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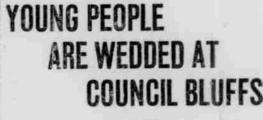
ORGANIZE NEW CLUB

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From Friday's Daily-

Last evening the M. X. S. club was organized at the home of Miss Catherine Schneider where a number DALIA, MISSOURI of the young ladies of the high school assembled to enjoy the evening and start the club on its way in the most pleasant manner. The officers selected by the club were: President, Jean Tidball; Vice-President, Kathleen Troop; Secretary, Ruth Tidball; Treasurer, Catherine Schneider.

After the social pleasures of the evening and at an appropriate hour ment of Nebraska. He has continued ceived here by the relatives of the the hostess served very dainty and



and Mr. Charles Atterberry are Married In Iowa City.

From Friday's Datty-

Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. Charles this city and is the eldest son of Mr. Atterberry returned home from and Mrs. Louis Smetana and a young Council Bluffs where they were marman highly esteemed by those who ried on Wednesday afternoon at 4 have the pleasure of knowing him. o'clock at the county court house in

The bride was Miss Violet Carroll, vice of his country at the outbreak who resides on a farm south of this of the World war and served for city and where she has made her more than two years in the navy. home since a child of four years and For the past two years he has been where she possesses a large circle of located at Sedalia, where he is in warm friends. She is a daughter of the employ of the Missouri Pacific Mr. and Mrs. Ray Campbell and a at its shops there and among his as- young lady of much charm of personcociates he is held in the highest ality and who is held in the deepest affection by those who know her.

The groom is one of the well ing Mr. and Mrs. Smetana much known young men of the eastern happiness and success in the years, portion of Cass county, coming here several years ago from his home in Kansas and has been for a greater part of the time engaged in road work for the county along the K. of T. highway and has lately been ensiness in Uni

The many friends of the young

people join in extending to them

their best wishes for their future

Mrs. W. J. Streight entertained **BRIDGE COMPANY** twelve friends delightfully at luncheon yesterday at her home in honor of her sister, Mrs. Edwin T. Dutcher of Warrensburg, Missouri, for whom FORMED FRIDAY of Warrensburg, Missouri, for whom a number of parties have been given during her visit here. Pioneer Statesman and Lawyer Passed Away The table was most attractive in a color scheme of pink, sweet peas, at Home Here Last Evening After a favors and place cards carrying out IMEETING AT OMAHA MAKES A the color scheme, colored ices and START TOWARD ULTIMATE candies in pink hearts suggesting the FREE BRIDGE HERE. Valentine season. Following the luncheon the guests played auction bridge at which Mrs. G. E. DeWolf was the winner. Mrs. Lynn Minor A RESIDENT OF THIS CITY SINCE 1867 SCHNEIDER PRESIDENT won low prize and Mrs. Lynn Minor handsome guest prize. The Fart of the K. of T. High-**ARE MARRIED**

IN IOWA

GIVES BRIDGE LUNCHEON

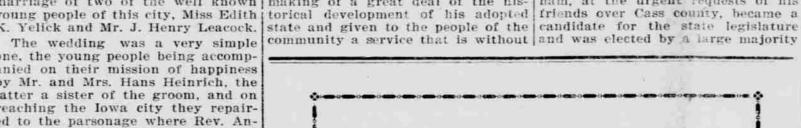
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way System When Done. Yesterday at Omaha was completed the plans for the launching of the King of Trails Bridge company, with

the purpose of constructing a new steel and concrete bridge over the Miss Edith K. Yelick and J. Henry Platte river north of Plattsmouth, with the intention, as the members of the company state, of making the bridge a free structure as soon as the amount of the investment is returned in tolls, at which time the bridge will be transferred to the counties onage of the First Methodist church of Cass and Sarpy to be operated as a non-toll bridge.

