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MISSOURI RIVER BRIDGE MRS. C. E. WHITIKER MEETS AUTO ACCIDENT CHRISTMAS WAS WITH A SERIOUS ACCIDENT CHANGED IN FEW HOURS MUCH ENJOYED WEST OF TOWN From Tuesday's Daily. Mrs. C. E. Whitiker met with a

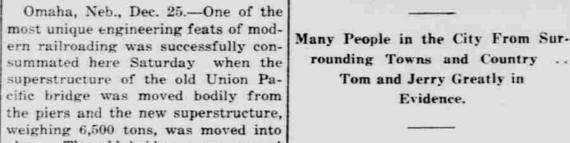
Head-On Collision in Which Several Were Injured, But None Seriously.

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dent occurred some four miles west north to temporary piers and the new Hirz was coming from the direction and immense block and tackles. of Plattsmouth and the two cars collided near the farm home om Adam

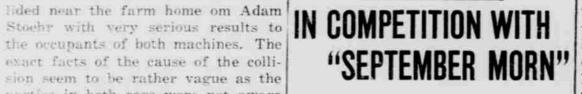
the occupants of both machines. The exact facts of the cause of the collision seem to be rather vague as the parties in both cars were not aware of the danger of their meeting until From Tuesday's Dally.

the two machines creashed head on into each other and inflicted the in- of the commissioners of Cass county, shippers to pay their tribute of dejuries to the occupants. Mr. Tritsch who has been in attendance at the votion to the new born Savior. Mass had with him in his machine his wife state convention of County commis- was celebrated by the Rev. Father and daughter. Adelia, and their hired sioners, supervisors and clerks here M. A. Shine and Father John Vlcek. man and of these Mr. Tritsch was this week, awoke Wednesday morning At the St. Luke's Episcopal church the only one to receive serious in- in his room at the hotel to find that the choral celebration of the Holy juries. His forehead was cut quite his clothing with the exception of his Euchrist was held at 11:30 Sunday the most severe injuries of anyone on deeply, having apparently struck the socks and hat had been stolen. He evening and the greater part of the the train, is still at the hospital in wind shield while he received a very was certainly in a delicate situation. parishioners were in attendance to severe cut beneath the chin which it Imagine yourself going out to hunt take part in the services. The mass



Quite a setious automobile acci- place. The old bridge was moved From Tuesday's Daily.

of this city on the Cedar Creek road bridge rolled into its place. Traffic last evening shortly before 8 o'clock over the bridge was stopped only a few and which resulted in the injury of hours. The actual moving of the new large number of relatives from out force that resulted in the fracturing several persons. An automobile superstructure a distance of some of the city gathered at the homes to of the right arm. Medical assistance driven by Ed Tritsch was coming thirty feet was accomplished in ten join in the celebration that is held so was at once summoned and the pawest at the time that the car of Will minutes by the use of donkey engines dear to all the world. The churches tient made as comfortable as pos the birth of the King of Kings that



were beautiful and impressive and "SEPTEMBER MORN" day. At the St. John's and Holy Rosary Catholic churches the usual

the services were largely attended, both on Sunday and on Christmas Rosary Catholic churches, the usual Christmas high mass was celebrated

at 5:30 in the morning and both Julius A. Pitts of Plattsmouth, one churches were thronged with wor-

rounding Towns and Country her home and which resulted in the Tom and Jerry Greatly in fracture of the right arm. Mrs. Whitaker was standing on a chair Evidence. attempting to remove some articles from the kitchen cupboard and while in this position fell backwards from The Christmas season in this city the chair, striking on a small stool was observed in a quiet manner by

which was standing nearby and then the residents and for the occasion a striking the floor with considerable of the city held services in honor of sible under the circumstances.

