

The Plattsmouth Journal.

BEEN MARRIED HALF CENTURY YESTERDAY

FOURTEEN CHILDREN CAME TO
BLESS UNION OF JOHN B.
COTNER AND WIFE.

LIVED HERE FOR MANY YEARS

Ten of Children Were Present at
the Golden Wedding Anniversary
Celebration Here.

From Thursday's Daily.
Yesterday at their home in the south part of this city was celebrated the golden wedding anniversary of John B. Cotner and wife. This worthy couple was united in marriage February 12, 1868, at Corydon, Indiana, where they lived for some time, but moved to Nebraska and to Cass county many years ago.

To this union of ye olden days there were born fourteen children, of whom twelve are living to rejoice with their parents at the completion of fifty years of their wedded life, spent together in harmony and happiness. All but two of these were present yesterday at the family home to partake of the anniversary feast that had been prepared.

The day, which was all taken up with the celebration, consisting of a general, sociable, good time with reminiscences of other days, visiting and social conversation. The occasion was made the more pleasing by each of the children presenting the parents with a five dollar gold piece as a token of their love and affection.

Mrs. Cotner, whose maiden name was Sarah Ann Smith, was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, of Corydon, Indiana, and a winsome lass at that time, and lucky was Mr. Cotner in securing her for a life's partner. They began house-keeping a few miles out of Corydon and were engaged in farming. The children who came to add pleasure to the life of Mr. and Mrs. Cotner were Charles R., Rebecca J., John H., Thomas G., James W., Sylvester L., Cora A., Roy E., Walter G., Edward E., Clarence C., Albert A., and Howard M. Cotner. Two have passed to the other world, while two, Clarence C., of this place, and Mrs. Martin Maple of Blue Hill are sick at this time, the former being in a hospital at Omaha while the latter is confined to her home at Blue Hill.

At noon all sat down to a good old fashioned farm dinner and the wedding cake which was baked by Mrs. George Lloyd, was one in patriotic colors. Mrs. Cotner, with smiles of radiance beaming from her happy face, cut the cake and distributed to each of the children, grand-children and others present a portion. There were over twenty grandchildren and two great grand children.

There were present from out of the city Mrs. I. J. Homan and her daughters, Mabel, Hazel and Nellie Cotner, of Omaha; Mrs. A. P. Christweiser of Havelock; Mr. and Mrs. George Lloyd, of Murray; Mrs. Frank Marler, of Murray; Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Cotner and Howard Cotner, of Bladen; Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Cotner, of Kansas City.

Two of the grandsons have gone to the service of their country, they being Lester Christweiser, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Christweiser, and Frank Marler, who married a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lloyd.

The celebration was an occasion enjoyed by all who were present and as the children began taking their departure for their own homes they wished again much joy and continued happiness in the years to come for their beloved parents.

In these days of frequent marriages and re-marriages when people feel themselves tied down by the solemn vows of matrimony within a very few years after they have been taken, one can best appreciate what it means to people to live together for fifty years, toiling side by side, buoyed up in the realization of their hopes, and when the time is reached when they can count backward a half century to the altar of

their marriage, what better wages could be expected, moreover given, than the power and disposition to reflect radiant smiles of joy, surrounded by the children to whom they have given birth and the children of their children, as did these good people yesterday in the celebration of this eventful day in their lives.

IS NOW SETTLED IN THE WEST.

From Friday's Daily.
S. Y. Smith returned this morning from Imperial, where he went with C. H. Schopp some time since, to look after a car in the shipping as Mr. Schopp had so many in the shipment that he could not care for them all. Mr. Smith remained and assisted Mr. Schopp to get the cars unloaded and the goods to his home. Mr. Smith says the farm which Mr. Schopp has purchased in an excellent place, and that the wheat is looking exceptionally fine. Night before last at Imperial a fire destroyed the post office and three business houses besides.

George W. Snyder was also a visitor at that city during the time and returned this morning as well.

WARM IN ARKANSAS NOW.

