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CHARGES CAR DRIVER WITH MANSLAUGHTER

COUNTY ATTORNEY J. A. CAPWELL FILES COMPLAINT AGAINST LAIRSON.

DRIVING CAR WHILE DRUNK

Case Grows Out of Fatal Injury of Mrs. Lorrissa Dodge Near Union September 18th.

From Thursday's Daily—

This morning, County Attorney J. A. Capwell filed complaint in the county court against Raymond Lairson of Fremont, charging him with manslaughter in causing the death of Mrs. Lorrissa Dodge, aged Fremont lady, near Union on the afternoon of September 18th.

The fatal injuries of Mrs. Dodge were received in an auto accident that occurred on the highway a mile and a half east of Union when the car in which she and Mrs. Larson were riding and which was driven by Raymond Lairson, the party being en route from Fremont to their home, to Excelsior Springs, Missouri, was wrecked.

The car in which the party were riding was overturned along the roadside when found by passing motorists and the two women, both well along in years, were lying clear of the wreck where they had apparently been thrown, while young Lairson was pinned beneath the car.

The parties were taken on to Union and placed on the afternoon Missouri Pacific train for Omaha and while en route to the hospital at Omaha, Mrs. Dodge died from the effects of the injuries she had received in the wreck.

At the time of the accident, Lairson claimed that he had been forced out of the roadway by a passing car bearing an Iowa number but the statement was not borne out by the passerby and the circumstances of the case and investigation by the county attorney and Sheriff E. P. Stewart has led to the filing of the charges against the young man.

VISITING FROM OKLAHOMA

George W. Young, former well known resident of Cass county, but who for the past twenty years has been making his home at Alva, Oklahoma, is here in Cass county in company with Mrs. Young to enjoy a visit with his relatives and friends and look over the scenes of the old home. Mr. Young was visiting in Plattsmouth yesterday and while here was a caller at the Journal office for a brief visit with the force.

SUFFERS SEVERE ACCIDENT

Donald Cotner, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cotner, suffered a very severe injury yesterday while he was playing at school that will place his left arm out of commission for some time. Donald was playing on a teeter board with other children and in so doing fell off, alighting on his left arm and causing a severe fracture about an inch above the elbow joint and which made it necessary to take the injured boy to the hospital in Omaha as the fracture was exceptionally severe and will require some time to set and for the victim to recover from.

ASKS FOR DIVORCE

In the District Court today action was filed by Fay Kirkpatrick asking for a decree of divorce from Dixie Kirkpatrick. In her action the plaintiff states that they were married in Omaha, October 4, 1904, and that as the issue of the marriage there are three children. The petition further alleges abandonment as the cause of action and asks alimony in the sum of \$50 per month. The plaintiff states that she is and has been residing at Weeping Water and that the defendant is a resident of Chicago.

SHOULD USE MORE CARE

From Thursday's Daily—

Yesterday afternoon while the funeral cortege of Louis Rice was passing on its way to Oak Hill cemetery and had reached the intersection of Eighth street and Washington avenue, some motorist who was evidently in a very great hurry, drove a car through the line of autos that formed the funeral procession and caused some confusion in the line of autos that were conveying the family and friends to the cemetery.

Such actions show very little regard for the fitness of the occasion and the respect that should be shown on an occasion of this kind, as a very few moments would have allowed the funeral cortege to pass and would not have delayed the driver of the car to any extent.

DEATH OF MRS. MRS. WILLIAM HEIL TODAY

Well Known Resident of This Portion of Cass County Answers Final Summons Today.

From Thursday's Daily—

This morning at an early hour at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Louis Tiekotter, occurred the death of Mrs. William Heil, one of the old and highly respected residents of this section of Cass county. The death came after an illness of some duration and taken from the family circle a kind and loving mother and a sincere friend to all who knew her.

Katherine Meisinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bals Meisinger, was born December 19, 1857, near Pekin, Illinois, where her parents had first settled when coming from their old home in Germany and here a few years of her childhood were passed, the family later removing to Cass county, Nebraska, where Mr. Meisinger located and where the children were reared. She was married on March 6, 1879, to William Heil, who preceded her in death four years ago. The family resided on a farm up to the last few years and the deceased contributed her part in the upbuilding of the community in which she had come at such a tender age to become a part.

