

MR. W. D. JONES CALLED TO REST

Pioneer Resident of Plattsmouth Passed Away Late Saturday Afternoon After Long Illness.

Another of those who have braved the hardships of the pioneer days in the great west passed to the Great Beyond after a life filled with usefulness to his fellow man as William D. Jones sank peacefully into the sleep that knows no awakening, Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at his home in this city.

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gentleman, now gone from our midst. In the sunshine of the love of his family and friends he was the flower and vine but in the storms of life his character was as the sturdy oak that breathes the trials of the wind and storm.

William Douglas Jones was born on May 2, 1839 at Sparta, Tenn., where his parents, Riley Jones and wife had located when the family moved from their ancestral home in the Carolinas. The Jones family was among the first settlers in that section of North Carolina, near the present city of Asheville and here they assisted in the formation of the colonies and in the struggle for the independence of their state and nation. One of the members of this family, Cadwallar Jones, has won a high place in the colonial history of our country, and who befriended the young man that was later to take an active part in the history of this country, John Paul Jones, and it was in honor of the kindly acts of Cadwallar Jones, that the great naval hero of the revolution, adopted the family name of Jones. The family of William D. Jones, settling in Tennessee in a very early day took part in the struggles that were a part of pioneer life and when the subject of our sketch was but three years of age he was taken by his parents to the state of Iowa where they settled. After spending his boyhood days in the state of Iowa Mr. Jones was sent back to Tennessee to complete his education and spent his school days there later returning to the family home in the state of Iowa. On May 3, 1860 Mr. Jones was united in marriage at Fairfield, Ia., to Miss Nancy Catherine McGaw, and they continued to make their home near Fairfield until 1866 when the family removed to Nebraska and settled at Plattsmouth where they have since resided. During his residence in this city Mr. Jones has taken a keen interest in public affairs and was for a long period of time one of the active leaders of the democratic party in Cass county and at a time when to be a democrat in the state of Nebraska was to face defeat and entailing many sacrifices. In these years Mr. Jones upheld the standard of his faith and several times allowed himself to be sacrificed for the principles he held so dear. He served as councilman in this city for years. In the business life of the city he was also very active and for the past fifty years has been identified with the business interests of the city.

It was not until the failing health made his retirement from active life necessary that Mr. Jones laid aside the cares of business life. For the past six years his health has been failing and for the last three years he has been a confirmed invalid and for the greater part of the time has been confined to his room. During all this long period of suffering this kindly gentleman bore his burden without complaint and his cheerful disposition and desire to spare those he loved from suffering was marked and until the end his thought was of those he loved and who had ministered to him with such tender care during his illness. Mr. Jones has been a member of the Masonic fraternity for many years and while able took a keen interest in the affairs of the order. In his death the community has lost a valued citizen and one that will be hard to replace and the family a kind and loving husband and father and in their loss the family will receive the deepest sympathy of everyone. To mourn the passing of this grand good man there remains the widow, one daughter, Miss Olive Jones, of this city; one son, Gardner D. Jones, of Chicago; and a sister, Mrs. Mary McGowan, of Los Angeles.

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SOLDIERS CHEER AS THEY REACH CITY OF PLATTSMOUTH

The Fourth Nebraska regiment of the federal militia that has been stationed at the Mexican border since their call to the colors in the early summer months, is once more back in their home state, arriving Sunday from the southland. The special train which was run in two sections reached Kansas City Sunday morning at 4 o'clock over the Missouri Pacific and was transferred there to the Burlington and reached Omaha shortly before 3 o'clock. The two sections of the train passed through this city at 1:30 and 2:00 o'clock yesterday afternoon and the soldier boys gave a hearty demonstration of their happiness at being back in the home state. As the special trains crossed the Burlington bridge and the soil of Nebraska was reached the boys gave vent to their feelings in cheers and songs as they passed through this city, the first town in Nebraska they touched on their return trip. The trains were sent over the Burlington short line direct to Fort Crook where the members of the regiment will be quartered in the barracks there pending their being mustered out of the service. Representatives of the Omaha city commission and several societies and bands were present at the Fort to add to the gayety of the reception and relatives of the members of the companies from Omaha were on hand to extend a welcome to the warriors from the front. The fourth regiment has been very fortunate in losing only one of their members who was drowned while swimming in the Rio Grande, and the relatives and friends of the boys were well pleased to see them return home without the necessity of participating in real warfare. The training received in the camp will be a valuable lesson to the militiamen and fits them to be the best of soldiers should the occasion demand.

