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TWO KILLED IN ACCIDENT AT LA PLATTE SUNDAY

FISHING PARTY OF OMAHA PEOPLE RIDING IN TRUCK MEET DEATH ON R. CROSSING

ONE OTHER FATALLY INJURED

Four Others Injured When Covered Truck Is Crashed Into by Inspection Engine on Burlington.

From Monday's Daily—

Death, that lurks at the grade railroad crossing, yesterday morning took toll of two lives, fatally injured one and injuries of more or less serious nature received by four others of a fishing party whose covered truck was crashed into by the inspection engine No. 367 of the Burlington railroad at the crossing 1,000 feet from the LaPlatte railroad station.

The dead: Mike Freyer, 2522 Arbor street, John Bogatz, 2524 South 25th street, Omaha.

Probably fatally injured: Mrs. Mike Freyer, internal injuries, face badly bruised and hip fractured.

The injured: Al Dolejs, aged 20, 1923 So. 14th street, Omaha face and body bruised.

Bernice Freyer, aged 20, fractured arm and back bruised.

Stephen Freyer, aged 10, shoulder and hip bruised.

N. C. Allen, superintendent of the Omaha division of the Burlington, badly bruised, back and possible fracture of the hip.

One child in the party with the Freyers was uninjured aside from a few bruises.

The parties killed and injured with the exception of Mr. Allen, were members of a fishing party from Omaha and had been returning from the Missouri river where they had been fishing, seeking shelter from the rain that was falling at that time.

They were all riding in a closed truck belonging to L. Ziv, 608 So. 16th street and the truck was being driven by young Dolejs. The truck was coming west from the direction of the river and apparently when the wheels hit the slippery and wet boards on the crossing they spun around and refused to take hold on the slippery boards, with the result that the motion of the truck was almost stopped and preventing them getting over and out of the way of the approaching inspection engine that was coming down from the north at a very reasonable rate of speed. The inspection engine struck the rear of the truck and buried it for several hundred feet, splintering the truck and hurling the occupants some distance onto the muddy right of way.

The inspection engine is built with a large glass enclosed cab over the pilot of the locomotive and in which at the time of the accident was the pilot, Mr. N. C. Allen, division superintendent of the Burlington, Edward Flynn, general manager of the road and C. V. Terhune, roadmaster of the Omaha division. The fireman, C. H. McElley was in the rear of the engine.

Mr. Allen, the division superintendent was hurt when some object hurled by the impact of the accident struck through the window of the engine struck him in the back. Mr. Allen had ducked back of the throttle with Mr. Flynn to avoid the broken glass that flew over the cab as the result of the wreckage flying through the air.

Mr. Terhune was also on the scene and a special train was sent at once to the scene of the accident to take the injured on in to Omaha. An engine was taken off an extra freight and with a baggage and way car hurried over to the scene of the accident. Dr. J. S. Livingston, the company surgeon, accompanied the train and with the assistance of Burlington employees dressed the injuries while the train was hurried onto Omaha.

According to Mr. Flynn, the engine was traveling at about twenty-five miles an hour, the bell ringing continuously. At the approach to the crossing, he said, Mr. Allen blew the whistle many times.

"We saw the truck come on the crossing," said Flynn. "The driver had some kind of a cloth cover over his head to protect him from the rain. Mr. Allen applied the air brake but it was too late.

"We stopped the engine, and aided the injured as best we could and sent all, including the dead, to Omaha in a baggage car with an engine which was standing on a siding.

"It appeared that no one in the truck with the exception of a small boy sitting at the back of the machine saw the engine coming. The boy leaned out of the rear, but evi-

dently he didn't know what it was all about.

"Then came the crash."

Freyer was thrown from the truck about 1 hundred feet, striking the wheel of a box car on another track. His legs and body were crushed.

Bogatz was thrown along the track, the engine cutting off his leg and again hurling him into the right-of-way, fracturing his skull.

Mrs. Freyer was thrown high into the air landing about 1 hundred feet away. Her daughter was thrown about fifty feet, and the children, Stevens and his brother Lawrence, and the driver were hurled to the side of the road.

The children immediately scrambled from the mud and ran crying up the track to their mother who was lying unconscious in a muddy pool.

Dolejs ran to the side of Bernice, with whom he has been keeping company for about two years.

The corner of Sarpy county was notified and removed the bodies in Omaha, ordering them removed to Hoffman's funeral home.

The injured, with the exception of Mr. Allen and Steven were taken to the Clarkson Memorial hospital. Steven was attended by a doctor at the home of Mrs. Josephine Blank, 2519 Arbor street, who is caring for the children.

