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## PLATTSMOUTH LADY TAKES HER OWN LIFE

VISITED WITH NEIGHBORS DURING AFTERNOON. TAKES CARBOLIC ACID THREE O'CLOCK.

### FOUND DEAD IN BED LATER

Made Her House Ready. With the Utmost Carefulness, Everything In Order.

From Thursday's Daily.

Of all days for such a departure from this life, when everybody else was enjoying themselves with the eternal gratitude to the gracious and loving Father for the blessings of peace, Christmas with its happiness on all sides, the little ones dancing with glee, and every home rejoicing because of the homecoming of friends and loved ones, the one home, that of Mrs. Minnie Johns did not present enough cheerfulness, to claim her presence longer, and after having carefully put the house in order, with everything to the minutest particular, in absolutely perfect condition, this lady with the joy gone out of life, took by her own hand, a dose of carbolic acid, which in a short time ended her existence.

Mrs. James M. Johnson, formerly Mrs. James B. Tipton, and whose maiden name was Miss Minnie Miller, was about sixty years of age. Her first husband James Tipton, suffered a stroke of paralysis, something over three years since, from which he died. They lived at the bridge house, at the Pollock Auto Bridge, and after the death, Mr. James Johns, went to assist in the work, there, they being thrown together, were shortly afterwards married.

Mr. and Mrs. Johns lived in this city for some time. Mr. Johns' health not being good, in fact, he being very sick, he was taken to Omaha by his daughter Mrs. Roy Burdick, where she could care for him. Since that time Mrs. Johns has been making her home alone in the house, which was formerly the home of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Tevan, owned by F. G. Egenberger, on west Main street, near the corner of Eighth. During the afternoon Mrs. Johns had visited the neighbors, and had her nearest neighbor, Mrs. Wm. Weber return home with her, and during the conversation with her, made it plain that she was living very unhappily, weeping a good deal, said that she was sure she would not live long, and that her desire was that Funeral Director J. P. Sattler would conduct the funeral, and that the services be conducted by Rev. H. G. McCluskey of the Presbyterian church. She also had Mrs. Frank Scheile of Omaha, who is a daughter of Mrs. Weber, and a stenographer, take a letter to her brother Mr. Theodore Miller, who lives at North Loup, and which Mrs. Scheile transcribed and was mailed. When the folks were gone the lady took carbolic acid, and died in about an hour and a half. She pounded on the window, and attracted the attention of Mr. Frank Scheile at the home of Mr. Weber, and when he entered the house, found the lady nearly gone. He called the folks from the Weber home. They tried to find out what she wanted, when it was made known to that she desired Dr. T. P. Livingston. He could not be gotten, and after telephoning succeeded in getting Dr. J. S. Livingston, who arrived in a few minutes, but the spirit had flown, the lady having died just before he arrived.

The authorities were notified and Mr. A. G. Cole who is acting as coroner in this portion of the county, who had the remains removed to the undertaking rooms of John P. Sattler, where they are at this time, and where they are prepared for burial. A bottle of carbolic acid, a spoon, and a glass of water, were on the side board, near the bed. Mrs. Johns had evidently taken the poison, immediately after Mrs. Weber had gone home. The county attorney as coroner, took the poison, and a pocket book, which was on a sewing

machine near the bed, in which was about nine dollars and the following note, which had been written by Mrs. Johns.

"Mr. Johns and the Burdicks is to blame for this. They drove me to it."

It is claimed that Mrs. Johns has considerable money, but there was only the amount stated in the pocketbook, and a check book of the First National Bank, but the Bank says there is nothing on deposit.

Coroner Cole immediately corresponded with her brother Mr. Theodore Miller of North Loup, via telephone, telling him of the occurrence, he saying he would arrive here on the Burlington this evening.

Mr. Johns her husband was communicated with at Omaha, and this morning Mr. Roy Burdick and wife arrived to look after the unfortunate lady. There will be no coroner's inquiry into the cause of death, as it is assured as to what caused it. No arrangements for the funeral will be made until the arrival of the brother of the unfortunate lady.

Mr. Johns was unable to come on account of ill health.

## GETS INSURANCE STRAIGHTENED OUT

After a Long Time the Matter Of the Policy Carried By Eddie C. Ripple Is Located.

From Friday's Daily.

