

J. VALENTINE TRIES TO FIND HIS PARENTS

Story of a Lad Born in Plattsmouth in 1882, Who Has Just Discovered Who His Parents Are.

From Friday's Daily.
The following taken from the State Journal of this morning tells of the career of a young man who was born in this city thirty-three years ago, and of his having just gotten in touch with his father's relatives. The Valentine family resided here for several years and the father and mother of the young man were divorced in district court here and the maiden name of his mother, Althea Sage, restored to her, while the boy, Murray Valentine, was turned over to the custody of the father, who was later married at Louisville to Miss Mayfield, and is at present residing in Idaho.

After being lost from all relatives for twenty-seven years, James M. Valentine, a garage owner of Manville, Wyo., learned through a casual remark by his partner, Joe Stallman, formerly of Petersburg, that an uncle, O. M. Mayfield, was living in Norfolk. He immediately wrote a letter to Norfolk and now he will be told where his father and step-mother, whom he has not seen since he was 10 years old, and brothers and sisters whom he has never seen, are to be located. The letter from the Wyoming man created somewhat of a sensation in the Mayfield home here because for many years the family has been searching for some clue which would clear the mystery which surrounded the disappearance of little Jimmy from his home at Louisville, Neb., twenty-seven years ago.

The lost boy has been searching everywhere for some word from his father. His letter does not give the details of his life, which has been sealed for many years to his relatives, but contains many questions and requests, the chief among them being: "I would like to know where my father is and all about him and the family." "My partner, Joe Stallman, mentioned your name while we were talking today," writes Valentine.

Valentine was born in Plattsmouth, Neb. When he was a mere baby his mother died and the father married again. Jimmy dropped out of sight and the family was frantic in the search for the child. He was never heard from. Scores of persons were cautioned to keep a watch for him and relatives to whose homes it was thought he would go were communicated with. No Jimmy was found. The family moved to various parts of the midwest. Once the father was foreman of a big railroad paint shop in Ohio, then he located in Illinois. For some years he was superintendent of the Union Pacific paints hops in Cheyenne, Wyo., and now he is in charge of important railroad work in Idaho.

The Valentine family has grown rapidly since Jimmy left home. There are a large number of new brothers and sisters whom he never saw, but from present indications there is likely to be a big family reunion in Idaho in the near future.

Stallman, who accidentally mentioned the Mayfield name to his Wyoming partner, lived at Petersburg at one time where he became acquainted with Mayfield, who, a few years ago, was publisher of a newspaper there. Stallman went to Wyoming and by a mere coincidence went into business with Valentine.

Bad Corn Shelling Weather.

From Friday's Daily.
Henry Thierolf of Cedar Creek was in the city a few hours today looking after some business matters and visiting with county seat friends. Henry says this is very poor weather for his business, that of corn sheller. He has plenty of work in sight, and is very anxious to get to it, but with the weather as it has been for the past few days it is almost impossible to move the machine from one job to the other. He will be after the work as soon as he will be able to move the machine.

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ANDREW F. STURM FILES AGAIN FOR STATE SENATOR

Andrew F. Sturm has again decided to try and capture the office of state senator from the Second district and accordingly has filed in the office of the county clerk his intention of being a candidate for the office of senator on the republican ticket at the forthcoming primaries. Mr. Sturm was a candidate two years ago and was defeated by Senator John Mattes of Nebraska City, and it would seem that these two gentlemen will again fight out the campaign. It has been frequently stated, however, that Otoe county might develop a candidate on the republican ticket for senator. Mr. Sturm is one of the well known residents of Nehavka and possesses many friends over the county where he is best known.

DEATH OF AN OLD LADY AT THE MASONIC HOME

From Friday's Daily.
Yesterday at the Masonic Home Mrs. Nancy McColm, one of the oldest residents there, passed away after an illness of several years, having been a sufferer from a stroke of paralysis, as well as the ailments of her advanced years. This lady was one of the first to be admitted to the Home twelve years ago and has since made her home there, where she has made a great many friends among her associates, and it was with the most profound regret that they learned of her passing. Mrs. McColm was well advanced in years and came to the Home from Omaha and was a member of the Eastern Star chapter of this city. The funeral services were held this afternoon at the Home and the body taken on the Missouri Pacific flyer to Judsonia, Arkansas, where it will be laid to rest beside that of her husband. There were no relatives in this part of the country as far as known.

