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YOUNG FOLKS ARE JOINED IN WEDLOCK

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...

The wedding was very simple and quiet, only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties being present...

The bride was very beautiful in an exquisite dark brown traveling suit and carried a bouquet of bride's roses and wore a very striking picture hat in keeping with the costume...

Following the wedding ceremony the members of the bridal party and the guests were entertained at a very charming three-course nuptial dinner which had been arranged by the mother of the bride...

The bride and groom enjoyed a short visit with the members of the family and in the afternoon motored to Nehawka, from where they departed over the Missouri Pacific for Lincoln and from there go to their future home in Scottsbluff.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Stretton are well known and popular in university circles at Lincoln, where they have been students at the state university and it was there that their acquaintance was formed which later developed into the romance culminating in their marriage.

The bride and groom in Cass county, where she has spent her lifetime and is one of the most wealthy and prominent families in the 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. Last evening the members of Cass Camp No. 332, Modern Woodmen of America held their meeting at the lodge rooms in their building at Sixth and Pearl streets and following the opening of the lodge the regular election of officers for the ensuing year was taken up and the following chosen:

Venerable Consul—C. F. Schmidt-mann. Worthy Advisor—George Klinger. Banker—William Hassler. Clerk—H. F. Goos.

The lodge has been fortunate in the fact that they have been able to retain the services of their banker, clerk and manager, who have all done yeoman service in the cause of woodcraft and Mr. Hassler has filled the position of banker for the past twenty years...

RHODE ISLAND REDS FOR SALE

Males for sale at \$2.00 each. White Wyandottes, Rose and Single Comb Rhode Island Reds, and Ronen Ducks.

JULIUS REINKE, South Bend, Neb. Journal want ads pay. Try them.

SUIT TO SECURE PARTITION

An action has been filed in the district court by Harriett E. Wolfe vs. Raymond Theordis, et al. in which the plaintiff asks for the settlement of claims against property situated in Louisville, Alvo and Plattsmouth and to which the plaintiff holds claim.

DEATH COMES TO MRS. SNOODGRASS

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. Snodgrass in this city and took from the family circle the wife and mother, who has for the past two weeks been in very serious condition.

Her resignation was made known Thursday afternoon in the following announcement issued from his office in Omaha: To personal friends in the territory served by the Burlington railroad between the Missouri river and the continental divide.

For fifty-one years, since September, 1869, it has been my duty to aid in the mutual development of the Burlington system west of the Missouri 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 in this vast area for their kindly cooperation in this work, which has been an inspiration and a joy.

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 friends gathered at the Methodist church to enjoy one of the very interesting and profitable meetings of the week's campaign in "Win My Chum" week which is now being conducted by the society.

The meeting was led by E. H. Westcott and was very interesting throughout in leading to the inspirational 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 organization of young people.

SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

From Thursday's Daily. William Stohlman, one of the prominent business men of Louisville, was in the city yesterday afternoon for a few hours. This is the first visit of Mr. Stohlman here since his return from the Methodist hospital in Omaha, where he was operated on for an injury sustained a number of years ago when he was kicked in the face by a horse and as a result of which small portions of the bone of the nose were found to be pressing on the nerves leading to the eyes with the result that he was threatened with blindness.

VETERAN RAIL MAN RETIRES FROM LABORS

GEORGE W. HOLDREGGE, GENERAL MANAGER OF "Q" LINES WEST, RESIGNS.

George W. Holdregge, one of the best known railroad men in the west, has signified his retirement from his position as general manager of the Burlington lines west of the Missouri river.

The retirement of Mr. Holdregge will be learned of with much regret in this city where this able railroad leader first entered into his life work that has led him into one of the highest positions in the western railroad systems.

Mr. Holdregge was married April 11, 1872, to Miss Emily Atkinson, daughter of Prof. William P. Atkinson, of Boston. She died November 14, 1873, leaving one son, Henry A. Holdregge, an electrical engineer of Chicago for several years, but now general manager of the Omaha Electric Light and Power company.

For more than twenty-five years Mr. Holdregge has been a political power in the state of Nebraska. He has been a member of the Nebraska legislature and United States senators, not to mention many other minor state offices, were made and unmade in his office in Omaha.

Mr. Holdregge differed from the traditional political boss in that he never sought profit personally. A Burlington man first, last and always his power was employed solely to advance and protect the interests of that railroad.

The Story of a Busy Life.

George Ward Holdregge, 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 Holdregge. 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 1869.

In the fall of 1869 he located in Nebraska as paymaster and storekeeper in the office of the Burlington & 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, Iowa.

In 1872, Mr. Holdregge 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.

Mr. Holdregge's advancement from a minor position to one of the highest in the offices of the great system was due to his complete mastery of details of his positions as well as to remarkable executive ability. His superior officers soon recognized in him the material for the making of a thorough railroad man, and the great network of railroad west of the Missouri river comprising the Burlington system has grown up under his management.

The early building of the Burlington lines over a very large part of Nebraska was a primary factor in the development of the state. In the acquisition of right-of-way the diplomacy and business tact of Mr. Holdregge was apparent. It was his policy to encourage by all legitimate means every industry that promised to be beneficial, and this has been especially true of the chief interest of this state, its agricultural resources.

tion was never abandoned during the hard times, and from 1892 to 1894, a period of general suspension of railroad building, the line of the Burlington from Nebraska to Billings, Mont., was constructed.

Popular With Employes. Employes under Mr. Holdregge, from the lowest to the highest in position, hold him in high regard, both personally and officially. He has been aptly characterized thus: George Holdregge is an electrical engineer of the thunder. He is unostentatious and courteous, modest and companionable. He is a man of few words, with the faculty of saying much by silence, and his business cares rest lightly upon him.

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Accepted New Conditions. No railroad man ever accepted absolutely changed conditions more readily than Mr. Holdregge. Some of his friends said that taking political work away from railroads came as an absolute relief to the Burlington general manager.

When the Hill ownership came on, Mr. Holdregge had been in the old way of doing things could never take up the new 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 with the new regime.

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This group was usually composed of one or two lawyers, bankers, business men, a doctor or two, men who knew the political game and how to play upon the prejudices and ambitions 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 primaries by which delegates to county conventions were selected, an organized group, except where a vital issue that stirred voters to action, could invariably get control of the county conventions.

GOOD MUSIC, BUT SMALL CROWD. From Friday's Daily. 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.

Read the Journal want-ads.

leadership of Holdregge, but in time the Union Pacific and Northwestern challenged its supremacy and in a number of state conventions the battle was less between candidates than it was between railroads, as to which should control and dictate the principal nominees.

This condition of affairs was generally known and accepted and it was not until 1906, when Sheldon was 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.

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OLD RESIDENT PASSES TO THE GREAT BEYOND

HENRY HIRZ, LEADING FARMER IN THIS PORTION OF COUNTY DIED THIS MORNING

From Thursday's Daily. This morning Henry Hirz, one of the prominent farmers of this portion of Cass county died at his home west of this city following an illness of several months and death was caused by a complication of diseases.

Henry Hirz was born in Germany, February 10, 1854, and was reared to manhood in his native land, learning the butcher's trade and working 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.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Atkinson After Visit Here, Started Yesterday on 2,400 Mile Drive

From Thursday's Daily. 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. 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.

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.

WAS SOME DUCK

L. R. Snipes has lost the belt for duck shooting and big stories as he can't hold a candle to Jim Fitzpatrick when it comes to shooting ducks.

Looking After Live Stock.

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