

# The Plattsmouth Journal.

VOL. XXXIV.

PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA, THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1917.

No. 174.

## DEATH OF MRS. CHARLES S. JOHNSON

The Passing Was Quite Sudden and a Great Shock to the Community.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The friends throughout the city of Mrs. Charles S. Johnson were greatly shocked this morning to learn of the death of that estimable lady at her home last night after only a short illness. Mrs. Johnson had been suffering with an attack of the grippe but it was not thought serious until Sunday when pleurisy set in, and throughout Sunday and yesterday the condition of Mrs. Johnson grew much worse, until death came to ease her sufferings and to bring peace and rest.

The regret felt by the friends throughout the city over the death of this worthy lady is most profound and there has been no one who will be mourned more sincerely by the hundreds who had the pleasure of knowing her during her lifetime. Always ready to do what was possible to aid and comfort her friends in their hour of need or suffering, the death of this lady will leave a place in the circle of friendship that will be hard to fill.

Emma Edwards was born in this city June 25, 1877, and her lifetime has practically been spent in this community, where she was reared to womanhood. For a number of years she was engaged in teaching in the country schools, and later took up teaching in this city, which she continued until her marriage twelve years ago to Mr. Charles S. Johnson. Mrs. Johnson in her girlhood united with the Methodist church and was a most devoted member of that faith and had been identified with church work all these years being ready and active to aid in any way the advancement of her church. She had for the past fifteen years been a member of the choir of the church and very active in the church societies, and no task was too difficult for her to undertake to assist in the upbuilding of the organizations. The death of Mrs. Johnson comes as a terrible shock to the bereaved husband as well as to the brother and sisters whom she had cared for since the death of the mother eighteen years ago, and to these her death brings a loss that only time can soften and her blessed memory will be cherished throughout the years to come by those who were near and dear to her. To mourn her death there remain the husband one step-daughter, Mrs. A. W. Propst of Myrand; four sisters and one brother, Mrs. Nettie Haggerty of Oak Creek, Colo.; Mrs. J. D. McBride, Omaha; Mrs. Ben Prother, Elliott, Ia.; Mrs. Oscar Larson, Scranton, Kan., and Glen Edwards of this city.

The funeral will be held at the M. E. church tomorrow, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Friends wishing to view the remains may do so by calling at the home tomorrow (Wednesday) morning, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 1 p. m.

## ENJOY A DELIGHTFUL TIME AT THE FORNOFF HOME

From Tuesday's Daily.

The country home of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Fornoff was the scene of a most delightful gathering on Sunday last when they entertained a few friends and neighbors in honor of their daughter, Mrs. George Miller and daughter, Sophia, of Tuttle, Oklahoma, who have been visiting at the Fornoff home and who departed yesterday for their southern home. The time was spent most delightfully by the members of the party in the feast that had been arranged by Mrs. Fornoff and in visiting with the guests of honor of the happy occasion. Those who were in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Meisinger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Meisinger and family, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Meisinger and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Lohnes, George, Philip and Jake Fornoff, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Fornoff and Mrs. Miller and daughter. The guests on their departure wished Mrs. Miller and daughter a safe and happy journey to the home in the southland.

## SHOP BOYS WHO WENT TO WYOMING HAVE RETURNED

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Plattsmouth employees of the Burlington who for the past three weeks have been at Graybull, Wyo., engaged in work for the company, returned home last evening on No. 14. The members of the party—Joseph Ashenbrenner, Joe Sedlock, Emil Stenik, Otto Pilney, Will Neuman and Leonard Hawkenberry—left Graybull on Saturday and reached here last night, tired out with their trip and glad once more to return to the semitropic regions of Nebraska after an experience of 40 and 50 degrees below zero that was their lot in Wyoming. The boys all consider they have had quite an experience in the trip but were glad to return to Nebraska, as the wild west did not appeal to them in the least.

