

BIG DAMAGE SUIT FILED IN DISTRICT COURT

Mrs. Fred Schmarterer Sues John Linder Co. of Omaha for Selling Liquor to Her Husband, Now Deceased.

From Wednesday's Daily.
A suit for \$50,000 damages for the death of Fred Schmarterer at the Woodworth pond near Louisville, last September, has been filed in the district court in this city by the widow, Mrs. Sigrid Schmarterer, against the John Linder Company of Omaha and the Chicago Bonding and Security company.

In the petition filed in court it is stated that the defendant, the John Linder Company, is a corporation of the state of Nebraska, whose place of business is in the city of Omaha, where they are engaged in the sale of liquor, and that the Chicago Bonding and Security company is the security on the bond of the liquor company. It is alleged that on September 13, 1916, the John Linder company sold and delivered to Fred Schmarterer at Louisville one jug of whisky and with the contents of the jug, Mr. Schmarterer and several companions held a celebration near the Woodworth pond and that the result was that Mr. Schmarterer became so much under the influence of the liquor as to cause him to lose control of his faculties and in a spirit of drunken valor proceeded to jump into the pond and attempt to swim across to demonstrate his skill before his companions. As a result of the effects of the liquor he was unable to swim and was drowned in the pond before his companions could reach his side. It is further stated that at the time of his death, the deceased was 26 years of age and was employed as engineer on a steam shovel, at a wage of from \$100 to \$125 per month, and that his death has left the wife and two children, William, aged 2 years, and Charlotte, aged 4 months, in a condition without support or any means. It is therefore prayed by the plaintiff that a judgment for \$50,000 be given her and the two children for their care and support.

THE BOHEMIAN BACHELOR'S CLUB OF OMAHA COMING

From Wednesday's Daily.
The Bachelor's Club, an organization composed of young men of the Bohemian nationality residing in Omaha, sent a delegation to this city Sunday to make arrangements for holding a social gathering at the T. J. Sokol hall on Sunday, February 11th, and were successful in completing the final plans for making the affair a great success. The Omaha club expects to run a special train from the metropolis carrying the members of their organization and friends which will leave Omaha at 12 o'clock and reach this city in time for the festivities of the day. A tug of war between the heavy weights of Omaha and Plattsmouth and one between the smallest men from both Omaha and Plattsmouth. In addition to this, other special features will be given including a big social dance during the afternoon and evening which will be open to the public and prove a fitting climax of the day of pleasure which the Omaha club will stage. The entertainment will be under the joint auspices of the Bachelor's club and the local T. J. Sokol society.

CHANGES IN PROPERTY.

J. N. Elliott who has been residing in the vicinity of Cedar Creek for the past few years will become a resident of this city this spring, having concluded the deal for the purchase of the property of John J. Toman, in the south part of the city, and will move as soon as possible. Mr. Toman has purchased through C. E. Haney the single farm of 100 acres eight miles south of the city and will engage in the tilling of the soil in the future in hopes of benefiting his health.

DEATH OF MRS. WILLIAM CLARENCE, NEAR UNION

From Tuesday's Daily.
Mrs. William Clarence, one of the old residents of the vicinity of Union passed away yesterday at a hospital in Omaha, where she had been for the past few weeks taking treatment. Mrs. Clarence had been in poor health for some time and had for the past few months been a sufferer from blood poison and from which grew the cause of her death. Mrs. Clarence was 63 years of age and had made her home for practically her entire lifetime in the vicinity of Union, and leaves to mourn her loss a large number of friends as well as a husband and four children, Milton and Will Clarence, Mrs. W. L. Taylor and Mrs. Bert Everett, all residing in Union and vicinity. The departed lady had been devoted to the care of the home and her family, and it had been her greatest joy in contributing to their care and comfort. The family resided on a farm four miles northwest of Union. The body has been sent back to the home, where it will be laid to rest among the familiar scenes that Mrs. Clarence had loved so well in her lifetime.

