficult for her to perform for those whom she loved the best. To those of the family left behind the deepest sympathy of the entire community goes out in their hour of grief, but in the life of this grand good woman they can find a consolation and an example of the true Christian life filled with helpfulness to her fellow man and the thought that none came to her and left empty-handed, and her passing brings to those who have known of her charity the deepest grief.

## "HIS HIGHNESS THE BEY" AT THE PARMELE THEATRE THURSDAY, JANUARY 28TH

Arthur Clamage and his clever company of musical comedy stars will be seen at the Parmele theater on Thursday, January 28, in the big tuneful La Salle opera house success, "His Highness the Bey." This is a musical comedy entertainment, designed for the pleasurable bewilderment of theater-goers. Judging from the bountiful popularity of this company elsewhere, it is safe to predict unusual success here. It does not seem possible to crowd so many laughs into a show as Arthur Clamage has succeeded in doing in this instance. The action is carried at a swift rate throughout and the laughter is never permitted to cease. Charming Mabel Faleer, the prima donna, is largely responsible for the success of this musical comedy. She is said to give a performance marked by rare ability, having a fresh and engaging spontaneity that charms every audience. Arthur Clamage is said to figure very importantly in the working out of the plot and to make fun in a way that crowns him the king of comedians.

Otto Bulin came in this morning on No. 6 from Omaha, where he had been for a short time visiting with relatives and friends in that city.