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HOME SUFFERS FROM EFFECTS OF FIRE ON SUNDAY

R. L. Propst Property on West Locust Street Badly Damaged By Fire Yesterday.

From Monday's Daily.

Yesterday morning near the noon hour the fire alarm was turned in from the northwest portion of the city where the R. L. Propst residence was reported to be in flames. It was found on the arrival of the fire department that the fire had made quite a headway and that owing to the cold day and the wind that it was spreading very rapidly in the upper floor of the building. The neighbors and firemen who had assembled had started in on the removal of the household goods and the greater part of the furniture was removed from the burning house, although a number of pieces in the rooms on the second floor as well as personal effects of the occupants were destroyed in the blaze.

The house is that which was occupied for many years by Julia Pepperberg and has been owned by R. L. Propst for the past few years. The house was occupied by William Propst and family, as R. L. Propst wife and daughter are now in West Palm Beach, Florida, where they are spending the winter months.

The entire upper floor was badly gutted by the flames and the large amount of water necessary in extinguishing the blaze did more or less damage to the lower floor of the building. The loss will be quite heavy and just the exact amount could not be estimated, but it will be practically covered by insurance.

DEATH OF FRANK ADAIR OF SPRINGFIELD ON SUNDAY

Son-in-Law of Mrs. J. B. Archer of This City and Well Known to Many Local People.

From Monday's Daily.

Last evening a message was received here from Springfield, Nebraska, announcing the death at that place of Frank Adair, Sr., one of the old residents, which has graduated Sarpy county, and also well known in Plattsmouth, where he has been a frequent visitor.

The deceased gentleman was seventy years of age and has been in poor health for some time, suffering from heart trouble, which has gradually grown worse until his death Sunday. Mr. Adair was married to Miss Ida Archer, daughter of Mrs. J. B. Archer, of this city, who with the three children, Frank, Pearl and Earl Adair, survive to mourn the death of the husband and father. Mrs. Adair is a sister of Sam and Gideon Archer, Mrs. J. M. Hall, Mrs. E. M. Buttery and Mrs. William Rishel of this city.

The funeral services will be held at the late home at Springfield Wednesday at 1 p. m., and the interment had at the cemetery in that place.

Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Buttery departed last evening for Springfield to attend the last sad rites and to be with the sister in her hour of sorrow.

CELEBRATE PEARL WEDDING

Saturday was the thirtieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gradoville, two of the popular and well known residents of the west part of the city and in honor of the event the children tendered them a most delightful surprise at their home on west Granite street. The event had been carefully planned and the guests of honor kept unaware of the pleasant occasion awaiting them until the five married children arrived at the home with baskets of good things to eat and which formed the basis of a most delightful luncheon. In honor of the pearl wedding Mrs. Gradoville was presented with a very handsome pearl rosary from the children. The evening was spent in visiting and music. Tom Gradoville giving a number of selections on the clarinet and saxophone and Mrs. Frank Placek on the piano. Those to enjoy the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kahoutek, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gradoville and baby, Charles Gradoville, Jr., wife and baby of Lincoln, John Blotter and wife, Frank Placek and wife, Edward, Frank, Catherine, Pauline, and Dorothy Gradoville.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to extend to our friends and neighbors our thanks for their assistance in saving our household goods and to the Plattsmouth Fire Department for their magnificent work in fighting the fire and checking it from entirely destroying our home.—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Longbreak; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Propst.

Bull for Sale

An excellent 2-year-old Shorthorn bull for sale. Call George H. Shradler Union phone, Union, Neb.

Students Excepted

From Monday's Daily.

The new rules allow straight time for the daily work period to employees traveling on company boarding cars to assignments away from their regular places but eliminate the provision for payment of half time between the hours of 10 p. m. and 6 a. m., which was the rule under the national agreement.

Students and apprentices qualifying for specific clerical work or as operators of office machines such as typewriters and adding machines are excepted from the terms of the agreement.

WOLVES, COYOTES! BEWARE! TAKE CARE!

Big Hunt Projected for Next Saturday Morning that Will Take in Northeast County.

From Monday's Daily.

A big wolf and coyote hunt is being projected for next Saturday morning and which will take in the better part of Plattsmouth and Rock Bluff precincts. Everyone who has weapons is invited to get into the hunting event although all ball ammunition is barred by the committee in charge for fear of the damage to the hunters.

