

# The Plattsmouth Journal.

## DISTRESSING AFFAIR YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Willie, the 10-Year-Old Son of Alfred Edgerton, Drowned in Merciless Waters of Missouri River.

From Friday's Daily.

For the first time in quite a few years the cold, merciless waters of the old Missouri river yesterday claimed another victim, Willie, the little 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Edgerton, the drowning occurring shortly after 4:30, and it was not until nearly 5:30 that the body of the little lad was recovered by the searchers and brought back to shore, stilled and lifeless.

Willie, in company with two other boys of about the same age, had gone swimming just after school, going to what is known as the first channel, just opposite the Burlington depot, at the head of the large sandbar. Just how the drowning occurred is hard to determine, as the two little companions were shocked by the accident so as to be unable to give a very accurate account of the events leading to the death of Willie. The boys were unable to swim very well and the water at this point is eight or ten feet deep, so as to make it very dangerous for anyone who is not versed in swimming to undertake to go in at this place. It is thought that the unfortunate boy on getting in the deep water was unable to handle himself, and the companions being unable to aid him he perished in a very short time. The two companions came to town and gave the alarm, and a number from town hastened to the scene of the unfortunate accident in the hopes of being able to locate the body in time perhaps to save the life of the lad, but in vain. It was nearly 5:30, almost an hour after the drowning, when Robert Ames, one of the searchers, in diving discovered the body of the boy, and with the assistance of several others it was brought to shore, but far too late to bring back any signs of life, as the waters had claimed their victim and death set its stamp upon the features of the boy. The father of the boy, who was suffering greatly from the shock of the accident, returned to the river a few minutes after the body was brought in and the scene was one very trying to the auditors as the grief of the father was most intense and heartbreaking in its bitterness. The body was taken by auto to the home of the heartbroken parents on Wintersteen hill, where it was prepared for burial, accompanied by the father and older brother.

The accident is one that comes with the greatest shock to Mr. and Mrs. Edgerton, who without warning have had their loved one taken from them, and the intensity of the blow has been keenly felt by them as well as all of the family, as the little lad was held very dear in the household, and only time, with its tender touch, can soften the bitterness of the blow that has fallen on the household.

The entire community will extend to the family its deepest sympathy in their hour of grief and sorrow.

The funeral of the little lad who was so suddenly taken from the midst of his family was held this afternoon at 2:30 from the late home on Wintersteen Hill, and was attended by a large number of the friends and neighbors. The services were conducted by Rev. F. M. Drulliner, pastor of the Methodist church, who, in his remarks, brought to the sorrowing family a sense of comfort in the promise of the Master of the dawning of a brighter day, where hearts and lives separated on this earth might find a meeting where the grief of parting would come no more. The floral tributes expressed the feeling of sympathy of the community for the parents in their loss, and at the close of the services the cortage wended its way to Oak Hill cemetery, where the burial was held in the family lot in that beautiful city of silence and peace.

### GERMAN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Services will be held on Thursday, Ascension day, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

## AUTOMOBILE OF WALLACE PHILPOT IS DESTROYED

From Friday's Daily.

Wallace Philpot, residing near Weeping Water, Wednesday evening, shortly after 8 o'clock, experienced quite a misfortune in the destruction of his automobile by fire just as he was starting from his home to Weeping Water. The car had only proceeded about half a mile from the home of Mr. Philpot when the gasoline supply became ignited from a leak in the exhaust pipe and in a very few minutes the car was all ablaze, but the occupants escaped without injury. The car was totally destroyed. Just a week previous Willard Clapp experienced a similar accident near the same place, and Mr. Philpot had at that time taken out an insurance policy for \$400 on the auto, which will save a total loss on the car.

## COACH SHOP AND FREIGHT DEPARTMENT HAVE A BALL GAME

From Friday's Daily.

