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TWO KILLED IN SUNDAY AUTO WRECK

CAR OF C. L. DEITZ STRUCK BY BURLINGTON TRAIN AT OREAPOLIS

BODIES ARE BADLY MANGLED

Elof Johnson, Aged 34 and James L. Edwards, Aged 40, Are Killed —Louis Liner Injured.

From Monday's Daily—

Death that lurks at the railroad grade crossings Sunday afternoon took toll of the lives of two of the well known residents here and seriously injured a third member of the party. Elof Johnson, aged 34, and J. L. Edwards, aged 40, being the killed and Louis Liner, well known farmer, aged 55, seriously injured, while C. L. Deitz, driver of the car, sustained a broken ankle and many very serious bruises and injuries.

The accident occurred at the Oreapolis crossing of the Burlington north of this city, where the K of T highway crosses the railroad on the way to the Platte river bridge. The accident occurred shortly before 2 o'clock when eastbound passenger train No. 24, over the Burlington, crashed into the car of Mr. Deitz which was on the crossing.

Mr. Deitz had been intending to drive to Omaha and Mr. Johnson and Mr. Edwards had been employed at Nebraska City, decided to accompany him, to catch the train later in Omaha that would take them back to Nebraska City. Mr. Leiner, who was down in the main section of the city was invited to accompany them and the party left here about 1:30 on the journey that was to have such a fateful ending for all of the party.

As the car drew near the crossing they had noticed the train but were supposed to get enough away to allow the car to get over the crossing before the train arrived in a dangerous distance. According to Mr. Deitz, the car had stalled on the track and before they could get started again the locomotive had struck them.

The engineer of the train stated that he had seen the car drive on the crossing and as they were then quite close the whistle of the train had been blown and the air brakes applied to the train but the distance was then short and the crash followed in a few seconds the car being hurled up on the pilot and carried some distance. William Galloway, who resides just north of the crossing also states that the car was not entirely stopped although there was apparently some trouble in getting it under way sufficiently to carry it over the crossing and out of the way of the approaching train.

The bodies of Johnson and Edwards were both terribly mangled by the wreck and that of Mr. Edwards was in terrible shape when it was extricated from the wreckage, it being apparent that he was at least partially out of the car and had been dragged along the track, spikes and fish plates along the track having torn out clumps of the flesh and the head of the unfortunate man practically torn to pieces by the effects of the lacerations received.

The body of Johnson, who had either gotten clear of the car or was hurled out, was thrown to the south side of the track, striking a small signal switch stand and with such a force that the body was badly broken there being but few bones that were not broken. The face and head of Mr. Johnson was not lacerated to a great extent but from the nature of the injuries he must have been instantly killed when the locomotive plowed into the car.

Mr. Deitz was still behind the wheel when the train was stopped and the dead and injured rescued from the wreck. He had been badly bruised and a severe fracture of the left ankle was found but he was conscious in a few moments.

Louis Leiner was found in the seat with Mr. Deitz and suffering from a very badly injured hip and what was first thought was internal injuries and his suffering was very great as he was taken from the wrecked car and carried to the baggage car of the train, where also Mr. Deitz was taken and the men hurried on into Plattsmouth where medical aid was summoned. Mr. Deitz was taken to his home on Wintersteen hill and Mr. Leiner was later taken to Omaha to the hospital on a special train to be cared for there as it was thought that his injury could be cared for there in better shape. While in serious condition he was reported as being still alive although his injuries were very severe and caused him a great deal of pain.

While the bodies of the dead men were still lying along the track and the other members of the party were unable to tell the names of their dead companions, a watch was seen hanging from the pocket of one of the men and one of the young men stand-

ing nearby was started to find that the watch was that of his father, James L. Edwards. As soon as possible after County Attorney W. G. Kleck could reach the scene and investigate the matter, the bodies were brought into this city and taken to the Sattler and Streight undertaking rooms.

After taking the evidence of the railroad men and that of Mr. Deitz, the bodies were brought on to the city.

The car of Mr. Deitz, a Tudor Ford sedan, was badly shattered by the wreck, the pilot of the locomotive having struck the car near the drivers seat and it is one of the strange features of the accident that Mr. Deitz was not killed by the force of the impact. While a greater part of the car was badly damaged the lower windshield was not broken by the force of the wreck.

