

'Daddy' Grace Tells of Old Times in West

One Time Chief of Police of This City, Now in Omaha, Relates Experiences in West.

From Monday's Daily—
The Omaha Bee of this morning had a very interesting interview with James Grace, or "Daddy" as he is better known in Omaha where he has resided for a long period of years. Mr. Grace was at one time chief of police of Plattsmouth and made a very notable record of efficiency and after leaving this city was a member of the South Omaha police force. The article from the Bee was as follows: "Fifty-six years ago last Wednesday James (Daddy) Grace, South Omaha policeman, came to Nebraska from Iowa.

"He came without paying too. One reason was that the toll bridge had not yet been built and the second was that he crossed over the ice at Plattsmouth.

"Daddy" has been with the South Omaha police 17 years and is 77 years old.

"But 'Daddy' can tell the story, the story of early Nebraska railroad and frontier life.

"I started out from Montreal and started work on a railroad which ran between Plattsburg and Whitehall in York state. I've forgotten the name of it. Then I went with the Rock Island when the jumping off place was Des Moines.

"The Burlington at that time was dicker for the Omaha and South western road, because it was promised a grant of land if it reached Beatrice within 30 days. The Omaha road was built to Crete, 30 miles from Beatrice. The deal went thru, and the Burlington graded built bridges and laid track so that an engine entered Beatrice right on the appointed day.

"Plattsmouth at that time was a real town. I got there in '73. The men who had been building the Union Pacific were coming back and drifted into town. Saloons and gambling joints were sprung all along the blocks.

"Every day carried a six-gang. I never saw a knife used in a fight until I came to South Omaha.

"Three days after I got to Plattsmouth I voted. You could vote six or seven times then, if you had enough different kinds of hats and caps. I don't remember if I voted six or seven times that day.

"Daddy" declares the tales of frontier towns with the numerous killings and acts of violence, were like the premature announcement of Mark Twain's death, "greatly exaggerated."

"We had shootings, of course," he said, "but they came out of card games or some such affair. Usually though it was just a wound and a trip to the doctor's saw everything all right.

"The only shooting with serious effects I ever saw was in Kearney Junction. I believe it happened at the end of the last big drive from the southwest. A storekeeper's little son was standing on the porch of his father's store. Some cowboys were riding through the town, shooting it up. One of the crowd fired six shots into the post at the boy's side. The boy was frightened and dropped to the ground.

"His father grabbed a rifle and shot one of the riders, killing him. "Stealing was more severely punished than participation in a shooting affair.

"One fellow in our railroad outfit stole some clothes and ran out on the open prairie. The boys chased him and caught him. He denied knowledge of the theft. One of the trainmen suggested hanging him. The fellow became frightened and told where the clothes were. As a punishment he was taken way out on the prairie, his shoes and socks taken from him, and he was turned loose.

"There were no locks on houses, they weren't needed.

"Daddy" remembers many of the leading figures in the Indian campaigns of 1876.

"He remembers some of the famed outlaws and so-called 'bad-men' of the time.

"The only one I remember real well," said "Daddy," was Canada Bill, the three-card Monte man. He operated on the Union Pacific for a long time and made Kearney his headquarters one winter. He had three dupes working with him and they used to go into Jim Kelley's saloon and split their money.

"Some days he would dress as a preacher, the next day as farmer. He offered the U. P. \$25,000 a year if it would let him operate on the road with the understanding that his prey would consist of ministers only. Of course, it was refused.

broncos, hitched to the patrol wagon. 'Coppers' divided their attention between their prisoners and retaining their hold of the wagon when on a run.

"Daddy lives at 427 North Twenty-eight avenue and has four children; two sons, Frank and Edward; two daughters, Mrs. T. J. O'Connor and Josephine.

"At the present time 'Daddy' is jailer at the South Omaha station."

NEWS FROM CUBA

Mrs. C. E. Wilcox and daughter, Marilyn and Miss Roberta Propst, of Lake Worth, Florida, formerly of Plattsmouth, are visiting in Cuba. Miss Mayola D. Propst is employed in the National City Bank of New York in Havana, and is expected to return to Florida with her visitors.

Wm. Hinrichsen Files for Sheriff of Cass County

Former Chief of Police Will Seek Republican Nomination at the Primaries.

