

The Plattsmouth Journal

DEATH CALLS CASS COUNTY PIONEER LADY

**MRS. ABIGAIL E. SMITH PASSES
AWAY AT AGE OF NINETY-
ONE YEARS SATURDAY**

A RESIDENT HERE SINCE 1858

**Pioneer of Rock Bluffs and a Lady
Universally Loved and Es-
teemed by Friends.**

From Monday's Daily—

Death called early Saturday evening one of the oldest residents in Cass county, Mrs. Abigail E. Smith, at her home on the farm near old Rock Bluffs where for the past sixty-six years she has made her home and at the ripe old age of ninety-one years and five months.

Grandma Smith, as she has been known for many years to the residents of this portion of Cass county was one of the fast disappearing types of the pioneer women of the west and her life's story is closely interwoven with the romantic history of the early settlement of this portion of Nebraska where her life has been spent.

The deceased lady, who was a daughter of the late Frederick A. Seybolt and wife, was born in New York, October 4, 1832, and spent her early childhood there and in her first flush of maidenhood was married to Harrison Smith, also of that locality and who has preceded her in death many years ago.

It was in 1858 that the young couple came to Cass county, Nebraska, locating at Rock Bluffs, then a flourishing village of some 500 persons and one of the leading cities of the new territory that was just springing into being in the great western empire of the United States.

In common with the other residents of that early day, Mr. and Mrs. Smith endured the common hardships of the first settlers and lived to see the hopes and dreams of a real homeland arise in the community where they had located and the great civilizations of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries come and change the frontier into one of the greatest states of the American Union.

Mrs. Smith has been called upon often in her lifetime to bow her head under the rod at the command of death and preceding her journey to the great beyond were the husband and two children, Willard S. Smith, who died in 1885 and a daughter, Mrs. Flora Chalfant.

There remain to mourn the passing of the mother one son, George S. Smith, as well as a number of grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the late home nestled among the hills which the departed had loved so dearly and the last rites were celebrated by the Rev. H. G. McCluskey, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city and the services largely attended by the old friends of the deceased and her family.

The body was consigned to rest in the Young cemetery where the other members of the family are resting in common, and the summons when all things of earth shall pass away.

NEBRASKA CITY MAN TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

**Heston Green, Brother-in-Law of B.
C. Hyde and Well Known in
This City, the Victim.**

From Monday's Daily—

Relatives and friends here of Heston Green, who has been making his home in Nebraska City for some time, were shocked to learn of the untimely death of Mr. Green Saturday by suicide. Mr. Green was a brother-in-law of B. C. Hyde of this city. The Nebraska City News has the following very graphic account of the unfortunate affair:

family called Chief of Police Turley Cook and Sheriff Ryder, W. F. Moran, county attorney, and Herman Karstens, undertaker, went to the Green home and found the body on the garage floor. It was rigid and a sack had been placed under the head.

"The revolver was lying on his right hand which had been doubled up even with the arm pit. Examination showed that the bullet had penetrated his right temple and lodged over his right eye. It did not pass through his entire head.

"A note explaining Green's act was found in his vest pocket. In part it said: 'I see where I am going. I want to go before it is too late. God bless you and me. I want to go before I harm someone else.'

"He apparently died instantly and without a struggle say those who examined the body. Mr. Green, when interviewed, told officers that her husband was a man of few words and did not talk of his personal affairs. She said he was out frequently at night and that they probably knew more of his wanderings than she had been told. 'He always carried a gun,' she added.

"Green had lived in Nebraska City about a year, coming here from Knox, Iowa, where he had conducted a general merchandise store. He is survived by his wife and four children, the youngest five years old. Two of the children are married.

"No inquest will be held in connection with the death.

WILL START THE FIRST WORK ON HOME ADDITIONS

**Plans Not Quite Ready For Bidding
On Building But Excavation
Will Be Made.**

From Monday's Daily—

The first steps towards construction of the new addition to the Nebraska Masonic Home will be taken up at once as the call for bids for the excavation for the building has been called for by the board of control and will be made under the supervision of the board. The site of the addition has been decided upon which will permit this preliminary work to be out of the way when the construction of the building is started.

