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## Files Claim for \$10,000 in John Koukal Estate

Mrs. Julia Krachtville Files Claim for Services Alleged to Have Been Performed.

From Tuesday's Daily—  
This morning in the county court there was held a hearing on the claim of Mrs. Julia Krachtville against the estate of her father, the late John Koukal, in the sum of \$10,000, the claim being resisted by the administrator and other heirs of the estate.

The petition of the plaintiff charges that at the time of the death of the mother, Mrs. John Koukal, there were two very small children left at the home also the other children and the plaintiff were of more mature years. The plaintiff at the request of the deceased father had taken over the care of the household and the rearing of the two small children and had continued to make her home in the parental household and look after the care of the father and the small brother and sister.

It is claimed that in this time the plaintiff received no return for her services in the parental home and for which she asks the sum of \$10,000 be given as the claim covers a long period of years.

The claim is resisted by the estate on the grounds that the plaintiff received her living as well as such small sums as she might wish during the years that she was in charge of the affairs of the old home.

The plaintiff is represented in the action by Attorney D. O. Dwyer while Attorney C. A. Rawls and Attorney John M. Leyda are representing the estate in the case.

In whatever decision is made in the county court the case will probably be carried to the higher court for hearing, owing to the large sum that is involved.

## JOHN DOE ARRESTED

From Monday's Daily—  
"Joe Doe," that mystic character that has decorated court dockets and legal documents in the earliest day of the English common law, seems to have appeared in our midst, a view of the docket at the police court this morning revealing that he was pinched here yesterday for the offense of driving a car while under the influence of the spirit of corn or some other potent liquor.

It seems that John Doe in this case was a resident of Nebraska City and had journeyed to Omaha, the gateway of the west and there had fallen among bad company or was not equal to the emergency of the case and being trained on the more mild liquors that are dispensed down in Otoe county he fell very heavily for the potent liquor that is handled in the Gate City, thereby hangs his downfall.

As the Nebraska City man was propelling his car homeward along the great King of Trails highway he found the going getting rougher and as he came into this city he failed to miss a telephone pole near the Heisel mill and the result was that the car was placed out of commission and soon the law arrived and "John Doe" was on his way to the police station to rest up from his ordeal.

## RECEIVES FINE GIFT

From Monday's Daily—  
Mrs. Phillip Harrison of this city has just received a very fine grass gift of a large bunch of the Pampas grass, which is a native of the South American countries, but which thrives in the west coast country. The large bunch of the Pampas grass which was sent her by her cousin, Charles Marshall, who resides at Glendale, California, is much appreciated by the recipient. This kind of grass forms a part of the hedge around the Marshall estate and which is one of the beauty spots of that portion of California.

## Funeral of William Wynn Held Sunday

Very Large Number of Old Friends Fill Methodist Church for Last Tribute to Departed.

From Monday's Daily—  
Yesterday afternoon the Methodist church was filled with a very large number of the old friends and neighbors to pay their last tributes of respect and esteem to the late William Wynn, one of the old time residents of this locality.

The services were conducted by the Rev. H. E. Sorter, pastor of the church, who spoke words of comfort to the members of the bereaved family and held out to them the beautiful Christian thought of the life hereafter, when the storm and strife of this mortal life shall have given way to the glories of the life everlasting.

A short sketch of the life of Mr. Wynn was also given.

## STRIKES LITTLE BABE

From Monday's Daily—  
This morning a case was reported at the office of the county attorney which originated in the central portion of the county and which is unusual in this part of the country.

The complainant was a mother and who had with her a tiny six months baby but the affair terminated yesterday in around the eyes was badly swollen and discolored, the discoloration being the effects of blows that the father had given the little on yesterday, according to the story of the mother.

The father so the complaint to the county attorney stated, had not regarded the baby boy with favor and on several occasions had given it a severe cursing and called it names but the affair terminated yesterday in the beating up of the child. A complaint will be issued from the office of the county attorney and the matter aired in court. While the baby is only six months of age it is small for its age.

