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DEATH COMES TO ENGINEER; STRUCK DOWN IN HIS CAB

FOR MANY YEARS AN ENGINEER ON THE BURLINGTON PRIOR TO STRIKE OF 1888.

Joseph W. Coolidge, Old Time Resident of This City Stricken With Paralysis, Dies at Omaha.

From Friday's Daily. —One of the old time engineers who in the late eighties operated on the Burlington out of the city was Joseph W. Coolidge, whose death occurred at Omaha on Wednesday following a sudden stroke of paralysis which came on the unfortunate man as he was guiding his train on the way to Valley last Saturday morning.

Mr. Coolidge was for a number of years a resident of Plattsmouth and quite well known on the road as an engineer running out of this city, but when the strike came in 1888 Mr. Coolidge, with his fellow workmen, quit their work and at the end of the strike he severed his connection with the Burlington, working for a time at other lines of engineering until a few years later when he went to the Union Pacific where he has been one of the oldest and best men in the road service of that company. For 30 years he was a faithful and efficient employe of the Union Pacific and remained at his post of duty until the last.

For several years the life of Mr. Coolidge has been marked by a series of tragedies which have contributed to a general breakdown of the once rugged man and it is thought that this worry and grief was the cause of the bringing on of the attack of paralysis.

The tragedies that have marked the family history for the past 10 years have produced a marked effect upon the father and for several months his health has been showing the effects of the grief and worry. Ten years ago his son Ralph endeavored to board the cab of his engine at Columbus, Neb., as the train was coming to a halt. He fell under the wheels and his injuries necessitated the amputation of both legs.

Last January another son Roy, who was superintendent of a gold mine at Nogales, Ariz., was killed by falling timbers which severed his head from the body. A complete breakdown following the death of the son is believed by the widow and members of the family to have been the contributing cause of his paralytic stroke.

Mr. Coolidge was twice married, and had three sons by his first marriage and two sons and five daughters by the second marriage.

Mr. Coolidge was born in Glenwood, Ia., and was over 60 years of age at the time of his death. The funeral will be held at Columbus, Neb. The family have in the last few years made their home at 24 South Twenty-second street, Council Bluffs, but the body will be taken to Columbus for burial.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF AMERICAN LEGION

Formation of Posts of Woman's Auxiliary Authorized by State Committee of American Legion.

From Friday's Daily. —American Legion posts throughout Nebraska can now have a woman's auxiliary, according to a statement just given out by State Commander Earl Cline.

"While the definite rules have not as yet been worked out," stated Mr. Cline, "arrangements have been completed in Nebraska so that these auxiliaries can receive a temporary charter, which will later be replaced by a permanent one. For the time being the organization of such auxiliaries will not be extended beyond the local post of the legion.

"Anyone desiring to organize an auxiliary should obtain blanks from our state headquarters at Lincoln. These, after properly filled out by at least 15 women, first, must be approved by the post to which it is

to be attached, and secondly, by the state commander. The temporary charters will be issued on a basis of a temporary constitution adopted from the present constitution and post organization of the American Legion. Membership in this auxiliary will be limited to mothers, wives, daughters and sisters of men and women who were in the military or naval service between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, and died in line of duty or after honorable discharge and prior to November 11, 1920."

ICE HARVEST IS READY TO START

Condition of Ice on Missouri River Such That Harvest Will be Commenced Monday by McMaken.

From Friday's Daily. —With the memory of the troubles and annoyances incident to getting an adequate supply of ice for their business houses and homes last summer, a number of the citizens are preparing to put river ice this year, and be in a position where they will not be dependent upon the small capacity ice plant which was unable to properly serve the public last summer. The firm of J. H. McMaken will do the ice cutting and have already cleared off a field south of the ferry where there is a fine bunch of good clean ice that will cut and stored away for use in hot weather. The first ice will be stored in the ice houses of Guy Morgan and S. S. Chase and others will then have their plants filled with ice for future use. The experts in the business state that the ice this year is the best for several seasons and the large amount of it will enable anyone who has storage room to put up their own supply for the summer.