NOTHING NEW REPORTED FROM OIL WELL NEAR UNION

From Friday's Daily.
The oil drilling operation at Union is continuing with vigor, it is reported, and the oil well gradually being sunk to test out the theory that oil might be found in that section. There has been considerable work caused by the nature of the ground on which the experimental shaft is to be sunk, and this has held back somewhat the plans of the promoters. The soil has been cleared away and quite a large portion of rock hauled from the well, which, however, has not gotten over fifty feet below the surface, but as soon as the work is really under way it will be rushed to completion and shifts operated day and night in an effort to get some definite results to show. Quite a number have visited the scene of the operation of the well digging and keen interest manifested by the entire community surrounding the oil well.

NEW DAUGHTER AT THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. SEIVERS

From Friday's Daily.
A message has been received here by J. W. Sievers, announcing the fact that he is again "grandpa," as on Tuesday Miss Martha Elizabeth Sievers arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sievers at New Madrid, Nebraska, and the little lady is doing nicely and tipped the scales at six pounds on her arrival. The news of the arrival of the little girl has been very pleasing to "Grandpa and Grandma" as well as the other relatives and friends of the family here and it is to be hoped that the little lady will enjoy a long life and be a joy and comfort to her parents in their old age.

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

DISTRICT COURT SESSION YESTERDAY WAS BRIEF

Mrs. Mary Garrens Gets a Judgment Against Woodman of the World for Death of Husband.

From Friday's Daily.
While in the city yesterday Judge Begley handed down his decision in the case of Mrs. Mary Garrens vs. the Woodman of the World and found for the plaintiff in the sum of \$1,000 and interest holding the order liable for the amount of the policy which had been carried by the husband of the plaintiff in the order. The case was one offering a great many interesting points of law and had attracted much attention. From the facts developed at the trial it would seem that the plaintiff had been paying the assessments each month to the former representative of the order in Union and this he was supposed to have sent in to the camp at Murray to which the Union lodge had been transferred but this was not done until a short time before the death of Mr. Garrens when the amount of the assessments were received by the clerk at Murray and Mr. Garrens marked as re-instated on the camp books. The money for the assessments was sent back by the head offices in Omaha together with the list of the members in Union who had been suspended and the act of the Murray clerk was not recognized by the grand lodge officers. There was no doubt that Mrs. Garrens had been perfectly fair in her dealings as she had paid the assessments sometimes with much sacrifice each month and was not aware that her husband was not kept in good standing and is well deserving of the verdict.

The case of S. J. Ambler vs. John C. Jones was also argued and submitted to the court.
In the case of W. B. Banning, administrator of the estate of George W. Garrison vs. Nancy J. Garrison was tried to the court and taken under advisement. By the introduction of new evidence in the case the plaintiff seeks to secure a new trial in the litigation over the \$16,000 worth of notes which the defendant claims was given her by her deceased husband just prior to his death.

FREE XMAS DINNER FOR NEEDY AT HANK'S

From Friday's Daily.
What the people of Red Lodge, Montana, think of Henry Madsen, a former Plattsmouth young man, is shown by the following taken from the paper published in that city, and shows what Henry will do toward helping his fellow man:

It will take somebody more than a gray whiskered old gentleman with a corporation and a red suit to make "Hank" Madsen take a back seat when it comes to spreading Christmas cheer and if there is a hungry person in Red Lodge Christmas day you can blame anybody but "Hank." Following a custom he inaugurated a year ago, Mr. Madsen is going to set up a spread Saturday at his South Broadway restaurant. The public at large, particularly the needy and homeless, are cordially invited.