From Monday's Daily—
This morning the county political pot was further stirred when William Hinrichsen, former chief of police of Plattsmouth, entered the arena as a candidate for the office of sheriff of Cass county and will submit his name to the voters at the republican primary in August.

This is the first filing for the county offices outside of the legislative tickets and Mr. Hinrichsen proposes to get in early and have a good opportunity of getting acquainted with the voters by the time the primary rolls around.

Mr. Hinrichsen has had several years experience on the police force of the city, being employed at night here during the term of Mayor C. A. Johnson and as chief of police in the first year of the administration of Mayor John Sattler.

Politically Mr. Hinrichsen has affiliated with the republican party and has been a worker for the various party candidates in the past years and now feels that he is entitled to the rewards of office for his services as a hewer of wood and a drawer of water.

This is the first name to be submitted for this office as Sheriff E. P. Stewart has not as yet made his filing although it is expected that he will be in the race for the office that he has filled for the past two years.

WILL DO DELCO PAINTING

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August Knofleek, the well known automobile painter of this city returned home Saturday from Kansas City where he spent some time in special work and study of the application of the Delco painting system which is very popular with the auto owners. Mrs. Knofleek took with him an old car that was repaired there by him and presents a very fine appearance and was driven back to this city by Mr. Knofleek. In the next ten days Mr. Knofleek expects to have his machinery for the application of the paint here and will open up a plant where he can handle the work in the most workmanship like manner and giving the very best results in the Delco work. Mr. Knofleek is an expert painter and in his skillful hands the auto owners can feel safe in placing their cars.

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CONTRIBUTES \$25 TO FUND

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Chapter F. P. E. O. of this city, is the latest contributor to the community building fund, having sent in its check Saturday for \$25. There are a number of letters out to other organizations which have not yet responded to the plea for aid, but it is expected they will do so in the near future.

Success is just ahead. Only \$2,000 more is needed to enable the Building and Advisory committees to go ahead with the plans of actual construction. What will YOU give to help put this over the hump? Mail me your contribution to Leslie Niel, Treasurer of the Finance committee at once.

In return for community contributions totaling \$10,000, the city will raise a \$25,000 building, erected on a slightly location that was bought by the Legion more than a year ago for almost \$3,000.

OLD FASHIONED CARNIVAL

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Cass County Asks Purchase of New Bridge

Resolution Passed Yesterday by Commissioners, to State to Accept the Bridge.

The board of county commissioners met yesterday at the court house to deliberate on the proposition of the Platte river bridge and decided at the session to ask the state to supply aid in the purchase of the new bridge erected by the King of Trails bridge company over the Platte river and which has since its opening in November been conducted as a toll bridge by the company that had the bridge erected.

The county commissioners adopted by a unanimous vote a resolution that Cass county requested the state department of public works to supply state aid in the advancement of one-half of the purchase price of the new bridge and that Cass and Sarpy county supply the remaining half of the price, the two counties to secure their part of the price by the charging of tolls under the provisions of the state law.

The resolution asks for the purchase of the bridge and its approaches at the price of \$124,144.46, this being the estimate of the cost and valuation made by the office of the state engineer on the structure.

The resolution was signed and attested by the county clerk and will at once be submitted to the state department of public works for their consideration and approval.

The final taking over of the bridge may be held up by the hearing that is pending in the district court of Lancaster county where it is sought to have the state engineer and the department of public works restrained from making the purchase of the bridge.

WRECKED CAR MAKES TROUBLE

Saturday evening a car was reported to be in the ditch along Lincoln avenue near the Burlington shops and also that two men were on the scene and were apparently suffering from an overdose of liquor. Officers Joe Libershal and Clyde Jackson, summoning the car of Constable Tom Svoboda, repaired to the scene of the wreck and found that the parties were a man named Dailey, and one who gave the name of Smith. The two men were brought on into the city and lodged in the city jail until they could arrange bond for their appearance this morning, being released on a \$200 bond.

The trial was held this morning at the court of Judge William Weber, and the complaints filed by City Attorney J. A. Capwell charged Dailey with two counts, driving a car while intoxicated and also for intoxication. On the first count he received a fine of \$20 and on the second, \$10, the total being \$34.50. Smith was charged with possession of liquor, a small amount having been found on his person and he received a fine of \$100 and costs, amounting to \$104.

RETURNS FROM SAD MISSION

Mrs. Georgia Creamer, residing south of this city, has just returned from a sad mission that called her to Fremont at the death of the little daughter of her niece, Mrs. B. N. Gerlach, formerly Miss Isabel Shrader of near Murray.

