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Francis Zitka Dies from Effect of Monoxide Gas

While Preparing Truck in Closed Garage, Young Man Overcome by Exhaust of Motor.

Francis Zitka, seventeen-year-old son of Mrs. Anna Zitka, was overcome this morning by monoxide gas from the exhaust of the delivery truck on which he was working at the garage in the rear of the E. A. Lorenz home and when found was in a dying condition and despite all of the efforts made to revive him, the youth failed to respond to the treatment, the amount of the gas that he had inhaled having caused his death.

The boy had come to work as usual this morning and at 8 o'clock had gone to the garage at the rear of the Lorenz residence, where his delivery truck is stored, stating to the employees at the store that he had to put on chains before he started the truck out on his delivery work, which he has been looking after for the firm of Lorenz Brothers for the past year.

About 8:30 the children of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lorenz were preparing to start for school and the little boy, Edward, heard the engine of the truck running in the garage and opened the door to see the youth lying partially in the cab of the truck. The little boy surmising that there was something wrong, ran to the house and notified Mrs. Lorenz, who at once surmised the cause of the trouble and sent the little daughter, Emily, to the home of Harry Schulz, a neighbor, who ran to the garage and carried the boy, who was then apparently lifeless, out into the open and started the efforts to secure respiration by trying to force the operation of the lungs.

Medical aid was called and Drs. T. P. and J. S. Livingston arrived in a few moments to aid in the attempt to revive the boy. Mr. Schulz had thought that he had been able at the start to partially revive the lad, but the quantity of the gas inhaled had been too great and the youth apparently beyond resuscitation when found and removed from the building.

The garage is a well built and weather proof structure and from all indications, Francis, on entering the building, had started the engine in the truck to get it warmed up while he went about the task of putting chains on the rear tires. He had then either gone to the door of the cab to replace the tools or in his dying moments had attempted to shut off the engine, as when found by Mr. Schulz, he was crouched partially in the cab, his knees resting on the fender and his head lying on his arm, where he had sunk in the last moments as the fumes of the poison gas had overcome him.

The news of the tragic ending of this splendid lad came as a heart-breaking blow to the mother and the brothers and sisters of this splendid young man, who were notified at once of the death of their loved one, and who hastened to his side only to find that all hope of reviving him had passed, and that Francis was dead.

FOR MISS KENYON

Mrs. Alfred Petring entertained at an afternoon bridge party honoring Miss Florence Kenyon at the Petring home, 1813 First avenue, Thursday. Miss Kenyon will wed Ralph Petring of Plattsmouth, a brother of Alfred Petring Monday morning at the First Presbyterian church. Mrs. Petring had 20 guests. The prizes at cards were won by Miss Marion von Gillern who won the first prize and Mrs. Ernest Overton, who won the second prize. The guest of honor also received a handsome prize.

Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Robert Walling and Mr. Lyle Hervey of Plattsmouth; Mrs. Walter Cowden, of Riverton, Iowa, and Miss Florence Petring, of Lincoln. Miss Petring will remain here until after the wedding.—Nebraska City News-Press.

CHANGE IN TIME

The Gillinsky, of the DeLuxe bus line that has its local depot at the Main hotel, has secured permission from the state railway commission to make a change in the running time of his afternoon trip from this city. Heretofore Mr. Gillinsky has left this city at 1:30 in the afternoon for Omaha, but under the new schedule the bus will leave the Main hotel at 1 o'clock in the afternoon for Omaha starting Sunday.

The change in running time will make it more convenient for the theatre goers and will also make connection with the 2 o'clock bus at Omaha for Lincoln and Mr. Gillinsky anticipates that it will be much more convenient for the patrons.

A wide range of prices are represented in the Christmas card line at the Bates Book & Gift shop. Bring in your plate or have the cards printed with your name.

FIRE AT FUNERAL HOME

At noon today sparks for the chimney at the Sattler Funeral Home at Fourth and Vine street, caused a small fire to break out on the shingle roof of the building, but fortunately was extinguished without any serious loss.

The fire was first discovered by Mrs. Sattler who was in the living room apartments on the second floor of the building and who called her son, John, who getting out on the roof was able to beat out the fire by the use of his cap and snow that was lying on the roof and prevented the fire from gaining a start into the interior of the building. The prompt action of the family resulted in the saving of a great deal of loss as the blaze fanned by the north wind would soon have grown very dangerous had it not been promptly extinguished.

Jury Holds for the City in Bank Bond Case Today

Verdict Rendered Just After the Noon Hour for City and Against Bondsmen.

