

# The Plattsmouth Journal

## MRS. GEORGE LUTZ DIES AT THE HOSPITAL

### VICTIM OF ASSAULT AT LOUISVILLE MONDAY AFTERNOON PASSES AWAY.

From Thursday's Daily. This morning at 9:45 at the Clarkson hospital in Omaha, Mrs. George Lutz, the lady who was assaulted and robbed at her home in Louisville Monday afternoon, died as the result of the injuries and the poison that was administered to her by the robber.

The man who committed the dastardly outrage, overcome Mrs. Lutz after an hour of intense struggle at the home in Louisville and despite her resistance the partial contents of a bottle of some kind of poison was forced down the throat of the unfortunate woman and with the result that she was rendered unconscious and has never fully recovered from the effects of the drug.

It had been hoped that she might rally from the effects of the brutal handling of the robber as well as the drug forced on her and yesterday she seemed a little brighter but during the night was taken worse and passed away this morning.

The deceased lady leaves the husband, George Lutz, and four children, Ed Gobelman of this city, William of Falls City, Mrs. Nettie Corr of Louisville and Mrs. Clara Bonhoff.

There will be a post mortem examination made by the physicians at the hospital this afternoon to determine the exact nature of the poison that was administered to Mrs. Lutz. So far there has been no definite trace found of the man committing the crime and in place of the charge of robbery and assault, the man, if caught, will have a chance to face the more serious charge of murder or manslaughter. The county authorities are working on the case and it is hoped in a short time to have some progress made toward bringing the man to justice that committed the terrible deed.

## HAS A REAL NIFTY TONSORIAL PARLOR

### Improvements in the Room Occupied by C. A. Rosencrans Give It a Pleasing Appearance.

The barber shop of C. A. Rosencrans of North Fifth street has been fitted up so that it is one of the most attractive appearing among the many fine tonsorial parlors that this city boasts of.

The newest addition to the room is the floor of red Velatite, which has just been placed and which does away with all of the future troubles of Rosey over the care of the floor and is both very pleasing to the eye and easy to keep clean. In addition to this there has been new paper of light gray and tapestry effect placed on the walls and ceiling of the shop and the interior woodwork finished in a light gray paint that adds a very pleasing touch to the room. The electric light fixtures are also of the new gray finish and with the white chairs make the shop an object of beauty to the eye.

Rosey also has a new barber, Vern Flick, who is a real artist in his line of work.

### BENEFIT DANCE BIG

From Thursday's Daily.

Last evening the benefit dance given by the striking shop crafts of the city at Eagles hall drew the largest crowds that has assembled there in a number of years and there were many that held tickets that did not attend and the result will be that the boys will secure a neat sum from their dance that will come in very handy in these straitened times. The Elks orchestra of some eleven pieces furnished the music and delighted all of the crowd with their excellent program and in addition to the local musicians Bernard Weir, of Lincoln, formerly with DeFord's, assisted on the saxophone and which was one of the features of the musical program. The orchestra was under the management of E. H. Schulhof and the leadership of W. R. Holly and was composed of the following: W. R. Holly, violin; Peter Gradoville, piano; C. E. Ledgeway, trombone; Cyril Kallina, Dr. J. F. Fogarty, clarinet; E. H. Schulhof, Jack Ledgeway, cornets; Bernard Weir, William Kettleton, saxophones; Dr. A. D. Caldwell, bass viol; Frank Miller, Ray Denham, banjos; C. C. Burbridge, traps.

### NOW DOING NICELY

From Thursday's Daily.

The many friends of Miss Kathryn Wadick will be pleased to learn that she is doing very nicely at the Immanuel hospital in Omaha where she was operated on yesterday for appendicitis. Miss Wadick came thru the operation very nicely and her condition was all that could be desired and every indication is for her speedy recovery from the operation.

