

# The Plattsmouth Journal

## DEATH CALLS

### CHRISTIAN GUERR, AN OLD SETTLER

Dies at Home in Murdock After Long Period of Poor Health—Funeral Held Wednesday.

Mr. Christian Guerr, of Murdock, who has not been in good health for some time, having been in the hospital at the time of the death of his wife on May 15th, suffering from a cancer, was able to return home a short time later, although the ravages of the disease were not checked. Intermittently since his return he had been able to go up and around and last Monday was a visitor to the business portion of the town as well as calling on some of his friends in the residence section. He had started back down town from the H. A. Gutmann home and as he neared the residence of H. R. Schmidt, where Mrs. Schmidt was sitting on the porch, he fell forward and his head striking the ground he died almost at once.

Mrs. Schmidt ran to the C. L. Miller home across the road for assistance, and when she returned Messrs. Mat Thimman and A. Stoupe were endeavoring to minister to his needs. A physician was called and before his arrival a large crowd had gathered. On the arrival of the physician, it was found that he was dead, having died within a few minutes of the time of his falling.

Mr. Guerr was preceded in death by his wife on May 15, while he was called on July 16. He was born in Germany August 18, 1850, and was nearly 73 years of age. In 1875 he was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Buchholz, they coming to America and to Cass county in 1883, where they made their home, north of Murdock during the intervening years until they came to town to live a few years ago.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. A. Strouss, who delivered the discourse in American while the Rev. A. Bruehlmann delivered the eulogy in German. Interment was made in the cemetery of the Evangelical church at Louisville, church northeast of Murdock.

John Scheel, his friend, was born in Germany and resided here from where Mr. Guerr was born.

The deceased had been an excellent citizen and was well liked by everyone. He leaves two daughters, Messdames Otto Miller of South Bend and Fred Backeneyer, of Elmwood, besides three grand children, children of his two daughters. There was a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Guerr, who died in infancy.

A large number of friends attended the funeral to pay tribute to the deceased and attest the high esteem in which he was held by all.

## BUCK DIFFERS WITH TAGORE

Nebraska Professor Does Not Believe Mohammedanism Destined as Religion of India

From Thursday's Daily.

The prediction of Sir Rabindranath Tagore that Mohammedanism will soon gain supremacy over the Hindus in India, reported in Wednesday's State Journal, under a Calcutta date line, is not endorsed by Dean M. P. Buck, of the University of Nebraska, who returned recently from India.

Professor Buck says the Christian religion has made deep impress upon India, although the number of actual converts has been comparatively small. The effect of Christianity is noted by thoughtful observers in the modification wrought in the oriental religions. Ghandi himself was tempted to accept Christianity. The Brahmo-Somj, which has had wide vogue, is a mixture of oriental beliefs with Christian tenets.

Mr. Buck found that the Christianized people in India were demanding control over their own churches. He says that the church in India is being taken from the missionaries to be conducted by educated natives.

The Church of England mission in the orient, known as the society for the propagation of the gospel, allows the natives full control where prepared to take it. Eventually, according to Dean Buck, a church combining the essentials of Christianity with the best in oriental religions is destined to take strong hold in India. Dean Buck is engaged upon a book in which his observations will be embodied.

### A HAPPY OCCASION

The news has been received by George E. Dovey of this city that he is the grandfather of a fine new grandson who was born Wednesday morning at Minneapolis to Captain and Mrs. Floyd Harding, the mother being formerly Miss Edith Dovey of this city. The family is stated at Fort Snelling during the citizens training camp where the captain is acting as an instructor and Mrs. Harding has been at the hospital in Minneapolis. Mrs. R. F. Patterson of this city, sister of Mrs. Harding, has been with her for some time and was able to welcome the little nephew.

## CANADA WHEAT PROSPECT

Ottawa, Canada, July 18.—Reports of a 500,000,000 bushel wheat crop in Canada are "absurd" according to officials of the Canadian department of agriculture.

They declare that the official estimate for the ensuing year's crop had not yet been completed but that the half billion bushel figure was out of line with what the final report shows.

The Dominion farmers planted 22,432,693 acres in fall and spring wheat, according to official reports, which would necessitate an average yield per acre of twenty bushels to reach the total harvest reported as probable.

## UNDERGOES VERY SEVERE OPERATION AT THE HOSPITAL

Thomas Rabb of this City Operated on at Presbyterian Hospital and is Now Some Better.

