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## JOSEPH M. ROBERTS DIES SUDDENLY

### PASSES AWAY AT HOME IN THIS CITY AT 2:15 THIS AFTERNOON—LONG POORLY

From Monday's Daily.

Joseph M. Roberts was born in Fulton county, Illinois, Jan. 2, 1851. He moved to Nebraska in 1864 with his brother-in-law, Adam Bricker. Although he was only a boy of 13, he went to work and put in a crop and was joined by his parents and other members of the family later in the season. From that time forward he seemed to develop the judgment of a matured mind and here was subjected to the whims of boyhood. From this period of life he assumed responsibilities of a man and developed the sterling worth and thought of life. In his business life he was always recognized as a man of superior quality and character.

Of the six brothers he was his father's counselor, and his advice and judgment was always followed. His father's demise occurred in 1893, and was buried from the home of J. M. at Plattsmouth.

His brothers recognized his true worth the same as his father had, and have stated at different times that it was a pleasure to them to concede that. Although he was not the oldest one of the twelve children, there perhaps was not one of the family who had not appealed to him at different times for his judgment and advice.

He remained on the old homestead with his parents until he reached his majority and then came to Plattsmouth and took up the drug business in which he continued for a great many years.

Later he was engaged in the banking business for a number of years at Weeping Water, then he engaged in the live stock business at Omaha. Returning later to Plattsmouth he engaged again in the banking business which he continued actively until the time of his death. He lived an ardent Christian life and had been a worker in the Presbyterian church of which he was a member for many years. He was also a member of the Masonic fraternity.

He was united in marriage to Allie V. Donelan in June, 1881. To this union one son, Paul H., was born, who is engaged in the lumber business at Cedar Creek. Mrs. Roberts departed this life in March 1892.

Later he was married to Matie C. Newell, October 1895, who departed this life December 1917. To this union were born one daughter, Helen, who is a student of the state university, and one son, Newell, who is attending school at Dellfield, Wisconsin. Both children were home at the time of his death.

In April, 1920, he was united in marriage to Kattie Cummins, now surviving. In this death breaks the family circle of twelve brothers and sisters and their families, who are all matured men and women. The youngest is about 56 years of age.

The following brothers and sisters are: Sarah Bricker of Wichita, Kansas; W. B. Roberts, Ashland, Neb.; J. P. Roberts of Portland, Oregon; Mrs. J. W. Welborn of England, Neb.; John Fitz Roberts, Omaha; Mrs. A. W. Bricker, Ashland; Mrs. T. H. Reasoner, Hastings; Mrs. C. J. Littlefield, Aurora; Thomas V. Roberts, who is residing on a farm near Plattsmouth; Mrs. John Sinclair of Los Angeles, and J. J. Roberts of Sioux Falls, S. D.

The funeral services will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence. Friends wishing to take a farewell may do so by calling at the home between the hours of 10 a. m. and 12 o'clock.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS HOLD INSTALLATION

### Nebraska Chapter No. 3 of This City Elevate to Their Offices the Newly Elected Officials.

Last evening Nebraska Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons installed their recently elected officers and the meeting was one largely attended by the membership of the chapter.

James M. Robertson, past high priest, officiated as the installing officer of the evening with William J. Streight, past high priest as the marshal.

The officers installed were: John W. Crabbill, high priest. Oliver C. Hudson, scribe. William F. Evers, king. Henry A. Schneider, treasurer. Fred P. Busch, secretary.

Dr. R. P. Westover, captain of the host. Ralph J. Haynie, principal sojourner. Charles S. Dovey, royal arch captain. Harry W. Smith, master 1st vall. Glenn Perry, master 2nd vall. John E. Schutz, master 3rd vall.

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## REMEMBERED JOURNAL FORCE WITH NEW APRONS

Employees of the Journal composing room will be able to start the new year spry and span, as a result of the generosity of E. J. Ritchey, who presented each with a brand new printed apron. They are substantially made to withstand heavy usage among the carpenters to whom they are usually given and have big, roomy pockets, such as would make the average printer green with envy. Like the far famed printer's towel, the aprons, too, sometimes would almost stand alone, and might have reached the stage in their生涯 had it not been for Mr. Ritchey coming to the rescue.

## A VERY PRETTY HOLIDAY WEDDING

### Miss Agnes Stenner and Alfred C. Carey Joined in Wedlock at Home of Bride's Mother

One of the pleasant weddings of the holiday season occurred on Christmas day at the home of Mrs. Inez Stenner, when her daughter, Miss Agnes, was united in marriage to Mr. Alfred C. Carey, of this city.