## LITTLE MISS LEONA LILLIE CELEBRATES ELEVENTH BIRTHDAY

Thursday marked the eleventh birthday anniversary of little Miss Leona Lillie and in order to celebrate the occasion in the proper manner, she invited a number of her little schoolmates and friends to come to her home after school. The children derived much pleasure in various games and songs, which were entered into with much interest and enthusiasm and made the Lillie home ring with merriment. At the proper time the little folks were treated to a delicious birthday luncheon, which was served by Mesdames Lillie and Baker. After the serving of the luncheon the children indulged in a little further romp and then, just before dusk, and after wishing Leona many more such happy birthdays, the little guests departed for their homes, declaring they had spent a most delightful afternoon. Those in attendance were: Nellie and Mary Richter, Marie Stokes, Goldie Sitzman, Gertie McDaniel, Mabel and Hazel Vroman, Nellie Williams, Hazel Covert and Margaret Lillie.

## WOODMEN CIRCLE ENJOY MEETING TUESDAY EVENING

From Wednesday's Daily.

The Woodmen Circle met last evening at their hall in the Modern Woodman building and a large number of the members braved the untimely weather conditions to be present. The charter of the lodge draped with mourning in memory of Mrs. Z. T. Brown, one of the members who has been called away in the past few weeks and will remain draped for the ensuing month. Quite a number of other routine matters was taken up by the lodge which occupied considerable time and then the members were given a very pleasant treat which Mrs. M. E. Manspeaker had prepared for them which consisted of a concert by the Altman orchestra, composed of Miles Altman, violin; Jack Ledgway, cornet; Glen Mendenhall, drums and Harold Smith, piano. The selections given by this organization were very much enjoyed and showed much skill on the part of the young musicians who certainly made a decided hit with the ladies of the lodge during their program. The members of the lodge regretted very much to learn that their deputy, Mrs. Joseph Droege was not able to be present at the meeting, being confined to her home by sickness and this fact detracted somewhat from the pleasures of the gathering.

### ANOTHER BIG WOLF HUNT.

There will be another big wolf hunt staged west of this city on next Monday. The hunt will commence near the brick school house in the neighborhood of the Eight Mile Grove German church and will cover five miles square to the south. The hunters will meet at the C. H. Valley home at 9:30 Monday morning.

1917 calendar pads at the Journal office.

## SHORT SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL

The Session Being Brief, There Was But Very Little Business of Importance Transacted.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The session of the city council last evening was one of the shortest for a great many months and one that was peaceful and calm in every way, and thirty minutes after the gavel of Mayor Sattler had rapped for order the members of the council were on their way home. Every member of the council was present and the business of the session was at once taken up by the dads.

A communication was received from William Baird, superintendent of the shops in this city, in which he stated that in the list of officers selected for the fire department were many men who were employed in the Burlington shops and could not be spared from their work in that institution without seriously inconveniencing the work at the shops and causing a loss both to the company and the men. He desired that a list of the members of the fire department be supplied to him in order that he might check them up and see who could be spared from the shops in case of a fire.

Councilman Johnson moved that the communication be placed on file and that the fire department supply Mr. Baird with the list of members desired.

Mayor Sattler thought that it would be best to refer the communication to the fire and water committee to take the matter up with the officers of the fire department and see about the securing of a list for Mr. Baird. The mayor stated that the city did not desire to do anything that would cause trouble or annoyance for the fire boys at their employment in the shops and therefore it would be best to furnish the list.

The finance committee reported the claim of J. H. McMaken for \$387.92 and interest at 6 per cent for the balance due on work in paving district No. 11 and this was referred to the judiciary committee to look up and pass upon at the next meeting of the council as to the bond.

City Attorney Douglas stated that the liability and security company which was carrying the liability insurance for the city employees had informed him that they would have a representative here to check up the city payroll and determine the value of the insurance to cover the employees of the street department.

The claims committee on the claim of Wurga & Schudlice reported favorably and the amount of \$17.32 was ordered paid.

The fire and water committee through Chairman Johnson reported that they had taken up the matter of the frozen water mains on West Pearl street and that the company had stated that they would fix all mains in the streets but that the private lines into the homes of the consumers was not under their charge. Mayor Sattler was of the opinion that if the private consumers had paid to have the lines put in their homes he did not see why the company should not look after these lines as well as the mains in the street. Councilman Bajcek stated that the mains in the street on West Vine street had been frozen up.

