

FRANK S. BRINKMAN KILLED BY FREIGHT TRAIN

The Tragedy a Profound Shock to Entire Community, Where His Friends Are Legion.

From Friday's Daily.

A tragedy that came as a profound shock to the entire community occurred last night at 10:30 in the west yards of the Burlington in this city, and terminated in the life of Frank S. Brinkman, one of the best known and popular railroad men in the service of the company. Mr. Brinkman is a member of the night switching force in this city and has been engaged in that service for the past eighteen years, and last night was engaged as usual in his duties when he was killed by being struck by a freight engine bound for Omaha and which had come upon him unawares until too late for his escape from the track on which it was approaching. The night crew of switchmen were engaged in switching the local freight which arrived at 10 o'clock and at the time the accident occurred were preparing to cut off the way car from the train in order that the switch engine might take it. Mr. Brinkman has looked after the handling of this train for a number of years and as was his custom, was present last night to assist in the switching. Conductor L. L. McCarty of the local freight stated that he did not see Mr. Brinkman in his usual position on the west side of the train at the time that the way car was cut off, but thinking that perhaps Mr. Brinkman was not working, he had the way car uncoupled from the train and as the cars parted he saw Mr. Brinkman for the first time standing on the west bound track with his switch lantern in his hand and assisted in the work of handling the train. It was at the same time that Mr. McCarty saw Mr. Brinkman on the track that he also saw the freight train from the east approaching on the same track on which the unfortunate man was standing and before he could shout or make a move the onrushing locomotive struck Mr. Brinkman, knocking him down and crushing him beneath the wheels, severing the body at the waist line. Mr. McCarty signaled the freight train to stop and the body of the victim of the accident recovered and brought back to the Burlington station from where it was taken to the Straight undertaking rooms. The unfortunate man had evidently seen the coming locomotive just a few seconds before the accident occurred as one foot was over the side of the track when he was struck but the warning was not in time to save his life, and his body was completely severed by the merciless wheels of the locomotive that ground him to death beneath them. The accident occurred at the west end of the yards, a short distance from the water pumping station.

Mr. Brinkman was one of the most genial and popular railroad men in the employ of the Burlington and was a gentleman who was universally esteemed by those with whom he came in contact and among his fellow workmen there was none held higher in their regards than the departed friend. He was fifty-two years of age and has resided in this community since a boy of sixteen years of age, when he arrived from Pekin, Illinois, and for the past eighteen years has been engaged in the yard service of the Burlington railroad. He leaves to mourn his death the widow, two sons, Charles and Henry Brinkman of this city, and three daughters, Mrs. Nellie LaChappell, of Denver, Mrs. Alice Lacy of Glenwood, and Miss Hilda Brinkman of this city. Mr. Brinkman was a member of the Masonic fraternity as well as the A. O. U. W. order.

To those who are left behind the tragic death came as a great shock and in their hour of grief the family will receive the deepest sympathy of the many friends in the loss of the loving husband and father, who was taken from them so suddenly and without an intimation that death was soon to enter into the home.

For Sale—A copper clad range, used three weeks, and nearly new Buck heating stove. Inquire of H. Davison.

HOGS BRING GOOD PRICE.

From Friday's Daily.

Louis Hoffert and Mike Hoffert, two former Cass county residents, and now located near Plainview, Nebraska, were in the city today visiting with their old friends in this locality. These two successful farmers have been in Omaha disposing of two cars of hogs on the South Omaha market and which sold at \$13.50 a hundred. The two gentlemen are among the leading farmers in their locality and have been very successful since locating near Plainview, and their friends here are pleased to learn that they have enjoyed such success since locating there.

