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## C. LE ROY MEISINGER IN STARTLING EXPERIENCE

Member of Well Known Cass County Family With Companion Adrift in Balloon.

After being adrift in the air spaces in a balloon for a period of forty-two hours, C. Leroy Meisinger, of Lincoln, a member of the well known Meisinger family of this county, with his companion, Lieut. I. A. Lawson, U. S. A., managed to make a landing at Waltersboro, South Carolina, after being blown and tossed in the April gales almost half way across the United States Wednesday night, according to dispatches from Washington, D. C.

The men had ascended to test the accuracy of theoretical observations of movements of air currents at Scott field flying field at Belleville, Illinois, Mr. Meisinger being a member of the United States weather bureau, and their balloon was caught in a gale that swept them away in the strong wind to the southeast and for more than forty-two hours they were out of communication with the earth.

The men had carried with them a number of carrier pigeons and post cards but none of these were received at Scott field and the first word of their whereabouts came from the news of their landing in South Carolina.

The balloon with its occupants had traveled at a wild pace over 7,500 miles and in the midst of a very severe gale the greater part of the, which made the journey far from pleasant. The men fortunately had with them in the balloon provisions that would last them several days and did not suffer an hardships in this respect.

Mrs. J. B. Meisinger, 3025 South street, Lincoln, received a message from her son Thursday morning, which was very reassuring to the mother as to the safety of the son. C. Leroy Meisinger is son of the late John B. Meisinger and grandson of bats Meisinger, the eldest of the Meisinger brothers who came to Cass county in an early day, and is a grand nephew of Conrad and P. H. Meisinger of this city and vicinity.

## PLATTSMOUTH GIRL WINS FIRST PLACE

Miss Elizabeth Sitzman of This City Awarded First Place in Short-hand in District Meet.

From Friday's Daily—  
Miss Elizabeth Sitzman of this city won first place in shorthand in the annual district contest of the eastern portion of the state, and which gave Miss Elizabeth Sitzman the title of champion shorthand typist in the list of those taking part for the best and most accurate work.

This commercial contest was participated in by a large number of schools and the result in the shorthand work between Miss Sitzman and one of the representatives of the Omaha Central school was very close and made necessary a re-grading of the papers with the result that the judges gave the well deserved honor to the Plattsmouth young lady.

This recognition is one that is very pleasing to the school here and to the winner, as she has been one of the most efficient pupils in this course of study in the school.  
Miss Sitzman will now be sent to the state contest where all of the district winners will compete for the final honors of the various high schools.

## MAKES A REAL AUTO

From Friday's Daily—  
The Kansas City Star carries an advertisement of the Robinson She Co., of that city offering a real auto to the successful boy or girl who receives the largest number of votes. This car is of particular interest to Plattsmouth people as it was designed and built by Nellig C. Coates, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Coates of Kansas City, former residents of Plattsmouth. The car was started some fifteen years ago by the young man and he has since outgrown it and the machine proved so pleasing that the Automobile club of Kansas City gave Mr. Coates a membership in recognition of his work.

## INJURED AT SHOPS

Yesterday afternoon, Harry Gouchenour, one of the employes in the Burlington shops, was unfortunately enough to receive a very painful injury at his work that will result in his face being decidedly sore as well as the loss of two teeth which were knocked out when he was struck on the face and head by a block while working on the repairs of a box car. The accident was not dangerous, however, and it is thought that Harry will soon be able to be back on the job helping fix up the box cars.

## MARBLE TOURNAMENT

From Friday's Daily—  
The center of interest at the Central school building among the younger boys has been the marble tournament which has been held and the first round of which was played yesterday afternoon and attracted a great deal of attention. There were some seventy boys in the opener and the members of the party showed some very good shooting in the various games staged. The contest was supervised by C. H. Peden, scout-master of the local boy scouts.

## VERY PRETTY WEDDING AT WEEPING WATER

Miss Anna May Askew of Fairplay, Mo., Married to Mr. Benjamin W. Gibson Last Monday.

From Friday's Daily—  
On Monday, March 31st, at 2:30 o'clock at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gibson, occurred the marriage of Miss Anna May Askew of Fairplay, Missouri, to Mr. Benjamin Warren Gibson of Weeping Water.

Promptly at 2:30 the sweet strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, played at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gibson, occurred the marriage of Miss Anna May Askew of Fairplay, Missouri, to Mr. Benjamin Warren Gibson of Weeping Water.

