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## MRS. IVON S. WHITE IS CALLED HOME

PASSED AWAY AT 8:45 THIS MORNING AFTER LONG ILLNESS AT HOME NEAR MURRAY.

## AN OLD RESIDENT OF COUNTY

Deceased a Resident of Cass County Since 1856—For Many Years Resided Near Rock Bluffs.

From Tuesday's Daily.

This morning at 8:45 Mrs. Ivon S. White, one of the pioneer women of Cass county came to the end of life's journey and laying aside the burden of years and the wearied spirit of months of illness and suffering sank into the sleep that knows no awakening on this mortal sphere.

For weeks it had been known to the members of the family that the mother and grandmother was not to abide with those of her loved ones many days and the tenderest of care from the members of her family circle, ministered to her in the last days, soothing the approaching journey into the land of eternal rest.

Ann Smith was born May 29, 1825, in Boone county, Kentucky, the daughter of one of the pioneer families of that state, and her girlhood was spent amid the scenes of that state, the family later moving to Livingston county, Missouri, where on February 19, 1854, she was united in marriage to Ivon S. White.

Mr. and Mrs. White made their home in Missouri for a period of two years and in 1856 came to Nebraska, settling near the then flourishing little city of Rock Bluffs, Cass county, and near where they have made their home for the years since that time.

The home life of Mr. and Mrs. White was beautiful to all who knew them and the deep devotion of the happily wedded couple continued until the death of the husband and father, some five years ago. Since the death of the husband Mrs. White has made her home with her son, Mark White and wife, who have cared very tenderly for the beloved mother, devoting to her a wealth of affection and love.

To bless the life of Mr. and Mrs. White three children were born, Mrs. Celestia Hiatt of Sidney, Ia.; Mark White, residing near Murray, and one child, Lancel, who died in infancy.

In 1856 Mrs. White was united with the Christian church and has continued a very devout believer in this faith up to her death.

Beside the two children and one brother, Howell Smith of Granite, Okla., chaplain of the Oklahoma state penitentiary, if left to mourn the death of this good woman, as well as eight grandchildren, namely: Mrs. Jay Grow of Mansfield, Tex.; Misses Lovy, Marjette, Martha, Ann and Ivon Hiatt of Sidney, Ia.; Mrs. F. R. Gobleman of Plattsmouth, and Mrs. L. O. Hiatt of Omaha.

The beautiful life of Mrs. White, her wonderful love of home and the members of her family circle, has been an inspiration to those who have had the opportunity of knowing her and sublime Christian faith and unflinching courage as she approached the final scene of life, looking forward to the reunion with those she had held dear in life and the beautiful words of Tennyson speak truly of the passing of this grand pioneer woman:

"Sunset and evening star  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning at the bar  
When I put out to sea.

For tho' from out our borne of time and place  
The flood may bear me far  
I hope to see my pilot face to face  
When I have crossed the bar."

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## MARRIED AT LINCOLN

From Tuesday's Daily.  
Miss Grace E. Bailey of Alvo and Henry L. Clapp, Jr., of Elmwood, were married Saturday at 2 p. m. at the Methodist Episcopal church, University Place. Rev. P. VanFleet performed the ceremony. Miss Alma G. Swanson and William Odjendyk of Lincoln and Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Harger of Chicago were present. Mrs. Harger is a sister of the bride. Mr. Clapp attended the state university and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He served nine months overseas with the 88th division, returning home June 1, 1919. Mr. and Mrs. Clapp will make their home at Elmwood, Neb.—State Journal.

## FILES FOR REELECTION AS DIST. CLERK

James M. Robertson Files as Candidate for Re-Election Subject to Republican Primary.

From Tuesday's Daily.

This morning filing was made in the office of County Clerk George Sayles by James M. Robertson, clerk of the district court in which Mr. Robertson submits his name for the consideration of the republican voters at the primary election on April 20. Mr. Robertson has filed this office for a number of years and during his terms has made the county a very efficient official in the handling of the business affairs of this department of the county government and has won the hearty good will of the attorneys and the public who have had business dealing in the clerk's office. Mr. Robertson is one of the best known of the county officials, having served the people for a quarter of a century as county clerk and later in the office of clerk of the district court. It is not thought likely that there will be any other filings for this office on the republican ticket and the nomination of Mr. Robertson seems to be assured.

## HERE ON ROAD MATTERS

From Tuesday's Daily.  
The session of the board of county commissioners this morning was occupied in hearing the statements in regard to several changes desired by residents of different portions of the county. A number from Manley were present to urge upon the board the necessity of an overhead crossing over the line of the Missouri Pacific south of Manley and the matter was referred to County Attorney A. G. Cole, who will take it up with the state railway commission to see what assistance can be secured from that source for the residents.