There is left to mourn her death five children, namely: Louis H. Heil, of Omaha; Miss Anna Heil, of Plattsmouth; William Heil of Mynard; Mrs. Louis Tiekotter of Plattsmouth and Guy Heil, residing on the farm near Cedar Creek. There also remain six brothers and one sister, G. G. Meisinger, of Plattsmouth; John B. Meisinger, of Lincoln; Philip M. Meisinger, of this city; Coon Meisinger, near Gretna, W. G. and L. A. Meisinger, residing near this city, and Mrs. Effie Dressen of Douglas, Nebraska.

KLANSMEN PAY VISIT TO SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES

The congregation at the Christian church were treated to a thrilling surprise last Sunday evening. A surprise not only because of the patriotic sermon delivered by the pastor, Rev. W. E. Goings, but more especially because of the visitation of a delegation of white robed Klansmen, who marched into the church and took seats in front of the altar. It was the first time a Louisville audience had ever witnessed a scene of this kind.

Rev. Goings delivered a masterful address along the line of Americanism and at the conclusion of his sermon the leader of the white robed visitors stepped forward and after offering a prayer delivered quite a lengthy address in which he complimented the pastor very highly on his sermon and before leaving presented him with a sealed envelope containing a contribution from the order of the Ku Klux Klan. It was a scene which will not soon be forgotten by those who witnessed it.—Louisville Courier.

TO GIVE ADDITIONAL NUMBERS.

From Friday's Daily—

The radio fans who were so much pleased with the numbers given by Mrs. Margaret Walters Johnson of Sheridan, Wyoming, at the concert given by W.O.A.W. of Omaha, are to hear another offering from this talented lady the coming week. Mrs. Johnson was on the program sponsored by the Dodge Brothers Co., on last Tuesday night. Mr. Johnson is representative at Sheridan of this company, and her selections were very fine and made a great impression on the many thousands of hearers. Mrs. Johnson is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Walters of this city and has been a very talented musician for a number of years and her work at Sheridan has placed her in the front ranks of the musicians of the mountain state.

NEW GIRL IN TOWN

From Friday's Daily—

This afternoon the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hough in the north part of the city was gladdened by the arrival of a fine little nine pound daughter and who will bear the name of Helen Harriett. The mother and little one are both doing nicely and Herman is very proud over the addition to the family.

FUNERAL OF LOUIE THOMAS RICE IS HELD YESTERDAY

Held at the Late Home on North 6th Street and Largely Attended the Old Friends.

From Thursday's Daily—

The funeral services of the late Louie Rice were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home on North Sixth street and he was laid to rest in Oak Hill cemetery, west of this city.

There were a very large number present at the services and many beautiful flowers spoke of the very much weakened body he was in when he died. The services were conducted by the Rev. Walter R. Robb of the First Christian church and the mixed quartet, composed of Mrs. Hal Garnett, Mrs. Minnie Pickard, B. A. McElwain and Frank A. Claid, gave two hymns, "A Little With Me," and "It Is Well With My Soul."

Louie Thomas Rice was born near Nehawka, Nebraska, July 26, 1888, and departed this life at 3:30 Monday afternoon, September 29, 1924, having attained the age of 36 years, 2 months and 3 days.

The deceased came into this life a normal child physically, but at the age of six years suffered an affliction which left him to battle the remainder of his life much crippled in body. Although handicapped by his very much weakened body he was of an ambitious temperament and since attaining the age of manhood has been engaged in various tasks which many men of robust health fail to undertake. His willing service and cheerful optimism won for him many friends while engaged in his fields of labor.

The deceased leaves to mourn his going: Mrs. Nancy Adeline Rice, his mother; Mr. Wm. Thomas Rice, his father; two brothers who reside near Murray, Henry and Gold Rice. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Carl Mathiason of Canton, South Dakota, and Mrs. John Fitzpatrick of Weeping Water. Besides these many other relatives and friends innumerable.