### LOCATES AT CLARKS NEB.

The Cass county friends of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts will be pleased to learn that they are soon to get settled in their new home at Clarks, Nebraska, where Mr. Roberts has purchased the lumber yard of W. J. Henderson of that place. The friends regret very much to see the Roberts family remove from this county but wish them abundant success in their new home. The Clarks people are well pleased to welcome the Roberts family to their city and the papers there have extended them a most flattering welcome.

## COUNTY ASSESSOR WINDS UP WORK FOR THE YEAR

### Total Assessed Valuation of County Placed at \$52,528,300 for the Year and is a Decrease.

The work of the assessment of the taxable property of Cass county for the year has been completed and County Assessor Rummell can enjoy a short rest after the strenuous work of the past few months.

The total valuation of Cass county for the year 1922 is \$52,528,300 as against \$57,419,800 for the year 1921, and in the land valuations, shows for 1922, 341,803 acres of farm land and a valuation with improvements of \$38,098,865, or a total value per acre of \$111.40. In 1921 there was given 342,988 acres of farm land with a valuation of \$34,035,914 or an average of \$107.33.

In the lots assessed in 1922 there were 12,480 with a valuation of \$4,475,505 and in 1921 there were 1,305 lots with a value of \$1,153,237.

In the year 1922 there were 22,881 cattle in the county with a value of \$795,105 or an average of \$33.17, and in 1921, 711 cattle of a value of \$760,360 or an average of \$33.55. In 1922, 10,556 horses of a value of \$343,905 or an average of \$51.50 as against 10,483 in 1921 with a value of \$665,685 or an average of \$63.50. Mules show an increasing number but lower value with 1,957 in 1922 valued at \$139,730 or an average of \$71.40 and in 1921 there were 1,875 of a valuation of \$153,315 or average of \$81.73.

In the wheat crop in 1922 there were on hand 70,117 bushels with a value of \$63,045 and in 1921, 131,555 bushels with a value of \$131,555, so this is where part of the profits of the farmer have gone. Corn in 1922 shows 1,980,530 bushels on hand and of a value of \$624,090 and in 1921 there were on hand 2,038,425 bushels with a value of \$613,950, or an average price per bushel of thirty cents, and accordingly corn is showing a better profit for the farmer this season.

There were 2,955 autos in the county in the present year with a valuation of \$1,039,948 or an average per car of \$351.92.

## LIGHT COMPANY MAKES IMPROVEMENTS AT PLANT

### Installation of New Transformers at Sub-Station Will Cost in Neighborhood of Five Thousand.

From Thursday's Daily. The Nebraska Gas & Electric company of this city this morning received the shipment of a car containing the material for the installation of a number of new transformers at the sub-station here.

Manager Kuykendall states that the transformers will aggregate \$5,000 in cost and will be a very efficient addition to the plant and its equipment.

The new material is being unloaded this morning by the McMaken truck company and the work of placing the transformers in service will be started at once by the management of the light company.

### DECIDES DIVORCE CASE

From Thursday's Daily.

Yesterday the divorce case of Herman C. Ross against Louisa A. Ross was on trial in the district court before Judge Begley. The case occupied the entire day and a number of witnesses on both sides were examined. The parties reside in the vicinity of Union and a number from that locality were here to hear the case tried as well as to offer testimony. The action was hard fought by both sides and the defendant in a cross petition asked that the decree be granted her as well as the custody of the minor child. After hearing the evidence of each side and the arguments of the legal representatives of the contesting parties the court handed down a decision granting the decree of divorce to the defendant, Louisa A. Ross, with \$1,000 alimony and the payment of \$15 per month for the care of the minor child from the father, and the mother given the custody of the child with the right of the father to visit it at reasonable times.

## OFFER REWARD FOR CAPTURE OF ASSAILANT

### PRICE SET ON MAN WHO COMMITTED ASSAULT AND BATTERY IN LOUISVILLE.

From Friday's Daily.

