

## KEEPING NEWS OUT OF THIS PAPER BY REQUEST

The Journal Has Decided That If It Is Neds It Goes, No Matter Who Makes the Request.

From Wednesday's Daily. A great many times in the past this office has received requests from many persons to have different items in which they were interested kept out of the paper on pleas of all sorts as to the effect it would have, and this has been done far too often.

In the conducting of a newspaper it often becomes necessary to publish matters of public interest to the readers of the paper that we would often rather had never become necessary, but it is a duty that is plain and it should be appreciated by the public must give these facts to his readers, regardless of what personal feeling there is in the matter. No items appear that is inspired by a desire to injure anyone or to cause them grief or annoyance, but occurrences of interest are demanded by the public and to withhold them causes the paper to appear in an unjust light before its readers and the public, who view the situation that the items are matters of news and should be given to the public. It certainly places the paper in a very peculiar position to hold back anything that is common property and the subject of current talk on the streets, and anyone who realizes the task before the publisher of a paper can see where the publication of these matters are necessary.

We have in the past received considerable criticism for failure to publish matters that have become public property, but which on request and pleas of those interested have been withheld from publication, but it has come that it will be necessary to publish these items regardless of the pleas of those involved or interested, much as it may be distasteful to us to do so, and at the cost of our own feelings in the matter. Those who make these requests should bear in mind that all of the human race are eager to learn of the wrong-doings or mishaps of their neighbors, but when it is laid at their own door would have the publication withheld. There is always someone who feels grieved or injured probably in the publishing of matters of news, and it is natural to expect them to be, but they cannot expect, or should not ask, that matters that are of widespread interest be suppressed.

We do not like to chronicle the misfortunes of anyone, but it sometimes becomes a necessity, and in the future we feel that those who make the requests should realize the position that it places a publication in that is supposed to give the news to the public and be as generous in their consideration of the newspaper as they expect the paper to be with them.

## MRS. J. M. MEISINGER IN A VERY CRITICAL CONDITION

From Tuesday's Daily. Mrs. J. M. Meisinger, who has been in very poor health for the past few years, is lying at her home in this city in a very critical condition and her chances of recovery are very slight. Mrs. Meisinger has been a sufferer for several years from Bright's disease, and it was on account of her poor health that the family removed from the farm to this city, where she could receive better medical assistance. The death of her husband about two months ago came as a very severe blow to this estimable lady, as he had been untiring in his devotion and care of her, and since that time she has gradually grown weaker and the progress of her malady has been more marked. She has just suffered a paralytic stroke, in addition to her affliction, and this has caused her family to abandon almost all hope of her recovery, as she is in a most critical condition. Since the death of Mr. Meisinger the children have been in constant attendance at the bedside of the mother, and all that loving hands could do to sooth her in her affliction has been carried out by the family with the hope that she might be spared to them.

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## Getting Along Nicely.

From Wednesday's Daily. Colonel and Mrs. J. H. Thrasher were greatly pleased to receive this morning a card from their daughter, Mrs. Arthur Keffler, who is at the Wise Memorial hospital in Omaha, stating that she is feeling much better and resting easier than at any time since the operation several days ago. The nature of the operation has been very severe and the patient stood it in splendid shape and is now in a condition where she will probably be able to recover, although it will require some time. The improvement in the condition of Mrs. Keffler will be most pleasant news to her host of friends in this city.

## HARRIS COOK HAS EXPERIENCED A CASE OF PTOMINE POISONING

From Tuesday's Daily. Harris Cook of this city, who is attending the state university at Lincoln, had an experience with ptomine poisoning that came very near having the most serious results, and he still feels the effects of it greatly. It seems that on Sunday evening he partook quite freely of some salmon which was served at dinner, and shortly afterwards was taken violently ill, and in fact it was feared for a time that he might not recover, but prompt medical treatment was afforded him and relief secured. Harris recovered sufficiently from his illness to be able to return home last evening on No. 2, but still feels the effects of the poisoning to some extent and will be compelled to take several days' rest.

## FIRST BALL GAME OF THE SEASON NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, from all present intentions, will see the base ball season in this city inaugurated, as Manager Johnson has scheduled a game at the park here with the Omaha Base ball Indians, an organization from the state metropolis, who come here well recommended as a fast bunch of ball players, and should be able to give the fans a good game as the opener of the season. The locals are practicing now and will be in very fair shape by Sunday, although far from their usual form, and it will be several weeks before they really strike their regular gait, but with good luck work the material on hand here should develop into a fast ball team. There has been quite a demand on Manager Johnson to start the season, and for this reason he is scheduling the game for Sunday, so as to give the fans an opportunity of enjoying a good game.