The case of the City of Plattsmouth vs. Fred Buerstetta, receiver of the First National bank, et al., was on trial all day yesterday and up to 11 o'clock this morning when it was submitted to the jury and which at the reconvening of the court at 1:30 returned a verdict for the plaintiff, the City of Plattsmouth, in the sum of \$9,864.63 with interest from January 1927.

This suit was one that the city commenced against the bondsmen of the First National bank, which bond was accepted by the city on February 8, 1926, to replace a surety bond which had been previously supplied by the bank but which they requested be substituted by the personal bonds signed by the property owners who were made defendants in the present action. The bond was for the sum of \$15,000 to cover the city deposits that might be made from time to time by the city treasurer in this bank. The city had on the 14th of December 1926, when the bank was placed in the hands of the federal banking department and later a receiver, the sum of \$9,864.63.

The fact that the bank held the funds of the city was not contested by the receiver of the bank and the receiver of the defunct bank was dropped from the defendants as the bank entered judgment, while the bondsmen of the bank opposed the attempt to assess the liability for the city deposits against them. One of the grounds offered by the defense was that the bond that they had signed had been merely to replace the surety bond which was to have expired in March 1926, and not a bond that was to continue on indefinitely until otherwise changed.

NAMED AS STATE CHAIRMAN

Mrs. J. S. Livingston of this city, one of the very active leaders in the work of the Daughters of the American Revolution in the state, has been designated by the state regent as the chairman of the committee on Revolutionary relics, one of the many committees of the society. This committee has charge of the locating and conservation of relics that pertain to the revolutionary war period and which the society desires be preserved for the future generations as a valuable record of the past and as a historic record for the future.

Mrs. Livingston has devoted a great deal of work to the research efforts of the D. A. R. and with her committee will have the work of seeing that these relics are placed in the custody of private or public institutions, where they can be made available for the future generations.

CHARLES COOK IMPROVING

The reports from the Immanuel hospital in Omaha state that Charles E. Cook of this city who is at the hospital recovering from the effects of an operation is doing very nicely and feels very much improved. His change for the better is very encouraging to his family and friends for his permanent recovery and with his improvement he has grown to feel in his former jovial mood and to look forward to returning home relieved of his long illness.

UNDERGOES AN OPERATION

George Price, of Chicago, who was here a short time ago to visit friends and also to see his brother, who was operated on at the hospital in Omaha, for an attack of appendicitis, had no sooner returned home to Chicago than he was taken sick and was hurried to the hospital where he was operated on for appendicitis. The young man is doing nicely and which will be most pleasing news to his many friends in this city.

Glee Clubs Entertain Public at Parmele Theatre

Clever Musical Comedy "Pickles," Is Presented by Glee Clubs of High School.

Last evening the Parmele theatre was filled with a delighted audience to witness the offering of the musical comedy, "Pickles," which was presented by the glee clubs of the high school under the direction of Miss Ruth Lindsay, musical supervisor of the city schools.

The young people taking part in the play can feel well justified pride in the splendid manner that their high class entertainment was given and which demonstrated the great strides that musical training has made in the city schools and enabling a cast of some seventy persons to be seen in this clever comedy.

The story selected for the winter offering of the high school was a story filled with beautiful musical numbers and clever and snappy lyrics and a production that gave a large number of the principals an equally strong part.

The scene of the musical comedy was laid in the city of Vienna when the carnival time makes the city unusually merry and in the story of the play the adventures of a party of touring Americans, the antics of the great American advertising specialist and the dark deeds of the gypsies kept the interest of the audience at the highest. The spirit of romance was held in the musical comedy by the love affairs of several of the cast and the restoration of a long lost child to its mother after many years.

The principals of the production were well cast in their respective roles and each very cleverly carried out their part of the musical comedy and the splendid voices of the young people was a real revelation to the audience and shows a wonderful array of musical talent that will be heard from in later years.

The musical comedy was one of the best that can be gathered in any school in the state and made a wonderful feature of the offering last evening with the sixty young people that took part in this portion of the evening entertainment.

The comedy of the production was largely carried by Herbert Patterson as "J. J. Jenson Jones," the advertising specialist who was boosting the "Pennington Pickles," the young man being in evidence throughout the play and adding spice to the musical comedy by his cleverly developed in the course of the presentation. Edward Patterson as "Captain Kinski," was seconded by his faithful detectives, "Bumski" and "Rumski," in which Charles Howard and Oliver Schneider appeared and added to the fun of the evening. Charles Newmark as the proprietor of the inn made a splendid character actor and his appearance was the scene for added entertainment for the audience.

One of the main characters of the musical comedy was "Hona," the gypsy girl and in which Miss Jean Caldwell was seen in a number of very clever dancing numbers, and also in several of the solo selections of the musical comedy.