The citizens of Louisville, the home of Mrs. George Lutz, who died yesterday at the Clarkson hospital in Omaha as the result of the assault made by a stranger last Monday afternoon, raised the sum of \$1,000 to be given as a reward for the capture and conviction of the man who is wanted for the outrage.

The offer of the reward was made while State Sheriff Hyers, Sheriff Quinton, County Attorney Cole and Mrs. Nielsen, the state fingerprint expert, were at the Lutz residence at Louisville seeking some definite clue that might aid in the capture of the man wanted. The Richey-Lyman Sand Co., by which Mr. Lutz, the husband, was employed, subscribed \$500 of the reward and the remainder was subscribed by the residents of that place.

A search of the Lutz home and an examination failed to reveal any fingerprints or other clues that might aid in the securing of the man that carried out the assault and robbery. It is reported that on Sunday afternoon a man answering the description of the man Mewhorter, who is now being searched for, was seen near the Romaine Moler garage in Louisville accompanied by a companion but the two men made their getaway before they could be apprehended.

It was difficult to obtain an accurate description of the man from Mrs. Lutz as she lay in her bed at the Clarkson hospital, owing to the swollen condition of her throat caused by the drug or poison that it is claimed was forced down her throat by the assailant, and from the brief description that was given it tallies in many respects with that of the man Mewhorter, who escaped from the state reformatory last Saturday afternoon. From the description given by Mrs. Lutz as far as the authorities were able to understand the man had been tall, black hair, brown suit, wore straw hat and glasses. Of the man Mewhorter the description given is that he was 31 years of age, height, six feet; weight 165 pounds; dark complexion, brown eyes.

The state and county authorities admit that the clues and the description are slight to secure the perpetrator of the outrage but every effort is being made to secure the capture of Mewhorter and to try and establish some basis to whether or not he is the man desired in the case.

The result of the autopsy that was performed on the body of the dead woman has not as yet been made public by the physicians at the hospital in Omaha who were in charge, and which it was hoped would give some trace of what poison was used in the liquid that caused the death of Mrs. Lutz.

### ENTERTAINS CLASS

The pleasant county home of Mr. and Mrs. John Meisinger, Jr., was the scene of a very delightful gathering on Thursday evening when Miss Margaret and Raymond Meisinger entertained the members of their classes in the Presbyterian Sunday school. The occasion was in the nature of a lawn party and the time spent in playing games until a late hour when refreshments of the cream and cake were served by Mrs. and Mrs. Meisinger and Mrs. George Goodman, and to which the young people did ample justice. Those in attendance were: Misses Edith Farley, Violet Valjery, Mable and Donice Vroman, Edna Mae Gardner, Helen Farley, Aelene Gilmore, of Omaha; Ora Allen, Mervin Wolff, Catherine McClusky, Blanche Braun, Marie Stokes, Pearl Steats, Margaret McClusky, Mildred Meisinger, Messrs. Karl Wurl, William Matchullat, George Ebersole, Harvey Meisinger, Russell Wasley, Elmer Johnson, Harold Smith, Carl Ofe, Charles Richards, Joe Atterbury; Mrs. G. L. Farley, Mrs. Lean Flint, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Goodman, Rev. H. G. McClusky.

### SURPRISE MRS. HOLLOWELL

From Thursday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon the members of the Service class of the Christian church gave a very pleasant surprise party at the parsonage in honor of Mrs. A. G. Hollowell, whose birthday occurred yesterday. Rev. Hollowell had taken his wife out for a drive and to call on a few friends and during their absence the friends filled the rectory and later called the Hollowell family back home where the guest of honor was much surprised to find so many of the friends present. The time was spent in visiting and having a general good time and at an appropriate hour light refreshments were served that added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Phone us the news!

### REPORTS CONDITIONS IMPROVE

That the general business condition in his territory shows a much better aspect is the report given by Frank M. Herold of Minneapolis, an old time Plattsmouth boy, who is now traveling for the S. H. Clausin & Co., wholesale jewelers of Minneapolis. Mr. Herold has a territory of seven states and finds that crops are good and the general trend toward much greater improvement but this has to some extent been affected by the strike but not as greatly as might have been expected.

