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Attractive Home Wedding Held in City Last Evening

Miss Leone Becker and Mr. William H. Schmidtman Are United in Marriage.

From Thursday's Daily—
The attractive home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Becker on high school hill was the scene of a very beautiful home wedding last evening when their daughter, Miss Leone, was united in marriage to Mr. William H. Schmidtman, a small party of the relatives and close friends being guests at the wedding ceremony.

The rooms of the home were very attractively arranged with floral decorations, the handsome fall chrysanthemums forming the chief feature of the decorative plan of the home and intermingled with the green of the ferns. The marriage ceremony was held in the living room where a floral altar of the ferns and chrysanthemums had been arranged and made a charming scene for the happy occasion.

Preceding the wedding Mrs. Hilt Martin sang very sweetly "At Dawn" by Charles Wakefield Cadman, the accompaniment being played by Mrs. Robert M. Walling.
As the bride party entered the living room Mrs. Walling played the beautiful Mendelssohn wedding march as the bride and groom approached the floral altar where the vows of the marriage ceremony were pledged.

The marriage service was celebrated by the Rev. H. G. McClusky, the pastor of the First Presbyterian church, the ring ceremony being used.

The wedding gown of the bride was of white chiffon tulle, trimmed with Alençon lace. The only jewels worn by the bride was a beautiful strand of pearls, the gift of the brother of the bride. The bride carried a bouquet of the Bride roses.
The bride couple were attended by Miss Verla Becker, sister of the bride as bridesmaid and Mr. George Schmidtman, brother of the groom as groomsmen.

After the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Schmidtman departed by auto for St. Paul, Minnesota, where they will enjoy their honeymoon and will then return to this city to make their home in the vicinity of the home at home to their friends here after January 1st.
Both the bride and groom have grown to manhood and womanhood in this community and are members of two of the old and highly respected families of this portion of Cass county. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Becker and is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and has been teaching since leaving the university, being last year engaged as a teacher in the Fremont high school. The groom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. William Schmidtman, has attended the University of Nebraska and is a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. Since leaving school he has been engaged here with his father, William Schmidtman, in his retail store.

THE GRIND OF DISTRICT COURT

From Thursday's Daily—

The case of Ida F. Applegate, et al., vs. Paul Applegate, which was on trial yesterday before Judge Begley and the jury in the case, was decided last evening at 7 o'clock when the jury returned a verdict finding for the defendant. The case was submitted to the jury and after the evening recess the decision was made by the jurors. This is an action in which the plaintiff claimed to have due a large amount of fencing wire, wood and trees as well as \$50 rental, the property being located on a farm in the vicinity of Union where the Applegate family are old time residents.

This morning the district court took up the trial of the action entitled the Farmers State Bank of Greenwood, Nebraska, vs. Maggie Pailing, an action in which there was a dispute between the parties as to an amount claimed to be due the plaintiff from the defendant.

JURY IS EXCUSSED

From Friday's Daily—
The members of the petit jury panel will have an extra holiday today from their services in the district court as the members of the bar having cases for trial were unable to get ready for trial today and therefore Judge Begley excused the members of the panel until next Monday morning when they will return to resume the grind of the remainder of the docket.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my deepest appreciation of the efforts of my friends in making possible my being selected as Queen of the American Legion festival. The splendid support and aid of the friends made my success possible and the kindness of the friends will always be a most pleasant memory.

MISS ELIZABETH NOLTING.

All the news in the Journal.

SECURE WANTED MAN

From Thursday's Daily—
Last evening Deputy Sheriff Rex Young was called to Union where he took into custody Edward Porter, a man who has been working on the ditching gang of the Missouri Pacific at that place. Porter was at Lyndon, Kansas, where a charge of non-support of a child was standing against him, and immediately after learning of the man being at Union Mr. Young made the arrest and brought the man up to this city. A message was received here this morning that the sheriff of Osage county, Kansas, was en route to this city to secure the man and take him on back to Lyndon to face the charges against him at that place.

Public Receives a Description of the New Fords

Introduction of the New Cars Proves a Great Success at the Local Ford Dealers.

From Saturday's Daily—
A complete description of the new line of Ford automobiles was made public in Plattsmouth yesterday.

