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A MOST ESTIMABLE LADY DIES AT OMAHA

Mrs. Gus Pein Died at the Hospital After Undergoing an Operation for Appendicitis.

From Friday's Daily.—Last evening shortly before 6 o'clock the sad news was received in this city of the death of Mrs. August Pein at St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha, where she was taken Wednesday afternoon to undergo an operation for appendicitis, and the unfortunate lady never recovered from the operation, which was much more severe than had been anticipated, and despite the efforts of the attending surgeons she gradually sank into death and passed away at 5:30 in the afternoon. This is a grievous blow to the husband and little children, who are deprived of the love and care of a most devoted wife and mother, and to the bereaved family the deepest sympathy of the entire community goes out in their loss.

The suddenness of the affliction that has fallen on this home is most crushing, as this estimable lady was only taken sick Tuesday evening, and in less than two days was called to her final reward, leaving the loved ones with aching hearts to bear the loss which came on them with such unexpectedness. The death of Mrs. Pein brings forcibly the lesson that in life we are in the midst, of death and while apparently in the enjoyment of life are called upon to answer the summons to a journey to an unknown land which is hidden from the eye of man.

Mrs. Pein was a lady who was loved by all who knew her, and in her daily walks of life practiced the principals of a Christian life, and in the love of home, husband and children found her joy and pleasure. She was a devout member of the St. Paul's Evangelical church and her presence will be sadly missed in the work of the church and in the community where she has so long made her home. She leaves besides the husband, three small children, Clifford, Gretchen and Catherine Pein, the youngest of whom is 5 years of age; one stepson, Harry Pein, of Kansas City, as well as her mother, Mrs. Claus Speck, sr., three brothers and three sisters, Claus Speck, Walter Speck, Miss Alma Speck of this city, Mrs. John Ewing, Hopkins, Missouri, Mrs. Anna Roberts of Ralston, and Henry Speck of Columbus, Neb.

MISS JANET BRANTNER MARRIED TO MR. RUSSEL CHASE

From Friday's Daily.—The friends in this city of the Ed Brantner family will be surprised to learn of the marriage at Macey, Nebraska, last evening of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brantner, Miss Janet Brantner, who was united in marriage to Mr. Russel Chase, a substantial farmer of the vicinity of Pender, where the Brantner family have made their home for the past few years. The wedding was a very quiet one and attended by only the immediate family. The young people will make their home on the farm of the groom near Pender in the future. The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cory of this city and the many friends here of the young lady will extend to the newly weds their best wishes for a long and happy married life and one free from care and sorrow.

WANTED—To hear from owner of good farm for sale. Send cash price and description. D. F. Bush, Minneapolis, Minn. 10-4-3twkly

MRS. JAMES McCULLOUGH TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

From Friday's Daily.—This morning Mrs. James McCulloch was taken to Omaha, where she will enter the St. Joseph's hospital to undergo an operation for a trouble from which she has been suffering for some time. She came up this morning in company with her husband from their home, east of Murray, and departed on the early Burlington train for Omaha to enter the hospital. It is to be hoped that this estimable lady will soon be able to return to her home here relieved of her affliction, and her friends will anxiously await word from her bedside. Her father, Fred Olenhausen, and her sister, Mrs. Mary Evers, also accompanied her to the hospital.

MODERN PRISCILLA CLUB ENTERTAINED FOR BRIDE-ELECT

From Friday's Daily.—Last evening Miss Edna Peterson entertained the members of the Modern Priscilla club at her home in a most pleasing kitchen shower in honor of Miss Anna Wohlfarth, whose marriage to Mr. L. L. McCarthy is to occur on Tuesday next. The evening was spent very pleasantly by the young ladies in the plying of the busy needle, as well as in music and social conversation, which served to pass the time in a most delightful manner, and such as only this jolly organization of young ladies know how to enjoy in their gatherings. After some time spent in the social pleasures of the evening the party were invited to the dining room, where dainty and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, and which was a very much enjoyed feature of the evening. The guest of honor was presented with a number of articles which will serve in the years to come to remind her of the old friends and jolly days when the Modern Priscilla club were together on their numerous pleasant social gatherings.