## CROP LOSS IS ESTIMATED TO EXCEED \$1,000,000

### Area of Storm in Cass County Covers 120 Sections of Land in Best Part of Section.

The terrific storm of last Monday night that swept over Cass county has caused damage that is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000 and which is one of the most destructive agencies that has visited this section since the great drouth of 1894 and the worst storm that has occurred here in the memory of the present generation.

It is estimated that the storm covered 120 sections of the best part of the county and while some of the wheat that was out and shocked will be saved, even this suffered some loss and the corn and oats are practically all wiped out. The orchards are devastated so that there will be no hopes of a crop this season and will be a severe blow to the heavy fruit growers of the county that resided in the storm section.

How destructively the hail was on property is shown at the home of Louis Bornemeter northeast of Murdock which it destroyed 44 window lights that has kept the Murdock dealers busy trying to replace. At Manley there were six buildings unroofed and which means that the carpenters there will have a lot to do in the immediate future in making the repairs that will be necessary as well as meaning a heavy cost to the property owners.

## WILL ERECT NEW BUILDING HERE FOR A SUPPLY DEPOT

### Nebraska Gas & Electric Company to Make This City Point for Distribution of Supplies.

The Nebraska Gas & Electric company which has its main offices for the district comprising the section of the state, in this city, is having the plans and specifications prepared for the erection of an all steel building on the lot adjoining their power sub-station here, and which is to be used as a supply depot for the district.

The company expects to have the supplies shipped here by the car load and stored in the new building that will have 1,500 feet of floor space and from this city the supplies will be sent out to the various points over the district instead of the present arrangement of shipping them a long distance.

Mr. Kuykendall, the local manager, who has supervision of the district, has the affairs arranged in a very efficient manner that saves the company much time and money in the handling of supplies, and the warehouse will add to the efficiency of the system of handling the material that may be needed.

### A TERRIFYING EXPERIENCE

Walford Johnson and Dick Cole know more about the storm Monday evening than most anyone else, at least they had a most thrilling experience.

They had ridden their ponies over to Louisville and were on their way home. The storm caught them near the Steinkamp farm.

Dick was riding without a saddle and he was soon thrown off, but Walford stayed on his pony. They could not do anything with the horses, for they were frantic from the hail. The stones were as large as walnuts.

Dick had to crawl across the road after he was thrown off the horse. He could not stand up against the force of the wind, rain and hail.

They finally got to a house and stayed all night. They are covered with bumps and red spots and Dick has one hand done up with a severe bruise on the back of it.—Weeping Water Republican.

### UNDERGOES OPERATION

From Friday's Daily.

Miss Caroline Lahoda, who has been at the University hospital in Omaha for the past three weeks, was operated on again this morning in the hopes of giving the patient some relief from her suffering. The condition of Miss Lahoda continues very serious and has caused much apprehension to her relatives and friends.

## DISTRICT COURT HAS HEARING IN STORE MATTER

### Passes on Various Claims Filed in Receivership of E. G. Dovey & Son Store Here.

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday Judge Begley had up for hearing the matter of the settlements in the case of H. N. Dovey vs. G. E. Dovey, and which involved the receivership of the store run under the name of E. G. Dovey & Son, and which has been in charge of John F. Gorder as receiver for the past few months.

The court entered an order granting a dividend of fifteen per cent to the creditors of the firm and the receiver was ordered to pay the creditors the amount on their claims that had been allowed. The receiver was also authorized to sell real estate of the firm at private sale and submit report to the court.

The claims of McCord Brady Co., Sargent & Rice, Pillsbury Milling company, Marshall Field & Co. and F. E. Schlater, administrator, which were on file, were set for hearing on July 22nd.

The court also entered an order that on receipt of mandate of supreme court fixing the amount of the claim of Frank E. Schlater, administrator of the estate of Jane A. Dovey, that the receiver pay the applicant the amount of the dividend declared.