VICTIMS OF BURLING-TON WRECK SATURDAY

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Plattsmouth victims of the Burlington wreck on Saturday morning seem to be progressing nicely and it is now thought that there will be no serious outcome for any of those who were unfortunate enough to be in the acident. E. P. Stewart, who received South Omaha and is now feeling somewhat improved, although still unis thought was caused by his strik- clothing dressed, or rather undressed, was sung by the vested choir in a able to leave the hospital. Mr. Stewing the steering wheel when the cars in a pair of socks and a hat. One so very beautiful manner and was one art was struck in the nose by a section of the broken glass from the car window and the flesh was cut quite deeply, the gash made by the glass exto the members of the church at 9:00 tending up to the forehead and making a very nasty wound. The left leg of Mr. Stewart was also bruised up Presbyterian and Christian churches in bad shape and a will be some time held on Sunday were all in the before he is able to use the limb. His Christmas spirit and the message of face is also cut in several places from the small particles of flying glass. her as she lay dying as her chest and Miss Fay Cobb is suffering from ribs were broken and shattered by the large and the special music prepared quite a severe scalp wound and is still for the occasion was made a feature at the hospital in Omaha, but is showof the services and assisted in contheir work complete two shots had ing some improvement. The other veying the message of the time which parties on the train who were sufferthe ministers offered fro mthe pulpit. and from the location of the wounds ing from minor injuries have all re-The home gatherings were numerturned to their homes in this city and ous and were very happy occasions her death. Mr. Becker's body was are resting up from the shock, and for all those participating as the parents and children met together and their injuries seem to be doing nicely found with seven bullet wounds in it Miss Claire Bookmeyer, who was on assassins had been more accurate in the train, was shaken up very badly his case as the wounds were in parts and bruised and is suffering somewhat of the body that would cause almost from the shock of the wreck. J. W. Burnie is doing nicely from his injuries, which consist of cuts about the JOHN F. BAUMEISTER head and face and his case is not thought serious. Mr. and Mrs. C. A Welsh are both feeling the effects of the accident but are fast improving from the shock. There was hardly a person on the train that did not suffer to a greater or less degree from the mixup in the way of being bruised up from the force of the impact of the collision. It is very fortunate for everyone that the wreck was not more serious and that someone did not receive very severe injuries in the mixup.

painful accident Sunday evening at Story of One of the Most Horrible Crimes Ever Committed in the State of Illinois.

THE MURDER OF

From Wednesday's Daily. The story of the murder of John P.

Becker and wife two weeks ago at their home in Mason City Ill., fur nishes one of the most horrible crimes of its kind in the history of the state of Illinois, it is stated by those who have visited the scene of the crime

and learned of the details of the tragedy that removed these two helpless old people in such a brutal manner. The relatives who are at Mason City to attend the funeral, state that the feeling in that section over the murs being made to land the murderers where they belong behind the bars.

The facts developed in the case inlicate that the crime was committed about 8 o'clock in the evening, and the old people, who were 85 and 83 years of age, had evidently been sitting in the dining room of their home preparing to retire for the night and were shot down in this room as the traces of where the bodies had been dragged into the adjoining room were quite clearly visible and in the bed room the final work of the fiends in human form

derers had evidently proceeded to kick

brutal blows and kicks. To make

been fired into the body of the wife,

it was evident that these did not cause

and it was clear that the aim of the

instant death. Carpets and parts of

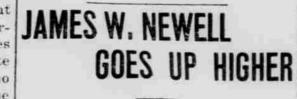
their hearing. Members of the detec-

tive force of Chicago as well as from

From Tuesday's Daily. The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. THE BECKERS Johnson was the scane of a very pleasant family reunion yesterday, when all of their children with the exception of one son, A. G. Johnson, were present to enjoy the holiday with

HOLD FAMILY REUNION.

the parents. Those who were present were: J. E. Johnson and family, Alliance; Jay Johnson and wife of St. Joseph, Mo.; Frank H. Johnson and family of Weeping Water and J. W. Chapman and family of this city.



the Pen. From Wednesday's Daily

This morning in the district court William Owens was arraigned on the complaint of the county attorney charging the young man with the vio-James W. Newell, who has been lation of his parole from the district

connected with the auditing depart- court by being in a state of intoxicament of the Burlington in the general tion yesterday. Owens was one of the offices of the company in Chicago for defendants in the case growing out the past several years, has just been of the assault on Officer William Wilselected as auditor for the entire Le- son in this city on August 6th, and der is quite intense and every effort high Valley railroad system with of- had on November 15th, on pleading fices at Philadelphia. Mr. Newell will guilty to the charge of assault to do retire from the Burlington the first great bodily injury, been paroled durof the year to take up his new posi- ing his good behavior and abstainance tion and will have charge of the en- from the use of intoxicating liquor. tire work in this line for the big east- Yesterday afternoon he had been ern road. Mr. Newell is one of the taken from a Burlington passenger ablest of the young men in the rail- train at the depot here by Sheriff road world and one that is constantly Quinton and the members of the train advancing in rapid strides up the lad- crew while he was attempting to reder of success. He is a son of Judge turn to his home at LaPlatte, and was W. H. Newell of this city and his first in a state of intoxication. When arstep in the railroad line was in this raigned in court the young man necity and since then he has been pro- knowledged that he had violated the moted until he will take over the provisions of the parole but asked had been carried out and the aged auditing of the big eastern road. He that he be given another opportunity