LAY IN WAIT FOR SUCCESSFUL RIVAL BUT HE ESCAPES

From Friday's Daily.—The story of the escapade of several young men of this city was on tap in the police circles this morning, and which tells of baffled love and the attempt of the disconsolate admirer of a young lady to seek revenge on his rival, who was permitted to bask in the smiles of the lady. It would seem from the "dope" given the police that the young man, who was held in high esteem by the lady, came in from the country last evening, and calling on his lady friend, secured her consent to accompany him to the picture show, where they spent some time watching the course of true love as portrayed on the screen by the movies, and then wended their way to the place where the lady was engaged in working, and here is where the villain enters, as the young man who had not been able to "get by" with the lady decided to visit punishment on the successful rival, and with two other young men lay in wait for the fortunate one, and even went so far as to call at the house where the girl was staying and ask for their intended victim, and finding that he was not there decided to hang on to him, and as the couple neared the spot where the villains lay in wait the young man got a "hunch" as to what was up and beat a hurried retreat, with the rival and his friends in pursuit, but by this time the police were notified of what was up and nipped the intended trimming of the fortunate young man in the bud and warned his would-be punishers that they had better remain in the clear and not start anything, which the did.

John Urish of Mt. Pleasant precinct was in the city Saturday looking after some trading with the merchants for a few hours.

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CONDITION OF HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING GOOD

Labor Commissioner Does Not Give a Very Flattering Report of the Sanitary Conditions.

From Friday's Daily.—The examination of the Central school building in this city, which was conducted here on September 22 and 23 by State Labor Commissioner F. M. Coffey, has had the result of this examination embodied in a report filed with the board of education, and the facts as to the building's safety, as viewed by the state commissioner, relieves the minds of the members of the school board, as well as the citizens in this regard, and it disapproves the fears of our informant in the matter, and it is a pleasure to learn that there is no danger, in the opinion of the labor commissioner, who has made a close and careful inspection of the structure, and should settle the matter to the satisfaction of everyone as Mr. Coffey has made as careful an examination as could be made. It is a matter in which everyone has been vitally interested, and that the building is deemed safe should be a source of great relief to all. The school board was on hand to assist Mr. Coffey in his inspection and the investigation was as thorough as could possibly be made, and the result should be accepted as final. The report of Commissioner Coffey on the building is as follows and should make the situation there clear to the patrons of the school:

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 26, 1915. C. A. Marshall, President; J. M. Roberts, Vice President; E. H. Westcott, Secretary; F. A. Schlater, T. H. Pollock, John Schulhof, Board of Education, Plattsmouth, Neb. Gentlemen:—The approval of fire escapes on school buildings and buildings used for school purposes, as to make, location and number, is a part of the duties of this department. In the performance of this duty an inspection of the Central school building in your city, September 22-23, 1915, prompts these suggestions and recommendations:

All rubbish should be removed from near the permanent stairways and unused rooms. The basement store room should be relieved of all waste papers and articles liable to cause fire. The seating capacity of the various rooms is overtaxed. Too many pupils are enrolled in each room. In fact, there is a congestion in each room that is not for the best interest of the pupils, and most forcibly suggests the need of additional school rooms in your district.

Two iron stairways are located on the outside of the building. This is sufficient in number and the location is probably the most advantageous. The equipment of inside stairways with side rail supports is not only a safeguard in case of hurried exits in case of fire, but lessens the danger of accidental falls during regular dismissal hours.

The wisdom of the legislature in requiring school houses and buildings used for school purposes to be equipped with reasonable means of escape in case of fire is admitted by all who give the matter any thought. As near the maximum in safety should be provided school children as to health, life and limb.

At the request of you gentlemen an inspection and observation was made of the general condition of the Central building as to safety. This examination and inspection required a goodly portion of two days. The condition of the building was examined from foundation walls to the cap of each side and end wall. The conditions of the rafters, joist and stringers were also examined. In fact, the examination covered every part of the building which might furnish evidence of its condition as to safety.