The claim of John L. Webster for \$6,851.80 for attorney fees, covered by notes, was allowed subject to the order of court of July 8th, in which the matter was allowed without prejudice to the rights of the plaintiff, H. N. Dovey.

## EVENTS OF THE DAY IN RAILROAD STRIKE

B. M. Jewell, directing the shopmen's strike, said his men would not be sent back to work and the strike order not be called off until "justice has been secured."

The war department ordered sufficient troops prepared to protect the Missouri, Kansas & Texas lines, which are in the hands of receivers appointed by the United States federal court.

President Harding that 50,000 motor vehicles can be used to transport the mails if train service fails.

Temporary restraining orders were issued to the St. Louis & San Francisco railway at Fort Smith, Ark., and the Chicago & Eastern Illinois and the Toledo, St. Louis & Western railroad at East St. Louis, Ill.

Four companies of the Missouri national guard were sent to Poplar Bluff, Mo., to protect property and employes of the Missouri Pacific railroad.

### ENJOY FINE TIME

From Friday's Daily.

Last evening the Christian Endeavor society of the Christian church held a very pleasant meeting at the George Winscot home in the south part of the city and at which time the losers in the recent contest of the society, the blues, led by Frank Godwin, entertained the blues, led by Miss Doris Winscot, who had won the contest. The gathering was in the nature of a wienie and marshmallow roast and was staged in the pleasant orchard of the Winscot place. Games of all kinds were enjoyed and also the roasting of the wienies and marshmallows and which proved very delightful to the thirty-one young people present. The pleasant event was one that led the guests to vote the blues most royal entertainers.

### LONG LITIGATION OVER TRIFLE.

Chicago, July 13.—Eight years' of litigation over a penny stick of gum ended today when a jury dismissed a suit for \$10,000 damages for false arrest, brought by Constable John Harvey of Oak Park.

Harvey went out on May 13, 1914, to hunt for lawbreakers in the neighboring village of Brookfield. He found two boys playing with a chewing gum slot machine in the village drug store and ordered Emil Pick, the druggist, to get rid of the contraption.

Pick had the constable arrested by James P. Curran, town marshal. The case was dismissed and Harvey sued the druggist and marshal. The case dragged thru the courts for eight years.

### COMES FROM DAKOTA

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon Leland Briggs arrived in the city from Hamel, S. D., where he is interested in the auto business and will join his wife and children here where they have been visiting at the M. S. Briggs and W. J. Hartwick homes for a few days past. Mr. Briggs made a drive of 400 miles in 24 hours without any stops aside from the delays due to securing gas and oil for the car.

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### TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

From Thursday's Daily.

This morning Ruth, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Pickett, was taken to Omaha where she will be placed in the hospital there for treatment and to undergo an operation in hopes of giving her some relief from her suffering of the past few weeks. The condition of the little one is such as to give but very little hope of her recovery and the operation is the one last chance to secure some relief for the little sufferer and is a very critical operation.

## MAY CLOSE BASEBALL SEASON ON THE LOCAL LOT

### Merchants of this City May Finish Season Out of Town if Attendance Does Not Improve.

The management of the Merchants baseball team of this city is contemplating the closing of the season as far as Sunday games are concerned if the patronage does not show an increasing and pleasing exhibition of the national pastime.

Manager Wolf announces that he has secured two games, one with the U. P. Storehouse team for next Sunday and with the Sherman Avenue Merchants of Omaha for July 23, both of which should prove very interesting and pleasing exhibitions of the national pastime.

Mr. Wolf states that the local team has been receiving very poor patronage from the public and aside from the donation made by the business men and citizens at the opening of the season there has been but little support given the team aside from the few loyal fans that have been steady patrons of the team for the past few seasons. With the two games scheduled showing the same ratio of attendance at the games, Manager Wolf says it will be thumbs down for the Sunday games here and the baseball warriors will seek other lots on Sunday where the chink of the coin can be heard more frequently.