CITY SCHOOLS HOLD XMAS PROGRAMS

Closing of Schools for Christmas Vacation Marked by Number of Entertainments This Afternoon.

From Friday's Daily. —The closing of the city schools for the holiday vacation was signaled this afternoon by a large number of entertainments in the various ward and grade schools of the city and in which the Christmas spirit was greatly in evidence. The teachers have been assisting the young people in the preparation of the programs and a number of very interesting playlets were given by the little folks of the school and in a number of wards the Christmas trees prepared by the teachers were unveiled and their offerings distributed among the young folks.

The schools will remain closed until after New Year's and will re-open for the remainder of the winter term on Monday, January 5, and this will give the scholars as well as the teaching force of the schools a chance to celebrate the holiday season in a fitting manner.

TO LOCATE IN WEST

From Friday's Daily. —Mr. and Mrs. Clifford I. Cecil will depart for Topeka, Kas., where they will enjoy a visit over the holidays at the home of Mrs. Cecil's sister and family in that city. They will go from Topeka to Fort Collins, Colo., where Mr. Cecil will be employed and where they expect to make their home in the future. It is with the greatest of regret that the many friends of this estimable young couple part with them, but in their new home they will take the best of wishes of the host of warm friends in this city.

J. R. VALLERY VERY ILL

From Friday's Daily. —Reports from the bed side of J. R. Vallery who has been quite sick at his home near Myrdar for the several days indicates that the patient is not showing the improvement that had been hoped for and his condition is very serious. Mr. Vallery has been very poorly for a number of months and since his return from the hospital in August he has been gradually failing.

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WOODMEN OF WORLD CASE IS ARGUED

Jurisdiction of Second District Questioned by Attorney for the Fraternal Organization.

From Friday's Daily. —The Woodmen of the World, the large fraternal order against whom injunction proceedings were filed in the district court of Otoe county, argued a motion in the district court at Nebraska City Tuesday, before Judge Bealey in which the fraternal organization through its attorneys contended that the case should have been filed in the Douglas county district court instead of the Otoe county court, as the head offices of the W. O. W. are located in Omaha.

The attorneys representing the policy holders who are seeking to enforce the order from putting in force the increase in rates are D. W. Livingston of Nebraska City, Mr. Nelson of St. Louis and Paul Barnett of Sedalia, Mo. The Woodmen of the World are represented by Nelson C. Pratt, Frank Gains and W. B. Price of Omaha.

The matter of the motion was taken under advisement by Judge Bealey and the decision will be handed down later.

YOUNG PEOPLE PUT OVER A SURPRISE

Miss Flora Meisinger and Ralph C. Farrar of This City Are Married in Omaha Yesterday Afternoon.

From Thursday's Daily. —The many friends of Miss Flora Meisinger and Ralph C. Farrar of this city were greatly surprised last evening to learn that these two young people had decided to take up the journey of life as one in the future and had accordingly tied themselves to the metropolis where the wedding ceremony was performed. The bride couple are quite well known here where the bride has spent her girlhood, she being the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Meisinger, and possesses a large circle of warm personal friends. The groom is a grandson of Mrs. E. J. Farrar of this city and has made his home here for the past several months coming to this city on his discharge from the army. Mr. Farrar was during the war a member of Co. K, 168th Infantry of the famous Rainbow division, and since his arrival in the city has been employed the greater part of the time in the Burlington shops.

FRENCH ORPHAN SAYS HE'S AMERICAN NOW

Brought by Red Cross from Overseas; Objects to Being Called "Frenchy."

Recalling Salvation Army good work in the trenches this time a year and two years ago in France, Margaret Violet Hayes, Red Cross nurse, now living in Murray, Neb., took up a collection of \$30 last week and brought the fund to Omaha headquarters. Mrs. Hayes is the nurse who was given publicity last spring on her return from overseas service with a 6-year-old French orphan, Henri Me-travis, whom she rechristened in the good old American William Henry Hayes. The nurse had picked him up in the devastated region near St. Bille. His father was killed in the fight of refugees he had been separated from his mother and grandmother, with whom he was living.

