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DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT OF THE CITY

JOHN LIBERSHAL, SR., DIED AT HIS HOME IN SOUTH PART OF CITY SUNDAY MORNING

From Monday's Daily. Yesterday morning at 4:30, John Libershal, Sr., one of the old and highly respected residents of the city passed to his final reward after an illness that covered the period of the past week.

During the years of his residence here Mr. Libershal has been devoted to his work and his family and has not occupied an active part in the life of the community, but in his quiet and unassuming way has labored to make the community better and to provide for the comfort and happiness of those whom he loved in his family circle.

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He was a lifelong member of the Roman Catholic church and a member of the Catholic Workman and St. James' societies of this city, since his moving to Plattsmouth.

To mourn the death of this splendid old gentleman there remains the widow, and seven children as follows: Mrs. Julia Sator, Everett, Wash.; August Libershal, Marquette, Mich.; Anton Libershal, Everett, Wash.; John A. Joseph, Frank J. Libershal and Mrs. Henry Meisinger, all residing in Plattsmouth. One daughter, Mary, died in infancy.

The funeral services will be held at 10:00 Wednesday morning from the Holy Rosary church in this city and the interment will be made at the Catholic cemetery west of the city.

IS GIVEN A SURPRISE BY GIRLS OF NEIGHBORHOOD

William Baird, superintendent of the Burlington shops, was given a very pleasant as well as complete surprise on Saturday evening, which he will long remember and which was in honor of his birthday anniversary that occurred on Thursday last.

Since the departure of Mrs. Baird for the west coast a few days ago, Mr. Baird has been the chief cook and general manager of the home, and has been preparing his own repasts the greater part of the time. On Saturday after the completion of his work at the shops for the day, he hastened homeward, expecting to have to prepare his own meal.

The occasion was much enjoyed and Mr. Baird was simply unable to express his full appreciation of the delightful little surprise. The young ladies preparing and carrying out the surprise were Grace and Virginia Beeson, Alice Louise Westcott, Clara Mae Morgan and Marguerite Willis.

MARRIED IN OMAHA.

From Monday's Daily. This afternoon Lyle Gilmore and bride, formerly Miss Rachel Sims, arrived in the city, to be guests at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Gilmore, for some time. The wedding came as a surprise to the members of the family as the young people were very quietly joined in the bonds of holy wedlock, and the first announcement of the ceremony which occurred in Omaha Sunday, was in a message received from the groom.

The many friends of the happy young people will join in wishing them the best of joy in the years to come as they journey down the stream of life as one.

DEATH AT COUNTY FARM.

From Monday's Daily. Yesterday at the Cass county farm occurred the death of Matthias Gross, one of the old residents who has been living there for a number of years. Mr. Gross was a native of Austria, having been born at Vienna, August 2, 1844, and has made his home in Plattsmouth for the past thirty years.

The funeral will be held at the farm today and the body laid to rest in Oak Hill cemetery.

THE CASS COUNTY FARMERS' MUTUAL

Holds Annual Meeting Saturday at the Taylor School House and Elects New Officers.

The annual meeting of the Cass County Farmers' Mutual Insurance company was held last Saturday afternoon at the Taylor school house southwest of this city and a large number of the stockholders were present to take part in the meeting.

The election of officers resulted in the following being selected: Jacob Tritsch, president.

H. J. Miller, Alvo; Alfred Stohman, Louisville; P. A. Hill, Myrand; Henry Holm, J. H. Gieck, John Albert and A. A. Weienkamp, Plattsmouth, directors.

ADDRESSES UNION MEETING LAST NIGHT

Miss Jessie A. Bragg, Recently Returned from India, Speaks Before Young People Here

From Monday's Daily. Last evening the members of the Christian Endeavor and Epworth League societies enjoyed a very delightful meeting at the auditorium of the First Methodist church, the meeting being held at 6 o'clock and at which time, Miss Jessie A. Bragg, just recently returned from India, spoke to the young people on the foreign mission work in that country.

The remarks of Miss Bragg were much enjoyed and gave the audience a thorough idea of the work in the foreign mission field in India, where for the past five years Miss Bragg has been in charge of a Methodist mission near Lucknow, and to the young people she addressed a great educational treat and made clear many of the features of the foreign mission field that they were unacquainted with.

Miss Bragg is one of the Cass county church workers who have entered into the labors of the foreign mission field and has found much pleasure in the assistance given to the residents of the lands across the sea. She is the third from this county to take up this work, as the home of Miss Bragg was formerly at Elmwood.

ARRIVES FROM BOHEMIA

From Monday's Daily. This morning Miss Theresa Sedlak arrived in this city to make her home here with her brothers and sisters, completing a trip from the old home in Bohemia that has covered the past six weeks. It has long been the desire of the members of the family here to have their sisters with them and matters were arranged for their leaving the old country and coming here to live and the first of the two sisters arrived here today.