The hunt will be formed by four sections covering four miles each and which will at 9 o'clock sharp move and drive toward the center and in which the wolves and coyotes that are lurking in the woods or pastures will be driven to the open. The north line will form just south of this city and on the west in the vicinity of Myrard while from the east the hunters will move up along the bluffs of the river to the center. The south line of the drive will be in Rock Bluff precinct and form a liaison with the other wings in making the drive toward the north.

Each division of the drive will be in the hands of a commander and with a number of assistants so that the drive can be timed to an exact arrival of all parties at the common center at the same time when the destruction of the furry animals will take place. It is expected that a large number of the farmers of the county will participate and as the shops here have a holiday on that date a large number of them will be in attendance at the hunt. The exact places of assembly will be announced later by the committee in charge, composed of American Legion men.

ELKS BAND TO GIVE DANCE AND PARTY

St. Valentine's Day, February 14th, is the Date Set for the Pleasant Social Event.

The Elks band of this city is announcing a fine St. Valentine's dance and party of the night of February 14th and the proceeds of which are to be used in the interest of the improvement of the band for the coming season's work.

To add to the delights of the lovers of the dance a large and special orchestra will be arranged for the occasion that will give the dancers a rare treat in the way of music and which will be much to the pleasure of the big event.

This is an occasion which will be generously patronized by the public and the sale of tickets will start in a short time in order that all may have an opportunity of attending.

VERY SUCCESSFUL DANCE

The annual masquerade held by the local Aerie of the Eagles Saturday evening at their hall, was one of the most successful affairs of its kind ever held in the city and one that filled the hall to its utmost capacity with the dancers and those who had gathered to enjoy the sightseeing of the pleasant event. There were a large number of costumed men and women in attendance and the judges found difficulty in selecting from the dancers those upon whom they were to confer the prizes.

Jack Neitzel and sister, Mrs. Clarence Cotner, as "Cannibals" received one of the prizes, while Mrs. T. L. Short and Miss Mary Slangal, as "Butterflies" in attractive costume also were honored with one of the prizes. The lady of Civil war days, a most pleasing costume, was also awarded a prize.

The Holly orchestra furnished the music and as the result of the mask ball the Eagles realized a neat sum that will go toward their good work.

MOST POPULAR LADY

From Monday's Daily.

The Omaha Bee of yesterday carried a very attractive picture of Miss Catherine Novaty of this city, who last Thursday won the prize at the K. of C. bazaar as the most popular lady in the city. The fortunate young lady is employed in Omaha and has many friends there who were delighted with the recognition given her in the old home town.

Office supplies of all kinds handled at the Journal office.

PUBLIC UTILITIES DEMAND ATTENTION

PLATTSMOUTH WATER CO. TO BE APPROACHED ON PROPOSITION TO BUY PLANT.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The session of the city legislators last evening was one of some duration and during which the Plattsmouth Water Co. and the Nebraska Gas & Electric Co., occupied the principal place in the deliberations of the city dads.

The question of municipal ownership of the public utilities like the one of the lighting plant, was refused to down and made its appearance at the outset of the session when a communication was received from a number of the residents of the city and signed by A. F. Knofliek as chairman, stating that a temporary organization of a municipal ownership league was being formed and that before any contract was made by the city that the matter of the municipal ownership of the public utilities be submitted to the voters. This matter was placed on file for future reference.

Chairman Knorr of the judiciary committee reported that the board of appraisers of the lots belonging to Andrew Kroehler had set a price of \$750 on the lots desired by the city, and that the owner asked the city to purchase the same. Mr. Kroehler had not been present when the appraisement was made it would be necessary to take other steps in the matter and the committee was given further time for action.

In regard to the printing of the new ordinance book the judiciary committee reported that they had approached a number of the leading publishing houses in the state, and that none of the printing concerns could give an exact bid until they could learn just what was to go into the proposed book. The lowest estimate received was from the Kinsler Co. of Omaha at \$1.52 per page. The book will be much larger than the present ordinance book, and as the matter of funds was not available at this time the committee accepted the motion of Councilman Bestor that the committee look after the arranging of the compiling of the ordinances and the preparation of the copy that would be necessary for the printer in the printing of the book.

The estimate of the valuation of the Plattsmouth Water Co. was then presented by Chairman McCarthy of the fire and water committee and which was made by the engineering firm of Bruce & Group of Omaha. This showed a valuation of \$191,923 and expenses of \$27,000. The report also urged that all users of water be placed on the meter system so that the cost to all might be equalized and that the meter users not be, as at present, compelled to pay a higher rate for water, caused by the flat rate consumers using a greater volume of water.