When the reception closed at 10 o'clock last night, it was estimated that 250 people had visited the show-room and learned the details of this revolutionary car which is to succeed the famous Model T Ford after more than nineteen years of leadership in the low price, light car field.

Visitors to the show-rooms yesterday and last night included city officials, heads of civic, commercial and professional organizations and many prominent business men. The entire sales force of the Plattsmouth Motor company was kept busy throughout the day and evening pointing out the new features of this new car which Henry Ford himself has described as being "superior in design and performance to any now available in the low price, light car field."

Even before the display-rooms were opened at 8 o'clock, there was a line of visitors on hand to be the first to get the story of the new cars. On all sides were heard comments of surprise at the striking change in appearance of this new Ford line. The low, rakish lines, the striking new colors and the luxurious equipment of these new automobiles, made a marked impression upon the crowds of visitors.

Even more impressive to the visitors, however were the details of performance as they were unfolded by attendants. Visitors were particularly struck with the speed, pick-up and ease of handling of the new cars and with the fact that they are equipped with four-wheel brakes, shock absorbers and standard gear shift transmission of the type used in cars in a number of the higher priced Ford line. Attendees at the display rooms were overwhelmed with requests for private demonstrations of the new models and it is expected that the demand for such demonstrations will continue for weeks to come.

Ford factories at Detroit and branch plants in other sections of the country are now preparing for capacity production and it is expected that all dealers will be able to meet the demand in full within the next few weeks.

The design of the new line is so distinctly different from that of the Model T that the Detroit factory and branch plants have had to undergo a complete equipment change to produce the new cars. It is expected, however that the next few weeks will see all former Ford production records broken.

In the meantime Henry Ford has announced that manufacture of replacement parts of Model T Ford cars will continue to be an important part of the Ford business. It is estimated that there are still more than nine million Model T Ford cars in operation and the policy of the Ford Motor company, it is said, will be to continue supplying parts for these cars as long as there is any demand for them.

JOE HENNIS IMPROVING

From Thursday's Daily—
The reports from the Lord Lister hospital at Omaha today state that Joe Hennis, well known young man of this city, had come through his operation for hernia in very fine shape at the hospital and is doing just as well as possible and gives every promise of a very speedy recovery and that he may be able to be home in a short time and permanently relieved of his former trouble that has given him more or less annoyance in the past year. Mr. Hennis is clerk at the Maury Drug Co. store.

SUFFERING FROM COLD

From Thursday's Daily—
Dr. P. T. Helmann, the dentist, is confined to his home today as the result of a very severe cold and touch of the flu, which has made his condition very annoying and compelled him to spend the time at the home office, rather than at the dental office. His condition is not serious however and he will be back on the job in a short time.

Gives Story of the Flag of Co. A, First Nebraska

Interesting Chapter of Pioneer Days Told by the Late Joseph W. Johnson in His Diary.

There has often been discussion of the facts incident to the presentation of the flag to Co. A of the 1st Nebraska in this city and several versions of the affair given here incident to the presentation of the flag to the members of Co. A 1st Nebraska, the first body of troops organized in Nebraska to help preserve the Union, and the clearest and best of the events of that time is that which Joseph W. Johnson, now deceased, prepared in his own way in his diary of the war days and which is in the care now of his son at St. Joseph, Missouri, who sends to the Journal the following account of the flag presentation and the events incident to the troops sojourning in this locality before being sent to the front:

When the news reached Plattsmouth of the firing on the Star of the West (a merchant steamship chartered to transport provisions to the little garrison of Fort Sumner in Charleston Harbor, South Carolina, April 9, 1861 Dr. Livingston had charge of the Platte Valley Herald during the absence of the proprietor. He stopped the press then working off the weekly issue and had a large number of posters printing a public meeting over the printing office. That night a full company of living was organized with Dr. R. R. Livingston's name heading the list.

This occurred before any call for troops but the company was kept up and on the 11th day of June, 1861 was mustered into the service of the United States for three years or duration of the war.
Before the company left Plattsmouth the patriotic ladies of the city determined to present them with a flag. For the purpose a meeting was called at the Old Masonic hall which stood on the ground now occupied by the Perkins house.

