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## EARL A. STANFIELD DIES AS RESULT OF BURNS SUSTAINED

### Passed Away Saturday at Home in Arapahoe Following Accident Of Last Friday.

From Monday's Daily—  
The message reached this city Saturday night that Earl A. Stanfield, victim of the fatal accident at Arapahoe, Nebraska, had passed away as the result of the burns sustained in the explosion of the keg of stock dip.

The death of Mr. Stanfield occurred twelve hours after the accident and was preceded by the utmost agony and two-thirds of the flesh on his body was burned off. He was blinded by the flames that had followed the explosion. Despite his terrible suffering and the severity of the burns he retained consciousness until the end and his death came as a blessing to the unfortunate man.

Further particulars from Arapahoe state that the keg of stock dip was being heated by Mr. Stanfield over a gasoline stove and it suddenly caught afire, oil being one of the compositions of the dip, and in an instant the keg had blown up, with the burning contents scattered over the face and body of the unfortunate man. Blinded by the intense burns, he had fled from the house, and not being able to see had run away from the house and made it difficult for anyone to reach him in time to render any effective aid until too late to save his life. He was reached by a friend after he had run some distance and fire extinguisher used in getting out the flames but the injuries sustained were too severe and from which he could not recover.

Mr. Stanfield was carried to the home of a neighbor nearby and there he was cared for until death came to his relief and brought peace to his intense suffering.

The tragedy has almost prostrated the wife and little daughter, Mary Louise, who was the idol of her father, and they are being looked after by friends at Arapahoe.

Mr. Stanfield was a member of the local commandery of the Knights Templar of this city which received word last night of his tragic death.

His little daughter will have the deep sympathy of the many friends in this community.

## PLATTSMOUTH ALUMNI ENJOY CHARTER DAY

### Radio Cast of the University of Nebraska Program Enjoyed By Former Students Here.

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Last evening a company of the former students of the University of Nebraska who are residing in this city, gathered at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Westover to enjoy the radio cast of the third annual charter day program as was given at the university last night.

The program was transmitted by long distance telephone from the university to the Hastings broadcasting station, KPKX, from where it was sent out to the wide world.

The old grads here recognized clearly the voices of the instructors and friends who took part in the program and it was like the old schooldays to once more hear the teachers under whom they had studied, speak on familiar subjects and served as a very pleasant occasion to all of the members of the party.

## HARLAN GORDER ILL

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Harlan Gorder, one of the popular young men of the local High school and captain-elect of the 1925 football team, was taken quite sick Saturday afternoon and has since that time been confined to his bed suffering from what seems to be an attack of appendicitis and his condition has caused the family some apprehension. He was feeling some better this morning but this afternoon his condition is reported as not being so well.

## FIGURES IN BOOZE CASE AT OMAHA ARE WELL KNOWN HERE

### Frank L. Peterson, Central Figure in Scandal, and His Associate are Well Known in This City.

From Tuesday's Daily—  
The uncovering of the gigantic alcohol deal in Omaha the past week involves two figures who are more or less well known in this city—one as a supposed law enforcer and the other as a rum runner.

The chief storm center of the alcohol supply of the Rossville Distilling Co., and who is now facing an indictment charging him with having disposed of 5,000 gallons to bootleggers, is better known here, perhaps than any of the parties in the booze mix-up. He was here in 1922 as a commander of a company of the Nebraska National guard from Omaha and was at that time intelligence officer of the 134th infantry, and during the National guard encampment here was more or less active in operating against alleged bootleggers, furnishing men to act as evidence secures for local officials.

From Omaha, Peterson had evidently later laid off his war on the vendors of illicit booze and become one of them to a great extent, which made the operations of the smaller bootleggers look insignificant indeed.

Peterson, in the fall of 1923 was here to testify for the defense in cases arising out of the grand jury indictments and which was his last appearance here as far as is known. Since that time he appears to have been very busy in supplying to the "hard" liquor, at which vocation he is alleged to have acquired \$20,000, and which, he claims, has been dissipated.

