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Heavy Rains in Southern Part of County Saturday

Weeping Water Creek Reaches River Size as Result of Torrential Downpour.

From Monday's Daily—
The farming land southeast of Union and along the banks of the Weeping Water creek were a sea of water late Saturday afternoon and evening when a very hard rain swept over the southern part of Cass county and the greater part of Otoe county and the water draining into the creek and sweeping east toward the mouth of the creek where it empties into the Missouri river some five miles southeast of the village of Union.

The creek overflowed the low lands along its course for several miles and at the Missouri Pacific pump station at Union the water entirely surrounded this plant for several hours late Saturday afternoon and was running over the floor of the bridge on the "O" street road as well as over the way which was spread out over the farming land as the creek was unable to hold the large volume of water poured down from the hills for many miles and the land was covered with from one to three feet of water for several hours, until the swift flowing stream started to fall and drained off a large part of the water, altho in the lowest places the water still stood until Sunday.

MARRIED AT HEBRON

The announcement has been received here of the marriage at Hebron, Nebraska, on Tuesday, May 3rd, of Miss Wilma Decker of that city to Mr. Leon Messman of Strang, Nebraska.

The wedding took place at the Christian church, parsonage at 2 o'clock with the Rev. Ruppert reading the marriage lines and the impressive ring service being used in the ceremony.

The bride wore a beautiful gown of white satin trimmed with ribbon stones, with hat and slippers to match. The bride wore a pearl necklace and pearl watch bracelet, the gift of the groom, as well as wearing a lace handkerchief and small pin, heirlooms of the family. The bride's bouquet was of white carnations and sweet peas.

The groom is a banker at Strang and a young man who has made a great success of his chosen line of work and is held in the highest esteem as one of the prominent young business men of that portion of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Messman will make their future home at Strang, and where they will be at home to their friends after a short honeymoon.

ENJOY VISIT HERE

From Monday's Daily—
The home of A. W. White and daughter, Mrs. J. A. Donelan, was the scene of a very pleasant family gathering yesterday with a number of the members of the family circle being present. Dr. and Mrs. Frank D. Burgess of Cedar Rapids, Nebraska, who have been visiting at Salina, Kansas, with Mrs. H. B. Burgess, mother of the doctor and also at Nebraska City with the J. C. Thygeson family, arriving to spend a short time here. Miss Rhene Burgess of Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. Karl Brown and Richard Brown of Papillion also coming down for the Sunday visit here and enjoying the family dinner that was a feature of the occasion.

HAVE REAL EXPERIENCE

From Monday's Daily—
The story has leaked out of the startling experience of a well known farmer from west of this city, one of our prominent business men and a retired farmer of this city, at Lincoln during the recent Shriners gathering. The members of the party with a Lincoln friend were out taking in the sights of the capitol city and the driver of the car was stepping on the gas and trying out the speed of the old gas wagon when one of the hair trigger members of the motorcycle department of the Lincoln police overtook them and forced the car into the curb and presented them with a beautiful engraved invitation to call on Judge Chappel and tell the story of the speeding. However all of the party were able get back home on time.

Boys' Quartet Wins First Honors in State Contest

Representatives of Plattsmouth High School Score for Local Music Department.

From Monday's Daily—
In the state music contest held at Lincoln on Friday and Saturday the boys' quartet of the Plattsmouth high school was able to place with the first honors in their class, winning for the local school the large and beautiful loving cup for this event.

The quartet composed of John Neilson, George Caldwell, Lawrence Leonard and Edgar Wescott appeared on the program at the contest on Friday morning in competition with several other of the state high school quartets, but the award of the prizes was not made until Saturday evening by the judges of the meet.

The girls' glee club which was entered in the contest as well as the soloists representing the local schools were not able to secure place in the decision of the judges.

The success of the quartet is very gratifying to Miss Ruth Lindsay, music supervisor and who has trained the quartet in their work and placed them in readiness for the contest. The public and the patrons of the school are also well pleased with the success that has come to their representatives at the state meet and the quartet will receive the congratulations of their school associates on the attaining of their desires at the state contest.