The death of the little one, Evon Pearl, occurred just a short time after the birth at the hospital in Fremont to which place Mrs. Gerlach had gone from her home in North Bend. The passing of the little one brought a great grief to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Gerlach, as well as the many relatives in this section of the state, death coming just a few moments after birth.

Mrs. Creamer was accompanied on the sad mission to Fremont by her nephew, Mont Shrader, of near Murray and they remained there until the funeral of the little one.

The friends of the family in this community regret very much to learn of the sad news and tender to the bereaved family their deepest sympathy in their hour of separation.

DEATH OF OLD RESIDENT

The death of Mrs. Johanna C. Kettelhut, one of the oldest residents of the vicinity of Eagle occurred Tuesday noon at the home in Eagle. The aged lady has been falling since the death of her husband and father a few months ago and the end was not unexpected. Mrs. Kettelhut was at the time of her death eighty-two years of age and has spent many years in and near Eagle.

She leaves to mourn her death three daughters: Mrs. Bertha Rockenbach of Eagle, Mrs. Eda Witt of Lincoln, and Mrs. Amelia Witt of Syracuse, and two sons, Chris of Bonnet and Robert of Desler. Funeral services will be held at the home at 1:30 p. m. Thursday. Interment will be in the Eagle cemetery.

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BOUND OVER TO DISTRICT COURT

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This morning before County Judge A. H. Duxbury the hearing was had on the complaint charging Frank Boetel with disposing of mortgaged property without the consent of the holder of the mortgage.

Mr. Boetel was taken in custody Saturday night by Sheriff E. P. Stewart on a complaint that had been filed by some of the parties holding mortgages on the very much mortgaged par. or small truck, that Mr. Boetel had sold to Fred Edwards several months ago.

At the hearing this morning and the introduction of the evidence in the case the court bound Mr. Boetel over to the district court to await at the forthcoming March term as the offence charged is a felony and cannot be passed upon in the lower court.

Death of Ed Stoner Occurs in the South

Former Well Known Resident of This City and Vicinity Dies at a Southern Town.

From Tuesday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon a message was received here by the city engineer announcing the death of Edward Stoner, formerly a resident of this city, the death occurring at the Orlando, Florida, General hospital at 3 o'clock.

The message did not give the cause of the death and it is not known whether the death came as the result of sickness or accidental injury that caused death. Mr. Stoner has been engaged in working in Florida for the past several months at his trade as brick mason and concrete finisher.

Mr. Stoner was a resident of this city in his boyhood, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stoner, having made their home here for a number of years and here he grew to manhood. After leaving this city Mr. Stoner returned to Plattsmouth in 1918 and was married here to Mrs. Belle Grassman, the family later removing to Oklahoma and afterwards locating in Omaha. They resided in Omaha up until last fall when they moved to Florida and have been living at Coco, Florida, since that time.

Mr. Stoner is survived by the widow and five step children, Mrs. Thomas Short and Mrs. Joe Mrasek of Omaha, Hillard Grassman and Miss Laura Grassman of this city and Paul Grassman of Coco, Florida. The deceased was also a brother-in-law of Mrs. R. A. Bas of this city.

There remains of his family, the aged parents, two brothers and two sisters, one sister and brother living in Lincoln and one brother in New York while the other sister is a resident of Texas.

Funeral of Mrs. Lucinda Brittain Held Yesterday

Large Number of Old Friends Gather to Pay Their Last Tribute of Love and Respect.

From Tuesday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon at the First Methodist church was held on last ones for Mrs. Lucinda Brittain, old time resident of Plattsmouth, one of the best known and loved of the residents of this community, possessing an unusually large circle of friends.

There were present at the church the old time neighbors as well as a delegation of the Woman's Relief Corps of which the deceased had long been a member, being a widow of one of the veterans of the great civil war.

The sermon was short and Rev. Frank Emory Pfoutz brought words of comfort to the bereaved family in his text, "I Have Fought the Good Fight, I Have Kept the Faith," touching on the long years of life of Mrs. Brittain and the contribution that she has made to the community in which she had lived and the services to the family that she has rendered.

During the services Mrs. Ed Roman gave two numbers, "The Rock that is Higher Than I" and "Rock of Ages." The Woman's Relief Corps also conducted their ritualistic work at the church, this being a most impressive farewell to the aged friend and associate as she was laid to the last long rest.

