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PASSING OF ALBERT DESPAIN TODAY

AFTER MONTHS OF SUFFERING OLD RESIDENT OF THIS CITY PASSES AWAY

From Thursday's Daily. At an early hour this morning the spirit of Albert D. Despain, one of the old residents of Plattsmouth, was called to its final reward, after an illness that has covered the past two years and for the last few months has kept Mr. Despain confined to his home for the greater part of the time.

The deceased was one of the oldest residents of the city having come to this city as a boy in the year 1865, and has since made his home here, residing in the family homestead on Pearl street which his parents had erected on their arrival here.

Albert Despain was born in McDonough county, Illinois, October 21, 1849, his parents, W. J. and Janette Despain, being old residents of that portion of the state. The Despain family continued to make their home there until in the fall of 1855 when they moved farther west and located in Van Buren county, Iowa, where they settled on the farm and where the family grew to manhood and womanhood. The reports of the farming country farther to the west attracted the attention of the family and in 1864 they came to Mills county, Iowa, farming there for one season and in 1865 located in Plattsmouth, where the family has since resided. The parents of Albert created a home on what is now Pearl street of this city and made their home there until their death. For a number of years the father of the family was the police judge and justice of peace for this city, holding his sessions of court at his home. After the death of the father, Albert engaged in his work as a carpenter and continued to make his home with the mother and caring for her until her death and since that time has resided part of the time with his brother, C. C. Despain, and his sister, Mrs. C. C. Despain, at which place he passed away. He continued to care for the old home and it was remained as during the lifetime of the parents and it was one of his pleasures to spend the time at the place where he had passed so many happy years, until his failing health made necessary his care which the brother and sister have so lovingly given him.

For more than forty-seven years Mr. Despain has been a member of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 4, A. F. & A. M., and had his wife in the work of the Masonic fraternity into the chapter and commandery, being a member of Nebraska Chapter No. 3, R. A. M. and Mt. Zion Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. In politics he was a strong and steadfast democrat and served his country with ability, and was for a great many years assessor of the city, being repeatedly elected to this office as a democrat and retiring only when his failing health made it necessary.

To the old friends with whom he was so long associated, comes as a deep sorrow and the separation from this kindly old friend will be keenly felt.

To mourn his death he leaves the brother and sister, Columbus C. Despain and Mrs. A. V. Swain, both residing in this city. Five sisters and two brothers as well as the parents have preceded him in death.

The funeral will be held from the late home at 4 p. m. Friday afternoon and the body laid to rest in Oak Hill cemetery.

PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY MEETS

Ladies Entertained at Church Parlors by Mesdames Wm. Cole, W. H. Newell and H. J. Straight.

From Monday's Daily. The ladies auxiliary of the Presbyterian church were very pleasantly entertained on Wednesday afternoon at the church parlors by Mesdames W. T. Cole, W. H. Newell and H. J. Straight, and the occasion one of much enjoyment to all of the ladies fortunate enough to be present.

The church parlors had been tastefully arranged with decorations of the fall flowers that added a pleasing touch to the scene and here the ladies spent the time in discussing the business affairs of the society and having a delightful social time in each others company.

During the afternoon dainty refreshments were served by the hostesses that aided in completing to the fullest measure of pleasures of the afternoon.

Attorney C. E. Tefft, of Weeping Water, came over here attending to some matters of business before the county court.

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

BIG HOG SALE

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the announcement of the thoroughbred hog sale of R. W. Porter of near Weeping Water. Mr. Porter will offer a number of his high grade animals at sale on Saturday, October 20th, at his farm. He has been one of the most successful breeders of the Poland China hogs in the country and his animals secured ten ribbons at the Cass County Stock show. For those who desire thoroughbred stock of this kind, this is an opportunity that cannot be passed up by the farmers of the county.

FRED H. GORDER VISITS THIS CITY

Former Mayor of Weeping Water is Candidate for Commissioner—Well Qualified for Job.