From Friday's Daily.
J. M. Craig arrived in this city last evening on his return from a trip to the south which included a good deal of the state of Arkansas, where he was to look over some lands for a friend. Mr. Craig gives his impression of the south as being a great land of many opportunities, and with rich fertile lands, but especially the eastern and southeastern portions liable to over flow of the Mississippi river, which caused the lands to be much of the time worthless. Mr. Craig is staying over in this city until tomorrow, when he will depart for his home at Burwell.

BUYS A FARM IN CASS COUNTY

From Friday's Daily.
Fred Spangler has just completed the purchase of a farm just south of this city, known as the Beins property, which contains one hundred and forty acres, for which he is paying one hundred and twenty-five dollars per acre. This place is very convenient to town making it close to market, and while not to smooth contains much rich soil and looks like the price was not too high for the farm surely is worth the money. This will make a good home for Mr. Spangler. He will not live on the place, but will farm the same having engaged Charles Allen to farm the place and he will also live at the place.

AUGUST HESSE SICK AT CAMP.

From Friday's Daily.
A message was received from the captain of the company in which August Hesse, directed to his mother Mrs. Dora Hesse, telling of the sickness of her son at Camp Siever, at Greenville, North Carolina. How serious the sickness of Mr. Hesse is, is not known, but it is of necessarily of some moment to justify the officer of his company in sending a message to the effect of his sickness.

ALMON BENSICOTER DIED AT OMAHA HOSPITAL

From Friday's Daily.
A brother of J. S. Bensicoter, Almon Bensicoter, aged 65 years, died at Omaha on Wednesday morning, after having been sick at the institution for a number of weeks. Mr. Bensicoter who is a bachelor, had made his home at Falls City for a long time and with his failing health, was taken to Omaha for treatment, some six weeks since.

The man who has departed leaves four brothers to mourn his loss, they being J. S. Bensicoter of this city, John Bensicoter of Falls City, George Bensicoter of Hay Springs and Fred Bensicoter of Loup City. The funeral will be held at Falls City Saturday and the burial made at that place as well.

A Hint to the Aged.

If people past sixty years of age could be persuaded to go to bed as soon as they take cold and remain in bed for one or two days, they would recover much more quickly, especially if they take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There would also be less danger of the cold being followed by any of the more serious diseases.

HABEAS CORPUS WRIT UPHeld IN COUNTY COURT

JOHN KOUKAL RELEASED FROM
SENTENCE IMPOSED UPON
HIM FOR CONTEMPT

Case Grew Out of Fire that Destroyed Barn on Place where He Resided—To Appeal.

From Thursday's Daily.
Last Monday, on a subpoena issued by Harry F. Requarte, deputy state fire commissioner, John A. Koukal was called to appear before Mr. Requarte and answer questions regarding the origin of the fire that consumed the barn on the place where Mr. Koukal was living and also destroyed the property therein, which was owned by Mr. Koukal.

Mr. Koukal had counsel but was not permitted to have same at the hearing, as the commissioner, with a stenographer and Mr. Koukal, held the hearing behind closed doors. After proceeding for a while, with Mr. Koukal answering the questions put to him, until the commissioner inquired as to the contents of the barn, when, on the advice of counsel, he refused to answer that question, replying in kind to a number of others asked of him. Finally the question was put, "Do you refuse to answer these on advice of attorney," and he replied, "I do." The commissioner therefore said, "I will fine you one hundred dollars for contempt."

A writ of habeas corpus was then sworn out, but as the following day was Lincoln's birthday and a holiday, the writ came up for hearing yesterday before Judge A. J. Beeson of the county court.

At the hearing Mr. Koukal showed that he had only claimed the right guaranteed him by the Constitution of the United States and the state of Nebraska in declining to answer a question which might have a tendency to incriminate him. The hearing was prolonged into the afternoon and after the arguments of both sides and the evidence had all been given, Judge Beeson rendered a decision sustaining the writ and releasing Mr. Koukal.

It is understood that the state will appeal the case to the district court in order to get a decision on the question. The grounds upon which Judge Beeson rendered his decision was the constitutionality of the law.