Thomas Rabb of this city, who has been suffering for several months from the effects of his wounds received here in the shooting affray of November 15, last, was operated on Monday at the Presbyterian hospital in Omaha, the members of the family report, and has been in very serious condition since that time although yesterday he showed some improvement.

Mr. Rabb had two ribs removed and the wound, which had never thoroughly healed as it should, was drained and dressed and the patient is reported as suffering greatly from the effects of the operation and in his weakened condition following his long illness it was especially difficult, but his improvement was very pleasing to learn and the family and friends are hopeful that he may soon be able to return home if he has no further complications in the case.

## REMOVAL COST HIM A SENATORIAL JOB

Politicians Think Judge Wray Had a Chance for the Job if He Had Not Moved Away.

From Thursday's Daily.

Several Lincoln men whose minds revolve in political gear express the fervid opinion that the removal from Nebraska to California of Judge Arthur G. Wray cost that gentleman a seat in the United States senate from Nebraska. They base this on the belief that conditions in Nebraska are about as ripe as they were in Minnesota for the success of a farm-labor candidate for the senate to succeed Norris.

They further point out that if Wray had remained on the ticket of the progressives, which parallels in political significance the farm-labor party of the north, nothing could beat him next year as a third party candidate. The progressives are in no position to benefit by the ground swell now because they have no outstanding man in their ranks who could pluck the senatorial seat.

A number of republicans say that a concerted effort should be made to get Norris to change his mind. The state is not a man to readily unmake his mind, and it would take an almost unanimous call to make him even hesitate about saying "no." Norris is likely to say that the republicans want him so as to save the ticket in the state, and that does not add to the probabilities of his changing his mind.

Some republicans refuse to get panicky over the situation. They say that a year is a long time, and much may happen in that time to change conditions. They point out that Minnesota is largely moved by economic conditions and less likely to be influenced by argument after they have once made up their minds, while in Nebraska the percentage is small. Then, too, labor forms a comparatively small element of the voting population in Nebraska.

## HAVE COLORED POPULATION

For the first time in almost thirty years Plattsmouth can boast of a colored population as some twelve negroes were brought in this afternoon from St. Louis and will work at the deluge of water applied to the rest of the negroes are mostly young men and evidently from the extreme south.

This city had a number of negroes living here for some years after the Civil war, the old residents state, and the colored race quite a proportion some thirty years ago, having a colored church here and an increasing number of the colored folks, until one night the residence of one of the colored families was put ablaze and while the fire was out there was a very liberal deluge of water applied to the rest of the colony and after the experience for years old "Uncle Ned" was the sole and only colored man in the city and remained here until his death.

## NEW HIGHWAY THROUGH CASS COUNTY SOON

Highway From Manhattan, Kansas, to Omaha Will Pass Through Cass County Towns.

From Friday's Daily. Weeping Water is designated as one of the towns on the new highway to be constructed from Manhattan, Kansas, to Omaha.

The proposed route was decided upon Tuesday when 75 Kansas and Nebraska men attending a conference at Sumnerfield, Kansas, which is located 85 miles south and east of Weeping Water, on the Kansas-Nebraska line. There were 11 present from Cass county, nine of these delegates being from Weeping Water. They were Carl E. Day, Earl Towle, L. R. Snipes, S. R. Bradley, Henry Crozier, V. E. Smith, George Olive, C. E. Butler and J. J. Meier.

The route had previously been decided upon from Manhattan to the Nebraska line. The purpose of the meeting was to designate the route from the Kansas line to Omaha.

An association was organized for the purpose of promoting this enterprise. This organization is known as the National Short Cut Highway association. The name of the new highway is to be the National Short Cut Highway.

The officers of the organization are: President, J. M. Rhodes, Frankfort, Kansas; vice president, W. F. Diers, Louisville; secretary, J. P. Murray, Sumnerfield.

When the meeting was called to order a committee was appointed by the president to formulate a proposed route for the new highway and to submit it to the entire group. This committee was composed of Carl Day, Weeping Water, chairman; Messrs. Johnson, Tecumseh; Brumbaugh, Sumnerfield; and Diers, Louisville.

This committee submitted two routes. The one adopted by the group designates that the highway shall go through Tecumseh, Weeping Water, Louisville and Millard into Omaha. A publicity committee was named to give the project proper publicity. This committee is composed of L. J. Mayfield of Louisville, S. R. Bradley of Weeping Water, W. H. Keeler of Sumnerfield and W. F. Hill of Westmoreland.