Miss Margaret Engelkemeyer as "June Pennington," an American heiress and Miss Ruth Janda as "Lady Vivian Delancey," an English widow in search of her lost child had a large part in the solo selections of the comedy and in which their clear and beautiful voices added a great deal to the production. Edgar Westcott as "Arthur Crefont," a young artist and George Caldwell as "Jones H. Pennington," the pickle king had a large part of the musical comedy and showed wonderful talent in the finished manner in which their offerings were given. The role of the gypsy king, "Jigo" was presented by John Nelson, whose strong bass voice added to the musical settings of the play and his stage presence made a real kindly figure of the ruler of the gypsies. Mr. Nelson was called into the play at the last moment owing to the fact that Bernard Galloway, cast for that role had been forced to go to the hospital, and Mr. Nelson carried the part in fine shape. The interest of the conspiracy of the deep dyed villain of the detective department was aided and abetted by Miss Margaret Shallenberger as "Louisa," waitress at the inn and who was induced to pose as the long lost child of Lady Delancey, only to be foiled in the last act of the play.

The features of the musical comedy was added to by the orchestra arranged for the occasion and composed of Mrs. DeWitt Smith, piano, Harvey Johnson, violin, W. R. Holly, violin, John Hising, violin, Cyril Kalina, clarinet, L. D. Hiatt, clarinet, Mrs. Elbert Wiles, flute, B. E. Woodward, cornet, Clarence Ledgewood, trombone, Peter Gradoville, saxophone, with Miss Ruth Lindsay as the director.

The members of the chorus were: Viennese Maidens, Tourists and Gypsies—Marjorie Arn, Beatrice Arn, Alice Bulin, Gladys Bushnell, Maxine Cloidt, Laura Grassman, Olga Graves, Elizabeth Hatt, Jean Hayes, Leona Hudson, Pauline Kief, Teresa Libershal, Catherine McClusky, Isabelle Marshall, Germaine Mason, Constance Ren, Edna Reed, Vestetta Robertson, Mildred Schulz, Marie Sperry, Mary Swatek, Dorothy Todd, Mary Ellen Vallery, Gretchen Warner, Florence Wiles.

Viennese Men, Tourists and Gypsies—Robert Bestor, Donald Born, Eugene Bushnell, Edward Dew, Richard French, Ralph Gansamer, Wilbur Hall, Jack Hatt, Ralph Hiner, Gilbert Hira, Virgil Hutton, Noble Kiser, Joe Knoflick, Lyle Lawton, Lawrence Leonard, Ira Mumm, William Nelson, Donald Rainey, George Sayles, Claire Shallenberger, Richard Spanish, Thomas Svoboda, George Thacker, Linville Wiles, Clement Woeter.

Waiters—James Begley, Francis Yelick, Garland McCleary.

Miss Lindsay, the music supervisor, is deserving of a great deal of praise for the splendid manner in which she has arranged the opera and for the drilling and training of the young people who took part in the entertainment.

Funeral Service of Andy Thomsen Held at Glendale

Large Number of the Old Friends in Attendance at Last Services Held There Yesterday.

The funeral services of the late Andy Thomsen were held yesterday afternoon at the Glendale church, the house of worship in the community where for the past eighteen years the deceased had made his home. A very large number of the old friends and neighbors were present to offer their sympathy to the bereaved family and to share the loss that has come to them.

The services were in charge of the Rev. H. C. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, who spoke of the life of the departed and his services to the community in which he lived and to the members of the family he held the blessed promise of the reunion where the ties severed here will again be reunited.

During the services, Mrs. E. H. Westcott gave two of the songs of comfort and hope, "In the Sweet Bye and Bye" and "He Holds the Key," Mr. Westcott serving as accompanist.

At the conclusion of the service, the body was borne to the Glendale cemetery nearby the church, where the mortal remains were consigned to the last long resting place, the remains being chosen from among the old friends, and were J. P. Schroeder, J. W. Kell, James Johnson, Philip Fornoff, Adam Meisinger and A. O. Ault.

Getting Plans for Fitting Reception for Santa Claus

Jolly Old Gentleman Will Arrive at 10:15 Over the Burlington on Saturday.

The local committees that have been in touch with Santa Claus since his arrival in this territory from his home in the far north regions, have decided on their first plans for the reception for the patron of the Yuletide, by announcing definitely that Santa will be here on Saturday, December 17th.

The arrival of Santa will be at 10:15 Saturday morning when he will arrive over the Burlington from the north and will be met at the Burlington station by the children and by them be escorted to the American Legion community building on Vine street where the formal reception will be held and where Santa will be able to meet the youngsters of the city. At the community building there will be a large number of the city and county given and the visitor from the northland be made welcome by the children of the community.

