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## CELEBRATE THEIR FIFTY-FOURTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Surrounded by Old and New Friends in Their Western Home, Aged Nebraskans Enjoy Day.

From Thursday's Daily. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wescott, for many years residents of Plattsmouth, are celebrating today, at their home at 1423 Magnolia avenue, Los An-

geles, Calif., the fifty-fourth anniversary of their wedding day, April 13, 1868. They were married at La-Porte, Indiana, in which city they resided for some years, and in 1879 they came to Nebraska, taking up their residence at Plattsmouth, where they remained until September, 1912, when they moved to Los Angeles, Plattsmouth and "Sunnyside" as "home."

Mr. and Mrs. Wescott have enjoyed unusual health and happiness during their residence in California, and are today surrounded by many old and many new friends there. The three children of this venerable couple are well known to all in Plattsmouth. Cliff and Bill of Plattsmouth, and Earl of Los Angeles. Five grandchildren also share the joy in this fifty-fourth anniversary. Mason and Alice, children of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wescott; Helen and Edgar, which has been their home ever since.

They have made annual trips back to the old home and still look upon children of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wescott, and Shirley, son of Mr. and Mrs.



Earl C. Wescott, of Los Angeles. Mr. Wescott, founder of the firm of C. E. Wescott's Sons, has attained almost to the age of eighty-one, and Mrs. Wescott is in her seventy-fourth year.

The Journal, among the many friends of this estimable couple in the old home, extends best wishes for many more happy anniversaries in the future.

## LADIES AUXILIARY MEET

From Thursday's Daily. The ladies auxiliary of the Presbyterian church met yesterday afternoon at the church parlors with a goodly number of the members in attendance and a most interesting session was enjoyed by the ladies. During the afternoon the various church societies filed their reports, Mrs. S. S. Chase giving the report from the Sunday school organizations; Mrs. Fannie Dickson, the Christian Endeavor; Mrs. H. P. Gooch, the Q. Z. society; Mrs. John F. Gorder, the missionary society, and Mrs. D. C. Morgan, the auxiliary. After a short time spent in social conversation the ladies were treated to very dainty refreshments prepared by the hostesses, Mrs. C. P. Vailbery, Mrs. F. B. Shopp and Mrs. Philip Tritsch.

## MIGHTY NEAT OFFICES

From Thursday's Daily. This morning, while in pursuit of any possible elusive news, the representative of this paper visited the offices of Attorney A. H. Duxbury and found that the general city clerk has been right in line with the statewide clean-up and paint-up campaign proclaimed by Governor McKelvie for this week, and his office in the First National Bank building was one that certainly looked as neat and attractive as the most carefully kept parlor. Several pieces of new furniture have been added and with new paper and paint the place looks all to the good.

## HERE ON VACATION

From Thursday's Daily. This morning Mason Wescott, who is studying at the Northwestern university at Evanston, Illinois, arrived home to enjoy the spring vacation here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wescott, and his relatives and friends. This will be the last vacation of the season that Mason will enjoy, as at the close of the school year at Northwestern he will take up a position on the road, traveling the territory through Wisconsin, that will occupy his time until the reopening of school.

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## HIGH CLASS ORCHESTRA

During the past winter a number of the musically inclined residents of the territory adjacent to this city have been meeting together to enjoy musical evenings and from their playing has sprung an orchestra that bids fair to rank with any in the county from any standpoint and in the opportunities that have been given the public to enjoy their programs, they certainly have made a most favorable impression. The orchestra is composed of Mrs. Roy Cole, piano; Mrs. Arthur Troop, violin; Sherman Cole, Trombone; Roy Cole, cornet; Mrs. Elbert Wiles, flute; Mrs. Sherman Cole, cello; Miss Opal Cole, saxophone. The orchestra played on Tuesday evening with the Murray dramatic club at Union and were one of the big hits of the evening.