Each town along the highway was assessed ten per cent of its population to take care of the marking of the trail.—Weeping Water Republican.

## BARGAIN DAY WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL ONE

General Reports are Favorable on the Result of the Volume of Business—Shoppers Pleased.

From Thursday's Daily.

The buying public took advantage of the opportunities afforded by Bargain day yesterday, many large numbers and almost all of the stores of the city report a pleasing volume of business and in disposing of the lines of summer goods and bargains offered at the special bargain day and mid-summer clearance prices.

A great many of the farmers are now in their busiest season of the year and finding that their time is fully occupied from early in the morning until late at night, and this has served to keep many of them at home who would otherwise have been in for the bargain offerings.

The crowd yesterday was here largely in the morning and the afternoon, the evening attendance at the sales not being as heavy as last month, although they were counterbalanced by the larger day time crowds.

Special features will probably mark the next Bargain day as it will be after the close of harvest and will give more opportunity for the residents of the country districts to be in attendance.

## CAR IS STOLEN AT ELMWOOD LAST NIGHT

From Friday's Daily.

The members of the police force were on the alert last evening for a car reported to have been stolen from the streets at Elmwood early last evening and which it was thought the thieves might be trying to get into Omaha with. The car was an Essex and of the touring car type, according to the messages received here by Sheriff Quinton and the police. The sheriff was at the Platte river bridge until late at night to see if an attempt was made to cross the river on the way to Omaha and the police made a thorough search around the city, but without locating the much sought after car and it is thought that the parties taking it probably made their way on into Lincoln or some of the smaller towns near there to lay under cover for a time.

## DEATH OF OLD RESIDENT

From Friday's Daily.

The body of Anderson Rouse, old resident of Cass county, who died at Richmond, California, will arrive in Lincoln Sunday. The funeral will be held Sunday at 11 a. m. from the Christian church at Greenwood with Rev. Park in charge. Burial will be at Greenwood.

Mr. Rouse made his home in this portion of Cass county for a great many years and was for a time superintendent of the Cass county farm here prior to J. H. Tams and after leaving her located at Greenwood, where he made his home for a number of years. He was the father of Mrs. Grover Will of California and an uncle of E. L. Rouse, superintendent of schools at Scottsbluff.

## DEATH OF ELVIN FLEMING AT HOSPITAL IN OMAHA

Young Lad of 11 Years of Age Dies Following Operation Yesterday for Appendicitis.

From Thursday's Daily.

This morning at 7:30 at the St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha occurred the death of Elvin Fleming, eleven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Fleming, who reside west of this city on the old Harman Bestor farm.

The death came very suddenly following an acute attack of appendicitis and the lad, who was taken to the hospital, was operated on yesterday morning and at that time it was found that he was in a very serious condition and has gradually grown worse until death came to ease his sufferings at an early hour this morning.

The deceased was a very bright and active lad and his death comes as a severe blow to the parents and brothers and sisters of the lad.

The funeral arrangements have not been made as yet.

## ACCIDENT AT THE KIEWIT QUARRY IS NEARLY FATAL

Huge Stone Falls During Cave-in of Tunnel—Russell Haines and Pierce Gillespie Hurt.

From Friday's Daily.

An accident occurred at the Kiewit quarry north of town on the other side of the river in which two men were seriously injured by falling rock. Russell Haines, a son-in-law of Mrs. George Kobier, and Pierce Gillespie were tunneling rock and Mr. Gillespie received several broken ribs and internal injuries.

John Ackles, who was working near them, says there was no warning. He heard a slight cracking noise and saw the rock loosening and jumped in time to escape getting hit. As he jumped, he shouted to the men and they had time to almost get in the clear which saved their lives, although they were struck and knocked down.

Messrs. Haines and Gillespie were attended by Dr. E. W. Worthington of Louisville and Dr. J. A. Peters of Springfield and were later removed to the hospital in Omaha, where they could receive the best of nursing.

This may be a much cheaper way of getting out of a cave-in, but it is a dangerous place to work as very little precaution is taken to prevent such cave-ins as occurred at this time and it is a lamentable thing that a working man should be exposed to such danger.—Louisville Courier.

## MADE GOOD WITH HIS WHEAT

Bert Jameson, one of our hustling farmers, has made good with his wheat this year. He sold his wheat last fall to one of the elevators for \$1.00 a bushel.