Owing to the fact that there are a few details yet to be completed as to the building proper the bids for the building itself have not been called for and will be taken up later and the contractors given an opportunity of making bids on the construction of the building and this will probably be in the next few weeks.

W. R. YOUNG NAMED AS DEPUTY SHERIFF

**Sheriff E. P. Stewart Appoints Well
Known Auctioneer to Position
Who Files His Bond.**

ELMWOOD MER- CHANT RECOVERS STOLEN GOODS

**Omaha Detectives and Saunders
County Sheriff Recover Loot
in Sensational Raid.**

From Monday's Daily—

As the result of the weakening of 2 men arrested at Wahoo some time ago, on Saturday there was staged at Omaha a sensational raid, conducted by members of the Omaha detective force and the sheriff of Saunders and Washington counties, and which brought to light some \$8,000 in stolen merchandise that had been brot to the metropolis and disposed of among a number of parties in Omaha and which was recovered for the owners.

Among the outstate merchants who suffered loss was L. F. Langhorst, of Elmwood, whose store was robbed the last part of November and of which there had been no trace found of the thieves until the raids made in Omaha, and as the result, Mr. Langhorst will recover a goodly amount of his stock.

Glen Morse, awaiting sentence at Wahoo with Ellis E. Hahn for looting the Tony Kritz general store at Weston, Nebraska, were the men who gave the first intimation of the location of the stolen property.

Hahn and Morse, in their confessions, implicated Roland Lowe of Herman, Nebraska, who was arrested yesterday and brought to Omaha. He was named as one who helped in the robberies.

When the loot had been taken into the detective bureau and piled on tables, chairs and desks, the room took on the appearance of a general merchandise store.

"These robber gangs are a real menace to the small town merchants of Nebraska," said Mr. Langhorst, who accompanied officials in the seizures. "We have made a big dent in their operations and will have the rest of them in jail before long."

Believes Three Gangs Operate
Langhorst said he believed there were three gangs operating in the finer quality of merchandise, he said, had been shipped out of Omaha.

BOARD OF EDU- CATION TO LOOK UP BOND ISSUE

**With Additional Members Board To
Take Steps to Invest and Re-
tire the Bonds.**

From Tuesday's Daily—

The board of education which has just received two new members to their official body, Searl S. Davis, who has succeeded A. G. Cole, and Frank A. Cloidt, who will replace Frank E. Schlatter, met last evening and decided to take up the matter of trying to get a more satisfactory arrangement of the finances of the school district which has in the last few days been discussed to some extent.

The board found that there are at this time \$65,000 in twenty-year bonds outstanding against the school district which covers the cost of the new high school building in this city. As one of the members states these bonds are drawing five per cent interest.

It is the desire of the board of education to at once take up with the bond holders the proposition of calling some \$20,000 of the bonds if possible and to this extent reduce the indebtedness of the district. At this time the bond holders could find more attractive bond investments at a better interest rate than the school bonds and Mr. Davis is hopeful of being able to have these bonds retired.

The board has also been advised that it can invest the sinking fund of the board of education in regard to the school finances over which the board has complete control, the board of education appointed a similar committee on confer with the council and between these two bodies there should be a clearer understanding of the financial situation of the city and the school district that will be beneficial to both.

HOUSE VOTES AID TO STARVING GERMANS

**Resolution Appropriating Ten Mil-
lion Dollars to Buy Food For
Women and Children.**

Washington, March 24.—Disregarding party lines, the house tonight adopted a resolution to appropriate \$10,000,000 for the purchase of food supplies for destitute women and children in Germany.

Three hours were devoted to debate after which a score of amendments were offered. Only one, by Representative Jones, democrat, Texas, which provided that the supplies should be purchased wherever possible thru farmer organizations, was adopted, 165 to 68.

Amendments rejected by viva voce vote included one by Representative Burdett, republican, North Dakota, to confine the supplies purchased to wheat and another by Representative Fuld, farmer-labor, Minnesota, to increase the appropriation to \$20,000,000.