Rev. Robb gave a few brief remarks as follows: "The months ago the deceased suffered a more acute attack of his affliction and through those dreary months he has been almost continually confined to the home of his parents in Plattsmouth where all that was possible was done to ease his suffering and make pleasant his closing days of earth's pilgrimage. Medical skill was unequal in its attempts to stay the hand of death. His loved ones were compelled to witness that slowly but surely the hand of death was writing its tracings upon him until finally God in his mercy, said, 'It is enough,' and his spirit, leaving its pain-wrecked tenement behind.

"The ways of Providence are inscrutable and difficult of understanding for the finite man. Why it was that so much of suffering had to befall to the lot of our departed brother we do not know but we are certain that He who designed all things will not fail to measure out equal justice to all. In this world of affairs we do not elumpe the end of life's ventures but we fully expect that out of the system seened darkness will eventually burst forth a brilliant brightness that will drive away the shadows and open to our understanding the things that here could not be understood. Louie Thomas Rice has gone but the memory of his kindly deeds and unselfish spirit will remain to bless us and spur us on in our fields of service. May the God who gave and who took away bless the sorrowing friends and loved ones with his comforting presence."

Card of Thanks

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the kind neighbors and friends who so willingly rendered their assistance during the illness and death of our beloved son and brother, also for the beautiful floral offerings.—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rice and Sons; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mathiasen; Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzpatrick.

A COMMENDABLE JOB

From Friday's Daily—

This morning, bright and early, Jess Elliott, the efficient street commissioner, and his force of workmen were out and started in on the task of washing the paved streets and removing the accumulation of dirt and dust that had gathered there in the past week since the rain. The street force made a good job of it and worked through the entire paved section by noon and it certainly added a whole lot to the comfort and pleasure of those who reside or have business on Main street and along the business section. Mr. Elliott has a great deal of work always starting him and his men in the face but he manages to get around and cover as much as possible although the orders for street work that are piled up after each council meeting would take a force twice as large as the present one.

READ THE WANT ADS IN THIS COLUMN

From day to day. You'll find many things listed here you're looking for.

SAFE TO SOW WHEAT

From Thursday's Daily:

County Agent L. R. Snipes, who has been kept in constant touch with the extension department of the state university in the checks kept on the Heslar fly in this state, announced yesterday that starting today (October 2nd) that it would be safe to sow wheat in this territory. Mr. Snipes communicated with H. A. Schneider here yesterday that he has just received the information from the state university that the sowing of wheat could now be safely undertaken and accordingly the farmers can now get busy in getting their crops in as the flies are not active now and will do no damage to the new grain sowing. Tests have been conducted over the state on the Heslar fly pest and as the result the state extension department has been able to keep a close check on the time for sowing grain.

DETECTIVE CLAIMING REWARD IN BIG MURDER CASE

James Buel Well Known Omaha Operative to Ask for \$1,200 Offered in Ballister Case.

From Thursday's Daily—

James Buel, the head of the Buel National Detective Agency of Omaha, was here yesterday for a few hours and stated while here that he is engaged in an action in the district court of Seward county in which he is seeking to collect the reward of \$1,200 which was offered for the arrest of the murderer of Ed Ballister, last March.

The case has grown out of the claim of the marshal of Utica to a part of the reward in apprehending Louis Ballister, a brother of the murdered man, and who was later convicted of the crime.

The crime occurred at the Ballister place near Utica on March 1, 1924, at that time the murder was veiled in mystery as the body of Ed Ballister was found in the garage at his home and the identity of the person shooting him was not discovered until several days later.

As the funeral party returned home from the cemetery after Ed Ballister had been laid away Mr. Buel with several newspaper men were at the Ballister home in the vicinity of the brother stepped from an auto he had handcuffs snapped on by Mr. Buel and was arrested for the murder. The footprints near the scene of the crime led to the arrest. Mr. Buel states, as they talked with those at the home of the Omaha detective was two days on the case before he lined up the facts that resulted in the arrest of the brother.

The case was tried in the Seward county district court and the brother convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary. Mr. Buel states that Louis Ballister stated that he would have confessed to Buel had not he been prevented. The reward has caused some dispute and finally led to the filing of the suit to collect it.

CHARLES RICHARDS ILL

From Friday's Daily—

While Charles Richards, Jr., of Omaha, was attending the dance here at the Coates hall last night, he was taken very suddenly ill and is still in a most serious condition at the home of his mother, where he was taken early this morning.

