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PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA, MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1920.

## YOUNG FOLKS ARE JOINED

MISS DORIS J. VALLERY AND CHARLES T. STRETTON ARE MADE MAN AND WIFE

From Thursday's Daily

Yesterday at 11:30 a. m. occurred the marriage of one of the fair young daughters of Cass county. Miss Doris J. Vallery to Mr. Charles DEATH COMES TO T. Stretton of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, at the charming country home of the Vallery family near Mynard, where the bride has been reared to woman

quiet, only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties being present to witness the ceremony that was to join for life the hearts and fortunes of these two estimable young

the wedding ceremony.

roses and wore a very striking pic- parting with their loved one unti ture hat in keeping with the cos- the dawning of a better day. tume. The groom was attired in Minnie Ault, the youngest daugh the conventional dark suit.

family and in the afternoon motored sisters, Mrs. Frank Sheehan of Fort I intend, also in the future, as in future home in Scottsbluff.

veloped into the romance culminat- are buried. There will be a short ing in their marriage.

The bride is well known in Cass urday morning. county, where she has spent her lifeand is a young man very popular their circle of friendship. among those who have the pleasure of knowing him.

Mr. and Mrs. Stretton will carry with them in their new home the heartiest best wishes for their future welfare and happiness from the host of friends throughout Cass county.

### MODERN WOODMEN **ELECT OFFICERS**

Cass Camp No. 332 of This City Hold Annual Election of Officers Last Evening and Select Leaders.

From Thursday's Daily.

Sixth and Pearl streets and follow- church were fully awakened to the ing the opening of the lodge the reg- spirit of the campaign. ular election of officers for the ensuing year was taken up and the following chosen:

Worthy Advisor-George Klinger. Banker-William Hassler. Clerk-H. F. Goos. Escort-Will Nolting. Sentry-Henry Nolting. Watchman-H. M. Wilcox.

Manager for Three Years-Harry S. Barthold.

The lodge has been fortuante in er, clerk and manager, who have all event. done yoeman service in the cause of woodcraft and Mr. Hassler has filled the position of banker for the past twenty years, while Mr. Goos has been clerk of the organization for almost the same length of time and has with Mr. Hassler shared the responsibility of conducting the financial affairs of the lodge in the asked. Mr. Barthold has long served his return from the Methodist hoson the board of managers and was often are interested by the distribution of the board of managers and was often are interested by the distribution of the board of managers and was often are interested by the distribution of the board of managers and was often are interested by the distribution of the board of managers and was often are interested by the distribution of the board one of those responsible for the securing of the splendid building now owned by the Modern Woodmen and which has proven an excellent in-

Males for sale at \$2.00 each. White Wyondottes, Rose and Single

South Bend, Neb.

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#### SUIT TO SECURE PARTITION

An action has been filed in the district court by Harriett E. Wolfe vs. Raymond Theordiski, et al. in which the plaintiff asks for the setelement of claims against property situated in Louisville, Alvo and lattsmouth and to which the plainiff holds claim. The plaintiff is the ister of the late Andrew Jackson Seamen, the Omaha recluse and tax GEORGE W. HOLDREGE, GENERAL title dealer, and is the heir of the estate left by Mr. Seamen at his death several months ago. The action is to clear up 2 number of tax claims held by the late Mr. Seamen.

### MRS. SNODGRASS

The wedding was very simple and Passed Away at Her Home in This City After Illness Covering Period of Several Days Duration.

From Thursday's Daily.