## GET WIRELESS GOING

From Thursday's Daily. For the past two weeks W. R. Holly and William Kettleson have been busily engaged in work on a wireless outfit that they have installed at the Willard battery station in the M. W. A. building and they have so far progressed that this evening they expect to have their radio working and be able to grab off messages from the air and get in touch with cities for the radius of hundreds of miles in either direction. They have only a receiving plant as yet and will only be able to catch what is "wireless" each evening from the large stations such as time, weather forecasts, musical concerts and other news matters that are flashed across the country from the big sending stations.

## RETURNS HOME IMPROVED

From Thursday's Daily. Mrs. George Klingler, Jr., who has been at the Immanuel hospital in Omaha for the past three weeks, returned home Tuesday evening, feeling much improved and hopes, after a short period of recuperation, to be restored to her former good health. The return of Mrs. Klingler has brought much pleasure to the family and host of friends who trust that the patient will now enjoy good health and a permanent relief from her former suffering.

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## CAMPAIGN FOR A MUNICIPAL BRUSHING UP

PAINT UP, CLEAN UP AND GET READY FOR 1922 LAUNCH-ED IN THIS CITY.

From Thursday's Daily. In getting ready for the spring and summer season this city is not going to be behind the other progressive cities of the state if a general campaign will have the desired effect of stirring out the citizens to make their homes and places of business as attractive as possible and in this they will have the hearty co-operation of the city administration to make the date—the first week in May—a record breaker.

To stimulate the campaign that opens the first week in May will continue for the entire month, a meeting was held last evening at which a number of the citizens were present and a general campaign planned with H. H. Cotton as the chairman, Frank Gobelman, secretary and Edwin A. Fricke, treasurer. It is the intention to enlist in the cause all of the civic organizations such as the labor unions, the chamber of commerce, Woman's club and the public schools to make the event a real clean-up in every way and one that will put Plattsmouth over the top as the neatest and most attractive appearing city in the state.

Not only are the residents of the city urged to devote their time to the repainting of their places but a general clean-up of all unsightly objects in the city is urged as a matter of safety first and general healthiness of the community. The cleaning of the yards will be an important phase of the campaign and the doing away by burning of all debris, rubbish and other unsightly objects around the homes or places of business is urged. Everyone can enter in the campaign and it is through the hearty spirit of co-operation that it is hoped to make the event so successful that it will grow into an annual clean-up that will assure the city being always spruce and spanking clean and summer if the practice is followed up.

It is planned that the schools of the city will be asked to assist in the work of the campaign and the young people with their pep and enthusiasm stir up the city to the need of a general cleaning and scrubbing that will make it fit for the summer season and banish many of the dangers from fires or the spread of disease through the accumulation of rubbish and debris around the homes and other properties. The usual progressiveness, is strong for the movement and will when the occasion arrives, proclaim the general clean-up of the city. With the extensive city improvements the property owners should get their places in shape so that this city will be noted as a truly spotless city as far as the efforts of its people can make it.

Begin to plan now for your part in the campaign for every man, woman and child will have a part and they will be expected to do it well in order to make the campaign the success that it should be.

## DENY PLACARD CHARGE

About a week ago a traveler passed through this city and stopped at the Hotel Wagner over night and during his stay there visited the telephone booth and posted there a printed placard, urging motorists to avoid our neighboring town of Nebraska City, setting forth that the auto drivers were being "picked on" when they visited that city, and being unjustly fined on some charge or other that might be preferred against them. The charge reached the ears of Editor J. H. Sweet of the Nebraska City Press and he has come back with a statement that should hold the author of the placard for some time. We will state, however, that the card was not the product of Plattsmouth or any of our people who have always received the most hospitable treatment from the good people of our neighboring city, and certainly the community here should not be blamed for the act of some soreheaded traveler.

