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MRS. WILLIAM EDGERTON, A PIONEER LADY PASSES AWAY

From Tuesday's Daily.
This morning at her home in this city, Mrs. William Edgerton, one of the pioneer residents of this community, was called to her final reward after only a brief illness, although she had not been in her accustomed health all winter. The death of Mrs. Edgerton occurred at 9:30, and came as a very sudden shock to the members of the family who were present at the time. Only a few minutes before her death, Mrs. Edgerton had been conversing with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Alfred Edgerton, and had stated that she felt tired, but did not complain of being ill otherwise. The younger Mrs. Edgerton had gone to her own home to telephone for a physician, and while there received the news that the mother had passed away. Mrs. Edgerton and her Brother, Mart Sheldon, have been keeping house together and up to a few days ago she was feeling quite well for one of her years, but on Sunday was taken with chills, and yesterday was not able to leave her bed, gradually failing in strength until death came to her relief.

Mrs. Edgerton came to Cass county at a very early day, when a young girl, and the greater part of her seventy-four years had been spent in this locality, where her husband was interested in navigation on the river during the steamboat days. The deceased was married when but seventeen years of age and for a long period of years had devoted her life to the care of her home and family, until the death of the husband broke the golden circle of love that bound the home circle together. She leaves to mourn her death three sons, Alfred E. Edgerton of Plattsmouth, George Edgerton of Hugo, Okla., and Gilbert Edgerton, who the family has not heard of for the past several years. The death of this estimable lady will be greatly regretted by the many old friends in this community, where her life has been drawn to a happy ending, when as a sheave of ripened grain she has been cut down, full of years, and with a memory to leave to those she loved, of an upright Christian woman.

The funeral arrangements have not as yet been completed, awaiting word from the son in Oklahoma.

GREAT BASKET BALL AT THE ROLLER RINK LAST EVENING

From Tuesday's Daily.
The basket ball fans were treated to a real first class game last evening when the Townsend team of Omaha met the Presbyterians of this city in the third game of the season and so both teams had one game to their credit, great interest was attached to the event, and a large crowd was present. The score of the game was 32 to 28 in favor of the Plattsmouth aggregation and throughout the game was fast and furious, with the Omaha team playing in the best form they have shown here this season, and the Presbyterians made a gallant fight for the winning score. This settles the question of the supremacy of the two teams in the series and the boys feel that they have won a well deserved victory in the splendid result achieved last night. This game last night was one of the best staged here this season and speaks well of the good work of both of these fast organizations. As a preliminary game the first and second teams of the eighth grade of the Central building put on a very interesting contest and as a result of the game the second team was able to get away with the bacon by the score of 20 to 16, and sprang quite a surprise on their opponents who had looked for something easy from their class mates.

TIME FOR HARNESS OIL.

We oil your harness for \$1.00 per set, and now is the best time to have it done. Also first-class repairing of all kinds at reasonable prices. Ten per cent discount on horse blankets and robes. John F. Gorder, Plattsmouth, Neb.

CHARGED WITH DESERTION OF WIFE AND CHILD

From Tuesday's Daily.
This morning Arthur Ramey was brought up before Judge Beeson on a complaint filed by County Attorney Cole charging the young man with wife desertion and failure to support the wife and one minor child in the proper manner. Sheriff Quinton brought the man up from Humbolt, last evening where he has been engaged in the barber business since leaving his home at Eagle. After hearing the evidence in the case and on the promise of the defendant to pay a stated sum for the support of the wife and child each month, the man was allowed to go on his way to commence the task of raising the amount that he will be required to contribute to their care. Mr. Ramey is quite well known in the western portion of the county.