ATHLETIC CLUB WINS

From Monday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon the Athletic club baseball team and one known as the Morse Giants gathered at the old baseball grounds on Chicago avenue to indulge in an exhibition of national pastime and at the close of which the Athletic club garnered in 21 runs while the Giants had 6 to their credit.

The hurling for the Athletic club was by Lloyd Sharp and who was very successful in holding his opponents a number of hard drives and on home circuit drives by "Chub" Smith and Mason of the Giants.

The Athletics had a much better fielding game to their credit and Joe Buttery especially distinguished himself in the center garden by nailing a number of hard drives and also figured strong at bat with a home run over the billboards at the north part of the ball park. Bob Fitch and Lloyd Sharp each connected with a three bagger during the game for the Athletics.

The Athletics had in their lineup: Sharp, pitcher; Hall, catcher; Wells, 1b.; Wooster, 2nd base; Russ Hackett, short; Thomas, 3rd base; Hirz, left field; Buttery, center field; Fitch, right field.

The Morse Giants were lined up as follows: Smith, catcher; Hilzer, pitcher; Fitchorn, first base; D. Brittain, 2nd base; Chub Smith, short; R. Brittain, 3rd base; E. Brittain, right field; Mason, center field; Davis, left field.

On next Sunday the Athletics will play the Nebraska team on the local grounds and on Sunday, May 29th, they are to journey out to Alvo to meet the fast team of that place and on Monday, May 30th, the Athletics the Athletics will clash on the local lot.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

From Monday's Daily—
Mrs. J. D. Marshall of this city was operated on Saturday at 5 o'clock for a very severe attack of gall stones and appendicitis at the Methodist hospital in Omaha. The latest report from the patient are to the effect that she is doing very nicely; and the family and friends are very hopeful of her speedy recovery as the patient seems to be doing just as well as could possibly be expected.

SMASHES GOLF RECORD

From Monday's Daily—
The record of 32 at the local golf course, set as an example of very good shooting over the course, was smashed yesterday afternoon by Dr. R. P. Westover, champion of southeastern Nebraska, who made the course in 29 and set a new mark for the local golfers to shoot at in the future.

Frank W. Elliott Dies at Hospital at Topeka, Kan.

Death Occurs Saturday and Body Reaches Home Today—Funeral Services Tuesday Afternoon.

From Monday's Daily—
The death of Frank W. Elliott, well known resident of this city occurred on Saturday evening at 10 o'clock at the S. V. A. hospital at Topeka, Kansas, where he has been for the past two weeks taking treatment. The death followed an operation performed Saturday, the patient developing a sudden attack of heart trouble from which the patient failed to rally and gradually grew worse until death came to his relief.

Mr. Elliott has been in poor health for a period of several months and which finally grew so severe that he was compelled to give up his work as one of the toll keepers at the Platte river bridge and has since that time been under the care of physicians, first at the home here and later at the hospital at Omaha. Two weeks ago Mr. Elliott departed for Topeka where he entered the hospital there in the hopes of deriving some permanent relief from his long illness.

The news of the death came as a great shock to the family and friends who had hoped that the patient might be able to rally and derive some benefit from the course of treatment and the operation, and his serious condition was not realized until the message of his death came yesterday.

To mourn his loss Mr. Elliott leaves the widow and two children, Mrs. Harry Beller and Richard Elliott of this city. There are also a large family of brothers and sisters to share the grief of his death. Elmer Elliott and Leroy Elliott of this city, Marion Elliott, residing in California, Charles Elliott of Denver, Mrs. Stella Matthews of Denver, Mrs. Roy Thornton of Humboldt, Mrs. Golda Cummins of Kansas City, and Mrs. Mable Bowman of Denver.

The deceased was born at Plattsmouth, Missouri, February 21, 1876 and lived for a great many years in that state and at Falls City, Mo., where the family came in February 1912 to Plattsmouth and where they have since resided. Mr. Elliott was engaged in different occupations here and was for a time manager of the Collins Oil station here and later employed by the county as toll keeper at the Platte river bridge.