Last evening at 10:30 the death messenger visited the home of E. B. The marriage lipes were read by Snodgrass in this city and took from and the splendid service he had given the Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the family circle the wife and moththe First Presbyterian church of er, who has for the past two weeks an important part of the system. Plattsmouth, and the impressive ring been in very serious condition. The service used in the solemnization of death comes as a very severe blow to the bereaved husband and the seven The bride was very beautiful in little children, the youngest of whom an exquisite dark brown traveling is the babe of two weeks as well as suit and carried a bouquet of bride's to the brothers and sisters who are

ter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Ault. Following the wedding ceremony was born in Mills county, Iowa, and the members of the bridal party and was at the time of her death thirtythe guests were entertained at a very two years of age, and has resided for charming three-course nuptial din- her lifetime in Mills county and in ner which had been arranged by the this city where she was united in mother of the bride, Mrs. J. R. Val- marriage to Edward Snodgrass. To lery and the sisters of the bride. The this union were born seven children, table decorations were in pink roses Eugene, Ellwood, LaVerne, Emmett, and made a very pretty setting for Margaret. Albert, and the little babe operation in this work, which has the happy occasion and the dinner of two weeks, who with the husband been an inspiration and a pleasure, The bride and groom enjoyed a lady. Two brothers, James and continue to make my home in this short visit with the members of the Charles Ault of this city and three county.

to mourn her passing. Both Mr. and Mrs Stretton are The body of Mrs Snodgress will well known and popular in university be taken to Glenwood Saturday circles at Lincoln, where they have morning on No. 4 over the Burlingbeen students at the state university, ton and will be laid to rest in the and it was there that their acquain- cemetery in that city where the fathtance was formed which later de- er and mother of the departed lady

In the hour of their sorrow the time and is one of the most wealthy bereaved family will receive the sym- thought of the road first, and when and prominent families in the coun- pathy of the entire community in The groom is one of the pro- the close that has come to them and gressive young business men of the the many friends of this kindly lady western Nebraska city, being engaged who have known her for her lifetime in the drug business in Scottsbluff will find her place hard to fill in impartial, and no one ever went be-

service here at the home at 8:30 Sat-

### YOUNG PEOPLE SHOW **VERY MUCH INTEREST**

Round Table Dinner at M. E. Church in Interest of Epworth League Campaign Proves Successful

From Thursday's Daily. Last evening at 6:15 the members of the Epworth League and their 1869. friends gathered at the Methodist church to enjoy one of the very in tertaining and pleasant meetings of the week's campaign in "Win My Chum" week which is now being con-Last evening the members of Cass ducted by the society. The attend-Camp No. 332, Modern Woodmen of lance was very pleasing and the in-America held their meeting at the terest shown was a testimony to the lodge rooms in their building at fac that the young people of the

The meeting was led by E. H. Wescott and was very interesting lowa. throughout in leading to the inspir-Venerable Consul-C. F. Schmidt- ational thoughts of the week's campaign.

Two young people at the meeting signified their intention of joining in the life of the church and proved a very pleasing addition to the membership of this excellent organiza-

tion of young people. The luncheon which was served the league and the members did due to his complete mastery of details the fact that they have been able themselves proud in the manner in of his positions as well as to remark-

### SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

From Thursday's Daily.

William Stohlman, one of the prominent business men of Louisville, was in the city yesterday after- ton lines over a very large part of noon for a few hours. This is the Nebraska was a primary factor in the first visit of Mr. Stohlman here since development of the state. In the acated on for an injury sustained a drege was aparent. It was his polnumber of years ago when he was icy to encourage by all legitimate kicked in the face by a horse and as means every industry that promised a result of which small portions of to be beneficial, and this has been the bone of the nose were found to be especially true of the chief interest pressing on the nerves leading to the of this state, its agricultural reves with the result that he was sources. RHODE ISLAND REDS FOR SALE threatened with blindness. He was

### VETERAN RAIL MAN RETIRES

MANAGER OF "Q" LINES WEST, RESIGNS.

