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## DEATH COMES IN AUTO ACCIDENT SUNDAY

**HENRY UMLAND, ALEX RAINS OF AUBURN KILLED; JOHN BURLEY INJURED.**

## SPEEDING CAR IS OVERTURNED

**Umland and Rains, Who Were in the Front Seat, Pinned Beneath the Overturned Car.**

From Monday's Daily—  
The peace and quiet of Sunday was marred in this locality yesterday by the tragic death of Henry Umland and Alex Rains of Auburn and the probable fatal injury of Shelly Pummell, formerly of this city, when the car in which they were riding overturned on the highway three miles northeast of Union near the Herman Reike farm at an early hour Sunday morning.

The auto party, consisting of Umland and Rains together with John Burley left Auburn at a very late hour Saturday night and at Nebraska City they stopped and spent a short time and were joined there by Shelly Pummell, well known here where he was for some time employed at the Heger bakery.

The trip had proceeded without incident until reaching the vicinity of the Reike farm where the driver, Mr. Umland, had evidently grown uncertain of the road and thought he was getting out of the main roadway as the marks on the highway indicate that the car was suddenly turned and as the result was overturned and the occupants killed and injured. The two dead men were found beneath the rear part of the overturned car, Umland having his head pinned in and Rains suffering from a number of very severe cuts and bruises and having his head badly injured as well as having the right side of the jaw upward into the head.

Pummell was thrown out of the car as it turned over and hurled some distance away from the wrecked car and escaped without serious injury which seems almost marvelous in view of the injuries received by the other members of the party.

As soon as possible after the shock of the fall Pummell ran to the car, which was a mass of wreckage and hearing the groans of Mr. Burley dragged him from beneath the car and ran to the nearby home of Fred Clark, where he called for help from Plattsmouth and Murray for his companions.

Dr. J. F. Brendel of Murray was the first to arrive on the scene and dressing the wounds of Burley best he could by the lights of the cars that had gathered at the spot and later took the injured man into Murray where he was given more treatment and later taken to the hospital. He was suffering from what was thought to be a skull fracture as well as an injured back and was in very serious condition.

In response to the call to Plattsmouth, Sheriff Quinton and County Attorney Cole as well as Undertaker John Sattler drove out to the scene of the accident but by this time passing autoists had gathered and lifted the car off the bodies of Umland and Rains and they were awaiting the coming of the authorities to take charge of the bodies.

The two dead men were brought on into Plattsmouth and taken to the Sattler undertaking rooms where they were prepared for shipment to the homes of the unfortunate men in Auburn and shortly after 6 o'clock relatives of the two men arrived to take charge of the bodies.

According to the story of Pummell, the car had been going at a high rate of speed when the accident occurred and the sudden turning of the car must have caused it to suddenly turn over. Marks on the road for a distance of twenty feet indicate that the wheels had been dragged along as the driver had evidently set the brakes of the car which was a large and heavy Reo touring car.

Where the accident occurred there is good, level stretch of road and the car was some distance from the small ditch that ran along the roadside.

The relatives who were here yesterday stated that Mr. Umland, who is running a filling station for the Standard Oil company at Auburn, had come home about 11:30 Saturday night and told his mother that he was going out on a drive and would not be home until Sunday afternoon and had changed his clothes and left which was the last the family heard of him until the telephone message from Plattsmouth early Sunday morning informing them of his death.

Alex Rains was a teamster at Auburn and was stated that both men were unmarried.

FLOWERS for all occasions. Potted plants. Display at Mumm's Bakery. Phone 405-W.—Henry Jasper.

## LAND OF THE RED APPLE

From Tuesday's Daily—  
The well known reputation of Missouri as the land of the red apple has nothing on this section of Nebraska as a producer of the best of the apples that mark the fall season of the year. The Omaha Bee of Sunday had in its Rotogravure section a number of photographs taken at the farm of J. J. Smith and Douglas Smith an Omaha, of the apple crop of these farms which are among the best in this part of the state. Mr. J. J. Smith is the father of Mrs. T. B. Bates of this city and is one of the best known fruit raisers in the state and has been prominent for the last twenty-five years in the horticulture circles of Nebraska.