THE WOODMAN CIRCLE ENJOYS A VERY PLEASANT MEETING

From Wednesday's Daily.
Last evening the members of the Woodman Circle grove of this city enjoyed a very pleasant meeting at their rooms in the Woodmen building, which was attended by a very large number of the membership. The earlier part of the evening was devoted to the regular session of the lodge, and later the ladies enjoyed the social meeting that had been arranged by Mrs. C. D. Quinton and other members of the committee in charge and which proved a most delightful occasion for all those fortunate enough to be present. During the evening the members were entertained by a very pleasing program, consisting of songs and instrumental numbers as well as several readings. Miss Marie Kaufmann gave two very pleasing readings, which were delivered in a most effective manner, and were received with marked approval. Robert Kroehler, one of the talented young musicians of the city, gave as a contribution to the evening's program a delightful violin solo that displayed much ability on the part of the young man and to which he was compelled to respond. Miss Helen Roberts acted as accompanist. Mrs. John F. Gorder also added interest to the program by one of her charming piano numbers. One of the features of the program was the vocal solo given by little Ruth Adeline Smith, and this little lady won the hearts of all by her charming manner in giving the selection. She was accompanied by Harold Smith at the piano. Mrs. Jesse Brady, one of the talented members of the order, gave several of her delightful piano numbers during the evening that added to the excellence of the musical section of the program. Harold Smith gave two excellent vocal numbers which were received with marked approval by the auditors and reflected a great deal of credit upon the musical training of the young man. Miss Eleanor Schulhoff served as accompanist for this number. Mrs. Eugene Setz, who is one of the most pleasing entertainers in the city, gave several numbers on the program, which were much enjoyed by everyone.

Following the program the members of the party were treated to some very dainty and delicious refreshments which had been prepared and which served to climax a most delightful evening. The remainder of the evening was spent in visiting and enjoying the pleasant occasion. This was the first of the monthly social meetings, and hereafter the second meetings of the month will be made of a social nature under the direction of the different members of the lodge.

OPERATED ON IN OMAHA.

From Tuesday's Daily.
J. W. Johnson of this city was operated on this morning in Omaha for the removal of a cataract from his eye that has been giving him a great deal of pain and annoyance and has rendered him almost blind. The family and friends are very hopeful that the operation may result in the restoration of his sight and permit him to return home feeling improved in his health.

A want ad will bring you a buyer.

CHAUTAUQUA THE COMING SUMMER

Below Will Be Found the Program of the Entire Week, Which Composes Some Fine Features.

From Wednesday's Daily.
One of the principal amusement features of the coming summer season in this city is to be the chautauqua, which is to be held under the auspices of a number of the citizens and which is now expected to be held during the week of July 4th. The local committee and officers of the Commercial club have received the tentative program from the Lyceum company arranging the series of entertainment, and as far as known it is expected the program for the six days of the chautauqua will be as follows:

First day.
Afternoon—Opening exercises by local people. Full concert by Chicago Orchestral Sextette, male quartets, mixed quartets, instrumental music, instrumental and vocal solos.

Evening—Musical prelude, Chicago Orchestral company; lecture, "With an Irishman Through the Jungles of Africa," Dr. Gabriel R. Maguire.

Second Day.
Afternoon—Musical concert, the Kuehn company, a company of recognized artists.

Evening—Prelude, the Kuehn Concert company; lecture, "Russia Today," by Norris Hindus.

Third Day.
Afternoon—Full concert, Bess Gearhart Morrison's "Old Fashioned Girls;" Lady Quartet in stories and songs of 1861; costumed readings.

Evening—Prelude, "The Old Fashioned Girls;" lecture, "The Mirror of a Mighty Era," Dr. F. Fox, chautauqua favorite in 1915.

Fourth Day.
Afternoon—Musical prelude, the famous Fisk Jubilee singers, eight people—twelve years without a change in personnel, every one a soloist.

Evening—Grand concert by the Fisk Jubilee singers—twelve years of unprecedented success.

Fifth Day.
Afternoon—Popular program, the Boyds, duets, dramatic and humorous readings; sketches in pleasing costumes.

Evening—Prelude, the Boyds; lecture, "Evolution in Matters Governmental," by Hon. Leslie M. Shaw, former governor of Iowa and secretary of the U. S. treasury.

Sixth Day.
Afternoon—Musical program, the White Hussars, "A Singing Band," a big hit vocally and instrumentally—a company of nine, in uniform.

Evening—Musical prelude, "The White Hussars;" entertainment, Ross Crane, cartoonist and clay modeler.