Last evening the members of the Burlington freight car repair department and the employees of the coach shop department gathered at the Red Sox ball park to enjoy an exhibition of the great national pastime, with the result that the coach shop boys proved the winners by the score of 8 to 3 in a most spirited contest and one that was hotly fought by both sides. For the freight car boys Pete Herold did the pitching, while Amie Finder and Charley Ault acted as the back-stopping force. For the coach shop Vern Long was on the mound and Cliff Burbridge did the catching stunt. Quite a large number of the shop employees were present to witness the contest and cheer on their respective teams, but the seasoned players of the coach shop proved too much for their opponents as they numbered in their lineup Craig, Mason and Fahenstock of the regular Sox team, as well as Long and Noble of the Athletics, which made quite a formidable organization to go against.

Other departments of the shops are talking of organizing teams to settle the question of the championship, and the boys will at once get busy on their plans.

## MISS MARY SCHOE-MAKER IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT TODAY

From Friday's Daily.

This morning as Miss Mary Schoemaker of near Nehawka was motoring from her home to Omaha, in company with her brother, Fred Schoemaker, she met with a very painful accident a few miles west of Murray, when the car struck a bump in the road and she was thrown against the top of the car, cutting her in a very painful manner about the face and head. The party stopped at Murray and the lady's injuries were looked after and dressed, but it was necessary to abandon the trip to Omaha and she was conveyed back to her home to recuperate from the effects of the experience.

### AIRDOME HAS OPENING.

From Friday's Daily.

The formal opening of the Airdome last evening attracted a large crowd of several hundred persons to enjoy the excellent program that had been arranged by Manager Charles Peterson. Six reels of pictures, including the opening reels of "The Strange Case of Mary Page," were shown, and all were greatly enjoyed by the large crowd. The pictures were all clear and distinct and the show thoroughly enjoyed in the utmost comfort.

### Horses For Sale.

I still have a few horses for sale, also some farm machinery. If you need them see me. Frank Vallery, Murray.

## COMMERCIAL CLUBS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

John W. Steinhart of Nebraska City Again Chosen President of Association.

### NEXT MEETING AT ALLIANCE

From Friday's Daily.

Omaha, Neb., May 25.—John W. Steinhart of Nebraska City was re-elected president of the Nebraska State Association of Commercial Clubs at the final meeting Thursday afternoon. W. D. Fisher of North Platte was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Vice presidents, one from each congressional district, were elected as follows: T. H. Pollock of Plattsmouth, First district; Randall K. Brown of Omaha, Second district; S. D. Thornton, Jr., of Neligh, Third district; H. A. Hahn of David City, Fourth district; R. A. Blake of Hastings, Fifth district, and J. W. Guthrie of Alliance, Sixth district.

Aside from the good roads resolutions and the public welfare appropriation of \$50,000 recommended early in the convention, the convention at the close passed a resolution instructing the executive committee to seek to arrange an early meeting of all public-spirited organizations in the state to devise ways and means for a good roads campaign in the state.

**Resolutions On Water Rights.** They passed a resolution looking toward the securing of state water rights on all the important rivers of the state.

They advocated the establishment of state, county and municipal forest reserves, and federal aid for the conservation of the flood waters of the Platte river.

They voted \$100 for Secretary Fisher for his excellent services as secretary-treasurer during the last year.

A resolution was passed pledging the support of the association to the movement to call a convention to revise the constitution of the state of Nebraska.

Some of the other resolutions passed were those: Endorsing the supplemental water supply. Thanking the Omaha Commercial club for its hospitality.

The next convention is to be held at Alliance, beginning February 31, 1917.

## A FALSE STATEMENT IS NEARLY ALWAYS RUN TO EARTH

The citizens of Plattsmouth have noticed from time to time articles appearing in the Lincoln and Havelock papers claiming that the Plattsmouth shops would be removed to Havelock, and particularly the recent article which appeared in the Lincoln Star, claiming the management of the Burlington system had made such arrangements at a meeting held in Chicago.

In order to ascertain if the Burlington management were contemplating such a move, the directors of the Plattsmouth Commercial club wrote Mr. George W. Holdrege, the general manager of the lines west of the Missouri river, enclosing the clipping of the recent article from the Lincoln Star, and calling his attention to the broad statements contained therein. The following is his reply: "Omaha, Neb., May 23, 1916.

