Nebraska State Historieal Society Plattsmouth Fournal. The VOL. NO. XLIII PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA, MONDAY, SEPT. 12, 1927. NO. 63 **Teachers** of ENJOY FAMILY REUNION **Martin Johnson** CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY Sues for \$15,000 HERE FROM SOUTH DAKOTA K. of T. Bridge From Thursday's Daliy-From Friday's Daily-From Friday's Daily-John Alwin of this city has just City Schools is Fast Paying Ends His Life by for Alleged Malic-Yesterday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Last evening Mrs. Charles Gradoreturned from Denver where he has E. O. Lyman and family, Stanley ville, Sr., was given a very pleasan Aurora Lee, Marcia and Mary, ar surprise at her home in the west been spending a few days at the home are Assigned of his daughter, Mrs. Nelson Eaton and visiting with the new grandson Hanging Today part of the city when the members of her family who are residing in ious Prosecution rived here by auto from their home at Veil, South Dakota. The Lyman who arrived Saturday at the Eator this city and vicinity gathered at the family will spend a short time here home. The new arrival is a fine nine family home to assist the mother in New and Old Members of the Force pound boy and was a surprise to visiting at the home of Mrs. Lyman's James Topp, Farm Hand Residing parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Young Cass and Sarpy Counties Pay Off the observance of her fifty-third Owner of Lower Main Street Meat are Now Busy in Their Var-Grandpa John as the child was born birthday anniversary. The evening of near Murray and also with the Market Found Dead in Shop Southwest of Murray Plaintiff just a short time after his arrival icus Departments. was spent in visiting and a general other relatives in that locality and From Tolls Collected. there. Mrs. Eaton was formerly Miss Against Group of Neighbors. by Friends. in this city. The Lyman family had good time and which all of the mem-Mary Alwin. While at Denver Mr. From Thursday's Dailybers of the family enjoyed to the a fine trip on their way here and re-From Saturday's Dally-Alwin had the pleasure of having From Friday's Daily-The teaching force of the city utmost. To add to the pleasure of the From Friday's Dailyport that the beet crops in their schools for the present term is now two other daughters come for a visit Martin L. Johnson, aged 58, well occasion Mrs. Gradoville had the fact country is the finest that they have As a sequel to the filing of a comall organized and the teachers on from their homes in Kansas and the known meat dealer of this city at an of the arrival of a new grandson on plaint here on August 15th against had for years and that all crops in their various charges for the school occasion proved a real family re- early hour this morning ended his her anniversary. Refreshments of ice James Topp, alleging that Mr. Topp general that they have noticed has year. The teaching force and as- union. life by hanging, the suicide occurring cream and cake were served during had threatened several parties resid- been of the best. in a small room adjoining the meat the evening. signment for the present year is as ing in the neighborhood between market. The hanging occurred as **Death Comes** Murray and Nehawka and on which charge Mr. Topp was acquitted, there Mary Louise near as can be estimated sometime R. E. Bailey, Superintendent. between 7 and 8 o'clock and the body Tournament a J. V. Simon, Principal. has been filed in the district court to Frank Roucka F. E. Flack, Assistant Princiwas discovered at 8:30 by friends. here an action for damages in the sum **Spies Thought** Mr. Johnson has made his home of \$15,100. pal and Science. Fitting Close of ome a free bridge with the J. C. Peferson family for The petition gives the title of the W. D. McMahon, Commercial. case as James Topp vs. Dale R. Top-liff, J. Vance Pitman, Ivan DeLes For the month of August the coun-Last Night the past thirty-five years, rooming at their apartment over the meat the past thirty-five years, rooming R. F. Patterson, History and to Be Kidnaped ty commissioners have paid over to the bridge company that erected the **Baseball Season** market, and this morning arose as R. B. Thornton, Commercial. Dernier, Nick Frederich, Herman usual and after partaking of break-Wohlfarth and Roy Gerking. It is Mary Tidball, English. Pearl Staats, Normal Train-

Treat for Fans.

APPRECIATED CONTRIBUTION

From Thursday's Dally-

Pearl Mann, Mathematics. Elizabeth McVey, Home Economics. F. A. Rothert, Manual Train-

ing and Athletics. Junior High

Estelle Baird, Languages.

follows:

Debate.

ing.