## OIL TEST WELL IS STILL UNCERTAIN

**However a Chance Will be Offered if Farmers Sign Up Land to Protect the Men Investing.**

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Owing to the attitude of a few land owners in Mt. Pleasant and Rock Bluff precincts, who thus far have held back from leasing their land to the big eastern oil company willing to spend many thousand dollars of good money in Cass county in drilling operations, the company wired here to their representative last week to surrender all leases to the land owners and return east.

The company's geologist, Mr. Glen M. Ruby, of Denver, Colorado, has spent a great deal of time working out the structure which is known to exist in Cass county. Mr. Ruby is one of the really successful and most prominent oil geologists of the country. He is firmly of the opinion that there is an excellent chance of discovering oil and gas here. George L. Kerr, of Pittsburgh, another representative of the company, who has been doing the leasing, is also of the same opinion. Owing to the strong belief of these gentlemen in the likelihood of success if drilling is permitted to proceed, the company officials to come here from Pennsylvania. These officials have consented to keep the proposition open a few days longer in expectation that the few land owners still holding out might yet be prevailed upon to come in.

While here the company officials called on Dr. George E. Condra, head of the State Geological Survey at the University at Lincoln. They found him optimistic over the prospects of there being oil and gas deposited in the deep test well being put down by the corporation. This Colorado well is located as far from other oil and gas production as Cass county is. It is being drilled on geological structure discovered and worked out by Mr. Ruby, the same geologist who has worked out the Cass county structure. The gas is strong in gasoline content indicating that with deeper drilling the well may develop into a wonderful oil gusher.

On account of their geologist's favorable find in a remote part of Colorado and Dr. Condra's deep interest in having the company start drilling work here the officials decided to keep the matter open a few days longer to see if the remaining farms which they must have for their protection cannot be leased.

## YOUR TELEPHONE

"I am the telephone. While I am not broke, I am in the hands of a receiver. I have a mouthpiece, but never use it. Follows use me to make dates with girls, and girls use me to break dates. Husbands call up their wives over me and wives call their husbands down over me. I never get to call anywhere, but sometimes the company comes and takes me out. I am not a bee, but I often buzz. I am the "bell" of the town, and while I do not wear jewelry, I often get rings. I am the telephone."

## OLD SETTLER MAKES A CALL

From Monday's Daily—  
While in the city Saturday afternoon, Chris Bell, one of the old residents of the vicinity of Kenosha, was a caller at the Journal to advance his subscription to the Journal for another year. Mr. Bell, who has not been in the best of shape during the summer is now feeling much better and despite his eighty years is hale and hearty and takes a keen interest in the progress of the community.

## GRAND JURY COMPLETES INVESTIGATION

**ADJOURNS LAST NIGHT AT 8 O'CLOCK AFTER 2 WEEKS' OF HARD LABOR.**

## INDICTMENTS HELD SECRET

**When Warrants and Indictments are Served on Parties Will be Made Public.**

From Wednesday's Daily—  
Last evening the grand jury, which has been in session at the court house since November 13, completed its duties and returned its reports to the district court on the finding in the various matters that have been handled by them behind the closed doors of its room.

The indictments returned of which there are reported to have been 44, will be secret until they and the warrants are served on the parties involved and will then be made public by the clerk of the district court. The officers of the court have been busily engaged in the preparation of the papers in the various cases and as required by law have declined to give any intimation of the nature of the indictments or on whom they may be served as well as to the number of the indictments returned and the members of the jury preserving the silence that they have observed throughout the proceedings, departing for their homes without allowing any intimation of the charges or on whom they might be served to leak out.