Says He is American

All efforts to locate the child's relatives failed. "He had no shirt or shoes when I found him and what little clothing he wore was in tatters," said Mrs. Hayes.

Mrs. Hayes sent the child to New York, where her daughter, Mrs. Bowen, of Hastings, Iowa, was studying music, and the child was placed in the De Harper training school there until Mrs. Hayes returned from France to take him to his new western home.

"Henry doesn't want to be called

French any more. He objected strenuously when the children in the school called him 'Frenchy.' He says he is an American now," said Mrs. Hayes.

The former war nurse was wounded by the accidental explosion of a strapped December 22, last year, several weeks after the signing of the armistice. She was pursuing her work in the trenches, Mrs. Hayes said, when the explosion occurred and splinters from the strapped entered her knee and hip.

Mrs. Hayes is visiting Miss Colleen Johnston, 24 1/2 Hart street, while in Omaha.—World-Herald.

THE PRESBYTERIAN AID SOCIETY MET

Ladies Are Entertained by Mrs. W. H. Newell, Mrs. W. T. Cole and Mrs. H. J. Straight Yesterday.

From Thursday's Daily. —The ladies of the Presbyterian Aid society were very pleasantly entertained yesterday afternoon at the W. H. Newell home in their regular business meeting of the month. The hostesses were Mrs. Newell, Mrs. W. T. Cole and Mrs. H. J. Straight and the members of the society were greatly pleased with the delightful hospitality afforded them. The business session was taken up with the discussion of the plans for the New Year's watch party as well as the market which the ladies will hold on January 10 and the plans offered speak for a great success of these two events. At a suitable hour dainty and thoroughly enjoyable refreshments were served by the hostesses that added to the pleasures of the very pleasant afternoon.

RECEIVES CAR OF OAKLAND AUTOMOBILES

O. K. Garage Yesterday Unloaded Carload of Fine New Models of This Popular Make.

From Thursday's Daily. —The firm of J. H. McMaken & Son who have established an agency for the Oakland automobile at the O. K. garage, yesterday received a carload of the new models of touring cars which will be displayed at the garage on Washington avenue. This firm is one of the pushers in the automobile business and are determined to see that the people of this portion of the country are given the best possible service in an up-to-date automobile agency and have taken the Oakland car to demonstrate in this portion of the county. The new cars are in neat and classy models and can be seen at the garage.

NOW LEARNING SPANISH

From Thursday's Daily. —Sheriff Quinton who has two Mexicans as his guests until Uncle Sam decides to hand them the kibosh and transportation to their native abode, is now fast becoming conversant with the soft and soothing music of the Spanish tongue as the sheriff has the task of looking over the mail of the prisoners, and, as it is couched in the most highly cultivated "spic," what the sheriff doesn't understand of the language is much.

JOY AT HEROLD HOME

From Friday's Daily. —This morning there was much happiness at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Herold on the occasion of the arrival of a fine little daughter who was born at 9 o'clock. The little miss has been christened Jane Adelle and is doing nicely as well as the mother. It is needless to say that the advent of the little one has brought great pleasure to the proud and happy father.

STORK GETS BUSY

From Thursday's Daily. —The home of Mr. and Mrs. Estes Williams in the north portion of the city was gladdened by the fact that a fine little son and heir arrived at their home to reside with them in the future. The little man tipped the scales at 11 pounds and together with the mother is doing nicely, while the occasion has brought more than the usual joy to the proud and happy father.

GRADE SCHOOLS GIVE PROGRAM

High School "Gym" Scene of Very Interesting Program Arranged by Grade Teachers.

From Saturday's Daily. —Yesterday afternoon the high school "gym" was the scene of a very pleasing and thoroughly enjoyable Christmas program given by the pupils of the grades of the Central building and including the students from the first to the sixth grades.