Helene Phillips, English and Art.

Cora Jones, Reading and Penmanship. Jessie Whelan, Geography and

Music. Clara Weyrich, Arithmetic

and Physical Education. Gladys Harding, History and Civics.

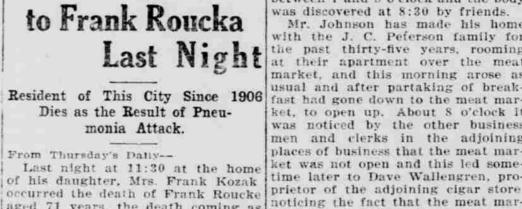
Central Grades

Amelia Martens, Principal, Grade C.

Edith Abbott, First grade. Margaret Mahaffey, Second grade

Selma Diehms, Third grade. Lydia Todd, Third and Fourth grades.

Lora Kieck, Fourth grade. Colda Mason, Fifth grade. Ariel Moore, Fifth grade. Blanche Gamer, Sixth grade.

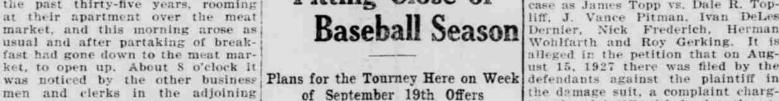


aged 71 years, the death coming as the climax of a severe attack of pneumonia from which he has suffered for several days and from which he has gradually grown worse until the tragedy. his death.

The deceased was born in Bohemia and came to the United States in 1906, settling at Plattsmouth where he has since made his home. For some eighteen years Mr. Roucka was in the employe of the Burlington store department and retired with the advancing years that made it impossible to continue his work. Mr. Roucka was a pleasant and

genial gentleman and held a warm circle of friends among those who were privileged to know him and to the friends as well as to the members of his family circle his death comes as a severe blow.

The deceased is survived by the following children: Frank Roucka, Jr., residing at the old home in Bohemia.



places of business that the meat market was not open and this led sometime later to Dave Wallengren, pro-

From Thursday's Dallyprietor of the adjoining cigar store. noticing the fact that the meat market was closed and no sign of anyone being around the place making inquiries that led to the discovery of

Mr. Wallengren called to the memers of the Peterson family as to where Mr. Johnson was, and they told him that he had gone down to the shop as usual and the fact that the place of business was not open led to the investigation of the matter by Claude Smith and Mr. Wallengren. Mr. Smith made his way

through the Peterson apartment to the rear stairway and down into the meat market, to be horrified at opening the door leading into the main market to find the lifeless body of Mr. Johnson hanging from the wall at

the side of the doorway. The body was hanging, the toes touching the floor and death having dial co-operation of everyone in put-

altho all signs of life had departed

alleged in the petition that on Aug-

ust 15, 1927 there was filed by the the damage suit, a complaint charg ing the plaintiff with having threat ened the defendants, that on said

From Friday's Dailycomplaint and warrant the plaintiff Mary Louis Spies, thirteen year was taken into custody by Sheriff The baseball tournament that is Bert Reed and was a prisoner in the who had made her home in this city planned here for the week starting county jail, that on the hearing of since she was three years old, with September 19th, will be a fitting close the case in the county court the her grandmother, is thought to be of the baseball season in this section plaintiff was acquitted of the charge kindnaped from the home of her aunt, and offers the opportunity of getting

and released from custody. The peti-Mrs. Marie Cline at Kansas City together all of the teams in the countion gives as the case of action in Missouri. ty in an interesting series of games the damage suit malicious prosecution The young girl who had lived here and names the above defendants in up to the time of the death of her

ity of some real baseball. The plaintiff in his petition claims The tournament will be quite an tht he has suffered damage in the expense in that it will require con- sum of \$15,000 and expended \$100 siderable amounts for the trophies for attorney fees and asks judgment that will be offered in the tournal of the defendants in the sum of \$15,ment for the different class winners 100 and the costs of the case

and which it is expected will be rais-The troubles in the neighborhood ed by the sale of the season tickets. where the parties in the action rerom Kansas City state. side has attracted a great deal of at-This city has not had an event of The girl was brought to this cit; this kind for some ten years and the tention in that portion of the counon April 1, 1917, then being three ty and at the recent hearing of the effort that the baseball management years of age, her father having been here is making in promoting the insanity complaint filed against Mr. in the service of the U.S. in the event should be followed by the cor-Topp by Willard Hale, al arge num-

ber from that part of the county was army and as claimed later in litigating it across. The tournament will present to hear the case that resulted tion the parents decided to send the the body was still warm when found be made self supporting by the ad- in the release of Mr. Topp. vance sale of tickets and the admis-

on February 1, 1919, the mother of the child, Mrs. Maryland Spies, de

at Kansas City Since Death of

Grandmother Missing.