A request from the Meyers Stone company of Weeping Water for the change of the road near the quarry was brought up and will receive favorable action from the board and give the company and the residents of that community a much better road.

Matt McQuinn of Union was before the board presenting the request for a bridge near his farm over the Weeping Water creek southeast of Union but this was laid over until more funds were available for this line of work.

## VISITING RELATIVES HERE

From Tuesday's Daily.  
William B. Short of Buffalo, N. Y., is in the city enjoying a short visit here with his uncle, J. H. Short and family. Mr. Short spent his boyhood days here but for a great many days has made his home in the east and this is the first opportunity in 20 years he has had of meeting with the relatives and renewing acquaintances. He is engaged in the wholesale fruit and produce business in Buffalo.

## GOES TO HOSPITAL

From Tuesday's Daily.  
This afternoon Rev. J. H. Steger departed for Omaha in company with Mrs. Steger, where he expects to undergo an examination and may remain there for treatment at one of the hospitals. Mr. Steger has been suffering from a very severe nervous breakdown for the past six months and his condition has become such that he finds it necessary to secure treatment of a specialist.

## NOTED BUYER OF TAX TITLES PASSES AWAY

ANDREW J. SEAMAN, FAMILIAR FIGURE AT THIS PLACE, DIES IN OMAHA.

## WAS REPUTED TO BE WEALTHY

For Years Lived on Sum of Seven Cents a Day and Eccentric Habits Are Long Noted Here.

From Monday's Daily.

On Saturday at the St. Catherine hospital in Omaha passed away one of the strangest figures that has been found in that city and one that was well known over the eastern portion of Nebraska as a wholesale purchaser of delinquent tax titles and in which he was reputed to have become immensely wealthy although his real wealth was known only to this aged recluse who, in dying, left little trace of the money he is supposed to have accumulated in the tax title purchases.

For many years each season as the taxes on property became delinquent Mr. Seaman would come down from Omaha and spend days pouring over the tax records and selecting those he thought would render a profitable return on his investment and he seldom made a poor purchase. His eccentric manner and peculiar dress was sure to draw the attention of the stranger to this strange man whose life is apparently a partial mystery even to those who had come in frequent contact with him.

Andrew Jackson Seaman was one of the least attractive of men personally as his attire was aged and unkempt and his personal appearance not very pleasing while his silent and strange disposition kept him from mingling with his fellow men, the accumulation of his wealth being his only object in life and the pursuit of this greed for gold did little to brighten the life of the unfortunate old man who so strangely refused to gather any of the sunshine from life and passed into the great beyond friendless and without having gathered any comfort from the use of the wealth he has so long labored for.

For years he made his home in a rude dwelling made of empty goods boxes at a place adjoining the Union Pacific yards in Omaha but of late years he has maintained his home in a room rented of a private family but maintained the most exacting thrift and often boasted of the fact that he lived on seven cents a day.

Just what the wealth of Mr. Seaman will amount to is unknown as the estimates range from \$100,000 to \$500,000 but the exact figures will not be known until the matter is fully investigated by D. W. Morrow, attorney, who on Friday filed an application to be appointed guardian of the aged man. Seaman was found by Mr. Morrow to be suffering from a badly infected hand on Friday and was brought to St. Catherine's hospital for treatment and where he died early Saturday morning. For the past three weeks Seaman had been attempting to prepare a will but was unable to decide what he desired and accordingly passed away without making any disposition of his property. He leaves a sister, Mrs. Harriet C. Wolf, residing at Los Angeles, and this is the only known relative. The only show of sentiment ever made by Mr. Seaman was the request that he be buried at Wahoo where his namesake and nephew is buried and in accordance with his request his attorney will have the body taken there for burial.

## ROAD OVERSEERS RESIGN

From Monday's Daily.  
Two of the road overseers of Cass county have filed with County Clerk George R. Sayles their resignation from the office and desire to have the same accepted by the board of county commissioners. I. T. Royer of Avoca, who has for the past seven years been the overseer in district No. 13, and former County Commissioner C. R. Jordan, overseer in district No. 6, are those resigning.

## NOW BACK AT DUTY

From Monday's Daily.  
This morning Miss Della Frans was back on duty as bookkeeper at the C. E. Westcott's Sons' store after an enforced vacation of some ten days due to illness. Miss Frans has been suffering from a slight attack of appendicitis and it was thought at first that it would be necessary to operate but after an examination by the specialists at Omaha and a course of dieting it was decided that this would not be necessary and the patient allowed to return home where she has been recuperating for the past few days and was feeling so much better this morning that she decided to resume her duties. The fact that she has improved so much will be very pleasing to her many friends.