According to a son of Bogatz, Mr. and Mrs. Freyer, their daughter, and Dolejs planned a fishing trip for Sunday and asked Bogatz to accompany them. The two Freyer boys were taken along.

It started raining in the morning and the party started to LaPlatte for shelter. Dolejs explained.

Persons living along the railroad tracks said they heard the signals of the engine's bell and whistle.

Frank Freyer, 2711 South Twenty-fifth street, brother of the deceased, said that his brother had told him Saturday of his intention of going fishing the following day. He said that Bernice and Dolejs were about to be engaged to be married.

MURRAY HAS BIG TIME SATURDAY

Hundreds are Present to Enjoy Fine Program Given Under Auspices of Community Club.

From Monday's Daily—

The first of the open air entertainments sponsored by the Murray Community club was held Saturday evening at the lawn of the Presbyterian church in that enterprising little city and very largely attended.

The main street of the town was packed with autos bringing in hundreds from the nearby territory and the fine gravelled street, which is one of the improvements that the club has approved, received many words of approbation.

The program was well selected and given from the platform erected at the east of the church entrance and here the several numbers were given. The Community club orchestra was heard in several very fine numbers that showed the skill and ability of the members taking part and was very much enjoyed by all of the large number in attendance.

One of the pleasing features of the evening was the dancing numbers by little Misses Jean Caldwell and Maxine Clouid of Plattsmouth and which showed the greatest skill on the part of the little ladies.

In the line of musical entertainment Miss Grace Lindner and Richard Frederick were heard in a very charming violin duet and Charles Howard in his drum solo as well as several numbers pleasing the large crowd. Charles was accompanied by his sister, Miss Mabel Howard at the piano.

County Commissioner Fred H. Gorder of Weeping Water, chairman of the county board, and County Attorney J. A. Chapwell were also on the program and gave two very interesting talks. Mr. Gorder on the road work and general care of the highway system that is now one of the big problems of county government, while the county attorney touched on the road situation and discussed the laws and their enforcement as a part of the duties of a citizen.

One of the bits of excitement not on the program and which threatened to mar the pleasantness of the event was the burning of the wires on the car of L. F. Terryberry, caused by a short in the battery circuit, and which luckily was checked before any serious damage, but caused some excitement as the cars were parked very close together along the block, and a fire in their midst coupled with its attendant confusion would undoubtedly have resulted in the destruction of a number of the vehicles gasoline made famous.

LADIES HURT IN WRECK

Mrs. Chet Reals and her sister, Mrs. Philip Hill, of Glenwood, were very severely injured Saturday afternoon when the car in which they were riding was struck by a truck of the Nicholas Lumber company, while driving along the streets of Glenwood. The little child of Mrs. Hill, which she was holding at the time, was uninjured. The injured ladies are a sister and sister-in-law of Ralph Hill of this city and are well known to a number of the Plattsmouth people.

FUNERAL SERVICES OF MRS. JOHN MEISINGER TODAY

Held This Afternoon at Cedar Creek and Interment in Cemetery There—Old Resident.

From Monday's Daily—

The funeral services of the late Mrs. John Meisinger were held this afternoon at Cedar Creek, being conducted by Rev. H. G. McClusky of the First Presbyterian church of this city. The music for the services was furnished by Misses Catherine Schneider and Edith Farley, and composed a number of the old hymns requested by the family. A large number of the old friends attended the services and the body was laid to rest in the Cedar Creek cemetery.

Mrs. John Meisinger passed away early Saturday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Salsburg, where she and Mr. Meisinger had been visiting for a few weeks, and followed a short illness. The deceased lady was 77 years of age and a native of Germany. She came to America in her youth and was married in Tazewell county, Illinois, to Mr. John Meisinger and resided there for a few years, coming to Cass county 33 years ago and locating on a farm near Cedar Creek, where they have made their home for the greater part of the time, moving a few years ago into the town of Cedar Creek to make their home. Besides the aged husband there remain seven children to share the sorrow of the passing of this splendid lady, the children being Mrs. Vettie Jardine, of Louisville; Mrs. Maggie Schaefer, of Plainville; Anton Meisinger, Mrs. Anna Gauer, Louis Meisinger and Mrs. Mary Salsburg, all residing in the vicinity of Cedar Creek.

The friends over the county will join in their sympathy to the sorrowing husband and children in their loss.