Councilman Harris of the cemetery committee reported that the blue prints of the lots in the cemetery had been prepared and at a saving of a neat sum to the city and that these would be put in the hands of the city clerk as soon as possible. Councilman Buttery reported that the lights on Washington and Lincoln avenue were out on Sunday last, and this was explained by Chairman Luschinsky of the light committee, who stated that the sleet had caused a break in the line but that this had been looked after at once by the light company and that the circuit was again in service. Mr. Luschinsky also stated to the council that the Nebraska Light company had promised to have two new transformers installed on the lines in the west portion of the city as the present transformers were inadequate to carry the load laid upon them.

Councilman Buttery called the attention of the council to the fact that a dangerous hole existed on North Tenth street where the light com-

pany had removed one of their poles and this was ordered repaired at once.

Mr. Buttery also brought up the matter of the pay of the election board of the Second ward at the recent school bond election, stating that all the other wards had been paid by the school board with the exception of the Second ward, and he desired to know the reason therefor.

City Clerk Wurga stated that he had taken this matter up with the school board and that the school board had claimed that this election board had received full time from the county for their services, while the other wards had made a reduction to the county of the time they had put in canvassing the school bond vote.

The finance committee of the council reported on the following claims and after their being ordered paid the council adjourned: Frank Cechal, rent of ground for one year, \$4; Charles Allen, street work, \$6.75; Mike Lutz, salary street commissioner, \$4.50; Mike Karnes, carrying cinders, \$1; Claus Boetel, burying three dogs, \$1.50; I. N. Cummings, burying one dog, 50c; E. C. Hyde, hauling hose cart, \$1.50.

## TEMPORARY INJUNCTION TO PROPERTY OWNERS

The hearing of the injunction case of Edward Fitzgerald, et al., vs. the City of Plattsmouth was staged this morning in district court before Judge Begley and a large number of the parties interested in the suit were present to hear the matter argued before the court. For the property owners along Washington Avenue, Attorney D. O. Dwyer and Attorney A. L. Tidd appeared while the city was represented by City Attorney J. E. Douglas and Attorney C. A. Rawls. The city bases its contention of the legality of the paving improvement and the right to levy and assess the cost to the property abutting on the street paved to the law enacted by the legislature at the session of 1915 in which they contend there were two methods of procedure offered for cities making these improvements, one being a petition of three-fifths of the property owners in the proposed paving districts and the second being by a vote of three-fourths of the members of the city council, regardless of whether or not there was a petition. The attorneys for the property owners contend that the improvement is a general improvement for which the whole city is jointly responsible and is not of a nature to warrant. It is also contended that the city council did not have proper jurisdiction in the matter and could not legally create the district without the petition of the property owners.

The court after hearing the arguments on both sides allowed the motion of the city to strike out the paragraph of the petition of the property owners which covered the methods of procedure of the council in establishing the district but over ruled the motions on the other paragraphs which the city sought to have stricken out. The court granted a temporary injunction in the matter until Friday, February 2nd, when it will be again taken up.

## ANOTHER WRESTLING MATCH, JANUARY 31, IN THE EVENING

Another wrestling match has been scheduled for this city on Wednesday, January 31st, at Coates' hall, when Rudy Warner of Howells and Joe McVey of Falls City will meet on the mat to decide their superiority. Both of the wrestlers are among the best in the state, and in their matches in the past have taken on some of the leaders in this sport. Warner and McVey have both wrestled with Schmarter, the Louisville wrestler, and demonstrated that they are among the comers in this sport. Mart L. Williams of this city will act as referee of the match. The event will attract quite a number from the surrounding territory to take in the match as the reputation of the wrestlers guarantees a good fast match.

## THE BEST COUNTY FARM IN NEBRASKA

And Due to the General Good Management of the Superintendent, G. H. Tams.