Mr. Madsen has laid in a great store of turkeys, cranberry sauce, spuds and a large variety of other essential and appropriate trimmings to a first-class Christmas dinner. The dinner will be served between the hours of 11 o'clock in the morning and 3 o'clock in the afternoon. "Hungry" will be the password for admission and nobody will be turned down. All the pay "Hank" asks is a smile of satisfaction as the diners pass out.

Nineteen Divorces Granted.

From Friday's Daily.
Last year in the district court there were filed and acted on nineteen divorce cases, which is quite a good showing for a county of this size in the separating of the matrimonial bonds of those who found that they had drawn blanks in love's lottery.

Paints and Oils. Gering & Co. Phone 36.

JOSEPH KLEIN AT IMMANUEL HOSPITAL IS IMPROVING

From Friday's Daily.
Word from the Immanuel hospital in Omaha today states that Joseph Klein, who was operated on there last Saturday, is showing most satisfactory gains and has caused the attending physicians to feel greatly encouraged over the ultimate recovery of Mr. Klein, although his operation was one that was performed only in the nick of time and a few hours later would have been useless. The many friends here of this genial gentleman will be pleased to learn that he is getting along so nicely and trust that he may continue to show improvement in his condition.

POLICE FORCE IN PLATTSMOUTH ARE ONTO THEIR JOBS

From Friday's Daily.
The police department of the city of Plattsmouth in the past year have certainly demonstrated that they are right on the job all the time and the action of the last few days, when they have been constantly on the go shows that they are alive to the preservation of order and the running of wrongdoers down and seeing that they obey the law.

Chief Barclay has had a great many trying situations since assuming office, and in all of these has displayed the keenest interest for the welfare of the community at all times and there has been no disorders of any kind started that have not been promptly nipped in the bud, and the chief has also been of much assistance to the county authorities in the tracing down of violators of the law and their capture.

Officers Jones and Wilson have proven themselves efficient in their lines of duty and whenever duty has called have responded nobly to the cause of the preservation of the peace. It has been universally conceded that all of these gentlemen are serving without fear or favor and this has won them a great many friends among the rank and file of the people and Mayor Richey can feel well pleased with the selections he has made in this line.

"FOR THE LOVE OF MIKE" THURSDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 3

From Friday's Daily.
A brand new attraction of a type all its own is making a strong appeal to the playgoers this season under the catchy title, "For the Love of Mike." Mr. Halton Howell, the well known producer, is responsible for the book, the character of same being taken from Bud Fisher's famous cartoons of the same name. James L. McCabe, the well-known eccentric comedian is featured with the show and is ably supported by a talented cast of good singers and dancers.

"For the Love of Mike" was written for laughing purposes only. It contains all the elements that go to make up an enjoyable evening's entertainment. The comedy is clean; the language is plain, simple and to the point. It has no obscure problems and is entirely devoid of any vulgarity. The specialties are novel and up to date; the mechanical and electrical effects are of the best, while the whole three acts are brimful of the most ludicrous situations ever seen in one play.

"For the Love of Mike" will be the attraction at the Parmelee Theater Thursday night, February 3, and comes well recommended by both press and public.

A Competent Official.

Frank Libershal, our present county clerk, has filed for renomination for the same office for another term. Frank has made a good officer and should be credited for what he has done.—Union Ledger.

Wall Paper. Gering & Co. Phone 36.

ANOTHER OLD SETTLER GOES TO HIS REWARD

For Forty Years a Resident of Cass County, and a Citizen Highly Respected by All Who Knew Him.

Last evening at 5:50 Fred Engelkeimer, for over forty years a resident of Cass county, passed away at his home in this city after a long and lingering illness which covered the last few years, and despite all that could be done for his relief, he gradually grew weaker until death came to end his long suffering.

Mr. Engelkeimer was for many years one of the most energetic farmers in Cass county, residing in Mt. Pleasant precinct and well known and very highly respected among a large number of friends, and the news of his death will be learned with the deepest of regret, as there has been no better men in Cass county than Mr. Engelkeimer.