The home had been very charmingly arranged in the bright and attractive holiday decorations and amidst their warm coloring and bright attractiveness the ceremony was a most charming one. The two estimable young people were performed.

The marriage lines were read by the Rev. A. G. Hollowell, pastor of the Christian church and the wedding witnessed by the immediate relatives of the two happy young people. The bride was very charming in a striking costume of white georgette over white satin and carried a bouquet of white roses. The groom was attired in the conventional dark suit.

The bride couple were unattended and the wedding was one of great beauty and impressiveness as the words that made the young people one, were read by the minister.

Immediately following the marriage ceremony the members of the bridal party were entertained at a most delightful Christmas dinner, during which the newlyweds were showered with the well wishes of their relatives and friends.

Those from out of the city to attend the wedding were Mrs. Carl Zimmerman, of Ashland, sister of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stenner, of Omaha, the former a brother of the bride and Miss Gertrude Stenner, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, sister of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey will continue to make their home in this city, which fact will be very pleasing to the host of warm friends that they possess in this community where they have spent practically their entire lifetime.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Inez Stenner and a young lady of much charm and possesses a host of warm friends. She has completed her education in this city and has been very active in the social work of the Christian church, of which she has been a member.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Carey and a young man of worth and ability, who has been reared to manhood in this community. Mr. Carey is a former service man, having at the outbreak of the world war enlisted in the national guard of Nebraska, in the 4th Nebraska Infantry and served in that organization until its re-organization when he became a member of the 133rd Infantry and was sent overseas with this organization and served for some time in France until the signing of the armistice. Since his return he has been in the employ of the Burlington in the shops in this city and is held in the highest respect by those with whom he has been associated.

The many friends will join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Carey a long and happy wedded life and one filled with all the success that these two estimable young people so well deserve.

## RETURNS FROM OHIO.

From Monday's Daily.

Yesterday morning Mrs. W. H. Seybert returned home from Dayton, Ohio, where she has been for the past two weeks visiting at the home of C. A. Marshall, Jr., and wife in that city. Mrs. Marshall being a daughter of Mrs. Seybert. The trip was one of great pleasure to Mrs. Seybert and she found Mr. and Mrs. Marshall enjoying the best of health and success in their new home and greatly pleased with Dayton as a home city. While in that city Mrs. Seybert visited the plant of the National Cash Register company, where Mr. Marshall is employed and which now has 6,000 persons in its employ and the sight of the great industrial plant was one long to be remembered. Mrs. Seybert reports that the weather in Dayton has been very warm and pleasant so far and that portion of the country escaped the cold snap that swept over the west the past week.

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## CHRISTMAS AT THE MASONIC HOME

### SERIES OF FESTIVITIES LASTS FROM FRIDAY EVENING UNTIL SUNDAY.

The celebration of the Christmas festivities at the Nebraska Masonic Home in this city were on a scale never before enjoyed at this institution and its memory will linger with the members of the big family at the home as one of the real bright spots of their lives and the tributes of love they received on the occasion added materially in making their celebration one of the greatest joy.

The rooms of the home were very elaborately decorated in the Christmas colors of red and green with the usual Christmas bells and flowers used in profusion of these are still left to brighten the interior of the home and with the large Christmas tree, standing in the dining room, the members of the party and in walked Santa Claus, who at once greeted the members of the party. The wily old Santa inquired as to the behavior of the "youngsters" and on being informed that they had been very good "boys and girls" proceeded to read the names of those who were to receive the presents and as the names were called the ladies employed at the home distributed the gifts which were beautiful and lavish and embraced almost anything that the heart of anyone could desire. These presents had come from the Masonic lodge and the state and were distributed under a committee from the grand lodge and every request that had been made was filled and the old folks found that their ever desired had been granted as far as it lay in the power of the kindly hearted Masons and their friends to do so. Many of the people had to make several trips to secure all their presents.

On Christmas morning as the members of the home were awaking from their slumbers they were greeted by the sweet music of the Christmas carols which the children of the Methodist Sunday school had arranged and which they sang throughout the halls of the building, awakening all to the message of the Christmas day. During the breakfast hour the little folks continued their songs for the entertainment of their friends.

The dinner was one that is simply beyond description as there was an unlimited array of good things to eat from turkey down to the dessert and which had been provided by the lodges of the state and which had been arranged by Superintendent W. P. Evers and the employees at the home into a great feast for the old folks.

