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MAY DEPOSIT MONEY BY MAIL AFTER JULY 1

Every Person Ten Years Old or Over May Open a Postal Savings Bank Account July 1.

From Friday's Daily.

Every person in the United States ten years old or over may open an account in a postal savings bank after July 1st, according to an instructive leaflet on the Postal Savings System just issued by Postmaster General Burleson. This important extension of the service will be made possible by permitting persons living in communities so sparsely settled as not to justify the designation of their local postoffices as regular postal savings banks, to open accounts by mail.

Governor Dockery, third assistant postmaster general, who has direct supervision of postal savings, was so impressed by appeals from all over the country to open postal savings accounts by mail that he took up the task some weeks ago of working out a feasible and safe method for meeting a demand well illustrated in a letter from a Saline county Missourian, who resides many miles from a postal savings bank:

"Having a few hundred dollars from fifty years of hard and assiduous labor and skimping economy on the part of my wife and myself, we concluded to deposit it in the Postal Savings Bank of ———. We wrote to the postmaster at that place and received reply to the effect that none but patrons of that office could deposit in that office, which is very disappointing news to us. Our little farm is not large enough to support us and land is so high that it is impossible for us to buy more with what little we have saved and we are so old that we can't labor much now and we would be so glad to lay by at least enough to put us away in decency."

Under the plan adopted by the postmaster general for opening accounts by mail an intending depositor, residing where there is no regular designated postal savings bank will apply to his local postmaster, who will see that necessary identification data is prepared and forwarded to a nearby postoffice authorized to accept deposits. The intending depositor will then be given permission to forward his first and subsequent deposits by money order or registered mail direct to the postmaster at the banking point for which receipts or certificates will be issued. He may withdraw all or any part of his postal savings by mail and on demand, together with any interest that may be due him.

The new leaflet points out that any person ten years old or over may open an account in his or her own name; that an account may be opened by a married woman free of any control or interference by her husband; that postoffice officials are forbidden to disclose to any person, except the depositor, the amount of any deposits, that withdrawals may be made without previous notice, and that the government guarantees to repay all deposits on demand with accrued interest.

A NOVEL AND ATTRACTIVE WINDOW DISPLAY AT WESCOTT'S

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Quite a novel and attractive window display has been prepared at the store of C. E. Wescott's Sons in their west show window that certainly shows a great deal of originality and skill in the preparation. The background of the window has been prepared by having narrow strips of straw tacked in the form that they will spell the words, "straw hats," and this was secured by taking a hat to pieces and using the material to make the letters with. This is the work of J. L. Meisinger, one of the clever clerks and window dressers. The window itself is devoted to the display of neat and attractive Palm Beach suits that are quite reasonable now.

Paints and Oils, Gering & Co.

DEPART FOR THEIR SUMMER HOME UP IN MICHIGAN

From Friday's Daily.

After about six weeks in visiting the scenes of their early days in Glenwood and at Plattsmouth, Neb., Rev. H. H. and Mrs. Oneal left this morning (Thursday) for Des Moines, and from there will go to Joliet, Ill., for a visit with their son, Rev. E. W. Oneal. From Joliet they go in a few weeks to their summer home at Bay View, Mich. Their visit at this time has been one of the most pleasant in years, as they met and mingled with many old and dear relatives and friends and thereby have renewed their youth in these associations. May they come again and thus keep up those associations of days that have gone by.—Glenwood Tribune.

CASS COUNTY RURAL CARRIERS MEET AT WEEPING WATER

From Friday's Daily.

The annual meeting of the Cass County Rural Carriers' association was held at Weeping Water Monday afternoon, May 31. The heavy rains of the previous week had made the roads impassable for automobiles, but in spite of that fact there was a very large percentage of the carriers in attendance. The various subjects of interest to the carriers were taken up and discussed fully, and all felt that much benefit was derived in being present and taking part. Mr. John Konkright, president of the Nebraska Rural State Carriers' associations was present and took a lively part and interest in the program, being the principal speaker of the meeting, by invitation.

The old officers were re-elected for the coming year as follows: President, K. L. Kniss, Murray; vice president, Charles F. Rosenow, Alvo; secretary and treasurer, Miles M. Allen, Plattsmouth. The next meeting will be held at Weeping Water on May 30 (next Decoration day), and as a full attendance is desired, all carriers remember the date and try to be present.