COST OF LIVING IN THE EARLY DAYS IN IOWA

Everyone is talking about the high cost of living. Prices on all commodities are soaring sky-high and there seems to be no relief in sight. In contrast the "good old days" seem almost Utopian. In the library of the State Historical society at Iowa City there is a rare little book entitled "A Glimpse of Iowa in 1846" where in the write sets down for the information of prospective settlers a list of prices prevailing in Iowa at that early date. Lard sugar was sixteen cents a pound and brown sugar eight to ten cents. Java coffee sold for fifteen cents and tea at from "six-bits" to one dollar and a quarter a pound. Flour brought four dollars and a half a barrel. Good ham and bacon could be had for eight cents or less; twelve cents was high for butter; the freshest eggs only cost ten cents a dozen; the butcher was lucky if he averaged six cents a pound for fresh meat; while potatoes would seem to have been scarcely worth digging at sixteen cents a bushel. It should be remembered, though, that groceries in those days seldom came in fancy packages, nor were they delivered to the housewife's door by automobile as the result of an order given over the telephone. Besides, wages were low—from one dollar and a quarter to two dollars being the range of wages for skilled workmen in all the trades.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MRS. MARY CATHERINE EDGERTON

The funeral services of the late Mrs. Mary Catherine Edgerton were held yesterday afternoon from the First Methodist church and a large number of the old friends of this well beloved lady gathered at the house of worship to bid a last farewell to all that was mortal of the one they had known so long and so well during the years of her residence in their midst. The services were conducted by Rev. T. A. Truscott pastor of the church, and in his remark he paid a tribute to the long and faithful christian life and character of the departed, which would remain as a priceless heritage to the children in the memory of her kind deeds. The pastor also spoke of the uncertainty of human life, the short time that the human is to live upon the earth and the needfulness of being ready to answer the last call with true christian grace and with hope and faith in the Master as the rod and staff to assist one through the valley of the shadow into the light of the everlasting day. During the services several of the old loved hymns were given by Mrs. J. H. Donnelly and Mrs. Annie Britt. The members of the W. R. C. of which deceased had been a member also conducted a short ritualistic service at the close of the service, the members gathered around the casket which was guarded by the four American flags and covered by the beautiful floral remembrances of love and bade farewell to the sister who had been such a cherished member of the order during the years gone by. At the close of the service the body was borne to Oak Hill cemetery where it was laid to rest in the family lot in that city of the silent. The pall bearers were H. M. Soennichsen, P. E. Schlater, W. K. Fox, D. C. Morgan, Wm. Starkjohn, John Richardson.

CLINT BILLINGS FREE FROM THE CHARGE OF DESERTION

From Friday's Daily.

Clint Billings, the young man who was arrested here last Saturday night by Chief Barclay for being a deserter from the United States army, has been released from custody by the federal authorities and is now once more free and released from all hold that the government might have upon him. Under a recent law passed by congress the limit of time under which a man could be held in time of peace for desertion has been cut down and this permits Billings to go on his way. The friends of the young man in this city were very much pleased to see him return this morning a free man and be able to resume his duties as a citizen. He will visit here for a short time with the old friends and associates and then return to his home in the west. Mr. Billings spent his boyhood in Plattsmouth and has since been aiding in the care of his mother and younger brothers, and in this deserves much commendation for the spirit he has shown, and his release from the charge of desertion which has been hovering over him since 1913 is very pleasing to all those who knew the young man and the family during their residence in this city.

ANOTHER MAN PAYS THE PENALTY FOR FAST DRIVING

From Friday's Daily.

This morning David Dillinger was present in Judge Archer's court to answer to the charge of having run his automobile at a speed exceeding the limit set by the state law, and for which he was gathered in by Officer Alvin Jones. The young man was given a fine of \$2 and costs for the offense by Judge Archer. This is the first case of speeding to be brought up this season, and the police will see that all offenders and violators of the speed laws on the streets of the city are gathered in and made to answer for their offense. The city council has taken the matter of speeding up several times and the police committee of that body is active in seeing that the law is enforced in regard to the fast driving on the streets of the city, so it will be well for the joy riders to keep their weather eye out for the minions of the law when they start forth in the gasoline propelled vehicles to enjoy a ride over the city streets. The police expect to see that the law is enforced without fear or favor to anyone and will from now on see that there are no violations if they can possibly help it. The law makes even the path of the autoist very hard and rough and they will have to exercise precaution and keep close watch of the speedometer.