During an intermission of the dance last night Charles had started to walk across the dance floor and suddenly swayed and fell to the floor, unconscious and apparently stricken with some form of stroke or fit. He was picked up by some of the young men and carried to the cloak room adjoining the main hall and was frothing at the mouth and apparently suffering a great deal.

Medical aid was called and the young man was later taken to the office of Dr. P. J. Flynn, where emergency treatment was given him and he was later taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Stokes, parents of Mrs. Richards, where he remained for the night under constant medical attention. Mrs. Charles Richards, the mother of the unfortunate young man, came down from Omaha as soon as notified of the sickness and remained here with the sick boy until this morning, when she had Charles removed to the home in Omaha. The condition of the young man was little better this morning and he was in very serious shape.

A message from Omaha this afternoon where Charles was taken early this morning, states that he is suffering from an acute attack of appendicitis and is now being kept in bed in ice and will Saturday morning be operated on at the St. Joseph hospital. The many friends here of the young man have been greatly worried over the outcome of his attack and the reports from his bedside will be awaited with interest.

ENTERTAINS AT BRIDGE

From Friday's Daily—

Yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, Mrs. W. C. Soennichsen and Mrs. George F. Dovey entertained very delightfully at a bridge tea at the home of their mother, Mrs. W. E. Rosencrans and which was attended by a very large number of the friends of the hostesses. The time was most delightfully spent in the fascinations of the contests and Miss Mia Gering was awarded the first prize while the second prize was captured by Mrs. J. A. Donelan. The home was quite attractive in the decorations of the warm hued autumn flowers and the occasion one of the greatest pleasure to those in attendance.

GIVE FINE DANCE

From Friday's Daily—

Last evening the C. C. C. club, composed of some of the young men of the city, gave a very pleasing dance at Coates hall that was attended by a large number of the dancing public. The Symphonians of Omaha, under the direction of Al Finch, furnished the music and were there and over in the jazzy music to which the young people waltzed away the hours until past the midnight hour. The Symphonians will be here to play at the dance to be given in connection with the American Legion Roaring Gulch festival and assist in giving the dance lovers a real treat.

Buy your school supplies at the Bates Book and Gift Shop, where you will find the big line at the right price.

FINDS WISCONSIN DAIRY COUNTRY A GREAT LESSON

T. H. Pollock of This City Returns From Trip Through Wisconsin Dairy Farm Section.

From Thursday's Daily—

This morning, T. H. Pollock returned home from a trip that he has made with the Nebraska excursion club to Wisconsin and business men who were interested in the developing of the dairy industry in this state.

Mr. Pollock joined the party in Omaha on the 27th of September and they departed over the Burlington on a special train on that evening for Wisconsin and on Sunday the party commenced the visit over the fertile and wonderful farms of the northern state that have the highest rank of any of the dairy producing states of the union.

The first visit was in Waukesha county, which boasts of 3,200 farms, eighty per cent of which are owned by the farmers themselves, and the average size of the farm is 100 acres. The 60,000 dairy cattle on the farms produce \$5,500,000 worth of dairy produce annually. The stock on these farms are Guernseys, Holsteins and Ayrshire and their output finds a ready sale on the markets at Chicago and Milwaukee. The farms there are the most up-to-date and each has large herds.

The second locality visited was Johnson county where there are 3,000 dairy farms and 72,000 thoroughbred dairy stock that gives an average annual output of \$5,000,000. The average production of the cows was 6,500 pounds of milk per year. There are 119 cows per square mile and seventy-five per cent of the cows used are thoroughbreds. In this county is the wonderful farm of Ex-Governor Hoard, one of the greatest dairy plants in the United States and where the party had the fullest opportunity of viewing modern dairy methods.

The third day of the trip was devoted to a trip through Outagamie county in the famous Fox river valley and where the members of the party came in touch with some of the most improved methods in handling the dairy interests and trips through the great cheese factories.

The special train and the party were taken on to Chicago where the National Dairy show was being held and had the opportunity there of gaining many interesting viewpoints on the dairy industry.