Elof Johnson, one of the victims of the fatal auto party, is the only son of Mrs. Charles Johnson who has been making her home here with her sister, Mrs. Dave Wallengren and family, and to whom the tragedy has come with the greatest severity. The young man was born here in this city and has lived here for a great many years, having for some time on the farm near Royal, but after the death of the father, several years ago, the wife and son have been living in Iowa, Kansas and in this city. The young man was a carpenter by trade and has for the past few months been working at Nebraska City, to which place he was to have returned today after the Sunday visit with relatives here. The funeral services of Mr. Johnson were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Swedish Mission church on Granite street and the interment made at the Oak Hill cemetery.

James L. Edwards, the second victim of the auto party was a married man and leaves the wife and three children, Fred, Richard and Maxine, all living with the parents in this city. Mr. Edwards has been working in Nebraska City also and was to leave for that place last evening when the accident terminated his life. He is also survived by three brothers, Fred Edwards, a switchman at Pacific Junction, Earl Edwards of Asland, William Edwards of York, as well as a sister, Mrs. Ella Johnson of Council Bluffs. The body of Mr. Edwards was taken this afternoon to the old home of the family near Pacific City, where the funeral services will be held late this afternoon.

HEAVY RAIN FALLS

From Monday's Daily—

The rain late yesterday afternoon and last evening was very general over the entire northern portion of Cass county as the Plattsmouth visitors at the Greenwood baseball game can testify. The clouds from the east and northwest were very heavy when the Plattsmouth delegation started from Greenwood and the greater part of the cars were in the vicinity of Louisville when the first of the storm struck, the rain falling in sheets and in a few moments making the roads hard to travel. The newly graded roads just out of Louisville were soft and through the mud and up and down the steep hills the cars shuddered and plunged. After the new graded roads were passed the travel was not so difficult although the roads were sticky and car fumes pleasant. The rainfall east of Louisville was not so heavy until the second storm that struck the caravan just west of the 8 Mile Grove church and from then on into Plattsmouth the rain was heavy in the extreme and in many places the water was rushing over the road to a considerable depth, especially in the low places and the Four Mile bottom. The storm was accompanied by a very intense lightning storm that played around the cars. A straw stack five miles west of the city was struck by lightning during the storm.

RETURNS FROM PLEASANT TRIP

From Monday's Daily—

W. G. Boedeker of the Murray State bank, who with Mrs. Boedeker and son, Charles, and Miss Buelch Sams, have been enjoying an auto tour of the west returned home the last of the week. Mr. Boedeker reports a most interesting trip through Colorado and the northern and central parts of New Mexico. They spent some time at Denver and Colorado Springs as well as Manitou and other of the show places in and near the capital city, including a drive up thru a beautiful Estes park, one of the show places of that section. They then drove on down through New Mexico, visiting Las Vegas and also through the celebrated Grand Canyon to the town of Raton where there is now a great oil excitement due to the uncovering of several oil wells in that vicinity. Glen states that the trip was well worth while and that they all had the times of their lives.

DOGS AT A BARGAIN

From Monday's Daily—

The round up of the stray dogs of the community is taking place and the city dog pound that has been established in the city tool house has been filled to overflowing with the canines that were gathered up. Chief of Police Johnson announces that those who desire to secure a dog at a real bargain should get busy and come across with the price of a dog today and they can have the pick of the animals that are being held in the pound.

CASS COUNTY BALL TOURNA- MENT BEGINS

Greenwood Loses to Plattsmouth and Manley in Opening Games— Play At Greenwood.

From Monday's Daily—
Yesterday, Greenwood, the flourishing little city of western Cass county, was the mecca of the baseball fans of the county and a very large number drove from this city as well as Manley for the games, the visitors far exceeding the home folks in the opening games on the Greenwood grounds.

As the result of the opening day's games, Manley and Plattsmouth emerged the victors while a double defeat was the part of Greenwood, the first game going 12 to 6 to Manley and the last game being 7 to 3 in favor of Plattsmouth.

In the third inning Herb Klauschie walked for fear that he would damage the residences in the vicinity of the park as he planted a foul in a garage across the street from the park, and Herb was just getting a nice rest on second when J. Homos Newman fell upon one of the deliveries of Gustavison and planted a homer over in the direction of the Burlington station, chalking up two more for the locals.

The last one for the locals came in the seventh when Herb Hadraba hit to center and in the gloom that prevailed, Kelly dropped the ball. Pete scored when McCarty drove one through first base.