PRESBYTERIANS WIN FROM THE WOPS OF OMAHA

From Tuesday's Daily.
Last evening one of the best basketball games of the season was staged at the roller skating rink when the Presbyterian Bible class team won from the Methodist Wops of Omaha, by a score of 45 to 40. In the opening half of the game the Presbyterians ran away from the visitors, piling up a score of 22 to 16, and it seemed as though the affair was to be decided in favor of the locals, but in the second half the Wops by changing their method of play gave the Presbyterians the race of their lives to maintain their lead, as the Wops annexed twenty-four goals to thirteen for the Presbyterians. Patty, who played forward for the visitors, had the Presbyterians on the go all the time in this half, and secured eight goals to his credit by his dashing and clever playing. The game aroused the greatest enthusiasm among the spectators and the game fight put up by the visitors was warmly applauded by the rooters. The Wops are a new team in Omaha and are a fast organization throughout and composed of fine young men.

As a preliminary to the main event the Eighth grade team of the Central building took on the Sophomores of the high school and succeeded in defeating the high school boys by the interesting score of 8 to 7.

JEWELRY SWIPED FROM SHELDON'S IS RECOVERED IN OMAHA

From Wednesday's Daily.
Sheriff Quinton returned from Omaha last evening where he located a number of the articles which were taken from the store of F. P. Sheldon at Nehawka, on Saturday night. The articles recovered consisted for the greater part of jewelry including a number of watches and small pieces, such as fancy pins, watch chains and lockets. They were found in a pawn shop at Thirteenth and Jackson streets where they had been pawned Sunday afternoon, but the party who committed the burglary seems to have been able to dispose of the articles to a second party who did the pawning. From the circumstances of the burglary it seems as though the robbery was carried out by the same person who did the recent job at Manley when one of the stores in that place was entered and a number of articles stolen. A stranger was in the Sheldon store on the day of the robbery to purchase some foodstuff and from his description it seems as though he was the party that pulled off the robbery. He was a small man about five feet, five inches in height, weighing about 125 pounds and appeared to be in the neighborhood of twenty-four years of age.

BURLINGTON WILL SPEND \$5,000,000

Improvements During Coming Year Include Big Elevator and Terminal Yards.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 30—The Burlington railroad will spend about \$5,000,000 in improving its system, it has been announced by Vice-President H. E. Byram, who is on a tour of the Burlington lines with other officials.

Nebraska's share of the expenditures will be a \$1,000,000 elevator at Gibson near Omaha, a cutting down of the hills between Omaha and South Omaha; seven miles of double track between Greenwood and Ashland; and an enlargement of the Lincoln terminal yards.

The road counts on the big elevator, to have a capacity of 2,500 cars, for grain shipping season. The system's relieving car shortage during the cars can be unloaded at Gibson and sent back again to Nebraska stations without being lost to the line.

The road is purchasing 2,000 grain cars, 3,000 coal cars and 50 large locomotives.

Mr. Byram said railroad presidents in New York soon would sign an agreement whereby the car shortage situation may be permanently relieved. Under this agreement roads pay high demurrage charges on cars not their own.

The Burlington stands ready to put up a new depot in Lincoln, whenever the other roads will agree to use it. The project will be made good if the Union Pacific alone will come in.

THE FUNERAL OF FRANK HIGLEY IN OMAHA TOMORROW

From Tuesday's Daily.
The funeral services for Frank Higley, who passed away Saturday evening at the hospital in Omaha, where he has been for some time suffering from Bright's Disease, will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Dodder chapel and the interment made in the Prospect Hill cemetery in that city. Mr. Higley is a brother of James Higley of this city, who was called to his bedside Saturday by the message announcing the near approach of death, and was able to spend a few hours with the brother ere he was called into the valley of the shadow. Mr. Higley is well known in this city where he made his home for a number of years and his death will be very much regretted by the old friends and associates. He was born in Ohio fifty-six years ago and in 1884 came to Plattsmouth where he located for a time and was engaged in work for the Burlington but some twenty-eight years ago removed to Omaha where he was for a long number of years employed as night foreman in the Burlington yards at Gibson and was familiarly known as "Dad" Higley to his fellow workmen who held him in the highest esteem and respect. The funeral was held late so as to permit the relatives from Colorado and Kansas to attend the services. The deceased was the youngest in a family of seven children and is the third to pass away.

PLATTSMOUTH COUPLE WED.