CELEBRATE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF MRS. ANDERSON

From Wednesday's Daily.
Last evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Miller was the scene of a very pleasant gathering held in honor of the third wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Anderson, and the occasion proved one of the greatest pleasure as the young people passed the hours delightfully in games and several pleasing musical selections on the Victrola, as well as piano numbers were given during the evening that served to add to the delight of those in attendance. The evening was one that was filled with the utmost pleasure to the friends who called to show Mr. and Mrs. Anderson with their congratulations and best wishes for many more such happy events in the years to come. At a suitable hour a dainty and delicious three-course luncheon was served by the hostess that served to add to the pleasure of the evening very much. Those in attendance were: Misses Tillie and Margaret Rabb, Edythe and Florence Grassman, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Miller, Miss Mildred Miller, Levey Miller, Will Miller, Morris Stander, Henry Stull, Lester Tillure.

WILL OPERATE GARAGE.

From Wednesday's Daily.
Sam G. Smith has taken over the garage building that has been occupied by Thede Amick for the past two years and will commence tomorrow to operate a garage and livery line in that building. Mr. Smith is the owner of the building and for a number of years operated a garage in that structure, and will now resume his former business. Mr. Amick is preparing to hold an auction sale of the cars and supplies at the garage on Saturday afternoon and will retire from the business to take up a more lucrative position that has been offered him on the road.

THROUGH ACCIDENT TO RAY, WARNER WAS GIVEN DECISION

From Thursday's Daily.
The wrestling match at Coates' hall last evening was the best attended of any that has been staged in this city, to witness the clash between Tom Ray of Omaha and Rudy Warner of Howells. The match lasted for an hour when the decision was awarded to Warner, owing to the injury to the arm of Ray, which prevented his further participation in the match. In the opening round Ray was the winner after twenty-seven minutes and forty-five seconds of wrestling, securing a head scissors and arm lock on Warner that brought the Howells man to the mat for the count. In the second round both men put up a determined struggle which lasted for twenty-seven minutes and forty-two seconds, when Warner secured a hammerlock on Ray, injuring his arm so severely that he was forced to quit, when the referee accordingly awarded the fall and match to Warner. Mr. Ray stated that if the audience demanded that he stay and start the third round he would, but it would be useless as he was unable to use his arm for any effective work.

A match will be arranged for March 14th in this city between Bill Hokof, of Omaha, and Rudy Warner, Hokof last night having challenged the winner. Hokof has posted a side bet of \$100 that he can throw Warner, and will allow him a handicap of two falls in an hour.

The Plattsmouth orchestra gave several very pleasing musical numbers during the intermissions which were much enjoyed by the large audience. As a preliminary to the big show a number of boys ranging up to ten and twelve years of age gave a very realistic exhibition of the art of wrestling that was very much enjoyed by every one and the lads received much hearty approval.

LADIES AUXILLIARY ELECTS OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

From Wednesday's Daily.
The Ladies Auxiliary were entertained in a very charming manner, yesterday afternoon by Mesdames F. B. Shopp and Henry Zuckweiler, at the cozy home of Mrs. Shopp on West Marble St. This being their regular meeting the ladies held their usual business session, and it being the closing of the year's work, the greater portion of the afternoon was devoted to the reports of the various committees and planning and arranging for the coming year's work. The annual election of officers was also held at this time and the following officers were elected: Mrs. Fannie Dickson, president; Mrs. John Gorder, 1st vice president; Mrs. H. A. Schneider, 2nd vice president; Mrs. C. A. Rosecrans, secretary; Mrs. Robert Troop, treasurer. After the business session the ladies devoted a few moments to a very pleasant social time—some stitching on fancy work, while others indulged in various amusements, all of which made the afternoon's entertainment most delightful to the large number in attendance. The hostesses served a lovely luncheon, they being assisted in serving by Misses Helen Lutz, Valeda Wood, Irene Scott and Catherine Shopp. At the usual hour the ladies dispersed, very much indebted to the hostesses for the splendid afternoon afforded them. There was an unusually large number in attendance.

PLANS OF WAR AGAINST U. S. IS REVEALED

Carranza Was to Urge Japan to Desert Allies and Induce Mikado to Join in Attack on U. S.

MEXICO WAS TO BE GIVEN TEXAS, NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA AS ITS REWARD

Scheme Borders on Act of War; Government Learned of Intrigue the Day Relations Were Severed.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—The Associated Press is enabled to reveal that Germany, in planning unrestricted submarine warfare and counting its consequences, proposed an alliance with Mexico and Japan to make war on the United States if this country should not remain neutral.

