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FORD COUPE STOLEN NEAR HIGH SCHOOL DURING BALL GAME

Jean Spangler, While Attending the Basketball Game Has His Car Taken—Found This Morning.

From Friday's Daily— Last evening while Jean Spangler, one of the young men residing just south of this city, and attending the local high school, was attending the basketball game, he had the hard luck to have his automobile stolen.

Mr. Spangler had parked his car, a 1923 Ford coupe directly in front of the high school building a few minutes before 8 o'clock, joining the other high school students in the rooting for their team and when he came out about an hour later at the close of the game he was startled to find that the car was missing.

A search was made in the vicinity of the school building, as at first it was thought to be a joke on the part of some of the school friends, but as the search failed to reveal the car it was decided that it was the bitter truth that someone had made away with the machine.

Mr. Spangler at once notified the night police and a search was made of the city for the car but it was fruitless. Telephone messages were sent out by Sheriff Stewart in an effort to apprehend the party or parties taking the car, without success.

This morning the car was found parked near Washington park where it had been abandoned and with two tires stolen from the car, there was nothing else taken from the car as far as could be ascertained and while there will be a small loss, the owner is very glad to have the car back, even with having to buy new tires.

OBITUARY OF MRS. HENRIETTA WOLCOTT IS GIVEN

Sketch of Life of One of the Leading Residents of Weeping Water and Cass Co. Pioneer.

From Friday's Daily— Henrietta Brooks Wolcott was born at New Rochelle, N. Y., August 14, 1845. Upon the loss of her mother, when she was but a small girl, she removed to Talmadge, Ohio, where she made her home with an aunt.

On May 1, 1864, she was united in marriage to Frank M. Wolcott, and the following August they came to Weeping Water, Nebraska, when the nearest railroad station was Ottumwa, Iowa, making the rest of the journey by stage coach.

They went to housekeeping in a little log house about two miles west of Weeping Water and a short time after built them a home on the farm in the suburbs of Weeping Water, where she resided until she passed away February 16, 1925.

Being strong in the faith in the prosperity and growth of this new home, she worked with all the loyalty and love of the early pioneer for the interest of the community.

She was the mother of three children, Lucy R., Creola A. and Lloyd P., of whom Lloyd survives her. She also leaves six grandchildren to mourn her passing.

The funeral services were held at the home Thursday afternoon, Rev. John H. Andrews, of Sioux City, Iowa, a former pastor and Rev. Evans of the Congregational church, having charge.

She was one of two left of the earliest pioneers of Weeping Water. She united with the First Congregational church in 1865, five years after its organization, and was at the time of her death the oldest living member.

Her untiring efforts to serve the church, the Weeping Water academy and her friends in time of need, was characteristic of this noble lady, and thus her name will go down in the history of our little city as one of the foremost of its philanthropic citizens.

INSTALLS NEW CABINETS The Ladies Toggery yesterday received a very much needed improvement to the fixtures of the store in the shape of a modern dust proof cabinet for the storing of the ladies ready to wear garments that are carried in this line and up to date establishment. The new cabinets are placed in the center of the sales room and are equipped with glass sliding doors as well as large full length mirrors that are used for the use of the customers in trying on garments.

EBERT IS RECOVERING Berlin, Feb. 25.—The condition of President Ebert, who was operated on several days ago for appendicitis, was satisfactory tonight.

SELLS DRUG STORE

From Thursday's Daily— Earl P. Hassler, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hassler of this city, who has for several years past been the owner of a large drug store at Osceola, Nebraska, this week disposed of the store and is now engaged in looking for a new location in this section of the west. Mr. Hassler has had an extensive experience in this line of work and his ability in this line will make him a very valuable asset to any community in which he may decide to locate.

WIFE MAKES COURT PLEA; WANTS HUSBAND'S FREEDOM

Never Sent to Jail Under Sentence, But She Says It Was Fault of the Officers of the Law.

From Thursday's Daily— Mrs. Mary C. Riggs filed with the supreme court Wednesday a written argument in support of her petition that a writ of habeas corpus issue to Sheriff Sutton of Antelope county ordering him to release from custody her husband, who is, as she claims, being illegally detained.

Riggs was tried in December, 1923, on a charge of selling intoxicating liquor. On a day in the following February his motion for a new trial was overruled and he was sentenced to serve sixty days in jail and to pay costs. The court entry contained the usual statement that the defendant having given notice of his intention to appeal to the supreme court he was allowed forty days in which to get out his bill of exceptions.