## TAKEN SUDDENLY ILL

From Monday's Daily—  
Lester Burrows, the driver of the American Express company wagon in this city was taken very suddenly ill on Saturday afternoon and had to be taken to his home in the northwest part of the city, suffering from a very severe illness. Mr. Burrows was delivering express when he was taken with a dizzy spell and was unable to get around and it was necessary to have assistance to have the suffering man conveyed to his home.

## COUNCIL BLUFFS PEOPLE WED

From Monday's Daily—  
This morning Clarence E. Ham-moach and Mrs. Theresa C. Stodtmeyer, both of Council Bluffs, Iowa, were callers at the office of County Judge A. H. Duxbury and secured the necessary permission that would allow them to become man and wife.

## Platts Athletics Put Down Fast Tecumsehites

By Score of 13 to 0 the Locals Defeat Fast Opponents—Koubek and Buttery Score

From Monday's Daily—  
Battling in one of the classic games that has been seen in the southeastern part of Nebraska this season, the Plattsmouth Athletic club yesterday afternoon hung a 13 to 0 defeat on the Tecumseh team that had been featured as one of the fastest semi-pro teams in the state.

Both teams battled hard for the entire game and it was not until the final period of the game that the first score was made, Frank Koubek, the speedy left end of the Plattsmouth Athletics scooping up a fumble and racing through the ranks of the Tecumseh team for a forty yard dash that resulted in a touchdown for the Athletics and spelled victory for the Plattsmouth team.

The playing of the Plattsmouth aggregation was high class throughout and they had as their foe one of the best teams in the state, which makes their victory all the more pleasing.

The town of Tecumseh is noted for football enthusiasm and each year is represented in the field with, top high school and semi-pro teams that attract widespread attention by their many victories and to beat the Tecumsehites on their own field is an honor worthy of more than passing mention, and makes up for a stinging defeat suffered at their hands some seven years ago, when the old Legion team was in existence here and met its nemesis there after having drubbed numerous Omaha and up-state semi-pro elevens.

## NEW ESTABLISHMENT OPENS

From Monday's Daily—  
This morning was opening day for the new dry cleaning establishment of George F. Dovey, which is located in the Bates building just south of the postoffice.

The place of business has been ready since Saturday, but the owner has been busy in testing out the appliances and getting his plans thoroughly organized and therefore was not ready for business until this morning when the dry cleaning establishment was formally opened for the service of the residents of the community.

Mr. Dovey has installed the latest in equipment to care for his trade, and expects to give the very best of service possible in the new place that he has just opened up.

## DAY HAS HEAVY TRAVEL

From Monday's Daily—  
The wonderful beauty of Sunday proved a great lure to the owners of autos, who were out on the highways of this section by the hundreds, the main highways being choked with cars going to and from the different points and which in the afternoon made the travel difficult owing to the clouds of dust that hovered over the roads and in the late afternoon made the use of lights necessary in order to penetrate the dust that was created by the unending stream of traffic.

## ACCIDENT VICTIM IMPROVING

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Mrs. Clyde Davis, 3303 Orchard street, Lincoln, who sustained serious face lacerations in an automobile collision near Elmwood Sunday night was reported Monday night to be getting along nicely. She was riding in a car driven by G. R. Ray, 2028 K street, when it crashed into another driven by Herman Engleking of Elmwood. Mr. and Mrs. Ray, Mr. Davis and two Ray sisters and a friend, the other occupants of the Ray car, were not hurt seriously. Mr. Engleking was slightly stunned.—State Journal.

## SCHOOLS TO HAVE HOLIDAY

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Next week during the state teachers meetings at Omaha and Lincoln, the public schools will enjoy a two day vacation, the grades and high schools all being closed Thursday and Friday, this allowing the members of the teaching force to rest out and enjoy the meeting of the teachers.