When Eddie C. Ripple was killed in action in France, he had sent the papers regarding his insurance, to this country to his father, and they were lost in the mails at sea. By taking the matter up with the other side, duplicate papers were sent to Washington from the Paris office of the War Insurance risk department, and the records made there, and the insurance will be begun being paid, and will be received in a short time, dating from the time when Mr. Eddie C. Ripple lost his life.

## THE TELEPHONE GIRLS ENJOY CHRISTMAS

From Friday's Daily.

The telephone girls of the Plattsmouth Exchange of the L. T. & T. Co. surely enjoyed a real pleasant Christmas this year, through the kindness of a number of the appreciative patrons of the company and the chief operator. On Monday night the entire operating force met at the rest room of the company's office, where they enjoyed a nice line of refreshments and good things to eat, games and social conversation. Dr. Leopold presented the girls with two fine boxes of candy and Stanfield's Book Shop remembered them with Christmas greeting cards, and Mrs. C. L. Herger sent them a fine four-layer cake on which was marked "To the L. T. & T. Hello Girls." These little acts of kindness and appreciation surely made a more pleasant Christmas for the girls at the telephone exchange and will long be remembered by them.

## REMEMBERS THE WORKMEN AT CHRISTMAS

From Thursday's Daily.

L. C. Sharp, the proprietor of the Western Machine and Foundry Company, of this city, is very popular with his employes as well as with the public generally, and while he is progressive, in his methods, not alone for his own business but any business which for the benefit of the community, he can be depended upon to do his full quota. He has expressed his appreciation for the way in which the employes of the above named institution had rendered service, by presenting each of them a substantial Christmas present, the relative value of which is measured by the length of time they have been in his service.

## QUININE AS "FLU" REMEDY.

Telegraphic reports that quinine injected into the blood stream will prevent influenza are not surprising. At least one Nebraska City physician has used quinine in his treatment of influenza for several weeks and out of several hundred patients so treated he has not yet had a case of pneumonia. People who have taken quinine in the hope of warding off the "flu" have either found the disease "hit" them lightly or they have escaped it entirely.—Nebraska City Press.

## MUNICIPAL TREE GREAT SUCCESS

NOTWITHSTANDING THE SHARP COLD OF THE EVENING, LARGE CROWDS IN STREETS

### EVERYBODY WELL SATISFIED

The Christmas Carols Were Sang, And Santa Claus Treated Little Ones.

From Thursday's Daily.

The good work of the committee which had in hand the Christmas exercises, brought forth good results in that all those of the city were able where nothing prevented them from getting out, had an opportunity to enjoy the Christmas cheer which was prevalent in the air. While every one sought some protected spot, if there were any, they greeted each other with Merry Christmas and good wishes, while the songs were sung, the crowds conversed, and admired the beautiful tree which the deft hands of the committee had decorated. With the red, white and blue lights, the tree with its dark green foliage, presents a very imposing sight, and while the National Ensign of the Republic floated from the topmost bough. While it looked pretty from any aspect, distance lent enchantment to the view.

After the program, which was greatly enjoyed, was over, J. W. Holmes, called the crowd, which was composed of youngsters mostly, to the stand which had been erected in the street, and told that the airplane, which was coming with Santa Claus has broken a propeller blade near LaPlatte and there the workmen were then making the repairs. But a few moments later a wireless message came, saying, send a truck, we cannot get the airplane repaired. This was done and in a moment the bell which had been erected for the celebration of the signing of the peace protocol, sounded telling of the truck passing down the street, and the heavily loaded vehicle shot down the street, with Santa Claus, standing in the rear of the van. After explaining the cause of the delay, he with his assistants distributed the presents, which caused joy in the hearts of more than thousands of the little folks in the city. Notwithstanding the cold, the snow in which they were tramped, and the biting winds, everybody was wearing a smile, for indeed had they all been blessed, and beyond measure, for peace, which promises to be for a long time has come to the earth. The little ones were happy because Christmas with its cheer, its better feelings, and its treat was here. The older ones were contented, and happy, because of the bow of promise of peace and good things for the future as well as the fullness of the blessings now.

This city is to be thankful to the enterprising spirits of the committee, who did such valiant work, in making the tree possible. The chairman J. W. Holmes, who superintended the whole affair, and the other committees, Miss Bernice Newell, and those who prepared the treat.