Japan, through Mexican mediation, was to be urged to abandon her allies and join in the attack on the United States.

Mexico, for her reward, was to receive general financial support from Germany, reconquer Texas, New Mexico and Arizona—lost provinces—and share in the victorious peace terms Germany contemplated.

Details were left to German Minister von Eckhardt in Mexico City, who by instructions signed by German Foreign Minister Zimmerman, at Berlin, January 19, 1917, was directed to propose the alliance with Mexico, to General Carranza, and suggest that Mexico seek to bring Japan into the plot.

These instructions were transmitted to Von Eckhardt, through Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador here, now on his way home to Germany under a safe conduct obtained from his enemies by the country against which he was plotting war.

Germany pictured to Mexico, by broad intimation, England and the entente allies defeated; Germany and her allies triumphant and in world domination by the instrument of unrestricted warfare.

A copy of Zimmermann's instructions to Von Eckhardt, sent through Von Bernstorff, is in possession of the United States government.

This document has been in the hands of the government since President Wilson broke off diplomatic relations with Germany. It has been kept secret, while the president has been asking congress for full authority to deal with Germany, and while congress has been hesitating.

It was in the president's hands when Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg was declaring that the United States had placed an interpretation on the submarine declaration "never intended by Germany" and that Germany had promoted and honored friendly relations with the United States "as an heirloom from Frederick the Great."

Of itself, if there were no other, it is considered a sufficient answer to the German chancellor's claim that the United States "brusquely" broke off relations without giving "authentic" reasons for its action.

The document supplies the missing link to many separate chains of circumstance, which until now have seemed to lead to no definite point, it sheds new light upon the frequently reported indefinite movements of the Mexican government to couple its situation with the friction between the United States and Japan.

It adds another chapter to the celebrated report of Jules Cambon, French ambassador in Berlin before the war, of Germany's world wide plans for stirring up strife on every continent where they might aid her in the struggle for world domination which she dreamed was close at hand.

It adds a climax to the operation of Count von Bernstorff and the German embassy in this country, which have been colored with passport frauds, charges of dynamite plots and intrigue, the full extent of which never has been published.

It gives new credence to persistent reports of submarine bases on Mexi-

can territory in the Gulf of Mexico; it takes cognizance of a fact long recognized by American army chiefs, that if Japan ever undertook to invade the United States, it probably would be through Mexico, over the border and into the Mississippi valley to split the county in two.

It recalls that Count von Bernstorff when handed his passports was very reluctant to return to Germany, but expressed a preference for asylum in Cuba. It gives a new explanation to the repeated arrests on the border of men charged by American military authorities with being German intelligence agents.

Last of all, it seems to show a connection with General Carranza's recent proposal to neutrals that exports of food and munitions to the entente allies be cut off, and an intimation that he might stop the supply of oil, so vital to the British navy, which is exported from the Tampico fields.

A copy of Zimmermann's instructions to Von Eckhardt, sent through Von Bernstorff, is in possession of the United States government. It is as follows:

"Berlin, Jan. 19, 1917.—On the 1st of February we intend to begin submarine warfare unrestricted. In spite of this it is our intention to endeavor to keep neutral the United States of America.

"If this attempt is not successful we propose an alliance on the following basis with Mexico: That we shall make war together and together make peace. We shall give general financial support and it is understood that Mexico is to reconquer territory in New Mexico, Texas and Arizona. The details are left to you for settlement.

"You are instructed to inform the president of Mexico of the above in the greatest confidence, as soon as it is certain that there will be an outbreak of war with the United States, and suggest that the president of Mexico, on his own initiative, should communicate with Japan, suggesting adherence at once to this plan; at the same time, offer to mediate between Germany and Japan.

"Please call to the attention of the president of Mexico that the employment of ruthless submarine warfare now promises to compel England to make peace in a few months.

(Signed)

"ZIMMERMANN."

