

BODY OF C. S. WORTMAN, SR., FOUND IN RIVER

The Mystery Surrounding the Disappearance of This Excellent Old Man Is at Last Solved.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The mystery that has marked the disappearance of Charles S. Wortman, the aged Cass county pioneer and resident, who disappeared most mysteriously from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Earl Richards, in Ashland on the night of August 8th was solved yesterday afternoon when the members of the family identified the body of the drowned man found near the island in the Platte river as that of Mr. Wortman, and while the finding brought to the family a deep and lasting grief, it cleared the mystery that has made them expend every effort to locate the missing man since he left the Richards home unknown to the family.

The body was badly decomposed from its long stay in the water, but it was possible to identify him by the fact of nine solid gold teeth which remained in his mouth, as well as one congress slipper, but otherwise the effects of the water on the body had tended to wipe out all signs as to whom it might have been. When last seen Mr. Wortman wore, as had been his custom for years, a long flowing beard, which his eighty-five years had turned to silvery white, but this, too, had been destroyed by the waters of the river and only a few straggling hairs remained to mark this, while his face and head had suffered terribly from the water.

Sheriff Quinton, as well as the undertaker, W. J. Streight, had gone to the scene of the find that had been made by "Dad" Childers, the fisherman, and the family of Mr. Wortman were notified, as it was thought that this would perhaps prove to be the missing man. Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Richards, John Wortman, a son of the deceased, and C. T. and O. C. Richards came down in automobiles, and visiting the scene where the body was waiting, pronounced it without doubt that of the aged gentleman, a search for whom has stirred the country between South Bend and Ashland for the past two weeks.

One of the party, in speaking of the matter, stated that when the bloodhounds from Beatrice were first used on the trail of Mr. Wortman they followed to the bank of Salt Creek, but all efforts to locate the body there failed, and the hounds had later followed another trail without any success.

The body will be taken from this city to the old home near South Bend for burial. As the reward for the finding of the body the family gave to Mr. Childers the sum of \$100. Mr. Wortman was one of the wealthiest men in the northwest section of the county.

CREATE COMMERCIAL COURSE IN THE CITY HIGH SCHOOL HERE

From Tuesday's Daily.

The board of education last evening held a short meeting, at which several matters of importance were taken up, including that of creating a commercial course in the high school, which if put in as is now contemplated, will be one of the most popular in the school. This will include bookkeeping, commercial arithmetic, shorthand and typewriting and other forms that enters into the modern business life. The board has been considering this for some time and have closed all preliminary plans to have it placed in the school this fall, where it will be found an immense advantage to the young people who are now finishing up their education there. The school board, at their meeting, also selected Miss Crete Briggs for the vacancy existing in the teaching force of the city, and while she had decided not to teach this year, was finally prevailed on to take up her work for another year.

CHIEF BARCLAY AND HIS WIFE RETURN HOME

From Tuesday's Daily. Last evening Chief of Police Barclay and wife returned home from a three weeks' outing trip to the Pacific coast, and they report having had a most delightful time at the various points along the Pacific northwest and in viewing the cities along that section of the country. Mr. Barclay was the delegate from the local Aerie of Eagles to the national convention of that order, held at Spokane on August 2-4, and they have since been taking in other points of interest in the northwest.

STRANGER RAN OVER AND KILLED BY M. P. TRAIN NEAR EAGLE

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday about two and one-half miles east of Eagle, the west-bound Missouri Pacific train No. 634, a freight bound for Lincoln, ran over and killed a stranger by the name of Walter H. Hahan, who was walking along the track and either failed to see the train or made no effort to get to a point of safety, and he was torn and mangled in a terrible manner by the train, being dragged quite a distance. Upon his person he had a number of letters of recommendation as to his ability as a repairer of tinware and other similar articles, being apparently a wandering person who passed his time on the way from one town to another doing what few jobs he could get hold of. Coroner J. F. Brendel was notified of the death of the man, and arriving at Eagle yesterday afternoon at once impaneled a jury and after the examination of the body and hearing of the evidence a verdict that he came to his death by being struck by a Missouri Pacific train was rendered and the railroad company cleared of any fault in the matter.