In the afternoon the members were entertained by the Kezokone minstrels which the members of the Kezokone campfire and the O. D. D. boys' club had arranged for recreation for the special benefit of the old folks. Each member of the cast of the show gladly entertained into the spirit of the occasion and the orchestra that had played at the Parnelle theater for the previous performance was present to lend their assistance to the completion of the very pleasing musical attraction. This feature was one that was enjoyed to the limit by the residents of the home and they are loud in their praise of the big treat afforded them.

## HAPPY EVENT AT THE WARNER HOME

### Celebrated Wedding Anniversary, Birth Anniversary, and Anniversary of Coming to Cass County

Christmas has been a notable date in the life of our old and highly respected friend, Charles H. Warner as the most important events in his very useful life have occurred on this day of the year.

To remind him of the many events of his life that have occurred on this date, the members of the family on Christmas day joined in a big family dinner at the home in this city and which was attended by all of the family and made one of great joy and pleasure. It was the forty-first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Warner, the sixty-seventh birthday anniversary of Mr. Warner and also the fifty-first anniversary of the date when he had arrived in Cass county for the first time to make his home.

The gathering had been arranged unbeknown to Mr. Warner and he was not anticipating anything until the members of the family, sons and daughters, arrived in great numbers to arrive and took possession of the parental home for the day. The dinner served at noon was one of the finest that the family have ever been able to enjoy and one to which everyone did the most ample justice. It was in the year 1853 that Mr. Warner first saw the light of day in the state of Illinois and he spent some years there, coming to Nebraska on Christmas day 1868, and crossed the Missouri river at Plattsmouth and has since that time enjoyed life very much in this community. It was on Christmas day in 1879 that Mrs. Hahne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Jess, Sr., and had just commenced the pleasantness of the family reunion when they received a message announcing that their residence at Evanston had been visited by fire and badly damaged. They departed Saturday for the east to learn just how serious the fire had been. Mr. Hahne, who is one of the instructors at Northwestern university has a library whose value is very great as he has spent the last ten years collecting the various volumes and the loss of these works will prove very serious to him. Mr. Hahne was formerly Miss Helen Jess of this city and her friends will regret very much to learn of the loss that was caused to her home and trust that it may not be as serious as was first feared.

## RECEIVES BAD NEWS.

Ernest Hahne and wife of Evanston, Ill., arrived in the city to enjoy the holiday season at the home of Mr. Hahne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Jess, Sr., and had just commenced the pleasantness of the family reunion when they received a message announcing that their residence at Evanston had been visited by fire and badly damaged. They departed Saturday for the east to learn just how serious the fire had been. Mr. Hahne, who is one of the instructors at Northwestern university has a library whose value is very great as he has spent the last ten years collecting the various volumes and the loss of these works will prove very serious to him. Mr. Hahne was formerly Miss Helen Jess of this city and her friends will regret very much to learn of the loss that was caused to her home and trust that it may not be as serious as was first feared.

## COCKRELS FOR SALE.

Barred Plymouth Rock cockrels at \$2 and \$3. Must go at once. Phone 677-3. MRS. W. O. TROOP.

## AT THE ORPHANAGE.

Christmas Eve at the Eastern Star orphanage was made a gala event when Santa Claus arrived and distributed the gifts from the large tree that had been arranged for the occasion. For days before the pleasant event the boxes had been arriving by freight, mail and express and a great host of gifts were ready for distribution to the little folks and their hearts made happy. Mrs. J. J. Wilson, matron of the orphanage, saw that the best of the day was all that could be hoped for and the little folks did it ample justice.

## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OBSERVE XMAS

### Services Held by Mt. Zion Commandery at 11 O'clock Saturday Morning.

On Christmas all over the world, where the standard of the Knights Templar was planted was held an observance of the great event of the Christian world. The hour was made solemn all over the world wherever the Templars gathered and in this city it was held at 11 o'clock in the morning at the Masonic temple and quite well attended by the members of the order. Sir Francis E. White of Omaha, grand recorder of the Nebraska commandery and a member of the Mt. Zion commandery was present to represent the grand commandery and to take part in the ceremonies.

Toasts were offered to Sir Joseph Kyle Orr, grand master, Sir Edward J. Jackson, grand commander, Sir Francis E. White, grand recorder, Sir James M. Robertson, grand standard bearer, Sir Frank L. Cummins, eminent commander and to Mt. Zion commandery No. 5, Nebraska Chapter No. 3, R. A. M., Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., the Nebraska Masonic Home.

The toast was also given to the memory of the departed brothers who have been taken in the past year by death, being Sir Albert D. Despain, Sir J. N. Wise, Sir E. W. Cook, Sir D. H. Cook.