He had 225 acres in wheat and got a fine yield, and the wheat is good quality. He had three binders in the field last week to take care of the grain as it ripened so fast he thought best not to try cutting it by himself.

Bert was not so fortunate last year for he was in the fall district and lost his entire corn crop. Take one season with another, Nebraska usually treats her folks fair and square. What is lost one year is made up the next year, if you just have faith and keep smiling.

## SHOULD CUT WEEDS

While the campaign is being pushed to have the weeds cut over the city, the citizens called the attention of the press to the fact that some of the worst places in the city are the grounds around some of the ward school buildings and along the school property.

The weeds have been uncut for a long time and the city council while after the remainder of the citizens will also include the board of education in the list of violators of the weed ordinance.

## OFFICERS SEARCH FOR FOILED BANK ROBBERIES

Girl Clerk in Bank at Beaver Crossing Scared Robbers by Cries—Are Going East.

Yesterday afternoon a message was received here by Sheriff Quinton asking him to be on the alert for two men who yesterday afternoon attempted the robbery of a bank at Beaver Crossing in Seward county. The men were reported as having passed through Crete and were thought to be heading into Omaha and all entrances to that city were asked to be guarded in an effort to apprehend the men.

The two men, one of them partially masked, entered the bank shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon and asked for the cashier and on being told by Miss Helen Ross, clerk in the bank, that he was absent, the two men seized the girl and forced her into an adjoining room and locked her in, according to the reports received at Lincoln by the state law enforcement bureau.

Miss Ross cried loudly for help and the two men growing alarmed ran from the bank and joined a third man in a car that was waiting near the bank and made their escape.

State law officers believe that the two men are the same ones that stole a car at Omaha, drove it to Greenwood where it was found abandoned, stole another car and drove to Beaver Crossing, which is situated on the Northwestern railroad southwest of Seward.

## RETURNS FROM SOUTH

Postmaster J. W. Holmes, who has been in attendance at the grand lodge of the Elks at Atlanta, Georgia, has returned and reports a very pleasant trip and a most interesting meeting of the lodge. He states that the special train on which he traveled was one that was prepared with every comfort for the traveler and at the various towns the members of the party were entertained and greeted by their fraternal brothers and friends. The views of the south enjoyed by Mr. Holmes impressed him very favorably and especially the fine city of Atlanta. En route home, Mr. Holmes stopped at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where he visited with his brother, Troy Holmes and family for a few days. Troy is now in the automobile business in the Wisconsin city.

## ELMWOOD MAN HAS A VERY CLOSE CALL FROM DEATH

While Fixing up Fence Lodge Caygill Has Startling Experience With the Lightning.

Lodge Caygill, a well known resident of Elmwood, had a very startling experience the past week with the elements of nature and in which he was compelled to play the unwilling part of a human lightning rod. Mr. Caygill was out fixing a wire fence during the electrical storm that visited that locality and while he was holding the ends of the broken fence wire, one section in each hand, the lightning struck and followed the flash of the lightning Mr. Caygill was hurled to the ground and remained unconscious for some time from the effects of the shock.

After regaining consciousness he felt very shaky and unstrung from the effects of his experience and while he has now recovered from the effects of the unusual experience he is not desirous of having another like one.

## PAVING IS DELAYED

From Friday's Daily.

Owing to the fact that the city council failed at its special session last Monday evening to definitely authorize the mayor and city clerk to draw up and enter into a contract for the paving in districts No. 26, 27 and 28, the final work of signing up has been delayed. The council accepted the report of their committee and granted the contract for the paving to the Modern Construction company but the details important to the final closing of the contract were omitted, it is claimed, and will have to wait until the session next Monday to clear it up.

## RE-ORGANIZING ORCHESTRA

From Thursday's Daily.

The Holly orchestra, which was for a number of years one of the popular dance orchestras in this section of the state, has been re-organized by W. R. Holly, the director, and made ready for the summer and fall work in the dance line. There will be a number of additions to the personnel of the orchestra and some of the best musicians of the city will be found in the new line-up of the orchestra. They will play at the K. S. dance platform Saturday night.

## REPORTS A PROWLER

Last night the members of the Burrows household in the northwest part of the city had what they think was a visit from the prowler who has been reported around in other parts of the city.

Mrs. Mary Burrows was aroused by the sound of someone walking around the house and called her son Lester, who investigated the matter but failed to find anyone. The fact that several parties are reporting this night time prowler looks as though there was someone snooping around the residences of the city and who will probably receive a dose of buckshot from some of the householders.