George W. Holdrege, one of the best known railroad men in the west,

The retirement of Mr. Holdrege that has led him into one of the highsystems. From the time that Mr. and family, Holdrege entered the service of the Burlington as a clerk in the offices 11, 1872, to Miss Emily Atkinson, in Plattsmouth he has been a warm friend of this city and its interests his aided in making the shops here

His resignation was made known Thursday afternoon in the following announcement issued from his office To personal friends in the terri

ory served by the Burlington rail-

road between the Missouri river and

the continental divide: For fifty-one years, since Septem ber, 1869, it has been my duty to aid in the mutual development of the Burlington system west of the Mis-

souri river and the country it has the good fortune to serve. I shall retire from active service December 31, 1920, and want to most sincerely thank the people living it this vast area for their kindly cosurvive the death of the estimable and to add that it is my intention to

to Nehawka, from where they de- Collins, Colorado, Miss Emma Ault the past, to be of assistance as far parted over the Missouri Pacific for of Glenwood and Mrs. William Men- as possible, in the mutual interests Lincoln and from there go to their denhall of Plattsmouth are also left of the Burlington railroad and th people it serves. G. W. HOLDREGE.

Concerning the departure from acive service of Mr. Holdrege, a well the service under Mr. Holdrege, says: "No man ever left such a positio with more loyal co-workers regret ting his departure than George W. Holdrege. Somehow he begat loy-Men who worked under him they thought of the road that was Holdrege and doing his bidding. He fore him with a real grievance who

did not get a hearing. The Story of a Busy Life. George Ward Holdrege, general manager of the Burlington & Missouri River railroad lines west of the Missouri river, was born in New York city, March 26, 1847, son of Henry and Mary Holdrege. His early education was acquired in private schools, principally in Stebbens' academy Irvington-on-the-Hudson where he prepared for college. He took the regular academic course in Harvard university and graduated in pass distributor for the county.

In the fall of 1869 he located in Nebraska as paymaster and store-& Missouri Railroad company at Plattsmouth. A year later he was transferred to the offices of the company at Burlington, Ia., and entered the train service, serving for one year as conductor of a train on the main line. He was then made superintendent of construction of the Chariton branch westward from Clariton.

In 1872, Mr. Holdrege was made trainmaster at Burlington, was appointed assistant superintendent with headquarters at Plattsmouth in 1873, and when headquarters were transferred to Lincoln, in 1878, he became general superintendent of the lines west of the Missouri river.

minor position to one of the highest to retain the services of their bank- which they conducted the pleasant able executive ability. His superior officers soon recognized in him the ough railroad man, and the great netriver comprising the Burlington system has grown up under his manage-

ment.

The early building of the Burling-

During the trying times resulting

ings, Mont., was constructed.

Popular With Employes.

Employes under Mr. Holdrege, from the lowest to the highest in position, hold him in high regard, both personally and officially. He has been aptly characterized thus: George Holdrege is chain lightning without the thunder. He is unostentatious and conrieous, modest and companionable. He is a man of few words with the faculty of saying much by silence, and his business cares rest has signified his retirement from his lightly upon him. During his col-Burlington lines west of the Missouri and acquatles, and in these he has never lost interest. He is fond of hunting and his occasional vacations will be learned of with much regret are given up to his sport more than in this city where this able railroad to any other. Walle fond of agreeleader first entered into his life work able companions, he is not known as other hand is devoted to his home

> Mr. Holdrege was married Apri daughter of Prof. William P. Atkinon, of Boston. She died November 14, 1873, leaving one son, Henry A Holdrege, an electrical engineer of Chicago for several years, but now general manager of the Omaha Electric Light and Power company, Mr. Holdrege was against married April 11. 1877, to Miss Frances R. Kimball, daughter of Thomas Kimball late manager of the Union Pacific railroad. Three daughters have been born to them, May, Susan and Leeta, who are all living. In politics Mr. Holdrege has always been a republican, but has never sought office or political prominence.