Rhode Island Reds For Sale.

I am offering some fine Rhode Island cockrels, this year's stock. Miss Etta Nickles, Murray phone 1811.

COUNCIL HAS SHORT SESSION LAST NIGHT

LITTLE OF IMPORTANCE COMES BEFORE BODY AND BUSINESS SOON OVER.

From Tuesday's Daily. The city council was tame in its dealings last evening at the city hall and the absence of discussion or eloquence on the part of the legislators made the time pass rapidly and it required less than an hour to transact all business and be on the way home.

The Nebraska Gas and Electric company presented a communication to the council acknowledging the letter of the city clerk notifying them that the city had returned to the old rate for lights and the company agreed to accept same pending any settlement that might be agreed upon as to new rates.

The constitution and by-laws of the fire department prepared by the special committee of the fire department, were read and approved by the council and on motion of Councilman McCarthy of the Fire and Water committee 100 copies of the by-law and constitution were ordered printed for use of the fire department.

Chief of Police Manspeaker reported that seven persons had been naughty during the past month and were placed in the "hoosgow" for punishment. City Clerk McElwain, who is always on the alert to collect the city dollars for the city reported that \$615.87 had been gathered in and placed in the city treasury for the month of December.

The report of the city treasurer was read and it was decided to take up the matter of adjusting the fire department and fire department funds and have them arranged so that later the one fund might care for the work that two are now called upon for. Police Judge Archer reported that during the past month the sum of \$87 had been added to the city strong box through fines and costs and this report was referred to the police committee for their consideration.

The judiciary committee through Chairman Mason reported that they had drafted an ordinance covering a new lighting contract that was practically the same as the old contract, but they had been unable to supply the number and voltage of the lights required and it was referred to the lighting committee for the final touches in this respect and will be reported at the next session of the body.

The matter of installing a furnace in the city hall was then brought up and the bids of Jess Wurga and John Bauer received, which provided for hot air heating systems for the city building at a cost of \$536 from Mr. Wurga and \$575 from Mr. Bauer.

The suggestion was made that the time for appointing the new fire chief was at hand and Mayor Schneider stated that he had not given the matter any thought but would refer the matter to the council. Councilman Ptaszek suggested the name of A. F. Braun for chief, as it had been mentioned by a number of the members of the fire department. The name of Fire Chief Sandin was rejected by the council by a vote of seven to three.

A statement of the operating expenses of the light company at the present time was obtained to ascertain how well the new rates were working. Councilman Ptaszek took up the matter of the defective bridges in west part of the city where relief is badly needed and on motion the mayor was empowered to take it up with the county commissioners to see what could be done in the way of getting some old bridges placed there or some other relief.

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Table with utility rates: Neb. Gas & Elec. Co. light, city hall 1.00; B. A. McElwain, expense of trip to Omaha 1.50; Omaha Bee, adv. 2 issues 2.65; Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co. rents 5.50

MRS. KERR IMPROVING.

Mrs. B. C. Kerr, who has been suffering for the past few days with a very serious attack of pneumonia, at her home in the west portion of the city, is now reported as showing some improvement and it is believed that she will be several days before she shows any marked improvement.

PAST YEAR PROVES BANKING SYSTEM OK

Banks of Country Have Weathered Terrible Strain of War-Time Readjustments.

That our banking system is fundamentally sound and capable of affording high grade financial leadership during prosperity as well as through the trying days of war readjustment and business depression, was thoroughly proven during 1920, and the journalistic wars were marked with bitterness and venom between the rival papers on political issues of the day and through this stormy period Mr. Sherman was always valiant in his battles for the cause of democracy even though he represented a cause that was overwhelmed in the state at that time and he had the satisfaction of seeing his party and principles many times victorious in the later years.

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VETERAN EDITOR DIES AT A RIPE OLD AGE

CHARLES W. SHERMAN, FOUNDER OF THE JOURNAL, IS BURIED IN WEST.

A figure well known in the newspaper life of Nebraska in the eighties and nineties has vanished from the scene of earthly activities in the death at Los Angeles, California, on Thursday, of Charles W. Sherman, who for more than sixty years has been a follower of the profession of journalism.

Mr. Sherman was the founder of the Plattsmouth Journal in 1881 and conducted this paper during the periods when partisan issues ran high and the journalistic wars were marked with bitterness and venom between the rival papers on political issues of the day and through this stormy period Mr. Sherman was always valiant in his battles for the cause of democracy even though he represented a cause that was overwhelmed in the state at that time and he had the satisfaction of seeing his party and principles many times victorious in the later years.