WAS THOUGHT "BOMB CONTRAPTION"

Last week one day Wm. DelesDernier made a discovery. At his barn he found a pair of shoes, in one was a bottle with some liquid in it, in the other a package. He began to suspect that it was a "bomb outfit" and made the report to Justice Neihart. He told Bill to produce the "goods." With the assistance of Ted Jeary they cautiously brought the shoes to A. W. Neihart. A chemical test was made of the bottle and the package. It was found that the bottle contained turpentine and the package, Epsom salts. Bill is not yet sure whether the analysis is correct but he feels safe since the stuff was removed. The shoes were on display at the justice court for several days. The joke must have been on Bill even if the package was labelled nitro glycerin. Just what the nature of the joke is has not been figured out.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

TO RESIDE IN THIS CITY.

From Friday's Daily.

John L. Mayfield and family, who have been making their home at Crofton, Neb., for the past few years, have once more decided to locate in Plattsmouth and will make this city their home in the future. Mr. Mayfield will be employed as telegraph operator at the Burlington station, which position he formerly held when a resident of this city. The many friends of the family will be glad to note their return here to reside.

STREET SWEEPER IS DOING SOME GOOD WORK

From Saturday's Daily.

Main street has been greatly improved by the use of the street sweeper which Commissioner Mike Lutz had at work at an early hour this morning. This is the first time for several weeks that it was possible to use the sweeper and a great deal of debris had accumulated on the street that needed the attention of the street cleaning department. The work was attempted yesterday morning but owing to the high wind and the dust it was abandoned until early this morning when the work was undertaken and completed before shoppers and pedestrians were out on the street and it made it much more convenient for everyone. The general program of street work has been curtailed to a great extent during the winter months but the time is drawing near when the city will have to resume the general overhauling of the streets that are not paved and put them in shape for the summer months. The paving and curbing and guttering of the streets has done away with a great deal of the street work and cut down the expense to the city as well as given much better streets and it is to be hoped that other of the residence street can be curbed and guttered which is the real dope for the hilly streets of this city.

FOUR GAMES OF BASKET BALL AT THE ROLLER RINK

From Saturday's Daily.

The lovers of basket ball were given their fill last evening at the roller skating rink, when four games were played between the different classes of the city schools and the Plattsmouth High school and the Weeping Water High school. The game created a great deal of enthusiasm among the spectators and the different teams received generous applause for their work. The second team of the high school and the Independents of the Central building staged a most interesting game, in which the second team won, by the score of 30 to 18. In the game between the two eighth grade teams, the pupils of Miss Anna Heisel won over the boys from the room of Elmer Frans, by the score of 18 to 12, and the contest throughout was one filled with great interest and much good playing on the part of the boys. The game between the senior and junior girls' teams proved one of the features of the evening, and resulted in a victory for the seniors, by a score of 8 to 7. This game was warmly contested throughout and both teams put up a fast and furious battle.

In the game between the local high school and Weeping Water High the visitors were trimmed to the score of 25 to 7, and were outclassed by the fast work of the boys of the Plattsmouth school.

MARRIED AT HIGH NOON.

A pretty home wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Ball in the east part of town Wednesday at high noon when their daughter, Edna, was united in marriage to Mr. Samuel Leard. Rev. H. D. Green, of Omaha, performed the ceremony. The groom has been employed at the Richey sand pits for the past three years and is a young man of good habits. The Courier joins with the many friends of the young couple in wishing them happiness.—Louisville Courier.

Wall Paper, Paints, Glass, Picture Framing. Frank Gobelman.

THE FUNERAL OF FRANK S. BRINKMAN

Laying Away of One of Our Best Citizens Attended by a Large Concourse of Sympathetic Friends.