Mrs. Riggs said that as a matter of fact her husband gave no such notice and never did intend to appeal. It appears from the record that because of illness in the family and the necessary harvesting of his crops for which no outside labor was available, no effort was made to put him in jail to serve out his sentence until six months later. Then his lawyer came into court and sought to get him out on the plea that he had never appeared at the supreme court, there never had been any stay and that as a prisoner's sentence begins to run the day sentence is pronounced, the sixty days for which he was sentenced has long past expired. Hence he is entitled to his freedom.

The lower court refused to accept this theory, and now it is to be presented to the supreme court. This theory is that a sentence starts to run when given and not from the date of the delivery of the prisoner's person to his appointed keeper. The fact that Riggs, thru the leniency of the authorities, was not put in jail, it is contended, does not alter the legal rights of the man.

DEATH OF OLD RESIDENT

From Friday's Daily— The announcement was received at Monday yesterday of the death of one of the old time residents of that locality and a member of one of the well known families of the central portion of Cass county, Patrick Murphy. The death of Mr. Murphy occurred on Monday afternoon at his home on a farm 100 miles inland from Miles City, Montana, where he has made his home for a number of years. The body is being brought to Manley for burial, the last sad rites to be celebrated at the St. Patrick's church there and the body laid to rest in the family lot where sleep the members of the family of the deceased.

The deceased was 62 years of age and was a brother of the late Charles and James Murphy, old residents of Manley, and it was in this community that he spent the greater part of his lifetime, being reared there and leaving for the northern part of Nebraska fifteen years ago where he located near Stuart, Nebraska, living there until going to Montana.

Mr. Murphy was universally loved and esteemed by the old friends with whom he had spent so many years and the news of his death brought a deep sense of loss to the community in and near Manley.

RECEIVES A PROMOTION

The friends here of Ralph Holmes, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Holmes, of this city, will be pleased to learn of the promotion of Mr. Holmes who is now with the General Electric Co., at Schenectady, New York. Mr. Holmes has been with the General Electric since his graduation from the University of Nebraska in 1923, has just been promoted to the position of radio engineer in recognition of his splendid services in the research department of the electric corporation along the lines of radio development. He has been in several of the large eastern cities assisting in the development of the radio department of this large corporation and has had a part in the handling of many of the newest improvements that have been projected by this company in their line of radio receiving sets.

Mr. Holmes is a graduate of the Plattsmouth high school as well as the college of engineering of the University of Nebraska, and has a great natural love for the radio development that has been one of the chief means of his advancement.

GRAVELING IS BIG FEATURE THIS SPRING

PUSHING OF WORK ON K. OF T. HIGHWAY THROUGHOUT COUNTY FIRST STEP.

CITY ROADS ALSO PRESSED

Necessity Demands the Graveling of Cemetery Road and Other Unpaved Highways.

From Friday's Daily— Graveled highways in this locality seem to loom up big as the chief task of the spring season in the way of public improvements, covering not only this city but the county as well. The completion of the King of Trails highway from this city to the Otoe county line is a project that is interesting all sections in the eastern portion of the county and will be a large stride forward in the good roads movement over the county.

The residents after months of annoyance through bad roads are seeking some means of permanent relief from this uncomfortable condition. The committees in the various communities along the King of Trails are working to advance the graveling proposition and it is hoped that ere the summer is well along there will be a graveled highway from the Otoe county line to the Platte river or at least as far as this city.

In the Murray community there is a growing sentiment, it is reported, for the calling of an election that will vote precinct bonds to not only complete the precinct's part of the K. of T. highway but also to push the graveling westward to the precinct line and covering a five mile stretch of road and from which the residents there have suffered from very unpleasant conditions in the past winter.

In this city there is also much sentiment for graveling that will be placed in some form before the voters of the city in the next few weeks. The extension of the King of Trails gravel will mean that from the end of the paving on Chicago Avenue for two blocks south the city will have to gravel and from there on to the south limit of the city, the city and county will each have to share a fifty-fifty split of the cost along the country road and to this the state and federal aid will also apply.

