

MURDOCK ITEMS

Are Visiting Son Here
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gorthey, of Broadalbin, N. Y., arrived in Murdock a week since and have been visiting at the home of their son, L. B. Gorthey since Mr. Gorthey is visiting Mrs. George Buell and timed their visit to be able to attend the marriage of Mr. Fred Buell and Gladys Marshall which occurred last Wednesday and will remain for the wedding of Charles Buell and Miss Florence Lyle, which occurs Wednesday of this week.

Married at Elmwood
Last Wednesday at the Methodist church in Elmwood, occurred the wedding of Mr. Fred Buell of south of Murdock and Miss Gladys Marshall, of Elmwood, the Rev. Sambo, a pastor of the church officiating. The beautiful ring ceremony being used. Mr. Charles Buell and Miss Florence Lyle who are to wed on Wednesday of this week, acted as the best man and bridesmaid. Miss Cora Williams presided at the piano and Miss Hazel Hamberger sang most beautifully "O, Love You Dear."

The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Marshall of near Elmwood, and a graduate of the Normal and a lady of excellent attainments. The groom is a very prosperous farmer living south of Murdock and son of Mr. and Mrs. George Buell and well known to a host of friends in and around Murdock. They will make their home on the farm at the home which has been prepared for them by the groom. The Journal extends to this excellent couple of young people its best wishes with a host of their friends.

Will Hold Meeting
The rail road which crosses the road near the intersection of the wagon road between near and Alca and makes a very dangerous place, has been taken up by Perry Cook of near Alca and after much correspondence, there is to be a meeting at the Alca on December 16th, of the state railway commission, who will hear testimony and will also visit the place to determine what to do relative to the matter. It is thought by many the better plan would be to build a over head crossing and this do away with one of the crossings and also eliminate the danger.

LOWEST IN THE STATE
The Hugh Kearns post at Plattsmouth has decided to keep its dues at \$2. lower than any post in the state that maintains club rooms. Out of the membership fee \$1.75 goes to the state and national organization, leaving only twenty-five cents for the post. The additional revenue will be made up through Legion activities.—Mid-West Veteran.

FIRST NATIONAL-BANK FIFTY YEARS IN CITY

DECEMBER 12, 1871 MARKED THE FOUNDATION OF INSTITUTION—STILL EXISTS

ONE OF OLDEST IN THE STATE

Thomas W. Evans, One of the First Officers and Last Survivor Tells of the Early Days Here.

The First National bank of this city will celebrate Monday, the fiftieth year of its existence, and the situation certainly has every cause to rejoice in the fifty years that have elapsed since it was first launched on the financial sea by a splendid company of pioneer financiers and bankers.

What the years has brought in the way of changes in the banking business can best be judged by the many changes that have occurred in the community in which the First National has been such an important factor. The firm of Tootle, Hanna & Clark, private bankers, established themselves in this city in the year 1866 and continued in this line of business in connection with the business interests of the Tootle & Hanna Co., until the First National bank was established in 1871 and took over the financial business of the pioneer firm and grew and expanded into one of the leading banks of southeastern Nebraska.

At the time of the establishing of the First National bank it was located in a building on lower Main street, near where the present coal office of C. G. Fricke are located, and which site was then occupied by the building of Dulle & Wheeler, hardware dealers, one corner of the building containing a small room that was equipped with a brick vault and here the pioneer bank was first opened to care for the financial affairs of the people of Cass county and Plattsmouth, Calvin Parmele and Samuel Maxwell, one of the leading figures in the history of the bank and bank of Nebraska, was among those who first started the bank on its course and these gentlemen were connected with the bank for a great many years.

Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Clark were dominating figures in the early days of the bank and during their regime were actively identified with the workings of the institution, and particularly Mr. Clark, who was active in handling the banking business while Mr. Fitzgerald was largely occupied in the transaction of his other large interests, primarily that of construction contracts on the lines of the Burlington, which was then being pushed westward, and the old First National bore a great part in the financing of the railroad interests in the days of the infancy of the Burlington.