From Saturday's Daily. Fred H. Gorder, former mayor of Weeping Water and now a candidate for the office of county commissioner on the democratic ticket in the third district, was in the city for a few hours today visiting friends and looking after some business affairs. The entry of Mr. Gorder into the race was made with great reluctance on his part, but on the insistence of his host friends who had written his name on the ballot at the primary he has consented to make the race. That the county can have the good fortune of having such able men as Mr. Gorder and his opponent, Commissioner William Atchison as candidates is a pleasing matter to the taxpayers.

Mr. Gorder is a thorough Cass county man as he spent his boyhood in Plattsmouth with his father, Frederick Gorder, who was one of the pioneer merchants, and his life long training has been along business lines. For the past thirty-six years he has resided in Weeping Water and for half of that time he has been mayor of that progressive little city and his excellent record makes him a valuable man as a candidate for the office of manager of the county's business affairs.

Mr. Gorder informs us that he has disposed of his business interests and is in a position where he can give the county the fullest measure of his service if he is selected as county commissioner.

STRANGER GETS HIS NOSE WET

And Consequence Follows of Being Enforced Guest of City Over Night at the City Prison.

From Saturday's Daily. Last evening shortly after the curfew had caused the peaceful residents of the city to seek the seclusion of their homes and only the police and those who had been enjoying the merchants' meetings were to be seen on the street, Officer Alvin Jones discovered a stranger acting rather queerly and an investigation revealed the fact that this party had evidently been partaking too freely of the cup that cheers and which had long since been banished from these parts. The stranger was approached by the police and Officer Jones informed him that he would have to enjoy the last hours of his celebration in the confines of the city bastille. The stranger gave forth a loud protest that fell on deaf ears, especially as Officer Jones discovered a flash of the forbidden corn juice on the hip of the visitor. The man was booked at the police court, and gave the name of Jack Hixley and his residence as Omaha, from which city he had come down to Plattsmouth to enjoy a short outing, but unfortunately had brought with him the "licker" that caused his downfall.

The decision of Judge Areher this morning was that the offense would cost the sum of \$100 and costs and the defendant left with the city one hundred and five "smacks" to add to our rapid growing treasury.

ROMANS-GEARY NUPTIALS

A quiet wedding occurred at noon, October 9th, at the Mynard U. B. parsonage. The contracting parties were Dr. Guy E. Romans, a successful young dentist of Omaha and Miss Alta I. Geary, bookkeeper, also of Omaha. C. D. Geary, brother of the bride, Mrs. C. D. Geary, and Miss Mary Wetenkamp were present at the ceremony. Rev. E. H. Poulos officiating. After the marriage, the young couple went to the home of C. D. Geary west of Mynard, returning to Omaha on Sunday evening. They have the best wishes of their many friends.

PURE BRED CATTLE AND HOGS

I am offering for sale, for immediate delivery, two pure bred short horn bulls and a number of pure bred Duroc Jersey boars, all ready for service. SEARL DAVIS, Murray, Neb.

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

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS IN CONVENTION

EIGHTH ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION MET IN THIS CITY YESTERDAY.

Yesterday the eighth annual convention of the eastern Nebraska district of the Woman's Relief Corps, met in this city and the event was one of the most successful that the Corps has enjoyed, both from the point of attendance and the splendid entertainment afforded the visitors. There were fifty delegates in attendance at the meeting representing the fourteen different Corps of the district.

The meetings of the convention were held in the beautiful building of the Plattsmouth Elks which had been so generously placed at the disposal of the ladies and made a most attractive spot for the meetings. The ladies of the convention were enthusiastic over the manner in which the members of this great fraternity had received them and the Elks will bear with them the deep appreciation of the ladies.

Owing to the fact that Mrs. Val Burk, the president of the district Corps had been called east by the illness of a relative, Mrs. George Dodge of this city called the convention to order and presided over its deliberation.

During the convention the members were entertained by a very clever program given by the members of Fontenelle chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution under the direction of Mrs. E. H. Westcott, and which embraced musical numbers and recitations that were offered by the visiting ladies and gentlemen of the city. At the noon hour the convention was adjourned and the ladies invited to the parlors of the Methodist church where the ladies of the church organization had prepared a feast that certainly surpassed any that had been entertained in the city. The luncheon hour proved one of the greatest of pleasure to the members of the convention.