## THE HIGH WATER IN THE MISSOURI AND PLATTE RIVERS CONTINUES

From Wednesday's Daily. The high water in the Missouri and Platte rivers still continues and the rush of the flood water has made it necessary for Tom Stokes, who resides on the bottom east of the Burlington passenger station, to abandon his home and move his family and live stock to a place of safety, as the waters are now up so high that they are almost sweeping into the house. His farm land is entirely covered by the water and only a small tract of high land west of the house has so far escaped from the water. This morning a very pathetic sight was presented at the Stokes home, as the faithful dog belonging to the family sat on the steps at the house and kept sentimental duty as the water crept higher and higher onto his resting place. Continued rises in the river are reported from points along the Platte and Missouri and it is thought that the water here will reach an even greater height and may last for some time. If the flood will subside in the next two weeks it will be possible for the parties using the bottom for farming to get in their crops, as the high water is early this year and gives them a better chance to secure a crop.

## Has Hand Hurt.

From Wednesday's Daily. Yesterday Charles Ault, who is employed as a truckman at the Burlington coach shop, met with a most painful accident when a large, heavy car spring descended on one of the fingers of his right hand, and the spring being the stronger of the two, resulted in the finger being mashed in a very severe manner. The injury was dressed and Charles will be compelled to take a few days' lay-off from his duties.

## NEW SCHOOL LAWS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE

The Annual School Meeting Will Be Held on the Second Monday Instead of Last Monday in June.

While the Nebraska school code commission failed in the passage of its general school bill the legislature accepted many of its recommendations in a more or less modified form. The measures which have passed are as follows:

First: An act permitting the consolidation of grade and high schools upon the assent of a majority of the school voters in the territory affected. State aid is provided at the rate of \$150 per year for two-room schools, \$250 for three-room schools and \$300 for four-room schools, with an additional \$100 in the first year for equipment.

Second: Rural high schools may be established in the same manner and with the same aid.

Third: County rural districts are authorized on the vote of all counties with less than 7,000 population. This will permit about twenty-five counties in the western part of the state to go under the county unit system for the collection and distribution of taxes, the purchase of supplies and the election of teachers who are first nominated by the local boards. This is a compromise measure and includes only a few of the features of the full county unit plan. It distributes school funds equally throughout the county and gives all of the schools an equal share in the railroad taxation. The school affairs of the county are placed in the hands of a board of five members.

Fourth: City schools are allowed to establish trade or occupational schools for any one over 14 years of age. Rural schools are authorized to establish short courses in domestic science and agriculture for the larger boys and girls who are unable to attend the schools during the entire year.

Finally, an important change is made in the state apportionment of school funds. Heretofore one-quarter of the money has been divided equally among the counties and the remainder equally on a per capita basis. Under the law one-quarter of the money will be apportioned equally among all of the districts of the state and the remaining three-quarters to the schools according to the school census. The effect of this law will be to reduce the apportionment of districts in counties having large cities and increase the funds going to the schools in the counties with a smaller population.

The annual school meeting will be held under the new law on the second Monday instead of the last Monday in June.—Lincoln Journal.

## DEATH OF MOTHER OF JUDGE JESSE L. ROOT, AT OMAHA

From Wednesday's Daily. A message was received in this city today announcing the death last night at her home in Omaha of Mrs. Root, the mother of Judge Jesse L. Root, solicitor of the Burlington, and a former resident of this city. The death of Mrs. Root was quite sudden, but no details could be learned here, as the message merely stated that the body would be brought here for interment Friday morning, beside the body of her husband at Oak Hill cemetery. She was quite well known in this city, having been a frequent visitor here during the time her son resided in this city, and the news of her death is learned with the greatest of regret by the friends of the family. Mrs. Root had made her home in Omaha for a great many years.

## LOOK THIS OVER.

20 acres, city limits of Plattsmouth, Cass county, Nebraska, two-story, 9-room brick house, new barn, six stalls, ten-ton haymow, all necessary outbuildings, concrete walks, hog-tight fence, finest cave in country, seven acres alfalfa, orchard, and small fruit of all kinds; improvements cost more than \$5 being asked for entire tract, it is a cracker-pack, and worth investigation. Price and terms right. Inquire of W. E. Rocencrans.