The foundation under the entire building is of hard stone and nowhere showed any evidence of giving away to time and weather. The side and end walls are practically plumb. There are a few cracks in the walls near windows and doors. These bear the appearance of having been in existence for a long time. These cracks are evidently caused by the settling

of the wall soon after construction. It is a hard matter to place the direct cause of these cracks, which appear in most all brick buildings. One cause is the fact that when window sills and caps are placed in order to make them level a large amount of mortar is used by the mason, and if the settling of the wall comes before the mortar has time to harden cracks in the wall will result. Just how long a building will stand; just how long it will withstand the attacks of time and weather, is beyond human calculation. But we can form an opinion from the general condition of the building apparent to the eye. One who is to express an opinion as to the safety of a school building—to say whether there was any apparent danger of it falling under normal conditions of weather—would naturally be extremely conservative, when he remembered that the building was to house several hundred of the precious young school children.

After a most thorough examination of the Central school building, in which you, honored sirs, participated, there were no apparent defects found in the condition of the building that would call for any degree of fear of danger from a collapse or falling of the walls, barring weather conditions. How long the building will withstand time and weather attacks one is unable to estimate, but there were no conditions apparent that need cause fear as to the safety of the building for some time at least.

The material used in the construction of buildings at the date that the Central building was constructed is more solid, firmer and of better grade than material used at this later date. An examination of the material used in the Central building will substantiate this statement.

When the earnestness with which you gentlemen conduct the affairs of the board of education, and the unanimous expression of an earnest desire to ascertain the facts as to the condition of the building so that you might act for the best interests of the school children of your district, when these facts are recalled the people of Plattsmouth are to be congratulated on the makeup of their school board.

It is unfortunate for the parents, it is unfortunate for the school children, and it is unfortunate for the members of the board of education that these expressions of fear are made without first having been sure of the situation. But come they will, and the community must meet them and make the best of the situation.

After what was considered a most thorough inspection and examination there was no present apparent lack of safety in the condition of the Central school building, barring the attacks of time and weather. Respectfully submitted, F. M. Coffey, Commissioner of Labor.

The undersigned members of the Plattsmouth Board of Education were present at the time the above inspection of the Central school building was made, and each of us closely scrutinized the condition of the building from every viewpoint. With a full appreciation of our responsibility in the premises in mind, we are more firmly convinced than before that there is no need for fear as to the safety of the Central school building for a long period of time, how long we know not. Respectfully submitted, C. A. Marshall, President, E. H. Westcott, Secretary, J. M. Roberts, Frank E. Schlater, T. H. Pollock.

Mrs. John R. Pierson and little son, who have been here visiting for some time with Mrs. Pierson's mother, Mrs. Mary B. Allison, departed this morning for their home at Table Rock.

John Gilson, a former resident of this city, who has been making his home near Los Angeles, California, and who has been on a short visit, departed this afternoon for his home.

George A. Mesinger and wife departed this morning for Omaha, where Mrs. Mesinger will enter St. Joseph's hospital to undergo an operation.

W. T. Adams departed this morning for St. Paul, Neb., where he will spend a few days visiting with his son, Max and family, near that place.

C. R. Butcher of Glenwood, who was an over Sunday visitor in this city at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Barthold and family, departed this morning for his home in the Iowa city.

NEW MANAGER FOR DOVEY & SON'S STORE

George H. Falter, a Young Man of Splendid Business Qualities, Assumes Management.

From Friday's Daily.—Today a change was made in the store of E. G. Dovey & Son, one of the leading mercantile establishments of the city, when Mr. George H. Falter took charge of the active management of the store and will in the future devote himself to looking after the advancement of the interests of this splendid dry goods and grocery store. The advent of Mr. Falter will give Mr. George E. Dovey an opportunity to enjoy a relaxation from the arduous task of looking after the full management of the establishment, as Mr. Falter, with his excellent judgment and ability, will be able to relieve him of a great many responsibilities which have kept him confined to the store almost constantly for a great many years.