The greatest need in the city, as everyone knows, is a decent road to Oak Hill cemetery and with the K. of T. graveling and a small part on the Louisville road will go on the ballot at the coming spring election. For months the road west to the cemetery has been terrible as those who live in that vicinity or who have attended funerals there know, and in several cases funeral parties have had to leave their cars at the end of the paving and walk a mile through mud and slush to the burial ground, auto hearses also being abandoned and the old horse-drawn vehicles used in getting thru the sea of mud.

In view of the conditions of the state law, in order to carry out these projects, it will be necessary to secure a bond issue by the vote of the people, as the law does not give the city power to create paving districts as it does a paving district. Another of the projects that it is hoped to see carried out also will be that of the graveling of Lincoln avenue, the main artery of travel past the Burlington shops. This matter is being looked after now and while not requested to be placed on the ballot as the others were, it is hoped to be able to secure some plan whereby the work can be carried out this season. The proposition is being investigated by the council as to the probable cost in grading and fixing the avenue up in proper shape and the amount and cost of the gravel that would be necessary. When these facts are ascertained it is hoped to be able to devise a method by which some action favorable to the plan can be secured as there is no doubt that this would be a most important addition to the improvement program of the year.

THINGS HAPPEN AND WE JUST CAN'T EXPLAIN 'EM

The Supreme Court of Nebraska has declared that a city cannot engage in competitive gasoline-selling with private enterprise and so declared ex-Governor Bryan's gasoline stations illegally operated.

At the same time, as has been pointed out by other newspapers, the state is conducting a free bridge enterprise across the Platte river, competing with a structure of similar use at Plattsmouth.

Question: Should the Supreme Court decide that the Ashland bridge is illegal or, on the other hand, require the Plattsmouth bridge owner to reduce his fare to meet the requirements of the state at Ashland.—Nebraska City Press.

DEATH OF SOUTH BEND MAN

From Friday's Daily— The announcement has been received of the death of Corpus Christi, Texas, of Henry Kleiser, aged fifty years, a well known resident of near South Bend. The death of Mr. Kleiser occurred on Monday, he being found lifeless in his bed at the hotel where he had stopped.

For several years past Mr. Kleiser has been in poor health and each winter he has been staying in the south for the benefit of his condition in the milder climate of the south-land, and this season has been spending several weeks there when suddenly called by death.

The deceased is survived by three brothers and three sisters, all residents of near South Bend, where the family have long resided. The body will be brought back to Plattsmouth and the funeral held at South Bend, it is stated.

HIGH SCHOOL IS PRESENTED WITH A FINE PICTURE

Girl's Club of School, Formed in Way Times Makes Presentation to the School.

From Friday's Daily— During the war time days of 1917-18 there was formed among the girls attending the Plattsmouth high school an organization known as the "Girl's Club," and which was sponsored by a number of the ladies then teaching in the city schools.

This organization desired to do something for the school as well as to do their bit toward financing the war in which America was participating and accordingly purchased war saving stamps to assist both of these worthy causes.

The stamps have matured and this week the object and goal of the young ladies was consummated when a beautiful picture of Millet's world famous painting, "The Angelus," was presented to the high school. Miss Alice Pollock, who was one of the active workers in the Girl's club made the most eloquent speech given to the school a lasting remembrance of the classes that are gone but the members of which still have a deep interest in the old P. H. S.

LONG WAY AROUND FOR AUTO TRAVEL

Bridges Out of Commission at This Place, Louisville and Ashland—Crossing at Fremont.

From Thursday's Daily— The auto traveler, who is trying to cross the Platte river in the last two or three days, is having some time to make connections and finds that to reach either side of the river that it is necessary to drive to Fremont as the only bridge that is in commission at this time is located there.

The Plattsmouth and Louisville bridges are both out of commission due to the sinking of piers that have allowed the bridge floors to sink and make the bridges unsafe for travel.

At Ashland, the high water and ice have damaged the dikes on the approach to the wagon bridge and made it hard to reach the structure and since yesterday the bridge has been closed to travel. The North Bend bridge has also been out for several days due to ice damage and leaving the only bridge in service that at Fremont.

THE END OF ALL DESIRE

I am tired of tears and laughter, And men that laugh and weep; Of what may come hereafter, For men that sow to reap, I am weary of days and hours, Blown buds of barren flowers, Desires and dreams and powers, And everything but sleep.

We are not sure of sorrow, And joy will die tomorrow— Today will die tomorrow— Time stoops to no man's lure, And love grown faint and fretful, With lips but half regretful, Signs and wishes ever fruitful, Weeps that no loves endure.