This report led to a great deal of discussion on the part of the various councilmen as to the merits of the proposed rates and the valuation of the plant. Councilman Howe stated that he had understood that the cost of a new plant and its operation would be less than that of the old one and that this would allow lower rates and still pay off the bonds. Councilman Placek stated that he had understood that for the proposed water company had been offered to the Nebraska Lighting Co. for the sum of \$60,000 and he did not feel that the city should pay on the valuation of \$150,000 as had been proposed in one of the previous estimates of the valuation.

Councilman Maurer then moved that the city notify the water company that they desired to open negotiations for the purchase of the plant if the price was satisfactory and this was seconded by Councilman Placek. Councilman Bestor then pointed out the pitfalls lurking in section seven of the water company franchise that stated that after the negotiations were opened, if either party could not agree as to the price to be paid that it should be laid before the district court and the price set by that court, and that appeal could not be taken farther than the state supreme court. After City Clerk Duxbury in his clear, bell-like voice, had read the section of the franchise, the councilman backed up and withdrew the motion and substituted one that the fire and water committee secure the lowest figure that the water company would take for the plant.

Hardly had the water proposition been disposed of than the lighting committee submitted the five year contract that had been prepared by the Nebraska Gas & Electric Co., without any recommendation, and left it up to the council for action. This contract offered a rate of street lighting at \$3,421 which included 100-40 candle power lamps, 41-60 candle power lamps and 400 candle power lamps. In the white way plan of street lighting the amount to be used was estimated at 5,000 candle power at 10c per kilowatt. For residence service the cost was estimated at 12 1/2c per kilowatt with a meter charge of \$1.50 and 10 per cent discount offered for payment of bills before the 10th of each

month. The commercial rate was fixed at 12 1/2c from one to fifty kilowatts, 11 1/2c from fifty to one hundred kilowatts, 11c from one hundred to two hundred and over two hundred 10c per kilowatt.

Councilman Placek did not favor the contract for several reasons and among these was the fact that the residence rate was higher than that of other lines, that the company failed to provide any bond for the fulfillment of its contract and that the company provided in the moving of wires poles or crossarms that the company employes be paid the sum of \$0c per hour for services by the party requiring the moving of the company property.

Mr. Placek then presented a contract that he had prepared and which did not differ greatly from that of the one of the lighting company save in a few regulatory measures. This ordinance and contract provided for the same number of street lights at the price of \$3,421 and as the other contract the means of raising the funds by taxation. The city would have the right to have additional street lights installed at the following figures: 40 candle power lamps at \$21 per pair, 60 candle power lamps at \$21 per pair and 400 candle power lamps at \$70 per year. The new contract, however, wiped out the difference in rate for residence and commercial purposes and gave a straight rate of 12 1/2c per kilo for one to fifty kilowatts, 12 1/2c from 50 to 100 and 11 1/2c from 100 to 200 and 10c for all over 200 kilowatts. It also provided that the company give a bond of \$2,500 for the faithful performance of the terms of the contract, and that the sum of 50c per hour be allowed company employes for their work in removing poles, wires or crossarms when it was necessary to move any building under the lines of the company. The light company was also required to paint their poles white from the ground, and should have the right to trim trees along their lines with the approval of the park board.

Councilman Bestor proposed an amendment that the company place extensions of their lines to a height of 30 feet from their nearest pole line to the property where service was desired. Councilman Schulhof suggested that some provision should be made for the installing of an electric system but this was not adopted as it was believed that the creation of a special district could care for this when the time was ripe.

The ordinance introduced by Councilman Placek was placed on the second and third reading and passed by a majority vote of the city, three yeas and two nays, and will now be up to the Nebraska Gas & Electric Co. to accept or reject.

Councilman Placek moved that the city appeal the case of A. J. Tritley vs. the City of Plattsmouth, which was decided by the state supreme court in favor of the plaintiff, to the state supreme court and this was so ordered. Mayor C. A. Johnson then appointed G. E. De Wolfe, superintendent of the city schools, to be a member of the library board of the city and the same was confirmed by the unanimous vote of the council.

The following bills were approved by the finance committee and their payment authorized:

Commonwealth Insurance Co.,	\$201.25
Weyland & Hadra, mds to	1.20
Bruce & Group, making valuation of Water Co.,	126.68
Platts. Motor Co., cleaning truck,	1.00
Frank Deitel by taxi police,	.75
Platts. Fire Dept., nine nozzlesmen,	13.50
John Wolff, services to city,	22.40

DEATH OF FORMER RESIDENT

From Monday's Daily.

