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## ILL HEALTH CAUSES TAKING OF LIFE

FOUND LAST EVENING SHORTLY AFTER 5 O'CLOCK BY HIRED MAN AND LIFE EXTINCT

## BODY FOUND HANGING IN BARN

William Heil, One of Old and Well Known Residents of Eight Mile Grove Ends His Life.

From Friday's Daily.

The community was greatly shocked late yesterday afternoon by the news of the finding of the lifeless body of William Heil, one of the oldest residents of Eight Mile Grove precinct, at the barn at his home, where he was found suspended from the hay elevator, having ended his life by hanging.

For the past few years Mr. Heil has been in very poor health and at his advanced age this gave little hopes of recovery and his condition has gradually grown worse until it had evidently become too severe to bear and the sufferer ended the suffering by death.

The death of Mr. Heil occurred some time between 4:30 and 5:30 as he was engaged in talking shortly after 4 o'clock with the carpenters who were building a new barn on the farm and had evidently gone direct from there to the barn that was used for the storage of corn and fastening a rope to the center of the beams of elevator using by loading hay had swung into eternity as there was no sign of life when found. Henry Stull, employed on the farm made the discovery shortly after 5:30 and the family at once summoned medical aid from this city but the life had departed before the finding of the body.

To the family the discovery came as a heartbreaking shock and their friends throughout the county will extend to them the deepest sympathy in the severe blow that has befallen them. Mr. Heil while very dependent over the condition of his health and the apparent hopelessness of recovery had at no time given any intimation of his intention to end his life and it was a terrible blow to the family when the discovery was made.

Mr. Heil was seventy years of age and a native of Germany from which country his father, Adam Heil, migrated when William was but a child and for a number of years the family resided in Tazewell county, Illinois, coming to Cass county Nebraska in 1870, and has since made his home here. William Heil has been one of the sturdy farmers of the county that have assisted in its development and has earned the respect and esteem of all those who have had the pleasure of knowing him. He was married in Cass county to Miss Katie Meisinger, daughter of the late Baltz Meisinger and who with the five children remain to share the bitter grief that the death of this good man has brought. The children are: Louis H. Heil of Omaha; William Heil, Jr., of Mynard; Annie, Helen and Guy Heil, all residing at home. The deceased also leaves three brothers, Wendell Heil of Cedar Creek; W. H. Heil of Louisville and G. P. Heil and one sister, Miss Elizabeth Heil of Louisville.

## GIVES BRIDAL SHOWER

From Friday's Daily.

Mrs. G. P. Brown entertained a large number of young ladies at her home on Monday night in honor of Miss Frances Seybert of Plattsmouth, who was her guest for over night.

Miss Seybert will leave Plattsmouth the latter part of this week for Dayton, Ohio, where she will be married to C. A. Marshall, Jr., son of Dr. C. A. Marshall, of Plattsmouth. The young man is in the employ of a cash register company in Dayton and they will reside there. The prospective bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Seybert, one of the pioneer families of Cass county. She is a charming girl of education and accom-

plishments and has often visited in this vicinity.

The evening's affair given by Mrs. Brown was a shower for the bride-to-be. A mock wedding was arranged, the part of the groom being taken by one of the young lady guests and a great deal of fun and laughter ensued. One unexpected feature of the evening was the charivari in which a crowd of the boys around town figured prominently. A rumor had escaped that there was a wedding on at the Brown home and no wedding is complete in a small town without a charivari so the gang gathered and proceeded to serenade the wedding party in proper style and they refused to leave the premises without a glimpse of the bride and groom.

Refreshments were served and at a late hour the party broke up with many wishes for a happy wedded life for the young couple.—Louisville Courier.

## BURLINGTON CONDUCTOR BADLY INJURED

Fred Weir Victim of Ashland Accident in Hospital at Lincoln—No Hope of Recovery.

From Friday's Daily.

Fred Weir, well known over this portion of the Burlington lines as "Red" and who was so severely injured at Ashland yesterday morning, is reported to be in a very dangerous condition at the St. Elizabeth hospital in Lincoln and the hope of his recovery held out by the attending surgeons is very light.