In the loss that has come to them the members of the family will have the deepest sympathy of the large circle of friends in this city and the surrounding community who have known and esteemed Mr. Elliott in his life here.

SERVICES AT LEWISTON

From Monday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon Rev. H. E. Sortor, pastor of the First Methodist church of this city, accompanied by a number of the young people of the Epworth League, motored down to Lewiston church east of Murray, where they held a service.

There was a very large number in attendance and a great deal of interest taken in the meeting by the residents of that section. The pastor gave a short sermon and the members of the congregation furnished the music for the service.

These services will be held each Sunday afternoon at 2:30 and the public is cordially invited to attend and enjoy them.

ASKS DIVORCE DECREE

From Monday's Daily—
An action was filed in the district court today in which Mrs. Inez Childers was the plaintiff and Lee Childers the defendant. The plaintiff charges the defendant with cruelty and the petition states that the parties were married at Schuyler, Nebraska on November 24, 1920 and are now residents of the state of Nebraska. The custody of the minor children is also requested by the plaintiff Attorney J. A. Capwell of this city appears in the action for the plaintiff.

POLICE COURT NOTES

From Monday's Daily—
Judge Weber was called upon to balance the scales of justice in his court in the last two days and as a result of the session of the court Cal Poland, a resident of south of the city was given a fine of \$10 and costs or a total of \$13.50 for intoxication. This morning George Taylor was before the court and was also fined \$10 and costs for being intoxicated.

DEATH OF BABE

From Monday's Daily—
Yesterday the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gouchenour was visited by the dark angel of death who called the little babe at its birth and left the family bereft of their loved one. The funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the home of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Morse and the interment had at Oak Hill cemetery.

WILL COACH AT ST. EDWARDS

From Monday's Daily—
Frank Gradoville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gradoville of this city, who is now completing his work at the University of Nebraska, will coach at high school at St. Edwards, Nebraska, the coming year, having closed the contract for this position the past week. Mr. Gradoville when a student here in the high school was very active in the athletic life of the school and was a star at basketball and baseball, having played a great deal of the summer vacations since leaving the high school with the Plattsmouth and Genoa, Neb teams as well as the fast M. P. team at Sedalia, Missouri. His athletic experience should be a great asset to the school in which he will have charge of the sports. Mr. Gradoville will also teach in the science department of the high school. The many friends here will join in their wishes for the success of their old associate.

Musical Program Draws Many to M. E. Church

Final Offering of Music Week Proves a Real Treat to All Those Who Attended.

From Monday's Daily—
Last evening the final offering in the Music Week activities was held in the city in the community musical program at the First Methodist church and which was featured by a sacred concert as well as one that carried the Mother's day message in a number of the selections given by the artists on the program.

The attendance was very large and embraced members of a number of the churches of the city and who were delighted with the splendid array of talent that appeared on the program of the evening. The program was under the direction of Mrs. E. H. Wescott, chairman of the music department of the Nebraska Women's clubs.

The opening portion of the program was given over to the group singing of a number of the old hymns that added very much to the enjoyment of all of the audience.

Mrs. Robert Reed opened the formal program with one of her artistic piano numbers that reflected the greatest credit on the talented lady. In honor of Mother's day Mrs. Hal Garnett gave a very beautiful number, "I Am Wearing a Flower for You" by Wilson.

The Masonic quartet composed of H. G. McClusky, R. C. Cook, Frank A. Clويد and L. O. Minor gave two very impressive numbers, "Remember Now Thy Creator" and "Still, Still With Thee."

Many very beautiful vocal numbers were given by Mrs. John E. Schutz and Raymond C. Cook that added a wonderful touch to the program of the evening while Mrs. Edward Roman gave a special number "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains."

Ralph Rolland of the city high school faculty presented a violin selection that was very much enjoyed by all of the audience.