PLATTSMOUTH COUPLE MARRIED AT ATCHISON, KANSAS

Saturday afternoon at Atchison, Kan., occurred the marriage of Mr. Marvin Allen and Miss Florence M. Shaver, both of this city. The happy couple sprung quite a surprise on their friends by proceeding to the Kansas city, where the wedding ceremony was performed. The newlyweds returned home yesterday afternoon and will make their home here in the future. Both of the contracting parties are well known here and held in high esteem by a large circle of warm friends who will join in wishing them a long and happy wedded life.

A. F. Vroman of Yutan, Neb., who was sent to Aurora, Ill., by the Burlington company to get a pile driver to be used in the completion of the new bridge near Yutan, stopped off in this city for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Vroman.

LAST TRIBUTE TO HENRY C. MILLER

Funeral at the Home, and Many Old Friends and Neighbors Follow the Remains to the Silent Tomb.

Yesterday afternoon the funeral services for Henry C. Miller were held from the late home on North Ninth street and the discourse of sorrowing friends that gathered to pay their last tribute of love and esteem to the departed was very large. Those who gathered at the Miller home represented every walk in life to render that last sad farewell to the departed friend and neighbor, and it was with a sorrowing heart that the old friends saw all that was mortal of the one they had held so dearly laid in the silent tomb.

The services were conducted by Rev. J. H. Steger of St. Paul's Evangelical church, and the pastor in his remarks brought comfort to the hearts of the sorrowing relatives and friends, holding out to them the promise of the Savior, of the time when the loved one might be near them in the better world, where the pain and grief of parting would not be felt. The service was in both German and English and the remarks of the pastor served to bring clearer to the hearts of the sorrowing friends the beauty of the comfort and hope of the Christian life held in the promise of the future years beyond the grave. The choir of the St. Paul's church gave two of the old and well loved hymns, "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Asleep in Jesus" during the services that came as balm to the grief stricken ones. At the close of the services at the home the body was tenderly borne to Oak Hill cemetery, where it was laid to the last long rest, the service at the grave being in charge of the Odd Fellows' lodge, of which the deceased had long been a member. This order was present in a body at the home and acted as the guard of honor to the cemetery.

Henry C. Miller was born March 11, 1864, at Ehrenberg, in the Kingdom of Saxony, and there made his home until his eighteenth year, when he came to America to make his future home. Locating in Cass county he had since made his home in this community. He was united in marriage to Miss Mathilde Pollard and since that time had resided in this city, and were universally loved and respected by all who had the pleasure of knowing them. Always in the best of health until the last five months, the illness of Mr. Miller came on him very unexpectedly, and it was with the greatest regret that his family and friends learned that his recovery was very doubtful. The treatment at the hospital failed to give him relief from his suffering and he passed away Friday afternoon at 3:30. Beside the wife he leaves one son, John H. Miller, his aged mother, one brother and one sister, residing in Germany, and one brother, Gustave Miller, residing at Madison, Neb.