At the time of the accident, Mr. Weir, who is a conductor on the Omaha division of the Burlington, was engaged in making up his train and an emergency application of the brakes to the portion of the train on which he was riding caused him to lose his hold and fall on the track and the car passed completely over him, cutting off both legs. Mr. Weir also suffered the breaking of an arm in the fall.

As soon as the accident occurred an engine and coach were secured and the injured man sent to Lincoln. The comrades of Mr. Weir broke all records in getting to Lincoln, as the train reached seventy-five miles an hour in rushing the man to the hospital.

Dr. F. B. Hollenbeck, who has charge of the case, stated at the hospital that the injured man had but little chance of recovery. The left limb is cut off above the knee and the right just below the knee.

A dispatch received here at noon announced the death of Mr. Weir.

## HAIL NOT SO BAD

From Friday's Daily.

County Surveyor Fred Patterson was in Weeping Water yesterday for a few hours and while traveling from this city took occasion to observe the effects of the recent hail storm. Mr. Patterson found that the storm had been rather severe in spots and that some of the corn was split by the effect of the hail stones but that the damage did not appear extensive as the hail had apparently traveled in a very narrow strip thru the Weeping Water neighborhood and east toward Murray. The hail is reported to have done some damage at the farms of Glen Perry and Alvin Range, between this city and Murray, but just the extent of the loss has not been estimated.

## STORE DEPARTMENT MAKES THE DONATION

From Friday's Daily.

In an article concerning the erection of the American Legion dance platform which appeared in this paper yesterday it was stated that the timbers used in the construction of the platform had been secured thru the courtesy of the mechanical department of the shops and Mr. Baird, when the facts are that the timbers came from the store department and were secured by the Legion members through Mr. H. R. Duncan, the store keeper and Mr. H. H. Rush, the chief clerk. It is an act that has been much appreciated by the members of the Legion and they feel very grateful to Mr. Duncan and his department for their kindness in this matter.

If it's in the stationery line, call at the Journal office.

## CELEBRATION OF LANDING OF THE PILGRIMS

R. F. PATTERSON OF PLATTSMOUTH A MEMBER OF COMMITTEE

## PLANS FOR THE BIG EVENT

Executive Committee of State Appointed by Gov. McKelvie to Get a Thorough Organization

From Friday's Daily.

The ter-centenary celebration of the landing of the Pilgrims on the soil of the North American continent is to be made at matter of the greatest interest throughout the nation and the important event that has had such a marked effect on the life of the nation is to be observed in a manner that will leave its impression on the minds of the new generation. To this end the executive committee of the state appointed by Governor McKelvie and of which R. F. Patterson of this city is a member, has prepared the following explanation of the purpose and scope of the celebration. In the great parade planned in Omaha it is hoped to have this city represented by a float.

**Purpose and Scope of the Celebration**  
First: The celebration is not only to be statewide, but also will be participated in by the nation and by English speaking peoples in England, Canada and Australia.

The general purpose is to inspire and renew interest in the study of our nation's ancestral beginnings and to swell the deep and full blood of genuine Americanism.

The landing of the Pilgrims was a primal epoch in our country's creation and development.

It was the founding of a colony which has wrought wonderful changes in the history of the world. The Mayflower was freighted with the future glories and grandeur of a great republic.

The miracle of the Revolution can be traced back to the Pilgrim Fathers.

The compact which they signed on the Mayflower is the first written outline of a constitution known to civilization man.

It is one of the most momentous documents of all history, the foundation of the American system of self-government.

Brewster and Carver, Miles Standish and Bradford, and other heroic associates came to America to be free from the autocratic rulers of Europe and the principles taught by their descendants, through three hundred years permeate a nation of one hundred ten millions of people.

The American Legion, the modern Pilgrims, re-crossed the Atlantic to dethrone the Kaiser and to give to the countries of the European continent that freedom of government, which our ancestors had established in America.

Nebraska must do her manly and proud part in this worldwide celebration with a vim and a spirit which will do credit to the state.

**The Christian Churches**

Second: Your committee recommends to the clergymen throughout the state that they set apart, at least one Sunday, to deliver an address in commendation of the belief and teachings of the Pilgrims in favor of that freedom of conscience which was a moving spirit in pointing the way to a landing place on a new continent where there should be opportunities for freedom of thought and equality in government; a principle which can be traced along through years until it found a place in the American Constitution, which forbids congress to pass any law respecting the establishment of religion.