FAREWELL AND SURPRISE PARTY AT HOME OF MR. AND MRS. COBB

From Tuesday's Daily.

Last evening the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cobb, in the north part of the city was invaded by about forty of their neighbors and friends and made this most estimable family the victims of a most complete surprise. Mr. and Mrs. Cobb and family are preparing to remove from this city to Central City, where they will make their home in the future, and so the delightful surprise last evening was in the nature of a farewell. When the invaders entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cobb and family, they were sure somewhat surprised, but soon realized what it was and proceeded to entertain the invaders in their usual hospitable manner. A most enjoyable social time was participated in by the guests and during the course of the evening's entertainment an impromptu program, consisting of vocal and instrumental music and readings was given, which was a pleasing feature and greatly added to the evening's pleasures. The invaders had come well armed with many good things to eat, and a most excellent luncheon was prepared and served at a convenient hour. An hour or so devoted to a little further sociability and then the invaders withdrew their forces, declaring they had had a fine time and expressing their regrets at having to lose Mr. and Mrs. Cobb and family from their midst, but wishing them much happiness in their new home.

Miss May Vallery Returns Home.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Miss May Vallery, who has been a patient at the Immanuel hospital in Omaha for the past nine weeks, recovering from a very serious operation, returned home today. Her many friends hope in time she will be fully restored to good health.

Wall Paper Clearance Sale; 25 and 40 per cent reduction. Gering & Co.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT ON FARM OF PHILIP TRITSCH

John Hennings, Jr., Has Arm Badly Crushed While Assisting at the Threshing Machine.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon a terrible accident occurred at the farm of Philip E. Tritsch, southwest of this city, which may result in the loss of the right arm of John Hennings, Jr., a young man who was assisting at the threshing at the farm. Mr. Hennings, who was helping at the separator during the threshing, was reaching in to take some straw from the blower of the separator, when his right arm was drawn into the blower and badly crushed and mangled to the elbow by the machinery and before the engine could be stopped.

As soon as the men working at the scene could gather the injured man from his perilous position medical assistance was summoned from this city and arrived on the scene of the accident to find the injured man in bad shape with his arm crushed in a once taken to Omaha in an automobile, where he will be placed in the Presbyterian hospital, and an effort made to save the arm, but it seems that amputation will be certain, as the bones are so badly crushed as to render the arm useless, and amputation seems to be the only relief, as there is little hope of the arm ever being useful again, even if it might be saved.

The accident was a great shock to those working at the Tritsch farm at the time, and also to the members of the young man's family, and is certainly to be regretted that such a misfortune should be visited on him. The threshing outfit with which Mr. Hennings was working was owned by Edward Spence, and he was in charge of the separator at the time of the accident. Mr. Hennings is a young man of about 25 years of age. It is expected at the hospital that the developments in the next few hours will determine whether or not it may be possible to save the arm, and every effort will be made to do this.

PARTY OF CASS COUNTY PEOPLE DEPART FOR CHASE COUNTY, NEB.

Last evening quite a number of excursionists departed on the 7:45 Missouri Pacific for Omaha, from where, under the guidance of W. E. Rosencrans of this city, and L. T. Bonner of Imperial, the party will proceed to Chase county to look over the land in that fertile region of Nebraska. Messrs. Rosencrans and Bonner had secured a private Pullman car, which was sent out over the Burlington last night to Imperial, and the car will be parked, where the thirty excursionists from this county and Omaha will make their stay while there. As soon as the excursionists arrive at Imperial they will start out on a 150 or 200-mile trip by auto through the fertile farms of Chase county, and be shown the yield of wheat and corn in that region. Mr. Bonner, who is engaged in the real estate business in Chase county, in connection with Mr. Rosencrans, have been organizing the party of excursionists and the rate made was so attractive that about twenty-five of those interested in the land question were secured and departed with the excursion. Mr. Rosencrans had photographs at his office which shows a number of views of the yield of wheat and oats on the farms of the county and corn in piles on the farm yards ranging from 4,000 to 9,000 bushels, while the wheat is in the same proportion of yield. There are quite a number of Cass county people interested in land there and the return of the excursionists will be awaited with interest to learn their opinion of the land in that locality.