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The funeral services were held at Los Angeles Monday afternoon and the body laid to rest in that city.

GIVE FRIEND SURPRISE

Miss Velma Elliott was given a very pleasant surprise on Friday evening at her home when a large crowd of the young friends gathered to assist her in the observance of her twentieth anniversary.

The Elliott home rang with merriment for several hours as the young people enjoyed their games and musical numbers which were offered by the talented members of the party. At an appropriate hour, a dainty and delicious luncheon was served by Mrs. J. N. Elliott, mother of the guest of honor and to which the members of the jolly party did ample justice. Miss Elliott received a number of handsome gifts in honor of the occasion.

ENJOYED A VERY PLEASANT EVENING

Mrs. George A. Dodge is Hostess to Fontenelle Chapter of Daughters of American Revolution.

Last evening the members of Fontenelle chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution enjoyed a very pleasant evening at the cozy home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Dodge on south Sixth street and the meeting was one filled with much interest to all. A number of the ladies were prevented from attending owing to sickness in their families, but those who were present enjoyed to the utmost the occasion, filled as it was with interesting discussions and the delightful social features.

The D. A. R. magazine is reviewed by Mrs. W. S. Lette, regent of the local chapter in a very pleasing manner and the many interesting points discussed by the members of the society, especially pleased on this occasion to have with them, Mrs. George B. Mann, who has just joined the chapter and whose presence will lend much interest to the program of the winter during which historical incidents will be discussed.

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SUFFERS A SEVERE NERVOUS BREAKDOWN

From Monday's Daily.

Last Saturday evening Miss Josephine, the seventeen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chares M. Manners, residing south of the city, suffered a very severe nervous breakdown and has since been in a very serious condition. Miss Manners had apparently been in very good health and her sudden attack came as a great shock to the members of the family and for some time the condition of the patient caused the greatest apprehension. She was given medical attention at once and is resting somewhat easier today, although she is still in very bad shape.

Duroc Jerseys for Sale.

A few more of those fine Duroc Jersey cows for sale at \$45 dollars each.

ALBERT YOUNG.

UNION TELEPHONE COMPANY MEETING

Officers Selected and Result of Year's Business Shows Splendid Results and Pleases Stockholders

The Union Mutual Telephone company, which has been doing business in Union and vicinity for the past ten years, held a meeting of its forty share holders last Monday at the office of W. B. Banning, and at that time the books of the company were audited and the other routine business coming before the meeting transacted by the members. The officers selected for the ensuing year were:

President—George Everett. Vice President—L. G. Todd. Secretary and Manager—W. B. Banning. Treasurer—Daniel Lynn.

The hold over members of the board of directors are Henry Reike and Charles Garrison. The capital stock of the company was fixed a number of years ago at \$5,000 and the shares at that time sold at \$32 each and today they are worth \$213 each so that the stockholders have realized a neat sum on their investment as well as giving the people a telephone system over the country surrounding Union.

Mrs. Vesta Clark is the head of the exchange at Union and her pleasant and accommodating handling of the office has added greatly in the success of the company and the convenience of the patrons.

PURCHASE THE BUILDING THEY HAVE OCCUPIED

From Tuesday's Daily.

The firm of Weyrich & Hadraba, who have occupied the building on the south side of Main street between 5th and 6th streets, owned by Charles C. Parmele, for a number of years, are now at home, as they closed the deal yesterday with Mr. Parmele whereby they became the owner of the building. This is one of the choice locations in the business section of the city and the enterprising drug firm feel well pleased that it will be their permanent location. It is located in the heart of the business section and has been arranged by the owner to suit the needs of the occupants and is a thoroughly up-to-date building in every respect.

WE THANK YOU

We take this method of thanking our many patrons who came to see "Humoresque" and want to assure you that your support is appreciated.

We broke all past records of attendance by about 500 people. We spent a great deal of money to bring this production to Plattsmouth, but we went over the top in fine shape, which encourages us to bring the biggest and best to our theatre regardless of what the cost might be. Again thanking you for your support and trusting you will continue same, we are, yours for the biggest and best.

PARMELE THEATRE CO.

LITTLE ONE ILL.

Eleanor, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn O. Minor, is quite ill as the result of an attack of pneumonia and the little one is reported as holding her own with the malady and it is hoped that the next few days will show some marked improvement in her condition.

If you keep a diary, you will be interested in knowing the Journal carries a good assortment this year.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK. THE BANK WHERE YOU FEEL AT HOME. PLATTSMOUTH NEBRASKA. THE MORE WE LOOK AT THE PRESENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF THIS COUNTRY, THE MORE WE BECOME IMPRESSED WITH THE EVIDENCE THAT ANOTHER PERIOD OF PROSPERITY IS ON THE WAY...