The statute provides that the commissioner shall have the right to make inquiry in secret, and that the refusal to answer a question is considered contempt, and that a fine can be imposed not to exceed one hundred dollars.

The habeas corpus writ was sustained in the county court, we will have to await the next chapter of this rather unusual case, which will doubtless come some time in the future.

RETURN TO THEIR HOME.

From Friday's Daily.
J. J. Horn and Emt! Hartstark, both prosperous farmers living near Creighton, this state, who have been visiting here with relatives and acquaintances, for the past week, departed for their home this afternoon, they were while here, guests at the homes of the Horns west of this city and also with other of their friends.

WAS ELECTED AS THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

From Friday's Daily.
The Omaha papers of this morning in speaking of the Nebraska Retail Clothiers Association which is meeting in that city this week, has to announce the election of C. C. Wescott of this city as its secretary-treasurer. In this selection we have to say they have acted wisely and have selected a man who is alive to the interests of the clothing business, a man capable of looking after that end of the organization for which he has been selected. Mr. Wescott is a man full of energy, push and work, and these traits in his make up are ever seen by careful study, thought and discretion, making him an eminently proper person for the position. Thus qualifying him for the position above the ordinary clothing mer-

chant. The success with which Mr. Wescott has conducted the advertising campaign which has resulted in such a successful meeting of the Nebraska Clothiers that the one just closing, is itself a commendation for the wisdom of this choice.

NAILED THE FLAG TO THE WALL.

From Friday's Daily.
Some one, or more than one last evening with a pot of yellow paint made yellow crosses on the windows of Wm. Hassler blacksmith shop. They also nailed an American flag on the front of the shop. While we do not believe that this is the best procedure in cases where there is a suspicion of disloyalty, there is a course which should be pursued in cases where people are supposed to be not loyal to the government. The National Defense Council of which there is one in this county, and has secretary in this city, with a member in each ward. Now where suspicious are entertained it would look like it was the duty, without any "gallery play", but in all kindness, interview the parties, as the council is clothed with the authority to do. And get the facts from the first hands. We have known Mr. Hassler for many years and have considered him one of our best citizens. We are loath to believe him disloyal, but had the rumors, which have floated around been handled in the proper manner by the council of defense, the painting of the windows might have been averted. The council of defense have the power, and can handle these things tactfully, without subjecting a citizen who might not be guilty of disloyalty to an injustice.

MODERN WOODMEN HAVE TIME.

From Friday's Daily.
A couple of nights ago the Modern Woodman of America lodge of this place held a meeting at their hall at which were present some of the prominent people interested in the lodge from out in the state and also some from out of the state.

E. E. Hester, well known in Nebraska, as deputy organizer was one of those present together with the national Field Lecturer Mr. Harris. There was a class of twelve initiated into the order and a big time was had. A feast fit for Modern Woodmen or any other man was served. A number of slides were used, projecting upon a screen scenes of the buildings and offices at general headquarters at Rock Island, Illinois. Among the interior views one showed Dr. E. W. Cook at his desk busily engaged at work with the same smile that would not wear off when he was here.

WILL ARRANGE A BASE RATE

From Friday's Daily.
The meeting which was held at Weeping Water on February 2nd to arrange for the making of a base rate in the assessing of people of the county to assist in the various benevolences endorsed by the Government is being continued at the court house here today, representatives being present from various parts of the county. Judge J. T. Begley is chairman of the meeting, which has in view the further perfection of its plans at this time. The earliness of the hour at which the Journal goes to press precludes all possibility of an extended account of the business transacted, but we will endeavor to give all the proceedings in tomorrow's paper.

HAVE FINISHED THE HOUSE NOW

From Friday's Daily.
The new residence of Charles Hennings jr., which he has been having constructed and which has been building for some time past has been completed, the workmen returning to this city this morning. There arrived the carpenter force, among who were Henry Trout and O. H. Tower, and M. M. Beal, the painter. This is making an elegant farm home of Mr. Hennings and he is getting the construction of it out of the way for the spring work, which is soon to be on the move.