Fred Engelkeimer was born March 27, 1846, in District Brake, Lippe-Detmold, Germany, where his boyhood and youth was spent and where he was living when in 1867 he was called to join the colors and serve in the army against the common foe until 1869, when he was released and allowed to go to his home, and remained there until the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian war, when he again joined his regiment, the Westphalian infantry regiment No. 55, of the city of Detmold, and with this regiment served throughout the war with great bravery. Mr. Engelkeimer was a prisoner during the siege of Metz for three days, being held by the French in the fortress, but on its surrender was able to return to his own regiment. For his services in the war he was decorated with the Iron Cross of Prussia, and in June, 1871, he was allowed to quit the army and return to his native province. Hearing of the land of opportunity and liberty across the sea Mr. Engelkeimer decided to quit the Fatherland and accordingly, in the spring of 1872 he came to America and at once came west to Cass county in the then young state of Nebraska, and decided to engage in farming, but after two years' residence here he decided that it was time that his household should have a guiding hand, and in 1875 he returned to Germany and was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Kirehoff, also a resident of the home district of Mr. Engelkeimer. After the wedding the young people returned to the United States and settled on the farm in Mt. Pleasant precinct, where they made their home up to four years ago, when they moved to Plattsmouth and later again located on the farm, but on August 13, 1913, moved to this city, where they have since made their home.

To mourn the death of this good man, the widow and nine children are living, the children being: Henry Engelkeimer, August Engelkeimer, Mrs. Mary Ragoss, of Breckenridge, Oklahoma; Julius Engelkeimer, Mrs. Pauline Kraeger, of Pierce, Colorado; Mrs. Anna Kraeger, John Engelkeimer, George Engelkeimer, Miss Rose Engelkeimer, all of whom, with the exception of the two daughters, reside in Cass county. There are eighteen grandchildren living. The following brothers and sisters are residing in this country: Henry Engelkeimer, Oklahoma; August and Carl Engelkeimer, near Weeping Water; Mrs. L. H. Puls, Murray; one brother and two sisters in Germany.

The funeral of this good man will be held at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the St. Paul's German Evangelical church and the many friends from this section of the county will be present to attend the last sad services.

Certainly a Fine Present.

From Friday's Daily.
Joseph F. Hadraba, the druggist, is wearing one of those nappy smiles that will not wear off this morning, and all as the result of the arrival at his home this morning of a bright little winsome daughter, who has come to make an indefinite stay at the Hadraba home. The little lady, the first girl in the family circle, is the source of much admiration from the admiring relatives and the two little brothers, who will have a new playmate.

Mrs. R. L. Propst and daughter, Miss Mayola, returned home yesterday afternoon from Omaha, where they have been visiting at the home of Thayer Propst and family and to attend the Helen Keller recital.

NEW DOCTOR HERE TO TAKE DR. E. D. CUMMINS PLACE

From Friday's Daily.
Dr. P. J. Flynn of O'Neill, Neb., was in the city today looking over the field here with a possible view of locating here as the successor of Dr. E. D. Cummins who is soon to move from the city. Dr. Flynn has had the opportunity of meeting a number of the people here and is well pleased with the location if he can arrange to take it up. Dr. Flynn is a very clever, appearing gentleman and should make a valuable addition to the medical profession should he decide to locate here.

GREENWOOD PIONEER PASSES AWAY AT THE AGE OF 84 YEARS

From Saturday's Daily.
E. P. Jones, one of the pioneer residents of Greenwood passed away Wednesday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jennie Marsh, 4739 South Sixteenth street.

Mr. Jones was one of the pioneers of Cass county and at the time of his death was eighty-four years of age, and for the last thirty years, has been a resident of Greenwood where he was quite prominent in the life of the community where he resided. He was born in England, and when a very young man, came to America, where he settled first in Pennsylvania and later moving to Nebraska, where he has since made his home. He was a gentleman very highly esteemed by all who had come in touch with him, and his death will be greatly regretted by the old friends and neighbors in Greenwood. He is survived by three children, Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Harry Utt, Murdock, and Samuel Jones of Greenwood. The body was sent from Omaha to Greenwood this morning and the funeral was held there among the familiar scenes and laid to rest in the cemetery near the old home, where so many years had been spent by the departed pioneer.