The eighth biennial report of the Nebraska State Board of Charities and Corrections made by the secretary, J. W. Shahan, is one in which the taxpayers of Cass county can take an especial interest in that portion covered by the inspection of the county farms of the state made by the secretary. In the ninety-three counties of the state Mr. Shahan has visited ninety-one, and in all of these he finds the Cass county farm to be the best equipped, has the best buildings and is conducted along the most strict business like methods of any, and also that the surroundings for the inmates is the best in the state, being clean and sanitary throughout. This is something that the people should feel a pride in, and reflects great credit upon the board of county commissioners and Superintendent G. H. Tams, who have labored to bring the farm to its present high standard. The farm, in addition to its splendid equipment and handling, is self-sustaining and the sales from the products of the farm serve to run the expenses, as well as to fill a great part of the necessities that are used in the way of food on the farm. The statement made by Mr. Shahan is as follows:

**Poor Farm Buildings.**

"Since my last report I have visited all of the poor farms in this state, and I find the great majority of the inmates are old people, and among them will be found the deaf, blind, feeble-minded, epileptic as well as the intelligent dependent, but by force of circumstances this is their home and all the home they have, and as I said in my last biennial report: 'The most sacred place to any one, whether rich, or poor, is home,' and it should be as attractive and clean as it is possible to have it, and some of the poor farm buildings are clean, but some of them, I am sorry to say, are not. It is not altogether the fault of the superintendent either, but got right down to the root of the evil and it is easily ascertained that the greater fault lies with the county boards. They want to make a good financial showing, so that they may be continued in office, and let the poor farm take care of itself, well knowing that not one in fifty of the legal voters of his district ever visit the farm. I wish that all of the county boards and superintendents might hold a meeting and assemble at the poor farm at Plattsmouth, in Cass county, where I think some of them would get their eyes opened. The buildings and beds at this farm are absolutely clean; the chicken house is swept out, and the cow-barn is washed out, every morning. The cement platform where the hogs are fed is washed off after each meal, and the farm implements cleaned off and put in their place in the implement shed, and everything about the premises is in excellent shape and indicate a well kept and prosperous institution. Thanks to a good county board and superintendent."

"While this place receives praise (and I love to give credit where credit is due) there are some others that are very poorly managed, both by the county board and superintendent; in some instances old wooden bedsteads are used, the bedding dirty, no bathing facilities, and the house full of vermin. In these cases I have tried to have conditions improved by advising with the county board and the superintendent and I hope that some good results have been accomplished."

### SOME MIGHTY FINE PICTURES.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Gus Olson of the Olson Photo Company has just completed an enlargement of the Red Sox base ball team which was taken on September 1st, when the team played Syracuse in this city during the Fall Festival and the picture is certainly a fine piece of work in every way. Mr. Olson presented one of the enlargements to each member of the team as well as the manager and the Journal publisher was also remembered with one of the fine pictures.

## RECEIVES WORD OF DEATH OF BROTHR IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

Mrs. Elvira C. Tewksbury has received word of the death of her only brother, Isaac F. Walker, at his home in Concord, New Hampshire, which occurred on Saturday, January 13th. Mr. Walker was buried in the Concord cemetery on Tuesday, January 16th, on his eighty-ninth birthday anniversary. Mr. Walker has spent his lifetime in Concord and had not been farther than 100 miles from the place of his birth during his long life, preferring the quiet of the New England home to travel. Mr. Walker and Mrs. Tewksbury have the distinction of being son and daughter of one of the soldiers of the American revolution as their father, James Walker, served throughout the struggle for independence in the New England troops of the American patriot army. He passed away in 1837 when the son was but nine year old and the daughter six years of age. Mr. Walker was also the father of Mrs. Anna M. Wooley of this city, but she has made her home since a little child with her aunt, Mrs. Tewksbury, in this county. The news of the death of her brother came quite unexpectedly to the aged sister who is in her eighty-sixth year and to the daughter, who had not known of his serious condition.

## RECOLLECTION OF YEARS AGO BROUGHT BACK IN COASTING

Last evening high school hill took on the aspect of years ago when the coasters took possession and proceeded to spend several hours in the facinations of this sport. The icy condition of the track made the sleds go at a high rate of speed and the "bobs" were able to travel beyond the Burlington subway and the hand sleds which were quite numerous were able to keep a close second. To the older generation the coasting brought back recollection of days when high school hill was sure "some hill" as this was before it had been graded down to its present condition and it was a yearly event to hold the coasting carnivals in which young and old joined. The traffic on the street was held up during the time of the coasting and the fun enjoyed to the utmost. The automobiles in use at present makes it necessary to maintain a close watch to prevent accidents in coasting on the hill but a little care will suffice any mixups between the sleds and the teams or autos that may be coming from one of the side streets. Last night was the first opportunity this season to enjoy any coasting and the large crowd availed themselves of the opportunity to the fullest extent.