For too much love of living, From hope and fear set free, We think with brief thanksgiving, Whatever Gods may be— That no life lives between, That dead men rise up never; That even the weariest river Winds somewhere to the sea.

The above poem was found treasured among the effects of the late Herman Spies, and at the request of friends is printed as a tribute to the departed who was laid to the last long rest yesterday afternoon. Have you anything to sell or buy? Then tell the world about it through the Journal Want Ad column.

IMPROVEMENT WORK SUBJECT OF CITY 'DADS'

TIME OF SESSION LAST NIGHT LARGELY OCCUPIED WITH PROJECTS FOR YEAR.

BOND ISSUE ON CITY BALLOT

Proposition of Grading and Graveling Cemetery Road as Well as K of T to be Voted On

From Thursday's Daily— Last evening the city council was largely occupied with the consideration of matters relative to the improvements of the coming year and in the forefront of these was the petition signed by 57 freeholders asking that the matter of the issuance of \$10,000 in bonds for the grading, graveling and opening of the road to the cemetery as well as that of graveling the K of T road from Chicago Avenue to the city limits and the Louisville road from the paving to the city limits be placed on the ballot at the city election. This was accepted and the resolution adopted which will authorize the clerk to place these propositions on the ballot as requested.

A petition from seventy-nine freeholders was also received asking that Lincoln Avenue be graded and gravelled to the junction with the K of T highway at the south boundary of the city and this was placed in the hands of the streets, alleys and bridges committee for action at the next session of the council.

A petition was received from A. G. Bach asking permission to install a gasoline pump at his South Park store and which was referred to the streets, alleys and bridges committee for action.

The Nebraska Masonic Home association requested that the city vacate that portion of Timber street from Webster boulevard to Twelfth street, which is not extensively traveled, and where it will be necessary to place a bridge for use. Councilman Bestor moved that the request be granted, but Councilman McMaken objected to the closing of the street which he stated was the main road to get onto the highway from the east, and amended the motion that the matter be referred to the streets, alleys and bridges committee for investigation and which was adopted.

A petition was received from seven residents of Ninth street asking that there be no paving done on that street this year owing to the inability of the property owners to finance the same and that the amount of travel there did not demand the improvement. This was passed on file.

Eight residents of Elm street from Washington Avenue to Ninth street have requested that there be no paving in that district created there this year, alleging that the financial condition of the residents there did not warrant the work being carried out at this time.

The judicial committee through Chairman McMaken reported that in regard to the proposition of Walter Probst to pay the cost of sidewalk construction along a fractional lot on Chicago Avenue, provided the city give him title to same, be accepted and this was ordered in a resolution and Mayor Sattler authorized to make deed for same.

Chairman Bestor of the streets, alleys and bridges committee reported favorably on the petitions of John B. Livingston and W. T. Craig for the installing of gas filling tanks adjoining their places of business on South 4th street, providing they comply with the state law and city fire regulations and the construction of the tanks was duly approved.

In regard to the matter of the viaduct over the Burlington tracks on Granite street, Mr. Bestor requested further time, as the Burlington engineer would soon be here to take the matter up with the committee and discuss it.

More time was also granted the streets, alleys and bridges committee on the proposed paving districts. A resolution was offered and passed requesting the city treasurer to prepare and submit each month with his report the amount of city funds in each of the city depositories.

The council also adopted an ordinance providing that the city clerk be granted a bonus of \$10 per month for office rent in the business district of the city. On motion the rules were suspended and this ordinance placed on its second and third reading by its title for final passage and unanimously passed. This will give the clerk a more fair remuneration as this is one of the city officers that requires a great deal of time and constant attention.

Councilman McMaken called the attention of the council to the fact that nine sections of the sidewalk on Washington Avenue were sinking and that the streets, alleys and bridges committee investigate the same, which was so ordered.

CASE NOT DETERMINED

From Thursday's Daily— The condition of Sterling Fleming at the White Memorial hospital in Omaha is practically the same as it has been for the past two days, reports from that place state. Mrs. Fleming, mother of the lad, returned last evening from Omaha and at that time the attending physicians had not agreed as to the cause of the attack that has been suffered by Sterling, and no operation will be performed for some time, at least until a determination of the case can be made.