For Sale.

Nine head of cows and calves for sale, and one 2-year-old Holstein bull C. R. Todd. 8-26-2wks-w

HERMAN SPIES RENOVATING HIS CIGAR FACTORY

From Tuesday's Daily. Herman Spies, the cigar manufacturer, is having his building on lower Main street subjected to a thorough cleaning and renovating, and when it is finished it will make a most attractive spot. The interior is being repapered and will be painted in a most pleasing light shade and soft cushioned seats be provided for the customers, and with Mr. Spies expects to make his "smoke house" a spot where the lovers of a good fragrant smoke can drop in and enjoy a good cigar in surroundings that will give them pleasure and comfort. He has just recently had a new roof placed on the building, and with the new improvements will have everything in first-class shape.

FIRST DAY'S PLAYING AT TRI-COUNTY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

From Wednesday's Daily. The Inter-County Tennis tournament is now on in full swing and yesterday a number of matches were staged at the courts on Chicago avenue before a number of the enthusiasts over this great sport, and the results recorded were as follows:

Preliminary Round.
Ray Larson defeated Frank Hiber, 6-0, 6-0.
Joe Ellwell, jr., defeated J. T. Stewell by default.
E. N. Christianson defeated Harris Cook, 6-1, 6-0.
Robert Walling defeated Matthew Herold by default.
Ralph Larson defeated Emil Wurl, 6-0, 7-5.
Ed Schulhof defeated Howard King by default.
Ben Windham defeated T. M. Patterson by default.
H. G. McClusky defeated William Campbell by default.
Bruce Rosencrans defeated E. A. Fricke by default.
J. A. Elwell defeated John Ballow by default.
F. M. Druliner defeated L. A. Stacy by default.

First Round.
Junior Marshall defeated Lloyd Wright by default.
Ben Windham defeated Ed Schulhof by default.
H. G. McClusky defeated Bruce Rosencrans by default.
F. M. Druliner defeated J. A. Elwell, 6-2, 6-3.
John Falter defeated Otto Schneider by default.

There are three more matches in this round yet to be played.

Second Round.
H. G. McClusky defeated Ben Windham, 6-0, 6-1.
F. M. Druliner defeated John Falter, 3-6, 7-5, 6-0.

There are two more matches in the second round, two in the semi-finals and one in the finals yet to be played in the championship singles. The first of the semi-finals come off this afternoon, when McClusky plays Druliner. Play in the doubles started this morning.

Farmers!

Don't fail to see the plowing demonstration, 8-16 Mogel Kerosene Engine, with two and three-bottom plow, at Charles Warner farm two and one-half miles west of Plattsmouth, Friday, August 27th. John F. Gorder.

LIGHT PROPOSITION EXPLAINED BY COMMITTEE

An Insight of Just What the Users of Electricity Will Be Asked to Pay Under New Contract.

From Wednesday's Daily.

To the Editor of the Journal: As the question is being discussed now by a great many of the taxpayers, citizens and business men of the city in regard to the matter of street lighting, the lighting committee of the council take this method to explain to the citizens and taxpayers the actual cost per kilowatt for current to be used in the proposed contract to be entered upon by the city and the Nebraska Lighting company.

First. We base our time of lighting on an average used by all practical electrical engineers, which is 4,000 hours per year on circuits lighting from dusk until daylight, and 2,000 hours per year on circuit lighting from dusk until midnight.