### OBITUARY

Raymond Gilmore was born September 20, 1878, on a farm one mile east and four miles north of Weeping Water and died on Tuesday, July 4, 1922, at his home near Oconto, Nebraska.

He grew to manhood in this vicinity. In 1906 he was married to Miss Cathan at Omaha.

He leaves to mourn his death, a loving wife, his mother, Mrs. Lucy Gilmore, of Callaway; a brother, Chas. Gilmore, of Weeping Water; two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Rosenbaum, of Cedar Rapids, Nebraska, and Mrs. Edmund Maddox of Oconto; his father and an older sister, Mrs. Edith Akesson, having preceded him to the better and a number of years ago.

The funeral was held at Callaway, on Thursday, July 6.—Weeping Water Republican.

William Rice and wife motored out yesterday to the home of their daughter, Mrs. John Fitzpatrick, near Weeping Water. They traveled through the storm swept district and report that it is a sight never to be forgotten by the person witnessing it.

## TENNIS SHARKS HAVE INTERESTING SERIES

### R. H. McCormick, Singles Champion, and Ralph Newell of Omaha Meet Local Players.

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon the tennis sharks of the city assembled at the fine new court that Ralph Larson has built at his home on west Marble street, to witness the various games in which R. H. McCormick, singles champion of Omaha and Ralph Newell of that same city and the local experts of the net work participated.

Ray Larson, who is rated as one of the best of the amateur players in this part of the state, gave the Omaha champ a great contest in their singles and the final score was 6-4. Mr. Larson led the game for some time and until the last point was scored the result was in doubt as the two experts at the game clashed over the net.

Rev. Calvert played six games with Mr. McCormick, the result being three games apiece for the players, and showing that the pastor has lost none of the skill which he has always maintained in this game.

Newell and McCormick played doubles with Revs. Calvert and McClusky and Alfred Calvert and Larson, in which the Omaha players carried away the honors in the four sets played.

Ralph Newell and Rev. Calvert in the single set played a tie, 5-5, when the game was called with the honors equally divided between the two skillful manipulators of the racket.

After the game Messrs. Newell and McCormick were dinner guests at the Calvert home together with Mrs. McCormick, who had accompanied her husband to this city and who had visited with her old friends, Rev. and Mrs. Calvert.

The new court that Mr. Larson has made is one of the best that the city has had for many years and is one calculated for fast and speedy playing so that it is well arranged and graded up so that it is in the best of shape all of the time.

### MARRIED AT LINCOLN

The marriage of Miss Hazel Elizabeth Harnsberger of Elmwood to Dr. John Stewart Deering took place Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Trinity church, Rev. John Christ of University Place officiating. The ceremony was witnessed by Mrs. J. H. Harnsberger of Elmwood, mother of the bride; Mrs. F. H. Walker of Lincoln, an aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gelwick of Red Cloud, Mrs. Mary Shocker of Lincoln, and David Deering of Sutton, a brother of the groom. Miss Harnsberger attended the University of Nebraska and is a member of Alpha Xi Delta. She taught school in Osceola, Elmwood and Lincoln and has spent four seasons in chautauqua work. Dr. Deering was graduated from the University of Nebraska, where he is a member of Phi Rho Sigma and spent the past year at the University of Pennsylvania course. Dr. and Mrs. Deering will take an auto trip thru Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin stopping at Okoboji for several days and a resort in Wisconsin for two weeks.—Lincoln Journal.

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**Business Conditions!**

During the past few months of quiet business, plans for the resumption of industrial and agricultural activities have been molding into form and now that these plans are materializing to some extent a greater optimism is very much in evidence.

With reasonable prices for agricultural commodities this year, we can look forward to a greater liquidation than was experienced during the past year or two, and as a result all lines of business will be on a safer and sounder basis with excellent chances for a close approach to normal conditions.

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