The bride was beautifully attired in white satin and lace, and the groom wore a neat suit of dark. Mrs. Munson, a sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. Munson as best man.

After hearty congratulations the guests were invited into the dining room, which was prettily decorated in pink and white, and were served to delicate refreshments by Mrs. C. H. Gibson, assisted by Ruella Jackman and Lavern Gibson. Passing from the dining room the guests were served with delicious punch by Irene Gibson. The color scheme of the refreshments corresponded to the decorations of the rooms.

The bride is a charming young lady who has been here a few months visiting with her sisters. For the past four years she has been with relatives in California, and is a fitting help mate for the man who has chosen her to walk down the pathway of life by his side.

The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gibson and grew to manhood in this vicinity. He is one of our prosperous young farmers and a man of high ideals and has made a success by close application to business.

Twenty-eight relatives and friends were present to witness the ceremony and bestowed the best wishes upon the happy couple.

The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Sudduth and family of Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Munson of Avoca, Mr. and Mrs. W. Stubbendick of Unadilla, Mrs. Mable Dwindell and daughter of Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jackman and family of Wabash.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson will live on the home place one and a half miles southwest of Weeping Water.—Weeping Water Republican.

## BAD CHECK ARTISTS TO BE CLEANED UP

County Attorney Capwell to Start a Drive in Few Days on Those Passing Bad Paper.

From Friday's Daily—  
There has been a tendency on the part of many all over the county to pass out worthless checks in large numbers and these have been accumulating at the office of County Attorney J. A. Capwell for the past few weeks and the county legal advisor has now arranged the other matters of the office so that he can take up the spring offensive on the bad paper pushers and will have them in to explain the why and wherefore of the placing out of the worthless checks.

This has been made an offense that is subject to fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court and is one of the most frequent law violations that the county authorities have had to deal with and the parties have been given ample opportunity of getting the checks straightened up and those who have failed to do so will have to face the music. Mr. Capwell states as he feels that if the checks were given in good faith the makers have had a chance to get them made good and if they do not intend to do so, that they suffer the consequence of their act.

The children find real delight in the Easter eggs that are sold at the Bates Book and Stationery store. Call in and see them.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERIANS

Election of Officers of First Presbyterian Church Held at Church Parlors Wednesday.

From Friday's Daily—  
There were a large number of the members of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church present at the church parlors on Wednesday evening to enjoy the regular supper served prior to the mission study classes of the church which have been a very strong feature of the winter courses of instruction as well as to take part in the election of the officers and the reports of the year's work in the various church societies.

The parlor of the church had been very elaborately decorated in the Easter colors under the supervision of Mrs. Monte Streight and were very attractive for the meeting.

The reports of the various societies reflected a very successful year and in this past year thirty new members had been received into the church.

The Christian Endeavor society reported that its average attendance was more than fifty young people, which was another very gratifying showing for the year.

The officers of the church chosen were as follows: Frank B. Shopp and Glenn Perry elected elders for three years, Mr. Shopp being re-elected. Frank A. Cloidt and John F. Gorder were elected to the board of trustees for a term of three years. George L. Parley was named as church treasurer. C. A. Rawls, who has been in charge of the work of the Sunday school, was re-elected by a unanimous vote and will have as his assistant officers, Miss Pearl Staats, assistant superintendent; Mrs. Yerna Goos, secretary; Miss Estelle Baird, pianist; Miss Helen Wurt, assistant pianist; Mrs. Nelson Jean, superintendent cradle roll; Mrs. H. F. Goos, assistant superintendent cradle roll; Mrs. H. G. McClusky, superintendent primary department.

## BISHOP STUNTZ SOON TO RETURN TO OMAHA

Distinguished Methodist Churchman Stricken in Florida to Be Brought Home to Recuperate.

From Thursday's Daily—  
Reports from Miami, Florida, state that Bishop H. C. Stuntz of the Omaha district, who was stricken at the Florida resort several weeks ago with paralysis, is now slowly gaining in strength and now can sit up an hour each day and in a few days it is expected he will be brought to Omaha and placed in the Methodist hospital there for treatment and to recuperate.

Bishop Stuntz has asked the church to place him on the retired list of bishops as his health will never be sufficiently vigorous for him to carry on the work of the church as he has in the past and he feels that the tasks should fall on more active shoulders in the future and in May the official board of the church will take up the matter of his retirement and the calling of a new bishop to the Omaha area that includes the states of Nebraska and Iowa.