At that meeting Mrs. John D. Simpson was chosen president, Mrs. Moses Dodge, secretary and Mrs. Burwell Spurlock treasurer. A canvassing committee was appointed and consisted of Mrs. Spurlock, Mrs. Dodge and Miss Delia Mitchell. The money was raised, which was no easy task in those territorial days. Those women, true to their trust called at every house in town and every loyal heart responded cheerfully and while some did contribute twice five dollars, others with no less spirit of loyalty could give but ten cents. Others gave grudgingly and from policy. The necessary funds were raised and the flag made at the home of Mrs. John D. Simpson. All the women took an active part in this loyal work cannot at this late date be named but among the number already mentioned were Sarah Baker, Miss Mollie and Sadie Winshall, Miss Ella Duke, Mrs. Hinman, Mrs. R. P. Kennedy, Mrs. O. F. Johnson, Mrs. Clements and others. Mrs. O. F. Johnson owned the only sewing machine in the town at that time.

The place of presentation was under the Oaks, now known as Wintersteen Hill overlooking the Missouri river on a beautiful day in the early June. The presentation speech was made by the pastor of the M. E. church, Rev. Jerome Spillman. The speech was well calculated to encourage the volunteers in their undertaking and to arouse the patriotism of all listeners. The reply of Capt. Livingston was full of fiery enthusiasm for the Union and the flag.

The uncompromising resistance to disunion and secession by a man, woman and child in Plattsmouth and surrounding territory who was able was present. They had come to say goodbye to husbands, fathers, brothers and lovers.
The flag was the gift of loyal and patriotic women who realized that the men who had enlisted themselves in defense of country needed their sympathy and encouragement and they took this method of impressing the minds of the men their duty and at the same time showing the devotion to the cause of wives, mothers, sisters and sweethearts.

The circumstances and the memories of this occasion makes the flag a sacred relic and this alone. The company had become quite well drilled. Capt. Livingston had taken great pains to make the company efficient in this respect. He was one of the few volunteer officers who understood the importance of thorough discipline in an army. It was the lack of this that caused the Union army many disasters during the first year of the war.

For the purpose of electing their officers Co. A was assembled on Block No. 5, about where the Christian church now stands. R. R. Livingston was unanimously chosen captain, A. F. McKinney 1st Lieut. and N. J. Sharp, 2nd Lieut. and J. G. Whitlock 1st Orderly Sergeant. With this organization the company marched to Omaha then the capital of the territory. They crossed the river at Plattsmouth and went up on the Iowa side, passing thru Old St. Marys, then a flourishing village five

or six miles above Plattsmouth, but long since claimed by the mighty Missouri. This was the home of Col. Peter A. Sarpy who invited the company to halt and partake of his hospitality. He had made several tubs of egg-nog and furnished the men with dippers and bade them help themselves but warned them not to drink to drunkenness.

During our stay here Col. Sarpy made us one of the most patriotic speeches I ever heard—he seemed to comprehend beyond the men of the day the great struggle that was pending.
We arrived at Omaha late in the evening and was quartered in the Herndon House (later the U. P. headquarters) and on the 11th day of June, 1861 was the 1st company of the 1st regiment mustered into the service of the United States by Lieut. Merrill of the regular army.

The regiment was organized with John M. Thayer, Co. Hiram P. Dover Lieut. Col., William D. McCord, Major and Silas A. Strickland Adj. M. H. Patrick regt. John Gillespie, R. C. Erbe, Love surgeon, Wm. McClelland, assistant surgeon, T. W. Tipton chaplain, Wm. Whitten Sargeant Major.

When Co. A went to Omaha and was mustered into the U. S. service together with nine other companies we became the 1st Neb. Infantry.

A regiment has but one flag and that the regular army flag, so Co. A had no further use for the Co. A flag which was presented us at Plattsmouth and we supposed it was sent home from Omaha. In fact we never knew what had become of it. It was never in battle. It was never in the enemies country.

The regimental flag is now in Lincoln with other war relics.
We were quartered in the old capitol building where we remained until we embarked on board boat for the south on the 30th day of July, 1861 and after that date the history of the company is identified with the history of the regiment.

