

Prominent Cass County Banker Dies Suddenly

Thomas Murtey, Cashier of First National Bank of Weeping Water Stricken by Heart Trouble.

From Monday's Daily—
Yesterday one of the most prominent men of the central portion of Cass county was called very suddenly from the scenes of his earthly activities when Thomas Murtey, cashier of the First National Bank of Weeping Water passed away as the result of a very sudden attack of heart trouble. The death of Mr. Murtey came without warning and he was stricken at his home in that city, death coming in a very few moments and before medical assistance could reach his side.

The passing of this splendid citizen came as a very great shock to the members of the family and the entire county where Mr. Murtey was among the best known residents and had long been a very active figure in the business life of the county.

Thomas Murtey was born at Lincoln, Illinois, March 11, 1864, coming to Nebraska with his parents in 1871, they locating on a farm north of Weeping Water where the deceased was engaged in farming until 1879, when Mr. Murtey removed to Stockton, Kansas, where he was educated in the public schools there and later completed his education in the University of Kansas at Lawrence. After completing his work at the university Mr. Murtey taught school near Salina, Kansas, for one year and later engaged in the abstract business at Stockton. In the year 1887 Mr. Murtey returned to Nebraska and located at the old home near Weeping Water, engaged in the conduct of a general store at that place, later closing this business and going to St. Joseph, Missouri, where he was engaged in book-keeping for the firm of Tuttle & Co.

In the year 1889 Mr. Murtey decided that the old home in Nebraska offered a greater opportunity to him and he came back to Weeping Water as the cashier of the First National bank of that city and which position he has since filled, being ranked as one of the ablest members of the banking profession in the state and building his bank up to a high standard. While engaged in the conduct of the bank at Weeping Water, Mr. Murtey has also been a director of the City National bank of Lincoln, one of the leading financial institutions in the state and was also a stockholder in a bank at Rising City, Nebraska.

The deceased was married at Stockton, Kansas, October 5, 1892, to Miss Olive Hill, the young people returning to the home that had been prepared for the coming of the wife at Weeping Water. They have two daughters, Miss Dorothy Murtey, who is now enroute to Paris, France, and Mrs. Mable M. Stocker of Rising City, Nebraska, survive the passing of this good man. There are also two grandchildren, Ann Stocker and John Murtey Stocker of Rising City, survive the passing of Mr. Murtey. A brother, Hon. John Murtey of Alvo, preceded Mr. Murtey in death a number of years ago.

The deceased was a member of the Congregational church and one of the active leaders in the church work at Weeping Water and where his influence has constantly been for the up-building of the Christian faith in his home community.

In their loss the family will have the deepest sympathy of a host of friends over Cass county and among whom the Journal is numbered.

MRS. MARY TAYLOR POORLY

From Monday's Daily—
The reports from Bayard, Nebraska, where Mrs. Mary Taylor, one of the well known ladies of this community has been for the past several weeks, indicated that Mrs. Taylor was very poorly and that her recovery was not expected as she has shown a gradual decline in health for the past year. Mrs. Taylor has been at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Pugsley and family, at Bayard, for the winter season and her condition has become such that her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Stamp, of south of this city, has been called to her bedside. Mrs. Taylor is the widow of William A. Taylor, one of the pioneers of this portion of Cass county.

VERY PLEASANT EVENT

From Tuesday's Daily—
There is joy and happiness reigning supreme at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Selvers near Cullom and this occasioned by the fact that a little eight and a half pound daughter arrived there Saturday afternoon. The event has brought one of the happy smiles to the face of "Bun" while the little sister who has a playmate now is overjoyed. The mother and little one are doing fine and the occasion truly one of the greatest happiness. Mrs. Selver is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Seybert of this city who are delighted over the happy event in their family circle.

ATTENDING SUMMER SCHOOL

A large number of the Plattsmouth girls who have graduated from the high school in this year's class and a number of others from this city are taking their summer school work at the Peru state normal, which has one of the best teachers colleges in the state and where a great many of the students of this part of the state are studying. Among those from this city who are taking the summer course are Misses Louise Rummel, Mildred Fleming, Marie Hunter, Gladys Meisinger, Ruth Hogue and Frances Stewart.

Secure Jury to Try Henriksen Will Contest

Taking of Evidence Will Be Laid Over Until Thursday for Arrival of Witnesses From Eagle.