Box score:

Plattsmouth—				
	AB	R	PO	A
Martin, 3b	3	2	0	2
Herold, 2b	4	0	0	3
Klauschie, c	2	0	6	0
Newman, ss	4	2	1	1
McCarty, cf	3	1	1	0
Stradley, rf	3	1	1	0
Mason, lf	3	1	0	0
Johnson, 1b	1	0	1	0
O'Donnell, lb	3	1	0	0
Swanson, p	2	0	0	3
Totals	27	7	21	9

Greenwood—

	AB	R	PO	A
L. Jardine, 3b	4	1	0	1
Burk, c	4	1	4	2
E. Jardine, rf	4	2	0	0
Kelly, cf	3	3	0	1
Stradley, lf	3	0	2	0
Shawkey, 2b	2	0	4	2
Griffin, ss	3	0	1	6
Gustavison, p	3	0	0	2
Totals	30	7	21	13

GIVE FRIEND SURPRISE

From Monday's Daily—

John Hadraba, who is leaving in a few days for Florida to make his home, was given a genuine surprise Saturday evening by more than a score of his friends, many of whom are members of the Legion Drum and Bugle corps in which Mr. Hadraba played the bass drum, since the corps was organized early last spring. The surprise was carefully planned and carried out to a nicety and when Mr. Hadraba was escorted to the scene of the party at the T. J. hall he was greatly surprised when he was greeted by the friends who had gathered there. The evening was enjoyably spent with cards and conversation, after which a buffet luncheon was served and it was a rather late hour when the guest and his friends departed for their homes ascertaining it had been a most pleasant and enjoyable evening. John the best of luck in his new home in the south.

Manley

	AB	R	PO	A
Ash, cf	3	0	0	0
G. Hopkins, lb, p	4	4	8	1
E. Sheehan, c	1	1	2	0
Meisinger, lf	5	1	2	0
O'Brien, c	5	1	11	0
West, ss	5	1	0	4
B. Hopkins, rf	5	2	0	0
Bronko, 2b	5	2	1	1
Rector, p	5	3	4	0
Totals	42	15	27	8

Greenwood

	AB	R	PO	A
L. Jardine, 3b	5	0	1	1
Burk, 2b	4	1	2	3
Langdon, c	5	1	10	1
E. Jardine, lf	5	2	11	1
Kelly, cf	5	2	1	1
Stradley, rf	5	0	0	0
Cope, rf, p	4	1	0	3
Brakhage, p	1	0	0	3
Shawkey, rf	3	0	0	1
Griffin, ss	3	2	2	2
Totals	40	9	27	15

Plattsmouth Wins Second

The second game was delayed by the lateness of the first contest and it was in the purpling twilight when the decision of the Greenwood umpire in the last of the seventh inning was that the contest should be called on account of darkness and the game won by Plattsmouth by the score of 7 to 3.

The game was much better thru-out than the first contest and showed a faster quality of ball on the part of the Greenwood team than they had exhibited in the earlier games. For Plattsmouth the decision was to send Swanson to the mound and who pitched a very effective game. While seven hits were annexed off his delivery in the same number of innings, this was largely due to the last innings when the darkness prevented the fielding of the ball and ordinary outs were good for hits.

Gustavison was on the mound for Greenwood and was souched for 7 hits, including two circuit drives. Plattsmouth opened the scoring in the second inning when Newman led

off with a safe blow to left field and was resting nicely at second to where he had been sacrificed by McCarty, when Henry C. Burkhardt, our romping star hurler, who was performing in left garden, smote one of the deliveries of Gustavison and nearly caved in the rear of one of Greenwood's business houses, the ball sailing over the centerfield fence, which counted two runs for Plattsmouth. Mason was hit by Gustavison and O'Donnell secured a safety over short, Mason being sacrificed to third by Swanson and both runners scored when Martin doubled to center field.

The first scoring for Greenwood was in the third when E. Jardine dropped one of Swanson's slow ones over the left field fence for a four-ply drive.

Greenwood added their remaining two runs in the fifth inning when the darkness was making it hard to distinguish the darkened balls that were used. Jardine opened with a grass cutter out into the right garden, while Burk was out on a fly to McCarty. Langdon hit safely to right, scoring Jardine, while E. Jardine with another safety to right scored Langdon.

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SUFFERS AUTO ACCIDENT

From Monday's Daily—

Word has been received here of the serious injury that was sustained a few days ago by Alexander Duncan, who was formerly residing here as a part of the many of the younger people of the city. The accident occurred in the vicinity of Toledo, Ohio, while Duncan and a companion were en route from Buffalo, New York, back to Omaha. The injured young men were taken to the hospital at Toledo where they were cared for. Duncan had a very severe cut on one leg and was also bruised and injured in quite bad shape and which kept him in the hospital for several days. The accident will delay them several days but they are expected to reach Omaha within the next week.