The bridge, it is stated will cost marriage of two of the well known in the neighborhood of \$125,000 young people of this city, Miss Edith torical development of his adopted friends over Cass county, became a and will be a structure made in K. Yelick and Mr. J. Henry Leacock. strict compliance with the requirements of the state and fede.al gov- one, the young people being accompernment regulations so that when it anied on their mission of happiness is taken over by the counties it will by Mr. and Mrs. Hans Heinrich, the fit in with the plans of the comple- latter a sister of the groom, and on tion of the great King of Trails reaching the Iowa city they repairhighway.

wide, capable of holding two streams holy wedlock. of traffic and with an 80-ton capacity. There will be 100 foot spans, twelve of them being used, which are to be of steel and supported by concrete. The roadbed of the bridge will also be of concrete.



ed to the parsonage where Rev. An-The new bridge will be 20 feet derson united them in the bonds of

Leacock of This City Joined in

Wedlock Yesterday.

from Thursday's Datty-

The bride was attractively gowned in brown flat crepe and wore a picture hat to match.

Following the wedding the bridal party returned home on the afteroon Burlington train to receive the

Deceased Had Served Many Terms as Member of the State Legislature and Was Prominently Mentioned for Governor of Nebraska Several Times.

Long Period of Ill Health.

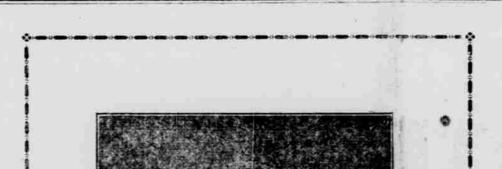
Calmly and peacefully facing the his ill health made necessary his breaking lights of the distant shores closing the office and retiring. Durof the land of everlasting day, Rob- ing his years of practice, Mr. Windert Baxter Windham, pioneer soldier, ham served several times as city atawyer and statesman, passed on last torney of Plattsmouth and in which evening and with his going there capacity he handled much extensive passed one of the best known and litigation.

distinguished residents of Cass county and Nebraska. Yesterday afternoon at the par-

The deceased was for a period of

20 years the president of the Cass The story of the life of Mr. Wind- county bar association and was one ham is a part of the history of Ne- of its most distinguished members.

at Council Bluffs, Iowa, occurred the braska, as he has taken part in the In the summer of 1878 Mr. Windmaking of a great deal of the his- ham, at the urgent requests of his



ide the wife and son.

uel, who is at the hospital in Omaha

Mr. Windham was one of the char-

ter members of the Methodist church

in this city and has long been iden-

tified with the activities of the

church, as a teacher in the Sunday

school, a worker in the musical de

partment of the church and also a member of the official board for many

The deceased was also one of the

founders of the Grand Army of the

Republic and has held many offices

in the state organization of that

recovering from an operation.

True Heroism-A Tribute

Life, indeed, is one great continous drama, where each generation teps upon the stage, plays its part, lects its heroes and heroines, displays the theme which calls forth all the resources and powers of its chief ctors, writes its part of earth's hisory and passes on.

In each generation appear some toble souls who seem to have caught inspiration from the very breath of God. They emerge from the valley of commonplace life; are seen by few, struggling up the mountain

JOSEPH SMETANA IS MARRIED AT SE-

Former Well Known Plattsmouth Young Man Weds Lady of the Missouri City.

patriotic body, his last duties being From Friday's Daily-

active in the local post up until the groom announcing the marriage of delicious refreshments. last few weeks when he was strick- Miss Nora Simmons and Mr. Joseph en down and compelled to remain at Smetana, which occurred this week his home as the last days of life drew at Sedalia, Missouri, where the con-

Mr. Windham was also one of the homes. flicers of the Nebraska Territorial Cioneers association and held many ant news to the friends here as the offices in that organization of the old happy event had been anticipated for ettlers of the state.