"Mr. T. H. Pollock, Secretary Commercial Club, Plattsmouth, Neb.—Dear Sir: Referring to your letter of the 16th: The article to which your letter refers was not authorized by anyone connected with this company, and is without foundation. We have no plans whatever under consideration for taking work away from the Plattsmouth shops. Yours truly, G. W. HOLDREGE, General Manager."

## INTERESTING CASE IN THE COUNTY COURT

From Friday's Daily.

This morning the time of the county court was taken up with the trial of the case of Mrs. Mary Sullivan vs. Joe Wheeler, growing out of a dispute in settlement over the rental of the farm of the plaintiff by Mr. Wheeler and the division of the crop from the farm. The case has attracted quite a number from the locality where both parties have resided. The plaintiff is represented by Attorney C. A. Rawls and the defendant by Attorney D. O. Dwyer. The amount involved is in the neighborhood of \$300.

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOYAL MYSTIC LEGION LAST NIGHT

From Friday's Daily.

Members of the Loyal Mystic Legion lodge held their regular meeting at the lodge rooms last evening. The early hours of the evening were devoted to a business session, after which they adjourned and spent the remainder of the evening in a most delightful social time. Games, dancing and various other amusements were indulged in by the members, which afforded them much pleasure and made the hours pass all too quickly. During the evening most delicious ice cream and cake were served, which was likewise most thoroughly enjoyed. A few moments were devoted to a little social time, and then the members of the Loyal Mystic Legion departed for their homes, declaring that they sure had one good time.

## MUCH INTEREST MANIFEST IN THE GERMAN EVANGELIC MEETING

From Friday's Daily.

The session of the synod of Nebraska of the German Evangelical church yesterday at St. Paul's church was taken up largely with the discussion of two papers, Rev. J. H. Steger of St. Paul's church having a very interesting paper on "Christianity and Kultur," and Rev. G. Decker of Talmage, Neb., a paper on "The European War and Its Detrimental Influence on Foreign Missions." The reading of these two very interesting papers was followed by a general discussion of the different points of interest brought out in their contents.

A ministerial session was called at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and in this meeting Rev. O. Zwilling of Guide Rock, Neb., was recommended to the conference to be received in the membership of the German Evangelical Synod of North America. The resolution to this effect was adopted by an unanimous vote.

This morning the session was opened with a devotional meeting in which Rev. Maul of Lincoln led in prayer. Following this the meeting was called to order to take up the business of the day. A telegram was received by the synod announcing that Rev. C. Nottrott, a missionary from India, would arrive and take part in the sessions of the synod. The missionary will be here Sunday, and on Sunday afternoon will speak at St. Paul's church on foreign missions.

Rev. John Baltzer of St. Louis, general president of the Synod of North America, arrived this morning to attend the meetings, and was introduced to the conference by the district president, H. Krueger, who expressed the pleasure in having the distinguished churchman present at the conference.

There will be services at St. Paul's church in connection with the conference on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, Sunday afternoon at 2:30, and in the evening at 7:45.

For the Simon Pure Benjamin Franklin Lightning Rod, call on T. W. Vallery, or write him at Murray, Neb. 4-24-16mowly

## THE BALL GAME SUNDAY A ONE SIDED AFFAIR

The Red Sox Landed On the Stars and Stripes of Omaha and Won, 5 to 0.

The Red Sox yesterday afternoon succeeded in handing the Stars and Stripes of Omaha the first shut-out of the season, when they won a most interesting contest by the score of 5 to 0. The game up to the sixth inning was scoreless and both sides played a good, fast game, with Hick Carter of the visitors and Connors of the locals throwing a good game, and for the Sox some mighty fast fielding served to keep down the score. In the sixth inning Fahenstock hit safe over shortstop with a Texas leaguer that was beyond the reach of the Omaha players to handle, and proceeded to annex second when Smith retired on a sacrifice to Carter. Herold and Huff both walked, and Connors followed with a stiff one through shortstop that was too hot to handle, and scored both Fahenstock and Herold, but Connors was caught off first base and retired, and Anderson retired the side in trying to pilfer the second station.