manded the custody of the child

for Its Cost

\$5,000 on Bridge for August

The King of Trails auto and wagon bridge over the Platte river north of this city is fast being paid for from the tolls collected by the counties of Cass and Sarpy and it seems but a matter of a few months when the amounts collected will pay the amount that the two counties advanced for half of the purchase price of the bridge and the structure be-

bridge, the sum of \$5,000, one of the largest payments that has been made Young Girl Who Has Been With Aunt on the structure and materially reducing the amount that the counties have yet to secure to insure the structure being a free bridge.

The payments have averaged about \$3,500 a month for the time that old daughter of Elmer F. Spies, and the bridge has been in control of the state and counties and since the completion of the gravel on the K. of T. highway from this city to Fort Crook, the amounts received are steadily mounting and with the fall and winter months and the good roads there will be a steady stream of travel over the highway.

With the rate that the tolls have ccumulated it will be only a matter of a very short time until the payment of the cost of the bridge is accomplished and the late winter or early spring should se the structure given free to the people of the state.

The bridge suffered a great deal in oss of tolls in the spring by the fact that the roads were impassable but with the graveling of the road there should be little falling off in the travel during the winter the coming season and adding to the rapidity of paying for the bridge.

## SOCIAL CIRCLE CLUB MEETING

The Social Circle club south of

this city have had two very enjoy-

able meetings in the last few weeks

that have come as most pleasing di-

versions of the summer season and

Mrs. Will Cook was the hostess at

one of these pleasant events and

sisted of the greatest pleasure and

the gentlemen will find that they be

greatly in demand in the future as

hosts. The entertaining features of

the occasion was one that all of the

members will long pleasantly remem-

the Social Circle members on Friday.

September 2nd at her country home

and which was marked by a very

large attendance of the members and

Mrs. Gobelman entertained the mem-

bers of the party in her usual pleas-

TO HEAR MURDER CASE

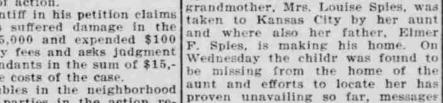
Mrs. Val Gobelman was hostess to

child here to the grandmother. Later

members.

of Plattsmouth, a suit involving the ed by a fine program and entertain-

From Saturday's Daily-



that will test out their playing qualities and give the fans the opportun- the cause of action.

Nellie Carlson, Sixth grade. Columbian School Nettie Hawksworth, Principal. Grade 5.

Amana Hiatt, Grades 3 and

Iola Norhstedt, Grades 1 and

Betty West, Grades C and 1. Wintersteen School

May Farley, Principal, Grades

C and L Joy Craven, Grades 2 and 3. Outlying Schools

First Ward-Christine Rasmussen.

Mercerville-Helen Farley. West Second Ward-Rose Prohaska

## Supervisors

Marie E. Kaufmann, Penmanship and Art. Ruth Lindsay. Music. E. E. Woodward, Physical

Education.

### ENTERTAINS FOR NIECE

From Thursday's Dany-Yesterday afternoon Misses Mia charmingly at their attractive home on North 6th street complimentary to their niece, Miss Ursula Herold, who is soon to leave to resume her studies at Smith college.

The home was very attractively arranged with the decorations of licious refreshments were served by golden rod that lent a pleasing touch handsomely arranged roms even pletion of the pleasant afternoon. more charming to the eye

The afternoon was in the form of a bridge tea and in the contests at bridge Miss Helen Farley proved the From Thursday's Dallymost successful while Mrs. Karl Brown of Papillion was awarded the reside northwest of this city gave a of age, and was unmarried. His only being his further donation to the consolation prize.

in colleges and universities and who that had been working at the Weiss have been home to enjoy the summer place. Those in attendance were: vacation period.