Yesterday afternoon the friends and associates of the late Frank S. Brinkman gathered at the Presbyterian church to pay their last tribute of esteem and respect to all that was mortal of their departed friend and to mingle their grief with that of the sorrowing relatives who were laying away their loved one. The church was well filled with the friends and relatives and members of the Masonic order with which Mr. Brinkman had been identified for the past few years. The services at the church were conducted by Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the church, who in his remarks paid a tribute to the worth of Mr. Brinkman as a man and a friend to all those whom he came in contact, and spoke of the cheery and kindly disposition that had been one of the strong points of the life of the departed. The pastor spoke to the family words of comfort and hope of the future that promised another meeting with their beloved one in the better world.

During the services several of the old and well loved hymns were given by the members of the Masonic quartet, Messrs E. H. and C. C. Westcott, L. O. Minor and W. G. Brooks, and this quartet also assisted in the services at the cemetery. After the close of the services at the church the body was borne to Oak Hill cemetery where it was consigned to the silent dust, the members of the Masonic order conducting their ritualistic services as their fraternal brother was laid to his last long sleep.

The floral remembrances were profuse and very beautiful and expressed the feeling of grief and sorrow that the passing of this good man had brought to the entire community.

The loss of Mr. Brinkman is one that is felt keenly by all who had the pleasure of knowing him as he was one of those whose lives brought sunshine to his friends in his association with them and his kindly greeting will be missed by these friends in the days to come. Few men possessed more friends than did the departed and these share with the sorrowing wife and children the loss that has befallen them in the untimely death of the husband and father.

THE COMPLAINT OF WIFE ABANDONMENT DIDN'T STICK

Saturday afternoon the hearing of the complaint of the state of Nebraska against Jesse Vallery, charged with wife abandonment, came up for trial in the court of Judge Allen J. Beeson and was quite warmly contested by the plaintiff and defendant, and served to attract a great deal of attention from the persons who were in the court house at the time. The defendant claimed as a defense that the plaintiff had ordered him to leave the house and not return, and that he had done so, and also denied that he had failed to provide for her, and that at the time it is alleged that he had left home, there had been ample provisions in the house. The state developed in their side of the case that Mrs. Vallery had been kept at the county farm a part of the time, and also, that the defendant had been away from home for several months at a time. The court after hearing the testimony of both the complaining witness and the defendant in the case decided that the issues were in favor of the defendant, Mr. Vallery, and accordingly he was released from the charges preferred against him.

Ben Land came in this morning from his farm home near Mynard and departed on the early Burlington train for Omaha to visit with his wife at the hospital, and if possible, will bring her back home with him.

ANOTHER NEW KNIGHT.

From Saturday's Daily.

Ed Tritsch, one of the prosperous farmers of this locality, has just become the owner of a fine new Willys-Knight touring car that he has secured through John Bauer, the local agent, and will be able this season to enjoy a great many pleasant trips in the fine new machine, which is one of the new style "eights" and equipped in the latest and most improved manner.

THE LATE MRS. MARY CATHERINE EDGERTON

From Saturday's Daily.

Mary Catherine McDaniel was born May 4, 1844, in Buchanan county, Missouri, where her parents, James H. McDaniel and wife, had been early settlers. Here the subject of our sketch spent her childhood days, coming with her parents to Plattsmouth in June, 1855. Here the McDaniel family decided to make their future home and settled in this locality, where the family was reared. At Glenwood, Ia., June 20, 1860, Miss McDaniel was united in the bonds of holy matrimony to William Edgerton, and after their marriage the young people continued to make their home in and near this city, where Mr. Edgerton was engaged in work on the boats plying up and down the Missouri river and in the handling of the transfer boats. To Mr. and Mrs. Edgerton six sons were born, three of whom, George W. Edgerton of Hugo, Okla., Gilbert Edgerton of Wichita, Kan., and J. A. Edgerton of Plattsmouth are left to mourn the loss, while three, Will, Charles and John Edgerton preceded the parents in death. At an early age Mrs. Edgerton was converted to the church and had been a devoted and faithful member of the Methodist church during the greater part of her life time. For sixty-three years a resident of this community, she bore an important part in the pioneer days, when it was a test to reside in the then unsettled west, and this noble woman bore the hardships with fortitude that her family might enjoy the benefits of life that it was possible to secure them. The husband passing away several years ago, Mrs. Edgerton had devoted herself to the care of her children and by them was held in the deepest affection. Mrs. Edgerton leaves four brothers, John, Tom and Mart McDaniel of this city, and W. P. McDaniel of Omaha to mourn her loss. The brother, Mart McDaniel, has made his home with Mrs. Edgerton for the past few years and was at her side when the death messenger came to call her home to rest.