There will be remembrances for all of the children from Santa Claus and which he will give his calling cards to the little folks who will find printed on the ticket the name of the store where the ticket may be redeemed.

The committee are sending out letters to all of the schools of Cass county to have the children personally invited to the reception on Saturday morning and enjoy the opportunity of seeing Santa Claus and receiving the treat from him which will be provided from the local stores.

Remember the date will be next Saturday morning, December 17th at 10:15 and a real Santa will give his message to the Cass county boys and girls.

The children who wish to write Santa Claus may do so by sending the letter in care of the Ad club, Plattsmouth.

JURY FINDS FOR DEFENDANT

The time of the district court was occupied yesterday afternoon in hearing the case of Oliver C. Dovey vs. Myrtle J. Gillispie et al., in which the plaintiff sought the collection of a note for \$2,000, which the plaintiff alleged had been purchased from George O. Dovey, then cashier of the First National bank. The defendant contended that the note was given by the defendants to reduce the indebtedness of W. F. Gillispie within the bonds of the amount prescribed by the federal banking laws, that the defendants received no consideration for the note and that it was not collectable.

After hearing the evidence in the case the jury was sent out to deliberate on the issues in the case and returned a verdict finding for the defendants, Myrtle J. Gillispie and William F. Gillispie and assessing the costs of the action against the plaintiff.

RECEIVES PLEASANT NEWS

This morning a message was received here by T. B. Bates announcing the fact that he was again honored with being a grandfather, a fine six pound daughter, who has been christened Roberta Kirk, having arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milford B. Bates, at Los Angeles on Wednesday. All concerned are doing nicely and the good news proves most pleasing to the relatives and friends in this city.

SHOWS SOME IMPROVEMENT

Mrs. Thomas Svoboda, who was taken ill last Sunday, is showing much improvement and is now able to be up and around again and while she is not as yet entirely over the effects of the illness it is thought that she will be able soon to shake off the effects of the illness.

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Railroads are Large Taxpayers in Cass County

Burlington Tops the Railroad Taxes with \$47,268.60 and Missouri Pacific Second in List.

The railroads of the country each year contribute great sums for taxation in the various states and counties through which the lines of the carrier systems pass, and in this connection it is well to mention that the railroads pay a very large sum of money each year into the coffers of Cass county to help pay the wheels of the county and city governments operating.

The lines of the Burlington and Missouri Pacific are the greatest taxpayers in this county and cover a large area and in addition to their respective right of way, the shops and terminals of the Burlington in this city add to the amount that this great railroad system contributes to Cass county each year.

The Burlington has paid over to County Treasurer John E. Turner, the sum of \$47,268.60 in taxes, while the Missouri Pacific is second with \$33,955.66 and the Rock Island third with \$9,116.32.

The Burlington has lines operating from Ashland east through the northern line of Cass county to Plattsmouth and to the Platte river, with important sidings and trackage at Louisville, and the coach shops in this city on the valuation of which they are assessed the above sum as their contribution to the taxes of the county, as well as the industrial life of the community, and which is one of the great factors in the development of the state in the years past, when the B. & M., as it was then known, was first built into the state, as one of the pioneer railroads of the middle west.

The Missouri Pacific has trackage extending from the Otoe county line through to the Platte along the eastern boundary of the county as well as the line across the central portion of the county from Avoca to Louisville and the Lincoln branch from Union west to Eagle, but has no large shops located in the county, and their largest terminal point is at Union.

The Rock Island has the shortest mileage of any of the railroads in the county, as it crosses the northwestern portion of the county from Alvo to South Bend on the Omaha-Lincoln line.

The railroads that contribute so much to the upkeep of the state, cover and city governments are certainly deserving of support from the residents of the various communities, as they aid in bearing a very large share of the tax burden that otherwise would be placed on the shoulders of the individual taxpayer.

DECIDE RICHARDSON CASE

The jury in the case of Charles F. Richardson vs. C. Lawrence Stull, which was out since the case was given to them at 5 o'clock last night, returned a verdict this morning at the reconvening of court, in which they found for the plaintiff in the sum of \$559, which with the interest on the judgment will place the total amount to be recovered by the plaintiff at the sum of \$801.42.

This case is one in which the plaintiff sought damages alleged to have occurred when the plaintiff, who was a tenant of the defendant, was compelled to give up the land on which he had a crop of corn. The land that was farmed by Richardson was a part of the Stull land on the Platte bottom north of this city.

The case was tried here two years ago and at that time Mr. Richardson was given judgment for \$200, but on appeal to the supreme court by the defendant the case was ordered back for a new trial and with the result that the amount of recovery has been increased.

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