The program was closed by the most appropriate song, "Home Sweet Home" this being a solo number by Frank A. Clويد and presented in his usual pleasing manner.

RAIN STOPS GAME

From Monday's Daily—
The opening contest of the Sarpy-Cass county league at Louisville yesterday afternoon, was terminated in the fourth inning of the game when the rain commenced to fall in torrents and made necessary the postponement of the contest between the Louisville and Plattsmouth teams of the league.

The game had been a fine exhibition of baseball up to this stage of the struggle and the score was standing 3 to 2 in favor of Louisville when the game was called. Plattsmouth being at bat with a man on third and second and only one down when the decision came through the driving rain that the game was all off.

Swanson was on the mound for the locals with Pete Herold in his old time position back of the bat, while Hartman, youthful Louisville hurler was sliding them over to the locals.

The attendance was very good for the opening game and the fans had some good baseball offered them before the downpour started that brought the close of the festivities.

On next Sunday Plattsmouth will play at Fort Crook.

MRS. MARY MURPHY POORLY

From Monday's Daily—
Mrs. Mary Murphy, one of the old and loved residents of the city, has been quite poorly for the past several days as the result of severe attacks of heart trouble and her children are now all here at the side of the mother. Mrs. W. F. Witt of New York City and Edward Murphy, who has been located near the Canadian line in Minnesota, arrived here yesterday to join the other members of the family. Thomas Murphy and Miss Lillian of Omaha and Miss May Murphy of this city.

Voice Recital at Library Draws a Large Crowd

Pupils of Mrs. E. H. Wescott Heard in Very Delightful Offering of Song Last Evening.

From Wednesday's Daily—
The voice recital given last evening at the auditorium of the public library by the pupils of Mrs. E. H. Wescott, was one of the most largely attended entertainments of its kind that has been offered here for some time and the audience that filled the library was more than pleased with the manner in which the members of the class presented their offerings in the high class selections chosen for the program.

The accompanists for the recital were Mrs. Robert M. Walling and Mrs. Sam Moye, accomplished artists at the piano and whose services added greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Mrs. William Weber and Mrs. Sam Moye were heard in the opening of the program in a duet, "Birds on the Wing" that was splendidly given.

Mrs. Harry Schutz offered as a part of the program a group of the folk songs, "Green and Silent Valley" and "I Want to Walk in Jerusalem" two of the best known melodies of the south.

Miss Gretchen Warner appeared with two of the pleasing numbers, "My Arcady" and "The Second Minute."

Miss Margaret Engelkemier gave two very pleasing numbers, "Asking" and "Down by the End of the Garden."

Miss Christine Soennichsen gave a group of three of the well known and most appreciated songs, "Abandon Me," "By Sweet Day" and "Just Been Wondering."

Warren Taylor, well known young man vocalist of the city gave as his portion of the evening recital "My Ax of Steel," "Celeste" and "By the Waters of Minnetonka."

Miss Alice Crabb, one of the youngest pupils was heard in "Philosophy" and "The Big Brown Bear."

Mrs. Sam Moye, who has appeared as a vocalist on many of the musical offerings here in the past gave a group of three very charming songs, "Swallows," "O Dry Those Tears" and "May Morning."

Mrs. William V. Weber gave three songs that reflected the greatest credit on the artist and were a very attractive part of the program, "Because of You," "Shadow March" and "Melisande in the Wood."

Miss Ruth Janda, one of the talented musical students of the high school was presented in two songs, "Love Is a Merchant" and "Fallen Leaf," two very delightful offerings.

At the close of the program Mrs. Wescott, Mrs. May Morgan of Omaha and Mrs. Weber gave a vocal trio, "Joy Cometh in the Morning."

NEW TAXI FIRM

From Tuesday's Daily—
The old reliable taxi line that Clarence Cotner has conducted for the past few years is to have an addition to the firm in the person of Lawrence Sprecher, better known as "Wink." Mr. Sprecher has decided to enter into the firm and will be with Clarence after Sunday as a part of the firm of Cotner & Sprecher, taxi owners de lux.