THE EAGLES ENJOY A FINE TIME AT THEIR ROOMS

The members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles together with their families enjoyed one of their delightful gatherings on Saturday evening last at the club rooms in the Coates block and a very large number were present to enjoy the event. During the evening games of all kinds were indulged in that served to add greatly to the pleasure of the gathering and for those who desired dancing this was enjoyed for some time. The committee in charge had arranged a dainty luncheon which was served and proved a rare treat to the members of the party. It was a late hour when the jolly crowd wended their way homeward vowing that the event had been one of much pleasure. The Eagles at these gatherings have secured the most delightful sociality among the members and their families and which certainly are enjoyed to the utmost by all those who are fortunate enough to be present. There will be a number of these given during the winter months.

MRS. MATTIE WILES ENTERTAINED AT FAMILY DINNER

Mrs. Mattie Wiles was hostess to a family dinner Wednesday, when she entertained her nephews and niece, Mrs. Maria Gopen was present and enjoyed the day with her grandchildren. It was a day enjoyed by all, the only drawback being that the cousins who lived far away could not be there to accept the gracious hospitality. Those present were: Misses Elsie Villa, Mattie, Helen and Edith Gopen, Anna, Mildred and Laura Snyder, Frances Wiles, Helen Walden, Messrs. Oliver and Oscar Gopen, Byron, George and Ralph Snyder, Joseph Johnson, Glen and Myron Wiles, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wiles, Mrs. Maria Gopen and Mrs. Mattie Wiles.

RETIRES AFTER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

At the meeting of the official board of the Methodist Sunday school held on Saturday evening at the church, the board took up the matter of the election of officers for the ensuing year, and received a written request of Mr. C. C. Wescott, superintendent of the Sunday school for the past twenty years, that he be allowed to retire from this position. While the request was learned of with the greatest regret, in consideration of the faithful work of Mr. Wescott, the board accepted the request and selected as the new superintendent, Mr. E. C. Hill, who has been one of the leading workers in the Sunday school and whose executive ability has been shown in his work in the school, and Mr. Hill will be found a valued man in the position of superintendent of the school. The Sunday school teaching force is moving in harmony and with the able guidance of Mr. Hill will be able to accomplish much more good in the chosen work. The feeling of the board of the church is expressed by the following letter to the retiring superintendent: Mr. Cliff Wescott, Plattsmouth, Neb., Dear Sir and Brother: By direction of the Sunday school board of the Methodist Episcopal church of Plattsmouth, I am to convey to you their appreciation of your long service in the interest of the kingdom of God, an unbroken record of twenty years, as Sunday school superintendent. We regret the long pressure upon you necessitates a present relief from the duties you so lovingly and graciously assumed and which you have fulfilled so faithfully. Many a boy and girl of this city will carry through life the memory of Mr. Cliff Wescott, standing up by the desk as the messenger from God, pointing the way to eternal life. To say scholars and teachers "appreciate" you for your life, service, and example, is not the word. Sir, we love you for it, and pray that your relief from the present office will but add to your strength for a larger place in the kingdom of our Lord and Savior. We are, dear brother, yours in the Master's name. THOS. A. TRUSCOTT, Pastor. For the Board of Sunday School, Secretary.

CLOSING UP HIS WORK

The members of the Ancient Order of United Workmen lodges throughout the state are turning their eyes toward Omaha this week, where the special session of the grand lodge convened by Grand Master Workman Anderson is to convene today. This session is to take up several matters of great interest to the order and the chief of which is on the rate question. The very low rate at which all fraternal insurance companies sell their insurance has begun to be felt by a great many of the orders as their older members pass away and the death losses increase in great numbers in excess of new membership. There is not anyone insured in any of these orders that pays anywhere near what the beneficiaries are to receive on their policies and as a result after the membership begins to be composed of a great number of men past fifty-five the death rate increases correspondingly and makes it difficult for the orders to handle the situation. The Workmen will have the matter thoroughly discussed at their meeting and hope to reach a plan that will strengthen the order and not be too severe on the old members.

THE ANCIENT FLINT QUARRIES AT NEHAWKA

The Quarries Were First Discovered By White Men Over Sixty Years Ago.

