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CLOSE CALL FROM A SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Hans Rathmann, Employed by H. M. Soennichsen, Has Very Startling Experience Yesterday.

From Tuesday's Daily.
While helping unload and store a car of flour yesterday afternoon Hans Rathmann, one of the employees of the H. M. Soennichsen store, had a close call from serious injury and for a few minutes Hans could hear the twinging of harps and had visions of the pearly gates as he lay buried beneath the deluge of flour. The flour was being stacked in the store room of Mr. Soennichsen just east of the Journal office and the employees of J. H. McMaken who were handling the flour had two rows of the sacks along the west side of the store room and the piles were from 10 to 12 feet high. Hans was assisting in the work and as he was lifting a sack onto the pile the whole outer row of the sacked flour gave away and descended upon Mr. Rathmann, knocking him down and for a few minutes he was pinned beneath the load of flour until the boys who were handling the flour were able to extricate him from the position he had gotten into. Hans had his side rather painfully bruised as the result of the accident but fortunately it was not more serious.

NOW RECOVERING FROM INJURIES

William Shea, Jr., of Alliance, Who Was Severely Burned in Boiler Explosion Doing Nicely.

From Monday's Daily.
William Shea has just returned from Alliance, Neb., where he was called by a message announcing a very serious accident to his son, William, Jr., and which for a time it was feared would result very seriously for the young man. On his arrival at Alliance Mr. Shea found his son at the hospital but very much improved and when he left there the hopes were the brightest for his speedy recovery.

The accident resulted from the explosion of a boiler at the potash plant and at the time of the explosion Billy was working on top of the boiler and was hurled a distance of 20 or 30 feet by the force of the explosion and his only injuries seem to have been from scalding steam which was thrown around him and which covered his face with very serious burns. Small particles of iron from the boiler also found lodgment in his face and this was very difficult for the attending surgeons to extricate.

The injured man was hurried to the hospital and the injuries given treatment at once. At the first examination it was thought that the sight of both of the eyes had been destroyed by the burning steam as the flesh around the eyes was badly burned but after the dressing of the injuries it was found that the young man was able to see as well as ever, the steam fortunately having failed to penetrate the eyes. The young man sustained no broken bones in the accident and his escape in this respect seems marvelous as he was hurled quite a distance by the explosion.

When Mr. Shea arrived at the hospital to visit the son he found him feeling very comfortable as he has had the best of attention and treatment and he was able to recognize and converse with his father as well as usual and suffered but very little considering the nature of his injuries.

The improvement in the condition of Billy will be very pleasing news to the friends in this city and they will hope that this improvement may continue until his complete recovery.

PUNCH BOARDS AGAIN BANNED

From Tuesday's Daily.
The great American desire to get something for nothing and which has made the punch boards operated in different places over the city very profitable, will be forced to seek other outlets as the punch boards are at present banned by the city authorities. Notice was given by the police that the use of punch boards was forbidden by law and that their

operation would not be permitted and the gift bearing boards were pulled back out of the way of the temptation of the youth of the community. This, however, is not the first time that the punch boards have been forbidden and they always stage a comeback after a few weeks of retirement.

TO TAKE INVENTORY

From Tuesday's Daily.
This morning a large number of the employees of the local Burlington store department left for Gibson, at which point they will check up and take inventory of the supplies of the store department. John Wickman, Frank Palacek, S. S. Gooding, William Shopp, Edward McBride, C. L. Deltz, George Nelson and Jess Brady were among the party going to Gibson to attend to this work for the company.

JESSE HINER NEAR TO LIFE'S END

Message from Soldiers Home at Leavenworth, Kas., States Plattsmouth Veteran Poorly.

From Tuesday's Daily.
A message was received here this morning by the relatives of Jesse Hiner, one of the old veterans of Plattsmouth, announcing the serious condition of the aged gentleman at the soldiers' home at Leavenworth, Kas. Mr. Hiner has been making his home there for some time and his advanced age has brought on the breakdown that has made his condition so serious that the family has been notified of his probably fatal illness. If it is possible to move the aged man the family will have him brought to this city to spend his few remaining days. The son, William Hiner, will leave for Leavenworth today to look into the case of the aged father.

CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Askwith Observe Pleasant Occasion at Omaha Last Sunday.

From Tuesday's Daily.
On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Askwith, formerly in charge of the Masonic home in this city, observed the fiftieth wedding anniversary by an informal reception at the home of their son, Harry S. Askwith, 702 South 36th street.

The reception occupied the entire day and was very pleasant and informal and a large number of the old friends of this excellent couple gathered to congratulate them on the pleasant event.

Mr. Askwith was married to Miss Anna E. King in Pittsburg, December 28, 1869, and immediately thereafter they came west to Nebraska. Five children have been born. They are William A. and Harry S., of Omaha; Richard, of Chicago and Harvey, of California. The other, a daughter, Mrs. Graham Lawrence, of Salt Lake City, Utah, is now visiting at the home of the parents.

Mr. Askwith served during the four years of the civil war as a member of the Union army. He was for four years commandant of the soldiers' home at Grand Island, and has just recently retired after a service of eleven years as superintendent of the Masonic home in Plattsmouth, and was associated at the home in this city by Mrs. Askwith as matron. The old friends of this estimable couple in this city will extend their best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Askwith for many years more of happiness and success of which they are so well deserving.

DR. FOGERTY IMPROVING

From Monday's Daily.
Dr. James Fogerty of this city who for the past two weeks has been at the Ford hospital in Omaha recovering from the effects of a very serious case of infection of three teeth, is now doing nicely and expects to be able to return home in a few days. Dr. Fogerty has had a very severe time with these teeth and it was necessary to have the teeth removed at the hospital, Dr. F. L. Caldwell of this city performing the operation.

PROPOSALS CHANGING CONSTITUTION

Number of Important Matters That Would Be Radically Changed in New Constitution.

From Tuesday's Daily.
The state constitutional convention which has been meeting at Lincoln the last few weeks is taking up in real earnest the proposals made for changes in the organic law of the state that would make the constitution a real modern instrument. One of the changes in the legislative system of the state is that proposed by Svoboda of Howard county which would make the term of state senators four years and provide that one-half should be elected every two years instead of every two years as at present. He would also increase the senate to 24 members instead of 33.

A recall law for all elective officers is one of the measures that J. N. Norton of Polk county is introducing as well as a workable initiative and referendum law.

Whenever desired by the vote of the people the state or municipalities may establish and operate public utilities is one of the proposed measures before the convention.

One of the important measures to be considered is that of eliminating many of the state elective offices and creating special departments over which appointed officers would preside. The proposed bill would cut the elective offices of the state government down to governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, treasurer and auditor.

The convention is to re-convene on January 6 and will take up the consideration of these important matters.

COUNTY ASSESSORS TO MEET

From Tuesday's Daily.
County Assessor G. L. Farley has received notice of the annual meeting of the county assessors of Nebraska, which will meet at Lincoln on January 6, 7 and 8. A very extensive program with many interesting addresses on the subject of taxation will be given. Governor McKelvie as well as Hon. C. W. Sears of Omaha, chairman of the committee on taxation of the constitutional convention, are scheduled to make addresses at the meeting.

WEATHER NOT CONDUCIVE TO ICE CROP

Everything in Readiness to Begin a Week Ago when Warm Spell Played Havoc with Plans

From Tuesday's Daily.
Those who had hoped to have their summer's ice supply safely stored away by now, may yet be doomed to disappointment.

With everything in readiness to begin cutting a week ago Monday, and the coal strike safely settled, the weather man chose to dispense a bit of natural warmth to the then shivering old world, and accordingly the one-time ten to twelve inch ice, is rapidly turning to water.

Last year was the first time in a good many years that a crop of ice has not been harvested in these parts, and it hardly seems probable such a thing would occur again this season.

A number of towns over the county being located close to lakes or river lagoons of still water, have already stored their supply of the cooling substance, getting a good quality of twelve to fourteen inch ice, but on the river the rapid motion of the water serves to hold down the thickness and delay the time of cutting.

In case it is impossible to secure a crop of natural ice, it is probable several local institutions consuming a large amount will resort to the installation of individual plants rather than trust to the limited output of the local plant to secure their needs.