Yesterday afternoon at the county court room occurred the marriage of Mr. Ira Clarence Moore and Miss Nellie Boetel, both of this city. The ceremony was performed by Judge Geason in his usual pleasing manner and was witnessed by Mrs. John Boetel, mother of the bride. The groom is a young man held in high esteem by his many friends and is at present in the employ of C. E. Hartford, the local dealer. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Boetel and has been reared to womanhood in this city, and possesses a large circle of friends who will join in wishing her much happiness in her wedded life.

THE COUNTY OFFICIALS IN A MUSS THIS WEEK

From Wednesday's Daily.
The officials at the court house are, figuratively speaking, camping in their offices this week during the process of the cleaning and painting of the halls and offices on the second floor of Cass county's beautiful building. County Clerk Libershal has been one of the officials to feel the effects of the cleaning and painting as his office has been torn up for the last few days, and which makes the handling of the routine work a hardship, but in the end justifies the means as the cleansing was badly needed in the offices where it is being prosecuted. Frank Gobelman has a large force of men on hand carrying on the work and is pushing it along as rapidly as possible.

GEORGE W. YOUNG OF OKLAHOMA VISITS OLD HOME

From Tuesday's Daily.
George W. Young, former county commissioner of Cass county, and at present of Alva, Oklahoma, came to last evening from Murray where he has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Meek Davis and family and visited over night here with his old friends in this city and vicinity as a guest of his sister, Mrs. Charles Troop. Mr. Young came up from Oklahoma Sunday called here by the serious condition of his brother, Robert Young of near Murray, who is at the hospital in Omaha being treated for an injured hip which was dislocated sometime ago, and in company with Mrs. Troop visited at the hospital with the brother today.

Mr. Young is located on a farm near Alva, Oklahoma, and has been very successful in his farming operations there, which will be pleasing to his many friends throughout the confines of Cass county. Mr. Young has since going to Oklahoma been very active in the automobile organizations and in the good roads movement in his locality and has for the past few years been serving as president of the Oklahoma automobile association and is one of the live wires of that organization in promoting the cause of good roads throughout that state. Mr. Young has spent a great deal of time in the marking of the different trails in Oklahoma and is known from Oklahoma City to Alva as one of the men who have given the people of Oklahoma good roads to travel over. He has been honored by his good work in this line of good roads by having the great state highway from Oklahoma City to Kansas named the "Young Trail" and over which thousands of automobiles pass each year. Mr. Young states that his locality in Oklahoma is now experiencing the oil boom, as a number of large flowing wells have been located in the vicinity of Alva and which means a great future for that flourishing city. Mr. Young has a fine farm adjoining the city limits of Alva and one of the choicest pieces of land in that locality.

For a great many years Mr. Young resided on a farm west of Murray and a short distance from Nehawka, and was one of the best known men in that locality and his success is certainly pleasing to his old friends. While in the city yesterday Mr. Young called at the Journal to pay his respects an enjoy a few minutes visit which was certainly enjoyed very much as Mr. Young is a real life booster and filled with the spirit of optimism which makes success.

MARRIED AT THE COURT HOUSE.

From Wednesday's Daily.
This morning Clarence Lykins and Miss Mary Utterback of Omaha called at the court house and requested a permit to join their hearts and live as one, and accordingly were accommodated. The wedding ceremony was performed by Judge Begson in his usual pleasing manner and the young people hastened on their way rejoicing and returned to Omaha on the afternoon Burlington train.

Buy your stationery at the Journal office, where the line is the best and largest in Cass county.

TWENTY DEGREES BELOW ZERO AT 7 O'CLOCK

The weather this morning when the humble householder arose was of a variety that made the Shackleton polar expedition seem like a summer day's picnic, as the temperature stood at 20 degrees below zero at 7 o'clock, and during the earlier hours of the morning it had reached a much lower figure. The weather all day yesterday had remained very threatening, with flurries of snow and a strong biting northwest wind that gave the residents of this city a brief idea of what the residents out on the stock ranges and in the western part of the state had received. The reports from over the west indicated that the storm was one of the worst in years and especially in Wyoming and the Dakotas, where a heavy snow added to the intensity of the blizzard. The train service throughout the west has been greatly affected by the storm, delaying trains and making the task of getting through anywhere on time a very severe task. In Wyoming the work of keeping the lines open was abandoned yesterday when the wind moved the huge masses of snow over the tracks and into the deep cuts through the mountain country and closed up the roads for travel with the heavy masses of snow. The change in the weather coming so suddenly after the warm weather of the first two days of the week has made it felt very much by the people.