Following the resumption of the convention in the afternoon the ladies took up the matter of the election of officers for the ensuing year and the following were chosen: Minnie Williams, president; Blair Beulah Davis, senior vice president; Omaha; Mary Johnson, junior vice president; Omaha; Mary A. Street, chaplain; Plattsmouth; Fannie Scribner, treasurer; Omaha; Ida Sears, guard; Weeping Water; Mrs. Murelle, conductor; Ashland.

The convention decided by a unanimous vote to hold the next meeting of the district in 1921 at Blair.

The convention before adjournment heard the report of the committee on resolutions. The resolutions expressed the feeling of appreciation to the local W. R. C. for their royal entertainment and stated that they had never met with such royal entertainment as in Plattsmouth and expressed to the members of the Elks lodge their feeling of gratitude for the generous hospitality shown them and for the many kind acts that had made their meeting such a success. The Methodist ladies were also thanked by the members of the committee on the behalf of the convention. The resolution committee was composed of Mrs. C. D. Geary, Mrs. Olive McCormick, Mrs. Genevieve Cowles.

It was the general expression of the ladies when adjourning at 4 o'clock that they would be glad when the time to meet in Plattsmouth might come again.

YOUNG LAD KILLED

Saturday afternoon the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wiles of Weeping Water was visited by a sad tragedy that has brought grief to the family and friends through the death of Russell, their twelve-year-old son. Russell, with a companion, was playing in the elevator at the time a car was being loaded with corn and they were darning each other in boyish sports and the young lad in his play stepped too close to the chute that the corn was being drawn into and before he could be assisted had been sucked into the stream of grain, and as a result was smothered to death in a few minutes. Frank Taylor, who was working at the car made an attempt to rescue the boy but was unable to reach him in time to avert the death. The funeral was held this afternoon from the late home.

WINS GRAND CHAMPION RIBBON

From Saturday's Daily. Searl Davis of west of Murray at Maple Grove farm, had at the Pure Bred Stock show at Weeping Water which was held recently, a herd of four pure bred Shorthorn cattle which all won excellent prizes, a yearling bull and a yearling heifer each winning first ribbon, while one of his heifers, a cow, was the mother of the grand champion bull and heifer, making in all an excellent list of prizes for the herd, which is of the best quality of stock. See an ad in another column regarding his stock for sale.

Blank books! Yes you can get most any kind at Journal office.

RETURNING FROM ABROAD

From Friday's Daily. The friends in this city of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Avard have received the word from them that they are returning to the United States, their adopted land, after a short stay in the old home in England. Mr. and Mrs. Avard and little son, Dickie, sailed on August 11th in company with Mr. and Mrs. John McLean for the old home, but have found that the changed conditions there made it desirable to return to the United States, although they had expected to remain in England until after Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. McLean are to remain for a longer stay owing to the serious illness of relatives of Mr. McLean.

CHANGE MADE IN OLD BUSINESS FIRM

Implement Store in Control of Gorder Family for Past Forty Years, Has Been Sold.

From Friday's Daily. The implement store and harness shop of John F. Gorder in this city has been purchased by Ben H. Wiles, one of the young farmers of the community, and who is now assuming charge of the business. The stock is being inventoried and prepared to be turned over to the new owner, who is now assisting in the store and getting ready to take charge of the establishment.

The Gorder family have been in charge of this implement and harness business for the past forty years. It having been established by Frederick Gorder, the father of the retiring owner. On the death of Mr. Gorder, the oldest son, until his death, and then sold to John F. Gorder, another son of the founder, who has conducted it up to the present time.

Mr. Gorder has not fully determined as to what line of activity he will take up as he has land interests in the west and may decide to locate nearer these land interests, but the friends of the family are hopeful that they may continue to make this city their home, as they are among the most highly esteemed residents of the city.

Mr. Wiles, the new owner, is one of the progressive young men of the community and should meet with success in his new business venture and will receive a hearty welcome to the business circles of the city.