FUNERAL OF MRS. ANNA M. FISHER THIS MORNING

From Saturday's Daily.

This morning the body of Mrs. Anna M. Fisher, a former resident of this city, was brought in from Omaha, and the interment made in Oak Hill cemetery, where the husband now sleeps his last long rest. The death of Mrs. Fisher occurred at Omaha on Wednesday, as the result of a stroke of paralysis, which the lady had been stricken with three weeks from the day of her death, and she never recovered from the malady, but continued to grow worse until death came to her relief.

Mrs. Fisher was born in Baden-Baden, Germany, sixty-four years ago and came to America when quite young, and later was married to Mr. William D. Fisher. Mrs. Fisher came to Plattsmouth in 1887, and made her home here until 1905, when they moved to Omaha and had since made that city their home, and three years ago Mr. Fisher passed away in that city and the funeral was held here at Oak Hill. To mourn her death Mrs. Fisher leaves two daughters, Mrs. R. E. McLennan and Mrs. Ira O. Gorman, of Omaha, who with their families, accompanied the body here this morning. A large number of friends from Omaha accompanied the funeral party to this city and assisted in the laying away of this old friend and neighbor, while a number of the old friends from this city were present at the grave. The services were conducted by Rev. H. G. McClusky of the Presbyterian church at the grave.

The death of Mrs. Fisher was quite a shock to the former neighbors and friends in this city, who had not learned of her illness until the death message was received here. She was a member of the Loyal Mystic Legion of America.

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MAY MEAN ENLARGEMENT OF YARDS HERE

Burlington Railroad Company Files Suit to Get Possession of Bottom Lands Adjacent to Tracks.

From Saturday's Daily.

A case that is filled with importance to the residents of Plattsmouth has just been filed in the United States district court at Lincoln by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company, against the City of Plattsmouth, its mayor, as head of the city government, and forty-five other defendants who have asserted claims to the land on the Missouri river bottom east of this city and adjoining the right-of-way of the plaintiff company. The railroad being incorporated in the state of Illinois, brings the suit in the federal court to settle the question of ownership of the land east of their right-of-way, and which they claim they are entitled to have and hold as their property.

In their petition to the district court the railroad company sets up that the congress of the United States, on July 2, 1864, amended the act authorizing the construction of a line of railroad and telegraph from the Missouri river to the Pacific and granted to the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad company of Iowa a right-of-way through the then territory of Nebraska from the mouth of the Platte river westerly to a point of connection with the Union Pacific, and authorized the respective railroad companies to acquire any lands or premises that might be necessary and proper for turntables, standing places for cars, depots, station houses or any other structure required in the construction and maintenance of such railroad. That the congress of the United States, in 1869, authorized the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad company of Iowa to sell, assign and convey to a railroad company to be under the laws of the state of Nebraska all rights granted to them under the act of congress, and by virtue of this the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad company of Nebraska was vested with all franchise, property, rights and privileges under the act of 1862 and 1864.

That subsequently the Burlington & Missouri River railroad in Nebraska did construct its line of railroad from a point on the Missouri river near the mouth of the Platte, and thence in a westerly direction to a point on the Union Pacific railway, and that the plaintiff, in 1888, acquired all rights of the Burlington & Missouri River railroad in Nebraska, and operating the line of railroad through this county, and that its line is laid across the bridge spanning the Missouri river, and is laid on the right bank of said river to a point in section 20, township 12, north, range 14, east, and continues from said point northerly and northwesterly to the city of Kearney on the Union Pacific railroad, passing through sections 20, 17, 18 and 7, township 12, north, range 14, east, in Cass county, Nebraska.

That at the time the patents to the City of Plattsmouth and Wheatly Micklewait, its mayor, were made by the federal government, for sections 7 and 18, in township 12, north, range 14, east, the said sections were fractional sections and bounded by the Missouri river, and that at that time the river flowed on the west side of the Missouri valley and formed the eastern boundary of the tracts in the above mentioned section acquired by the Burlington & Missouri River railroad in Nebraska, upon which the company constructed its railway and station and depot grounds, all of which the plaintiff later purchased.