The ancient flint quarries at Nehawka, Cass county, were first noticed by white men more than sixty years ago. Trappers and traders carried down the Missouri a tale of a hill and terrace on the Weeping Water with extensive remains of diggings. They were believed to be Spanish gold or lead mines, and expeditions were fitted out to work them. In June, 1856, a preemption was taken at this place by Mr. Isaac Pollard, of Vermont, who soon noticed the disturbance of the surface. So strong became his conviction that this was the work of prehistoric man that he made a trench thru the remains, which extended a hundred rods along the side of a hill at the level of limestone strata.

In the summer of 1901 Mr. E. E. Blackman, archaeologist of the Nebraska state historical society, explored the region, and a year later induced some eminent scientists to visit the place. These were Prof. N. H. Winchell, president of the American geological society, Prof. Warren Upham, secretary of the Minnesota historical society, Prof. E. H. Barbour, state geologist of Nebraska and Mr. J. V. Brown, archaeologist of Minnesota, explorer and author. Mr. Pollard's view was confirmed. The opposite page shows the Pollard trench, Mr. Pollard standing in it. This was dug sixty feet long into the slope of the hill down to the undisturbed strata, thru the debris of broken limestone and surface wash. At the inner terminal where the stone had not been disturbed, it is ten feet deep. The lowest stratum torn out contained a small percentage of flint in rounded nodules, which the debris shows to have been taken out. To get the flint, the ancient quarriers were obliged to tear out the solid limestone, break loose the masses of flint and throw the limestone fragments back out of the way to work further into the hill. The limestone shows the marks of heavy hammering and there were found piles of flint chips and remains of fires.

How did an early people manage to quarry thru miles of limestone to obtain flint? How long since they worked? What tools did they use? The works have been covered with several feet of soil. Oak trees two feet in diameter are growing upon this ancient debris. Beyond doubt they are the oldest evidences of man's existence thus far found in the limits of Nebraska, and as such deserve the attention of all students of Nebraska history.

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE A. O. U. W.

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SPEAKS WELL OF SHARP ICE CREAM CONE MACHINE

From Tuesday's Daily.

Saturday afternoon Marvin Evinger of the Empire Ice Cream company of St. Joseph, Mo., was in the city for a short time visiting with Lee C. Sharp of the Western Machine and Foundry company. The Empire company has its plant equipped with the cone making machinery that was invented and manufactured by Mr. Sharp for this line of the trade and which has proven very popular wherever it has been used. The plant of Mr. Evinger is one of the largest in the United States and the output of cones has been greatly facilitated by the use of the Sharp cone making machinery. Mr. Evinger was very enthusiastic in his praise of the machines and his tribute to their efficiency is convincing that they are all that has been claimed for them.

NEED OF A STORE FOR LADIES' TAILORED FURNISHINGS

A common complaint from the visitors from the country districts as well as a great many of those residing in the city itself is that of a store where ladies' suits and furnishings ready-to-wear can be purchased. This has been pointed out time and time again by a large number of the residents of the city and is one reason for a great many being compelled to trade in Omaha, as they cannot find what is desired in this city. To those who have carefully studied the situation this is the one great need in the commercial life of the community as the other lines are represented in stores that would be a credit to a much larger town than Plattsmouth, but in this one particular line of ladies tailored suits there is a decided lacking and in this day and age it is a very serious one too, as the demand in this line is constantly growing, and as the purchasers are compelled to go elsewhere to purchase them, other lines of trade suffer to a greater or less extent. Only yesterday a resident from near Union who was here, expressed the regret that Plattsmouth did not have a ladies' ready-made suit establishment as, he stated, his family liked very much to trade with the business men of Plattsmouth in their excellent stores, but on account of the purchase of the garments for the ladies the members of the household generally went into the larger cities to trade. The establishment of a store of this kind in Plattsmouth by some enterprising person would be a big step in the right direction.