## HAS AUTO ACCIDENT

## From Thursday's Dally-

W. S. Wetenkamp of Mynard sufing Water. Both cars were damaged to more or less extent and Miss John- Mrs. Henry Meisinger and children, son suffered injuries that made it Harold, Eugene, Stuart and Janet. necessary to have her taken to the hospital at Weeping Water where she is now being cared for. Mr. Wetenkamp suffered no serious injuries From Thursday's Dally-Mynard altho he was somewhat in Omaha Wednesday appears that shaken up through the effects of the of Harry E. Miller, of Fort Omaha accidest

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to convey our earnest thankfulness to the friends for their help and sympathy in our bereaveter and granddaughter-Mr. and Omaha.

Mrs. Webster Warthen, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris and Family. Mr. and Have you anything to Mrs. B. B. Warthen and Family. Try a Journal Want Ad.

Joseph and Peter Roucka of Sedalia Missouri, Mrs. Annie Kozak of this city, Mrs. Lillian Neitzel of Omaha and Charles Roucka of St. Louis. The wife and mother preceded Mr. Roucka in death three years ago and since that time Mr. Roucka has made

his home with his daughters, Mrs. Neitzel and Mrs. Kozak. There have been no definite arrangements made as to the funeral services owing to the awaiting of the

members of the family from distant points.

# SOCIAL WORKERS MEET

From Thursday's Dally-The Social Workers of the Metho

dist church held a very pleasant meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. A. Wells on North 6th street and who was assisted by Mrs. W. L. Heinrich in entertaining and serving and a very large number of the ladies were in attendance at the meeting.

During the afternoon a very pleasing musical program was given. Mrs. Gladys Groff giving a vocal number "In the Garden of Prayer" and Mrs, and Barbara Gering entertained very E. H. Douglas, a very beautiful piano number.

The ladies also made plans for the holding of a bazaar in the fall that will be of the greatest of interest to the general public.

the hostesses that aided in the com-

GIVE PICNIC DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Weiss, who

very delightful dinner at Riverside known relatives are two sisters who cause, at the same time he puts in The guests of the afternoon were hill in the pasture on the farm of reside in Denmark, where Mr. John- the sidewalks. the group of girls that are soon to Mr. Weiss. The event was given for leave to take up their school work the members of the threshing crew

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Koke, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Schiessl and son, Junior, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coffelt and children, Laurice, Lauretta, Lloyd and Wayne. Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Siemoneit and ed on the highway south of Weep- Gustof, Raymond, Ella and Albert, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Koke, Mr. and

## LICENSED TO WED

and was able to return on home to Among the marriage licenses issued funeral. and Miss Georgia M. Tuma, of that city. This is of some interest here as the bride has been a visitor here fre-

quently at the home of her sister. Mrs. W. P. Stizman, and is well known to a large group of friends here. The groom is a member of the ment in the death of our little daugh- 17th infantry stationed at Fort

sions and all that is necessary to The hanging was by the use of a help put over the event is to get in heavy halter rope that had been prepared with a slip noose and which big event when approached to do so. had caused the death by strangula-

tion. It is thought possible that Mr. Johnson had stood on a chair which was near the body and had jumped from the chair with the purpose of ending his life. Seemingly the unfortunate man ad made a previous attempt at years.

hanging as a broken clothes line near the body bore the marks of having been used but had broken with the weight of the man and led to his

electing the heavier rope that had allowed the accomplishment of the ash act.

The only motive that could be as ribed by those intimate with the deeased is worry over ill health and financial worries, as Mr. Johnson has not been feeling the best for some time. Several years ago members of

the Peterson family state, Mr. Johnthe main cut-off control panel. The cars are commencing to come in at a on had been ill and had discussed material and labor on this job came more lively rate and add to the into some \$20, a receipted bill for crease in employment in the shops, at one time the ease with which one

could end their life by leaping into committee. The company subscribed sentative on the Burlington lines. the river and it is thought that in a sudden spell of despondency that he \$50 to the building fund early in the had committed the rash act today. drive and in addition has been most There was no trace of any com-