ASKS FOR PERSONAL DAMAGES IN BIG SUM

Lincoln Man Brings Suit Against Henry V. McDonald of Murdock in the U. S. Dist. Court

From Friday's Daily. Claiming that the defendant was driving his automobile at high speed and in a reckless manner when it struck his truck, A. M. Eaton, dealer in second hand cars, brought suit in the United States court Friday morning against Henry V. McDonald, of Murdock, Cass county, asking for \$15,000 damages.

The plaintiff says that the accident occurred at Eighteenth and O streets August 28, 1919. He alleges that when the automobile of Mr. McDonald struck the truck it had just turned over on Eighteenth from O street and no warning sound was given by the governor and not selected by the plaintiff. The plaintiff states that he was thrown with great violence against the side of the truck and to the ground and he received two fractured ribs, hurts to his back and one kidney was torn loose, besides other internal injuries. He says that he was confined to his bed for three days and that he has been unable to properly attend to business since the accident. He claims to have spent considerable money for medicine and medical attention.

Mr. Eaton estimates that the car in charge of Mr. McDonald was traveling more than twenty miles an hour at the time. He submitted a copy of the city ordinance passed on July 1, 1918, regulating the speed of vehicles and declares that the defendant clearly violated the ordinance. As far as known this is the first personal damage suit filed in the United States court here.—State Journal.

FUNERAL OF A. D. DESPAIN

From Saturday's Daily. The funeral of Albert D. Despain was held yesterday afternoon from the home on Pearl street, a show service of the Christian Science faith followed by the Masonic service. There were a large number of the old friends in attendance and the wealth of floral remembrances were lavish and attested the feeling of esteem in which the departed had been held. The services at the grave were in charge of the Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M. and the escort furnished by the Knights Templar. The services at the grave were in charge of Past Master W. A. Robertson and were very impressive. The pall bearers were selected from the members of the Masonic order, and the old friends, James M. Robinson, J. W. Crabbill, Ralph J. Haynie, Mike Hild, H. M. Soennichsen and Fred Morgan.

JOHN H. MOREHEAD SPEAKS LAST NIGHT

EX-GOVERNOR AND CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE DISCUSSES THE STATE ISSUES.

From Saturday's Daily. A well attended and attentive audience was present last evening at the district court room to hear Mrs. R. H. McKelvie of Omaha and former Governor John H. Morehead discuss the issues of the day, both national and state. The meeting was presided over by J. P. Philbrick and the first speaker was Mrs. McKelvie, who occupied a few moments in discussing the affairs of the nation and urging the election of the democratic nominee Governor James M. Cox.

The league of nations was one of the chief points of her address and in a pleasing manner she pointed out the need of such a league in the world that had been torn by war in the past. Through the women of the nation who had suffered the loss and sacrifice of their loved ones in the cruel grasp of the bloody wars would come the sustaining force of such a league. Mrs. McKelvie pointed out that all the great church meetings had passed on the league by endorsing it, the Methodist conference, the convention of the Episcopal church, the heads of the Roman Catholic church and the Presbyterian and Baptist churches, having spoken in no uncertain terms of their support of this league of the nations of the earth against future warfare. She also quoted the statement made by Senator Borah of Idaho that "Jesus Christ appeared on the floor of the senate and advocated the acceptance of the league of nations that he would oppose it," and that Senator Borah was the chief adviser of Senator Harding, the republican candidate. The speaker also took some time in outlining the usefulness of the women of the nation in the conduct of public affairs. The address of Mr. Morehead was almost wholly confined to state issues and the present administration that has as he stated advanced the taxation to the people without any adequate benefit derived therefrom. He stated that when he made his race for governor in 1912, he had made certain pledges and was glad to have been able to carry out these pledges made to the people. He viewed the public officer as a servant of the people and answerable to the people and for this reason he opposed the method of government secured by the code bill of Governor McKelvie, that had created a large number of useless offices and removed further from the people actual participation in government as it took away the elective offices and substituted those that would be appointed by the governor and not selected by the people. In the four years he held office, Governor Morehead said the reduction of the taxation had been \$900,000, while since the McKelvie regime, the taxes had increased from a little over \$3,000,000 to more than \$7,000,000 and that without giving any adequate return to the taxpayers of the state.