Happy Hundred Supper to be Held Tuesday Night

December Meeting Will Be Held at the Methodist Church at 6:30 on Tuesday Evening.

From Friday's Daily—
The December supper featured by the Happy Hundred will be held on Tuesday evening at 6:30 at the parlors of the First Methodist church and will be in keeping with the other very pleasant events of the kind that have made the gatherings so very popular and where the men of the community can gather and enjoy the associations of friendly greetings for the evening as well as breaking bread with each other.

The speaker at the December meeting will be the Rev. Paul Johnson, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian church of Lincoln, one of the best known ministers of that city and who will bring a real message to the Plattsmouth men in his talk before the Happy Hundred.
Other special features will be staged by the entertainment committee that will add to the enjoyment of all those in attendance at the supper party.
There are only about fifteen plates left at the disposal of the committee for the December meeting and those who wish to attend should get in touch at once with Roy Knorr or Lynn Minor to secure their seats for the supper.

JURY FINDS FOR MRS. PAILING

From Friday's Daily—
The jury that was impaneled to try the case of the Farmers State Bank of Greenwood vs. Mrs. Maggie Pailing returned this morning from their deliberations with a verdict that found for the defendant and against the plaintiff bank.

The case was one in which the bank sought the collection of a note of \$3,000 which the defendant had made and which was unpaid and which the defendant claimed she had not been given any money for the same or other remuneration for the making of the note.
The case was featured by the appearance of former Senator E. J. Burkett of Lincoln as one of the attorneys for the defendant and who made an eloquent plea to the jury at the time of the final arguments.

HOLD DELIGHTFUL MEETING

From Friday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon the members of the Women's Auxiliary of the St. Luke's church of this city, were most pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. Frank L. Cummins on Pearl street and with an unusually large number of the ladies in attendance at the event.

The meeting was under the leadership of Mrs. R. P. Patterson and who discussed the year book of the society and the plans that are being made along the line of the year's book.

At the close of the afternoon dining and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess that aided in the completion of a most enjoyable occasion for all in attendance.

Miss Elizabeth Nolting, Queen of Harvest Festival

Fine Contest Shown in Race for Queen With Betty Sitzman as Second in Contest

From Thursday's Daily—
The popularity of the two young ladies leading in the race for Queen of the Fall Festival now being held at the Legion community building, was attested last evening in the close of the contest when the friends and supporters of the two candidates rallied to their interests and gave one of the most exciting finishes that has been featured in any similar contest held in the city.

The two candidates that led the field in the finish, Miss Elizabeth Nolting and Miss Betty Sitzman, proved real contestants when in a contest that swung back and forth as to the leadership, finished with a 900 margin between the two ladies, the vote at the close of the contest being 89,200 for Miss Nolting and 88,300 for Miss Sitzman.

The two ladies are numbered among the most attractive and popular in the community and their support was very fine from their friends and showed the feeling of regard and esteem in which the two splendid young ladies are held by their friends and acquaintances in their lifelong home.

The third place in the contest was occupied by Miss Catherine Gradoville of this city, who secured 9,200 votes, but the race was overshadowed by the two leading candidates.

The counting of the votes required some time as the changes were so rapid on the ball as to aid as rapidly as possible during the contest that the friends might see how the race was progressing, and a very narrow margin separated the candidates at all stages of the contest. In the counting the committee was aided by George Savies, who aided very much in the handling of the count.

At the conclusion of the contest the vote was announced and the two leading candidates were duly presented with the trophies of their splendid race, Miss Nolting receiving the title of Queen as well as the splendid diamond ring and Miss Sitzman presented with the handsome silver filigree bracelet, a very beautiful remembrance of the occasion.

The Legion has appreciated very much the efforts that the ladies have made in assisting in their festival by the permission of the use of their name in the contest and both have thanks of the Legion membership for their efforts.

SUFFERS SEVERE INJURY

From Thursday's Daily—
Edwin Booth, son of Mrs. M. E. Booth, living east of Lincoln, was severely injured in an accident on the highway near Greenwood Wednesday morning. Mr. Booth was returning from Omaha when his car collided with a road maintainer. He was taken to Greenwood where first aid treatment was administered. His brother was notified of the accident and drove to Greenwood bringing him to the home of his sister, Mrs. John L. Hadraba, in Lincoln.