## STOLE BIG HUDSON SEDAN BROKE DOWN AND LEFT IT

On last Thursday as Fred Fleischman was coming home from Lincoln he stopped and picked up a fellow who had broken the axle of his large Hudson sedan on O street road and took him to the Bryan Smith place where it is said he telephoned to garages at various places for assistance, but when help arrived he had disappeared. He then walked to town and got a meal and then took a bed at the hotel. It was soon discovered that the fellow had stolen the car from a cafe owner at Lincoln and was trying to make his getaway. It is understood that the authorities were after him, but the fellow seemed to have made good his getaway.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

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## RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

From Thursday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon Grant Burrows returned home to this city after a stay of six months at the University hospital in Omaha, and during which time Mr. Burrows has been in most critical condition and has undergone a number of surgical operations with the hope of giving him some permanent relief. He has been a sufferer from stomach and intestinal trouble and which has made a number of the operations necessary, but it is thought now that he is on the highway to complete recovery. The father, J. A. Burrows, accompanied the young man home. Grant is still quite weak and can only walk short distances but hopes now to soon regain his health.

## PASSING OF OLD TIME RESIDENT

William Albert O'Neill, Whose Death Occurred Here Tuesday, a Man of Great Experience.

From Thursday's Daily. William Albert O'Neill, whose passing has occasioned a great deal of regret among the old time friends and neighbors, was truly a pioneer resident of this portion of Nebraska. Mr. O'Neill was born June 19, 1847 in Logan county, Ohio, and when of tender years his father, James O'Neill, and wife removed to Mills county, Iowa, where they located on the east side of the Missouri river, and where they could let their gaze rove over the bluffs that crowned the Nebraska side of the river and in the spring of 1855, James O'Neill and family came across the turbulent waters of the Big Muddy, and located on what is now a part of the city of Plattsmouth. They established their home on what is known as Wintersteen hill and the efforts of the pioneer resident brought a number of others here and in a short time twelve or fifteen homesteads were left and the city of Plattsmouth was established. Later the O'Neill family returned to Iowa and lived there until 1857 when they again returned to Plattsmouth and made a permanent home, the father and mother residing here until their death a number of years ago.

It was in Plattsmouth more than thirty years ago that William Albert O'Neill was united in marriage to Victoria Gingery and to this union eight children were born, one of whom died in infancy. Two sons and four daughters are left and the death of Mr. O'Neill, Albert, whose whereabouts is unknown; Jess, of Alameda, California; Mrs. Myrtle Hulberd, Alameda; Mrs. Clara Barker, Alameda; Mrs. Bessie J. Kastner, Nebraska City; Mrs. Henry Timm, Murray, and Mrs. Mabel Kolokiter, Los Angeles.

## A. A. STILLGER HAS HAND BADLY INJURED IN WEST

Former Plattsmouth Man Working in Furniture Factory at Grand Junction, Colo., Hurt.

From Friday's Daily. A telegraphic message was received here this afternoon by C. H. Lewis of this city announcing the news of a very serious accident that befell his son-in-law, A. Stillger, at Grand Junction, Colo., yesterday afternoon. Mr. Stillger has been working there in a furniture factory since his removal from this city some months ago and it is supposed that the accident was caused by getting his hand caught in some of the machinery in the factory. Two-thirds of the hand of the unfortunate young man, including three fingers, were severed and the injured man hurried to the hospital where he is still in very serious condition. Mr. and Mrs. Stillger had expected to come back to Plattsmouth to visit in a few weeks but the accident will cause their plans to be altered. Mrs. Stillger is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lewis of this city.

## TOO MUCH SPEED

From Thursday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon Earl Becker was driving his car down Main street and when traveling through the block from Fifth to Fourth street, stepped on the gas too freely while Chief of Police Alvin Jones was standing in that section of the city and the result was that the sum of \$13 in the form of a cash bond was deposited with the chief to cover the cost of speeding.

## INSURANCE

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## CASS COUNTY IN EXCELLENT SHAPE FINANCIALLY

Compared With Other Counties in This State and Iowa, Shows a Most Excellent Record.