In the year 1889 the Missouri river's current changed gradually from the west side of the river and accretions of land began to form on the bank of the river, attaching to the premises of the plaintiff company. The petition further states that on or about the first day of April, 1895, Charles A. Weldy entered upon said accretions and fenced in and took actual possession of all accretions lying east of section 18, in township 12, and all that accretions lying east from the original bank of the Missouri river, and Weldy held actual possession of the same until May 1, 1902, when he sold his interests to Edward Fitzgerald and Frank E. Schlater, and they then, on May 1, 1907, sold their holdings to the plaintiff company.

The railroad company, in their petition, contend that the parties claiming the title to the land have no legal right to the same and that the land is composed wholly of accretions that are constantly taken up and abandoned by those claiming title, and that it is impossible to set a definite boundary owing to the shifting nature of the river.

BANK CHECK FORGER HAS A BUSY DAY IN THIS CITY

The Bogus Check Man Works Some of Our Business Men to the Tune of \$43, and Fails on Others.

From Saturday's Daily.

As the result of the visit of a man giving the name of Hans Jensen to this city yesterday afternoon several of the business men of the city are mourning the fact that they have in their possession worthless checks to the amount of \$43, as far as reported, although there may be others who have not as yet reported the fact.

The man, who is described as being rather tall and dark complexioned, as well as slim in build, first visited the clothing store of Falter & Thierolf in the afternoon and picked out a pair of pants and a shirt, the whole amounting to \$4.50, and stated that he would go out to the Missouri Pacific depot and secure the money of the man he had been working for near Union, as he was at the depot assisting in unloading a new Ford car which they had purchased while in Omaha. Later in the afternoon he visited the clothing store and tendered a check for \$23, which was made on a blank check of the Plattsmouth State Bank and had the name of the Bank of Union written in on it, and signed by C. H. Peterson. As there was a party by that name residing at Union nothing was thought of the matter and the difference in the price of the goods and the check, given the man, who then departed, although he was seen later on the street, but it was not discovered until this morning that the man named Peterson had no account at the bank at Union, and the check was worthless, and then Jensen, the man passing the check, had disappeared.

Adolph Geise is also a victim of the man, as he cashed a check similar to that passed at Falter & Thierolf's, but for the sum of \$20, and as the man purchased a case of beer he tendered the check and was given the change by Mr. Geise, and then departed.

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FRANK SHEVAL, A CAR REPAIRER, INJURED AT THE SHOPS

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HEAVY DOWN POUR OF RAIN HERE EARLY THIS MORNING

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At an early hour this morning a very heavy rain visited this section, which, while it was of short duration, caused a liberal downpour and the streets were soon well filled with the flood water from the hills, but little damage is reported from this locality as a result. The storm visited this city between 4 and 5 o'clock this morning, although threatening all night to burst forth. In the western part of Nebraska and eastern Colorado the storm was most intense and the Burlington this morning was suffering from the effects of washouts on their Denver line. No. 10, due at 1:40 a. m., was some eight hours late, while No. 6 was five hours tardy.

CASES IN COUNTY AND PROBATE COURT FILED FOR ADJUSTMENT

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday a petition asking for the probate of the last will and testament of John D. Rough, deceased, was filed in the county court. The deceased was one of the old residents of the vicinity of Weeping Water and leaves an estate valued at \$7,300 personal, and \$100 real estate. William A. Robertson appears as attorney for the petitioners.

Petition for the administration of the estate of John C. Wolf, deceased, was filed in the county court by Fred G. Wolf, a son, who states in his petition that the deceased, who was a resident of Cass county and was possessed at the time of his death of real estate valued at \$1,000 and personal property at \$200. The petition asks for the appointment of Lafayette Miller as administrator.

A suit was filed in the county court by the Mishawka Woolen Manufacturing company against L. F. Langhorst of Elmwood asking judgment in the sum of \$90.93 for goods alleged to have been sold by plaintiff to defendant on or about January 13, 1914, and for which they ask judgment.

OPEN HOUSE ON THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

From Saturday's Daily.