From Wednesday's Daily—
With the dismissal of the case of Linder vs. Deering in the district court this morning the case entitled "In the Matter of the Estate of Andrew Henriksen, Deceased," was advanced one day on the trial list and the task of examining the jury for the case was taken up.

The jury selected to try the case was Peter Olson, H. H. Shrader, W. H. Otte, Fred Shaffer, Myron Wiles, James Johnson, William H. Porter, C. K. Bestor, C. L. Carson, J. H. Cotner, F. E. Farmer and M. R. Allen.

The estate is located in the western part of the county and as the taking of evidence in this case was too great to permit the witnesses reaching here this morning, it was decided to have the taking of testimony in the case deferred until Thursday morning when the case will be opened up. There will be a large number of witnesses in the case called on both the proponent's and the contestant's sides of the case and the hearing will probably take some little time.

This is a case in which the document filed as the last will and testament of Andrew Henriksen, aged Eagle resident who committed suicide last winter by hanging, is being attacked by several of the heirs. The will that was admitted to probate in the county court by Judge A. H. Duxbury after a hearing that took several days, gave the estate to the wife of the deceased, Carrie Henriksen, who was also named as the executrix of the estate. It provided in the will that should there be any sums or real estate left in the estate at the death of the beneficiary that it should be equally distributed among the heirs at law of the deceased Andrew Henriksen. The will that was admitted to probate was executed on May 6, 1919, and the document was witnessed by S. C. Boyles and Dale Boyles, Alvo bankers.

The will was attacked by Mrs. Hulda Fritz, daughter of the deceased by a first marriage and by Attorney A. L. Tidd, guardian ad litem, appointed by the court for the interests of Ruth, Dale and Verna Henriksen, grandchildren and heirs of Henry Henriksen, deceased. The contestants attack the will as not being the true will of the deceased, that he was suffering as the result of apoplectic stroke prior to the date of the drafting of the will and that incapacitated by age and weakness was not in a position to make a proper will.

DEATH OF YOUNG MAN

From Monday's Daily—
This morning the sad news was received by the relatives of the death of Raymond Welch at Omaha, the death occurring at the hospital where he was operated upon Saturday for a severe case of appendicitis. The death was caused by heart trouble that would not permit his rallying from the effects of the operation and he has been gradually growing weaker following the operation.

This sad message has brought a great sorrow to Mr. and Mrs. August Bach, the aged grandparents of the young man and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bach, uncle and aunt of the deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bach were at Omaha yesterday to see their nephew and at that time his condition was very critical and the patient was unable to receive visitors and his condition gradually grew worse until death came to end his suffering.

Death Summons Comes to Abram Rupley Sunday

Old Time Resident of This City Passes to the Last Reward After Long Illness.

From Monday's Daily—
Sunday morning shortly after 4 o'clock Abram Rupley, one of the old time residents of the city answered the last call and peacefully sank into the slumber whose peace will last until the final judgment day. The death of Mr. Rupley occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. A. Bates with whom he has made his home for a great many years.

The passing of this old time resident will bring a real regret to the host of old time friends with whom he has been associated in his years of residence here in Plattsmouth and the sorrow that his death has brought to the members of the family circle will be shared by the many old time friends.

Mr. Rupley has been in failing health for a number of years and in the last three years he has been unable to pursue his usual activities and led a retired life at the home of his daughter, Mr. Rupley was the victim of a very severe sunstroke a number of years ago at Union where he was then working and has never fully recovered from that attack, later being affected with the malady of his long years and to which he gradually succumbed.

Abram Rupley was born September 26, 1847, at Mechanicsville, Pennsylvania, and spent his boyhood in that section of the east, later removing to the state of Illinois, where he located at Lockport, making that city his home for a number of years and where in 1871 he was united in marriage to Miss Kittie Lotz. The family continued to make their home at Lockport until in 1892 when Mr. Rupley came to Plattsmouth to engage in the pursuit of his trade as a tinner. The family came to this city a year later and have since made their home in this city. Mrs. Rupley was called to her death in 1924 at the family home here and since that time Mr. Rupley has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. R. A. Bates with the exception of a few years that he was engaged in his work at Union. There were four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Rupley, two daughters dying several years ago and the passing of this good man is mourned by the two surviving daughters, Mrs. Belle Stoner and Mrs. Martha Bates of this city. There also remain five grandchildren, Mrs. Thomas Short of Newton, Iowa, Mrs. Florence Manasek of Omaha, Hillard Grassman, Miss Laura Grassman of this city and Paul Grassman of Cocoa, Florida. Two great grandchildren also are surviving.

