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## KING OF TRAILS BRIDGE COMPANY FORMED FRIDAY

### MEETING AT OMAHA MAKES A START TOWARD ULTIMATE FREE BRIDGE HERE.

#### A. SCHNEIDER PRESIDENT

Structure to Cost \$125,000 and Will Be Part of the K. of T. Highway 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 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 of Cass and Sarpy to be operated as a non-toll bridge.

The bridge, it is stated, will cost in the neighborhood of \$125,000 and will be a structure made in strict compliance with the requirements of the state and federal government regulations so that when it is taken over by the counties it will fit in with the plans of the completion of the great King of Trails highway.

The new bridge will be 20 feet wide, capable of holding two streams of traffic and with an 80-ton capacity. There will be 100 foot spans, twenty of them being steel, which are to be steel and supported by concrete. The roadbed of the bridge will also be of concrete.

While the exact location of the new bridge has not been decided upon, it is expected that the structure will be erected east of the present line of bridges and give a straight road from the south to the bridge instead of the present roadway to the auto and wagon bridge west of the Nord corner.

The new bridge when it is turned over to the counties will eliminate the last toll in the state and will give the members of the company in their by-laws have made agreement that the bridge shall be turned over, as soon as the amount of the investment to the stockholders has been returned. This will enable the extension of the highway to the state and to the highway north of this city which has been held back heretofore, the members of the company state, allowing the completion of the King of Trails highway from Kansas City to Omaha. In the past it has been impossible to secure federal assistance on the highway south of Fort Crook and north of Plattsmouth.

The meeting of those interested in the company at Omaha yesterday took up the adoption of the by-laws and also the election of officers and the following were selected:

President—Henry A. Schneider, Plattsmouth.  
Vice President—Everett Buckingham, Omaha.

Secretary—Searl S. Davis, Plattsmouth.  
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 time, which will mark one of the important links in the great King of Trails highway that extends from the Gulf of Mexico to the Canadian border and is the second heaviest traveled highway in the state of Nebraska, as in the summer season it has from 700 to 1,200 cars daily over it.

The project has been considered for some time following the failure to secure the present bridge by the county commissioners, and under the agreement as entered into in the by-laws of the company, the members feel confident that they will be able to secure the needed federal aid on the highway.

The funds for the erection of the 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 officers were: George Brandeis, Walter W. Head, Frank S. Keogh, F. H. Davis, Gould Deltz, Joe Kelly and President Davidson of the Nebraska Power Co.

#### ENJOY PLEASANT PARTY

Last evening a number of young people were very pleasantly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Drago 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 the evening, William Matschulat entertained the members of the party with several stunts. Those attending the event were: Misses Velma and Bessie Bushnell, Ida and Mary McFarland, William Matschulat, Charles Fulton and John McFarland.

#### GIVES BRIDGE LUNCHEON

From Friday's Daily—  
Mrs. W. J. Streight entertained twelve friends delightfully at luncheon yesterday at her home in honor of her sister, Mrs. Edwin T. Dutcher of Warrensburg, Missouri, for whom a number of parties have been given during her visit here.  
The table was most attractive, in a color scheme of pink, sweet peas, favors and place cards carrying out the color scheme, colored glass and candies in pink hearts suggesting the Valentine season. Following the luncheon the guests played auction bridge at which Mrs. G. E. DeWolf was the winner. Mrs. Lynn Minor won low prize and Mrs. Dutcher the handsome guest prize.

## YOUNG PEOPLE ARE MARRIED IN IOWA

### Miss Edith K. Yelick and J. Henry Leacock of This City Joined in Wedding Yesterday.

From Thursday's Daily—  
Yesterday afternoon at the parsonage of the First Methodist church at Council Bluffs, Iowa, occurred the marriage of two of the well known young people of this city, Miss Edith K. Yelick and Mr. J. Henry Leacock.

The wedding was a very simple one, the young people being accompanied on their mission of happiness by Mr. and Mrs. Hans Heinrich, the latter a sister of the groom, and on reaching the Iowa city they repaired to the parsonage where Rev. Anderson united them in the bonds of holy wedlock.

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 afternoon Burlington train to receive the congratulations and well wishes of their relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Leacock will be at home to their friends after February 8th at the home, 415 South Fifth street.