John Mumm, for a great many years a resident of this city and a former business man here, died yesterday at his home in Rawlins, Wyo., according to a message received here by his nephew, Fred H. Mumm, last evening. Mr. Mumm was quite well advanced in years and has resided in Rawlins for the past twenty years, removing from this city to Wyoming about that long since.

He leaves to mourn his death two sons and one daughter, one daughter having preceded him in death. The deceased was a brother of the late Peter Mumm of this city. The funeral services and burial will take place at Rawlins.

SHOWS SOME IMPROVEMENT

From Monday's Daily.

The latest reports from the Clarkson hospital in Omaha state that Percy Warthen of this city, who is recovering from a very serious operation for mastoids, is now showing some slight improvement and has given the attending physicians and the family hopes of his recovery, although his case is most serious and not until the middle of the week can any certainty of the outcome of the case be reached. Having undergone a number of operations the patient is very weak and the last operation is the most severe that he has had to undergo.

Advertising is printed salesmanship generalized sufficiently to carry appeal to the varied class of readers. Does your ad come within these requirements?

FUNERAL OF MRS. JOE PETERS HELD

Last Sad Rites at St. Luke's Church Very Largely Attended by the Many Old Time Friends.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon the funeral services of the late Mrs. Joseph Peters, who died at her last sickle at the St. Luke's Episcopal church, where for a great many years the deceased lady had been a worshiper and the church was filled to its capacity by the old time friends to take part in the tribute to the memory of the good woman gone to her last long rest, and to fare with the bereaved family the grief that the death has brought.

The Rev. Father W. S. Leete, pastor of the church, conducted the services, using the beautiful and impressive funeral ritual of the church in consigning the well beloved wife, Elizabeth Peters, to her last sleep on earth. During the service the choir of the church gave two numbers, "Asleep in Jesus," and "Abide With Me."

At the conclusion of the services at the church the body was borne to Oak Hill cemetery where it was consigned to the silent tomb, the pall bearers were: E. A. Wurl, John Baject, Emmons Ptak, Dr. J. S. Livingston, H. F. Goss and Fred Wagner.

Mary Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Martin, was born at Prairie City, Illinois, October 20, 1873, and when quite young came to Plattsmouth with the parents to reside and made her home here practically all of her lifetime. She was married on October 12, 1898, at Plattsmouth to Joseph W. Peters, and to this union there remains five children, Robert, Harold, Dorothy, John and William, who share with the father the deep grief that the death has brought. The aged mother, Mrs. Margaret Martin, two brothers, John and Henry of this city, three sisters, Mrs. Charles Engelmeyer of Weeping Water, Mrs. Arthur Stevens of Omaha and Mrs. Bert Byers of Hastings are also left to mourn the death of the loving daughter and sister. The illness of Mrs. Peters was caused from an attack of jaundice and which grew in intensity and the complications that followed, caused her death on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock at the home in Omaha, where for the past two years the family has resided.

POPE FAVORED GERMANS IN THE WORLD WAR

London, Jan. 23.—London morning papers, commenting on the death of the pope, generally allude to the difficult time in the world's history he had to encounter, and for the most part agreed that he succeeded in leaving the prestige of the Roman church, if anything, stronger than he found it.

The London Times thinks the world could not but admire and be grateful for his repeated efforts to end the horrors of the war, but says it is difficult to acquit him of being sometimes too prone to take the German point of view.

The Daily News is of the opinion that Benedict steered his course with considerable discretion. The Morning Post, while declaring that the death of the pope has caused genuine sorrow among all branches of the Christian church, recalls the suspicions of German bias in the war, dwelling especially on the influence of the pope regarding the invasion of Belgium.

Mexico City, Jan. 22.—Catholic churches throughout Mexico were ordered draped in mourning and the number of masses was doubled by the archbishop of Mexico, Jose Maria del Rio, on receipt of the news of the pope's death. The archbishop declared that the pontiff had always taken a great interest in Mexico, both in her spiritual and governmental progress.

SMALL FIRE ALARM

From Tuesday's Daily.

This noon the fire department was called to the residence of W. R. Egemberger on south 7th street where a small fire was discovered. The fire was caused by the thawing-out water pipes which had a torch and caused a portion of the supports of the floor to catch fire. Practically no damage was sustained.

HAS NEW REGISTER

The Fanger Department store has just installed a fine new electric cash register that will enable the speeding up of the handling of the rapidly growing business of the establishment. The register is one of the latest type and should prove a most valuable addition to the store in every way.

WILL WED IN NEAR FUTURE

Cards are out announcing the coming wedding of Mr. Justin Sturm who is yet a student in Yale university, and son of Senator and Mrs. A. F. Sturm of Nebraska, and Miss Catherine McCormack of Chicago. The date of the wedding has not yet been announced but will be within the coming few months.