## NATURALIZATION DAY IN THE COURT

A. H. BODE OF IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT EXAMINER AT THE HEARING.

## TWO HAVE PAPERS REFUSED

Had Claimed Exemption from Military Service on Account of Being Alien Enemies.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The district court and the office of District Clerk James Robertson were very busy places yesterday when the hearing on the final papers of a large number came up for hearing. The hearing was conducted by A. H. Bode of the immigration department of the government who submitted the applicants to a series of questions covering their knowledge of the government and the laws of the United States and the new citizenship gave clear and concise answers that indicated that they had been giving the matter of citizenship their best study and were all earnest in their desire to become citizens of the great republic of the United States.

Final citizenship was granted to John W. McLean, Joseph Sedlak, Thomas Krachtville, Vincent Slatinsky, of this city; August C. Berner of Avoca; Joel Johnson of Louisville, and Frederick O. L. Wolheme.

In the matter of the application of Franz J. Svoboda, action was postponed until June owing to the fact that the witnesses were not present. Max Dusterhoff had his application continued also until June on account of one of the witnesses failing to appear as was also the application of Axel Okerbaum. In the application of Frank Dvorak, an error in the deposition taken in the state of Iowa was discovered and this will have to be corrected and the applicant await until June for the final hearing.

In the application of Otto and August Peteriet, both of whom reside near this city, the court denied the application for citizenship on the grounds that at the time of the selective draft during the war these two men had filed their questionnaires claiming exemption from military service for the United States on the ground that they were alien enemies and could not bear arms for this nation. As has been the ruling of the federal government this constituted sufficient grounds for the denial for all time of application for citizenship in the United States of America and in accordance with this the application were rejected.

## DEPARTS FOR WEST

From Monday's Daily.  
John F. Cook and wife and little daughter, who have been enjoying a visit for the past two weeks in this community with their relatives and friends, departed this morning on the early Burlington train for their home at Beaver City, Neb. Mr. Cook and family have been visiting in Oklahoma and Texas prior to coming to the old home in Cass county and are feeling that they have had a pleasant outing and are now ready to enjoy the home scenes once more.

## COMMUNITY SING PROVED SUCCESSFUL

LARGE NUMBER GATHER AT H. S. AUDITORIUM TO ENJOY A PLEASANT AFTERNOON.

## TO MAKE EVENT PERMANENT

Sentiment for the Holding of Community Gatherings at Least Every Three Months Urged.

From Monday's Daily.

The community sing which was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the auditorium of the high school proved to be one of the most delightful community gatherings that has been held here in many months and the large number present attested the popularity of this form of entertainment.

The committee in charge of the community sing, Rev. H. G. McClusky, Miss Kittie Cummins, Mrs. E. H. Westcott, Rev. A. V. Hunter and Mrs. A. D. Caldwell, had prepared a very pleasing program which was heartily joined in by the residents of the city who took advantage of the occasion to be present and the passage of the afternoon hours was made most delightful in the singing of the old and well loved songs as well as in hearing special numbers prepared. Miss Gfene Knoflick, one of the most gifted violinists of the west and who is a daughter of Plattsmouth, was present at the sing and gave two very beautiful selections and her artistic numbers on the violin demonstrated the great gift that has won this talented lady the highest praise of the masters of music who have had the pleasure of listening to her playing. Miss Kittie Cummins was the accompanist for the violin solos and her artistic playing added greatly to the beauty of the numbers. Mrs. Christine Coughlin was another of the pleasing features of the afternoon program in two well selected and beautifully rendered piano numbers which were received with delight by the audience. The male quartet composed of Rev. H. G. McClusky, Rev. A. V. Hunter, F. A. Cloldt and D. C. York offered two of their always pleasing selections to the program which proved a great delight to the audience. The singing of the old songs was heartily joined in by the audience and under the direction of Rev. A. V. Hunter, the songs were sung with a volume and beauty that made a deep impression upon the audience. "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," "America," and "How Firm a Foundation" were stirring to the soul and the tender memories were stirred by the beauty of "Loves Old Sweet Song" and "Old Black Joe." During the program the salute to the flag was given by Master Randall York, who in a snappy military manner gave the honors to Old Glory, the flag being held by Norris Cummins as standard bearer and this feature of the entertainment was one that pleased everyone present. The finale of the afternoon was in the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

Those who were present yesterday at the high school as well as the larger part of the citizens of the community are hopeful that this will not be the last of these community sings and that the committee can be prevailed upon to remain in the service and arrange these enjoyable gatherings at least once every three months as it is the most uplifting and enjoyable form of community entertainment that can be found and the community center at the high school an ideal place for holding it.