In later years A. W. Laughlin was placed in the bank as cashier, and John O'Rourke as assistant cashier, with E. G. Dovey as vice president, and in the course of time Mr. Laughlin removed from the city and in turn was succeeded by Mr. O'Rourke and who on his death was succeeded by Samuel Waugh.

Of those engaged in the establishing of the bank the interests of the Doveys have been the only ones to remain in the bank after the lapse of a half century and today this family has the controlling interest in the institution in which the father of the present president, was one of the founders. It was in the year 1894 that the Dovey family interests secured the controlling stock of the bank and the officers were changed by the election of George E. Dovey as president and Horatio N. Dovey as cashier.

The bank which had in 1872 removed from its birthplace to the building of Mr. Fitzgerald at the corner of 6th and Main street, in 1908 made another move when they located in their own building on the north side of Main street between Fifth and Sixth street. This building, erected solely for the use of a banking house, is one of the handsomest and modern in the state and is equipped with every modern aid that makes a bank safe from robbers or fire and its customers are protected in every way with a fine vault for the modern all steel safety deposit boxes. The bank building at the time of its erection cost the sum of \$25,000.

In these last few years the bank has received another generation of the Dovey family into its service and today the bank is headed by Horatio N. Dovey as president and George O. Dovey, grandson of the founder, as cashier of the institution. The vice presidents of the bank are A. G. Cole and Frank E. Schlater, while the assistant cashier is Miss Anna Warga. The directors of the bank at this time are H. N. Dovey, George O. Dovey, A. G. Cole, Frank E. Schlater, Governor Knapp.

In speaking of the bank and its history, Hon. Francis E. White of Omaha, for a number of years a vice president of the bank and one of its directors, gives the following interesting story of the early days of banking:

"Generally speaking, the officers, directors and stockholders of the First National bank worked together harmoniously. It was in the early days, what might be called a close corporation, the stockholders being few. Mr. John Fitzgerald, up to the time that he sold his stock in the bank, had a controlling interest, but during my service in the bank, he never presumed to dictate as to who should be director or officer. The selection was generally made after

a general expression of views by the stockholders.

For a number of years Mr. John R. Clark was cashier of the First National bank and he was a man of excellent ability as a banker and later on was a pillar of strength to the banking interests throughout the state.

"The policy of the First National bank, as I recall it, was never what might be termed a 'money grabbing' bank. I do not recall any instances where it carried on what is known as 'shaving notes,' that is to say buying notes at a discount. The officers and directors were satisfied to have a reasonable amount of returns on their capital and were very conservative. They held out a helping hand to many and at times this was done unwisely, as can be fully attested by the profit and loss account. It was seldom that the courts were appealed to, to collect notes which were due the bank, and in the early day

strong men morally and financially. John Fitzgerald, C. H. Parmele, John R. Clark, E. G. Dovey and Samuel Maxwell were the principal ones interested in the organization. The First National took over the business of Tootle, Hanna and Clark, private bankers who had started in business in 1866 and had always done a very profitable business.

"I came from Ohio in December, 1867, with my old schoolmate and friend, John R. Clark, to take a clerkship in this bank and was continuously in their employ until they turned over the business to the new organization. They paid ten per cent interest on Certificates of Deposit if the funds were left for six months or one year. Loans were made on approved security at the rate of two per cent per month; in some instances to a good depositor at one and one-half per cent. Money was always in good demand. Now this rate was usurious, but I only recall



THOMAS W. EVANS
Now a resident of St. Joseph, Mo.—One of the founders of The First National Bank of this city, which celebrates its 50th anniversary Monday.

the bank was very liberal as to over drafts. The policy of the bank seemed to have been to compromise and make settlements and never to oppress anyone, and while the transactions in the early years of the bank were small, yet in the aggregate, they would run up into a good many hundreds of thousands of dollars. The First National served a good and useful purpose in the community at Plattsmouth. It carried other people's money, paying a liberal rate of interest on the certificates of deposit as it was possible to do, and sometimes even in counting the reserve that was necessary to be kept on hand, really more than it was receiving. It loaned funds at a reasonable rate of interest, helping many to tide them over some of the rough financial roads that were all too frequent in the early days of the First National. In exchange for this the citizens gave the bank liberal support.