The illness of Bishop Stuntz makes the second great leader to fall under the burden of his labors as Bishop Quayle of the Chicago district has suffered a similar breakdown in health and which removes these two active figures at the same time from the fields of labors of the church.

## SHERIFF KEPT BUSY

The voters over the county may have wondered why they had not had the opportunity of meeting Sheriff E. P. Stewart, who is a candidate for the republican nomination to that office, as frequently as they have with other candidates, but the sheriff has been handicapped in his primary race by the fact that the duties of the office have kept him right on the job and he believes that he is doing the duties of the position better by a strict attention to business even at the price of losing votes. Mr. Stewart has a very conscientious view of the duties of a servant of the people and believes that the taxpayers of the county should have the full services of their officials on the job instead of neglecting them for private interests or the promoting of his individual candidacy. There is a great deal of office routine in the office that must be attended to and all the accounts of the office kept up in first class shape and also there have been many papers to serve and the handling of the distress warrants landed in his hands by the county treasurer and this has kept the sheriff right on the job of looking after the interests of the office. Mr. Stewart will be appreciative of the support of the citizens of the county if he cannot get in personal touch with them but will look after his sworn duties first regardless of the primary election as he believes that is what any officer should do in justice to the people of the county.

## GOLFITIS WORKING

The golf bug is abroad in the land and the course of the Plattsmouth golf club in the southwest part of the city is one of the chief points of attraction to a large number of the male population. The early morning golfers are right on the job and a new recruit has been secured for their ranks in the person of C. A. Rosenerans, who now arises at the unheard of (for him) hour of 5:30 to join Andy, "Bill" and "Bundy" in a forenoon on the links and the quartet have made some very fine scores so far this season.

## GEORGE F. WILSON MAKES SHORT VISIT TO CITY

One of the Candidates For Sheriff Drops in to Visit For a Few Hours With the Voters.

From Thursday's Daily—  
Taking advantage of the improving weather conditions, George F. Wilson, of Elmwood, who is contesting with William Barclay of this city for the democratic nomination for the office of county sheriff, came in yesterday to interview the voters for a few hours and spent some time in meeting with as many as possible of the democratic brethren. The candidate has resided in Elmwood for a long period of years and is one of the business men of that city, being engaged in the handling of an oil station there and has had at other times some experience in the political game as he has been before the people before, having been the progressive party candidate for representative in 1922, but has discovered that the real progressive movements come from the democratic ranks according to his plan to advance their cause to victory.

Mr. Wilson has not had a very extensive acquaintance in this portion of the county and spent some time in meeting with as many as possible of the democratic brethren. The candidate has resided in Elmwood for a long period of years and is one of the business men of that city, being engaged in the handling of an oil station there and has had at other times some experience in the political game as he has been before the people before, having been the progressive party candidate for representative in 1922, but has discovered that the real progressive movements come from the democratic ranks according to his plan to advance their cause to victory.

## PUNCTURED HIS GAS TANK

G. H. Wood, Cashier of the Home State Bank, had a peculiar accident last Sunday while driving through a field over in Sarpy county.

The rear wheel of his car struck a piece of iron in such a way that it flew up and perforated his gasoline tank and left him stranded. He had to return home by other means and the next day Larue Williams, local drayman, went over and pulled him in. Aside from the loss of about fifteen gallons of the juice that makes the world move, but little damage was done.—Louisville Courier.

## ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

From Friday's Daily—  
Radio station WQAW at Omaha celebrated its first anniversary last night with a program by the Omaha Knights Templar band, which has played before over the radio numerous times in the year that WQAW has been in the air.

## NO ACTION AS YET ON SHERIFF MATTER

Board of County Commissioners Has Taken No Steps to Clear Up the Situation Here.

From Thursday's Daily—  
The attitude of the board of county commissioners in the matter of vacating the office of county sheriff still remains in the air, with the board making no definite action to vacate the office or to place the county jail in the hands of the acting sheriff or anyone the board may name to the office, pending the final outcome of the appeal made to the supreme court by C. D. Quinton, who was convicted of malfeasance in office and removed by Judge A. C. Troup.

The case has been discussed several times by the board and this morning County Commissioner C. F. Harris made the statement at the board meeting of being in favor of appointing E. P. Stewart, the present acting sheriff to the office until a successor shall be chosen at the election in November or until the state supreme court definitely acts on the appeal of the case of Mr. Quinton. Mr. Harris also expressed himself in favor of the vacant of the jail and the turning of the custody of the building over to the acting sheriff of the county.