PAROLE AND IS TO PAY PENALTY William Owens, Who is One of the

Parties Charged With Assault on

Officer Wilson, Goes to

VIOLATED HIS

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came together. In the Ford driven dressed would certainly present a of the most impressive that has been by Mr. Hirz were Mrs. Hirz and picture that might well be entered held in the city. On Christmas day children and Albert Egenberger and in the art show in competition with the Holy Eucharst was administered this being the lighter car of the two "September Morn."

the occupants suffered the more from severe scalp wound that required sevwas cut in several places on the face bruised up. Albert Egenberger was the victim of a badly bruised knee cap that is very painful. Mrs. Tritsch and little daughter were badly shaken up and bruised but it is not thought that their injuries are serious beyond a severe nervous shock. As soon as the accident occurred medical assistance was summoned from Plattsmouth and the injured persons given treatment.

Mr. Tritsch and family had been knew considerable of the deal, and he visiting at the home of Will Tritsch figured it out this way: Rosencrans and Mr. Hirz and family had been in Plattsmouth spending Christmas and on arriving in Alliance wore a genwhen the rain came up they had both uine farmer's cap-one that pulls prepared to go home, hoping to reach down over the ears to keep those prothere before the roads would become truding extremeties warm. The muddy and slippery. The occupants Plattsmouth delegation, which, in adof both cars could see that they were dition to Messrs Pitts and Rosencrans, going to pass as the lights were going consisted of Commissioners C. E. on both machines and how they came! Heebner and Henry Smoke, and Road to crash into each other seems to be Commissioner C. F. Vallery, had been uncertain as all are very much | "kidding" Rosencrans all the way to shocked from the effects of the acci- Alliance. Finally they put up a deal dent. The car of Mr. Tritsch was on him. One of the bunch offered him going quite slowly at the time of a dollar for his hat, and he took up the accident it is stated. Both autos the offer, when Mr. Pitts suggested were badly damaged by the collusion that he auction off the cap. It brought and the Ford especially was battered forty-five cents. It was then that Rosencrans swore and it was this that UD.

caused Pitt's suspicion .- Alliance Her-MAYOR "JIM" GETS AN **ENGINEER YOUNG'S FEAT IN** AUTO FOR CHRISTMAS ESCAPING FROM COLLISION

Omaha, Dec. 25 .- Mayor James C. Dahlman was last night presented with an automobile as a Christmas sing the remarkable job of "unload- Elks' club. In 1889 he removed to present. The machine was purchased in" performed by Engineer Art Kansas, where he had since made his to \$2.60 per hundred pounds for with funds donated by the mayor's Young of Lincoln when he got off his home. He leaves two sons out of a print paper. Today he is lucky if friends. Recently criticism of the use engine pulling No. 15, a Burlington family of five children to mourn his of the mayor's automobile for Mr. passenger train, just before that death, John and Walter Baumeister, Dahlman's personal service resulted train struck a switch engine in the residing at Havelock and St. Francis. in a court order restraining the use Gibson yards Saturday morning. Mr. Kan. The deceased had been affected a pound; now he is paying 15 to 18 of the machine for any but official Young got off his engine and cleared with heart trouble for some time and purposes. At once the mayor's friends the wreckage without serious hurts this was the cause of the death. He started a subscription and sufficient or bruises while the train was run- was past 81 years of age at the time money was raised to buy him an auto- ning between forty and fifty miles of death. Mr. Baumeister will be mobile and leave a substantial bal- per hour. His fireman, on the other well remembered by the older resiance, with which he was advised to side of the engine, struck a rail ly- dents of the city as a gentleman of "lay in a supply of gasoline."