**Common Schools**

Third: The Pilgrim Fathers were the first to establish the system of free public schools and to lay the foundation for the greatest university of the country.

It is, therefore, the recommendation of the executive committee, the state superintendent of public instruction, co-operating with county superintendents, shall outline a plan, along educational lines, for a suitable manner of celebration in all of the common schools of the state of Nebraska, at such times as may seem most desirable and appropriate.

The Pilgrims were wise enough to know that education and literature became free institutions and an ornament to civil liberty.

**Cities, Towns and Public Schools**

Fourth: The executive committee recommends that in each of the municipalities and school districts of the state there shall be an appropriate form of celebration in which all of the people may participate. It may be in the form of public

meetings at which addresses may be delivered.

It may assume the form of pageants to be conducted with an interest and enthusiasm that will link our ancestral beginnings to the glorious present with a golden thread of memory.

Public schools within the municipalities should be invited to take an active part, associating the educational spirit with the sentiment of patriotism and love of country.

**The Plan of Celebration for Omaha**

Fifth: It is the recommendation of the committee that the manner of celebration of the city of Omaha shall consist of a grand street parade of floats, each of which shall represent, in appropriate form, some important incident in the lives, experiences and teachings of the Pilgrim Fathers, from the time of the embarkation at Delft Haven to the signing of the compact upon the Mayflower, and thence through the experiences of the gallant and heroic band of Pilgrims until they laid the foundation of a republican form of government, and ending as a finality with a float representing the world, with the respectively the United States as its dominating influence; and floating over it the American flag, and with a banner proclaiming, in substance,—"Observe what the spirit of the Pilgrim Fathers has accomplished, not only in America, but in the world, in a period of three hundred years."

All the patriotic and civic societies and organizations of the city of Omaha, as well as the respective municipalities of the state, are requested to severally contribute to the construction of one of these floats representing some historic incident, and which floats shall be manned by men and women of the several societies, organizations, or municipalities, dressed in the garb of the original Pilgrims, and that each float as it passes along and through the streets shall have an appropriate emblem giving distinct recognition and credit to the society, organization, or municipality which contributed to its construction.

In this street demonstration, not only may the lives, habits and customs of the Pilgrims be delineated in picturesque form, but the same may be accompanied by marching Indians dressed in the garb of the Wampanoags, Narragansetts, Michigans and Pequots, which may typify the experiences of the Pilgrim Fathers from the first appearance of Samoset to the end of King Philip's war.

The Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben, prompted by a patriotic impulse and that generosity of spirit and liberality of purpose which at all times has prevailed among them, have consented that their artificers shall superintend the construction and designing of these floats, and will furnish the necessary bands of music for the occasion, and will take charge of the parade and the historic Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben shall ride at the head of this great demonstration, inspiring interest and enthusiasm to this statewide celebration.

**Celebration in the City of Lincoln**

Sixth: At a later date, and after Nebraska's great university shall have opened its autumn session, a historic pageant shall be presented in the city of Lincoln.

It is the sentiment of the general committee, and particularly voiced by the mayor of the city of Lincoln, and by the Chancellor of the university, that the pageant form of celebration and demonstration would be the most appropriate ceremonial to be conducted in that city.

Thousands of students, enrolled from all parts of the state, would thus have an opportunity to get inspiration, not only from an educational, but from a historic standpoint, that afterward would be disseminated throughout the commonwealth.

No other city in the state can furnish such ample opportunities to this form of celebration as that proposed for the city of Lincoln, and perhaps in no better manner could the lives, habits, hardships and experiences of the Pilgrim Fathers be presented to the admiring public in magnificent and picturesque form than by the proposed pageant and demonstration.

**Celebration an Epoch in Our History**  
Seventh: This celebration commemorates an event in history never to be forgotten and which will grow in grandeur as the world appreciates the elements of its true greatness.

The landing of the Pilgrims symbolizes one of the world's greatest adventures and which should be gratefully remembered as long as our great republic shall live and mankind shall love freedom and liberty.