The man involved in the Peterson case as the one whom Peterson "bought" of a great deal of alcohol, Clarence Hanfeldt, is also known to the authorities, although his operations were of a more recent date than those of Peterson and he appeared merely as a dispenser of the ill-gotten alcohol. Several months ago in the early fall, Hanfeldt was caught north of this city along the highway with a car containing six 5-gallon containers of pure grain alcohol. J. A. Capwell, then county attorney, filed a complaint against Hanfeldt and he was fined and the booze and car taken under the mandate of the court, the car being sold and the 30 gallons of alcohol poured into the sewer in front of the court house by Sheriff E. P. Stewart, as soon as the case was disposed of.

Both Peterson and Hanfeldt are now out on \$5,000 bail pending the hearing of the action against them in the Douglas county court.

## PLEASANT BIRTHDAY PARTY

From Monday's Daily—  
The home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Holmes was a happy scene on Saturday afternoon when a number of little folks gathered to help Miss Jean celebrate her eighth birthday anniversary.

The rooms were tastefully decorated with red hearts, candles, flowers and valentines.

## PASSES BAD CHECK THIS MORNING AND IS NOW IN BASTILE

### Stranger Giving Name of Palmetto and Residence as Yutan, Nebraska, Nabbed Today.

From Monday's Daily—  
Last evening when the midnight hour was falling on this peaceful community, Constable Jack Brittain and Officer Clyde Jackson discerned a stranger coming down the deserted main street of this city, carrying with him a large suitcase and was apparently a stranger in a strange land. He was asked as to his destination and replied that he was bound for the Burlington station to spend the remainder of the night in the warmth of the waiting room. He was then requested by the officers to accept the hospitality of the city and accordingly was taken to the city jail to rest for the remainder of the night, remaining until this morning at 7 o'clock when he was released and sent on his way.

Instead of seeking the great spaces of the west, the man hastened to the clothing store of Philip Thierolf where he purchased a shirt and in return gave a check covering the price of the shirt and some change. It was only a short time later that the check was found to be worthless and accordingly the matter was reported to the police and Chief of Police Hinrichsen, Officer Jackson and Constable Brittain started out on the trail and succeeded in running down the man at the Burlington station where he was awaiting a chance to catch a passing train and get out of the city.

The officers returned the man to the city jail where he awaits the judgment of the court as to his offense.

Mr. Palmetto states that he lives at Yutan and that his father there is a very extensive farmer and that he has been working on the ranch and farm near that place.

The man when arrested was dressed in a regulation cowboy costume and his story as to having resided on a ranch seems true. When taken into custody he had all but twenty cents of the sum that he had secured at the clothing store on him, having spent this sum for food, he stated.

## CATHOLIC YOUNG PEOPLE ENJOY A PLEASANT TIME

### Pleasant Time Spent Socially Last Night at the K. S. Hall in the West Portion of City.

From Monday's Daily—  
The newly organized Young People's club of the Holy Rosary church had one of their very pleasant meetings last evening at the K. S. hall in the west portion of the city which was attended by some eighty of the members of the club.

The members of the party had an evening of the rarest enjoyment and from the opening of the evening until the party disbanded at 11 o'clock there was fun and frolic among the members of the jolly party.

In the popularity contests, Miss Agnes Slavicek was awarded the first honors and Miss Alice Wooster, second, each lady receiving a fine box of candy while in the gentlemen's contest, Joe Krejci was given first prize, a carton of cigarettes, and Emmons Holly the second, receiving a pie as his award.

The members of the party then spent the time in games of all kinds, as well as several card contests, which the greatest of interest was shown and those who desired danced to the excellent music furnished by the Gradoville orchestra and which kept the dance floor well filled during the evening hours.

At a suitable hour the members of the party were served with delicious pie a la mode that came as a fitting close to a most enjoyable occasion.