Miss Mary E. Foster motored up this afternoon from her home at Union to look after some matters of business, as well as visit with her friends.

## IN PLATTSMOUTH FORTY YEARS AGO.

The current in the Missouri at Nebraska City has changed so that the ferry lands at the foot of Main street, the first time in several years.

An infant child of a German family in Patterson's row fell from a window of the upper story to the paved ground in rear of the basement, fracturing its skull. At last accounts the child was doing well.

Henry Kuhl, a son of Captain Kuhl, formerly of this place, died suddenly on Saturday morning last and was buried Sunday. He was about 13 years old and had been living with Mr. Martin on the Maxwell place.

Some visitor who rode up to Bernard Drost's house on horseback Sunday a week thought so much of the family that he carried off a gold watch, a ring and other articles as souvenirs of the family we suppose.

The following clipped from the files of the Nebraska Herald of some forty years ago will recall an incident of tragedy that will be fresh in the minds of those who at that time made their home in this city and where the parties were for years previous residents:

On Tuesday evening news was received here that William Armstrong of Plattsmouth, but who has been in Lincoln for a few weeks, was murdered, and from the brother, Marion, we glean the following particulars:

Some time ago in one of the saloons here in Plattsmouth one, W. M. Wiles, got into a row with another man, Armstrong came to his relief, and in the melee Armstrong's hat was badly torn; Wiles promised to get him a new one. Since he went to Lincoln, where he got a position as engineer in a flouring mill, he received a letter signed with Wiles name, saying that he had not forgotten the hat and would send it soon, also that he had sent by express a flask of whisky, of the arrival of which Armstrong received notification on Monday last and went to the express office and got it. The next morning, feeling badly, before going to his work, his sister, Mrs. Lewis, with whom he is boarding, advised him to take some pills, which he washed down with some of the whisky from the flask, walked a few rods from the house and returned saying, "I am poisoned." Dr. Carter was immediately called and pronounced it poison either by aconite or strychnine. Applied such remedies as he had and sent for more, but Armstrong died before they arrived.

Inquiries at the express office elicited the fact that the whisky had been left there by a man answering in description to Charles Viall, for whom Armstrong had formerly been bar-keeper here, and who is supposed to have a grudge against Armstrong, as being instrumental in his wife's leaving him last spring. Warrants have been issued and sent to Sheriff Myers, among others, for his arrest, which has doubtless taken place ere this.

The whisky and the stomach of the deceased have been given to Prof. Aughey for analysis, and if poison is detected in them the chain of evidence will be very strong.

Mr. Armstrong had lived in Plattsmouth most of his life; for several years he was engineer both on the transfer and the ferry boats, and was a steady, industrious boy. After he went into the saloon he became dissipated and went from bad to worse. Of late, however, we understand he had endeavored to reform, and if so, his sudden taking off is more sad. He has several brothers and sisters here and in Lincoln, of whom one, Marion, has worked for some time in the Herald office. His mother resides here.

Should the proof be conclusive of the guilt of the supposed murderer, no punishment can be too severe for him. Later—the body of William Armstrong was brought to this place yesterday and is buried today.

Viall was arrested at Palmyra yesterday and taken to Lincoln.

In the trial of the case, which was hotly fought, the state rested largely on the testimony of the express agent, who was supposed to have received the package containing the whisky from Viall, but through the skill of the attorney for the defense the prisoner was acquitted. The attorney, when the express agent was on the stand, had a man similar in appearance to Viall, come into the court room, and the express agent was unable to identify Viall as the right party, and as a result he was acquitted. He was killed a few years ago in Fremont by a colored man.

We understand that the stage in which General Cunningham and Mrs. Hendrickson traveled from Sidney to Deadwood was surrounded a portion of the way by Indians, but they were

so fortunate as to arrive there safely, although we see by telegrams that depredations have been committed within thirty miles of Deadwood.

The house of Hon. Joseph Buttery was burglarized Tuesday night and a gold watch abstracted. They cut the blinds to open the window, crawled in over a big bird cage and got Joe's vest, hooked his time and flung the jacket away because (it is supposed) it was too big for one man and not quite big enough for two. Be that as it may Joe is out a tucker—Next.

