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## INJUNCTION IS ASKED FOR POSSESSION OF JAIL

SHERIFF E. P. STEWART ASKS FOR POSSESSION OF CASS COUNTY BASTILLE.

### HEARING SET FOR JUNE 13TH

Petition Also Asks for Restraining of olding up Fees and State-ments as to His Authority.

From Monday's Daily—

This morning in the district court a petition was filed by Sheriff E. P. Stewart through his attorneys, W. A. Robertson, Baker & Ready and A. S. Lewis, Jr., asking that the district court enjoin Carroll D. Quinton, Abraham Lincoln Tidd, Ralph J. Haynie and Andrew P. Sturm from attempting to prevent the payment of the fees of the plaintiff, the publication of notices purporting that C. D. Quinton is the sheriff of Cass county, from the making of statements disputing the authority of the plaintiff as sheriff of Cass county and also to compel the giving up of the jail and custody of the county jail building.

The case was brought before Judge Carroll O. Stauffer of Omaha and on the application of the plaintiff the temporary restraining order was granted and the hearing on making the injunction permanent was set for June 13th at the district court in this city.

The petition of the plaintiff states that on December 9, 1923, a request was made by the defendant, C. D. Quinton of the Hon. Charles W. Bryan, governor of the state of Nebraska, requesting that the governor relieve him of the duties of the office of sheriff of Cass county, pending the trial and determination of indictments returned against said C. D. Quinton by the grand jury of Cass county, and in which he was charged with malfeasance in office. It is also stated that on December 19, 1923, by order of the governor of the state, the said C. D. Quinton was suspended from office pending the outcome of the cases on trial and E. P. Stewart was designated by the governor as the sheriff of Cass county and a bond which was approved by the board of county commissioners of Cass county.

The petition further states that on January 22, 1924, the defendant, C. D. Quinton was convicted on counts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of the indictment for malfeasance in office and that by order of the court he was fined the sum of \$200 and costs and also removed from the office of sheriff of Cass county and that notice of the judgment of the court was given in writing to the board of county commissioners of Cass county.

The petition asks that the restraining order be issued to prevent the defendant from interfering with the plaintiff in the discharge of his office and from making statements to persons that the plaintiff was not the legal appointed sheriff of Cass county and in authority to serve all papers and matters that pertained to the office of sheriff. That the fees of the plaintiff and the salary claims have been held up by appeals by the defendants and that the defendant, C. D. Quinton has refused to surrender to the plaintiff the keys to the county jail and the possession of the building and been refused by the defendant Quinton.

The petition further asks that the defendants and each of them be perpetually enjoined from conspiring by themselves or by the aid of any other person to prevent the payment of the salary and fees due the plaintiff, that they be enjoined from making statements to any person that the plaintiff is not the lawful occupant of the office of sheriff, from publishing notice in substance that C. D. Quinton is the legal sheriff of Cass county, that they be enjoined from preventing the plaintiff from entering into possession of the county jail and that they turn over to the plaintiff the keys of the jail that he may secure possession of said building.

In pursuance of the petition the temporary restraining order was entered giving Mr. Stewart the possession of the jail until the hearing of the motion to make the injunction permanent which will be held on June 13th and the other requests that are made in the petition will also be made effective until the hearing on the permanent injunction.

### DEPARTS OFR McLEAN

From Monday's Daily—  
Saturday morning Mr. and Mrs. Louie Born, accompanied by their daughters, Miss Ethel and Mrs. Fred Boitek, motored to Omaha where Mrs. Born departed for McLean, Neb., from there accompanied by her brother, Mr. Adam Meisinger, where they will visit a few days with their sister Mrs. Adam Frederick, hoping they enjoy their trip and find the folks in their est of health.

### MANY FROM HERE TO ATTEND CITIZENS' CAMP

From Wednesday's Daily—  
The annual Citizens' Military Training camp of the seventh army corps area which is to be held from August 1 to 30, will have a very large representation from the youth of this city if the applications are allowed under the quota for this county. The applications have been filed and sent in and now await the action of the army corps headquarters. The camp at which the Plattsmouth boys will be sent for training is located at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and where the second battalion of the 17th infantry at Fort Crook will be the training instructors. Among those who are planning to attend the training camp are Carl Keil, Stuart Egenberger, Roy Lambert, George Rehal, Herbert Johnson, Russell Wasley.

## THE FIERY CROSS CROSS BLAZES IN STORMY SKIES

Emblem Placed on High School Hill Gives a Thrill to Residents Saturday Evening in Storm.

From Monday's Daily—

Late Saturday evening the persons who were down in the main portion of the city were startled by the appearance of a lurid blaze in the western sky and on investigation a large cross, some fifteen feet in height was seen on the hillside just east of the R. P. Westover home near the high school and which was blazing its silent message to the residents of the city.