## TRUCK DAMAGES ELECTROLLER

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Last night one of the trucks belonging to the Higgins Transfer line of Nebraska City, was engaged in backing up to the curb in front of the soft drink emporium of Gid Archer, at Sixth and Main streets, when the driver gave the machine a little too much juice and it crashed into the paving and incidentally the electroller post on the corner with the result that the large ornamental glass globe on the top of the electroller was broken. These globes have a value of some \$14 each and which will serve to take off a great deal of the profit of the trip for the transfer company when it is settled. This one post is the cause of a great deal of trouble as this is the second time that it has been broken, as only a short time after it was installed, a car crashed into it and broke the globe and the post as well.

## ENJOYABLE BRIDGE PARTY

From Monday's Daily—  
Saturday evening Mrs. H. E. Brady was hostess to a number of friends at a most delightful Valentine bridge party at her home in the Coronado apartments. The rooms were very gala with the bright red of the valentine decorations, and in these pleasant settings three tables of bridge were enjoyed for several hours. The first prize was awarded to Miss Mathilde Soennichsen while the consolation prize was given to Mrs. Waldemar Soennichsen. In entertaining and serving the very delectable two-course luncheon Mrs. Brady was assisted by Mrs. A. O. Moore and Mrs. Waldemar Soennichsen.

## DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REV- OLUTION MEET

### Entertained at the Home of Mrs. James W. Burnie Saturday— State Regent Present.

From Monday's Daily—  
The members of Fontenelle chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution were very pleasantly entertained on Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. James W. Burnie, and the occasion made doubly interesting by the fact that Mrs. Elizabeth O'Ryan Smith of Chadron, state regent of the organization, was present at the meeting and took part in the most interesting discussions of the order.

The members of the chapter also held their election of the delegates to the state conference which will be held at Beatrice March 15 to 17, and to this were named Miss Eleanor Burnie as delegate and Mrs. E. H. Westcott as alternate and to which the local regent, Mrs. William Baird, will also be a delegate.

In the selection of the representative to the Continental Congress which will meet in April in Washington the ladies decided to wait and have any of the members who could get away to make the trip represent the chapter in the national gathering.

Mrs. Smith, the state regent, gave a very interesting discussion of the work of the D. A. R. over the nation and the splendid patriotic measures that they are carrying out all over the country to stimulate the study of the American government and its policies and inspiring the love of American institutions.

At a suitable hour, Mrs. Burnie served a very dainty and delicious luncheon that was very much enjoyed and appreciated by the ladies who were in attendance.

## MASONS HOLD VERY IMPRESS- SIVE SESSION

### Confer Fellowcraft Degree on Four Candidates and Entered Ap- prentice Degree on One.

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Last evening, Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., held a very largely attended and interesting session at their rooms in the Masonic temple, the occasion being the conferring the degrees of membership on several candidates.

The members and the candidates enjoyed a very delicious supper served at 6 o'clock which was followed by the work of the evening in conferring the degrees. There were four candidates for the Fellowcraft and one for the Entered Apprentice degree, the work being conferred in a most impressive manner by the officers of the lodge.

## HEARS MOTHER DEAD

Last Tuesday A. O. Ault, of Cedar Creek received a message telling of the death of his mother, it being his step mother, which occurred at her late home at St. Paul. She had been sick only four days. Mr. Ault and sister, Mrs. J. E. Edwards departed for St. Paul immediately and were present for the funeral Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. George W. Ault was born 73 years ago in Virginia and leaves the husband and five children, all grown to maturity. In her departure, Mr. Ault has the sympathy of his host of friends in this vicinity.

## SHOWING SOME IMPROVEMENT

From Tuesday's Daily—  
W. H. Mann, who has for the past several days been very seriously ill at his home, was reported this morning as showing some signs of improvement as his condition seemed slightly improved. Mr. Mann spent a very peaceful night and the rest seemed beneficial to his case and allowed him to show increasing strength, although he is still in serious shape.

Fred W. Mann of Casper, Wyoming, arrived here this morning to visit with his father, William H. Mann, who has been in very poor health for the past several days.