ENJOYED FINE SERVICE

From Monday's Daily—

Yesterday morning the members of the congregation of the First Methodist church enjoyed a very fine sermon that was delivered by Canon W. S. Leete of the St. Luke's Episcopal church who had kindly responded to the invitation to occupy the worship hour in the absence of the pastor of the Methodist church, Rev. Frank Emory Pfoutz from the city. The sermon was one that offered much inspiration to the congregation and the courtesy of Canon Leete in serving the church was very much appreciated.

At the evening at the church, the worship hour was devoted to a musical program, the senior choir having charge of the service and a special feature was the thirty minute vespers service in the twilight, when the old and well loved hymns were sung by the choir and congregation. Special features of the evening program was the trio, "Jesus Savior, Pilot Me," by Mesdames E. G. Schallenberger, Ed Roman and Schulz, the two whistling selections by Miss Alice Louise Weston and the rendition of the hymn on the xylophone by Miss Helen Westcott. The choir also gave the anthem, "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears."

HOME ON VACATION

From Monday's Daily—

This morning Ralph Holmes arrived home from Schenectady, New York, where he is located with the General Electric company, and will spend a two weeks' vacation here with his parents, Postmaster J. W. Holmes and wife. Ralph is now engaged as radio engineer in the main plant of the General Electric company, and has been assigned to the research department, as he is very much interested in the development of the radio work and has in the year that he has been with them received rapid advancement in his line and feels well pleased with the work with the great corporation with which he has been so fortunate as to be associated.

Mr. Holmes, while finishing at the University of Nebraska, was selected as one of the two students to be given a course at the General Electric plant and has more than made good in his work there. While en route home he stopped at Chicago, where he spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Merle Rainey, he and Mr. Rainey having been classmates at the University of Nebraska college of engineering.

MAKING SOME IMPROVEMENTS.

From Monday's Daily—

Along Main street the owners of the business houses were engaged today in making a number of improvements in the fronts of their places that added to the attractiveness of the various places. The ceilings in the entrances at the C. E. Westcott's Sons store and Jess F. Wood, The little child of Mrs. Hill, which she was holding at the time, was uninjured. The injured ladies are a sister and sister-in-law of Ralph Hill of this city and are well known to a number of the Plattsmouth people.

PIONEER LADY VERY LOW.

From Monday's Daily—

The word has been received here of the very serious illness of Mrs. William Loughbridge, Sr., at the home of her son, James Loughbridge, at Hawthorne, California, where she has been making her home for some time past. The condition of Mrs. Loughbridge is very critical and there is little hopes of her recovery the message from these states. Mrs. Loughbridge is one of the pioneer residents of the vicinity of Murray, as she and her husband were among the first settlers there and for many years made that vicinity their home. The news brings a real sense of regret to the old friends here in Cass county.

BIG GOOD ROADS MEETING IS HELD

Elmwood Commercial Club Entertains the Boosters Last Night at a Rousing Meeting.

From Tuesday's Daily—

The good roads boosters of the central portion of the county as well as a fine delegation from this section were entertained last night at Elmwood by the commercial club of that place and a very friendly feeling of common interest in the advancement of good roads movement.

The towns represented at the gathering were Murray, Manley, Murdock, Elmwood, Eagle and a few representatives from Plattsmouth.

Several weeks ago the initial meeting was held at Murray and from this has sprung an increasing interest in the work that led to the Elmwood boosters inviting in the other towns to join in the discussion of the extension of graveling along the Rud highway that extends from the federal highway east of Murray to Murdock and thence through Elmwood to the O street road and Eagle into Lincoln.

County Commissioners G. L. Farley of Plattsmouth, Fred H. Gorder of Plattsmouth, C. F. Harris of Union were present as was also County Attorney J. A. Chapwell and who gave a few remarks during the course of the meeting.

Among others attending from this section were L. D. Hines, Glen Bodeker and Everett Spangler, president of the Community club of Murray.

CAR CAUGHT IN CAVE IN SUNDAY.

From Monday's Daily—

Yesterday morning Guy Streight had a very startling and far from pleasant experience in the south part of the city when his automobile was caught in the caving in of a portion of the sewer trench on Gold street and which held the car imprisoned for some time in the trench.

The heavy rain had evidently softened and undermined the fill made when the sewer was completed last fall and the rain of early in the morning put the finishing touches to the softening up of the dirt and when the rain was driving his car along Gold street near Tenth Sunday morning the earth suddenly gave away and caused the car, which is a rather heavy one, to sink several feet into the trench. To add to the unpleasantness of the experience the rain was falling some heavily and was with only the hardest work on the part of Mr. Streight and the residents in the vicinity of the scene of the accident that the car was released from its position and pulled out of the trench. It was necessary to employ some heavy parts in the trench to hold the car and assist the efforts of the parties to get it back onto the solid ground again.