The new firm has secured a large fine new model Chevrolet car to add to the fleet of cars that they will have to serve the public.

Mr. Cotner has been most accommodating and prompt in his service to the Plattsmouth people and Mr. Sprecher will be a splendid addition to the firm and these two genial and accommodating gentlemen will insure real service to the public who have need of patronizing the taxi lines.

The station of the firm will remain at the Main hotel and the hustling proprietors will be ready to answer all calls promptly and with the most courteous treatment of their patrons in the future as in the past.

"NEBRASKA" IS HERE

The state song, "Nebraska," advising the world of our great state and its products, is now released from the publishers and the song is on sale in this city, the home of the composer, B. A. Rosenkrans, and those who wish to secure the song to add to their music collections and to learn the tuneful melody and snappy words.

The song itself is on sale at the Popular Variety store and the Plattsmouth people who fail to secure the song will be losing the chance of learning this real live wire song of the state which has been dedicated by the author to the American Legion of Nebraska store.

There is only one Nebraska and only one real live wire song of the state that has been produced.

VISITS OMAHA CENTER

From Tuesday's Daily—
Miss Betty Sitzman of this city has returned from Omaha where she was an over Sunday visitor at the Christ Child Center, one of the great institutions of that city for the care and education of the children of the city who have not the advantages of the care and comforts of home and the education of home surroundings. Miss Hattie Sitzman is engaged there as a teacher and is acting head of the school during the illness of the superintendent and secured the assistance of her niece, Miss Betty, to assist in the musical work of the school on Sunday at the special Mother's day program.

Will Hirz Pleads Guilty to Part in Weiss Robbery

Missing Man Appears of His Own Accord and Surrenders to Sheriff Beed.

From Wednesday's Daily—
William Hirz, third member of the party that visited the home of Herman Weiss northwest of this city on Thursday night, May 5th, came yesterday afternoon and placed himself in the custody of Sheriff Bert Reed to answer to the charges that might be preferred against him in connection with the taking of meat to the value of \$10 from the smokehouse of Mr. Weiss and for which Henry and George Bartik were fined \$500 and \$250 in the district court last Saturday.

The parties captured by the sheriff and deputy early Friday morning had made a statement to the authorities that implicated Mr. Hirz in the visit to the Weiss place and since that time the authorities have been engaged in looking for him and were surprised yesterday when the man made his voluntary appearance.

A complaint was filed in the county court late yesterday afternoon by County Attorney W. G. Kieck charging Mr. Hirz with the crime of breaking and entering and to which charge he entered a plea of guilty and was bound over to the district court for hearing.

The bond was fixed at \$1,000 and which being supplied the young man was released from custody until his case is acted on by the district court.

SUFFERS AUTO WRECK

From Tuesday's Daily—
Last evening a party of Plattsmouth young men were wrecked on the K. of T. highway just north of the city when the Glenn Valley home when the Overland car driven by David Wooster crashed into the truck of James Wurga and was overturned as well as having the members of the party shaken up and suffering cuts and bruises.

The accident occurred shortly after 7 o'clock and required the services of a surgeon to dress the wounds of two of the party.

Mr. Wooster and Maynard Tritsch had driven to Omaha in the early afternoon and returned about 7 o'clock and Mr. Wooster sought to pass the truck and not being used to the type of car he was driving was soon in bad shape as he had the truck on one side and the loose gravel of the highway on the other. As the Overland struck the gravel it was turned into the truck and overturned. The car was very badly damaged and that the young men escaped as fortunately as they did is a wonder.

Wooster suffered a very severely strained back and small cuts while Tritsch suffered a bad cut on the right leg just above the knee and also was shaken up. Paul Lemke, the third member of the party was only slightly injured with a small cut on the leg.