In the seventh spasm of the contest the Sox added two more to their list by a well-directed series of hits on Mr. Carter, combined with a few errors which the Stars and Stripes pulled off. Mason opened the inning with a nice line drive through the second base territory which the Omaha players did not care to tackle, and Beal followed with a nice little bunt that advanced Mason and he was safe as the fielder could not get the ball in time to throw Beal out at first. Parriott placed a little bunt to Carter, which the pitcher seemed unable to let go of, and as a result the sacks were full and the Stars and Stripes decidedly demoralized for a few minutes, as Mason at third drew a throw from the catcher to the base and in a few minutes there was big doings in the way of tossing the ball around in a reckless manner, and while Mason was out Beal scored and Parriott advanced to third, from where he scored on a hit of Fahenstock to short. Smith closed the inning with a fly to left field.

The eighth dashed the hopes of the visitors to tie up the game when another run was secured by the crimson-hosed warriors. Herold opened with a two-bagger into the right garden and was able to pilfer third. Huff walked, Herold, in trying to score on a passed ball, was caught at the plate and tagged. Huff later scored on a wild throw.

The tabulated score of the game is as follows:

The fielding of Fahenstock and Parriott were features of the game that really deserve special mention as they accepted all chances and made good on them. "Smithy," at the first sack, was there and over and played a mighty good game throughout. Harry Craig, the first-sacker, was unable to be in the game, owing to an injury to one of his eyes.

### RED SOX.

	AB.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Beal, cf.	4	1	0	0	0
Parriott, 3b.	4	1	4	6	1
Fahenstock, ss.	2	1	1	2	0
Smith, 1b.	3	0	16	1	0
Herold, c.	3	1	4	1	0
Huff, 2b.	2	0	2	2	0
Connors, p.	4	2	0	4	0
Roberts, rf.	3	0	0	0	0
Mason, lf.	2	1	0	0	0
Totals	24	7	27	16	1

### STARS AND STRIPES.

	AB.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
E. Stacey, rf.	3	0	1	0	0
Donovan, c.	4	0	9	2	0
Collins, 2b.	4	2	2	1	0
Ectenege, 1b.	4	1	11	0	0
Devine, 3b.	4	0	0	0	2
Platz, ss.	3	1	0	3	0
Howard, cf.	3	1	0	0	0
R. Stacey, rf.	3	0	1	0	0
Carter, p.	3	0	0	2	0
Totals	31	5	24	8	2

Read the want ads in the Journal.

## REV. L. M. MILES SERIOUSLY ILL AT HIS HOME IN KANSAS

From Friday's Daily.

Thomas Wiles of this city has received a letter announcing the illness of his son, Rev. L. M. Miles, at his home in Soldier, Kas. Rev. Wiles has been in rather poor health for the past few months and his condition is such that it has become necessary to put him under the care of a physician, but it is hoped he will soon be restored to his usual state of good health. Rev. Wiles is well known in this city, where he has frequently visited since removing to Kansas, and his many friends will regret greatly to learn of his sickness and trust that he may soon recover from his indisposition.

## "HOME COMING" TO BE HELD THE LAST WEEK IN AUGUST

From Friday's Daily.

The interest in the "Home Coming" celebration and fall festival for the last week in August continues to grow and the executive committee is preparing for a very extensive campaign to interest the public in this enterprise which will mean so much to the city, and to insure its success everyone in the city will be asked to co-operate. Hon. R. B. Windham, one of our oldest residents and who has occupied a prominent place in the life of the community since an early day, is the chairman, and will have the assistance of a number of energetic gentlemen who can be depended upon at all times to see that the ball is kept rolling. The public schools will be interested in the project as well as each of the fraternal societies, which can get in touch with a great many of the former residents of the city and interest them in the making of the event a great gala occasion.