The pall bearers were selected from among the old friends being A. J. Miller, L. O. Bennett, Byron Goding, James McKinney, Val Burkle.

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Bridge and Highway Ass'n is Launched

After Effort Organization is Secured and Work Started in Constructive Manner for Success.

From Wednesday's Daily—
The Cass County Bridge and Highway association is now safely launched in the affairs of the state and in doing its part with similar organizations over the state in putting across the adequate free bridge program over the Missouri river which contemplates bridge at Plattsmouth, Rulo, Blair, Omaha, Nebraska City and Sioux City.

The meeting held last evening in the auditorium of the First Presbyterian church was the culmination of the organization and the new organization can progress forward creating sentiment for the free bridge at this and other points.

There were many victors present at the meeting from other points and those from Lincoln and Falls City especially carried the large audience away with their enthusiastic support of the bridge and good roads movement.

Among the visitors from Lincoln were B. A. George, chairman of the legislative committee of the Nebraska Good Roads association, Edgar E. Duncan, city commissioner of Lincoln, Harvey C. Kendall, general manager of the Western Good Roads Service Co. and Fred Fawcett of the Lincoln Daily Star.

From Glenwood there were present Roy Haney, state representative of Mills county, B. A. Matthews, prominent merchant, W. C. Ratke of the Mills County National bank, and Frank Choate of the Glenwood High School.

The city of Elmwood sent as their representatives E. T. Comer, George W. Blessing of the Leader-Echo, L. F. Langhorst and B. I. Clements.

For the first time at any of the bridge and road meetings there were in attendance, a number from Weeping Water to add their part to the general boosting spirit and among these were Mayor Tuck, J. J. Meier, well known druggist and general booster as well as Charles V. Seeley of the Republican of that city.

Murray was represented by County Commissioner C. D. Spangler and Everett Spangler of the community club.

From Falls City there were in attendance Hon. A. J. Weaver, leader in the affairs of the southeastern portion of the state, E. E. James, prominent good roads and bridge booster and Harry T. Schepman, secretary of the chamber of commerce, Nebraska City was represented by Attorney W. H. Pitzer and Mr. Pallen of the good roads committee.

The Omaha delegation was composed of W. A. Ellis, deputy commissioner of the chamber of commerce and Attorney J. C. Rahel.

The Eagle delegation was composed of J. A. Gardner of the Beacon and the present president of the association, Ed Peterson, one of the leading citizens there.

The mass meeting was presided over by Judge James T. Begley, president of the local chamber of commerce, who introduced the various speakers before the meeting.

The first speaker was B. A. George, who perhaps the real father of the proposed bridge program and who was warmly greeted by the audience as he launched into an explanation of the bridge program that is now being fostered and which contemplates a large and friendly co-operation in the various points along the Missouri river to secure much needed means of travel to and from the states of Iowa and Nebraska. The matter of the bridge program was first suggested at a meeting of the Harding highway association when it was found that the highway ended in Iowa where it was forced on long detours to cross over the Missouri river, making a long and inconvenient detour to the traveling public and depriving the residents of the central portion of the state of the proper crossing. The speaker urged that the state commission, that had been appointed, would take into consideration all of the bridges that have been proposed and see that they were properly pushed. Mr. George related the work in the bridge line in South Dakota where a small levy was building five bridges over the Missouri river. The laws of Iowa and Nebraska governing the bridges could easily be amended in order that adequate sums might be raised to support the bridge program. The levy of 3-10th of a mill would in this state raise the sum of \$1,000,000 for bridge purposes and this scattered over a few years would easily raise the amount of money needed. The proposition was not self fish and all sections would be favored alike in the matter. Mr. George, in touching on the local situation, stated that the elimination of the present bridge of the Burlington for railroad service would make it possible to secure it and that this was very easily possible as the railroad at the present time was paying a great deal to have pushers on their trains over the grade that could be eliminated by lowering a new bridge some twelve feet.

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Hon Roy Haney of Glenwood took some little time in explaining the road work and taxation methods of the state of Iowa and the very close manner in which the appropriations were shined in that last session of the state legislature. One of the great obstacles in the way of Iowa cooperation in the Missouri river bridges was the fact that the towns on the Mississippi were also demanding bridges. He thought that