accommodating in the loaning of tools, etc., to the volunteer force of creased to permit a larger force than munication or note found on his perworkmen installing the 700 feet of ever is hoped for. son or in the meat market and room of the deceased and he left no fareconduit encased wiring in the buildwell to the friends or explanation of

the suicide. Members of the family state that

he seemed as well as usual this morning and in his pleasant manner had conversed with the members of the Fresno scraper for some exterior family at breakfast and had then grading work, that will get the site gone on down the stairs to commit

the act that ended his life. Mr. Johnson it is stated was in

the neighborhood of fifty-eight years tract, will be laid by William Kief. son was born. He has lived in this city for the past forty years and has

been engaged in the meat business the assembly room will be done Satwas of a quiet and retiring disposi- contractors hope to have the buildtion and had but a small circle of ing ready to turn over to the Legion \$60 in good hard cash and which friends but was generally highly es- in an all but finished state. teemed and respected as a pleasant and genial gentleman by those who ing has not been set, as there re- gion. had the pleasure of knowing him. He mains considerable wiring to be

Tuesday when his car and one driven by Miss Johnson of near Avoca collid-Weiss and children, Walter, Arthur, Officer in the order for a number of and additional porcelain recontroles Vears

Sheriff Bert Reed and County At- were received today and they are excause of death was apparent there end.

The committee again urges all con- event will be Dr. R. P. Westover confirmed by a majority of the credit- From Saturday's Dattywas no inquest held. The body was removed to the Sattler funeral home tributors whose pledges are unpaid, and A. O. Moore, who has just won ors of Mr. Hatt. pending the arrangements for the to meet same at once as the balance from Donald Pitman. The contend-

and the money is badly needed.

ADOPT CLOSING HOURS VERY HAPPY HOME

From Friday's Daily-A number of the stores of the city From Friday's Dailywho have had the policy in force for Last evening there arrived at the the summer season of having their home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Noble and the winner will be officially de-

places of business open on each Wed- on west Marble street, a fine son nesday evening, have again adopted and heir. The mother and little one the fall and winter policy of having are doing nicely and the occasion F. Warga. the stores closed at 6 p. m. after the proved a most happy one for the

first of September and this will be in proud father as well as the other re-Have you anything to buy or sell? force with the stores that are af- latives and the many friends of Mr. filiated with the Ad club. and Mrs. Noble.

INCREASES FORCE

which was refused by the grandwith a purchase of a ticket to the From Thursday's Dailymother and action started here in the The Burlington Refrigerator Exdistrict court under a writ of habeas It is not a donation at all as the press Co. shops in this city have in cornus secured by the mother, to seteams competing will give a real the past two days taken on more being contended by the grandmother enjoyed by large numbers of the cure the possession of the child, it treat to the baseball lovers of the than the usual activity and added community and make the tournament some fifteen men to their employes that the care and custody of the one of the best sporting events that in the plant here where the refriger-

child had been given her at the time has been held in this locality in many ator cars for the Burlington are rethe child was sent here for care and built and repaired.

which was in the nature of a waterhere the custody of the child was melon social. Not the least pleasing The company has called back into ervice some fifteen men who were features of the occasion was the fact vested in the grandmother, Mrs. laid off some time ago and who are that the men of the community had Louis Spies and with whom the child now connected with the company furnished the melons and also did the made her home until the death of payroll again. serving of the feast. The repast con-

Mrs. Spies. The Legion Building committee The local shop has secured a large The mother of the child is now feels greatly indebted to Manager F. number of cars for repair and which residing at Chicago while the father . Rea of the Nebraska Gas and Elec- necessitates the engaging of more resides at Kansas City to where the tric company for an additional dona- men for the work and gives the opchild was taken. No clue has detion made by the company in the portunity of the men who were laid eloped as to the whereabouts of the installation of a switch box, interior off sent back to duty,

pleasing to the community and that

the extent of the work may be in-

The lack of cars at times curtails child but it is thought that possibly conduit work, etc., carrying their heavy lead lines some thirty feet in- the work of the refrigerator shops the girl has been taken or gone to side the new community building to but with the close of the summer the the custody of the mother.