Blank Books at the Journal Office.

ENJOYS FINE MEETING

From Tuesday's Daily.

Last evening the members of the young men's Bible class of the Methodist church enjoyed an unusual treat at their rooms in the form of an address by Dr. J. S. Livingston, and which took up a number of matters connected with the practice of his profession. At the conclusion of the very interesting talk the doctor was busy for some time in answering questions from the young men and which indicated the deep interest taken in the subjects discussed. After the educational treat of the evening dainty refreshments were served that added to the pleasures of the evening.

ALL STARS GET TRIMMED BY THE LEGION QUINTET

Locals Carry Off Honors in the Game Saturday Evening by Score of 30 to Eighteen.

From Monday's Daily.

The "All Stars," hailing from the confines of 13th street, Omaha, came down Saturday evening to engage the local American Legion basketball team and as the result of the battle learned a few things about the gentle art of basket tossing from the hands of the former service men.

The visitors were a nice, gentlemanly team and in their playing made a most pleasing impression on the audience and throughout played a clean game, although they lacked the teamwork of the Legion men, and their defense was not as firm as that of the locals.

In the opening half of the game the Legion rung up 18 scores to the 7 for the visitors and it was apparent that the boys from the big town up the river were decidedly outclassed in the work of tossing the sphere into the baskets. The second half gave the locals twelve more scores while the visitors annexed eleven and left the final score at 30 to 18.

In the scoring Doolan led the locals with six while Marshall was second with five tallies. Larson three, Niel two and Campbell one. For the visitors Kostl, left forward, was the most successful.

The line up of the two teams was as follows:

ALL STARS—Prokvil, rf; Kostl, lf; Rozmazl, c; Vosko, lg; Dustako and Tosman, rg's.

LEGION—Doolan, rf; Larson and Janda, lfs; Marshall, c; Niel, rg; Campbell, lg.

GOOD ICE WEATHER

From Monday's Daily.

The cold weather that has prevailed for the past two days has brought a pleasing smile to the faces of those in the city who are contemplating putting up the frozen product of nature. There are a number who will have their ice cut from the Missouri river this season and stored against the hot weather of next summer and thereby assure themselves of an adequate supply for the entire season.

An extensive line of high class stationery on hand at all times at the Journal office.

MASONIC HOME BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1922

James M. Robertson of this City Re-elected President and Reports of Home Gratifying.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Nebraska Masonic Home association held their meeting at Omaha yesterday for the purpose of reviewing the work of the association for the year and hearing the reports of the Home located in this city. The past year has been one of the greatest improvement at the Home and the different Masonic bodies of the state can feel a just pride in the condition of affairs at the Home and the splendid property that the order has built up as a memorial of the order and a shelter for the aged and infirm members of Masonry.

On Sunday the heads of the four branches of Masonry, Lewis E. Smith, of Long Pine, grand master of the Nebraska A. F. & A. M.; W. W. Metz, of Nebraska City, grand high priest of the Nebraska R. A. M.; Fred Tyler of Omaha, grand master of the grand council, and Arthur C. Stehm of Chadron, deputy eminent commander of the Nebraska Knight Templars, paid a visit to this city and dropped in unexpectedly at the home while the members of the big family were at dinner and they were more than delighted with the general condition of affairs and particularly as their visit was wholly unexpected by the officers of members of the home and the visitors gave a most glowing report of how the Home was being conducted.

In the election of the officers of the association the members again selected James M. Robertson of this city, as president and this was a well deserved recognition of splendid services to the order and to the Home that he has devoted much of his time to in the past year. Hon. Francis E. White was again named as secretary of the board of control. While the election of superintendents will be made later by the board there is no doubt that William F. Evans the present efficient superintendent, will be named if he cares to hold the office. Mr. Evans has proven the right man in the right place and his administration of affairs there has brought the Home to a very high standard of efficiency and comfort for those who are living there.

VERY SERIOUSLY ILL

From Tuesday's Daily.

The condition of Percy Warthen at the Clarkson hospital in Omaha was reported this afternoon as most critical and members of the family called to the hospital as the prospects for another operation developed and it was decided that it would be necessary to operate again this afternoon in order to attempt to give the patient relief from his suffering.

CARD OF THANKS

The Father Juan De Padilla council, No. 1966, Knights of Columbus, of Plattsmouth, wish to extend their thanks to every merchant and person who contributed in any way, either by donation or their presence, to make the bazaar a success. COMMITTEE.



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