The funeral services of Mr. Windham will be held on Sunday after- Mrs. William Simmons of Sedalia Miss Violet Carroll of Near This City ncon at 2:30 from the First Methodist church of which he has so long and been a member and the body will be aid to rest in Oak Hill cemetery be-

IN MEMORIAN Robert Baxter Windham

Mr. Smetana was one of the Platts- that city. mouth boys to go first into the ser-

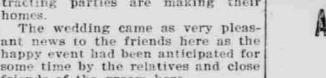
steem. The friends here will join in wish-

that lie before them.



as the judge advocate of the depart- The announcement has been re-

tracting parties are making their



friends of the groom here. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and and is one of the highly esteemed popular young ladies of that

city, where she has so long made her home and passesses a very large circle of friends in the home town. The groom was born and reared in

While the exact location of the ongratulations and well wishes of new bridge has not been decided uptheir relatives and friends. on, it is expected that the structure Mr. and Mrs. Leacock will be at will be erected east of the present. home to their friends after February Hine of bridges and giving a straight road from the south to the bridge in- Sth at the home, 415 South Fifth stead of the present roadway to the street. auto and wagon bridge west of the Both

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Both of the contracting parties are

members of the graduating class of Nord corner. The new bridge when it is turned 1924 of the Plattsmouth high school over to the counties will eliminate and their school day romance has dethe last toll bridge in the state and veloped into the decision that they the members of the company in their will take up life's journey together by-laws have made agreement that until the close of their lives. The the bridge shall be turned over, as bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. roon as the amount of the invest- James Yelick and was born and rearment to the stockholders has been ed in this city where she is univerreturned. This will enable the ex- sally loved and esteemed by a large tension of the federal and state aid circle of friends. The groom is a son to the highway north of this city of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Leacock which has been held back heretofore, and has made his home here for the the members of the company state, past three years and is numbered allowing the completion of the King as one of the very finest young men of Trails highway from Kansas City in the community. He is an employe to Omaha. In the past it has been of the Burlington in the local shops, impossible to secure federal assist- where he has the confidence and esnce on the highway south of Fort teem of all his associates. Both Mr. Crook and north of Plattsmouth and Mrs. Leacock have been very ac The meeting of those interested in tive in the religious and social life

the company at Omaha yesterday of the Methodist church and their took up the adoption of the by-laws friends there will be pleased to learn and also the election of officers and that they expect to continue to make the following were selected:

President - Henry A. Schneider, Plattsmouth.

ham. Omaha

Secretary-Searl S. Davis.

Directors-H. A. Schneider, Frank M. Bestor, Searl S. Davis and R. A. Troop. of Plattsmouth; Everett Buckingham, T. C. Byrne and W. B. Cheek, of Omaha.

The company will start their active work at once and hope to have this structure under way in a short bridge party at the Rosencrans home time, which will mark one of the im- whoch was enjoyed to the utmost Trails highway that extends from ance.

the Gulf of Mexico to the Canadian traveled highway in the state of Neover it.

The project has been considered for some time following the failure and the first honors were won by agreement as entered into in the by- Miss Frances Weber of Chicago. feel confident that they will be able of the party were served with very to secure the needed federal aid on dainty and delicious refreshments the highway.

The funds for the erection of the by Mrs. Ralph Johnson. bridge have been secured on pledges from the residents of Cass, Sarpy and Douglas counties and include in the list of the promoters of the project in addition to those who have been elected as the officers were, George Brandeis, Walter W. Head, Frank S. ers at their session this week made Nebraska Power Co.

ENJOY PLEASANT PARTY

Last evening a number of young people were very pleasantly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

their home here. The Journal joins with the other

friends of the young people in wish-Vice President-Everett Bucking- ing them all the joy and happiness that they so well deserve.

ENTERTAIN AT BRIDGE

From Friday's Daily-

Last evening, Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans and Miss Marie Fitzgerald were hostesses at a very pleasant child of nine years by his parents to 1918 was again called to serve the

border and is the second heaviest or scheme of red, the Valentine sea- place. There was received the basis was strongly urged by his friends Here, also, he never faltered for a son being followed in the decorations of the ideals that were to guide him over the state to enter the race for moment, assumed the duty, gave braska, as in the summer season it and which added to the delightful- through life and enable him to give the republican nomination for gover- them the best he had and in his last has from 700 to 1,200 cars daily ness of the occasion and the enjoy- to his state and community his nor of Nebraska, but owing to the days were the objects of his greatest ment of the ladies.