## LOST OR STRAYED

One 3-year-old yellowish red registered Jersey cow. Finder or any one knowing whereabouts notify C. W. Stone, Nehawka, Nebr. a3-25w.

## SARPY COUNTY JURY RETURNS A VERDICT LAST NITE

Finds Fred A. Holmes of University Place and Wm. Grebe Guilty on Four Counts.

From Thursday's Daily—  
The case of the State of Nebraska vs. Fred A. Holmes and William Grebe was occupying the attention of the jury term of the district court at Papillion this week and the trial of the case occupied all day Tuesday and Wednesday and was given to the jury last evening at 6 o'clock and by a verdict of guilty on all of the four counts charged against the two men, which were two counts of usurping the office of state deputy sheriff, false arrest and assault and battery.

The case for the state was prosecuted by County Attorney H. A. Collins of Sarpy county while C. J. Campbell of Lincoln, A. L. Tidd of this city and E. Langdon of Papillion appeared for the defendants. The state through their witnesses set up that the two defendants on the 4th day of November, 1923, had visited the home of William Schwartz an old resident of near Gretna, and represented themselves as state deputy sheriffs and that they had tried to purchase wine and had been refused by Mr. Schwartz and that Holmes had read what purported to be a search warrant issued by County Judge Wheat and that they had entered the house and searched and found several barrels of wine that the complaining witness had for his own use. They had told Mr. Schwartz that he should appear in Papillion and also called the sheriff of Sarpy county. Mr. Schwartz also testified that some fruit and wine had been taken and that it had been placed in the car of Mr. Holmes. He also testified that on November 25th the men had visited his place a second time and that they had come to see if the barrels of wine had been emptied. The complaining witness stated that Holmes had made a gun play at this time and on the first visit on the wife of the complaining witness met the defendants denied making any threats with the gun or otherwise on the parties and that they had said they had a search warrant and that they had entered the house to search it on the request of Mr. Schwartz himself and that on the second visit they had come with the sheriff in a similar manner to the Schwartz place to see if the wine had been emptied out. The defense also stated that they had been ordered to go to the place by the state law enforcement bureau.

Tom Carroll, deputy state sheriff, was called by the defense and testified in a similar manner to his testimony here in the Holmes case as to both Holmes and Grebe being evidenced men and that complaint had been denied giving the men authority to enter the house without a search warrant.

The case has created a great deal of interest in the western portion of Sarpy county where the Schwartz family has lived for a great many years.

## GETS \$100 FINE AND COSTS

From Friday's Daily—  
Last evening, County Judge Allen J. Beeson was called upon to hear a complaint filed in his court against J. L. Green, charging the defendant with having had possession of intoxicating liquors, contrary to the peace and dignity of the people of the state of Nebraska. The court, after hearing the evidence in the case, and the statements of Tom Svoboda, constable, who made the arrest, decided that Mr. Green would have to pay over to the county of Cass the sum of \$100 and the trimmings which go with offenses of this kind and which Mr. Green arranged to look after and he was accordingly released.

## HAS PLEASANT MESSAGE

From Thursday's Daily—  
Miss Alice Louise Westcott of this city received a very pleasant call last night at 12 o'clock when she was called from Chicago by her brother, Mason Westcott, over the long distance telephone and received the first congratulations on her eighteenth birthday. The call was a complete surprise and will be the last opportunity of the family conversing with Mason until next August as he goes at the close of the school year at Northwestern university to the R. O. T. C. camp at Fort Snelling, Minnesota and will not get home until late in the summer.

## FRACTURES ARM

From Friday's Daily—  
Yesterday afternoon, while Edna Blunt, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blunt, was playing on the grounds near the Central school building she was unfortunate enough to stumble and fall and as the result suffered a very severe fracture of the left arm. The injured girl was attended by Dr. R. P. Westover and was taken to the University hospital at Omaha to have the injured arm treated.

## FINE LITTLE DAUGHTER

From Friday's Daily—  
City Clerk-Elect John J. Cloidt will mark this week as one of the red letter periods in his career as it marked his successful election to office as well as the fact that last evening he was greeted with a fine little eight pound daughter who arrived at the Cloidt home and is now with the mother doing very nicely and well pleased with her surroundings and is also the object of much admiration from the proud father and the happy little brother and sister.

## CELEBRATED 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY PLEASANTLY

Home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Zink the Scene of a Happy and Joyous Gathering Sunday.