The city government has come to the front by the appointment of a boosting committee, which, with the mayor, will do all in its power to make the occasion one long to be remembered. The literature prepared for the purpose of boosting this event will soon be ready, and everyone should co-operate in seeing that it does the greatest good in assisting the project. Get busy now and see that your old friends are in Plattsmouth the last week in August.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES OCCURRED AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Yesterday was the memorial day service of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps, preparatory to the observation of Decoration Day, when they strew flowers upon the graves of the soldier dead of the nation and the members of the Post, now few in number, together with the members of the Relief Corps, marched from their rooms in the court house to the First Presbyterian church where the services were held. The weight of years was evident on the veterans as they marched on their way to divine worship, and was a touching object lesson of the rapidly vanishing grand army that had faced death that the republic might live, and to whom a nation owes such a deep debt of gratitude. The sermon delivered by Rev. C. E. Perlee of the Christian church, was one of much force and eloquence, as the speaker paid his tribute of love and esteem to the veterans of the nation, who are growing less each year, and will soon cease to answer the roll call on Memorial Day, save in the hearts of those they leave behind.

Rev. McClusky gave the scripture lesson while the prayer was offered by Rev. F. M. Drulliner. During the service a special anthem suitable to the event was given by the choir, as well as two numbers by the Plattsmouth Male quartet, composed of Rev. McClusky, E. W. Knorr, Herman Hough and Bert Knorr, which aided greatly in making the occasion one of great beauty and pleasure to those in attendance.

## AMATEUR CHECK FORGER TRIES HIS HAND HERE

Successful In Getting It Cashed, But Is Captured the Same Evening and Placed in Jail.

Saturday afternoon at about 4:30 a stranger visited the store of H. M. Soennichsen in this city and made the purchase of a few articles, tendering in payment thereof a check for \$15.25, which was signed with the name of Charles Parker and made payable to Charles Edmunds, being drawn on the Bank of Cass County. Aubrey Duxbury, the clerk taking the check, inquired of Mr. Soennichsen as to whether or not to cash it, and was informed that as it was given by Mr. Parker to go ahead and cash the check. A short time later the check was examined and it was easy to see that it was a forgery as the signature was clearly not that of Mr. Parker. The sheriff as well as Chief Barclay were informed of the matter and at once started out to look for the man, who, it was thought, had made his getaway on one of the trains leaving the city shortly after the time he had cashed the check. About 9:30, as Mr. Duxbury was standing in front of the Soennichsen store, he saw a man coming out of the Barclay restaurant who answered the description of the one who had passed the check, and he at once informed Mr. Soennichsen, and Officer Wilson was called, who, proceeding up the street, placed the stranger under arrest and conveyed him to jail, where he stoutly denied that he was the party deputed. Chief of Police Barclay and Sheriff Quinton had, however, secured a great many important links of evidence that made the case very strong against him, having ascertained that he secured a blank check earlier in the afternoon at the drug store of F. G. Fricke, and, on being called, Mr. Fricke identified him as the party who had secured the check. He had also purchased a pair of pants and a tie and cap at the Wescott clothing store, and a pair of shoes of Avard & McLean, paying for them with the proceeds secured from cashing the check.

The man claimed to have bought his clothes and shoes at Glenwood, but finally broke down and confessed that he was the party who had cashed the bad check. He gave his name as Apperson and claims to live on a farm between Pacific Junction and Glenwood, where he has a family. The case was handed over to the county attorney, who will prepare the complaint against Apperson, and he will probably receive a rather stiff jolt for the rash act. Had the man left town at once after he had passed the check he probably would have made good his getaway, but lingered too long, with the result that he will probably be given a residence at the state penitentiary. He is a man of about 30 or 35 years of age, and has been a frequent visitor in this city.

## DR. G. H. GILMORE AND MR. AND MRS. WALKER IN TOWN

From Saturday's Daily.

Dr. G. H. Gilmore of Murray was in the city yesterday, hearing the Sheesley case before the board of insanity, and the doctor is looking fine after his vacation of the last four weeks in the western part of the state, where he enjoyed a well deserved rest and visit with his friends in that section of the state. The doctor is well pleased with the progressive little cities he visited and was specially pleased with the condition of affairs at York and Seward, two of the important cities of central Nebraska. He was accompanied to this city by his father-in-law, James A. Walker, who is feeling a great deal improved in health. He had been rather poorly this spring and his many friends here were pleased to see him looking so well. Mrs. Walker also accompanied the party.

Office supplies at the Journal office.