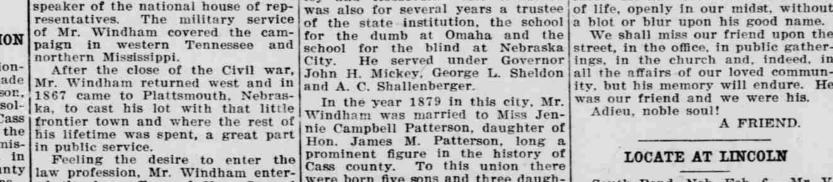
There were four tables of bridge laws of the company, the members At a suitable hour the members ernment.

APPOINTED ON SOLDIERS' RELIEF COMMISSION

The board of county commission-Keogh, F. H. Davis, Gould Deitz, Joe the appointment of G. W. Peterson, 1867 came to Plattsmouth, Nebras-Kelly and President Davidson of the of Eagle, as a member of the sol- ka, to cast his lot with that little Windham was married to Miss Jenof Eagle, as a member of the sol- ka, to cast his lot with that the rest of diers' relief commission for Cass frontier town and where the rest of nie Campbell Patterson, daughter of his lifetime was spent, a great part Hon. James M. Patterson, long a sioner's district and will assist in the administering of this county

fund for the old civil war veterans.

the evening. William Matschullat Omaha where she was taken on the practice of law. At the time of ids, Iowa; Miss Hermie Windham of ing partners in the sand business and entertained the members of the party Thursday for treatment and a slight his death, Mr. Windham was one of Plattsmouth; Mrs. Ellen Sturgess of will still retain his interests in entertained the members of the party Thursday for treatment and a slight with several stunts. Those attend-ing the event were: Misses Velma and Bessie Bushnell, Ida and Mary relief in the course of treatment at and Bessie Bushnell, Ida and Mary relief in the course of treatment at the opened his law office in this death, Mr. Windham was one of Omaha and Mrs. Ellen Sturgess of Will still retain ins integests in the oldest of the alumni of the Uni-wersity of Michigan. University Place. Mr. Kitrell, with the opened his law office in this continued in active the children will be here for the final of the children will be here for the final were street and Warran Avenue.



price and unselfishly he has served and was re-elected in 1882 and 1883. this good man's life. In the flush of highest ideals.

and spent a few years of tender was again selected as the represen- cation. childhood there, being taken when a tative of Cass county in 1905 and in grew to manhood and received his lation for the young state.

splendid service.

When seventeen years of age, Mr. at that time he declined the prof- His home cares, duties and bur drafts that were ordered by the gov- years.

by the hostesses who were assisted under Col. David B. Henderson, lat-by Mrs. Ralph Johnson. under Col. David B. Henderson, lat-er congressman from that state and ley and Roosevelt. Mr. Windham fare. He has lived the alloted time

Mr. Windham returned west and in and A. C. Shallenberger. prominent figure in the history of

ed the law offices of Hon. Samuel Maxwell, later supreme judge of the

They clamber over peaks and crags, cross chasms, struggle on, un mindful of the gibes and scoffs of the dust-earth below, until they reach the summit of their quest, where they stand aglow with the conscious ness of the presence of the Divine. and signal to coming generations to

limb higher toward the Infinite. Our generation is playing its part

Our little community furnishes one From Friday's Dailyof the scenes which has its heroes and heroines. These are not heroes or bygone days. Mail-clad knights with flaming banners courting death as the price of glory do not appear Roland and Oliver; Tancred and Godfrey; Bertrand and Chevalier Bayard have long since gone. Yet for more than a third of a century. in our very midst, a hero of finer qualities, broader vision, greater purpose and sublimer courage than all these, has acted his part in the great drama, in the presence of us all. Unnoticed, perhaps, by gallery and pit, but without doubt has re-God

of this city For several days the death angel has hovered over our little city with nessage in hand and last eventide knocked at the door of Robert B. Windham's heart and bade him and sound and managed in a real come. Too much cannot be said of business like manner.