The teachers of these grades, Misses Amelia Martens, Lydia Todd, Teresa Hemple, Julia Kerr, Marie Svoboda, Florence Rummel, Anna Rys, Miss Owens and Mrs. Charles Carlson, had arranged the program and assisted the young folks in the preparation of the different playlets and dialogues given and it was very entertaining throughout as the little folks entered thoroughly into the spirit of the occasion.

There were some fifty of the young folks taking part in the program and all taking part acquitted themselves with the greatest of credit in their respective roles. As is customary in an entertainment of this nature, a fine large Christmas tree was in evidence as well as the good old Santa who proved a delight to the young folks. A number of songs were given during the course of the program that aided in making the program the greatest success.

A large number of the parents and friends of the pupils were present to enjoy the occasion with the little folks and all were enthusiastic in the manner in which the entertainment had been arranged by the teachers and carried out by the pupils.

VERY PLEASANT ENTERTAINMENT

First Ward School Pupils Held Very Enjoyable Program at School Yesterday Afternoon.

From Saturday's Daily. —Yesterday afternoon the pupils of the first ward school under the auspices of their teacher, Miss Adelia Sayles, held a very enjoyable program at the school building and the school was filled to its capacity by the patrons of the school to enjoy the treat prepared for them. The chief feature of the program was the playlet, "The Joys and Sorrows of Santa Claus" and in which Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and Jack Frost were the main characters and some 34 little folks in costume participated in their different roles. The playlet was given in two acts and in each of these the young folks displayed the greatest talent. A fine Christmas tree had been arranged which was decorated with offerings of candy and other good things to eat which were distributed by the teacher to the little folks. A gift bag also was an attractive feature of the afternoon and in this was a gift for every member of the school and much pleasure was derived from the sharing of the pretty and attractive gifts.

ROADS GETTING BETTER

From Thursday's Daily. —This morning Walter Byers was in the city from his home in Rock Bluffs and reports that the road leading to that locality is in very good shape, due to the thoughtful and labor of two of the young farmers of that locality, Glen Fitchhorn and Charles Warga, who have been out with team and a drag and made the roads so that they are passable for two teams instead of the

narrow road that was made by the few teams passing over the road. For several days the roads in that direction were almost impassable but the efforts of the young men have resulted in making them very good for traveling.

The state engineer's office at Lincoln has requested the county commissioners to have the snow removed from the government aid road south of the city as soon as possible. The engineer has recommended the use of the road maintenance machinery for the removal of the snow and estimates that the road can be cleared at a cost of \$3 per mile.

THE BASKET BALL GAMES LAST NIGHT

Local High School Loses to Dunbar While Eighth Grade Team Wins from Glenwood.

From Saturday's Daily. —Last evening there was quite a good sized crowd of the basket ball fans present at the high school "gym" to witness the battle between the Plattsmouth 8th grade team and the 8th graders of the Glenwood schools and in which the local boys were victors by the score of 32 to 11 and played rings around the boys from our neighboring city across the river.

In the contest between the high school team and the organization representing the Dunbar high school a very close and interesting game was enjoyed which was grabbed off by the visitors by the score of 42 to 34. The playing on both sides was quite spirited and the game was one of the closest seen on the local floor this year.

LOCOMOTIVE OFF TRACK

From Thursday's Daily. —This morning as the west bound local freight was enroute from this city to Lincoln, it was laid up for a few hours at Oreadopolis as the locomotive of the train was off the track, caused by running onto the derail and all but the two rear wheels of the tender were resting on the ties until the local switching crew could reach the scene and were able to get the engine back on the rails and the train again started on its way westward.

VISITS MASONIC HOME

From Friday's Daily. —This morning the officers of the Scottish Rite Woman's club of Omaha came down and spent several hours at the Masonic home as well as the Eastern Star orphanage and distributed the Christmas offering of the Omaha club for the benefit of the Masonic home. The ladies in the party were Mesdames H. J. McArthur, J. H. Stine, Robert Gilchrist, and Fred Martin. The ladies were delighted with the splendid manner in which the home is progressing and greatly enjoyed their stay at the institution that the Masons of the state have erected. The ladies returned home this afternoon over the Burlington.

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