From the fact that the indictments have been returned it will not be surprising if some very startling developments are revealed when the ban of secrecy is lifted and the nature of the indictments made public.

The jury has been very faithful to its sworn duty and has delved into the matters brought before it in a fearless manner and in observance of its oath as the investigating body requesting by the people of Cass county and in the discharge of its duties has gone ahead as it saw fit to give to the people of the county the best service that lay in its power.

The investigation not only brought to the attention of the various localities so that almost every portion of the county was represented on the panel. The jurors were C. J. Pankonin, Louisville, foreman; August Went, Murdock; E. P. Stewart, Plattsmouth; Rue H. Frans, Union; George Horn, Plattsmouth; Hugh Warden, Union; J. I. Corley, Weeping Water; John P. Meisinger, Plattsmouth; H. P. Dehning, Wabash; Sherman Cole, Mynard; C. D. Fulmer, Greenwood; John Spangler, Louisville; R. H. Ingwerson, Nebraska; A. J. Schafer, Nehawka; Henry Stander, Louisville; Albert A. Wallinger, Elmwood.

The task assigned these men was not the most pleasant in the world but they have acted as their citizenship demanded; frankly and fearlessly in the discharge of their duty and Cass county should appreciate their services.

In its final report the jury recommended to the district court that in view of many matters that were outlaid by the lapse of time before they were called into being, that there be another jury called next year to investigate any matters that may be brought to their attention that the interests of the people of Cass county might be protected.

In the investigations before the jury D. O. Dwyer of this city appeared as the prosecutor for the county and Hon. W. T. Thompson of Lincoln, assistant attorney general, represented the state of Nebraska.

## THE NEW CASH MEAT MARKET

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Frank E. Valley of this city and his brother, Glen Valley have just taken over the ownership of the Cash meat market on South Sixth street and are now looking after the interests of their patrons. The firm will be known as the Valley Brothers and with two hustlers like Frank and Glen the market will be made the very best that they can secure for the Plattsmouth people. Operating on a strictly cash basis the market is offering the greatest amount of meat for the money and will see that their lines are kept up in the best of shape at all times. A force of clerks are on hand all of the time and free delivery made both morning and afternoon for the benefit of the patrons.

Buy for the fastidious friend at St. Mary's Gift Shop December 5th at M. W. A. hall.

## ENJOY FAMILY GATHERING

From Tuesday's Daily—  
The home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Soennichsen was the scene of a very pleasant family gathering on Sunday when they entertained their relatives for a few hours in their new home that they have just settled in on North Fifth street. As the guests of the day there were present Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gunderson of Vermillion, South Dakota; parents of Mrs. Soennichsen, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Soennichsen, parents of Mr. Soennichsen; Mr. and Mrs. Waldemar Soennichsen and Miss Mathilde Soennichsen and the occasion was very delightfully spent in visiting and the enjoyment of a fine family dinner.

## ELKS WILL HOLD ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE SUNDAY

**Ceremonies at Lodge Rooms will be Open to the Public—To Recall Those Who've Passed On.**

The annual memorial service of the B. P. O. E. will be observed by the local lodge with services held at the lodge room on Sunday afternoon, December 3rd and which in keeping with the teachings of the order will be very impressive and beautiful. The first Sunday in December has been set aside by this great American fraternity as the day when the heart of Elksdom will recall those of their members who have gone to come no more into the circles that know them well and in keeping with this sentiment the day is most beautifully remembered by the memorial service.

The committee in charge of the service is preparing a very interesting and appropriate ceremony and a most cordial invitation is extended to the public to be present and attend the service.

## YOUNG SCHOOL TEACHER MEETS A TRAGIC DEATH

**Miss Alberta Van Kleek of Lincoln, Well Known in this City, is a Victim of Fatal Burning.**

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Mrs. Clarence L. Beal and sister, Miss Fern Noble, and Joseph McMacken, Jr., of this city have just returned from Walthill, Nebraska, where they were called by the tragic death of Miss Alberta Van Kleek, well known former university girl and who is known to many Plattsmouth people as having been a friend here quite often at the A. R. Noble home.