FARM FOR SALE.

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POPULAR YOUNG FOLKS MARRIED AT NEBRASKA CITY

MORRIS LLOYD, OF NEAR MURRAY
WEDS MISS SOPHIA
JIROUSEK SATURDAY

Went from There to St. Louis and Other Points on Wedding Trip —Returned Last Night

From Thursday's Daily.
Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Morris Lloyd arrived from a trip to St. Louis and other points in the south, stopping at Kansas City and Atchison on their way home. The young people were united in marriage at Nebraska City on Saturday afternoon by the Rev. Pauer of that place. The young married couple spent a most delightful time in the south and returned to greet their surprised friends whom they had not informed of the wedding.

It had been known for some time that the wedding was to occur and the friends of the bride had given her a dinner at the Henshaw hotel recently at which a most merry time was had, as well as at another time when a shower was given in honor of Miss Jirousek. Later a theatre party was planned by her young lady friends in Omaha, at the Brandies theatre, much to the enjoyment of the bride-to-be and all the others present.

The young couple will depart about March first for the western part of the state, and will make their home near Grant, Nebraska, where they will engage in farming and ranching.

This young couple is well and favorably known to a host of the people hereabouts, who are extending their good wishes and congratulations to them.

The Journal joins with their many friends in wishing that their life may be one of success and happiness.

THEY ALL WORE APRONS.

From Saturday's Daily.
Last evening at the Woodman Hall, there were gathered one hundred and fifty people notwithstanding the storm which prevailed, and were making merry, at their apron carnival. Each wore an apron, which has cost as many cents, as the apron string had measured. A program was the first on the evening's entertainment, which consisted of a reading by Miss Esther Godwin, which was of such merit that she was called back for another, then followed Miss Fern Neill with a reading, and little Leona Hudson with a song, and Mrs. Pickett with a reading, all of whom had to give another rendition before the audience would be satisfied. Merle Saunders then took the pictures of the crowd after which L. F. Pickett who was the postman, delivered valentines. Mrs. Pickett was an auctioneer sold an apron. Mrs. Robert Newell purchasing it for a dollar and a half. Following this was the lunch and games until a late hour.

WILL ENGAGE IN FARMING.

From Saturday's Daily.
Robert Newell has just purchased a farm in Sarpy county, just one mile north of the State Fisheries, across the river from South Bend. He will with his wife, move there in a short time, having resigned his position with the Burlington shops yesterday. The farm consisted of eighty acres and was purchased for \$10,000. The place is well improved, and will be about what Mr. Newell and wife can care for.

FAREWELL PARTY.

From Saturday's Daily.
Thursday, at the beautiful country home of Mrs. F. W. Nolting, a farewell party in honor of Mrs. Anna Goos and Mrs. James Mrasek, who are leaving here to make their home at Grant, Nebraska, in the near future, also for Mrs. Lee Hill, who is leaving for Kansas and Mrs. Will Oliver and Mrs. Ed. Beins, who are moving west of Plattsmouth. A delicious three course luncheon was served by Mrs. Nolting and assistant hostesses, Mrs. Peter Mumm and Clara Mumm. The dining room dec-

orations were rosebuds and emblems of St. Valentine. The guests, Mesdames Jos. Sans, James Mrasek, Anna Goos, Peter Mumm, Ed. Beins, L. G. Meisinger, Wm. Schmidtman, Christ Mockenhaupt, Thomas, Mike Lutz, John Lutz, George Klingler, J. R. Lee, Will Oliver jr., K. H. Larson, Martin Roessler, Mark Isles, W. P. Hutchinson, H. Tams, Lee Hill, Fred Mumm, F. W. Nolting; Misses Helen Mrasek, Ellen Nora Meisinger, Clara Mumm, Francis Thomas, Helen Lutz, and Ellen K. Nolting.

DEPARTED TODAY FOR WEST.