The flaming cross is one of the emblems of the Ku Klux Klan and this is one of the first public demonstrations that has been given here of the existence of a local branch of the hooded order. Several months



The Masonic Home of Future Years From the Architect's Drawing

ago donations were made in the name of the Ku Klux Klan to a number of needy families and also to the fund for the placing of the memorial tablet at the court house for the world war veterans, but this is the first demonstration that has been made for some time. Whether the cross is merely the symbol of the presence of the Klan or a warning to some wrongdoer is known only to the membership.

The cross attracted a great deal of comment and many surmises as to the membership of the order here and other facts, but the close veil of secrecy that attends the business of the Klan has kept the general public in the dark.

### GIVEN A SERENADE

From Wednesday's Daily—  
Col. M. A. Bates was one of the most surprised men in the city on Monday evening on the occasion of his eighty-second birthday. The Colonel was preparing to go to the theatre to enjoy the movies but was persuaded to delay his departure on account of the rain and while he was waiting the sound of music in front of his apartment attracted his attention and on going to the window he was very much surprised to find that the Eagles band was there and giving him a pleasant reminder of the fact of his birthday. It is needless to say that the visit of the musicians was very much appreciated by the veteran editor.

### EIGHTY-TWO YEARS YOUNG

From Monday's Daily—  
Today was the eighty-second birthday of Col. M. A. Bates, the veteran editor of the Journal, altho the Colonel in his action does not betoken the weight of his years or the many strenuous times that he has undergone since he first embarked in the newspaper business in southern Illinois immediately after the close of the Civil War in which he served as one of the youthful volunteers from the state of Ohio. Col. Bates has enjoyed very good health the past year and it is hoped that he will continue in his present condition until he can safely pass the century mark.

## GRAND LODGE NEBRASKA MASONS LAYS CORNERSTONE OF NEW INFIRMARY TODAY

GRAND MASTER CHARLES A. CHAPPELL, OF MINDEN, ASSISTED BY GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, PLACES THE KEYSTONE.

### Hon. John R. Webster Orator of the Day

Very Large Assemblage Present at Masonic Home Grounds to Witness Ceremonies—Grand Lodge Members Come from Omaha by Special Train

From Tuesday's Daily—

The cornerstone of the new Nebraska Masonic Home infirmary was laid this afternoon on the site of the new \$125,000 building that is one of the first units of the great institution that the fraternity is rearing here to care for the aged and infirm of their order and their dependents.

Participating in the ceremonies that were conducted by the grand lodge officers, was the membership of the grand lodge, representing each of the lodges of the A. F. & A. M. from all sections of the state, and the beautiful ceremonies that marked the great event of the day will have a lasting impression on the hundreds who gathered on the lawn of the home to witness the cornerstone laying.

The grand lodge arrived in this city on their special train at 2:15 over the Burlington and were met at the station by automobiles in which they were conveyed to the Masonic Home. The Eagles band,

formed the introductory portion of the program.

The ceremonies were then placed in the hands of Grand Marshal Davis of the grand lodge and the procession formed at the south front of the home to proceed to the scene of the cornerstone laying in the southeastern portion of the tract of land that is owned by the home. The procession was headed by the Eagles band following the grand marshal, and these were followed by the fifteen flower girls in white, the members of the grand lodge, the escort of the uniformed members of Zion Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar and followed by the officers of the grand lodge and the general public.

At the site of the infirmary the platform had been arranged which was bright with the red, white and blue and flags and where were seated the distinguished guests as well as the members of the party who were to take part in the ceremonies.

The Eagles band gave several selections while the audience was being seated and the ceremonies opened with the preparation of the box that is to rest in the cornerstone and which contained many documents of the greatest interest. As the box was placed to the stone by the grand lodge officers, the double Masonic mallets of Lay and Cook, Frank A. Clodd, R. P. Westover, K. W. Knorr, John Frazier, Harley Cecil, C. J. Theisen and L. O. Minor, sang the ode, "Holy Spirit, Love Divine."

The cornerstone was placed in position with Grand Master Charles A. Chappell placing the mortar for the stone and the grand senior and junior warden leveling the stone. The stone was consecrated with the oil, wine and corn, as the members of the fraternity gave the grand honors to the completed task, and the white gownned flower girls then placed over the stone the garlands of flowers. The band played one of the appropriate selections as the stone was completed and laid in place and Grand Marshal Davis announced that the stone had been laid in approved Masonic manner. The single blast, one from the east, two from the west, three from the north and four from the south then announced that the ceremonies were completed as to the actual laying of the stone.