"In addition to the capital stock of the bank, it had an asset that was more important for banking business than a large amount of capital. It was generally officered, controlled and managed by men of character and financial integrity, and this counts more than is generally realized. The confidence of a community in a banking institution, is what makes a bank a success, or otherwise. I need say but little on this subject, as the names of the officers, stockholders and directors of the First National bank are well known to the people of Cass county."

Mr. T. W. Evans' Story
Another of the pioneers of the bank was Thomas W. Evans, now chairman of the board of directors of the First National bank of St. Joseph, Mo., and Mr. Evans is the last of those who were instrumental in guiding the First National in its infancy. In a letter to Mr. G. O. Dovey, cashier of the bank he gives a very interesting story of the bank and of early days in Plattsmouth: "My dear Mr. Dovey—I have received your asking for my photo for the pamphlet you propose to put out in connection with your observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the First National bank of Plattsmouth. I am sending to you under separate cover a cut of myself at the present time, as I look now. I am also enclosing herein a photo taken just when I left Plattsmouth in the spring of 1874 to take the position as Cashier of the State Bank of Crete, Nebraska, where I remained for only about six weeks. I resigned that position to accept a clerkship in the First National bank of St. Joseph.

"I do not suppose there are many now living in Plattsmouth who remember me as assistant cashier of the First National, which office I held from the organization of the bank until I left in 1874. I am the only man now living who was connected with the bank when organized. The men who were associated in the organization were all good

RAILWAY LABOR BOARD IN COURT

Disgruntled Pennsylvania System is Plaintiff in Action to Injoin the Board's Decision.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Buffeted about by the criticism of both railroad and railway workers for more than a year and a half, the United States railroad labor board finally was made defendant in an injunction suit brought by the Pennsylvania railroad, which procured a temporary order from Judge K. M. Landis restraining the board from handing down a decision against the road in a shop men's controversy.

Members of the board said they "welcomed the suit," as a means of settling many perplexing questions which have been the subject of many tiffs between the transportation lines, the employees and the board.

Hearing on a permanent order will be held before Judge Landis tomorrow. The railroad's petition is based on two allegations, that the board has jurisdiction only over cases over which a disagreement has arisen, and that the board has exceeded its powers in prescribing rules for the selection of employe representatives in negotiations with the carriers.

The controversy arose over the board's disregard of an order from the board to hold an election to name employe representatives for negotiation of shop rules with the carrier.

The carrier's bill asked for an injunction restraining the labor board and its individual members among other things from prescribing any regulations relating to rules, working conditions or wages, without having first acquired jurisdiction thereof, as provided in the transportation act.

The Pennsylvania also asked that the board be restrained from enforcing all previous decisions on the case. If granted, the way to nullification of any or all board orders would be open, it was said.

Board members today declared they expected to see their rulings upheld in court. Shop union officials, feeling that the court action was interfering between the Pennsylvania and the board, said they would take no part in the suit.

John Gakemeier, one of the prominent young men of the vicinity of Murdock, was in the city today looking after some matters of business and calling on his friends here.

T. W. Vallery of near Murray was in the city today for a few hours attending to some business matters.

DEATH CALLS MRS. D. D. ADAMS

Last Saturday morning after a night of peaceful rest, the household of D. D. Adams awoke to the duties of another day and Mr. Adams went about as was his custom, building the fires and had just returned from the basement where he had looked after the furnace and hearing a moan from the wife who had not yet arose, and entering the room found Mrs. Adams in a semi unconscious condition and when she attempted to talk to the husband and was unable, Mr. Adams immediately called for the physician and neighbors who responded and the son Mr. Charles Adams, who lives in another portion of the town hastened to the bedside of the loving mother and while done what was possible, the good woman sank into that last sleep which few knows no awakening, like a child which was tired of its play. The call of the Angel of death was answered and the spirit of the excellent woman departed for a better world where sorrow, pain and suffering is not known, but where all is peace, joy and happiness.