WILL DELIVER ADDRESS

From Wednesday's Daily—
County Attorney W. G. Kieck of this city has been invited by his former fellow townsmen at Springfield, Nebraska, to visit that place on Decoration day and deliver the oration of the occasion. Mr. Kieck is a member of one of the old families of Sarpy county and was very active in the life of the community at Springfield in his residence there and his selection by the committee in charge of the memorial day program there assures a real live wire address for the occasion.

DEMONSTRATING LIGHT PLANT

From Wednesday's Daily—
George Domingo of Weeping Water was here yesterday and today demonstrating the Kohler light plant for home service and which attracted a great deal of attention from the Plattsmouth people as being a real practical device for the home lighting and which furnished power as the current is being consumed.

City Hall is Being Polished in Great Shape

Paint and Papering of the Building Adds Very Much to Its Appearance.

From Wednesday's Daily—
The malle that a little paint and wall paper can add to a home or business house can be seen at the Plattsmouth city hall where Frank R. Gobelman and his workmen are engaged in re-decorating the building that has for a number of years housed the city government.

The building has not been given an overhauling for several years and recently the council decided that it was time the old structure was shined up for the 1927 season of clean up and paint up.

The council chamber is now being completed in its part of the decorative program and presents a real change of front that can make the members of the great common council proud of their offices and the building that they occupy. The council chamber has been re-papered in a small mottled gray paper that gives a very pleasing effect to the room as it is much lighter than the former paper and has a white ceiling that reflects the light nicely. All the woodwork has been cleaned and varnished as has the rail that separates the council from the hot pot of the city who gather outside the barrier and gaze at the law makers as they incubate the legislation for the city.

The office of Judge William Weber which adjoins the council chamber has been decorated in the same style as the council chamber and the furniture in the chamber of justice as well as the sneezing place of the council has been cleaned and polished up in fine shape and made worthy of the clean and attractive settings.

While the council is having a recess of two weeks before the next meeting of the floor of the council chamber will be touched up and will complete that part of the decorative program.

The exterior of the building is to be redecorated as well as the interior and as soon as the weather subsides from mid winter to summer the paint crew will be turned loose on the outside of the building and paint it a neat and attractive gray that will make the structure a credit to its neighbors in that part of the city.

ASKS FOR RECEIVER

From Wednesday's Daily—
This morning an action was filed in the office of the clerk of the district court in which the Standard Savings & Loan association of Omaha is the plaintiff and George O. Dovey, et al defendants.

The action is one in which the plaintiff claims that the defendant Dovey secured \$8,500 on a loan on real estate in the city of Plattsmouth and also contracted for 85 shares of the stock of the plaintiff company. One of the provisions of the contract was that the amount of \$99 would be paid each month, which it is alleged was not done.

The plaintiff asks that a receiver be appointed for the property in question to manage and collect rentals from the same until the sale of the property can be made, that in the sale of the property if the purchase price is not sufficient a deficiency judgment in the amount be given against the defendants.

The county of Cass, Miss M. U. Gering, W. E. Jenkins, T. P. Livingston, Edward Fitzgerald, and Fred Buerstetta, receiver of the First National bank, all of whom have some claim against the defendant are also made parties to the suit as the plaintiff claims a prior right to the property in the suit.

ELECT OFFICERS

From Tuesday's Daily—
The Wintersteen hill district of the Parent-Teachers association have named their officers for the ensuing year and who will have charge of the affairs of this very active branch of the association, the following being selected:

President—Mrs. Russell Blunt.
Vice-President—Mrs. J. E. Baldwin.
Secretary—Mrs. Lois Reed.

Treasurer—Charles Arthurs.
The association also elected an executive committee consisting of Charles D. Palmer, chairman, Richard Otterstein and Mr. Reed.

It was also decided to take up the child welfare health work in the coming year and to carry on an intensive program in this line of work.

FRANK KOUBEK POORLY

From Tuesday's Daily—
Frank Koubek, one of the well known residents of the south portion of the city has been confined to his home for several days past as the result of a very severe cold that has caused him a great deal of annoyance and compelled him to take an enforced vacation from his work.

Blank books at the Journal office.