The citizens of Cass county can feel well pleased with the financial condition of the county as compared with that of other counties of this state and of our neighboring state of Iowa. Cass county has not had for a number of years a cent of bonded indebtedness and at this time has no outstanding warrants against the treasury, which is a very pleasing showing and an indication of the careful management of the board of commissioners of the county for the past ten years as well as in the handling of the financial affairs of the office of the treasurer of the county.

The comparison with the counties in Iowa is certainly most creditable to the Nebraska county. In Kosciusko county, Iowa, the indebtedness is \$2,580,913, and in Mills county, in which our neighboring city of Glenwood is located, there is an indebtedness of \$492,162.

It has been the policy of the county board for a number of years to run the county in a very conservative manner that would make as small an outlay as possible and in the face of this there has been extensive road improvements made as well as a great many permanent bridges placed over the county and other improvements that have gone toward placing the counties in the leading ranks of the counties of the state. The taxes of the county, too, have not increased in the proportion that other forms of taxation have, as the state and school advances have caused most of the increase that has been noticeable in the past few years.

## WAHOO WINS DEBATE AGAINST P. H. S. LAST NIGHT

Large Audience Hears the Question of the Open or Closed Shop Discussed by Debators.

From Friday's Daily. Last evening the high school auditorium was filled to its capacity by a very much interested audience to hear the question, "Should the Closed Shop Movement of Organized Labor Have the Support of Public Opinion," debated by the representatives of the Wahoo and Plattsmouth high schools. For the affirmative of the question the Plattsmouth debaters, Allison Flynn, Karl Wurl, and Raymond Bookmeyer, submitted their views in favor of the closed shop, while the negative or open shop side of the question was championed by the Wahoo boys in a very forceful manner. At the close of the debate the judges, Supt. C. L. Knott of Springfield, Rev. Spear and C. R. Spear of Nebraska City, decided the merits of the debate in favor of the visiting team from Wahoo.

During the evening a short musical program was given consisting of a vocal solo by Miss Margaret Sitzmann as well as a selection by the high school orchestra composed of Clement Janda, August Knoflick, Harold Gabel and Robert Creamer. Attorney W. G. Kieck presided over the meeting in a very able manner and handled the debate most pleasingly to all the participants.

## MORE BIRD HOUSES

The pupils of the lower grades of the public school, the first, second, third and fourth grades, have been quite busy the past few weeks in the construction of bird houses in which the feathered residents of this locality could find a home, and as a result of the work of the little folks many very attractive designs have been secured. The pupils of the Columbian school have their bird houses on exhibit at the meat market of S. S. Chase while the pupils of the Central building are placing their exhibits of houses in the show windows at the Wescott clothing store. They are all very neat and show much originality and skill on the part of the little folks.

## PARTY ATTENDS THE DECLAMATORY CONTEST

The district declamatory contest of the schools of eastern Nebraska was held today at Omaha and the Plattsmouth schools were represented by Miss Hazel Clugy, who won the gold medal here at the recent declamatory contest. Superintendent G. E. DeWolfe represented the high school faculty at the contest and Mrs. O. Sandin, who has been training Miss Clugy in her work, was also in the party making the trip to Omaha. Other of the young people who were in the recent contest, Freda Klingler, Effa Patterson, Clara Johnson, Helen Stallsmith and Gladys Elliott, accompanied the party and will enjoy the work of the representatives of the various schools on the platform.

## LADIES HAVE FINE MEETING

From Friday's Daily. The ladies aid society of the Methodist church was very pleasantly entertained yesterday afternoon at the church parlors with some seventy ladies in attendance at the meeting and treated to a very well balanced and entertaining program. Mrs. H. G. McClusky gave a very much enjoyed talk on "Playing on the Heartstrings," and Misses Marguerite Wiles and Marvel Whittaker a piano duet and Helen Farley and Harriett Peacock, a vocal solo, all of which were most delightful. The hostesses of the afternoon were Mesdames Henry Maury, Gertrude Morgan, Peter Herold, R. H. Batton. At a suitable hour very dainty refreshments were served by the hostesses.