Mr. Falter has in the last few years been a conspicuous figure in the business life of the city, as he was one of the firm of Falter & Thieroff until a few months ago, and is a young man who has a clear understanding and appreciation of modern business methods which will make him a valuable man in the Dovey store and one who can keep in touch with the trade and needs of the customers of the establishment, and his keen insight into the advertising and window dressing lines of the business will give him an opportunity of advancing the interests of the firm.

The firm of E. G. Dovey & Son is one of if not the oldest business house in the city, and also one of the finest, as the stock carried is of the very best, and this will make a fine field for the work of the new manager of the establishment. Mr. Dovey will remain at the head of the general affairs of the firm as he has for the past thirty-five years and will turn the active management of the store over to Mr. Falter. That the new manager will be able to accomplish much toward advancing the store there is little doubt.

The friends of Mr. Falter will be pleased to learn that he is to remain in the city as a resident, as he expected on selling his interests in the clothing store to remove elsewhere to seek a location, but was finally prevailed upon to change his mind, and for the present at least will be a resident here, together with his family, in our city, and their friends are feeling well pleased over this fact.

BEN BROOKS INJURED WHILE WORKING ON ROCK BLUFFS ROAD

From Friday's Daily.—Ben Brooks is limping around on crutches since yesterday as a result of an accident that befell him Wednesday afternoon while he was engaged in assisting at the fill on the washout on the Rock Bluffs road east of the Horning farm. It seems Mr. Brooks desired the use of a large plank and called to one of the workmen to hand it down to him, but instead of doing this the plank was released and sent down an incline of some thirty feet and struck Ben about the left ankle, resulting in spraining that member, as well as fracturing a number of the bones in the left foot, and he will be on the retired list for some time as the result of the mishap, but as it is he feels that he had a most fortunate escape in that the foot was not mashed off, as the heavy plank was coming at a good rate of speed and from the distance it had traveled could easily have crushed the foot in a very bad manner.

R. M. Shlaes and Charles Petersen were among those going to Omaha this morning, where they will spend a few hours inspecting some new first run pictures, including the famous "Damaged Goods," which will be shown there today by the picture company before an audience of ministers.

A. B. FORNOFF RETURNS HOME FROM SOUTH DAKOTA

From Friday's Daily.—This afternoon A. B. Fornoff of near Cedar Creek returned home from a short visit to South Dakota, where he looked after his land interests near Huron for a time, and is well pleased with the general condition of the crops in that state, which are the best for some years, and every prospect for a great crop are evident on all sides. Mr. Fornoff feels that the crops there could not be in better shape, and his farming lands have turned out very satisfactorily. Hans Schroeder and Henry Keil accompanied Mr. Fornoff on his trip, but remained in South Dakota to look after the construction of a residence on the farm of Mr. Keil.

PRISCILLA CLUB ENTERTAINED IN HONOR OF MISS WOHLFORTH

From Friday's Daily.—Tuesday evening Misses Christine and Mathilde Soennichsen and Mrs. Franzen very pleasantly entertained the members of the Modern Priscilla club at the pretty Soennichsen home at a charming miscellaneous shower for one of their number, Miss Anna Wohlfarth, whose marriage to Mr. McCarthy will take place next Tuesday, October 5th. For the event the rooms of the Soennichsen home had been made very attractive with floral decorations. The hostesses had planned a number of amusements for the entertainment of their guests, one of which was that of hemming towels for the bride-to-be, and the hours simply flew as the guests very industriously plied the busy needle. A few moments spent in social conversation, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, and then the guests were invited to the dining room, where a delightful three-course luncheon was served. The table was very prettily decorated in a color scheme of red, set aglow with the red candles. After the serving of the luncheon, the guests returned to the parlor again, where the bride-to-be was showered with a number of handsome gifts, which will assist in introducing her into the art of keeping house, and which will be constant reminders of the girls of the Priscilla club. It was near the midnight hour when the young ladies wished the bride-to-be much happiness, wended their way homeward, declaring Misses Christine and Mathilde Soennichsen and Mrs. Franzen excellent entertainers.