Mr. Booth was still unconscious late Wednesday night and the full extent of his injuries had not been determined. Doctor Frey, attending physician, stated that he had sustained severe chest injuries, deep lacerations and possibly internal injuries. Little was learned of the cause of the accident.

Mr. Booth is well known here where he has visited frequently at the home of his aunt, Mrs. F. R. Guthmann and the many Plattsmouth friends regret to learn of the severe accident. Mr. Booth is a brother-in-law of John Hadraba and a cousin of Miss Minnie Guthmann and Paul Lempeke of this city.

TAKES MURRAY TO PEN

From Thursday's Daily—
This morning Sheriff Bert Reed, accompanied by Officers Joe Libershal and Dave Pickrel, motored to Lincoln taking with them George Murray, the man who was arrested here by the night police a week ago Wednesday in his attempt to rifle the safe at the office of the superintendent of the city schools. Murray was given an indeterminate sentence of from one to seven years in the state penitentiary, and to which place he will be delivered by the sheriff today, to start in on the serving of the sentence that was imposed by the court.

AN APPRECIATION

Being unable to thank in person all of those who assisted me in the American Legion contest, I wish to take this means of expressing my deepest appreciation of the splendid support given me by my friends. Their generous support will always be kindly remembered.

MISS BETTY SITZMAN.

Blank books at the Journal office.

HELPS OUT THE LEGION

William Atchison of Elmwood, the genial bailiff of the district court, who is here in charge of the jury, has taken advantage of his spare time when not occupied with his court work, to do a great deal of good in helping out the local American Legion at their carnival. The genial bailiff has disposed of several books of tickets for the Chevrolet car that is being given away and by his efforts has help make the event a success. The action of Mr. Atchison is certainly appreciated by the Legion membership, but these kind of good deeds is Bill all over, as he is one of the real kind and helpful men of Cass county.

Santa Claus to Pay Visit to This City, Dec. 17th

St. Nick Has Agreed to Come and Pay Call on Plattsmouth Children on This Date.

There is good news for the young people of this city and vicinity in the fact that Santa Claus has agreed to pay a visit to this city on Saturday, December 17th and will then be able to meet the young people of the city in person and talk over with them the approaching Christmas season on the date that he will visit the city.

The definite place for the holding of the reception is in the hands of the committee on arrangements and it has not been officially designated but this year the committee feels pleased with the fact that under any weather conditions the reception can be held as the American Legion community building will afford a fine place for the holding of the reception.

The merchants of the city are getting in touch through the committee with Santa Claus in order to provide a treat similar to that of last year for the little folks over the community, the distribution being made from the various places of business where the children can go and present the cards that Santa will give to them.

The arrangements for the arrival of Santa will be announced as rapidly as possible as the jolly patron of yuletide is speeding on his way from the northland to arrive in this section and meet the boys and girls of Nebraska.

WEDDING AT COURT HOUSE

From Thursday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon Judge A. H. Duxbury was called upon to unite in marriage Miss Ella P. Mason of Nebraska and Boyd B. Francisco, of Omaha, the young people motoring here from their homes to have the ceremony performed by the county judge. The marriage was witnessed by Mrs. Belle Mason, of Nehawka, mother of the bride and Mrs. Elizabeth Francisco, mother of the groom. The bride is a well known resident of Nehawka where her father, Thomas Mason, has been a well known resident for a number of years while the groom is a well known young man among the colored residents of Omaha and is a young man of industry and thrift. The wedding attracted much attention at the court house and was witnessed by a number of the employes at the county building. After the wedding the young people motored to Omaha where they are to make their home in the future.

REALIZE A NEAT SUM

From Friday's Daily—
The ladies of the Q. Z. society of the Presbyterian church held a very pleasant and successful bazaar last evening at the Fellowship room of the church and which was attended by a very large number of the Plattsmouth and Cass county people to secure some of the fine articles that the ladies had provided.

The display of articles of needlework and sewing as well as home made candies furnished the means of the ladies realizing a neat sum in the very generous patronage that was afforded them by the public.

The ladies Auxiliary of the church served lunch during the evening and which was also liberally patronized and gave them a very fine return and which will be applied on the church funds for the year.