## LOCAL GORGES BREAK IN PLATTE RIVER SUNDAY

### Floating Ice Flows Quite Heavily in the North Channel, but No Ser- ious Damage to Bridges

From Monday's Daily—  
Following a few days of warmer weather during the last of the week, the first indication of ice gorges breaking in the Platte river north of this city appeared yesterday afternoon, but today with the colder weather the flow of the ice has ceased and no serious damage apparently was inflicted on any of the bridges spanning the river.

The north channel, where the current is usually very light, was the first to open up and the breaking of local gorges west of the bridges caused the flow of a great deal of very heavy ice yesterday and which battered against the ice breaks of the various bridges but did not apparently do a great deal of damage to any of the structures.

At the auto and wagon bridge there was considerable ice formed that had made its way under the larger and higher built railroad bridges, but the ice breaks which are heavy at the wagon bridge broke the force of the ice and while somewhat hindered, there was no injury to the bridge structure itself and crossing over the bridge was not interfered with at all.

This morning men were engaged in working on the ice west of the Missouri Pacific railroad bridge, attempting to blast open the south or main channel of the river which would permit the ice to pass out more freely and save the danger of the formation of gorges a little later that might cause heavy damage if they are allowed to grow to large proportions.

It is stated that under present conditions there is no danger of damage to the bridges, the ice apparently having shown no more serious effect than in the past years, but of course there is always the possibility of greater gorges being formed that will have to be guarded against by the watchers at the bridge and every precaution will be taken until the danger is entirely passed and the river cleared of the floating ice.

## REV. W. A. TAYLOR IS TO GO TO MAYO BROS. HOSPITAL

### Well Known Cass County Minister to Have Examination Made by Famous Physicians.

From Tuesday's Daily—  
For many years, Rev. W. A. Taylor, of Union, has been laboring in the vineyard of the Master as a preacher of the gospel, and in which service he has not only assisted in the betterment of his community, but he has given words of comfort and cheer to large numbers over Cass county in the hour of their sorrow, no other minister in the county having officiated at so many funerals as has the pleasant and genial Union pastor, and his sermons have lightened the burdens for many of the sorrow-stricken residents of the county in which he has so long lived and served.

After all these years of service, bearing the message of the Savior to his fellowman, Rev. Taylor has been touched by the hand of suffering himself and for the past year his physical condition has been gradually failing and in the next few days he will leave for Rochester, Minn., where he will enter the Mayo hospital for a clinic to determine the cause of his illness and the remedy for it.

The friends all over the entire county are trusting that the trip to the hospital may give to Rev. "Billie" Taylor a permanent relief and that he may again enjoy the vigor that has enabled him to serve so faithfully and well in the cause of the message of the cross.

Rev. Taylor is one of the real men of the county and the Journal, in common with the other friends, is hoping that our old friend will return home again filled with renewed health and energy for his tasks that are yet uncompleted.

## YOUNG GIRL HAS HEARING

This morning in the county court complaint was filed by County Attorney W. G. Kleck, against Alice Hite, a minor of thirteen years, charging her with being incorrigible on the complaint of her father. The court after hearing the case decided that for the welfare of the girl it would be best to have her cared for at the home at Geneva and accordingly she was sentenced to the girl's school. The county attorney is endeavoring to get in touch with relatives of the girl out of the city in order to see if they will care for her and relieve the necessity of sending her to the state school.

## HERE FROM LOUISIANA

From Monday's Daily—  
George Schanz, Jr., of Vinton, La., is here enjoying a visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Schanz, for a time. The health of the mother has not been the best and George has come north to spend some time with her as well as the aged father.

Mr. Schanz has resided in the south for the past twenty-four years and has become a real southerner and is greatly pleased with that portion of the country. Mr. Schanz states that there is a great deal of activity in the oil business in his section of the south, both in Louisiana and nearby across the line at Orange, Texas.