All the waste paper, rubbish and accumulations that have gathered around the place of business and the residences should be cleaned out and disposed of in some manner now that the weather is still pleasant and it is possible to handle the work speedily. The chief of the department is very anxious that the city keep the splendid record that it has had in the past year for fires and by the strict attention to the cleanup week there can be eliminated a large number of chances for fires.

RETURN HOME TODAY

From Friday's Daily—

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hoffert, Mike Hoffert and Mrs. H. G. Hoffert, all of Plainview, who have been here visiting with relatives and friends in the old Cass county home, returned this afternoon to their homes in the northern portion of the state.

Louis and Mike Hoffert have been here visiting their sister, Mrs. William Rummell and family, and Mrs. H. G. Hoffert has been visiting her sister, Mrs. George Born, who has been in very poor health for some time past.

The Hoffert family lived here some thirty years ago and have since resided in Pierce county, where H. G. Hoffert is a candidate for county commissioner for the third term, and the many friends here are awaiting with interest the outcome of the election, and trust that Henry will again be selected for the office that he has filled so acceptably.

PHILATHEA CLASS HAS A SURPRISE FOR ITS TEACHER

As Part of Monthly Social and Business Session—Fine Time at the Huneke Home.

From Friday's Daily—

Last evening the members of the Philathea class of the Methodist Sunday school held their regular monthly social and business session at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Huneke, representing the old Cass county home, returned this afternoon to their homes in the northern portion of the state.

The business session was filled with a great deal of interest and many plans for the coming months were made with a block of cloth bearing later and which will stimulate the interest in the class work as well as add to the church growth and spirit.

CLEAN UP WEEK IS TO BE OBSERVED THE COMING WEEK

Week Commencing October 6th is the Time Fixed For the Big Cleanup Over the State.

From Friday's Daily—

The observance of fire prevention week will be held in this state on the week commencing on Monday, October 6th, and will be of statewide importance in a united effort to check the losses that occur from fires by eliminating the causes of a great many of the blazes.

Here in Plattsmouth, Fire Chief Dr. O. Sandin is arranging to have the day observed by a general cleanup and in which the city is to do their part in assisting in cleaning up the business section.

On Monday and Tuesday, the city will have wagons going around in the business section of the city that will look after the hauling away of the rubbish that may be accumulated in the cleanup and dispose of the same.

The reports have shown that a larger part of the fires are due to neglect and carelessness on the part of tenants and property owners in checking the causes that may lead to the fires and accordingly the state municipal authorities are arranging each year to observe Fire Prevention week in order to lessen the hazards that might cause serious fires.

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C. H. Peden, Irving Woolsey, R. G. Campbell, Edgar Wescott, Alice Waters, Frances Fields, Irene Parli and Helen Wescott formed a party attending the Nebraska-Illinois game at Lincoln today.

Q. Z. SOCIETY MEETS.

From Friday's Daily—

The members of the Q. Z. society were very pleasantly entertained on Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. E. P. Stewart at the home of Mrs. W. R. Young on north Fourth street, and which occasion was very much enjoyed by all of the ladies in attendance. The ladies spent the time in the playing of the busy needles and in the transaction of the business of the society and which occupied several hours and the hostess at a suitable hour served very dainty and delicious refreshments.

RETURN FROM TRIP

From Friday's Daily—

J. W. Edgerton and son, Alfred, and Dewey Hobson, who have been enjoying a hunting trip up in the Dakotas, have returned home and report a very fine time and lots of good shooting in the localities that they visited. While in South Dakota they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Lester, the latter being formerly Miss Ruby Edgerton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Edgerton.

ARE YOU out of a JOB? What but we help find you one.

Advertisement for The First National Bank, featuring a sky-scraper illustration and text: 'The Bank for YOU and YOURS', 'A Sky-Scraper of Protection!', 'In Chicago, jewelers are planning a 40-story building to protect them against the bandits who have robbed them of millions of dollars in recent years. The sky-scraper will give its occupants every protection. Here in Plattsmouth, the First National Bank has been protecting the financial interest of its customers for 53 years. Every year of experience gained is an added "story" insuring you greater protection. Bank here and profit by the safeguards our experience provides. THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA. "The Bank Where You Feel at Home!"