The responses to the toasts were given by Francis E. White, James M. Robertson, Frank L. Cummins, Percy K. Gerling, Ralph J. Haynie, Nelson Jean, Luke L. Wiles, William P. Evers, Israel F. Wolfe, Emmons T. Ritchey and Fred P. Busch.

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## COUNCIL HAS A SHORT BUT SNAPPY EVE

### NOT MUCH EXCITEMENT DISTURBS THE TRANQUILITY OF THE CITY DADS.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The session of the city council last evening was one that was calm and peaceful and possessed but little of interest save in the discussion of the matter of the light contract and ordinance which the council at their last meeting decided was not binding on the city.

The judiciary committee through Chairman William H. Mason reported that the committee as well as the claims committee had met with the city attorney and the discussion of the matter of the light contract and ordinance which the council at their last meeting decided was not binding on the city.

City Attorney C. E. Martin was called for and in a brief manner read to the members of the city legislature the body of the law of the state and the ordinance that had been passed upon by the high court of the state and in all of which the courts had held that the provision of the statute was clear and that the mayor had no power to cast a vote on an ordinance or contract that was for the expenditure of the public money.

Mayor Schneider stated that there was not in his mind any doubt that the ordinance that had been passed was null and void and what to do next was up to the members of the council. The mayor stated that it had been suggested that the city council should hold a public hearing on the light bill that had been held up for November as well as the following bill and that the light company might be induced to adopt the rate of charges for the lights in the future.

This was discussed for some time and on motion of McCarry the matter was adopted and the bill for November allowed under the new rate and the light company to be notified that in the future all bills would have to be governed by the old rate.

Councilman Schulhof called the attention of the council to the fact that there had been more or less complaint in the third and fourth wards as to the lights being out and Mayor Schneider suggested as a remedy that the citizens be advised to call up the light company when the lights on the streets were out in individual cases and notify them of the fact.

In the matter of preparing a new contract between the city and the light company the matter was turned over to the judiciary committee and Mr. Mason to wrestle with in the future.

The petition of Fred Patterson as to opening up a driveway near his place was reported by the streets, alleys and bridges committee as negative owing to the condition of the city finances.

The water rate mystery was touched upon by the council but as the rate ordinance had disappeared and could not be found there was nothing doing in that line.

The city council by ordinance appropriated the sum of \$5,280 which is to be paid to the Omaha Trust company, to handle the disposal of the bonds of the city which are to refund the bonds soon to mature.

Councilman Howe suggested that as the city had an ordinance covering the removal of snow from the streets that it would be a fine idea to have the crossings over the city cleaned off.

The following bills were recommended for payment by the finance committee and ordered paid:

Frank Sittman, nozzelman \$ 1.50  
Hillard Grassman, same 1.50  
Dr. O. Sandin, salary fire chief 25.00  
Ed Cotner, nozzelman 1.50  
C. E. Hartford, coal to city hall 16.50

There being no further business the council adjourned.

## GORN JUICE LEADS TO A \$100 FINE

### John Curtis, Residing North of This City Receives Jolt for Possession of Illicit Corn Juice.

From Monday's Daily.

This morning John Curtis, who operates a sawmill north of the city, was given a belated Christmas present in the court of County Judge Alton J. Beeson which consisted of a fine of \$100 and costs caused by the possession of a quantity of the juice brewed from the fertile Nebraska corn crop and which the inhabitants of the middle west are found of using as a substitute for water. The defendant was represented by Attorney C. A. Rawls and it was decided that it would be best to enter a plea of guilty and accordingly the court on hearing the complaint and information read by County Attorney Cole assessed the fine and costs on the defendant. The fine and costs were paid and the liquor made less by one hundred iron men.

## A GREAT BIG BOY

The stork this afternoon made a call at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer for Webb in this city, and left an efficient assistant adjutant of the American Legion, in the person of a fine eleven and one-half pound baby boy. The mother and little one are both doing nicely and the father—well time will tell as to his ultimate recovery and he is now busy engaged in sticking up the silent messengers in thought on the Journal linotype and has the light of happiness beaming in his eye.