The oration of the day was delivered by Hon. John R. Webster, of Omaha, who has been for many years one of the members of the board of control of the Masonic Home and who is at this time chairman of the building committee of the Home association that will have charge of the erection of the new infirmary. The address of Mr. Webster was a very finished tribute to the cause of which the Home is a living monument.



View of Present Home—West Front

The First Methodist church, the opening portion of the program taking place on the east veranda of the Home. The members of the grand lodge, the grand lodge officers and the visiting Masons were welcomed to the city by Mayor John P. Sattler, in a few well chosen remarks and was followed by the welcome in behalf of the Plattsmouth Masonry, given by Judge James T. Beasley, who spoke briefly of the appreciation of the local community at the opportunity of having the heads of the fraternity here for the day. The response was given by Hon. Charles A. Chappell, of Minden, grand master of the A. F. & A. M. in Nebraska, in his usual dignified manner and which

ment, and told of the efforts that the fraternity was making to provide shelter and care for their loved ones in their fading years. At the close of the address the audience joined in the singing of "America," after which the benediction pronounced by the grand chaplain brought to the close the services at the cornerstone. The members of the visiting Masons, the grand lodge and the officers of the body were then invited to the Home, where they were served refreshments by the ladies of Home Chapter No. 189, of the Eastern Star and following this the visitors made a tour of inspection of the Home and were very well

pleased with the condition of affairs and the general spirit of comfort that prevailed in the Home.

After the reception and inspection the members of the party were again taken by autos to the Burlington station, where their special is to return to Omaha at 5 o'clock.

Incidentally the members of the grand lodge party were entertained on their journey to this city from Omaha by the reception committee of the Plattsmouth Masons, consisting of Seurl S. Davis, C. C. Westcott, Rev. F. E. Pfoutz and Edwin Fricke, with cigars and gum for the gentlemen and candy for the ladies.

Plattsmouth was delighted with the visit of these members of the great fraternity and with true hospitality the Masons of the state can rest assured that the latch-string is always hanging out for their members when they visit the city.

## YOUNG PEOPLE ARE MARRIED AT GLENWOOD SATURDAY

Miss Hazel Sullivan Is United In Marriage to Mr. Merle Rainey of Chicago in Quiet Ceremony.

From Monday's Daily—

At the pleasant little city of Glenwood, Iowa, on Saturday occurred the marriage of two of the well known young people of this community. Miss Hazel Sullivan and Mr. Merle Rainey. The wedding was held at the parsonage of the First Methodist church, and the bride party was composed of the bride and groom, Misses Clara and Isabel Rainey and Marie Sullivan and Floyd Becker of his city, who motored to the Iowa city to attend the ceremonies.

The bride was attired in a traveling suit of tan with a picture hat to match. The young people returned home where they were entertained at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sullivan, south of the city, at a very charming wedding luncheon attended by the relatives of the contracting parties and a few intimate friends.

The bride and groom have both been brought up in this community where their families are old and highly respected residents, and have been associated since childhood in their school work, both being members of the class of 1919 of the Plattsmouth high school and their school day romance has blossomed into the happiness of their wedded life. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sullivan and is a lady of the greatest charm of personality and possessing a host of warm friends over this portion of Cass county. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rainey and is a young man of the greatest promise in his chosen profession of electrical engineering. Mr. Rainey after graduating here at the high school took a course in engineering at the state university and graduated from that institution in 1923 and has since that time been with the Commonwealth Edison Co., at their Chicago offices, in the statistical department, and has been more than usually successful in his chosen work.

Mr. and Mrs. Rainey departed Saturday afternoon at 4:30 for Chicago where they will make their home in the future and carry with them the best wishes of a host of warm friends for the happiness and prosperity in the years to come.

### GOING FOR OPERATION

From Wednesday's Daily—  
This morning, Thomas Svoboda departed for Omaha where he will enter the Immanuel hospital where he is to undergo an operation to try and secure him permanent relief from a severe case of rupture from which he has been suffering for several months. Mr. Svoboda was injured while engaged as lineman for the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co., on their lines out of this city and since that time has been suffering quite a little from the effects of the injuries. Recently he was given an award of compensation from the telephone company which also carried with it the decision that the company would stand the expense incidental to the operation to give Mr. Svoboda relief.

### RECEIVES SAD NEWS

From Wednesday's Daily—  
This morning a letter was received here by friends from the mother of Miss Olive Quinn former supervisor of music of the Plattsmouth public schools, and who is living at Fresno, California, announcing the fact that Miss Quinn is very seriously ill at her home there and that her recovery is given up as death seems certain. The news has been a severe blow to the many friends here and especially the young people with whom she was associated as instructor in the school.

Frank Lorenz, wife and two sons, of Des Moines, Iowa, arrived yesterday for a visit here with the brothers of Mr. Lorenz, L. W. and Emil Lorenz. The family is taking an auto trip to the west coast, going via the northern route through Denver and the northern Rockies and thence down the coast to Los Angeles and from there they will come home over the southern route.