Both of the contracting parties are members of the graduating class of 1924 of the Plattsmouth high school and their school day romance has developed into the decision that they will take up life's journey together until the close of their lives. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Yelick and was born and reared in this city where she is universally loved and esteemed by a large circle of friends. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Leacock and has made his home here for the past three years and is numbered as one of the very finest young men in the community. He is an employee of the Burlington in the local shops, where he has the confidence and esteem of all his associates. Both Mr. and Mrs. Leacock have been very active in the religious and social life of the Methodist church and their friends there will be pleased to learn that they expect to continue to make their home here.

The Journal joins with the other friends of the young people in wishing 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 bridge party at the Rosencrans home which was enjoyed to the utmost by the ladies who were in attendance.

The home was arranged in a color scheme of red, the Valentine season being followed in the decorations and which added to the delightfulness of the occasion and the enjoyment of the ladies.

There were four tables of bridge and the first honors were won by Miss Marie Seennichsen while the consolation prize was awarded to Miss Frances Weber of Chicago.

At a suitable hour the members of the party were served with very dainty and delicious refreshments by the hostesses who were assisted by Mrs. Ralph Johnson.

#### APPOINTED ON SOLDIERS' RELIEF COMMISSION

The board of county commissioners at their session this week made the appointment of G. W. Peterson, of Eagle, as a member of the soldiers' relief commission for Cass county. Mr. Peterson is one of the old veterans in the third commissioner's district and will assist in the administering of this county fund for the old civil war veterans.

#### MRS. BRENDEL AT HOSPITAL

From Friday's Daily—  
Mrs. B. F. Brendel, one of the old and highly respected residents of Murray, is now at the hospital in Omaha where she was taken on Thursday for treatment and a slight operation. The many friends are hopeful that she may find permanent relief in the course of treatment at the hospital and soon be able to return to her home.

## ROBERT BAXTER WINDHAM CALLED TO LAST REWARD

### Pioneer Statesman and Lawyer Passed Away at Home Here Last Evening After a Long Period of Ill Health.

#### A RESIDENT OF THIS CITY SINCE 1867

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

Calmly and peacefully facing the breaking lights of the distant shores of the land of everlasting day, Robert Baxter Windham, pioneer soldier, lawyer and statesman, passed on last evening and with his going there passed one of the best known and distinguished residents of Cass county and Nebraska.

The story of the life of Mr. Windham is a part of the history of Nebraska, as he has taken part in the making of a great deal of the historical development of his adopted state and given to the people of the community a service that is without

his ill health made necessary his closing the office and retiring. During his years of practice, Mr. Windham served several times as city attorney of Plattsmouth and in which capacity he handled much extensive litigation.

The deceased was for a period of 20 years the president of the Cass county bar association and was one of its most distinguished members.

In the summer of 1878 Mr. Windham, at the urgent requests of his friends over Cass county, became a candidate for the state legislature and was elected by a large majority



ROBERT BAXTER WINDHAM

price and unselfishly he has served to do all that was possible to make the land that he loved worthy of the highest ideals.

Robert Baxter Windham was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, July 5, 1846, and spent a few years of tender childhood there, being taken when a child of nine years by his parents to Glenwood, Iowa, then one of the outposts of the great unknown west. In the quiet little Mills county city he grew to manhood and received his education in the schools of that place. There was received the basis of the ideals that were to guide him through life and enable him to give to his state and community his splendid service.

When seventeen years of age, Mr. Windham entered the Iowa state militia and served in it for some time in the outbreaks that followed the drafts that were ordered by the government.

In 1864, Mr. Windham enlisted in Co. K, 48th Iowa infantry, serving under Col. David B. Henderson, later congressman from that state and speaker of the national house of representatives. The military service of Mr. Windham covered the campaign in western Tennessee and northern Mississippi.

After the close of the Civil war, Mr. Windham returned west and in 1867 came to Plattsmouth, Nebraska, to cast his lot with that little frontier town and where the rest of his lifetime was spent, a great part in public service.

Feeling the desire to enter the law profession, Mr. Windham entered the law offices of Hon. Samuel Maxwell, later supreme judge of the state, and completing his studies in this city, on the advice of Judge Maxwell, entered the University of Michigan where he completed the law course and then returned to Plattsmouth to take up for himself the practice of law. At the time of his death, Mr. Windham was one of the oldest of the alumni of the University of Michigan.