## RETURNS TO THE LAND OF HIS BIRTH

### Richard Avarad Called to Old Home in England by Announcement of Illness of His Wife.

Richard Avarad, who a short time ago returned home from a trip to England, has been called back to the old home across the sea by the message announcing the serious illness of Mrs. Avarad, who with their son, Dickie, had remained there to spend the winter with relatives when Mr. Avarad returned home. The news came as a great shock to Mr. Avarad and he at once commenced preparation for going back to England to be at the side of the wife. On his return to America he had purchased the shoe repairing outfit of Howard Stennett and was just embarking in business again when the news of his wife's illness was received and he has disposed of the shoe outfit to Mr. Stennett who is now in charge. Mr. Avarad left Saturday for the east and will sail on the first vessel that he can secure in order to reach England as soon as possible. The Avarad family and Mr. and Mrs. John McCarry left last August for England to visit with their relatives and all but Mr. Avarad remained there for the winter owing to sickness of their relatives. The many friends here trust that Mrs. Avarad's illness may be of only a temporary nature and that she may soon be able to be up and around.

## CALLED HOME ON ACCOUNT OF ILLNESS

### Mrs. B. D. Betts of New York, Who Has Been Here Visiting at Home of Parents, is Called East

Mrs. B. D. Betts of New York, formerly Miss Irene Dovey of this city, who has been here for the holiday season at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Dovey, was called to Chicago hurriedly Saturday evening by a message announcing the serious illness of Mr. Betts, who had been in that city visiting at the home of his mother. Mr. Betts is suffering from a severe case of ulcers of the stomach as well as a nervous breakdown and his condition is at present very serious.

He is one of the leading artists in New York where his studio is located and his work has won much recognition over the country and his close devotion to his life work has led to a breakdown that is proving very serious. The friends here trust that he may find in rest and quiet a recovery from his illness and word from his bedside is anxiously awaited by the relatives and friends in this city.

When baby suffers from eczema or some itching skin trouble, use Doan's Ointment. A little of it goes a long way, and it is safe for children. Get a box at all stores.

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During the courses of the evening three of the past masters of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6 were honored by their associates with the presentation of the jewels of their office, in token of their long and faithful work in the cause of Masonry. Those who were presented with the jewels were W. J. Straight, William A. Robertson and Judge M. Archer, who is one of the veteran Masons of the state. The presentation was made by James M. Robertson, president of the Nebraska Masonic Home association and one of the members of the grand lodge of the state.

Among those from out of the city to attend the session and banquet were Francis E. White of Omaha, grand secretary of the Nebraska Masons, Searl S. Davis of Lincoln lodge No. 19, Oliver H. Bimson of Oakland lodge No. 91, Harry B. Hall, master of Beaver City lodge No. 92 and Earl Hunter of Unadilla lodge No. 97 of Weeping Water.

The occasion was one of enjoyment to all of the Masons and the total membership attending was 155 and was a demonstration of the growth of the Masonic fraternity in this city.

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## MASONS OF CITY HAVE BIG GATHERING

### OBSERVE ST. JOHN'S DAY BY SUMPTUOUS BANQUET AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES

From Tuesday's Daily.

The observance of St. John's day by the Masonic fraternity of the city was made notable yesterday and last evening when Plattsmouth lodge No. 6 enjoyed one of their largest attended meetings of many months and the occasion proved one of the greatest interest to every member of the great fraternity.

The lodge opened for work at 8 o'clock in the afternoon and the master master degree was conferred on Rev. A. V. Hunter and Rev. H. G. McClusky by the lodge and the members received into the full membership of the order.

In honor of the day the lodge enjoyed a very elaborate banquet in the dining room of the Masonic temple in the evening and all that the committee comprised of Fred P. Busch and E. H. Westcott could devise to tempt the appetite of the tables and to this feast there were 125 of the members seated. The tables were very charmingly arranged with decorations of flowers and over this scene the soft glow of candles cast a pleasing touch. The tables and serving were in charge of a number of the ladies and to these the Masons feel very grateful for their assistance in making the event one of success and enjoyment. The ladies assisting in the decorating and serving were Mesdames A. J. Beeson, F. P. Busch, James G. Mauzy, William Evers, Waldemar Soennichsen, H. A. Schneider and Lillian Carragher. John Schutz assisted the banquet by presiding at the coffee urn.

During the course of the banquet which was presided over by William F. Evers, master of Plattsmouth lodge, a number of responses were made to the toasts by Searl S. Davis of Lincoln lodge No. 19; Oliver H. Bimson of Oakland lodge No. 91; E. H. Westcott, William J. Straight, William A. Robertson and William Baird, and each of these contributed thoughtful talks for the good of the craft that they are members of for a great many years.

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GREETINGS and Good Wishes on the threshold of the NEW YEAR. May it bring greater opportunities for responsibilities, for increased prosperity, for friendships, for real, genuine happiness and contentment.

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