The friends here who knew the departed best held a very warm regard for the kindly gentleman who has just gone on before and knew well the many kindly deeds that he loved to perform for his friends, the sympathy that he felt for those of his fellow man in their hour of disappointment or sorrow and his many services that he gave to those he knew as friends while his health permitted his activity. It was one of the severest blows to Mr. Rupley when the approaching years and the ill health forced him to lay aside his daily tasks in which he had taken so deep an interest.

Mr. Rupley was a member of many years standing of the Woodmen of the World of this city. For a number of years "Uncle Abram" as he was affectionately known was a familiar figure at the Journal office where he enjoyed the warm affection of everyone and with the associates there whom he loved to assist and aid in any way, his going brings a great regret and his memory will be ever green with the thoughts of the many kindly words and helpful acts that he loved to render.

DEATH OF WILLIAM GRAVETT

From Tuesday's Daily—
A message was received here this morning of the death of William Gravett, a former well known resident here, which occurred at the hospital in Omaha on Sunday evening. Mr. Gravett has been in poor health for some time and his condition in the last few weeks has been quite serious, he gradually growing worse until his death which occurred Sunday.

During his residence here Mr. Gravett resided in South Park and was a member of the city council from fifth ward at one time. He was also for a number of years in the employ of a Burlington in the local shops.

The deceased is survived by his wife and a number of grown children and the many friends here regret very much to learn of his passing.

The funeral will be held in Omaha as far as could be learned in this city.

GOES TO ROCHESTER

From Tuesday's Daily—
Last evening Miss Alice Pollock departed for Rochester, Minnesota, taking her little niece, Eleanor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Minor. The little girl has been very poorly for the past year and was under treatment at the hospital in Omaha for several weeks but has not seemed to yield her permanent relief that was hoped for and it was decided to have Eleanor taken to Rochester to undergo an examination by the specialists at the Mayo hospitals. The many friends of the little lady and the family are hopeful that she may derive a restoration to her former good health by the treatment at Rochester.

Broyer Christ- ianson Dies of Severe Burns

Former Plattsmouth Young Man Receives Fatal Injuries Saturday—Dies Following Day.

From Monday's Daily—
Broyer Christianson, age 33, former Plattsmouth resident and an employe of the Nebraska Power company, at Omaha, passed away Sunday morning at 10:25 at the Nicholas-Senn hospital in Omaha, as the result of severe burns which he received early Saturday morning while at his work.

Mr. Christianson had gone to his work as usual shortly after 6 o'clock Saturday morning at the sub-station of the Nebraska Power company, at 48th and Leavenworth streets, Omaha, and was engaged in working with some wiring and machinery, when in some manner the wires each carrying 6,600 volts were crossed and in an instant the workman had received terrible burns before the current could be checked and the injured man-rescued from his dangerous position. The body of Mr. Christianson from the waist up was terribly burned and injured from the effects of the electrical current that had passed through him and his suffering was very great. The injured man was removed to the Nicholas-Senn hospital at once, where he was given every attention, but without avail as he passed away Sunday morning at 10:25 as the result of his injuries.

The news of the accident and the untimely death of Mr. Christianson, who was more familiarly known here as "Ole" Christ, came as a great shock to the many old time friends who had held him in very high esteem for the many years that they had known him. The deceased came here as a very young man and spent the greater part of his years here, being employed in the electrical department of the Burlington shops. He left here in 1923 for Omaha, and has since been employed in the metropolises.

While a resident here, Mr. Christianson was married to Miss Bessie Pateck, who with the two little sons, John Vincent, age 9, and Calvin Broyer, the baby, survive the passing of Mr. Christianson. He also leaves the aged parents, two sisters and two brothers residing in Sweden and two brothers, Carl and Gaston, of Gurley, Nebraska.

YOUNG PEOPLE WEDDED

From Tuesday's Daily—
The marriage of Miss Mary E. Alwin of this city to Mr. Nelson Eaton of Denver, Colorado, occurred at Omaha Saturday afternoon, the wedding being a very quiet one and the young people unattended. The ceremony occurred at the office of the county judge of Douglas county.