OLD RESIDENT VISIT HERE.

From Monday's Daily—

Yesterday John L. Minor of Portland, Oregon, an old time resident of this city was here visiting with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Katherine Minor and his niece, Miss Madeline and his nephew, L. O. Minor and family. Mr. Minor has had some thirty years ago and has since that time lived in the west and he was most agreeably surprised at the many improvements that have been made in Plattsmouth since he left this city. Mr. Minor was enroute home having been at Louisiana, Missouri, where he has been visiting at the home of Hon. Dave Ball and family. Mr. Ball being a brother-in-law. Incidentally Mr. Ball is one of the leading democrats of the state of Missouri and has been very prominent in the affairs of the state and is now preparing to enter into the enthusiastic support of the Davis-Bryan ticket and assist in its triumph.

VISITING HERE.

Saturday morning Mike Lutz and wife were here on a very pleasant surprise when Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Siedlitz and their four children arrived from Calexico, California, for a visit here at the Lutz home. Mrs. Siedlitz is sister of Mrs. Lutz and this is the first visit here for a number of years and the first time the two families have enjoyed a visit since the trip of Mr. and Mrs. Lutz to the west a few years ago. Mr. Siedlitz is engaged in the jewelry business on the west coast.

ODD FELLOWS HAVE A BIG TIME AT LOUISVILLE

Joint Installation of Officers of Plattsmouth and Louisville Lodges Held Last Night.

From Tuesday's Daily—

Last evening a large party of the members of Platte Lodge No. 7, I. O. O. F. motored over to Louisville where they enjoyed the installation ceremonies that were held jointly for Louisville lodge No. 184 and Platte lodge No. 7, and was one of the most largely attended and pleasant events that have been held in the Cass county Odd fellowship for some time.

District Deputy Grand Master Newkirk and staff of Greenwood were on hand and conducted the ceremonies that fittingly inducted the new officers into their charges in a very impressive manner. The officers installed for Platte lodge were as follows:

James Edward, noble grand.

Frank A. J. Miller, vice grand.

John Bates, right support noble grand.

Harry Kruger, warden.

George Robertson, inner guard.

Chester Welshimer, right support vice grand.

LEAVES ON TRIP THROUGH THE EAST.

From Tuesday's Daily—

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Henry Herold, Misses Mia and Barbara Gering departed on a very pleasant trip to the east that will take the next six weeks and will embrace a great deal of the country along the east coast of the United States and Southern Canada. The three sisters are to be guests of their cousin, G. A. Pfeiffer, on the trip and the outing is one that they have been looking forward to with pleasure for the last few weeks. They go to Chicago and then to Washington where they will enjoy a short stay and looking over the points of interest in that city, one of the most beautiful capital cities in the world. The party then goes to New York where they will be guests of Matthew Herold and Mr. Pfeiffer and family for ten days or two weeks and then will go on one of the Cape Cod packet steamers from New York to Boston, stopping a few days in that city and thence to quaint Quebec and Montreal, the old French cities of southern Canada where they will enjoy a stay of some duration and leaving there will travel down the St. Lawrence river with the 1,000 Islands as one of the points of attraction and leaving the boat at Toronto, from which city they will start on the Journey westward back to Nebraska and before leaving enjoy viewing Detroit. The trip is one that will be a most delectable one and take in a great deal of the country.

ENJOYS FAMILY REUNION.

From Tuesday's Daily—

The members of the family of V. V. Leonard enjoyed a very pleasant family reunion at Falls City on Sunday, this spot being selected as being the most central for all members of the family and there the day was spent in visiting and renewing the ties of relationship in a big dinner and general good time. Mrs. V. V. Leonard and daughter, Miss Vera of this city, Carroll Leonard and family of Kansas City, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Worley and family of Lincoln, Mrs. Nellie Bulger, Ted Leonard and family and Don Leonard and family of Omaha comprising the party.

MRS. FREYER DIES

From Monday's Daily—

Mrs. Mike Freyer, the third victim of the accident at the LaPlatte crossing Sunday morning passed away last night at the Clarkson hospital in Omaha, where she was taken on a special train from the scene of the accident. Internal injuries caused her death. Other members of the party who were injured are showing very good progress. The two children, Lawrence and Stephen Freyer, who have been orphaned by the accident are being cared for at the home of a neighbor, Frank Blank, 2517 Arbor street, while their elder sister is still at the Clarkson hospital.

SUFFERS INJURED HAND.