For more than twenty-five years Mr. Holdrege yielded a political power that no man before him or since has essaved in Nebraska. Governors and United States senators, not t mention many other minor state of icers, were made and unmade in his office in Omaha. In that period between the eclipse of Van Wyck and the rise of George Sheldon and Norris Brown he reigned supreme. No man thought to run for any important state office until after he had gone to Omaha to see George W. Holdrege and his office way the mecca of legslators and other active in repub-

Sought No Personal Advantage Mr. Holdrege differed from the tra-

ditional political boss in that he never sought profit personally by reason of the power he wielded. A Burlington man first, last and always his power was employed solely to advance and protect the interests of that railroad. He made no alliances with disreputable elements. He made thinkin gof Holdrege, working for no effort to conceal either what he was doing or how he did it. Himwas a strict disciplinarian, just and self he kept always in the back-Very rarely did he appear at Lincoln when the legislature was in session, or at other times. He dealt largely through agents, J. H. Ager, who recently died in Lincoln being his most trusted man for many

The machine operated by Mr. Hol drege was organized along business the road ran it was represented by group of active politicians, all of whom were holders of annual passes. One of the group, usually lawyer or a banker, was the chief was supplied with blank books

passes issued in Mr. Holdrege's name and he was free to use these as h keeper in the office of the Burlington pleased, but that power was subject to the rule that it must not be em ployed recklessly or unwisely. If h used it so he lost his power and hi pass, and they passed to another The same fate awaited him if he fail ed to bring the delegation from that county to the state convention, and could not offer a reasonable explanaion therefor.

This group was usually composed of one or two lawyers, bankers, businéss men, a doctor or two, men who knew the political game and how to play upon the prejudices and ambi tions of men. They made up the local machine, which fattened on its power to award offices and give out passes. Through the tax system of Mr. Holdrege's advancement from primaries by which delegates to county conventions were selected, an or was provided by the committee of of the offices of the great system was ganized group, except where a vital could invariably get control of the county conventions. They set up dummy candidates in precincts in ormaterial for the making of a thor- der to control the votes of the precinct delegation, and then put these work of railroad west of the Missouri into a pot with the delegates brought in by the candidates they had pre viously decided to nominate and thus ontrolled without any trouble.

Their principal job was to bring in the county delegation to the state convention, and thus the railroads controlled that gathering. They also quirement of right-of-way the diplo- recommended or picked candidates for the legislature, and were also permitted to salve their vanity by setting up as little local bosses, subject to correction and punishment for abuse of power.

The railroads had been in politics from the beginning of the state, but they never appeared so strongly in the open as they did after they had operated on and while the operation from the general business depression replied first the granger movement was a very severe one, he came and failure of crops, the liberal pol- that lifted Van Wyck to eminence through nicely and is now feeling icy pursued by the Burlington sys- and later the populist movement Comb Rhode Island Reds, and Rouen much better and rapidly regaining tem under Mr. Holdrege's manage- From then until 1906 a republican the full use of his eyes. This will ment was of the greatest value in state convention, packed by railroad be pleasing news to the many friends enabling the people, especially in the pass-holders, dictated party policies over the county and they trust that newer portions of the state, to hold and the personnel of state officers. their old friend may continue to im- | their own until the return of better | The Burlington was the master force conditions. The work of construct for a number of years, due to the

tion was never abandoned during the leadership of Holdrege, but in time hard times, and from 1892 to 1894. the Union Pacific and Northwestern a period of general suspension of challenger its suppremacy and in a railroad building, the line of the number of state conventions the bat-Burlington from Nebraska to Bill-tile was less between candidates than it was between railroads, as to which should control and dictate the prinipal nominees.

End of Railroad Politics.