The young people, after the wedding, departed for Union where they will spend a short time visiting in that city and vicinity with the relatives of the groom and old time friends, going later to Denver where they will make their future home.

The bride is a daughter of John Alwin of this city and has for the past four years made her home in this city where she has made a wide circle of acquaintances that will regret very much to learn that this charming lady is to remove from this city to the west.

The groom is a son of Frank Eaton, formerly a well known resident of Union and who is now located at Denver and is a member of one of the best known families of Liberty precinct.

The bride is a niece of Mrs. W. A. Wells of this city and who will entertain at a shower in honor of the bride at the home here in the next few days.

Masonic Grand Lodge Pays Visit to Home Here

Delegation of Several Hundred Motor From Omaha to Pay Visit of Inspection to Home.

From Tuesday's Daily—
This afternoon the Nebraska Masonic Home and the infirmary building was visited by a delegation of several hundred members of the Masonic fraternity, members of the grand lodge of the order which is now meeting in Omaha and who took advantage of the occasion to pay a visit of inspection to the beautiful home that they have dedicated to the services of the aged members of the fraternity.

The members of the grand lodge were provided with some 130 cars by the Omaha members of the order and which met the members of the grand lodge at the Masonic temple where the grand lodge sessions are being held, immediately after the noon adjournment.

The auto caravan was given an escort of members of the Omaha police department and moved east from the Masonic temple on Douglas street to 13th from where they drove on south to the King of Trails highway and then on into Plattsmouth reaching here shortly before 1 o'clock.

As the party arrived at the Masonic Home they found the most charming scene to greet their view, the wide and spacious lawn and the bright and attractive flowers making a wonderful picture as the cars drove down John R. Webster boulevard to Elm street and thence west on Elm street to the 15th street entrance to the home grounds. The cars of the visiting party were parked along Elm and 15th street, each car stopping in order and the members of the grand lodge alighting and making their way to the main building of the Home where they were greeted by Superintendent W. F. Evers, Matron Mrs. Ona Lawton and the staff of the Home employes as well as a committee from Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M. of this city, who served as the guides for the visiting party over the buildings and grounds of the Home.

As the members of the party arrived, they were invited to the dining room of the main building, where a very dainty and delicious cafeteria luncheon was served to the large delegation by the ladies of Home chapter, 189, Eastern Star of this city and the delightful repast prepared by the ladies was a fitting opening of the pleasant afternoon.

The tour of inspection of the Home was a delight and a real revelation to the larger number of the members of the visiting party who had not had the previous opportunity of visiting to Home and realizing the magnitude of the great Masonic institution and the splendid manner in which it is conducted by the board of control and Superintendent Evers and Matron Lawton.

The rooms of the main building as well as those of the infirmary are furnished through the donations of the various Masonic and Eastern Star bodies as well as a number of leading Masons of the state and which have made it possible for their aged members to enjoy peace and comfort in the home when the shadows are falling fast toward the east.

The infirmary building that has just recently been placed in service was one of the great objects of interest to the visiting grand lodge members and the ladies of the party, the rooms with their latest furnishings and equipment to care for the bedfast and ailing members being viewed with the greatest interest as well as the spacious and beautifully arranged rest rooms, dining rooms, diet kitchens on each floor, the operating room, the gift of the local Knights Templar with its dedication "To Bind Up the Wounds of the Afflicted," making an appropriate dedication for the great building that is to house those whose physical infirmities made their activities impossible.

The large tract of grounds that surround the home was also enjoyed to the utmost by all of the visiting party and the wonderful manner in which the landscaping plans of the grounds is being carried out brought many words of commendation from the members of the party.

As the afternoon drew to the close and time for departure came the members of the grand lodge and their ladies enjoyed a short auto trip over the city, the party driving south on 15th street from the Home to Main street and thence east on Main to the business section of the city. The wonderful view of the business section and the broad Missouri river bottoms that is to be enjoyed from the top of high school hill was one that entranced all of the members of the party. The automobile parade passed down Main street to Third and thence north on Third to Vine, going west on Vine and Washington avenue to John R. Webster boulevard and north to Omaha.

The visit was one that the city felt honored in receiving and the

only regret was that the program did not permit a more general visit over the city by the members of the visiting Masonic members and their ladies.