## Omaha Rifle Men Shoot with the Local Club

Twenty-Two From the Metropolis Here to Join in Shoot—Many Good Records Made.

From Monday's Daily—  
Yesterday afternoon the local rifle club were hosts to the members of the Omaha rifle club at the government range north of this city and some twenty-eight were in attendance at the event, twenty-two being here from the Omaha club.

Of those shooting over the course four qualified as expert riflemen, six as sharpshooters and eight as marksmen, ten of the party failed to qualify.

William H. Dana won the club championship of the Omaha Rifle club with a score of 223.

## ENJOY FINE OUTING

From Monday's Daily—  
Yesterday a group of Plattsmouth, Eagle and Lincoln people enjoyed a most delightful outing out in the beauties of the wonderful October weather that has made the last few weeks one of the greatest charms in this part of the west.

The party drove to the vicinity of the Burlington bridge yesterday noon and enjoyed a fine picnic dinner in the glories of the bright fall sunshine and then motored to the vicinity of Rock Bluffs where from the great hills they had a fine view of the surrounding country and the full appreciation of how beautiful Nebraska is at this time of the year.

Those from out of the city to attend the fine picnic and outing were: State Treasurer W. M. Stebbins, Mrs. Stebbins and their daughter, Alice of Lincoln. Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Prantz and daughters, Lucille and Ruth of Eagle, Mrs. Lambow and daughters, Pearl and Louise of Palmyra, Miss Veldt Wood of Beatrice, William Trumble and Miss Mildred Spahnle of Eagle.

## CASE UNDER ADVISEMENT

From Tuesday's Daily—  
This noon the hearing in the estate of John Koukal, deceased, which occupied the attention of the county court all day yesterday and this morning, was brought to a close and the issues submitted to the court, Judge A. H. Duxbury taking the matter under advisement.

This was the claim of Mrs. Julia Krachtville, daughter of the deceased for the sum of \$10,000, claimed to be due her father and services performed in the household of the father after the death of the mother.

## Living an Art to be Elevated by Proper Study

Art, Literature and the Development of the Higher Ideals Goal of the Woman's Club.

From Monday's Daily—  
Mrs. E. H. Westcott of Plattsmouth, state music chairman of the Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs, gives the following review of the purposes of the home survey, latest undertaking of the Woman's club.

"The General Federation of Women's clubs, of which the Nebraska federation is a part, exists mainly for the purpose of creating right public opinion. Those who read the achievements of the Woman's clubs of the country must of necessity acknowledge their accomplishments. Three million women who think are a force to be reckoned with.

"Ever since the scene in the garden of Eden, Eve has been devising ways and means of lightening the burdens incident to the care of a family. The latest undertaking of the Woman's club is the home survey to ascertain working conditions of women in homes thru out the country. The number of housekeepers who keep maids, is so small and so negligible, so it is to the class of women to which most of us belong that we have turned our attention.

"If living is an art then let us give it the same careful consideration that is given to the pursuit of any of the arts. The personality of its occupants, no matter how humble or how beautiful the home may be, if one's outlook on life denotes one's culture and refinement is the flower of culture, it is important that there be time for the pursuit of the cultural that a right perspective may be acquired.

"Who is there who would not desire a greater knowledge of nature, music, art, drama, books, not as a profession but as an embellishment of the cultural side of one's nature? Unless there is time for study, one does not grow in the appreciation of good music, fine books, better plays and beautiful paintings and sculpture. Music plays upon the emotion of the soul and sweeps away the dust of everyday living. Music is not just a serious pleasant sound, but thought and intelligence are necessary in its interpretation of it. Being a sponge and soaking up music via radio and talking machine does not make a musician of one. Only by exercise of one's faculties is that acquired. What is said of music may apply to any of the arts.

"One grows spiritually in proportion as one reads and meditates, spends timeout of doors or in the company of great thinkers thru the medium of books. One acquires higher standards only as one becomes enlightened. We raise the scale of civilization only as we raise the ideals of every class of people, and the home and the house is the pivot around which the world moves.