## SUIT TO QUIET TITLE

From Tuesday's Daily.  
An action has been commenced in the district court in which Peter Halmes is the plaintiff and John Halmes, et al, are the defendants. The action is to quiet title to certain farm lands near Greenwood. Attorney C. A. Rawls appears as the attorney for the plaintiff in the action.

## ENJOYING LIFE IN GERMANY

Leslie Hall, a former Plattsmouth boy, but who is now in the United States army, writes very interestingly from Thur, Germany, where he is at present stationed to his aunt, Miss Anna Hall in this city. Leslie is engaged in special work as an electrician and finds life very interesting in the old world and enjoys very much the scenes in the Rhinish provinces of the German republic. The conditions there are not had writes the young soldier and in many ways the conditions are more enjoyable than in the United States, although of course, the young man misses the home folks a great deal.

## FIRE SWEEPS OVER AN OLD RESIDENCE

Home of Chaplain Wright, Landmark of City, Visited by Fire Saturday Afternoon.

From Monday's Daily.

Shortly before 6 o'clock Saturday afternoon Harry Long, who was going up North Eighth street to the Charles Ulrich home discovered flames bursting from the roof of the old Chaplain Wright home, which has for several years been the property of the Plattsmouth Water Co. and which was occupied by Superintendent L. H. Cushman and family. Mr. Long, who is a stranger in the city, and not familiar with the localities turned in the alarm but it was some little time before the exact location of the fire could be ascertained and by this time the blaze had gained quite a headway.

The fire had evidently started by sparks falling on the shingle roof of the building and which had been fanned into flame by the brisk wind blowing and it soon spread the fire into the interior of the house and as a result practically the entire roof and upper story of the house was destroyed while the plastering of the rooms of the lower floor was damaged by the water which it was necessary to extinguish the flames. The neighbors and members of the fire department who responded to the alarm were able to remove the greater part of the household goods of Mr. Cushman from the burning building and this circumstance is very fortunate as the owner had no insurance on his household effects and that which was destroyed will be an entire loss. The building was covered by insurance and the damage is estimated to range from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend to those of our friends, who during the illness of our husband and father, J. B. Cotner, and at the time of his death, who so kindly ministered to his needs and extended sympathy, for the floral tokens, of love both during the illness and after the call, for the many ministrations of friends at all times, to those who, at the burial, furnished music, and all who ministered and especially those of the Burlington shops, our most sincere thanks.—Mrs. J. B. Cotner and children.

## JOHN B. COTNER IS LAID TO REST TODAY

FUNERAL HELD THIS MORNING AT 11:30 FROM LATE HOME—LARGELY ATTENDED.

## LOCATED HERE IN YEAR 1888

Had Been in Poor Health for Past Nine Years—Passed Away Sunday Morning.

From Monday's Daily.

This morning at 11:30 from the late home occurred the funeral services of John B. Cotner, one of the old and highly respected residents of this community who passed away yesterday morning after a long and lingering illness and at the advanced age of 73 years, one month and 20 days. The services were in charge of Rev. A. V. Hunter, pastor of the Methodist church and were very largely attended by the sorrowing relatives and friends to pay their last tribute to the splendid citizen and friend who had been called to his last long rest.

John B. Cotner was born in Harrison county, Indiana, January 9, 1847, and departed this life February 29, 1920. He grew to manhood in the place of his birth and when the call came to battle for the preservation of the union Mr. Cotner was one of the first to respond and served three years in the great civil conflict. At the close of the war he returned to his home and was on February 13, 1868, united in marriage to Sarah A. Smith, and to this union there were born 14 children, 12 of whom grew to manhood and womanhood. Deceased was among the old residents of this community, coming to Cass county and 1888 and has since made his home here. He was injured by a runaway team nine years ago and has been a great sufferer from the complications following. He leaves to mourn him, besides a host of friends, a loving wife and 11 children, Rebecca J. Christwiser of Bennett, Colo.; Mary E. Lloyd Murray, Neb.; John H. Cotner, Plattsmouth; Dr. James W., Kansas City, Mo.; Lee S., Plattsmouth; Walter G., Belden, Neb.; Edward E., Plattsmouth, Mrs. Cora Maple of Helve, Neb., Clarence C. and Albert A. Cotner, Plattsmouth and Howard M. Cotner, Bland, Neb. All of the children have been at the bedside of the stricken father. Three sons have preceded the father in rest, Charles Robert, infant, Roy Everett, aged 12, and Thomas Grant, aged 36 years. There are also left to mourn the death of this good man 20 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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