## CROWDS ARE INCREASING

From Friday's Daily.

The attendance at the splendid Bargains feast offered in the stores of the city during the Bargains Circus was exceptionally large last evening and the stores were filled until the closing hour and the streets thronged with residents of both the city and surrounding country, all finding much pleasure in visiting and having an opportunity of enjoying the aeroplane flights and the big trade opportunities offered in the stores.

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## RETURNS FROM EASTERN TRIP

E. J. WEYRICH, WHO HAS BEEN AT CONVENTION OF EDISON DEALERS AT CHICAGO, RETURNS HOME

From Thursday's Daily.

Emil J. Weyrich, who has been in attendance at the convention of the Edison dealers in Chicago for the past few days, returned last evening and reports a most interesting and pleasant time on the trip east. Mr. Weyrich stopped off at Burlington, Iowa, enroute east, and enjoyed the last day of races of the Mississippi Valley Power Boat association and saw the motor boat "Miss Toronto" travel over the course at the rate of sixty-eight miles an hour and set one of the speed boat records. While in Burlington he was the guest of H. G. Streight and wife.

The Edison convention at Chicago was very largely attended and was most interesting to the hundreds of dealers who were present to enjoy the event. Members of the factory force of the Edison company were present at the meeting and expalined fully the great factor that the Edison has become in the world of music as well as the future plans of the company for enlarging their field and possibilities of the future. A great concert in which many of the Edison artists, including Thomas Chalmers, the great baritone, was given for the visitors and was a great treat to meet so intimately the artists whose voices have been so strikingly reproduced on the New Edison. The concert was given in the Blackstone hotel, Schultz Bros., of Omaha, the western distributors entertained the Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas dealers at a fine banquet at the Stratford hotel while the Edison company entertained the gathering of all the dealers at the Medina temple. Mr. Weyrich had the pleasure while in Chicago of meeting D. H. Cook, who is now completing his course at the Northwestern Law school and who assisted in his entertainment while in the city.

## SERIOUS RAILROAD ACCIDENT

From Thursday's Daily.

This morning at Ashland, "Red" Weir, one of the best known conductors on the Burlington suffered the complete amputation off both legs and was removed to the Lincoln hospital in a serious condition and whether he lives or not is a serious question. From accounts received in this city of the accident it seems Mr. Weir was on his train which was switching in the yards and stooped down to fix the air on one of the cars and as he did so the slack in the train was suddenly taken up and the conductor fell beneath the wheels of the cars, both legs being severed.

Mr. Weir was well known in Plattsmouth, having been a brakeman on No. 29 and 30 for a number of years and was well known all over the Omaha and Lincoln division and very popular among his associates.

## WILL GO INTO TRAINING

From Friday's Daily.

Andy Schmadler, the Louisville heavyweight boxer, was a caller at the Courier office Monday. He says he has been laying off on the boxing business for the past few months and has had no training. In fact when he met Lamson, the Waltham Indian champion, he had been plowing corn every day and as a consequence was in no condition for an eight round bout as he was short of wind, yet he stuck out the eight rounds. He will go into training at once and has challenged Lamson for a return match to be pulled off in this city on August 18, the date of the big shooting match. Schmadler is confident that he can best the Indian and his friends here are for him strong. Arrangements are now under way to have the match pulled off under the auspices of the American Legion who are to promote the contest.—Louisville Courier.

## RECEIVES PENSION

From Thursday's Daily.

The dispatches from Washington state that the pension department has granted a pension of \$12 a month to Mrs. Mary J. Taylor of this city, which will be made effective from the date of application.

## HAS FOOT MASHED

From Thursday's Daily.

This morning Eugene Maurer, one of the employes at the Burlington shops had his right foot quite painfully injured when a truck loaded with a draw bar turned over and caught the big toe of the right foot of Mr. Maurer. The injured man was brought to the office of the company surgeon where the injured foot was dressed and the victim of the accident made as comfortable as possible. It will be several days before the foot will be in such shape that it can be used.

## REMOVES TONSILS

From Thursday's Daily.