To the ones who so neatly decorated the tree, to those who furnished the truck for the carrying of the treats to the place, to Mrs. Mae Morgan and Miss Larson and the others who had charge of the singing, as well as to Santa Claus himself for his coming personally with his kindly offices.

## CELEBRATE WITH CHRISTMAS DINNER

From Thursday's Daily.

Yesterday at the home of Mrs. A. B. Swartout, was held a family reunion of the Despain family here in Plattsmouth, which consisted of Mrs. A. B. Swartout, who was hostess, C. C. Despain and wife, A. D. Despain and Mrs. Stella Persinger and family, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Despain. This is the fifty-fourth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Despain, which was first celebrated in Mills county, Iowa, on Christmas day. The day was spent with much

joy by the crowd who met around the board, and congratulations exchanged, for the return of many more. Mr. and Mrs. Despain are the parents of Mrs. Stella Persinger of this city, Bert Despain of Holyoke, and Donald Despain of Chicago, the two latter not being able to be in attendance.

## RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL.

From Thursday's Daily.

Tuesday evening Con Gillespie, who has been at the Emanuel hospital for some time past, where he underwent an operation and was receiving treatment of Hernia, returned home and is feeling pretty good, though not as strong yet as formerly, but gaining. Here's to you Con, we hope you soon may be your old self again.

## NEW DOCTOR LOCATES HERE

DR. R. P. WESTOVER, PHYSICIAN TO PRACTICE IN PLATTSMOUTH.

### OFFICE IN THE COATES BLOCK

Graduate of University of Nebraska and Former House Physician At Clarkson Hospital.

From Thursday's Daily.

Dr. R. P. Westover, son of District Judge William H. Westover, of the Sixteenth Judicial District of Nebraska, and well known to many Plattsmouth people, has located here. He has secured offices in the Coates Block and is prepared to practice medicine and surgery. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, having received the degrees of Bachelor of Science and doctor of medicine, and for the past year has been House Physician at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha. Dr. Westover comes to Plattsmouth well qualified to practice medicine, having personally attended all cases which have been admitted to Clarkson Hospital for the past year.

Dr. Westover is the fourth son of Judge and Mrs. Westover, engaged in the military service of the United States during the present war; the others being First Lieutenant B. G. Westover, Aviator Section, in France for the past fourteen months; First Lieutenant J. L. Westover, U. S. Infantry, and W. H. Westover, First Class Musician U. S. Navy. Dr. Westover is the first to be discharged, having been released from the Medical Reserve Corps shortly after the signing of the Armistice.

For the present Dr. Westover and wife will make their home with Mrs. Westover's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Robertson.

The influenza epidemic has demonstrated the necessity of another physician in this city and surrounding country and we predict a successful career for him.

We join with the many friends of Dr. Westover in bidding him welcome to our city and assure him that he will find the citizens of Plattsmouth hospitable and pleasing to deal with.

## FRANK GUTHMANN BREAKS ARM

From Thursday's Daily.

This afternoon Mrs. F. R. Guthmann departed for Murdock, where she goes to see her grandson Frank Guthmann Jr., a son of Henry Guthmann of that place who in his play with the other boys of his town had the misfortune to fracture one of his arms. The fracture was reduced, and the young man is getting along as well as could be expected, but is causing some pain.

## BRING THE BOOZE TO TOWN.

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday Sheriff Quinton was down to Nehawka and brought the booze which has been caught, and which was found by the boys out hunting, to this city and had the same stored in the county jail. The people had gotten the car before the officers were aware of it and got out of the county, and as they were not caught with the goods, it was considered as well to not go against a losing game.

## AGED LADY DIED LAST EVENING

MRS. KATHERINE WORZEL DIES AT HOME OF DAUGHTER LAST EVENING IN THIS CITY.

### HAD PNEUMONIA TWO DAYS

Has Made Her Home With Daughter And Family Here For Past Fifteen Years.

From Friday's Daily.

Mrs. Katherine Worzel, better known as "Grandmother" who has made her home during her residence in America, at the home of her daughter Mrs. Adolph Wesch ar., of this city, after a two days illness with pneumonia passed away last night, at the advanced age of 83 years.