ST. LUKE'S MEN HAVE INTERESTING MEETING

First of Series of Instructive Meetings of Lent Held Last Evening in Undercroft.

From Friday's Daily— Last evening there was a very pleasing session of the Men's club of the St. Luke's parish held at the undercroft of the church building at Third and Vine streets.

This was the first Lenten meeting and at the request of the membership a short series of informal lectures on the sacraments and obligations of the church will be given, the first of which was offered last evening by Father George B. Pierce.

The opening lecture covered the mass and the celebration of the holy communion in the church, tracing the celebration of this most important phase of the church obligations down through the development of the Christian religion through the organized churches to the present day. The ceremony in the older churches as well as that of the newer faiths was given a complete outline and explanation by the rector which was very much to the point.

Following the regular meeting a short time was enjoyed informally by the membership although the social features were restricted by the fact of the Lenten observances. The members of the club enjoyed a dainty luncheon that had been given as a treat to the class by one of the visiting members of the organization and his good wife. The ladies of the church also served coffee to the members of the party, Mrs. F. H. Dunbar, Mrs. J. T. Bagley, Mrs. George D. Pierce and Miss Verna Leonard looking after this important detail of the evening's entertainment.

SPECIALISTS LOCATE TROUBLE

From Thursday's Daily— After several days spent at the St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha, Mrs. Ida Tritsch, of near this city, has had her case passed upon by specialists there and who have apparently located the cause of the suffering of the patient. It is thought that an abscess formed near the upper portion of the spinal column, has caused pressure on the spinal column and the ill health of the patient. Mrs. August Kafenberg of near Cedar Creek, a daughter of Mrs. Tritsch was at the hospital yesterday to spend a few hours with her.

Don't borrow your neighbor's Journal. 15c a week brings you one of your own.

FUNERAL OF HERMAN SPIES HELD THIS AFTERNOON

Held at Sattler Funeral Chapel and Attended by Many Old Friends.

From Thursday's Daily— This afternoon the last sad rites in memory of Herman Spies, old resident and business man of this community, were held at the Sattler funeral chapel. The body arrived yesterday afternoon from Omaha where it has been held awaiting the arrival of the son, Bert Spies from California, and was taken direct from the train to the chapel where it laid in state.

The services were conducted by the Rev. H. Kottich, pastor of the St. Paul's Evangelical church, who brought to the members of the family and the old friends a sense of consolation in their sorrow in the promise of the meeting in the life everlasting when partings should be no more.

During the service a trio composed of Mrs. Louis Klingler, Mrs. John E. Schutz and Miss Minnie Klingler, sang a number of the old well-loved hymns.

At the conclusion of the service the body was borne to Oak Hill cemetery where it was laid to rest beside the daughter who preceded the father in death in 1911. The pall bearers were: William Starkjonn, John Bergmann, Dave Wallengren, P. F. Goss, T. E. Olson and C. L. Deitz.

As a token of respect for this gentleman so long associated with the business life of the community, Mayor Sattler requested the business houses of the city close from 2:30 to 3:30 as a tribute of respect to his memory.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY TO PRESENT VERY LARGE CLASS

Nebraska Chapter Expects to Have Large Number for Initiation Before Omaha Chapter.

From Friday's Daily— The members of Nebraska chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons are preparing to present for initiation at the Scottish Rite cathedral in Omaha, a very large class of membership and who will receive with the full ceremonies of this branch of Masonry their degrees.

The work will be conferred by the Omaha Royal Arch bodies with the splendid settings afforded by the equipment of the cathedral for this purpose.

It is expected that there will be a class of twenty-eight for presentation and the date of the initiation will be fixed for the middle of March according to the present plans of the local chapter.

Nebraska chapter has received a very large number in the past few months and these new members will be given the full and impressive rites that mark the advancement along the Masonic highway of progress.

Journal Want Ads pay. Try them.

Advertisement for The First National Bank, Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Text includes: 'Tested---for 53 Years!', 'You want to know that your bank is able to meet unusual as well as ordinary conditions.', 'The best evidence that this bank is able to do so is the fact that it has successfully passed through every kind of financial and business condition that the past 53 years have brought to Plattsmouth.', 'Tested by time, this bank invites your confidence.', 'THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK THE BANK WHERE YOU FEEL AT HOME PLATTSMOUTH NEBRASKA', 'The Bank Where You Feel at Home!'.