Dr. H. C. Leopold this morning performed an operation for adnoids and the removal of tonsils on Mrs. Jacob Kraeger of near Murray. The operation was very successful and the patient recovered nicely from the effects of the operation.

## MEMBERS CLASS OF '19 HOLD A REUNION

Twenty-Six of Thirty-Five Graduates Present Last Night—To Be Made an Annual Affair

From Thursday's Daily.

Twenty-six of the thirty-five young men and women who graduated from the Plattsmouth high school last year gathered together last night for the first annual reunion of the Class of 1919. In the more than a year that has elapsed since these young people received their diplomas many events have occurred. A large number have matriculated in higher schools, of which the state university at Lincoln drew most heavily. Two of the number have given up single life and found the duties of home too urgent to permit of attendance at the reunion.

The class meeting was held at the home of Helen Egenberger and partook of the nature of a lawn social. Following a well served dinner of numerous courses there were after dinner speeches fully as numerous. The business meeting elected officers for the ensuing year and took steps to hold annual reunions on the 14th of July each year. The officers elected were Mildred Schlater, president, and Clara Rainey, secretary.

Following the business session the class yells and songs swelled the breeze, led by Robert Kroehler and Merle Rainey.

As darkness came, adjournment was taken to the M. W. A. hall, where a program of readings, music, etc.—with emphasis on the "and so forth" was indulged in.

Following this there were games, and dancing and cards. So it is easy to realize that everyone present had a most excellent time and will look forward eagerly to the next reunion a year hence.

George C. Sheldon and Vilas P. Sheldon, two of the new village board trustees of Nehawka were in the city attending to some matters connected with the establishing of the new city government there. Grover C. Hoback, postmaster at Nehawka, were in the party.

## DINNER IN HONOR OF BRIDE-TO-BE

Very Charming Announcement Party Given by Miss Marion Mauzy for Miss Hallstrom.

From Friday's Daily.

Last evening the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mauzy was the scene of a most delightful announcement dinner party given by Miss Marion Mauzy in honor of Miss Alpha Hallstrom. The rooms and the tables were very prettily arranged with decorations of butterflies and sweet peas which with the snowy napery and sparkling silver made a very pretty setting for the happy occasion. The dinner was served at 6:30 and at this time the hostess announced the forthcoming marriage of Miss Hallstrom to Mr. James G. Mauzy, which is to occur on Thursday, August 5th.

Following the dinner the evening was spent in music as well as with the members of the company showering the bride-to-be with their well wishes and advice that she might take with her in her new home.

Those who attended the enjoyable event were Misses Honor Seybert, Sophia Chaloupka, Celia Kalasek, Muriel Barthold, Catherine Eagan, Edith Johnson, Ruth Roman, Alpha Hallstrom, Mesdames J. H. Hallstrom, Edgar L. Creamer and Elmer Hallstrom of Avoca.

## UNDERGOES OPERATION

From Thursday's Daily.

Yesterday morning, Roberta, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Propst, was operated upon at the Clarkson hospital in Omaha for a very severe case of appendicitis. It was found on operating that the patient had had the appendix burst a few days previous but fortunately the spread of the poison had been checked. The operation was performed by Dr. B. B. Davis in person and the patient is now doing as well as could be expected and the operation is apparently a success in every way.

## COMPLETES BRIDGE WORK

From Friday's Daily.

The work on the Burlington bridge which has been in progress since last September was completed yesterday and the force of workmen who have been on the job were sent to work near Leavenworth, Kansas. The construction work has been in the hands of the force of traveling work men and who have had experience in this line of work all over the country.

## PURCHASES NEW CAR

From Friday's Daily.

Ed Mason, the Reo auto dealer has just disposed of one of his new model Reo 5-passenger touring cars to Walter Heil, one of the enterprising young farmers of this locality. The car is one of the latest type and equipment with all the conveniences that go with the modern Reo.

W. T. Richardson of Mynard writes insurance for the Farmers Mutual of Lincoln. Phone 2411.

## Consider the Farmer!

The farmer deserves hearty support from all with their own or this nation's good at heart. His production costs have increased far more rapidly than his selling prices.

He has no "cost-plus" basis to fall back on, but must go ahead and invest large sums of money in machinery, labor and general farm supplies.

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