## MEETS DEATH WHILE IN AIR OBSERVANCES

DR. C. LEROY MEISINGER, OF LINCOLN, KILLED WHEN BALLOON BURNS IN AIR.

### MEMBER WELL KNOWN FAMILY

Young Man Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Meisinger, Former Residents of Cass County for Years.

From Wednesday's Daily—

Shattered and badly mutilated the bodies of Dr. C. Leroy Meisinger, of Lincoln, Nebraska, United States weather expert from Washington, and James T. Neeley, of Philadelphia, balloon pilot, were found Tuesday morning in a field near Monticello, Illinois, where they had fallen in the destruction of the observation balloon in which the two unfortunate men were making observations for the weather bureau of the government.

The men were thrown from a great height apparently, Dr. Meisinger falling in a field almost a mile from where the remains of the balloon fell with the body of Lieutenant Neeley entangled in the ropes. No one witnessed the accident but it is thought to have occurred when the balloon was caught in the intense electrical storm that swept over southern Illinois late Monday night.

The two men had left Scott flying field near Belleville, Illinois, about 4 p. m. Monday in an observation balloon to make a series of flying tests to observe the spring air currents for the U. S. weather bureau. The place where the bodies were found is 150 miles northeast of Belleville.

Dr. Meisinger was several months ago caught in a balloon in a storm that carried him and his companion from Scott field to southern Georgia and for twenty-four hours their fate was in question until they managed to make a landing before their balloon was carried out to sea.

Dr. Meisinger is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Meisinger of 3025 South street, Lincoln, and is a grandson of the late Bals Meisinger of this county, and nephew of Conrad and P. H. Meisinger of this city and vicinity.

The unfortunate man was reared in Lincoln and graduated from the schools there and later entered the University of Nebraska where he graduated. He was thirty years of age and in 1917 when he graduated from the State University, at once enlisted in the service of the United States in the army and served in the war in the service of the government. He has specialized in meteorological work and has since the war been in the service of the government. He was married to Miss Helen B. Hilton, daughter of Rev. J. W. Hilton, of Lincoln, and who was visiting at the home of her parents in Lincoln when the message of the tragedy reached her.

Advertisements your wants in the Journal for results.

### A VETERAN MASON

One of the oldest Masons in years as well as in actual membership in the order in the state, was present at the Masonic picnic and the cornerstone laying yesterday, and this gentleman was E. Ratnour, one of the old and highly esteemed residents of Weeping Water. Mr. Ratnour is now in his eighty-fourth year and has been a member of the Masonic fraternity for the past sixty-two years and has been treasurer of the lodge at Weeping Water for thirty-three years and has a right to be proud of these distinctions. Owing to the rain coming up yesterday afternoon which made the roads hard for auto travel, Mr. Ratnour, who had accompanied Floyd Cole, of near Elmwood, to this city, was compelled to remain over night here. Mr. Cole is also a member of the Masons and enjoyed very much the picnic here.

## ENTERTAIN IN HONOR OF GUEST SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Mrs. J. V. Hatt and Mrs. Frank Bestor Give Luncheon for Mrs. Fritchen, Decorah, Ia.

From Monday's Daily—

The attractive home of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Hatt on West Pearl street was the scene of a very pleasant bridge luncheon on Saturday afternoon and which was enjoyed by a number of the ladies of the city. The occasion was given by Mrs. Hatt and Mrs. Frank M. Bestor, of Decorah, Iowa, who is here as a house guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank R. Gobelman.

The house was very prettily arranged with decorations of red and white, red roses entering into the decorative plan of the occasion and which made a very colorful picture. There were four tables of bridge and the first prize was awarded to Mrs. James Burnie and the second to Mrs. P. J. Flynn, while Mrs. Fritchen was presented with a very beautiful guest prize.

The luncheon in three courses was served by the hostesses in their usual gracious manner and added to the enjoyment of the occasion. Mrs. May Hosber of Omaha was an out of town guest at the luncheon.

### DRAWNS DOWN FINE

This morning Robert Walls was arraigned in the court of Police Judge William Weber to answer to the charge disturbing the peace which was preferred by the police of the city on May 30th. The alleged disturbance it is claimed was in discharging a firecracker in one of the restaurants of the city late on last Thursday night. The plea of guilty was entered by the young man and the court assessed him a fine of \$5 and costs, totaling \$8.50 which was settled and paid.

Floyd Cole, from east of Elmwood, was in the city yesterday to enjoy the Masonic picnic and to visit with friends for a few hours.

H. A. Schneider was a visitor in Omaha today for a few hours attending to some matters of business importance in this city.

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