ARGUE RATE CASE which was placed in the hands of the the one here being the BREX repre-

From Saturday's Daily-The hearing of the case of the Plattsmouth Water Co, vs. the City ant manner . The meeting was mark-The employment of the men is very

> request of the water company for ing features that all of the ladies appermission to raise the water rates in preciated to the utmost. this city, is being held today at the ederal court in Omaha before Judge

#### MAKES REAL CONTRIBUTION J. W. Woodrough, U. S. district judge

for the Omaha district. Another volunteer offer that will From Saturday's Dally --In the hearings held before the From Friday's Dallybe taken advantage of is that of Judge James T. Begley goes to special master appointed by the court Elmer Hallstrom, Avoca banker, George Taylor to furnish a team and Falls City on Monday where he will the water company was awarded a and also member of the Hugh J. Kearns post of the American Legion, valuation of \$120,000 on their plant preside in the hearing of the murder in shape for the laying of sidewalk. is showing the real old spirit in re- in this city and on which valuation case of the State of Nebraska vs Clarence Lavendar. The defendant is gard to the community building here the rates would be based. The report in this city which is being sponsored of the master, however, has to be charged with having killed a young The concrete floor in the check room not provided under the general conby the Legion and is now nearing approved by the district judge and lad in a crap game in Richardson completion. Mr. Hallstrom, who has the matter is being presented by the county a year ago and Lavendar was a warm interest in the old home and attorneys in the case to Judge Wood, just recently arrested and charged where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John rough for his consideration as to with the crime. The case will take whether or not he will approve the the greater part of the week for trial H. Hallstrom reside, made a contri-

Final polishing and waxing of the it is thought. County Attorney R. C. bution of \$50 to the building fund valuation placed by the master. The decision of the court will be James of Richardson county and C. 5,000 square feet of maple floor in and this morning while in the city the basis on whether the rates are to W. Matson, former county attorney Mr. Hallstrom called at the office of for the greater part of this time. He urday and by that time the general the adjutant and gave not only the be raised or the amount of raise in of Lancaster county appears for the state while the defendant is repre-\$50 butr aised his contribution to rates that will be made. sented by A. S. Ritchie of Omaha

comes at a most appropriate time to

The exact date for the formal open- the building committee of the Le-

FINALS IN GOLF

From Friday's Daily-

Bills of lading on these materials The championship finals in the Credit association, was had at the

Plattsmouth city golf tournament store building. torney W. G. Kieck were called after pected to arrive in time for further will be played on Sunday, Septem-| The stock and equipment were purthe finding of the body, but as the work on the wiring over the week ber 11th at the course of the local chased on the bid of A. J. Trilety for golf club. The contenders of the \$925 and the sale will have to be

gainst whom the Doctor and Andy the desire if possible to dispose of one of the most pleasant to the memhad to work hard.

thirty-six holes, eighteen being play- the highest bidder. ed at 8 a. m. and eighteen at 4 p. m.

clared the city champion.

The championship consolations From Friday's Dailywill be between C. A. Rosenrans and

and they sure do get results. son and heir.

From Friday's Daily-

will be the most notable trial held This morning the sale of the stock there in many years. Judge John B. and equipment of the Hatt meat Raper of the first district has just market and grocery which was turnrecovered from a severe illness and ed over by the owner to the Omaha

> the lon gtrial and has asked Judge Begley to hear the case for him.

## ENTERTAINS AT BRIDGE

does not feel equal to the strain of

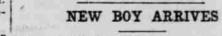
and William Mullen of Falls City

The case has attracted a great deal of

attention in Richardson county and

Last evening Miss Alice Ptak en-A number of the other merchants tertained very pleasantly at her home due the contractors must be paid ers in the semi-finals were both the were present at the sale and offered on west Pearl street a group of youngest members of the club and bids on parts of the stock but it was friends at bridge, the event being the stock in as near a bulk as pos- bers of the party. The rooms of the

The championship battle will be sible and in which Mr. Trilety was home were arranged in the fall flowers whose bright coloring added



to the features of the evening. In the playing Mrs. Adrain June of Sheridan, Wyoming, was awarded the

first prize while the second honors This morning the stork visited the were won by Miss Helen Farley. At home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gallard a suitable hour dainty and delicious on South 10th street and left in refreshments were served by the Journal Want Ads cost but little, their care a fine little eight pound hostess that made the completion of an evening of the rarest enjoyment.

PURCHASES HATT MARKET