From Saturday's Daily.
Ed. Lewis who has been out in the western portion of the state, but a few days since, while there arranged to go out there to live. He will depart today for the west and will go to Grant, in Perkins county, where in partnership with Bert Philpott, he will conduct a farm there. The farm which is a large one will contain but little corn, but will be in small grain and pasture chiefly. There is now one hundred and sixty-five acres of winter wheat which is looking fine. It will be about two or three weeks before Mr. Lewis' family will go to the west as the present occupant of the place will not vacate the house until that time.

DEPARTS FOR EAST LAST NIGHT.

From Saturday's Daily.
Henry Hesse departed last evening for Greenville, North Carolina, where he goes to see his brother August Hesse, who is in the service at that place, and of whom his captain had telegraphed to his mother, Mrs. Dora Hesse of this place apprising her of the illness of her son. Henry will go see his brother and render what assistance he can for his comfort and treatment, and will if he is able bring him home.

ARE ASSISTING WITH THE WORK OF CLASSIFICATION

From Saturday's Daily.
A number of patriotic teachers from the public schools are working like beavers at the office of the county superintendent, assisting in classifying the question blanks of registered men in the third and fourth classes. The work of classifying the first and second classes was completed some time ago. Among those of the teachers who are contributing so freely of their time and labor are Opal Fitzgerald, Amelia Martin, Bertha Dritzmeier, Margaret Walforth, Gertrude L. Morgan, Golda Noble, Marie Swoboda, Anna Rys, Mattie Larson, Estella Baird, Miss Beach, Worene Schuhloff, Julia Kerr, Mary Egenberger, Mary Brown.

When You Have a Cold.

It is when you have a severe cold that you appreciate the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. Frank Crocker, Pana, Ill., writes: "Our five-year-old son Paul caught a severe cold last winter that settled on his lungs and he had terrible coughing spells. We were greatly worried about him as the medicine we gave him did not help him in the least. A neighbor spoke so highly of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy that I got a bottle of it. The first dose benefited him so much that I continued giving it to him until he was cured."

FORMER PLATTS- MOUTH MAN DIES IN THE FAR WEST

HAD PASSED THE LIMIT OF
THREE SCORE YEARS
AND TEN.

Senator S. L. Thomas, For Many Years a Resident of This County and City Passes Away At Long Beach, Cal.

From Saturday's Daily.
Samuel L. Thomas, aged over 81 years, passed away at his late home in Long Beach, last Monday, Febr. 11, of a complication of diseases, first being precipitated by high blood pressure and hardening of the arteries, and followed by stomach trouble. Samuel L. Thomas was born October 14th, 1836, in Guernsey county, Ohio, but at the age of 11 months with his parents' removed to Marion, Indiana, where he spent his youth and at the age of twenty years just approaching manhood, he with his parents moved to Nebraska, which was in 1856, when it was just being opened up for settlement. When coming here they found here some stirring times, and selecting a homestead some four miles northwest of this city located thereon, and there made his home for more than a half century. In 1892 Mr. Thomas was elected to the Nebraska state senate, and served with credit to himself and the district which he represented. During all the time which he has lived here he was always active in everything which interested the people. He was elected also as a vice-president of the State Agricultural association and also the state Bee-Keepers Association. He was also engaged besides his farming in the manufacture of cheese. Some eight years ago Senator S. L. Thomas with his family departed for the west again after having spent more than a half hundred years in this vicinity, and located in Long Beach, California, where he has lived since. He has been back once to visit his friends here. After having moved to the west he was chosen a director of the Chamber of Commerce of Long Beach. He was also a member of the Business Men's association of that place and took an active interest in public affairs. Senator Thomas leaves besides his aged wife, two sons, Walter L. Thomas, of Long Beach, who is engaged in the automobile business, and Louis Thomas of Salt Lake City, who is engaged in the same business. There are six grand children and five great grand children to survive him. The burial was made at Long Beach.

Senator Thomas was a friend of this paper, its Editor and proprietor and we grieve his departure. The friends of Senator here are legion who will be sorry to know of his death, though a sheaf of fully ripened grain.

For Sale—A number of white Brahma Cockerels, Mrs. C. E. Heebner, Nehawka.

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