From Wednesday's Daily—

Yesterday while Joe Krupica, foreman at the Bertschy machine works was engaged in working at the shaper, one of the machines in the factory he was so unfortunate as to have the first finger of the right hand caught and before he could get the machine stopped and rescue the imprisoned hand he had the nail of the hand torn completely off. The accident was most intensely painful to the injured man and he suffered much at first but latter desired to continue his work. However the accident will lay him up for some time and he was taken home last evening to Omaha by Mr. Bertschy.

ENJOYS VISIT AT CAMP.

From Tuesday's Daily—

Yesterday Frank Detlef and wife motored out to Camp Quivera, the Boy Scouts' headquarters near Cedar Creek and spent a short time visiting and looking over the camp. They found the Plattsmouth contingent enjoying themselves to the utmost and their son, Ferdinand becoming very much tanned and also suffering from one of the joys of boyhood days, a sunburned back, and in fact the whole party are feeling fine and having their share of outdoor life. A base ball game was in progress when Mr. and Mrs. Detlef was there and several other athletic events planned for the day.

WEDDING BELLS RING IN COUNCIL BLUFFS TODAY

Miss Mathilda Kaufmann and Mr. Rudolph Ramsel United in Marriage in Iowa City Today.

From Wednesday's Daily—

This morning at the office of the county judge in Council Bluffs, Iowa, occurred the marriage of Miss Mathilda Kaufmann and Mr. Rudolph Ramsel, both well known residents of this city.

The ceremony was a very quiet one being attended by only the contracting parties and Mrs. Henry Kaufmann, mother of the bride.

The bride wore a traveling suit of brown canton crepe wearing a hat to match and the wedding throughout was very simple and quiet.

Following the wedding the bride and groom departed for the west where they will spend some two weeks visiting with friends and enjoying the many points of interest in the mountain country. On their return from the west Mr. and Mrs. Ramsel will be at home to their friends at the home of Mrs. Kaufmann on South Sixth street.

Both of the contracting parties are well known in this community where the bride has spent her lifetime and here the groom has also resided for a great many years. Mr. Ramsel is one of the well known employees of the Burlington and a gentleman held in the highest esteem by a large circle of warm friends.

The many friends in this portion of Cass county will join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Ramsel a long and very happy wedded life in the years that lie before them.

JUNE CONSTRUCTION REACHES HIGH LEVEL

Nebraska and Central West Only Region in U. S. Showing Increase Over May.

In view of the declining tendency in construction activity and in general business, June building operations held up at a remarkable high rate, according to F. W. Dodge corporation. Contracts awarded in June in the thirty-six eastern states (including about seven-eighths of the United States total of construction volume) amounted to \$387,521,100. The decline from May was a little less than 8 per cent, and there was an increase of nearly 5 per cent over June of last year. It will be recalled that a downward reaction of some magnitude was in progress at this time last year.

Construction started in these thirty-six states during the first half of this year has amounted to \$2,322,816,900, a record figure, being a 10 per cent increase over the first half of last year.

All the important classes of construction except industrial plants have participated in the increase in construction volume. Industrial construction has declined considerably. Recapitulating the six months' record, the important groups were represented as follows: Residential buildings, \$1,108,376,900, or 48 per cent of the total public works and utilities, \$340,565,000, or 15 per cent; commercial buildings, \$312,609,600, or 13 per cent; educational buildings, \$192,646,200, or a little over 8 per cent; and industrial buildings, \$175,701,500, a little under 8 per cent.

DEPUTY SHERIFF MOVES.

From Monday's Daily—

Today was moving day at the county jail as Deputy Sheriff W. R. Young had his household good moved into the living quarters at the jail that were vacated Saturday by former sheriff C. D. Quinton and family. Mr. Young will take over the duties of jailor under Sheriff E. P. Stewart and have the custody of the prisoners and their feeding and care under his supervision.

STORK PAYS A VISIT.

Saturday evening at 11:15 the stork paid a hurried visit to this city and called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Burbridge, leaving in their care a fine ten pound boy that the parents and the happy little sisters state is the finest in the land. The mother and little son are doing nicely and "Shorty" is wipping joints with new vigor and happiness.

ASKS HEAVY DAMAGE

From Wednesday's Daily—

In the district court at Omaha action was commenced yesterday by Bernice Freyer, through her attorney, William P. Lynch, for \$25,000 damages from the Burlington railroad as the result of the accident at the La Platte crossing Sunday. Miss Freyer is still at the Clarkson hospital in Omaha and in serious shape as the result of her injuries.



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