Miss Van Kleek was teaching at one of the Walthill schools and last week one morning was engaged in lighting a fire at the school house, using a can of oil to start the fire, which she caught fire and the can exploded, the burning oil being thrown over the young lady and she was burned very severely before she was rescued and medical aid called to her side. The burns had started to heal nicely but the shock to the heart of the unfortunate girl was so severe and on Friday she passed away.

The funeral services were held Sunday at Walthill and was one of the largest ever held in that locality and hundreds who had learned to love the young teacher during her short stay there were present to render their tributes of respect and the wealth of floral remembrances spoke silently of the feeling of regret that her death had brought.

The body was brought to Lincoln to await the arrival of the parents from California. This morning Mrs. A. R. Noble departed for Lincoln to meet the mother of the unfortunate girl who is to arrive there today and who had learned of the burning of the daughter but not of her death.

The death of Miss Van Kleek is the second tragedy of this kind in the family as a few years ago an elder sister was killed in a similar manner and the second death of this kind will come as a severe blow to the relatives.

Miss Van Kleek was nineteen years of age and had lived for the greater part of her lifetime in Lincoln where she was for a number of years a student at the University of Nebraska.

## WILL SERVE DINNER

To gratify the popular demand St. Mary's Guild has consented to serve its famous mid-day meal in connection with the Christmas shop. St. Mary's Guild dinners need no introduction and they are pleased to announce that they will serve the same delicious dinner consisting of chicken, jellied veal, special baked potatoes, Boston baked beans, hot rolls, pie and coffee as they have in the past. An oyster supper will be served for the evening meal. Both on the European plan. All are welcome. Wednesday, December 5, M. W. A. hall.

## BANQUET OF Y. M. B. C. IS A BIG SUCCESS

**THIRTEENTH ANNUAL "FEED" IS LARGELY ATTENDED—FINE TIME HAD.**

## REV. BROOKS IS THE SPEAKER

**Hugh Wallace and Members of Concord Club of Omaha Furnish Lots of Real Fun.**

## BISHOP SHAYLER PREACHES HERE

**Head of Episcopal Church in Nebraska Gives Very Able Address to People of City.**

From Monday's Daily—  
Last evening the Plattsmouth people were given a very pleasant treat at the evening worship hour at the St. Luke's church when the congregation was addressed by the Rt. Rev. Ernest V. Shayler, bishop of Nebraska.

The eloquent prelate was at his best and in his usual forceful and able manner presented the plea for the Christian life and the return of the people of the nation to the worship of the God of the forefathers and the living in their daily lives of the teaching of the Son of Man.

This afternoon, Bishop Shayler addressed the members of the Church School Service League at the church and this evening he will hold services at the St. Luke's church and these services are of such an inspiring nature that the general public is showing a marked interest in them and all are urged to attend the services and especially the members of the St. Luke's parish.

While the feast was being served Hugh Wallace of Omaha, live wire and enterprising par excellence, was on hand and led the banquets in singing and various stunts that kept everyone in the rapt of humor and well prepared for the many good things that were to come afterward.

As the presiding genius of the evening in the role of toastmaster, Fred J. Warren was very pleasing and showed a surprising knowledge of the toasts and as well had several "hot ones" handed to himself by the other speakers of the evening.

The members of the party welcomed by Henry Leacock, president of the class, who expressed the pleasure of the class at the attendance and also invited those who were without church associations to a closer relationship with the class by membership and attendance at their meetings on Tuesday nights and at the morning hour on Sunday.

Dr. Paul F. Henkleman, was given the honor of the response to the address of welcome and the genial and popular young man who has been with us a very short time made a most pleasing impression and the good feeling and kindly regard that he expressed for Plattsmouth and its people can certainly be returned in the way that regard that the people here have learned to feel for their new fellow citizen.