Late on Saturday last a telegram was received here, stating that Sheriff Myers had a shooting scrape with the Mastins near Greenwood. It gave no particulars, and the suspense was great to know whether the sheriff was hurt or someone else killed. About 9 o'clock some details were received and it was ascertained that no one was killed; on the late freight the sheriff and prisoners arrived and we got the details:

After two previous attempts to chronicle the wedding of Mr. G. W. Thomas and Miss Sallie Wright, we do hereby announce that the aforesaid couple were duly and truly joined in the holy bonds of wedlock, at St. Luke's Episcopal church, on Friday evening last by Rev. H. B. Burgess, after which their friends had the opportunity of congratulating them at the Masonic festival. The bride was becomingly arrayed in a drab princess dress, draped with smilax, roses and other white blossoms, natural flowers; and the groom—well, we didn't notice his dress so much as we did his happy looks. "Here's to their good health, and may they live long and prosper."

It would seem that Jos. Mastin has separated from his wife, and as usual in such cases, there was trouble about who should have care of the children. Mrs. Mastin obtained the custody of the child by legal process and Judge Sullivan issued a writ of habeas corpus to the sheriff commanding him to take the child from the custody of the Mastins. It was in enforcing this writ that the difficulty occurred. The sheriff went to the house and asked Joseph Mastin to read the writ; he refused and the sheriff then read the paper and demanded the child, when both the Mastins jumped on him and pounded him over the head with wood and chairs. Finding he had no other resort, Sheriff Myers at last drew his pistol and shot Lauraine Mastin in the thigh. Getting out of the room he went to Greenwood and obtained a posse, when Mastin was arrested and the child secured and brought to Plattsmouth as stated above. Young Mastin, wounded, and the old lady remained at Greenwood. The sheriff has filed two informations against all three, one for resisting an officer, and one for assault with intent to kill. The injuries to the sheriff are quite severe and there was hardly any part of his head that was not contused and wounded. Not one man in a thousand would have had the patience and perseverance he has displayed in endeavoring to arrest the men without bloodshed. We know nothing about the justice of the original cause of grievance, but we are clear on one point, the authority of the law must be made paramount in Nebraska; we cannot afford any more nonsense on this head and the officers enforcing have the right to protection, and to shoot in self defense if resisted. The Mastins can thank the unusual forbearance of our sheriff for life today. The case has been put off for trial until the 17th of February, as the wounded man is not able to appear.

## YOUNG COUPLE FINALLY SECURE LICENSE TO WED

This morning County Judge Beeson, at his office in the court house, united in the bonds of wedlock Mr. Bly Bartholomew of Miles City, Montana, and Miss Evalena Englemon of Hamburg, Iowa. The young people had experienced some delay in securing their license, from the fact that they did not have the consent of the bride's father, but this was later secured and the young people went on their way rejoicing.

A license was also issued today to C. E. McKenzie of Havelock and Miss Myrtle Hall of this city. These young people will be married this evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius M. Hall.

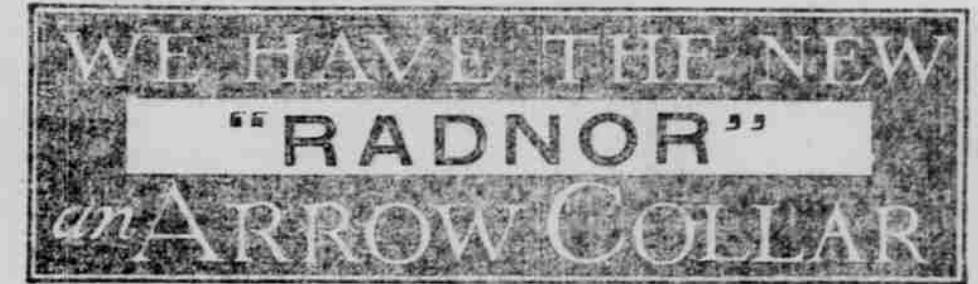
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Everybody's Store

P. H. Meisinger and wife were in the city yesterday afternoon, called here by the serious illness of Mrs. J. M. Meisinger.

Henry J. Meisinger and family are in the city in attendance at the sick bed of the mother of Mr. Meisinger, who is in a very serious condition.

Rev. Father William Higgins returned this morning to his home in Manley, after a short visit here with his friend, Father M. A. Shine.

I. M. Wolf of the Masonic Home was among those going to Omaha this afternoon to attend the grand commandery of the Knights of Templar.

Attorney D. O. Dwyer was among those going to Omaha this morning, where he was called to look after some legal matters for a few hours in that city.

## D. M. C.

Mrs. W. T. Scotten and daughter, Miss Margaret, were among the passengers this morning for Omaha, where they will visit for the day with relatives and friends.

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