M. E. WILLIAMS PREPARING FOR EASE ON THE RANCH

Mart Williams of this city with his family is preparing to enjoy the free life of the farm and ranch and will next week depart for the western portion of the state where he has secured a fine 1,200 acre farm for use during the coming season. Mr. Williams expects to ship his household goods Monday and will leave at once for Grant, near where the farm is located and will remain there for a few weeks assisting his family in getting settled. Mr. Williams will return to Plattsmouth to close up his business affairs and then expects to go to reside permanently. The farm that he has secured is situated eleven miles from Grant, which is the county seat of Perkins county, and is a well improved tract of land containing farming lands as well as hay and pasture for cattle of which Mr. Williams expects to maintain a large number. The farm also has a good modern seven room house and taken as a whole is one of the best places of its kind in Perkins county. The Williams family are looking forward with pleasure to the change to the farm and the boys expect in a very short time to become full fledged farmers and tillers of the soil. While their friends will regret to lose them they will wish the Williams family good luck and success in their new home in the west.

Jack Chalfant and F. A. Finkle and sons, Leo and Johnnie, were in the city yesterday afternoon for a few hours and while here were callers at the Journal office, where Mr. Chalfant renewed his subscription to the Old Reliable. The gentlemen all drove up from their home near Union.

Consult J. V. Johnson about your eyes. 15 years experience. Shur-On eyeglasses, moderate prices. Special service this Saturday. With Crescent Pharmacy, Telephone 36.

DEATH OF MRS. ASHBURY JACKS

This Estimable Lady Passes Away, Caused From Effects of Stroke of Paralysis Last Thursday.

Last evening at 6:30 at her home in the south part of the city, Mrs. Ashbury Jacks, one of the most highly esteemed ladies in the city, passed away after a short illness caused from a stroke of paralysis which she sustained last Thursday. The death of this kind and loving wife and mother comes as a severe blow to the husband and children, who will find the home desolate indeed now that their loved one has been called away. During her residence in this city Mrs. Jacks had been very active in the work of the Woman's Relief corps and had been an officer in that organization for the past several years, and her friends and associates in that order will greatly miss her aid and advice in the work of the society. Mrs. Jacks was a native of the state of Delaware, where she was born January 18, 1857, and spent her childhood in that state, coming in 1869 with her parents to the state of Iowa, where the family located near the town of Hamburg, where, in 1873, she was united in marriage to Mr. Jacks, and continued to make here home at Hamburg up until seven years ago, when they removed to Plattsmouth, and have since resided in this city. To mourn her death Mrs. Jacks leaves the husband and eight children.

The body will be taken back to Hamburg on No. 4 tomorrow morning, where it will be laid to rest in the cemetery near the old home, where so many happy years had been spent. In their loss of the wife and mother the bereaved family will receive the deepest sympathy of a large circle of friends, who join in their grief at the taking away of one who was both near and dear to them. Of a kindly nature Mrs. Jacks had made a great many friends in this city, and no task was too difficult for her to undertake for those whom she called by the name of friend.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS TREATED TO A FINE ADDRESS

From Tuesday's Daily.
Last evening the members of the young men's class of the Methodist church were given a rare treat at their rooms in the form of an address by I. R. Lines, of Omaha, one of the leading Y. M. C. A. workers of the country and who has been delegated by the British government to go to Asia Minor where he will look after the Y. M. C. A. work with the British army in the Bagdad region, where a large force of English are at present stationed. The address of Mr. Lines was on the subject of "The Struggle of Every Young Man to Win," taking his topic from the life of Simon Peter in the new Testament and his remarks along this line were very well received by his hearers, and contained some very able illustrations that were well worth listening to by any young man. In addition to his address Mr. Lines entertained the members of the class with a short outline of the work of the British and Russian armies in Turkish Asia, of the advance on Bagdad and the purpose of the Russians to advance on the Turks and cut their lines of communications along the line of the Constantinople railroad. Mr. Lines goes to the war front by the Pacific ocean route. The members of the class were also entertained by "Buster" Kiser who gave a number of solos on his accordion that were very much enjoyed.

DANCE AT GERMAN HOME.

There will be a social dance given at the German Home on Saturday evening, March 3d, to which the public is cordially invited. The best music and a good time assured to all who attend.

With 15 years experience, glasses that fit is my specialty, many Plattsmouth people will tell you so. See J. V. Johnson at Crescent Pharmacy Saturday. Consultation free. Phone 36.