"Last and most important is the fact that every mother needs more time with her family—time when she is unburied by play with them, as well as to counsel and instruct—time to supervise their school work, reading, music or whatever they are giving their interest to at the moment. The demands on children these days are such that when they are home they should find quiet, harmony, peace and unburied family intercourse. The men—bless them—are and always have been ready to do all in their power to lighten the burdens of the mother, and provide for their children, and the men of America will find a way. It is on them that the real burden falls of providing the money for the equipment in the house that the labor incident to living may be lightened. Every man desires that his wife and his family be provided with the best."

## DEPUTY TREASURER OUT

From Wednesday's Daily—  
Deputy Treasurer George L. Farley was able to be out yesterday for the first time in several days as he has been confined to his home as the result of a very painful affliction of the left knee and which made his getting around the matter of a great deal of difficulty for several days before he was compelled to remain at home.

Mr. Farley is still feeling the effects of the trouble but was able to be on the job yesterday at the treasurer's office and while he is not in his old time form he is rapidly improving and hopes in a few days to be back in his former good health.

## OFF FOR CALIFORNIA

From Tuesday's Daily—  
This noon two Plattsmouth young men, Burdette Briggs and Louis Frady, departed via the auto route for the west coast, making Los Angeles as their objective, but planning to visit the other cities along the route while on their journey. The young men are making the trip via the auto route and will enjoy their own good time in getting to the west as they will make trip in easy stages and visit the many places of interest that lie between here and the golden west. They are planning on making the journey along the southern route and through the wonderful desert country as well as the Grand Canyon and the southwest wonderland.

## Deputy Sheriff Finds Man Escaped from Leavenworth

Inmate of the Military Prison Found at Union by Deputy Sheriff Last Evening.

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Last evening a call came here to the office of Sheriff Bert Reed relative to the fact that a stranger was seen along the Missouri Pacific railroad tracks near Union and was acting in a suspicious manner, in response to the message Deputy Sheriff Fain motored to Union to find the man loitering along the tracks, apparently seeking some train that he might secure a ride on.

The man had on his clothing number 2967, evidently that of some penal institution and Mr. Young at once took him into custody and brought him here to this city, but the man failed to come through with any information. Later the matter was taken up with the office of the state sheriff at Lincoln and the man printed and preparations made for a further inquiry into who he might be and then he told his story to the officers of the law.

The man arrested gave the name of William S. Bowman, and stated that he was thirty-six years of age and was serving a sentence in the military penitentiary for desertion and that he had wandered away from the prison at Leavenworth on Saturday while he was out on trusty duty and had started north. He claimed to be a married man and had a wife and two children who reside in Georgia. The man was very anxious to have his case taken up by someone as he claimed that his wife and children needed him very badly and that he wished to get to them to aid them if possible.

The man is being held here at the Cass county jail pending an investigation of his case and some word from the military prison at Leavenworth.

## PREPARING FOR HAPPY HUNDRED SUPPERS

From Tuesday's Daily—  
The Chamber of Commerce, which has for the past four years, carried on a series of monthly suppers during the winter months, are preparing to again stage the Happy Hundred suppers as they are called, and the committee in charge of the event are preparing the plans that will permit the holding of another successful season of these very pleasant community get-together events. The suppers have in the past been held in the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, where the ladies of the class appreciated to the fullest extent and are pleased that they were able to secure Mr. Weyrich for the evening of real interest.

## RECEIVES GOOD NEWS

From Wednesday's Daily—  
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rummel have received the announcement of the fact that a fine eight pound son has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lister at Los Angeles, the little one having been born on Saturday, October 22nd and is doing fine as is the mother. Mr. Lister was a former resident of this city and a commander at one time of the local American Legion post, but has for the past five years resided in the west where he was married. The little son has been named Robert Eugene and the many friends here will join in their well wishes to the little man for future years of success and happiness. Mr. Lister is a brother of Mrs. Rummel.