## DEATH OF MRS. WILLIAM E. MAR- TIN AT OMAHA

### Lady Was Former Resident Here and a Sister of Mrs. Val Burkel— Funeral at Lincoln.

From Monday's Daily—  
Following an illness of some duration, Mrs. William E. Martin of Lincoln, an old time resident of this city, passed away yesterday morning at 12:40 at the Inman hospital in Omaha, where for several weeks she has been taking treatment and in very serious condition.

The deceased lady was a former resident of this city where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Sampson, were old time residents, and she spent her girlhood days in this community and later after her marriage to William E. Martin in Lincoln, returned here where Mr. Martin was engaged as a telegraph operator at the local Burlington station.

Mrs. Martin will be remembered here by the older residents as Nellie Sampson and during her youth was one of the popular young ladies of this community and to the old friends the news of her death will come as a great regret. Some 20 years ago the family removed to Lincoln where they have since made their home.

She is survived by the husband, three sisters, Mrs. Val Burkel of Plattsmouth; Mrs. Ida May Foster of Tacoma, Washington; Mrs. E. P. Curtis, and four brothers, Robert and James Sampson of Tacoma, Washington; W. L. Sampson of Moscow, Montana, and Fred Sampson, of Marion, Ohio.

The body was taken back to Lincoln yesterday afternoon and is being held there pending word from the relatives at distant points as to the funeral arrangements.

The funeral services will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the late home in Lincoln, messages from that city this afternoon stated.

## FLOWER VENDERS GRIEVE

Paris, Feb. 15.—The owners of the flower shops in the Madeleine district don't care much who is president of France, so long as he is married. A bachelor president has no flowers sent him, they point out, and since M. Doumergue has held the position they have lost trade which they ruefully estimate at nearly 500,000 francs a year.

## KLANSMEN MAKE DEMONSTRATION HERE SATURDAY

### Fiery Crosses Are Burned in All Sec- tions of City Saturday Night —Handbills Distributed.

From Monday's Daily—  
The peaceful residents of the city were much stirred up Saturday night between 8:30 and 9:30 when in all parts of the incorporation there were found blazing crosses which represented, it was supposed, the flaming emblem of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. It is reported that there were some thirteen of these crosses and in all parts of the city.

There was one reported from the vicinity of the baseball park, Garfield park and Washington park, one near the High school, one at the top of South Sixth street and also several in the north and west portions of the city.

In addition to the burning crosses there was found yesterday, scattered about the yards and in mail boxes, in all parts of the city, handbills setting forth certain facts about the Klansmen. The bills had evidently been imported from outside sources.

This is the first activity of the organization, which has been reported to have existed here for the past two years, since last summer when a parade was held through the streets and an open air meeting staged near the Wiles farm west of the city.

The exact significance of the crosses is not known, whether as merely a demonstration by the order of its existence or a warning of punishment, and, accordingly, has excited a great deal of curiosity among the residents who are not affiliated with the hooded organization.

## W. C. T. U. OB- SERVES FRANCES WILLARD DAY

### Anniversary of Birth of First Presi- dent of National W. C. T. U. Marked by Fine Program.

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Yesterday afternoon the ladies of the W. C. T. U. of this city enjoyed a very delightful time at the home of Mrs. H. C. Leopold on the occasion of the observance of the anniversary of the birth of Miss Frances E. Willard, organizer and first president of the national W. C. T. U.

The program of the day was laid around the life of Miss Willard, the members of the society giving a number of readings and papers on the life of the venerated lady who had given her life in the cause of temperance. The various papers covered from the early childhood of this pioneer in the cause of the Union, to her more mature years and the final triumph of the cause in which she had given her life.

Several musical numbers by the members also added to the enjoyment of the afternoon and at the close dainty and delicious refreshments served by the hostess that brought to the close the afternoon of great pleasure and enjoyment.



## Harnessed Strength!

The First National Bank is a strong bank. That much is readily shown by its total resources of \$600,000.00.

What is of especial importance to its customers, however, is that this strength is harnessed to willing and efficient service to give the co-operation which reinforces their own individual efforts to gain success.

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