## ED KUNSMAN RECEIVES A WELL DESERVED PROMOTION

Made Assistant Master Mechanic of Southern Pacific Railroad at Tucson, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kunsman of this city have received notice of the appointment of their son, Edward Kunsman, to a very flattering position with the Southern Pacific at Tucson, Arizona, and which is that of assistant master mechanic at Tucson, one of the most important points of the S. P. line through the southwest. The position is not only an advance in rank for Mr. Kunsman but also brings with it a substantial increase in salary as he will receive from \$375 to \$400 per month in his new position.

For the past six years Mr. Kunsman has been with the Southern Pacific at Yuma, Arizona, and his excellent work there has won for him the promotion to the new job with its increased responsibilities and advancement in his line of railroad work.

The news of the success of Mr. Kunsman will be very pleasing to his friends here in an old home where he spent his boyhood days. Mr. Kunsman first embarked in railroading with the Burlington and learned his trade of machinist at the Havelock shops.

## GIVES SURPRISE PARTY

From Thursday's Daily.

A surprise party was given for Miss Mabel Brittain yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Leland O. Bennett at Garfield park and which was most thoroughly enjoyed by all of the young people present as they passed the time in playing games in the pleasant shade of the trees and with the cooling breezes helping make the day more than usually pleasant. The games proved a pleasant diversion for the party and at 4 o'clock a very dainty and enjoyable luncheon was served that aided in the completion of a day of the rarest enjoyment to all of the party and one which they will very pleasantly remember.

Those attending the event were Hazel and Helen Fauch, Helen Mary Ellen and Opal Byers, George and Edith Luschinsky, Mabel and Merlin DeWolfe, Alfred and Janet Bennett, Glen and Mabel Brittain.

F. G. Egenberger will write you a policy in the New York Life Insurance Co., and look after your New York Life business. j2-ftw

## THE ARRIVAL OF NEGROES HERE IN THE YEAR 1876

Coming From Natchez, Mississippi, Party Settled in Towns Along the Missouri River.

From Friday's Daily.

The arrival of the consignment of negroes here yesterday afternoon for work in the Burlington lumber yard has occasioned a great deal of discussion owing to the fact that there have been none of the negroes living here in many years and while discussing the matter, none of the old residents here related the story of the coming of the first negroes to this city back in the year 1876.

At that time this city was free of the colored people and it was learned one fine summer day that a large consignment of the colored brethren were coming up the Missouri river and seeking homes and accordingly a committee of citizens was appointed to look into the matter and met the party at East Plattsmouth where they had been unloaded and found there several car loads of the colored folk.

The members of the party told the committee that they were from Natchez, Mississippi, and had been brought by steamer to St. Louis for \$2 a head and reaching that place they had been taken over by a society and shipped west by train. At Kansas City they were diverted to the north and scattered among the towns along the Missouri river and when they arrived at East Plattsmouth they were unloaded as their funds were exhausted and they were left to hustle for themselves.

The committee of Plattsmouth people declined to receive the newcomers with open arms and selected two families, one of which was that of "Uncle Ned" Baker and allowed them to come on over to the Nebraska side of the river and settle but the rest were ordered away and a large number journeyed down the river to Nebraska City where they located and which has furnished that city its colored population.

## FINE POPULAR PROGRAM TONIGHT; WEEPING WATER IN THE AIR SUNDAY NIGHT

From Thursday's Daily.

Lovers of the popular in radio music will come in for their share of it tonight in the program to be broadcast from WOA-W, and which will include Hawaiian interpretations of a number of up-to-date song hits, also saxophone and orchestral numbers, and two or three male quartet renditions.

Many are looking forward eagerly to Weeping Water's program of next Sunday night, which will be given over wholly to musical numbers, most of which are of a sacred nature in keeping with the Sunday spirit. Weeping Water has some exceptionally fine artists who will certainly uphold the reputation Cass county holds with radio fans as a result of the two Plattsmouth programs already broadcast.



## When The House Needs Repairs

Every year brings the need for fresh paint or repairs somewhere about the house.

It costs much less to attend to these things promptly than to let the property become badly run down.

Try the Savings Account plan of keeping the house in repair! Open an account at the First National Bank, make regular deposits, and you'll always have money on hand for this purpose. Meanwhile, your deposits will be earning 4% interest.

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