Attorney A. H. Duxbury, the superintendent of the Sunday school of the church, gave a short address along the lines of the need of the men of the community being more interested in the church and the work that would make their lives better by the contact with the religious ideals of the world. The value of the church to the community was without appreciation and the speaker aptly pointed to the fact that few people would care to live in Plattsmouth if it did not have the many splendid churches and Sunday schools to make the community better to live in.

A pleasing arrangement of the program was the cornet solo of J. M. Byergo and in which the artist showed his very pleasing skill on this instrument.

While the banqueters were awaiting the main speech of the evening the noted Dr. Ivan Awlutich and his associate, Prof. Wun Lung Gon, crystal reader soothsayer, were announced and for several minutes the entertainers kept the members of the party in an uproar with their very clever stunts and jokes on the various members seated around the banquet table.

The main address of the evening was by Rev. A. A. Brooks, pastor of the Trinity Methodist church of Lincoln, and who is well known here by the fact that his brother, W. G. Brooks, having been here as the superintendent of schools and with whom Rev. Brooks was a frequent visitor. The subject of the speaker was "Abraham Lincoln," and eloquently and ably the orator paid tribute to the great outstanding figure of American history—the man of sorrows who, bowed by the grief of the nation, had steered through the perilous channels of the civil war the ship of state and the victory of the right over wrong only to pass from the scene of his triumph in its richest, fullest hour, his mission fulfilled and who sleeps today beneath the soil of the state that gave him to the nation. The faith of Lincoln, the desire to be on the side of the

## DODGE COUNTY COURT PASSES ON SALARY RAISE

**Appeal of Taxpayers to the District Court Dismissed for Lack of Court's Jurisdiction.**

From Tuesday's Daily—  
In the district court at Fremont a very interesting case has just been passed upon by Judge F. W. Button presiding judge of that county, and Judges James T. Begley of Plattsmouth and Lightner of Columbus, who were requested by Judge Button to sit in with him in the case.

The action was on an appeal made by a group of the taxpayers of Dodge county to the district court from the action of the board of supervisors of Dodge county, in raising the salaries of the county officials and under the population as over 25,000 and under the finding the salaries of the county officials were raised accordingly.

The decision in the case was written by Judge Begley at the request of his colleagues on the bench and in this the contention of the defense as to the lack of jurisdiction was sustained as the remedy did not lie in making an appeal from the county board decision as they had jurisdiction in the matters upon which they had acted. The court ruling was that the plaintiff's remedy was to come before the court on a writ of error and not on an appeal.

The case has attracted much attention in Dodge county and a great deal of interest was taken in it by the residents of that county. In taking up the writ of error the plaintiffs should have taken action in the six months following the action of the county board.

## DEATH OF YOUNG LAD

From Tuesday's Daily—  
The home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gerbeling at Wabash was darkened by sorrow yesterday morning when their twelve year old son, Glen, passed away after a few days' illness from a very acute attack of appendicitis. The lad was taken sick Saturday and his case so severe that it was necessary to operate at once and the operation was performed at the home, but the little son failed to rally as the system was in very bad shape owing to the bursting of the appendix and death came to his relief yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. The funeral services will be held today at the Baptist church at Wabash, Rev. W. A. Taylor officiating. In their loss the family will have the deep sympathy of the many friends over the county.

## VISITING AT MURRAY

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Miss Clara Rusterhoff of Stiglis, Michigan, is visiting at the home of Mrs. L. Rusterhoff west of Murray. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Levi Jewell also Harvey Jewell of Cedar Falls, Iowa, nephews and cousins of Mrs. Rusterhoff and Mrs. Beckner.



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There is no mystery about what makes a town or a county a good place in which to live and work. Given reasonable natural advantages, the determining factor is the loyalty and enthusiasm with which the citizens "pull together" for the common good.

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