FOR SALE

Cottonwood and maple block wood \$4 and \$5 per load delivered. Elbert Wiles, Telephone 3521. tf-dw

ENTERTAINS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

From Tuesday's Daily.
Last evening the young men belonging to the Sunday school class of George L. Farley were very pleasantly entertained at the home of their teacher in a delightful social evening. The time was passed very delightfully in games and musical selections by members of the party. Harold Smith furnishing a number of pleasing piano numbers and other members of the party giving vocal numbers which were much enjoyed. At a suitable hour very dainty and delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Farley assisted by Misses Carrie and Estelle Beird which served to add to the pleasures of the members of the party.

SPEAKS IN BEHALF OF THE FRIENDLESS

Dr. J. D. Leavitt, Superintendent of Nebraska Branch of Society for Friendless Speaks Here.

From Monday's Daily.

Yesterday morning at the Presbyterian church and in the evening at the Methodist church, Dr. J. D. Leavitt of Omaha, superintendent of the Nebraska branch of the Society of the Friendless, spoke briefly of some of the work that this organization is doing throughout the nation in the way of prison reform and in helping the unfortunates to hit the straight and narrow path when they come from the doors of the prisons. Dr. Leavitt urged the working life as the best means of helping the men and women who have done time to get back in the right track after their mistakes and misfortunes. The society of the friendless has purchased recently an industrial farm where the women who have been doing time in the prisons are employed on their release and the result of the farm life has proven very beneficial to the up-building of the character of the former prisoners and also in the stimulating of the moral and physical welfare of the prisoners. A similar farm will be purchased and put into operation for the men who are released from prison and a chance given them to make good. Dr. Leavitt asked that contributions of clothing or shoes that could be used in assisting the men and women on their release from prison be contributed to the society of the friendless. The address throughout was very interesting and enlightened many on the heretofore unknown work of the society.

RETURNS TO SCHOOL

From Monday's Daily.
Miss Emily McGregor of Sargeant, Neb., who has been spending the holiday season here at the home of her sisters, Mrs. Fred Majors and Mrs. Sam Gilmour, departed Saturday for Lincoln where she is attending the state university during the winter term.

POLICE HOLD THREE GIRLS AS INCORRIGIBLE

From Monday's Daily.
Three girls, all of them under 18 years of age, were arrested yesterday afternoon by South Side police on incorrigibility charges. Lena Jadedt, 17 years old, of Nineteenth and P streets, and Orpha and Martha Leland, 16 and 17 years old, of Twenty-first and N streets, were picked up by the police. Lena has been away from home for some time and would not return. On Christmas eve she met Acting Desk Sergeant Carter of the South Side station, who is acquainted with her family. She promised him that she would go home the next day. But she failed to do so. A sister of hers is sick and had asked her to come and stay with her, but still there remained some attraction to Lena which was stronger than home. All three girls have been turned over to Miss Johnson of the juvenile court.—World-Herald.

The above item is of particular interest in this city as two of the young ladies, Orpha and Martha Leland are former residents of this city and removed with their mother to Omaha several months ago.

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EWALD O. STIEHM TO STAY IN EAST

Well Known Foot Ball Coach Signs Contract for Five Years With Indiana State University.

From Wednesday's Daily.
The press dispatches carry the information that Ewald O. (Jumbo) Stiehm, former coach of the Nebraska foot ball team is to remain at Bloomington, Ind., as coach of the Indiana university athletic department, having just signed a five year contract with the athletic board. Mr. Stiehm is well known in this city where Mrs. Stiehm, formerly Miss Marie Douglass, made her home for a number of years and the friends of the family will be pleased to learn that Mr. Stiehm's ability has been recognized by the Indiana college. Mr. Stiehm has had several offers from some of the large eastern schools to take charge of their athletic work but has decided not to make a change in his residence. During his stay with the athletic department of the University of Nebraska Mr. Stiehm was able to maintain the championship of the Missouri valley conference in the football field for several years and his genius at training and organization has developed the Indiana team into one of the fastest organizations in the central states.

ODD FELLOWS MAKE LARGE PURCHASES

Secure \$1,000 Worth of Additional Paraphernalia for Platte Lodge No. 7, I. O. O. F.