Second. We figure the actual current used by each lamp, based on manufacturer's rating of same, and the total kilowatt of the different circuits is figured on the total paid per year for lights and in this manner we get the average price paid per kilowatt.

Here is the number of lights and current consumed as we have figured. This is simple and has no complications; use your own pencil and do your own figuring and when you have been told that current is to cost the city of Plattsmouth 10, 15 or even 20 cents per kilowatt, as reports are being circulated, you will know for yourself just what is being paid:

Nine 450-watt Nitrogen lamps at 4.00 per burning consumer, 16,200 kilowatts.
Ninety 40 candle-power lamps (uses 50 watts per hour), at 2,000 hours per year, 9,000 kilowatts.
Thirty-five 60 candle-power lamps (consumes 75 watts per hour), at 4,000 hours per year, 10,500 kilowatts per year.

This makes a total of 35,700 kilowatts consumed by the lights used on the street lighting system as proposed.

The proposed cost of the 35,700 kilowatts to the city is \$2,625 per year, or an average price of 7 and 1-3 cents per kilowatt.

In these figures there is no allowance for line loss, which if figured as would be allowed by municipal engineers would figure the cost at approximately 6 cents per kilowatt to the city.

Out of this the lighting company will have to maintain and operate the entire system, as well as to build extensions for placing of additional lights as contemplated by the city. Committee.

All friends of education are cordially invited to hear Bertram Everett McProud of Brookings, South Dakota, in his lectures next week. The subject of the lecture Tuesday evening will be, "The Individual in the Making;" Thursday evening, "What Men Live By;" You will be able to hear these without charge, since Mr. McProud has been secured for Institute week. 8-26-1td-1tw

William Troop and Louis Todd of near Nehawka were among the visitors in this city Monday for a short time looking after some matters of business.

BEN HORNING CONFINED TO HOME, SOUTH OF TOWN

From Wednesday's Daily. The many friends of Ben Horning throughout this section of the county will regret greatly to learn that he has been decidedly under the weather for the last three days and has been confined to his home on the farm just south of this city. Mr. Horning has not been enjoying the best of health for several months, as he has been suffering from a growth on his face that has defied the efforts of the specialists to treat, and has steadily grown worse, although for a time it was thought that it had been much improved. He has been taking treatment in Omaha for the past few months, and night before last suffered quite a severe hemorrhage from the growth, but is reported as feeling slightly better today, and it certainly will be the heartfelt wish of all the friends of this splendid gentleman that he may be able to recover from the malady.

PLATTSMOUTH GIRL SELECTED AS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL

From Wednesday's Daily. A Plattsmouth young lady, Miss Josephine Ulrich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ulrich, was one of the leading representatives at the recent "millinery school," held by the M. Spiesberger & Sons company for the benefit of the buyers and trimmers of fall and winter hats, and Miss Ulrich was selected as one of the most beautiful of the many young ladies who assisted in the demonstration of the new hat styles at the school. Miss Ulrich has been engaged in trimming at Mitchell, Neb., for the past season and has made a splendid reputation for her skill in this line of work, and on Sunday last the Omaha Daily News gave her portrait as one of the three handsomest ladies at the school, and among the other two in this group was Miss Hazel Emerson, who was trimmer here during the spring season at the millinery department of the M. Fanger store.

THE LOUISVILLE BALL TEAM TO PLAY RED SOX NEXT SUNDAY

From Wednesday's Daily. The base ball fans Sunday will have the pleasure of a visit to this city of the fast Louisville aggregation of base ball players, who are coming down to take on the Red Sox for another contest in the hope of reversing the results of their previous visit, when they were defeated by a score of 6 to 5 in a most interesting game.