## HAS EYE INJURED

From Wednesday's Daily—  
Albert Murray, who resides west of Omaha is suffering from the very painful effects of an accident that he sustained while shucking corn in the field at his farm. While Mr. Murray was shucking, one of the corn stalks flew up and struck him in the left eye, injuring that member and making it very sore and painful and which has made it necessary for him to have his eye treated by a physician as it is sore and inflamed.

## Has Splendid Record of Service in Masonry

A. W. White of This City Has Been Member Since 1873—Oldest Member of No. 6.

From Tuesday's Daily—  
A. W. White of this city together with C. C. Dwyer had the distinction of having been decorated by Plattsmouth lodge No. 6. A. P. & A. M. of this city with the emblem of their fifty years and more service in the Masonic circles of the city.

Mr. White enjoys the distinction of being the oldest member of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, of which he has been a member for more than a half century. This splendid gentleman and Mason, was raised in Masonry in this city on May 22, 1873, he at that time joining Macey lodge No. 22, which was in existence in the pioneer days in this city as well as Plattsmouth lodge No. 6. Later as the years rolled on Macey lodge surrendered its charter and all of the Masons were affiliated into No. 6, making a strong and compact lodge for this city.

Mr. White states that at the time he was raised in Masonry, the late J. N. Wise was the master of Macey lodge and in relating stories of the early days in the Masonic bodies in this city he states that often the officers would have to go out and bring in the members from the various places over the city to have a quorum in order to hold their lodge meetings, this being the case even after the Masons and Odd Fellows had grown in membership so that they were able to erect the building on lower Main street that is now owned by the I. O. O. F.

In his long years of membership Mr. White was treasurer of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6 for a period of thirty-seven years, of Nebraska Chapter No. 3, R. A. M. for forty years, and of Mt. Zion commandery No. 5, Knights Templar for thirty-seven years, a great record of service to an order and which Mr. White has performed faithfully and well.

The large part of those who were active in Masonic circles with Mr. White have long since passed on to their last reward but in his vigor in his eighties he is still retaining a great interest in the work of the order and hopes to enjoy many more years in the associations of the fraternity.

## ENJOY INTERESTING TALK

From Wednesday's Daily—  
Last evening the members of the Y. M. B. C. of the Methodist church enjoyed a very pleasant feature at their social meeting at the parlors of the church in an informal talk given by E. J. Weyrich, local druggist, who the past summer enjoyed a trip down the Miss. river by steamer and visiting the points of interest along the river including the great dam at Keokuk, Iowa, as well as the historical points in and near St. Louis a city rich in historical data of the early days of our national life and where there are still traces of the founders of the city in the older sections. Mr. Weyrich also gave the members of the class a brief outline of some of his experience in the scientific lines as well as along the study of astronomy of which he has devoted a great deal of attention.

## CHILDREN SUFFER INJURY

From Wednesday's Daily—  
The small fires that are used to get rid of the leaves at various places over the city, yesterday were prolific in the injury of children as two of the little folks of the city suffered severe burns as the result of contact with the hot ashes of the fires.

Ralph Edward, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hill, was playing around the home yesterday morning when a small fire was started to clean up the leaves and as the fire had died down the little boy was playing near the ashes and fell into them, burning his hands quite badly.

Last evening Mary Jean, two-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John V. Hatt, also suffered a rather severe burn on the hands when she fell at the home while running across the lawn and alighted in a heat of hot ashes from a leaf fire and as the result suffered several burns on her hands that has proven painful and annoying.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our most heart felt appreciation to the many friends in this community for the kindly words of sympathy, the beautiful flowers and assistance at the time of the death and funeral of our loved one. These acts of kindness will always be a most pleasant memory to us all.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Wynn, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Craig, Miss Mary Wynn, John Wynn and family, James Wynn, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Godwin and family, Mrs. W. H. Freese, Mrs. Mary Stafford.

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