RAWALT-MAR- QUARDT NUPTIALS AT AVOCA

On Wednesday evening, January 24, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Marquardt, in Avoca, the wedding of their second daughter, Emma Mabel and Mr. Verne Parks Rawalt was solemnized. At 8 o'clock the beautiful strains of Lohengrin's wedding march sounded with Miss Eda Marquardt, cousin of the bride, at the piano. Miss Clara Marquardt, sister of the bride, entered first and marched through the parlor followed by the bride on the arm of her father. Under a pretty wedding bower with showers of pink sweet peas hanging from white canopies and with ferns in the background, the bridal party was met by the groom, his best man, Mr. Eugene Spencer of Talmage, brother-in-law of the bride, and Mr. A. A. Bashford, the minister. The ring ceremony was used, and as they plighted their troth the soft music of Mendelssohn's Spring Song was heard. Following the ceremony the guests, about 100 in number, offered their congratulations as Miss Ellen Kennedy, of Lincoln, cousin of the groom, played Mendelssohn's Wedding March and the End of a Perfect Day. The bride was charming in a dress made of tulle over silver cloth. The skirt was of short length, and long white kid gloves and white kid shoes completed the bridal costume. She wore a pearl necklace, a gift of the groom, and carried bride's roses. The bride's maid wore dainty pink crepe de chine and carried a gold basket filled with pink carnations. The gentlemen of the party wore the conventional black. The bride's mother was tastefully gowned in gray silk and the groom's mother in lavender messaline.

In the dining room a buffet luncheon was served by Misses Ella Meyer and Clara Neumeister. The punch bowl was presided over by Miss Leona Everett. Each guest wrote in the guest book before leaving the dining room. Mrs. Eugene Spencer, sister of the bride, was in charge of the dining room and the parlors.

Many gifts were received by the bridal pair and told of all good wishes. The bride, a young lady of strong personality, is a graduate of Peru Normal and has been principal of a number of high schools in the state. She numbers her friends throughout the state by the score. The groom is a young man of estimable worth and has a lucrative government position as electrical engineer in Denver. They left Saturday for Denver, where they will make their home.

Dawson Will Fix It.

DISMISSES SCHOOL ON AC- COUNT OF THE COLD ROOMS

This morning the pupils of the Central building were dismissed for the forenoon owing to the impossibility of getting the rooms warm enough to allow the scholars to study with any degree of comfort. The heating plant of the school was unable to compete with the temperature of twenty below zero and the strong north wind prevailing and rather than compel the children to endure the chilly rooms and the possibility of acquiring bad colds the superintendent dismissed the schools and allowed the pupils to go to their homes.

THE WRESTLING MATCH RESULTED IN A DRAW

Despite the cold weather and biting north wind quite a good sized crowd of the fans of the wrestling game gathered last evening at Coates' hall to witness the match between Rudy Warner, of Howells, and Joe McVey, of Falls City, who were the attractions of the occasion. Both of the wrestlers were in the best of form and a real struggle between the two that resulted in a draw was staged. The boys wrestled for an hour without either being able to secure a fall and the result was declared a draw by the referee. Both Warner and McVey displayed much skill in avoiding being put to the mat for the count as both wrestlers tried hard for a fall and while several times it seemed that one would secure a clean fall his opponent was able to avoid the holds and continued the match to the limit of an hour and it being apparent that a fall was impossible it was decided that honors were even. Both of these Nebraska wrestlers are among the best in the state and have participated in a number of matches with the best mat artists in the west. It is hoped that later the two may meet and settle the question of supremacy in the wrestling line and it will make a very interesting match.