QUARTET AT OMAHA

From Tuesday's Daily—
The Masonic Male quartet composed of Frank A. Cloidt, Raymond C. Cook, Harry G. McClucky and L. O. Minor, with E. H. Westcott as accompanist, were in Omaha today, the quartet furnishing several numbers at the opening session of the grand lodge of the A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska which is in session there today. The request of the grand master and the grand lodge to appear on the program is an honor that reflects the greatest credit upon this splendid musical organization.

Bandits at Dice Game Slay Boy and Rob Sixty

Boy, 15, Is Wounded in Stomach by Five Men Who Take Loot of \$2,500

Falls City, Neb., June 6.—Buff Rasmic, 15 years old, of Forest City, Mo., was fatally shot here about 5 o'clock this afternoon when five men, believed to be from Missouri, raided a dice game on the Nemaha river bottoms a half mile south of Falls City. He died at 10:45 in a Falls City hospital.

The boy was shot in the stomach by a .45 caliber pistol in the hands of one of the bandits. The bullet passed entirely through his body. The bandits who, after searching all the 60 men participating in the game and obtaining between 25 hundred dollars and three thousand dollars in currency made all the players lie down with their hands outstretched, then escaped in a large touring car. The car carried one Missouri and one Iowa license tag.

Rasmic who, it is said, was not a participant in the game, was shot when one of the bandits began shooting at a man named Scott from Kansas who started to run when the bandits ordered "hands up." After searching all the players the bandits shot up several car tires and tore the ignition loose in more than 20 automobiles. Only one automobile was left in use, and it was in this car that the youth was rushed to the Falls City hospital. He had lost a great quantity of blood.

The bandits are believed to have visited the game last Sunday at the same place and looked over the ground and planned the raid this Sunday.

The boy's intestines were perforated in 19 places. The bullet, which entered his stomach, missed the spinal cord by less than an inch.

The boy, in a statement to Dr. H. R. Miner before the operation, said that he was standing still with his hands in the air when hit.

Feeling was running high here tonight against the bandits for shooting the lad in cold blood. Sheriff Albert R. Young notified Omaha, Kansas City, Lincoln, St. Joseph, Topeka and other officers.

Business stationery, programs and all kinds of job printing at the Journal office.

Verdict for the Plaintiff in Farm Land Rent Case

Jury Finds for John E. Hazzard in Action Against Hans Schroeder Regarding Rentals.

From Tuesday's Daily—
The district court was busy yesterday in thrashing out the problem of the why and wherefore of the case of John E. Hazzard, well known actor and dramatic writer, against Hans Schroeder, and involving the matter of the disposition of the rental of the land comprised in what is known as the "Dovey Section" east of Cedar Creek.

The land in the Dovey section was leased in 1924 by Mr. Schroeder and who has since farmed it and the question of the ownership of the land was one of the factors of the case, as determining as to whom the rental was due and which had led to the dispute as to the ownership of the land.

Several years ago Mr. Hazzard became interested in the land embraced in the section by a deed made by George E. Dovey, administrator of the estate of E. G. Dovey, deceased, the plaintiff being given title to a part interest in the land and thereby hangs the complications of the case. Later in the disposition of the assets of the firm of E. G. Dovey & Son the land was purchased by G. O. and O. C. Dovey, under whom a suit to clear up the title was brought but in the action the name of John E. Hazzard was not included in the action. Later Mr. Hazzard started an action to establish his right and it was held by the court that as he had not been a party defendant to the suit that his title stood and that he should have the constitutional right to redeem his interest in the land embraced in the cause of action. The time limit for redemption expired without action on the part of Mr. Hazzard and the purchasers of the land were given the clear title.

The present action of Mr. Hazzard was to collect the amount of rentals that was due him as his share during the period that he held the deed interest in the farm.

The question of the determination of the amount due Mr. Hazzard was left to the jury to pass upon, they receiving the case last evening shortly before 6 o'clock and returning a verdict at 9 o'clock finding that the amount of rent rental due to Mr. Hazzard to be \$1,750.

The plaintiff in the action is one of the well known theatrical men in the east and is the husband of Allie Dovey, nationally known musical comedy star, who has retired from the stage for the past several years.

GAS BLAST HURTS MANY

New York, June 8.—Several persons were reported injured one ferry terminal and possibly a steamship dock set on fire and a cross-town carline put out of commission late Monday by a series of sewer gas explosions running from Broadway and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth to the North river.

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