FRIENDS ENTERTAIN IN HONOR OF MISS GUNHILD HOLMBERG

From Friday's Daily.—Last evening a number of young ladies were very pleasantly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Holmberg in their pretty new home on Granite street. The occasion was in honor of Miss Gunhild Holmberg of Wausau, Neb., who has been visiting at the Holmberg home for the past few days. The evening was spent in music and games, which made the occasion a very delightful one, and which was greatly enjoyed by the guests. At a late hour a dainty luncheon was served by Mrs. Holmberg, she being assisted in serving by Mrs. Ed Roman. As the hour for departure drew near the guests expressed much pleasure in having met Miss Holmberg and extended their warmest thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Holmberg for the splendid evening's entertainment afforded them.

NEW ARRIVALS.—These we offer to the trade in large assortments, and have placed them in such a manner so as to make your selection easy. Blankets, Comforters, Outing Flannel, Flannelets, Duckleir Fleece, Comforter Robing, Challies, Percales, Cotton Batts, Wool Batts. ZUCKWEILER & LUTZ.

Charles Johnson of the vicinity of Louisville was here Saturday afternoon visiting with friends for a few hours.

ANOTHER CASS COUNTY LADY DIES AT OMAHA

Mrs. Joseph McCulloch Dies After an Operation for Gall Stones at St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha.

Again the community is called upon to mourn the passing of one of the highly esteemed ladies, Mrs. James McCulloch, who passed away yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha, where she was taken Friday to be operated on for gall stones, from which she had been a sufferer for some time, but it was found that her case was so severe that it was not possible to operate and the unfortunate lady continued to grow worse until yesterday morning, when the children were summoned to the hospital to take their farewell, as the attending physicians could hold out little hope, and in the afternoon she gradually sank into death. Mr. McCulloch was at his wife's side constantly since she was taken to Omaha and assisted as far as possible in soothing her last hours.

Mrs. McCulloch was a daughter of Fred Olenhausen of this city and was born at Pekin, Illinois, December 4, 1873, where she made her home for a few years, and then came west to Nebraska some thirty-two years ago with her parents and lived with them on their farm home for a number of years, and on October 15, 1898, she was united in marriage to Mr. James McCulloch, and since that time they made their home for a greater part of the time on the farm south of this city, and here the family has been reared.

The death of the wife and mother comes as a very grievous blow to the husband and three children, who will have the deepest sympathy of the entire community in their hour of grief and sorrow. Besides the husband, three children, Fred, aged 16, Marie, aged 7, and Venetia, aged 3, are left to mourn the death of Mrs. McCulloch and be compelled to go through life without the love and care of a devoted mother. The father and two sisters and one brother are also left to share the grief at the death of this good woman.

The body will be brought to this city and the funeral held here Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of the father, Fred Olenhausen, on Washington avenue.

To those who knew her best Mrs. McCulloch was a most devoted friend and companion and there was nothing that she would not undertake for those she was united to by ties of love and friendship, and her loss will be a very bitter one to the friends and relatives and it will be hard indeed for time to heal the sense of sorrow at her going from our midst.

MRS. MARY BURNETT SUES IRA BATES FOR INJURIES RECEIVED

This morning a suit was filed in the county court by Mrs. Mary Burnett against Ira Bates, in which the plaintiff asks that judgment in the sum of \$1,000 be awarded her for injuries received when the automobile of the defendant ran into the ditch just south of the Burlington shops on the evening of May 1st. In her petition the plaintiff states that she and a companion were invited by the defendant to enter the car and take a ride out to Rock Bluffs, where the plaintiff resided, and it was while going out Lincoln avenue that the accident occurred that resulted in the plaintiff having her left arm broken in two places and her right arm at the wrist, and which for several weeks compelled her to refrain from all labor and seriously injured her health. The plaintiff, in her petition, cites a number of reasons as the cause for the accident and asks that the amount of damages prayed for be granted. Matthew Gering appears as the attorney for the plaintiff in the case.

Ray Theodorski of Louisville was here today for a few hours, motoring over to look after some matters of business.