WILL REMOVE TO TEXAS.

derstood that the ink once \$1.50 a raculous .- Lincoln Journal. pound is now \$15 a pound. The job Miss Anna Inman, both of Glen- Mrs. C. D. Quinton, has been quite ill match Huff suffered a slight injury to were conducted by Rev. J. H. Steger S. Larson of Weeping Water came wood, Ia. The ceremony was per- for the past few days suffering from his right arm, having the tendons and of St. Paul's church. Mr. Baumeister up to this city last evening to attend was printed in black. LITTLE DAUGHTER QUITE ILL. Colored inks have gone up from 50 formed in the usual accommodating an attack of bronchial trouble, and ligiments torn very painfully. to some important business matters was a brother-in-law of Mrs. Martha to 1,500 per cent. News print has manner of the judge and was wit- for several days was in a serious conand visit friends for a short time. Marion, the little daughter of Mr. Baumeister and an uncle of Andrew Another match will be staged here gone up 250 per cent. News ink has nessed by Mrs. C. R. Stearns, mother dition, but is now reported to be on January 15th, between Schmarder While here Mr. Larson gave this office and Mrs. C. G. Fricke, is quite ill at and Louis Kroehler, Mrs. Harry Newgone up 50 per cent and roller com- of the groom. Following the wed- slightly improved and is thought to be and Cal Woods, who is one of the a very pleasant call. Mr. Larson and her home in this city and for the past man and Mrs. John Rutherford of this position has gone up 100 per cent. ding the young people returned to on the highway to recovery, which fastest mat artists in the northern family will depart for Texas next several days her condition has been city. week, where the family will make very serious. The little one seemed If you love us, come in and pay Glenwood. will be pleasing news to the many part of the state, and a side bet of C. S. Wortman of Claremore, Okla., your back subscription and a year friends of the Quinton family through- \$100 will be placed by the two wresttheir home in the future. They ex- threatened with pneumonia and has pect to locate near Port Arthur, in had constant attention to try and was in the city yesterday for a short or two in advance!-York Democrat. lers to add interest to the match. W. S. Wetenkamp came in this out the county. Chambers county. We wish Mr. Lar- avoid a siege of the dreaded disease. time looking after some matters in morning from his home near Mynard son prosperity and much happiness in She is reported somewhat better this the county court in regard to the CREAM, 37c, at Dawson's store, to look after a few matters of busi-1917 calendar pads at the Journal Get your New Year cards at the settlement of the estate of his father. Plattsmouth. 9-19-d&wtf ness with the merchants. morning. the new home. office. Journal office.

Mr. Pitts, who is a great big man o'clock without the choral celebrathe collision. Mrs. Hirz received a and as jovial as he is big, somehow tion. The services at the Methodist, secured a pair of trousers and a coat, eral stitches to close and Mr. Hirz the treusers it is said being built for a mon several sizes smaller than and head as well as being badly himself and proceeded to make a the King was presented at each servsearch. He had a dark suspicion, ice and the attendance was quite and after continuing his search discovered the articles of apparel that adorned his person the previous evening hocked at the Alliance hotel bar for \$1.75, which sum he had to dig up before he could receive them.

While not making any direct claims Mr. Pitts is of the firm opinion that B. A. Rosencrans, also of Plattsmouth, and deputy county clerk,

assisted in promoting the blessings of peace on earth. THE FUNERAL OF MR.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The funeral of John Frederick Baumeister, for many years a resident of Plattsmouth, was held this morning at 9:30 from the Burlington station in this city and the body laid to rest in Oak Hill cemetery beside that of the wife, who passed away twentyeight years ago. Mr. Baumeister had for the past twenty years been residing at St. Francis, Kan., where he died on Sunday, and the body was brought back to the old home for in-

terment. Mr. Baumeister was born March 12, 1835, in Hamilton county, Ohio, where he resided until 1868, when he came to Nebraska and located at Plattsmouth. Here he engaged in business and for several years owned

ing beside the track and sustained a high standing in the community and severe but not serious bruise on his one universally respected by those side. Mr. Young's escape from seri- who had the pleasure of knowing him. ous injury is regarded as almost mi- The funeral services at the cemetery

THE PRINTERMAN HAS TROUBLES OF HIS OWN

Pity the troubles of the poor print erman! Those who have tears to shed, prepare to shed them now. A year ago he was paying from \$2.50 he can get it at all at \$6.75 or \$7.00 per hundred pounds. A year ago he could buy good news ink for 10 cents cents a pound-and news ink is a big item thank you. Recently The Democrat job department took an order for a job that required purple ink. There was no purple ink in

MARRIED AT THE COURT HOUSE. stock, so the business manager ordered two pounds. A year ago he From Tuesday's Dally. could get it for \$1.50 a pound. The

This morning County Judge Beeson ink house said it would ship the order was called upon to unite in the bonds provided the one ordering fully unof wedlock Mr. Ray Stearnes and

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couple treated in a most barbarous has resided at Chicago since the audit- to try and abstain from the use manner, that certainly deserves puning department was removed from liquor and tearfully promised to try shment as terrible as the crime. Mrs. Omaha. The friends of Mr. and Mrs. and do better. Charles E. Martin, to Becker's head was crushed, evidently Newell in this city will be pleased to whom the young man had been pafrom the butt end of a gun the murlearn of his advancement and hope roled, laid the matter before the court derers had carried with them, the skull that he may attain further successes that he had cautioned the defendant was reduced to a pulp by the blow in his chosen career. The salary in in regard to the violation of the paand the nose of the unfortunate the new position that will be filled by role, but that the boy had been reared woman had been broken. The mur-

Mr. Newell is set at \$6,000.