GIRLS WANT BALL GAME HERE

From Monday's Daily—

The opportunity of having here one of the best known lady baseball teams in the American West was offered the past week to the local baseball management as the manager of the girls' team was here on Saturday to try and connect up a game. The ladies wished to play here August 23rd, but as this is the last of the Cass county tournament games it was necessary to forego the pleasures of the girls' game in this city. The management of the Athletic Girls will probably seek a game with Louisville, Bellevue or Weeping Water in the next week and give the residents there a real treat.

DEATH CALLS ONE OF CITY'S PIONEER WOMEN

MRS. MARY L. HEMPLE PASSES AWAY AT RIPE AGE AT OLD HOME HERE.

RESIDENT HERE SINCE 1858

Last of the Members of the Guth- mann Family Who Came Here at Early Day to Reside.

From Tuesday's Daily—

Today as the new day was speeding westward with its message of the morning, the spirit of one of Plattsmouth's oldest and best beloved residents, Mrs. Mary L. Hemple took its flight into the eternal day whose golden treasures will be the reward of the long and faithful life of this splendid lady, whose lifetime has spanned the period of eighty-eight years.

For as long as the average span of life, Mrs. Hemple has been a resident in this city and vicinity and her peaceful, gentle life has served as an inspiration to her family as well as to the large circle of friends. The life of Mrs. Hemple in the long period of years was one of the ideal Christian as she was devoted to the tenets of the Christian faith and in her last days when the sands of life were fast fleeing away her thoughts were with the things of the world beyond, it seeming as though in her glimpse the glories of the great beyond that she had made her goal in all the years of life and which she today was permitted to enter into, joining there those of her loved ones who had gone on before.

Mary L. Guthmann was born on September 27, 1838, in the little community of Walthausen, Germany, the daughter of Matthias Frank and Anna Maria Guthmann, whose families were old residents of the grand duchy of Baden. Here in the pleasant surroundings of the old home, the girlhood of this lady was spent until she had reached the age of sixteen years when her brother, Charles, decided to leave the old home and journey across the sea to the United States to seek his fortune there in the land whose opportunities were greater than at the old home. The long journey was made by the brother and sister across the Atlantic in the old time sailing vessel, they spending sixty-five days on the ocean before they reached New Orleans, the port of their entry into the United States. From the southern seaport, the two came north, traveling on the river steamboats and finally reaching Louisville, Kentucky, where they located for some time.

Later the brother and sister moved to Davenport, Iowa, where on March 10, 1856, Miss Guthmann was united in marriage to Bernard J. Hemple, who had just come to this country. After two years spent in Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Hemple came westward, making the trip by boat down the Mississippi to St. Louis and thence up the Missouri river to the outpost of Plattsmouth, where they landed and located in a community that was practically isolated from the outside world and where the neighbors were distant forty and fifty miles.

One of the incidents of the pioneer hardships is related by the family when the father was compelled to walk fifty-five miles to a physician to secure supplies for the care of the family. The hardships and the privations of the early days showed the great depth of friendship which was part of the life of Mrs. Hemple as she was untiring in her attention to her neighbors and would respond to the call of need and suffering among those whom she felt needed assistance, this kindly feeling being kept up until death.

When the war clouds gathered in 1861 and the union was menaced by the forces of rebellion, the little pioneer home was darkened when the husband and father responded to his country's call and became a member of the 1st Nebraska under Col. R. R. Livingston and served with honor and distinction throughout the great conflict.

There came to bless the home of these splendid people seven children, two of whom, Bernard and Catherine, with the husband and father, have preceded the mother in death. The children who survive are: Henry Hemple, Wichita, Kansas; Charles L. Hemple, Omaha; Mrs. D. O. Hewitt, Omaha; Mrs. Louise Kline, Omaha, and Miss Teresa Hemple, of this city. There are also ten grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren.

In her lifetime, Mrs. Hemple was from earliest childhood a devout member of the Roman Catholic church and up until the advanced age came on her she was a regular attendant at the services at her church and when deprived by her years of being able to attend the services save on rare occasions, she

maintained her deeply religious life and made the eternal salvation one of the main things in her life, forsaking many of the earthly ideals for the great inspiration of her religious life.