THE ROADS IN CONDITION FOR TRAVELING

From Friday's Daily.

The farmers coming in the last few days from different sections of the country report that the roads are in good condition for travel and that the automobiles can be used on all the roads without encountering the hardships that so often are met with during the winter season. The lack of heavy snows has served to add to the excellent condition of the roads, doing away with the wet condition of the high-ways that causes them to be cut up and become filled with ruts. The reports of the good roads comes from all over the country and there is hardly a locality that has not been repaved in the city in the last few weeks and all have come by automobile. The work of the road overseers in the fall in putting their roads in good shape has enabled them to be traveled during the winter almost as extensively as during the spring months and despite a very few days this has been taken advantage of by the auto owners of the country. It is said that it is an ill wind that does not blow somebody good and this certainly is true of the past winter months when there should have been considerable moisture for the farmers but in failing to receive this they have had the advantage of good roads all winter for their traveling.

Dawson Will Fix It.

PERHAPS A NEW INDUSTRY FOR PLATTSMOUTH

Prospects Seem Fair for the Locating of an Auto Tire Factory in This City.

The prospects of this city securing a new industry in a very short time appear to be quite bright from reports received by the officers of the Commercial club. One of the large tire factories of the east has written to the Commercial Club of this city in regard to the possibilities of a plant or factory for the manufacture of automobile tires, and asking that all possible facts in regard to the situation be furnished the tire company. This concern desires to lease a tract of land on which it would be possible to erect a factory building with the privilege of purchasing the land if it is desired later. The factory as proposed would employ a hundred and thirty men in its work, and would furnish employment to some eighty local men as a number of the workmen would be brought with the plant to conduct the skilled portions of the work for a time at least, and these would number some thirty-five men with their families who would require accommodations in the way of suitable residences and this is one of the points brought out by the tire company in making their inquiries as to the location. A factory of this kind secured for Plattsmouth would certainly be a great addition to the industrial life of the community and one that would assist very much in the upbuilding of the city.

The members of the Commercial Club and President Robertson of the organization will take all steps possible to induce the location of the proposed factory, and in their efforts they should be aided by the citizens in general as it will mean a great deal in the future welfare of the city.

This city offers an exceptional advantage as a factory point owing to the excellent railroad facilities both east, west and south and in only a short distance from Omaha, one of the chief shipping points of the central west. The labor situation here has always been excellent with none of the disturbances that sometimes is found in the larger cities. If anyone was seeking an ideal spot for a small factory they certainly could not do better than to come to this city where all of the natural advantages can be found. The development of the factory situation will be awaited with interest by everyone and the officers of the Commercial Club will do their utmost to see that all possible to secure the plant is done by them.

X-RAY MACHINE IN DR. LIVINGSTON'S OFFICE

The Henry R. Gering company of Omaha, which is one of the leading supply houses for physicians in this section of the west, have installed one of the largest of the Campbell X-ray machines in the office of Dr. J. S. Livingston in this city, and it is one that is really a marvel in its work. The X-ray machine and the chair, equipped for all manner of electrical treatments, is one that is used quite extensively in the cities by physicians, and it is as fine a machine as can be found in any city in the land for the uses of its kind. It is the first of its kind in this city and is complete in every detail for the handling of electrical treatment.

VISITING FRIENDS.

From Friday's Daily.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Waggoner of Elba, Neb., are enjoying a short visit at the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Pontius, near Mynard. Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner have been in Omaha attending the auto show and where Mr. Waggoner disposed of a car of hogs on the stock market, and they decided to take advantage of the occasion to visit for a short time with their old friends. They were visiting in Plattsmouth today for a few hours.