STORK GETS BUSY

From Monday's Daily—

The stork has been a very busy bird in this locality in the past forty-eight hours and as the result there are a number of new arrivals that add to the delights and pleasure of a number of the homes in this city and vicinity. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Crandall in the west part of the city a fine son and heir arrived Sunday and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Reeves a bouncing little girl. The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lohnes near Cedar Creek was also made happy by a fine son and heir who arrived there Saturday evening.

RECEIVES OFFICIAL NOTICE

From Monday's Daily—

The apostolic bulls, officially notifying the Rt. Rev. Monsignor F. J. Beckmann of Cincinnati, Ohio, of his appointment as bishop of Lincoln, arrived yesterday from Rome. The date of the consecration of Monsignor Beckmann has been set for Thursday, May 1, at the cathedral at Cincinnati and the date of his installation as bishop of Lincoln has been set for Thursday, May 15, at the cathedral at Lincoln.

DEMOCRATS ISSUE CALL FOR STATE CONVENTION

**Cass County Will Have 19 Delegates
at State Meet at Omaha on
Thursday, May 1st.**

From Tuesday's Daily—

The official call for the democratic state convention has been made by the chairman of the state central committee, Tom S. Allen, and will base the strength of the convention at one delegate for each 125 or fraction of votes cast for James M. Cox for president in 1920.

Under the call Cass county will have 19 delegates to the state meeting which will be held at the auditorium in Omaha on Thursday, May 1. The county conventions to select the state delegates will be held in the various seats on April 24th. The committee recommends that no proxies be allowed at the convention.

SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

From Tuesday's Daily—

The many friends of Mrs. Minnie Plickard will be pleased to know that she is doing very nicely at the Swedish Mission hospital in Omaha where she was operated on the first part of last week for an attack of appendicitis and that her condition is very pleasing and that she was able yesterday to take some food for the first time and is feeling very much improved and it is hoped that her stay at the hospital is to be of short duration and that she may be able to get back home and resume her work in the local postoffice.

ISSUES DISTRESS WARRANTS

From Tuesday's Daily—

In an effort to collect taxes due the county for a number of years Miss Mta F. Gering, county treasurer, has issued distress warrants against the delinquent taxpayers that numbers 800 and may be more by the time all of the warrants are issued. These have been turned over to Sheriff E. P. Stewart and will be served on the parties on whom the treasurer has levied the warrants.

JUROR IN JAIL, CASE TO BE RETRIED AS THE RESULT

**Judge Begley Trying Case in Omaha
Finds Juror Had Wandered
From Right Path**

From Tuesday's Daily—

Judge James T. Begley, who has been in Omaha the past week holding court for Judge A. C. Tromp, who has been quite sick for several days, had a very unique experience with the jury in a \$60,000 damage suit and the whole case will have to be retried after having progressed as far as the arguments of the attorneys in the case.

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The car of Mr. Taylor was coming west on Main street and the driver was preparing to make the grade leading up high school hill as he neared the intersection and that he would clear the intersection before the car of Mr. Connors which was going south on Sixth street reached the intersection.

The rear portion of the car of Mr. Taylor was struck by the front of the Connors car as it was just passing the intersection. The force of the impact caused the windshield in the Connors car to break and the broken glass rained on the occupants of the car but luckily without cutting anyone. The two cars skidded on the slippery street and turned completely around by the force of the collision and the two front wheels of the Connors car suffered some damage and the right rear wheel of the Taylor car was cracked in the accident, the owner of the car later stated.

The car of Mr. Taylor was thrown over against the curb on the Main street park and it required some little work to get the car in running shape but it was possible to run it off from the scene of the accident under its own power. The car of Mr. Connors was taken to the garage and the damages estimated by the owner at some \$23.

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BOY SCOUTS ARE GIVEN A TREAT

**P. E. O. Ladies Serve Members of
Youths' Organization With
Refreshments.**

From Tuesday's Daily—

The members of the Plattsmouth Boy Scouts are considering themselves very fortunate over the fact that they were the recipients of a very fine feed last evening at the conclusion of their regular meeting at the high school gym.

The boys in the earlier part of the evening held their investiture services and five new members were given their tenderfoot degree and allowed to enter into the scout work and the officers of the various troops assisted in the carrying out of the ceremonies.

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