He opened his law office in this city in 1873 and continued in active practice up to a few weeks ago when

and was re-elected in 1882 and 1883. In the session of the sixteenth session in 1882 he was speaker pro-tem of the house of representatives and also served as chairman of the judiciary committee of the house. He was again selected as the representative of Cass county in 1905 and in 1918 was again called to serve the people of his county with honor and distinction and his splendid services were very valuable in forming legislation for the young state.

In the year 1902, Mr. Windham was strongly urged by his friends over the state to enter the race for the republican nomination for governor of Nebraska, but owing to the bereavement that had come to him at that time he declined the proffered honor and devoted himself to his business interests and the care of his family, then all of tender years.

In 1900 Mr. Windham was named as one of the presidential electors from Nebraska and assisted in casting the vote of this state for McKinley and Roosevelt. Mr. Windham was also for several years a trustee of the state institution, the school for the dumb at Omaha and Nebraska City. He served under Governor John H. Miekay, George L. Sheldon and A. C. Shallenberger.

In the year 1879 in this city, Mr. Windham was married to Miss Jennie Campbell Patterson, daughter of Hon. James M. Patterson, long a prominent figure in the history of Cass county. To this union there were born five sons and three daughters, one son, Jamie, and the wife preceding Mr. Windham in death.

The surviving children are: Wade W. Windham, Lincoln; Robert Windham, Plattsmouth; Benjamin Windham, residing in California; Samuel C. Windham of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Miss Hermie Windham of Plattsmouth; Mrs. Ellen Sturgess of Omaha and Mrs. Kathryn Riddle of West Palm Beach, Florida. All of the children will be here for the final services with the exception of Sam-

uel, who is at the hospital in Omaha recovering from an operation.

Mr. Windham was one of the charter members of the Methodist church in this city and has long been identified with the activities of the church, as a teacher in the Sunday school, a worker in the musical department of the church and also a member of the official board for many years.

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 patriotic body, his last duties being as the judge advocate of the department of Nebraska. He has continued active in the local post up until the final weeks when he was stricken down and compelled to remain at his home as the last days of life drew near.

Mr. Windham was also one of the officers of the Nebraska Territorial Pioneers association and held many offices in that organization of the old settlers of the state.

The funeral services of Mr. Windham will be held on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 from the First Methodist church of which he has so long been a member and the body will be laid to rest in Oak Hill cemetery beside the wife and son.

#### IN MEMORIAM

### Robert Baxter Windham

#### True Heroism—A Tribute

Life, indeed, is one great continuous drama, where each generation steps upon the stage, plays its part, selects its heroes and heroines, displays the theme which calls forth all the resources and powers of its chief actors, writes its part of earth's history and passes on.

In each generation appear some noble souls who seem to have caught inspiration from the very breath of God. They emerge from the valley of commonplace life; are seen by a few, struggling up the mountain side. They clamber over peaks and crags, cross chasms, struggle on, unmindful of the gibes and scoffs of the dust-earth below, until they reach the summit of their quest, where they stand aglow with the consciousness of the presence of the Divine, and signal to coming generations to climb higher toward the Infinite.

Our generation is playing its part. Our little community furnishes one of 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. Robert 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 received the plaudits of the angels of God.

For several days the death angel has hovered over our little city with message in hand and last evening he opened the door of Robert B. Windham's heart and bade him come. Too much cannot be said of this good man's life. In the flush of young manhood he was left alone with eight small children depending on his care. With fidelity and self-sacrifice rarely seen, alone, he took up the task of their nurture and education.

In all the years that followed, he never faltered nor complained, maintained a home and reared them all to manhood and womanhood. By the circumstances of life, two grandchildren, also, became largely dependent upon his bounty and care. Here, also, he never faltered for a moment, assumed the duty, gave them the best he had and in his last days were the objects of his greatest solicitude.

His home cares, duties and burdens, however great, did not absorb his entire interest in the way of life. He was active in all the civic duties of his home town, county and state. He became influential in the affairs of his church, the community, political activities and in all movements tending toward public welfare. He has lived the allotted time of life, openly in our midst, without a blot or blur upon his good name.