Mrs. Adams, whose maiden name was Mary H. McLaughlin, was born June 7th, 1854, and came to this state from the east where she was united in marriage to Mr. David Adams December 1, 1878, at Brownville. Mrs. Adams came to Nebraska during the civil war when about nine years of age and has made her home here since, they living at a number of towns in Nebraska. Before coming to Plattsmouth, she lived in Colorado, where she resided at Johnson where they lived for a number of years. Two children graced this union, they being Charles Adams, who is associated with the father in the drug business in Nehawka, and Mrs. Carrie L. Stuck of Sterling, Colorado. The funeral was held here, the Rev. E. O. Johnson delivering the address and the interment being at Johnson last Monday.

Mrs. Adams will long be remembered as a most excellent Christian woman and worker.

HAPPILY WED

At the Methodist church at Elmwood on Wednesday, December 7th, 1921, Miss Gladys Marshall and Mr. F. F. Beutel were married.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marshall and the groom is a successful young farmer of that section.

The wedding and reception following were both held in the church to accommodate the large company of relatives and invited guests.

Those attending from Weeping Water were Mrs. Frank Fowler, Mrs. D. E. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Coatsman, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Marshall, C. E. Peol and wife, A. H. Jones and wife and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Davis.—Weeping Water Republican.

Thomas L. Short departed this afternoon for Omaha where he will spend a few hours visiting friends.

IS GOOD ROADS BOOSTER AS WELL AS SALESMAN

H. E. Sanden, state representative of the Voss Bros. Mfg. Co., of Davenport Iowa, was in the city today calling on the firm of Bestor & Swatek, and visiting with his acquaintances here. Mr. Sanden, in addition to selling washing machines, is an enthusiastic good roads booster and has some very clear cut ideas on the subject of how to give the people the best possible service in the way of well kept and permanent highways and seeing that the cost is divided in proportion to the use that a person makes of the highway and certainly has a very fair minded way of looking at the proposition.

For instance, all auto owners pay the same license fee but one man travels 30,000 miles while another only 1,000, but they are both paying the same amount for the privilege and under the plan of Mr. Sanden this would be so adjusted that each man would pay in proportion to the use he made of the highway.

GIVES FRIEND PLEASANT FAREWELL PARTY

From Saturday's Daily.
Last evening Miss Dolores McCarthy was given a most delightful surprise at her home in the south part of the city, on the eve of her leaving for Los Angeles where she is to make her home in the future. The event was arranged by a number of the young lady friends and was carried out in a very pleasing manner and one that will long be remembered by those in attendance. The evening was spent in games of all kinds as well as musical selections and at a suitable hour dainty refreshments were served.

Those in attendance were: Misses Rose, Lillian and Mary Schell, Edith Johnson, Edith Kelly, Edith Wallengren, Nora Baughman, Lena, Catherine and Dorothy McCarthy, Mrs. McCarthy and Miss Delores.

This morning Miss McCarthy departed for Omaha from where she will go to the west to make her home in the future.

SECURES DIVORCE

From Saturday's Daily
Yesterday in the district court a decree of divorce was granted by Judge Begley to Ethel Plumer from George Plumer, the charge being desertion. The parties were married in Iowa in 1908 and since 1908 the defendant has been absent from the home and his whereabouts unknown.

S. C. Boyles and Attorney C. D. Ganz of Alvo were in the city today for a few hours looking after some matters at the court house.

Miss Hilda Brinkman was among those going to Omaha this afternoon to visit for a few hours with friends.

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On December 12th, The First National Bank will celebrate its 50th birthday. That date marks the half century period of service to Plattsmouth and community — a half century of whole-hearted co-operation with customers, of lasting business friendships, of helpful banking service.

During these fifty years, patrons of The First National Bank have been surrounded with every banking safeguard.

Policies of conservatism combined with progressiveness have stood the test of time. Many customers have maintained faithful relations with this bank ten, twenty, thirty and more years.

Acquaintances have developed into lasting friendships. Confidence has been repaid with confidence.

Today we offer you a helpful banking service based on a half century of experience in meeting the financial requirements of Plattsmouth and community.

An Invitation to You

Although regular banking business will be transacted on Anniversary Day, we will observe it as a reception day and "open house" to all our friends.

Consider this your cordial invitation to come in at your convenience during the day and help us celebrate! A special invitation is extended to the employees of the Burlington shop to visit our bank on Monday.

The First National Bank

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