WM. RINKER CASE AGAINST RINGLINGS'

The case of William Rinker of this city against the Ringling Brothers circus company for damages in the sum of \$25,000 is to be placed on trial in the federal court in Omaha this morning. This action arises out of injuries received by Mr. Rinker on August 10, 1914, while he was in the city of Omaha watching the street parade of the Ringling circus. A team of horses in the parade became frightened and started to run away and in doing so it is claimed Mr. Rinker was struck by one of the horses and knocked to the pavement where he sustained severe injuries that have since resulted in his being almost entirely helpless as a result of paralysis that has affected his limbs and vocal organs. For several weeks following the accident Mr. Rinker was at the hospital in Omaha and for some time his recovery was considered very doubtful and since his release from the hospital he has been unable to perform any manner of work and has the greatest difficulty in getting around. Matthew Gering is the attorney in the action for Mr. Rinker.

William Heiner and family were among those going to Omaha this afternoon to spend a few hours in that city attending to some matters of business.

INAUGURATION OF COUNTY OFFICERS

But Few Changes Only as to Deputies in Several of the County Offices.

Today marked the commencement of the new year for the government of Cass county and all of the county officials excepting the recorder of deeds, Mr. Snyder, who has two more years yet to serve in that office, were sworn in. The oath of office was administered to the county officials by County Judge Allen J. Beeson, who was in turn sworn in by County Clerk Libershal. There will be no noticeable changes made in the hour house this year as most of the officials have been re-elected to their offices. In the office of county treasurer, W. K. Fox retires after four years of excellent service to the taxpayers, and is succeeded by Mike Tritsch, who has been the deputy under Mr. Fox. John E. Nemetz becomes the new deputy in the office, and with Miss Mia Gering will assist in conducting the affairs of this office in the best possible way for the benefit of the people of the county.

In the office of sheriff and county attorney there will be no changes made, as sheriff C. D. Quinton and County attorney Cole will retain their offices, and in the office of Mr. Cole Miss Opal Fitzgerald will continue as the official stenographer for both the county attorney and County Superintendent Miss Eda Marquardt, who is also re-elected to her office. County Judge Beeson will continue in the office of county judge, having been returned by a record-breaking majority, and will be on the job in handling the affairs of this office. Miss Marie Svoboda will serve as the clerk in this office.

In the office of county clerk, Frank J. Libershal, the present efficient official will continue to occupy the office for another two years. The deputy in the office has not as yet been designated by Mr. Libershal. George L. Farley succeeds W. R. Bryan in the office of county assessor and will have the job of supervising the taxing of the property of the county during the next four years.

On the board of county commissioners Julius A. Pitz, the commissioner from this district, is re-elected and becomes for another term a member of the county legislative body. Commissioner Henry Snoko of the Third district becomes the chairman of the board for the ensuing year.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AT MURDOCK SUNDAY

Sheriff Quinton was called to Murdock Sunday evening by a message stating that a farmer residing between Murdock and Louisville, named Fred Kreclow, had killed himself in the automobile garage at Murdock. It was found by the sheriff on his arrival that the man, who was insane, had failed to end his earthly career, but had made two attempts at suicide by the revolver route. Mr. Kreclow had come into Murdock during the day and toward evening was in the garage, when he was taken with a desire to end his life, and, pulling out a revolver pointed at his temple and fired, but owing to his extreme nervousness he was unable to complete the job as the bullet flew wild of the mark. The sound of the shot aroused those in the vicinity of the garage and rushing in they were in time to see him lift the revolver and fire at his temple a second time, but the bullet merely tore a large hole through his cap and left the man uninjured. The man was then prevented from further attempts at suicide and on the arrival of the sheriff Mr. Kreclow was brought to this city, where he was placed under care to prevent his doing serious injury to himself, and, this morning, was taken to Lincoln by Deputy Manspeaker to be given treatment at the hospital. Mr. Kreclow has been subject to these nervous spells and which finally led to his rash attempt on his own life.

CREAM, 37c, at Dawson's store, Plattsmouth. 9-19-d&wtf