There is no doubt that Louisville has a fast organization and they will make worthy opponents for the mighty Red Sox and a good, close game is assured to the lovers of this sport. The condition of the arm of Bob Greko, the pitcher of the Sox is such that he will probably be unable to be present, but if he cannot be on the job it is hoped to secure Roy Clins, who was here last fall playing in the tournament, to take the mound job for the Sox. The inability of Bobbie to be here will be very much regretted, as he has made a warm spot for himself in the hearts of the Plattsmouth fans, and is a fine, clean-cut young man all the way through, as well as a clever pitcher and a general good, heady ball player.

J. W. Barwick Laid to Rest.

Yesterday afternoon the funeral of the late J. W. Barwick was held from the home in South Park, and was attended by a large number of the neighbors and friends, as well as the members of the A. O. U. W., of which the deceased had been a member during a great many years. The service was in charge of Rev. W. S. Leete of St. Luke's church and the beautiful and impressive service of the Episcopal church used in the last sad rites in memory of this good man. The choir of St. Luke's church furnished several numbers for the service.

FOURTH ANNUAL TOURNAMENT OF K. S. SOCIETY

Four-Days' Session to Be Held in This City, Beginning Friday, September 3, Continuing Over Sunday.

The city of Plattsmouth will soon have the opportunity afforded them of being the hosts for the fourth annual tournament of the Nebraska district of the Katolicky Sokol society, which will start a four-days' session here on Friday, September 3, and continue until Monday, September 5. During this time there will probably be several hundred visitors here from all parts of eastern Nebraska, including several turning classes from the different societies of the Katolicky Sokol in this section.

The citizens of Plattsmouth should give the visitors a cordial welcome and demonstrate to them that they are appreciative of the fact that this tournament has been brought to this city this year and assist in every way possible the committee of the local society that has the active management of the affair in charge, and who will do their utmost to make the visit of their fellow members here one of great pleasure and one that they can long pleasantly remember.

The business houses of the city, in honor of the gathering of the turners, should display some features in decorations that will demonstrate their feeling of esteem for the sturdy representatives of this splendid organization.

Friday, September 3, the opening day, will be largely devoted to the routine matters of the business organization of the tournament and the preparations for the holding of the competitive turning, which will be started Saturday and continue for the next three days of the tournament. On Saturday evening of the tournament there will be a grand ball given at the local K. S. hall for the visitors and here will be held the meetings and various turning exhibitions by the different classes. On Sunday, September 5, a monster parade of the visiting societies and the local organization will be held from the Burlington station at 1:30 in the afternoon to the hall on West Locust street, as there will be large delegations arrive on that day from Omaha and South Omaha to take part in the festivities. The awarding of the prizes will also be given on this day. On Monday there will be a play given at the local hall by the Bohemian Dramatic club.

THE ALBRIGHT MUSICAL COMEDY CO. AT THE AIR DOME NEXT

The Albright Musical Comedy Co. that opens a week's engagement at the Air Dome Monday night, August 30th, come highly recommended, and judging from the advance notices received of this company we will have a formidable organization in our midst next week. Miss Ruth Albright, who heads this company, is known for her charming personality and winsome smile. She is an artist of rare ability, being the proud possessor of a rich contralto voice of wide range. During her local engagement she will sing a number of hits from late New York successes, among them being, "The Heigh Ginks Song." The opening play is entitled, "The Gay Deceiver," full of funny situations and with dialogue, intermingled with catchy musical numbers, costumed par excellence and executed by a chorus of more than usual grace and ability. The comedians are one of the rare main features of this company, as they are really funny and never resort to methods to secure laughs that are not legitimate. Harry Blank and Mr. Wright, the principal comedians, and Miss Ruth Albright have been associated with each other so long that as a trio of funmakers they cannot be excelled. Arthur Donovan, the juvenile man, who has the feature part in "The Gay Deceiver," will undoubtedly gain as many admirers here as he has done elsewhere. The rest of the cast are up to the usual standard.

Free Band Concert!
SATURDAY, AUGUST 28TH
—3 O'CLOCK—
Corner 5th and Main St.
YOU ARE ALL INVITED
Ladies' Rest Room in Hotel Riley Block—Open to All