THE WOODMAN CIRCLE HAS PLEASANT MEETING

From Wednesday's Daily.

bodies, although burning the lower which will be given for the first time limbs of Mrs. Becker and one hand of at the next meeting on January 9th, begin serving his sentence. Mr. Becker quite badly. The use of at which time the newly elected offi-

bloodhounds resulted in the arrest on cers will be installed formally. The the next day of two men named Thom- ladies are planning to make these soas who resided on one of the Becker cial features most delightful ni every farms not a great way from where way and special treats for the memthe crime was committed and these bers will be given that cannot but add men are now at Havana, Ill., awaiting to the interest of the lodge work.

ELMENDORF TRAVEL TALKS.

the Burns agency are at Mason City Five of our churches, the Christian, Frank Schmarder, the Louisville boy, to assist in running down the mur-St. Luke's, St. Paul's, M. E. and Pres- and Rudy Warner of Howells, was one Mr. Becker, whose great wealth was byterian, have arranged with the El- of the most interesting that has been the cause of the crime, had a great mendorf Travel Talks company to give held in the city this year and both deal of money at his home at the time one of their entertainments here Jan- contenders were fast and furious in of the murder and it is thought that uary 2d at the Grand theater. In the their work on the mat, and it required at least \$20,000 was taken by the rob- afternoon Mr. Elmendorf will give a three falls before Schmarder was pers and murderers in their visit. The free entertainment to the children un- awarded the victory. In the first fall dead man was a heavy depositor in der 15 years of age, that attend the it required twenty-four minutes for the banks at Mason City and Havana Sunday schools of the above churches. Frank to pin the shoulders of the and only a short time ago lost \$28000 The churches being allowed a liberal Howell lad to the mat for a throw. In in a bank at Pekin, and since that per cent of all receipts and the free the second fall Warner was able to time had been rather timid about talk to the children is a consideration put Schmarder to the mat in twenty keeping his funds in the banks and which should receive the support of minutes of fast work, and in the third always had a large amount of cash the church people. These Travel and final fall Schmarder was the winabout the house, which furnished the Talks have been produced at an ex- ner at the end of fifteen minutes. Each temptation for committing the murder. pense of \$2,000,000 and the very best bout was filled, with some mighty that is given today. The subject, clever work and created a great deal "India," is considered his best Travel of enthusiasm among the large crowd

LITTLE CARROLL QUINTON ILL.

under circumstances that made it hard to refrain from the use of liquor and that he thought that the weakness caused by this fact had largely been responsible for the downfall of the young man.

Under the law Judge Begley could exercise no option but to see that the original sentence was enforced as he

The Woodman Circle last evening has only the power to parole them at enjoyed a very pleasant meeting at the time of sentence and cannot take their lodge rooms which was quite up a second parole for the prisoner, largely attended and a great deal of and therefore pronounced sentence interest shown in the work. Three upon Owens of from one to five years candidates were initiated into the in the state penitentiary. The cours membership of the order, the work gave the young man a lecture on the blankets had then been piled around being given by the drill team under fact that he had failed to fulfill the the bodies and a match applied to the the direction of the captain, Mrs. M. provisions of the parole and had for oil-soaked articles in an attempt to E. Manspeaker and proved very in- the second time been brought before burn the traces of the crime, but the teresting and instructive to the mem- the court to answer to the very serimurderers in escaping from the house bers. The ladies of the lodge are ous charge preferred against him. closed up the room and the fire did not planning on very pleasant social meet- The young man was turned over to the gain sufficient headway to destroy the ings during the coming months and custody of Sheriff Quinton to remain* until he can be taken to Lincoln to

THE WRESTLING MATCH **ON SATURDAY EVENING**

The wrestling match which was held in this city Saturday night between Talk, which will be given at this time. present to enjoy the event.

> In the preliminary event Lee Fickler of this city was the winner over Clarence Huff of Louisville in a very

Carroll, the little son of Sheriff and clever exhibition of mat work. In this