This condition of affairs was genrally known and accepted and i as a candidate for governor and Brown as a candidate for senator challenged the right of the railroads to operate the state government and name the men who should fill the offices. The battle was a hot one. It was really lost in Lancaster county position as general manager of the lege days he wes fond of field sports where just before the convention the two contending forces, each desirous of getting a foothold in the state convention and each being fearful of defeat, had agreed on a truce by which the delegation was to be split. When Mr. Holdrege was informed of a society or club man, but on the this agreement, sensing with his keen vision of politics that a victory in Lancaster was necessary if the convention control was to be gained, he ordered his lieutenants to fight it out. They did, and lost by the narrow margin of a dozen votes in a

convention of over 800 delegates. The railroads were routed in that state convention and the next legislature put them out of politics by adopting a number of new laws principally the direct primary and the abolition of the pass. Mr. Holdrege's reign ended then. It was only by the pass and the convention system that the railroads could control Past successes had convinced ambitions young men that political preferment could be gained only through the existing railroad machine, and when the fetich was destroyed along with the organization, it ended all hope for the sort of controlled politics that had existed for so many

Accepted New Conditions.

No rail manager ever accepted absolutely changed conditions more readily than Mr. Holdrege. Some of his friends said that taking political work away from railroads came as an absolute relief to the Burlington general manager. He devoted than ever, matters of railroad development and transportation receiving attention that formerly had

When the Hill ownership came many said that a manager schooled as Mr. Holdrege had been in the old way of doing things could never take up the newer ways. To the surprise of some who knew him least he at once became a manager of the Hill type, an exponent of the Hill ideas in railroading, a manager who fitted in well in the new regime. He.reorganized his forces and began the campaign of rebuilding and betterment that started with Hill ownership as energetically as he had entered the campaign of new building and expansion of the system in the rush building period of the 80's Hill ownership and Hill methods had preceded the legislature of 1907 which put the railroads out of polfics, and Mr. Holdrege found no lack of work to be done after he had been relieved of his political responsibili-

Mr. Holdrege Has no regrets. In an interview in 1914, Mr. Holdrege was asked if he were to start ife over again if he would be a rail-

road man. "I have no reason to say I would not be,' was the reply. "I like the work and always have.'

'Are there opportunities today for the young man to forge ahead in railroad work as there were when you entered the service?

"There is always a chance for young men to forge ahead." he said. "The future of our country is great and will become more important as ime goes on.'

"Would you advise a young man to enter railroad business for a life

work?" "That depends on the circum There are splendid oppor tunities for young energetic men to day in our business just as there always have been. If a young man likes the work I can see no reason why he should not choose it for his calling. I can say this: The railroad field is a good one for any energetic young man of today. To succeed in it requires hard work and plenty of it-fidelity to duty and a willingness to learn everything pos-

### GOOD MUSIC. BUT SMALL CROWD.

sible that can be learned about all

that have to do with railroading.

The attendance at the American Legion dance last night was rather slim, but those who were present enjoyed very much the fine music furnished by Holly's Syncopating Quintette.

Brick Dunn, of Nebraska City, who was to have joined the organization at the start, as trap drummer, and whose place has formerly been filled by Harvey Tetan, of Nebraska City was present last evening and his

work was more than pleasing. To the fact that the Advent season is now on, was largely due the smallness of the crowd, the spectator ickets far outnumbering the dance tickets, which is an unusual occasion. The result is a considerable deficit in meeting the expense incurred

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### **OLD RESIDENT** PASSES TO THE **GREAT BEYOND**

was not until 1906, when Sheldon HENRY HIRZ, LEADING FARMER IN THIS PORTION OF COUNTY DIED THIS MORNING

From Thursday's Daily.

west of this city following an illness raffled it off to pay the freight.
of several months and death was When Henry Christensen started long resided. Henry Hirz was born in Germany.

February 19, 1854, and was reared to manhood in his native land, learning RETURNING TO at that for a number of years until ambitious to realize a greater future he came to America in 1872, arriving at New York in the fall of that year after a long voyage over the Atlantic. He stopped for a time at Philadelphia, where he was employed at his trade and later went to Day ton, Ohio, and from there to Pekin Illinois, where a large number of his old friends had located. He engaged in farm work for a time and in September 1875 came to Plattsmouth for the first time, joining a surveying party here and going to the western part of the state where he assisted in surveying for several months and then returned to this city to take up the agricultural pursuits and has since resided in this locality. His energetic nature enabled him to overcome the hardships that were thrown in his way and in a few years his thrift and industry enabled him to purchase a farm of his own and take up the life work at which he has been exceptionally