## MRS. O. A. JOHNSON DIES TUESDAY NIGHT

Well Known Resident of Nebraska City Dies After Illness of Several Months Duration.

From Friday's Daily. Mrs. O. A. Johnson, a resident of this city for the past thirty-nine years, died last night shortly before ten o'clock at her home, Ninth St. and Sixth avenue, after an illness of several days and death was expected. She was born in Sweden November 23, 1851, where she grew to young womanhood and was united in marriage to O. A. Johnson, who died in this city ten years ago. Thirty-nine years ago they left Sweden and came direct to Nebraska City where she had since made her home. She was well known and highly esteemed in the community and has hundreds of friends who will be pained to learn of her death.

She is survived by the following children: Gus Johnson, Terre Haute, Ind.; Frank Johnson, Peru; Carl Johnson, Spreckles, Calif.; George Johnson, Nebraska City; Mrs. Birdie Gilmore, Murray, Neb.

The funeral announcement will be made later.—Nebraska City Press.

## ASKS FOR DIVORCE

An action entitled Frances McCarty vs. Floyd D. McCarty, has been filed in the office of Clerk of the District Court James M. Robertson, in which the plaintiff asks the dissolution of the bonds of wedlock. The parties in the suit were married in this city May 22, 1916. The charges preferred by the plaintiff are cruelty and non-support. The plaintiff also asks for the custody of the minor child, County Attorney A. G. Cole appears in the action for the plaintiff.

## UNDERGOES OPERATION

From Thursday's Daily. The many friends here of Rev. Michael A. Shine, rector of the St. John's Catholic church, will be pleased to learn that the rector is doing very nicely at the St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha, following an operation there yesterday morning. The surgeons were pleased that the case was not as severe as has been feared, and it is thought that the patient will now do very nicely, providing some unforeseen complications do not arise.

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## MUSICAL COMEDY IS RAPIDLY FORGING TO THE FRONT

"In Hot Tamale Land" the Musical Setting is Being Rounded Out By Diligent Rehearsing.

From Friday's Daily. The musical comedy offering "In Hot Tamale Land," which is to be presented here at the Parmele theatre on Wednesday and Thursday, April 26 and 27, gives promise of being one of the most pleasing home talent entertainments that has ever been staged in the city and one in which the greater part of the musically gifted residents of the city are participating. Director Percy Field has chosen with great care the principals of the cast and among these are some of the most talented soloists in the city.

The musical comedy has a very large chorus, composed of the younger people who are to furnish the volume and pep in the dances that will set off the other portions of the show and make this comedy of life among the terrors, senioritas and hot tamales, one full of life and action. In the ensemble there are some thirty persons and with the careful and thorough training they are receiving the show is certain to get off in good shape at the premier presentation and another success to the many pleasing home talent entertainments that have been given here in the past few years.

The American Legion, which is sponsoring the show, has been very fortunate in receiving the assistance of the talented people of the community in putting over the musical comedy and it can be assured to the public now that they will have a real treat when this musical comedy offering is presented for their consideration the last of the month.

## GOOD FRIDAY OBSERVANCE

From Friday's Daily. Today is one of the most impressive in the Christian Church—being Good Friday—the anniversary of the greatest of time—the crucifixion of the Savior. The day was extensively observed in the Episcopal and Catholic churches with services. At the St. Luke's Episcopal church services were held from the early morning communion through to the three hours devotion from noon until 3 o'clock when the members of the parish gathered at the church to spend a short time in prayer in commemoration of the death of the Master. The ritualistic services were held at the two Catholic churches, the Holy Rosary and St. John's during the greater part of the day. From the dawn of Good Friday until the Easter day is most impressive with the churches and filled with devotion and prayer prior to the day of rejoicing over the risen Lord.

## NEW TAXI LINE

Charles Tilton, the veteran taxi driver, is once more back on the job and has taken over the line formerly operated by Leonard Terryberry and is now all ready for business with a number of closed cars that assure comfort to the patrons and Charley will see that all calls are made promptly and all possible courtesy extended to the patrons.



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