## JESS WARGA GIVES "HOUSE WARMING" AT HIS NEW HOME

The newly remodeled residence of Jess L. Wurga and wife at the corner of Eleventh and Vine streets has been completed and the household goods moved in and in celebration of the occasion, a number of their friends assembled at the home last night to assist at the "house warming" in an appropriate manner. The evening was spent in a very enjoyable manner at cards and music and in partaking of the good things provided for the event and it is unnecessary to state that the jolly party appreciated the gracious hospitality afforded them. The house as arranged is a model of comfort and convenience with everything that can make a real home provided in the fittings of the house. On the first floor of the house there are five rooms and the second contains three spacious rooms which makes a very commodious residence. The interior is finished in oak with the attractive French doors placed between the reception hall and the parlor, while the dining room and parlor are connected by a handsome colonnade. The decorations are in harmony with the finishing of the woodwork and makes a very artistic appearance throughout. Mr. and Mrs. Wurga can certainly enjoy life in the new home as it is made along the most modern lines of comfort.

## A LARGE NUMBER ATTEND FUNERAL OF MRS. C. S. JOHNSON

The Methodist church, where so often she had gathered to worship, was the scene yesterday afternoon of the last sad rites paid to the memory of Mrs. C. S. Johnson by the friends as they bade farewell to all that was mortal of this worthy lady and mingled their grief with that of the bereaved family. The church was filled long before the funeral services by those who came to pay their token of love to their departed friend whom they had been parted with for all time upon this earth.

The casket was borne into the church by C. C. Westcott, Robert Hayes, E. C. Hill, J. W. Crabill, Jennings Seivers and Henry Zuckweiler, old friends and associates in the work of the church in which Mrs. Johnson had been so faithful. As the body entered the church the soft strains of "Lead Kindly Light" was played as it was borne to the rostrum where the services were conducted by the pastor of the church, Rev. Thomas A. Truscott. The pastor in his remarks paid a remarkable tribute to the life of Mrs. Johnson and its worthiness in the sight of the Master for whom she had unselfishly labored and toiled at a sacrifice of time and health and in her kind and unselfish devotion to duty had weakened and broken her health until she was stricken with her last illness. The pastor in his remarks told of a number of the noble deeds that Mrs. Johnson had assisted in carrying out during her lifetime and the sweet reward that such a life must bring in the hereafter when the loved ones are gathered home to the bosom of their Maker in eternal rest and peace. To the family, the pastor spoke words of comfort and hope for the future when they too might meet with their beloved in the hereafter free from the pains and parting of this mortal life. Rev. Truscott spoke of the personal sense of the loss felt by himself and family in the death of Mrs. Johnson as a friend and neighbor and paid a touching tribute to the worth of the life of this lady. During the services a choir composed of Mrs. E. H. Westcott, Mrs. Mae Morgan, Miss Leone Brady, Mrs. Charles Jelinek, Will Wurga, F. A. Clويد and Jennings Seivers gave a number of the songs that the deceased had been so fond of during her lifetime, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," "Face to Face," and "Jesus Savior, Pilot Me."

At the close of the service at the church the flower laden casket was borne to Oak Hill cemetery where it was consigned to the last resting place in the family lot in that city of the silent.

## PLATTSMOUTH YOUNG MAN DIED AT FALLS CITY

The information has been received in this city of the death at his home in Falls City Tuesday of Harold H. Williams, a former resident of this city, where he was born some twenty-five years ago, and where he had spent practically his lifetime. Mr. Williams has not been in the best of health for the past two years and has gradually grown weaker until death came to end his suffering. The death of the young man in the first flush of his manhood brings a most profound regret to the old friends in this city where he has been reared and they will share with the grief stricken mother and the wife the sorrow that the parting has brought to them. "Happy" as he was known to the companions and friends was a very genial and kindly associate among the large circle of his acquaintances and although for the past three years he has made his home in Falls City, his kindly association will be still remembered by those whom he was closest to during his residence in this city. Mr. Williams leaves to mourn his death the widow and his mother, Mrs. Mattie Williams of this city. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World in this city and carried an insurance policy in that order for \$2,000. The funeral services were held in Falls City this afternoon.