VISIT RELATIVES HERE

From Tuesday's Daily—
This morning, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Dudley and two children, Mrs. Wheeler, mother of Mrs. Dudley, and Miss Stella Dudley, motored down from their home in Lincoln, while in the city they were the guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Perry and family, Mr. Dudley being a nephew of Mrs. Perry. The members of the party made the trip in their fine new Packard that made the trip from the capital city a most pleasant one for the members of the party.

INJURED MEN ARE GETTING ALONG IN VERY GOOD SHAPE

Survivors of Sunday Auto Tragedy Both Very Badly Injured But Probably Not Fatally.

From Tuesday's Daily—

The condition of Charles L. Deitz, Burlington lumber yard foreman, and Louis Leiner, well known farmer, the survivors of the Sunday automobile tragedy, is slowly showing improvement although both victims are suffering a great deal from their close call from death and the very severe injuries that they have received.

Louis Leiner, who was the most severely injured of the two, is at the Immanuel hospital in Omaha where he was taken by a special train after the auto accident on the Oreapolis crossing. He is suffering from a fractured hip that is most painful and will keep him bedfast for some time at least and his suffering has been very severe, but fortunately his case will not result fatally, it is thought now as he apparently has no severe internal injuries as was at first thought he had sustained.

Mr. Deitz is at his home on Wintersteen hill and suffers great deal although he is showing the greatest courage in his pain and suffering and making a game fight for a speedy recovery. He has a fractured ankle as well as a severely bruised hip and shoulder and several contusions and cuts on the head and body, as well as a badly bruised shoulder and is unable to move himself in bed to any extent.

With the locomotive striking the car near where Mr. Deitz was sitting beneath the steering wheel of his car and unable to get out, it seemed a great wonder that he was not killed as well as his two companions. It is hoped that the two survivors of the unfortunate auto party will soon be able to show decided improvement and be able in time to resume their former activities.

GAS TAX FOR JULY SO FAR REACHES \$243,177

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 18.—The receipts for July under the gasoline tax law, as reported to the state department up to this morning, totaled \$243,177. Twenty-five dealers are yet to be heard from. Chief Bass of the collection bureau said he estimated the total gasoline tax receipts for July to reach 270 thousand dollars.

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YOUNG PEOPLE ARE JOINED IN WEDLOCK TODAY

Miss Helen Slavicek United In Mar- riage to Mr. Vincent J. Pilney This Morning at 9.

From Tuesday's Daily—

This morning at 9 o'clock at the Holy Rosary Roman Catholic church occurred the marriage of Miss Helen Slavicek and Mr. Vincent J. Pilney, two of the well known and popular young people of the community and who have grown to manhood and womanhood in this city where their friends are legion.

The impressive nuptial mass of the church was celebrated by the Rev. Father John Hancock, the ring service joining the lives and hearts of the two estimable young people. As the bridal party arrived at the church the notes of the wedding march was sounded by Cyril Janda, organist, and to which the bridal party advanced to the altar where the sacraments of the church joined their lives until the end of time.

The bride was very attractive in a costume of white canton crepe, wearing the flowing bridal veil caught and held in place by the wreath of orange blossoms and popular bouquet of bride roses being carried by the bride.

The young people were attended at the altar by Miss Agnes Slavicek, sister of the bride as bridesmaid and Fred Uhlak as best man. Miss Agnes Slavicek wore a smart gown of coral colored satin faced crepe, carrying a shower of pink roses. Her head-dress was of a silver band that added a pleasing touch to her costume.

Following the marriage ceremony the members of the party drove to the home of the bride's parents of West Main street where a family dinner was served at noon to the relatives of the contracting parties. The dining room was very handsomely arranged for the occasion with decorations of the late summer flowers and the very artistic wedding bells. One of the features of the dinner was the wedding cake that occupied the centerpiece of the table.

Mr. and Mrs. Pilney will leave tomorrow for the west where they will visit at Denver for several days and will return to this city next week where they will be at home to their friends in the new home on West Main that they have awaiting their coming.

Both the bride and the groom have spent their lifetime in this city, growing up here into two of the finest citizens of the community. They were educated here in the city schools and their friends are delighted that they are to continue to make their home here. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slavicek while the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Pilney, Sr.

The out of town guests who were here for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Janda, Mrs. Frances Skomal and children, Rose, Lucille and Charles of Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. James Wootter of Sedalia, Missouri.

The many friends are joining in extending to the newly weds their best wishes for their future happiness and success and a lifetime filled with all the good things that they so well deserve.

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