HENRY S. HOFFERT AND SON VISIT RELATIVES HERE

Henry G. Hoffert and son, William, of near Plainview, Nebraska, were visitors in the city yesterday and this morning spending a short time at the B. G. Wurl and George Born homes. Mr. Hoffert shipped two cars of cattle to the Omaha market and availed himself of the opportunity to visit relatives and friends in Plattsmouth for a short time. The Hoffert family have been very successful in their farming and last few years with its bounteous crops has proven very profitable to them which will be pleasing to their friends in this county. Mr. Hoffert states that on the trip from Plainview to Omaha they were given the luxury of a passenger coach which was placed on the freight for the accommodation of the stock shippers and it is the first time that his favor has been shown to the residents of the locality around Plainview. While in the city Mr. Hoffert called at the Journal office and renewed for the Journal with which he keeps posted on the doing in old Cass county. He states that the large number of former residents of this county who are located near Plainview, Creighton and Osmond are doing nicely and all have had fine crops the past season and are in the most prosperous condition.

SEEMS LIKE THE TRUTH.

It is rumored that one of the young farmers residing in the vicinity of this city is preparing to rob us of one of the fair young ladies who claims Plattsmouth as her home. The fact that this young man has made a great many trips here in the last few weeks lends strength to the report and it seems probable that Dan Cupid will be on the job before the advent of the springtime.

Have you tried the Special Sunday Dinner at the Hotel Riley?

PLATTSMOUTH BUILDING SEASON PROMISES WELL

The building season in Plattsmouth during the year 1917 promises to be one of the best, if not the best year in the history of the city in the number of homes that will be erected, or new houses put up. The contractors are already busy figuring on a number of new homes that will mean the expenditure of considerable money, while others are preparing to have their residences changed to more modern lines, and which will also entail considerable expense. The general feeling prevailing is that the year will be one that will keep all classes of men engaged in the building trades very busy, and which will also make itself felt in other lines. This seems to indicate a very successful year unless the unforeseen occurs to block the plans. Several have already prepared plans and arranged to have the work on their homes commenced as soon as the opening of spring will permit. The plans for the improvements seem to apply to all sections of the city and are not by any means confined to any one locality, as everyone seems to be getting into the game in planning some new improvement for the year 1917.

ALIGE DOVEY TO WED WITH JACK HAZZARD IN SPRING

Miss Alice Dovey, who is well known in Omaha, not only because of her stage successes, but because of frequent visits to this city, is to become the bride of Jack Hazzard of New York, probably in the spring. At present she is playing in the musical comedy, "Very Good Eddie" in Philadelphia and will probably go to Chicago in the spring for a summer engagement. Mr. Hazzard is the comedian of the "Miss Springtime" company now playing on Broadway. Miss Dovey made her first appearance on the stage at the age of 16 in "The Strollers." She is the only Nebraska girl who has ever sung at a West Point Military academy commencement. Among her gifts is a gold bracelet embossed with a tiny mouse nibbling at a wonderful pearl, which was presented to her when she was a tiny girl, by Princess Louise, a daughter of Queen Victoria, who heard the child upon a London visit. Mrs. Fred Truesdale of New York City, formerly Miss Ethel Dovey of Plattsmouth, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Dovey, and a sister of Miss Alice Dovey, has arrived to spend some time with her parents. Since her arrival in Nebraska, she has run up to Omaha on several occasions to visit friends in this city. She was accompanied by her small daughter, and they came from Florida, where they had been doing some work for the movies.—Omaha Bee.

SMALL FIRE AT HOME OF MRS. J. T. BAIRD

The fire whistle at shortly before 1 o'clock this afternoon greatly alarmed the residents of the city and the hose cart from the central fire house was sent to the home of Mrs. J. T. Baird, on South Fifth street where the fire was reported to be. Before the arrival of the department however, the members of the family had succeeded in putting out the blaze which was caused by several particles of burning soot from the chimney lighting on the shingles of the roof and causing several small places to be burned before they could be extinguished. It was fortunate that the result was not more serious and had the blaze received a few minutes start would have been hard to check. The fire was discovered by Miss Carrie Baird who stepped out into the yard for a moment, saw the roof just starting to blaze from the flying particles of soot and she at once called George L. Farley, residing nearby who with several buckets of water was able to put out the blaze without only a slight damage being done to the property.

A want ad will bring what you want.