ANNOUNCES MARRIAGE

From Friday's Daily—
Cards have been received here by relatives and friends announcing the marriage of Miss Susan Stoll of Chicago to Mr. Marion Dickson of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, a former resident of this city. The marriage occurred on November 14th at the home of the bride's parents in Chicago and the young people will make their home at Mt. Pleasant where Mr. Dickson is engaged in the conduct of a moving picture theatre. Mr. Dickson grew to manhood in this city and his many friends will be pleased to learn of his marriage. The groom is a nephew of E. J. Richey of this city.

Read Journal Want Ads.

Dorian Graves, Old Resident, is Found Dead

Aged Man Living Alone in the North Part of the City Found Late Yesterday Afternoon.

From Saturday's Daily—
Neighbors alarmed because of the fact that Dorian Graves, aged resident of the north part of the city, had not been seen around his home on North 10th street, started a search for him yesterday afternoon and which culminated when the lifeless body of the man was found in the home where he had apparently dropped dead sometime Thursday night.

Mr. Graves has usually been noticed around his home during the day but yesterday he had failed to appear and there was no signs of life around the residence and which caused H. W. Young, a neighbor, to start inquiries as to what had become of the man and led finally in the matter being placed in the hands of the authorities and Chief of Police Johnson was notified of the apparent disappearance of Mr. Graves and he hurried to the home and as the place was apparently deserted decided to go in and investigate the matter. Chief Johnson forced open the door of the home and in company with Mr. Young started to investigate the house only to find the body of Mr. Graves stretched on the floor of the living room of the house.

It would seem from the surroundings that Mr. Graves had gotten up in the night with the intention of replenishing the coal in the stove that furnished the heat for the house, and had been stricken at his task, falling in front of the stove and dying almost instantly it is thought. Sheriff Bert Reed was notified of the finding of the body and the matter placed in the hands of County Attorney W. G. Kieck, acting coroner, but as there was no reason to suppose that death was otherwise than from natural causes, no inquest was held.

Dorian Graves was numbered among the oldest, if not the oldest continuous resident of this city, having been brought here by his parents in the year 1856 and has since made this place his home and practically all of his lifetime has been spent here, at the time of his parents coming here he was two years of age and his years spent here have measured seventy-one milestones. The Graves family had come from eastern Iowa with the Mormon migration to Utah in the fifties and when the party of Mormons arrived at Canesville (now Council Bluffs) in 1855, the party made a halt there for the night and it was there that Mr. Martin there was the members of the Graves family. Learning that Samuel Martin, a distant relative of the mother of Dorian Graves, had located at Plattsmouth, a settlement twenty miles south of Canesville, the family decided to come here and on reaching this place found that Mr. Martin had deceased the year before. The family lingered in this place and finally made this place their permanent home.

In the early days when Dorian Graves had reached youth and manhood he took up his work as a freighter and was engaged in handling the freight wagons in the west for a number of years and narrowly escaped being a member of the ill fated Nelson Banks surveying party that was killed by the Indians in the late sixties. In 1876 Mr. Graves was a member of a well known company that journeyed to the Black Hills in the great gold rush, but returned later to this city where he has since resided and has been engaged in various lines of work.

Mr. Graves was formerly married and has surviving him two daughters, his son, Martin Graves of Bellevue, having been killed in France in the American army in the world war, and in whose honor the American Legion post at Bellevue is named.

ISABEL MARSHALL HONORED

From Friday's Daily—
Miss Isabel Marshall of this city has been selected as the first vice-president of the Omaha district of the Epworth League, which recently held its annual meeting and named the officers for the ensuing year. Miss Marshall has been one of the hard working members of the society in this city and her efforts in the past few years have been a great help to the League and to the church in which she has been a very devoted member. That she should be named for the position of first vice-president is a very pleasing matter to her host of friends in this city and a well chosen honor of this popular young church worker.

RUSSELL CHASE ILL

From Friday's Daily—
Russell Chase, the proprietor of the lower Main street meat market has been confined to his home for the past few days with a severe cold that has developed a congestion of the lungs and made the condition of Mr. Chase quite serious for some time but he is now showing some signs of improvement although he is still far from well.