From Wednesday's Daily.
As an indication of a desire of the members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows to place this order in the front rank of all fraternal orders, where it justly belongs, the members of Platte lodge No. 7 of this city have made some very valuable additions to the equipment of the order in this city. The local lodge and Mystic Encampment No. 31 have closed a deal with Mr. Brewington of Kansas City, Mo., for the purchase of \$1,000 worth of paraphernalia which together with that already owned by the lodge here will enable them to put on the work of the order in a much more elaborate manner and in an up to the minute style.—J. H. Short, D. D. G. P.

NEBRASKA BOY SUCCESSFUL PLAYWRIGHT

Fred Ballard of Havelock is Author of "Believe Me Xantippe" Which Appears Here Monday Evening.

From Wednesday's Daily.
The story of the play "Believe Me Xantippe" which is to be at Parmele theater on Monday night is from the pen of Fred Ballard, well known Havelock young man, and who is well known in Plattsmouth. This play is a very clever and entertaining one and is certain to please all who witness its performance. The movie production of the play was shown here some time ago with Wallace Reid in the stellar role and was greatly enjoyed and the stage production of the clever play is to be even better than its screen counterpart. The seat sale for the show will be open at the store of Weyrich & Hadraba at 7:30 Friday evening and those who desire their choice of seats should be early with their reservations.

ENJOYS PLEASANT EVENING

From Wednesday's Daily.
Last evening the home of Miss Ruth Roman was the scene of a very delightful gathering when Miss Roman and Miss Honor Seybert entertained a number of their young lady friends at a social evening. The rooms of the home were prettily arranged with the holiday decorations and made a very pleasing touch to the general spirit of hospitality prevailing. During the evening music and games were enjoyed by the young people until a late hour. A very dainty two-course luncheon was served by the hostesses during the course of the evening that added much to the pleasures of the members of

the party. Those in attendances were Misses Sophia Chaloupka, Alpha Hallstrom, Edith Johnson, Mary Heatherington, Catherine Eagan, Honor Seybert and Ruth Roman.

BRING IN CONTRIBUTIONS

All those who desire to contribute old clothes for either men or women as well as shoes, and which are to be turned over to the society for the friendless and distributed under the direction of Dr. J. D. Leavitt, may leave their contributions at the W. E. Rosencrans real estate office. The clothing and shoes will be shipped Saturday so bring in your contributions early.

PLATTSMOUTH WINS BASKET BALL GAME

Randolph High Runs Up Against Snag in Opening Game of Tour—Score 25 to 13—Fast Game.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Last evening a large number of the basket ball lovers journeyed up to the high school and saw the local high school five mix things up with the team representing the Randolph (Neb.) high school and the result of the battle was a complete victory for the Plattsmouth team after a hard fought battle in which both teams played an excellent game. In the opening half of the game the score was a tie of 7 to 7 and both teams in the opening of the second half gained two more scores and with only eight minutes of time to play the score stood 9 to 9 and here is where Schubeck and Brugacker, the forwards of the local team did things to the visitors and secured the lead for their team that finally resulted in the victory. For the Plattsmouth team Schubeck as forward and McCarthy as guard were the bright and shining lights of the contest and their work contributed to the excellent showing made. Sherwood, center of the Randolph team, was the star of the game and secured four baskets from his opponents to add to the list of scores of his team.

The Randolph team was composed of good sized lads and was one of the best organizations that has appeared on the local floor this season and showed much ability and skill in the game. They departed this morning for Auburn where they are to play the high school team in that city tonight.

Frank Marshall as referee and "Bobby" Martin as umpire gave excellent service and their fair and impartial rulings were accepted without discussion.

FOR SALE.

I have for sale several good milk cows, tuberculin tested. Will be fresh soon and are good heavy milkers. See Neil D. Cameron, Bellevue Blvd., block north of Childs road, Telephone South 3517, Omaha.

RHODE ISLAND RED HENS

Several hundred Rhode Island Red hens for sale at reasonable price. Mrs. C. R. Todd, phone 3102. 3sw14d



A New Year's Wish

And now, prompted by the spirit of the season, let us renew our annual covenant of good will and kindly feeling.

May it be subject to no reservation or condition than that of an annual renewal.

May prosperity attend you throughout the year, and may each find pride and satisfaction in the accomplishment of the other.

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