It was by the careful cutting down of the overhead expense of the state that the lowering of taxes could be best secured, the speaker stated and to this he pledged himself. As an officer the enforcement of the law was mandatory and any official that failed in his duty, the governor advocated the impeachment of any official that might be negligent of this duty.

Governor Morehead favored the enforcing of the dry laws through the local county and city authorities rather than through state agents, whose conduct might bring with it unfairness and a series of scandals over mismanagement and unjust enforcement.

The address was well received and the courtesy of the audience were favorably impressed by the discussion of state issues as made by the democratic nominee.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to the many friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us in our sad bereavement and in the loss of our brother and son. Especially do we thank Mr. Wolf for his kindness; also those sending the beautiful flowers. Your kindness will never be forgotten. Mr. and Mrs. P. A. McCrary family. Mr. and Mrs. George Privett.

Gov. S. R. McKelvie will address the voters at the District Court Room Wednesday evening, October 13th, at 8 o'clock.

George W. Shrader was a visitor in the city today for a few hours attending to some matters of business and calling on his old friends. Phillip Keil was a visitor in the city today for a few hours motoring in from his home.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

From Friday's Daily. The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shirik was the scene of a very pleasant gathering of little folks yesterday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock when a number of the little classmates of Wilhelmina, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shirik, gathered to assist the little lady in the observance of the anniversary. The afternoon was spent in the playing of our dear games for some time and at which a great deal of pleasure was derived. The home had been very pleasantly arranged with decorations of the bright hued autumn leaves and which made a delightful setting for the little party of youngsters. During the afternoon a number of musical selections were given that added to the pleasures of the gathering and at an appropriate hour Mrs. Shirik served the members of the party with dainty and delicious refreshments. The little guests left with their classmate tokens of their remembrance and wishes for many more happy gatherings of a like nature. Those who attended were: Jean Hayes, Maxine Childt, Edna Rummelfield, Charlotte Field, Erma Mayfield, Catherine and Patricia Flynn and the guest of honor, Wilhelmina Shirik.

DOES EXCELLENT JOB OF ROAD WORK

W. J. Partridge, of Weeping Water, Blasts Away Hillside in Very Satisfactory Manner.

From Friday's Daily. The widening of the road leading to the Missouri river ferry, which has been under way for the past week is now completed as far as the blasting away of the dirt and rock of the bluffs is concerned and this portion of the work has been carried out in a very satisfactory manner by W. J. Partridge of Weeping Water, who is one of the most expert men in the state in this line of work. Mr. Partridge cleaned up a strip 500 feet long and twenty feet wide to give more roadway and the work was done in a rapid and thorough manner and undoubtedly was the cheapest and best of its kind ever done in this county as a result of the careful handling of the crops and management of Mr. Tams.

The buildings are kept in the best of shape and there is not a home in the community that is kept more clean or cheerful than the Building that houses the county wards, Mrs. Tams being an able assistant to her husband. She has looked after the details of the home during all the time they have been in charge and so conducted it as to merit favorable comment from all visitors.

The commissioners and Mr. Sayles were entertained at supper at the county farm and had an opportunity of enjoying the excellent food that is supplied there to the members of the home. To those of the commissioners who had not had opportunity of visiting the home very often, the appearance was a revelation and the members of the board stated to a Journal representative that they were more than pleased with conditions as they found them at the farm.

The past season has brought forth great crops of all kinds at the farm and this year will see the farm in better shape than ever. The taxpayers of the county owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Tams for his long and faithful service to them and certainly he and his good wife deserve any words of commendation that may be given to them.

Ben Beckman of near Murray, was in the city today for a few hours looking after some matters in regard to the school district of which he is a director.

Attorney T. F. Wiles, of Omaha, was in the city today for a few hours attending to some matters of business at the court house and visiting with his relatives and friends.

FORD CAR BARGAINS

Late Ford Sedan with Ford starter, bumpers, extra tire, speedometer and dome light, like new and guaranteed \$890. Several runabouts, runabouts and two-ton trucks.

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