The aged lady was born in Germany December 12th, 1835, and lived in that country until about sixteen years ago, when she came here with her daughter to make her home. Mrs. Worzel lost her husband a few years before coming to this country to live. Grandmother was a great worker, seemingly could not be satisfied unless she was doing something for somebody, and her thus blessed at with whom she has lived. Her health has been good until this sickness, which was of but a few days. The funeral will be held at the St. Paul's Evangelical church in which she was a consistent member on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. She leaves to mourn her demise, her daughter Mrs. Adolph Wesch and family here. The funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. J. H. Steger.

## GEORGE HORN FUNERAL TODAY

The Last Sad Rites Said Over the Remains Of George W. Horn Of Plainview.

From Friday's Daily.

Last evening the remains of George W. Horn, who a few days since passed away at his home near Plainview, arrived here, and were kept in state at the undertaking parlors of Funeral Director J. P. Sattler, during the morning, the funeral being held at the church south of Cedar Creek at one thirty this afternoon. A large concourse of friends assembled to pay their last sad token of love and honor to this young man, who has been called in the full bloom of active manhood. This the second son which has been called, makes the sorrow deep, for the parents of the young man, whom the epidemic has taken, and the sympathy of a large number of friends go out to the bereaved relatives, to the parents, and the wife of the late George W. Horn in this their sad hour.

## THAT HOSPITAL AGAIN.

Some More Flu Cases, Some Have Recovered, We Are Expecting This.

From Friday's Daily.

The epidemic is here and has been, there have been many cases, and in many instances, there have been families all down at the same time.

The epidemic has gone through the whole family, and made it impossible for one person to assist another. We cited the matter a short time since, where a number of families all down and only one to assist them. We surely are in need of an emergency hospital if not one for service all the time. A person who does not maintain a home but boards with another family, said to the reporter this morning, "Now suppose I was taken with the flu, I would have to go to Omaha to some hospital, as I would not sacrifice the home where I am boarding, and put them in danger of all getting it. So I would have to go to some other city, as there is no place here." This is a question which private investment should show a profit, and where some one with the ready capital, which they do not know where to place, should take up and do a good deed, as well as make a good profit. Should there be no one who

desires to do this an association could solve the problem, or the city and if not that, the county, for in many places there are county hospitals, while there are others besides. Everything which we locate in this city and make it a success, helps this town and your property, and makes a better town in which to live.

## DIED ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

Will J. Newton South Of This City After Week's Illness With Pneumonia.

From Thursday's Daily.

Tuesday evening Will J. Newton, living just south of this city, after having had the influenza for a week, and which turned into bronchial pneumonia, died at his home south of the city. Mr. Newton was about forty years of age and had two children. He and wife had come from Omaha some years since and farmed south of this city. The remains were taken to Omaha for burial yesterday, where the relatives of both Mr. Newton and wife reside. The funeral occurred yesterday evening.

## BROTHER DIES AT OMAHA.

From Thursday's Daily.

Wm. Fritchman who but a few days since returned from Grant, Nebraska, received yesterday from Omaha, word of the departing from this life, of his brother Leslie Fritchman, who had died with pneumonia, and has two children, he being about 35 years of age. The funeral will occur from the home Friday, Mr. Fritchman going from this city, to attend the last sad rites. The funeral is being deferred on account of awaiting for the arrival of Mr. Carl Fritchman, who is being mustered out of the service and has arrived in this country from France.

## IS MUSTERED OUT OF SERVICE.

From Thursday's Daily.

John Wichman arrived home yesterday from Camp Funston, where he has been just recently, having been mustered out of the service there the first of the week. John Wichman enlisted in the service, some time since and was located at the Presidio, at San Francisco, for a number of months and later transferred to Camp Baler, where he has remained, until a short time since, when he was sent to Camp Funston for discharge. John is a fine young man, as well as a fine soldier, and we are sure he will make good anywhere.

## HOGS STRAYED.

1 red sow and three pigs and one that weighs about 75 pounds. Strayed from my home. U. L. Barnard, d.&w.

## Read the Journal Ads—It Pays

**MEMBER  
FEDERAL RESERVE  
SYSTEM**

## New Year's Greetings

THE officers of this bank wish its patrons and friends a prosperous and happy New Year.

—We appreciate the business entrusted to us during the past year. To promise a continuance of the best possible service we know how to give is one way of showing our appreciation.

—In making your financial plans for 1919 consider this bank at your service. We are here to serve you—cheerfully, promptly, efficiently.

## First National Bank

Plattsmouth, Nebraska