Sunday, March 30th, Mrs. Herbert Ratnour and Mrs. Fred Zink staged a very effective surprise upon Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Zink in honor of their twenty-fifth anniversary, when in answer to their invitation relatives from different parts of the county came driving into their yard loaded down with good things to eat. To say that the bride and groom of twenty-five years ago were surprised is stating it mildly. The climax of the surprise was attained when they were presented with community silver knives, forks and spoons in behalf of those present.

The invited guests were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Beach, of Lincoln, Mr. Beach being a brother of Mrs. Zink; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller, of Omaha, Mrs. Miller being a sister of Mrs. Zink; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Brown of Lincoln, cousins of Mr. Zink; Mrs. Anna Hunter, an aunt; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zink and Lucile of Omaha, cousins of Mr. Zink; Mr. E. E. Ratnour, Weeping Water; Mrs. Hunter, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mickle, Avoca, childhood playmates of Mrs. Zink; Mr. Lee Hoag and family, University Place, cousins of Mr. Zink; Madeline and Beach Miller, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas, Osceola, nieces and nephews of Mrs. Zink; Miss Clarence Tobias and Carlton Zink; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ratnour; Weeping Water; Mrs. Ratnour being a sister of Mrs. Zink; Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Zink, Murdock. This couple have four children, Ellen, Marjorie, Turner and Carlton, who were all present.

## DIES IN WISCONSIN

Mrs. Philip Kahler has received word from Wisconsin of the death of her aunt, Mrs. Minnie Buskirk, at her home in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, recently, who was the sister of Mrs. Kahler's deceased father, Theodore Boedeker, one of the earliest pioneers of this vicinity. Mr. Boedeker and his sister married a brother and sister, so the tie of relationship is a double one.

The deceased lady was aged well on to ninety years, and was the mother of Mrs. Nora Glover of Weeping Water, who has been in Wisconsin on an extended visit and helped to care for her mother during her last illness. She leaves ten children.—Louisville Courier.

## OIL WELL DRILLING IS PROGRESSING IN FINE SHAPE

Drill Has Sunk Cass County Oil Well to Depth of 375 Feet—Working Day and Night.

Day and night the operations in the Cass county oil fields located on the Z. W. Shrader farm north of Nehawka and west of Murray, continue and the drilling in charge of the work are keeping right on the job in the developing of the well.

The drilling operation has now progressed so far that the well is at the depth of 375 feet and the general feeling at the field is one that there is a great possibility of the paying well being struck as the drilling continues through the soil and rock formation. The latest formation struck by the drill is red rock and this was drilled thru all day yesterday following the passing of limestone, black and red shale and in the first 100 feet of the well a small vein of coal was passed through by the drill but which was very small.

The drill is opening up an eight inch bore and a six inch core that each time the crew "pulls out" is taken out, examined and boxed for shipment to the state university at Lincoln for examination by the geologists at the state school.

The well is sunk on a gentle hillside facing the south and west and is located on the well known Nebraska intercline which has long been regarded by the state university men as the most favorable location for oil in the state and the equipment that is now on the ground will give the fullest test to the possibilities of oil being located in the spit of this part of the state.

In charge of the drilling operations is David DuPres, who has had a very wide experience in oil drilling in all parts of the world and is an expert in his line and has assisted in the actual handling of the machinery one of the best crews from the Oklahoma fields. G. L. Kerr, of this city, is one of the active heads of the oil drilling operations.

The outlook seems the very best and it is the general wish and hope that the well will develop all that the gentlemen who have come here to spend from \$100,000 to \$150,000 in the sinking of the well have hoped and these men who are risking their good coin in the experiment are deserving of the support of the citizens.

## RETURNS FROM CALIFORNIA

From Thursday's Daily—  
Word has just been received here by the relatives from Fred Speck of Sioux City, Iowa, announcing that he had returned home from Long Beach, California, where he was called by the serious illness of his brother, Harry, and that he had brought the brother back with him to Sioux City. Harry has been suffering from several attacks of appendicitis and it was decided that an operation would be necessary and accordingly the young man was placed in the hospital at Sioux City Monday and operated upon. At last reports he was doing nicely.

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Service with Cordiality

Extra Time When You Need It!

With the heavy work of Spring at hand, farmers of Cass county will have mighty little time for not-strictly-necessary activities.

You can save time by carrying a Checking Account at the First National Bank and paying your bills by mail. Open your account before the busy season arrives.

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