We shall miss our friend upon the street, in the office, in public gatherings, in the church and, indeed, in all the scenes of our loved community, but his memory will endure. He was our friend and we were his. Adieu, noble soul!

A FRIEND.

#### LOCATE AT LINCOLN

South Bend, Neb. Feb. 6.—Mr. V. H. Kitzell, who is associated with the sand business in South Bend, was a visitor at Lincoln for the past few days and while there arranged to move to University Place, and will in the future be associated with a firm there as one of the predominating partners in the sand business and will still retain his interests in South Bend, but will have offices at University Place. Mr. Kitzell, with his family, will move to University Place on February 16th, where they holdrege street and Warran Avenue.

## JOSEPH SMETANA IS MARRIED AT SEDALIA, MISSOURI

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

From Friday's Daily—  
The announcement has been received here by the relatives of the groom announcing the marriage of Miss Nora Simmons and Mr. Joseph Smetana, which occurred this week at Sedalia, Missouri, where the contracting parties are making their homes.

The wedding came as very pleasant news to the friends here as the happy event had been anticipated for some time by the relatives and close friends of the groom here.  
The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Simmons of Sedalia and is one of the highly esteemed and popular young ladies of that city, where she has so long made her home and possesses a very large circle of friends in the home town.

The groom was born and reared in this city and is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smetana and a young man highly esteemed by those who have the pleasure of knowing him. Mr. Smetana was one of the Plattsmouth boys to go first into the service of his country at the outbreak of the World war and served for more than two years in the navy. For the past two years he has been located at Sedalia, where he is in the employ of the Missouri Pacific at its shops there and among his associates he is held in the highest esteem.

The friends here will join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Smetana much happiness and success in the years that lie before them.

## FINDS BOOKS OF LOAN ASSOCIATION CORRECT

### Auditor Completes Work of Auditing Books of Plattsmouth Loan and Building Association.

From Friday's Daily—  
For the past two weeks the directors of the Plattsmouth Loan & Building association have had Frank E. Schlater, expert bookkeeper, engaged in the task of making a thorough audit of the books of this financial association and which has just been completed by Mr. Schlater.

The report of the auditor shows that the books of all of the officers are in the best of shapes and kept in a splendid and efficient manner that is most pleasing to the stockholders. The condition of the building and loan association is the very best that could be desired and gives a real showing of the financial institution of this city.

The Plattsmouth Loan & Building association has been conducted along the most strict and conservative lines and with the result that it is safe and sound and managed in a real business like manner.

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#### ORGANIZE NEW CLUB

From Friday's Daily—  
Last evening the M. X. S. club was organized at the home of Miss Catherine Schneider where a number 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; Sec.-Pres., Ruth Tidball; Treasurer, Catherine Schneider.

After the social pleasures of the evening and at an appropriate hour the hostess served very dainty and delicious refreshments.

## YOUNG PEOPLE ARE WEDDED AT COUNCIL BLUFFS

### Miss Violet Carroll of Near This City and Mr. Charles Atterbury are Married in Iowa City.

From Friday's Daily—  
Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. Charles Atterbury returned home from Council Bluffs where they were married on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the county court house in that city.

The bride was Miss Violet Carroll, who resides on a farm south of this city and where she has made her home since a child of four years and where she possesses a large circle of warm friends. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Campbell and a young lady of much charm of personality and who is held in the deepest affection by those who know her.

The groom is one of the well known young men of the eastern 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 engaged in business in Union.

The many friends of the young people join in extending to them their best wishes for their future happiness and success.

#### MRS. W. H. RUSH PASSES AWAY

From Friday's Daily—  
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 of the county in which she lived and from which she removed with her husband, some two years ago, to Harlingen, Texas, answered the call of the Angel of death at her home last Thursday morning. A message from a daughter, Mrs. Brittain, of Harlingen, Texas, to Miss Viola Everett, of Murdock, told of her passing away and the starting of the funeral cortege to Lincoln where two of the daughters, Mesdames Milles and Way, are making their home.

Mrs. Rush is mourned by the husband and seven daughters. The daughters are Edna, Vera, Nellie, Jessie, Leona, Mabel and Mary. Mrs. James Foreman of near Alvo, is a sister of Mrs. Rush. At this writing nothing is known as to the arrangements of the funeral or where the interment will be.

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