happy married life was called to her tion of the globe in the winter seafinal reward three years ago and been divided by attention to matters since that time the husband has resided with his daughters at the old home, awaiting the time when the Master might permit him to join his helpmate in the great beyond. To mourn the death of Mr. Hirz there remains two daughters and one son. Misses Emma and Elizabeth and Philip Hirz, all of whom reside near this city. Two brothers and two sisters are also left to mourn the death of this good man, John Hirz, Plattsmouth, Mrs. Catherine Stohlman of Long Beach, California, Mrs. Winnie Freddley of Baltimore, Maryland, and Philip Hirz of Elberta Alabama. One sister has preceded her brother in death.

successful.

During his residence here Mr. Hirz has been a firm believer in the principals of the democratic party and for years has been one of the faithful workers in the cause of his party.

The death of Mr. Hirz brings sense of great regret to the many old friends throughout Cass county, who have known and loved this genial whose word has been as good as his gentlemen have closed a contract bond among those with whom he has been associated.

The funeral services as far as could be determined today by the Mr. herd through death and disease. family will be on Sunday at one Bates of this city and this was his o'clock from the late home.

### WAS SOME DUCK

can't hold a candle to Jim Fitzpat- shep in southeastern Nebraska.

rick when it comes to shooting ducks, While Jim was at the depot Wednesday morning he saw some winged foul fly over the depot and light in the creek. He hurriedly got a gun and was soon seen coming back from the creek carrying his game and the uestion arose as to what kind of a fuck it was that Jim had barged but re long the butcher, F. A. Burch, was out hunting several Muskego ducks that had escaped from his pens at the market. There was only one thing for Jim to do and that was to pay the price for the duck which he did but said that people who had tame ducks that would fly over tree This morning Henry Hirz, one of tops should keep them labeled. As the prominent farmers of this por- the duck wasn't large enough for a tion of Cass county died at this home | meal for the Fitzpatrick family, Jim

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caused by a complication of diseases. his sheller Wednesday morning at Death came at 10:10 o'clock this the Wiles elevator, one of this same morning, closing a life filled with breed of ducks was scared from the actively and usefulness to the com-sheller where it had taken quarters munity in which the deceased has so for the night .- Weeping Water Republican.

# THE WEST COAST

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Atkinson After Visit Here, Started Yesterday on 2.400 Mile Drive

Yesterday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Atkinson departed for the Pacific coast, going to their former home at Del Monte, California, after a visit here during the fall months with relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson made the trip from the coast to this city in the late summer in the Dodge roadster and will return in the same car which will give the car a run of some 4,800 miles by the time the party reaches Del Monte and this does not include the many trips that they have made in the car over Callfornia and while here in Nebraska During their stay here Mr. Atkinson has been employed a part of the In October 1880, Mr. Hirz was the roads to the coast were in good himself to railroading more arduously united in marriage to Miss Catherine shape decided to get away from the and very cold weather that comes to this por tan, Kansas, over the Cornhusker trail and thence to California over

the old Santa Fe trail through Texas and Deming, New Mexico, to the land of the setting sun. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pease who made the trip to the coast to winter there have written back that the roads are excellent and that they had a very successful drive across the continent and a most interesting visit at the places of interest along the way. Their letter encouraged Mr.

### LOOKING AFTER LIVE STOCK.

the long trip westward.

and Mrs. Atkinson in starting on

Charles Mullin, district manager of the American Live Stock association, of Omaha, has been in the city for the past few days assisting Fred G. Egenberger, the local agent, in looking after the wants of the farmers of this locality in the way of insurance on their live stock. The two with A. S. Will, one of the large stock feeders of this locality to insure his stock and prevent loss to the herd through death and disease, Bates of this city and this was his first visit to the city and one much enjoyed.

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