On Tuesday, June 8th, at their home in this city, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Johnson will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary, and in commemoration of the happy event of fifty years ago will hold open house at their home from 2 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon, when their old friends, as well as the older citizens of the city, can join them in celebrating the happy event that they are able to observe together. There are no more worthy or highly esteemed residents in Plattsmouth, and on the approaching happy event they will be showered with good wishes and congratulations. There will be no other invitations issued and all old friends and neighbors are invited to join in the happy occasion.

MICHAEL HILD AND FAMILY MOVE INTO THEIR NEW HOME

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday Michael Hild and family were busily engaged in moving their household effects from their home on Granite street to the new home on Main street, where they will make their home in the house formerly occupied by J. M. Meisinger and wife, which Mr. Hild has recently had fixed up in fine shape, with modern improvements, and this will make them an ideal, comfortable home in the future.

"Billy" Sunday, the Man, and His Message—at the Journal office for \$1.00. This work contains the heart of Mr. Sunday's gospel message. Come in and get yours while they last, as we only have a few.

Wall Paper, Gering & Co.

REUNION OF FORMER PLATTSMOUTH PEOPLE

Held at the Windemere Hotel in Santa Monica in Honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Marshall.

The Evening Journal is in receipt of the following interesting letter from C. W. Sherman, one of the old-time newspaper men of Nebraska, and for a great many years publisher of the Journal, that gives an account of a delightful reunion of the former Plattsmouth people residing in southern California. Mr. Sherman has just removed to that locality from Oregon, and is well pleased with his new home. The letter is as follows and is dated from Los Angeles:

Editor Journal, Plattsmouth, Neb.: Brought together at the invitation of Mrs. Edna Eaton, one of the pleasantest parties it was ever my fortune to attend, took place in the spacious parlors of the Windemere hotel in Santa Monica, near this city, Saturday evening last—a reunion of people who formerly resided in Plattsmouth and Cass county, in honor of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Marshall, Mrs. Eaton's father and mother, who have been visiting on the coast for a time. To me it was indeed a happy occasion, as I had only recently arrived here from southern Oregon, and had seen but a very few of these people during the past fifteen years, and to me it seemed as if I had been bodily transplanted into the old town and among old-time friends and neighbors of the long ago. It was delightful to witness the many happy greetings of friends long separated, and to hear the expressions of delighted enjoyment at the reciting of tales of the olden times. If there had been differences between them these were forgotten, and only the pleasant occurrences were remembered. During the evening the guests were treated to a most delightful concert by a number of trained vocalists, and the assembly parted at a late hour, only regretting the necessity of separating.

Following is a list of those participating in the happy event: Messrs. and Mesdames Morgan Waybright, C. E. Wescott, James M. Patterson, Ben Elson, Harvey Holloway and Harvey Albert and Marian Holloway, Frank E. Hartigan, Mr. C. W. Sherman, Mrs. John R. Cox, Miss Helen Cox, Mr. H. E. Spencer, Mrs. Louise Smith Scott, all of Los Angeles; Mrs. M. B. Murphy, Senator and Mrs. S. L. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Thomas, Mr. H. S. Austin and son, Mrs. H. G. Thomas, all of Long Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis of Fullerton; Messrs. and Mesdames Will Stadleman, Nelson Murray, Frank Johnson, E. E. Eaton and Laura Elizabeth Eaton, Miss Postene and Corine Murray, of Santa Monica, and the guests of honor, Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Marshall. C. W. Sherman.

VERY NARROW ESCAPE FROM SERIOUS FIRE AT THE HOTEL RILEY

From Saturday's Daily.

This morning about 11:30, while the work of preparing dinner was in progress at the Hotel Riley, a blaze was discovered in the room just above the kitchen, and which was undoubtedly caused by the over-heating of the large sheet-iron dome that hangs over the cooking range and which is used to convey the grease and odors from the stove to the roof. This accumulation of dirt and grease in the dome caught fire and the intense heat produced a small blaze in the vacant room above and also filled the rooms and hall with a blinding smoke. As soon as the blaze was discovered the alarm was turned in and the citizens responded nobly and soon the small lines of hose placed in the hotel for fire protection were pouring a stream on the source of the fire, and as soon as the fire department arrived the streams soon had the fire under control. There was but little damage done to the building, owing to the prompt work of the citizens and firemen. "Old Hickory" was on the job, as usual, with the fire department.