ARRANGING TO HOLD A TEACHERS' CIRCLE AT LOUISVILLE

Miss Eda Marquardt, county superintendent, has returned from Lincoln where she has been attending the conference of the county superintendents with the state superintendent of public instruction, and reports a most pleasing meeting in every way with a large attendance and a great deal of interest shown. Miss Marquardt is arranging to hold a teachers' reading circle at Louisville on Saturday next, and at this time several strong features will be used in the work of the meeting that will add very much to the interest. The work of boys and girls' clubs in the rural schools will be taken up as well as a study of the rocks in the quarries near Louisville, and Prof. Bengston of the state university will be present to assist in the explaining of the different kinds of rock that might be found in those hills, and Miss Marie Kaufmann of the local schools will give a short outline of the work in the penmanship departments of the schools here and outline of the Palmer method of penmanship which is so generally in use in the west.

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Yesterday our old friend, C. C. Despain, was down town visiting for the first time since Christmas, as he has been confined to his home suffering from a severe case of the grippe that later developed into a slight case of pneumonia, and has been quite severe on Mr. Despain, but he is feeling much better now and feels that he will soon be himself again, and it is a pleasure to see this old resident able to be around.

J. W. Holmes and wife of Murray were in Omaha Saturday afternoon for a short time, returning home on No. 2.

THE M. FANGER DEPT. STORE SUSPENDS BUSINESS

Matter of Occupation Tax Settled and Mr. Fanger Leaves Plattsmouth With the Good Will of All.

From Saturday's Daily.
The matter of the collection of the occupation tax from M. Fanger for the conducting of the auction sale here from January 13 to January 25, seems to have reached a stage where a compromise can be reached by the city and Mr. Fanger and settlement made on terms that will be satisfactory to both sides, as Mr. Fanger is willing to pay a moderate sum for the tax on the auction, but objects very much to the heavy sum demanded by the city, which is in the neighborhood of \$200, and rather than put the city to the necessity of going to the expense of long litigation in the matter it will, in all likelihood, be settled agreeably to both parties. Mr. Fanger has paid his regular occupation tax to the city, and this entitles him to the same consideration as other merchants, and the heavy amount asked seems to be rather excessive in view of the tax on other occupations.

During the time that Mr. Fanger has been in business in this city he has been one of the most energetic and progressive of the merchants, and his departure will be very much regretted by his friends, and in leaving this city, where he has been so very successful in his business ventures, Mr. Fanger feels a keen regret, and were it not for his extensive interests in Missouri Valley he would willingly remain here, but he feels that he desires to soon withdraw from active commercial life and enjoy a well deserved rest, and his fondest hope is that when he is able to lay aside business cares that he will be able to return to Plattsmouth and spend his remaining years here with his family in the old town, where he received his start, and Mr. Fanger always gives the good people of Plattsmouth the fullest credit for his being able to be where he is today in the business world. There has not been many men as square in their dealings with their fellow merchants and patrons than Mr. Fanger, and his departure from our city will be regretted very much.

The stock of goods will be shipped today to Missouri Valley and Mr. Fanger expects to depart also for his Iowa home and say good-bye for the present at least to his friends and former patrons in Plattsmouth.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY JUDGE

From Saturday's Daily.
From Elmwood comes the information that Harry Lefler, who has recently located in this city to practice law in the office of D. O. Dwyer, has decided to enter the political game and will be a candidate for county judge at the coming primaries. Mr. Lefler has had splendid educational opportunities at the state university and the state normal, which should fit him for the office to which he aspires. Under the law the office of county judge is on the non-partisan ballot and the candidates will appear on their own merits without any party designations. County Judge Beeson will also be a candidate for re-election to the office.

Out for the First Time.

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FARM LOANS, at 5 per cent and 5 1/2 per cent. No delays. T. H. Pollock.