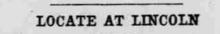
to do all that was possible to make In the session of the sixteenth ses- young manhood he was left alone the land that he loved worthy of the sion in 1882 he was speaker pro-tem with eight small children depending of the house of representatives and on his care. With fidelity and self-Robert Baxter Windham was born also served as chairman of the ju- sacrifice rarely seen, alone, he took in St. Joseph, Missouri, July 5, 1846, diciary committee of the house. He up the task of their nurture and edu-

In all the years that followed, h never faltered nor complained, main-Glenwood, Iowa, then one of the out- people of his county with honor and tained a home and reared them all to posts of the great unknown west. In distinction and his splendid services manhood and womanhood. By the portant links in the great King of by the ladies who were in attend- the quiet little Mills county city he were very valuable in forming legis- circumstances of life, two grandchildren, also, became largely de-The home was arranged in a col- education in the schools of that In the year 1902, Mr. Windham pendent upon his bounty and care. bereavement that had come to him solicitude.

Windham entered the Iowa state fered honor and devoted himself to dens, however great, did not absorb to secure the present bridge by the Miss Marie Soennichsen while the militia and served in it for some time his business interests and the care his entire interest in the way of life. county commissioners, and under the consolation prize was awarded to in the outbreaks that followed the of his family, then all of tender He was active in all the civic duties of his home town, county and state. In 1900 Mr. Windham was named He became influential in the affairs In 1864, Mr. Windham enlisted in as one of the presidential electors of his church, the community, po-Co. K, 46th Iowa infantry, serving from Nebraska and assisted in cast- litical activities and in all move-

> speaker of the national house of rep- was also for several years a trustee of life, openly in our midst, without We shall miss our friend upon the He served under Governor ings, in the church and, indeed, in After the close of the Civil war, John H. Mickey, George L. Sheldon all the affairs of our loved community, but his memory will endure. He was our friend and we were his.

Adieu, noble soul! A FRIEND.



were born five sons and three daugh-South Bend, Neb. Feb. 6 .- Mr. V H. Kitrell, who is associated with Ed Dragoo and the event one that was enjoyed to the utmost by all of the members of the party. The time was spent in games of all kinds and several musical numbers by the members of the party while during was spent in games of the party while during members of the party while during during the party during the preceding Mr. Windham in death. the sand business in South Bend, was

LUAN ASSOCIA-ION CORRECT their best wishes for happiness and success.

MRS. W. H. RUSH PASSES AWAY Auditor Completes Work of Auditing Books of Plattsmouth Loan From Friday's Daily-

and Building Association. Mrs. W. H. Rush, one of the most

excellent of women and one whom everybody in the vicinity of Murdock, and, in fact, the entire portion For the past two weeks the directers of the Plattsmouth Loan & of the county in which she lived Building association have had Frank and from which she removed with E. Schlater, expert bookkeeper, en- her husband, some two years ago, to gaged in the task of making a thor- Harlingen, Texas, answered the call ough audit of the books of this fin- of the Angel of death at her home ancial association and which has last Thursday morning. A message just been completed by Mr. Schlater. from a daughter, Mrs. Brittain, of The report of the auditor shows Harlingen, Texas, to Miss Viola that the books of all of the officers Everett, of Murdock, told of her are in the best of shapes and kept in passing away and the starting of the a splendid andeflicient manner that funeral cortege to Lincoln where two s most pleasing to the stockholders, of the daughters, Mesdames Milles

The condition of the building and and Way, are making their home, Mrs. Rush is mourned by the husoan association is the very best that ceived the plaudits of the angels of could be desired and gives a real band and seven daughters. The showing of the financial institution daughters are Edna, Vera, Nellie, Jessie, Leona, Mabel and Mary. Mrs. The Piattsmouth Loan & Building James Foreman of near Alvo, is a ssociation has been conducted along sister of Mrs. Rush. At this writing he most strict and conservative lines nothing is known as to the arrangeand with the result that it is safe ments of the funeral or where the interment will be.

As you think so you eventually





ROBERT EANTER WINDHAM

