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William Gilmour, Pioneer of Cass County, Dies

Resident of Cass County Since 1856, and One of the Oldest Inhabitants of This Vicinity.

From Monday's Daily.— William Gilmour, one of the oldest residents of Cass county, both in the years of life and in the time he has spent in this community, was called to the last long rest Sunday morning at the farm home south of this city, where he has resided for a great many years.

The passing of Mr. Gilmour removes one of the best known figures in the eastern part of Cass county and one who has lived in the county for seventy-one years and had a great part in the developing of the community in which he had chosen to make his home.

The deceased was born near Pontiac, Michigan, September 20, 1838, and came west in the early fifties, when but a mere lad and located for a time at Bellevue, a frontier trading post of the new west, later going to Rock Bluffs, then one of the most flourishing of the river towns and in and near which place he has made his home since 1856, when he first came to this county.

When the west was threatened in the days of the Civil war with an outbreak of the Indians in the western part of the state, Mr. Gilmour, with other residents of the territory, enlisted in the Second Nebraska Infantry, under Captain Isaac Wiley, and spent many months in the service of the protection of the frontier settlements from the threat of the redman. At the close of the Indian troubles, Mr. Gilmour returned to his home at Rock Bluffs, where he resumed his activities as a farmer and stock raiser.

It was in the pleasant city of Council Bluffs that Mr. Gilmour was united in marriage to Miss Lucille Ellen Towner, daughter of Rev. Towner, one of the earliest settlers of Cass county, and who platted the town of Rock Bluffs, where the family resided for many years. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Gilmour returned to their home in this county, where they made their home until the first summer called them from the scene of earthly cares, Mrs. Gilmour preceding her husband in death on December 11, 1924.

There remains of the family circle three sons and two daughters to mourn the going of the father, James Gilmour, of Ulysses, Nebraska; William Gilmour, Jr., of Cascade, Idaho; Samuel T. Gilmour, of Plattsmouth; Mrs. E. W. Livingston, of Plattsmouth, and Mrs. Hester Butler, of Omaha.

Mr. Gilmour was a great lover of horses and while his health was good and he was able to care for them, his farm was stocked with thoroughbred stock and in the rearing of the Shetland ponies he had made a specialty and was known over the state for his fine animals.

In recent years as the infirmities of old age came upon him, Mr. Gilmour was forced to give up the greater part of his activities and the farm has been under the supervision of his son, Sam Gilmour, with whom and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Gilmour made their home for the past twelve years.

Mr. Gilmour, while ailing, had not been thought serious until Saturday afternoon, when he grew worse and failed very rapidly until death came to his relief.

The deceased was a member of the Masons for many years and had been affiliated with the I. O. O. F. for a number of years.

The funeral services were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the late home and the services conducted by Rev. W. A. Taylor, of Union, with interment in the Rock Bluffs cemetery, where the other members of the family rest in the last long sleep.

CREIGHTON PREP WINS

From Tuesday's Daily.— Last evening the five members of the Plattsmouth Rifle club selected to shoot in the Junior league of the Greater Omaha Rifle association journeyed up to Omaha where they were pitted against the Creighton Preparators in the shoot at the Creighton stadium range.

The work of the Plattsmouth riflemen showed a great improvement over that of the first shoot in Omaha and the final score of the shoot was 1,639 for the Preparators and 1,549 for the Plattsmouth team.

The scores rolled up for the Plattsmouth shooters was as follows: E. H. Douglas, 329; Warren Taylor, 316; Clyde Hutchins, 296; Ernest Trumble, 327; Beverage, 281.

The members of the team had a very fine time and the shooting over the fine range at Omaha and gave them a good experience in this line of work and with their improving form they will rank with any team in the state.

Beautiful favors of all kinds and the most handsome decorations for the Valentine season at the Bates Book & Gift Shop.

FREIGHT JUMPS TRACK

From Monday's Daily.— This morning east bound passenger train No. 6 over the Burlington was delayed in reaching this city, as the result of a derailment of an extra freight on the Omaha-Lincoln line near Chalco. The derailment resulted in the track being blocked for several hours and as the result train No. 6 was sent over the short line from Ashland via Louisville and Oread. This necessitated the passenger train going into Omaha and then on back to Oread until 9 a. m., altho due here at 7:15.

Petitions for Renomination of Senator Banning

Friends Over the District File Call for the Present Senator to Enter the Race.

From Monday's Daily.— Petitions were filed today that represented a large number of the residents of Cass, Osage and Sarpy counties and urging that Senator W. B. Banning, of Union, who has represented this district in the state legislature for several terms, again be a candidate for the office and allow his name to be submitted at the democratic primary in April.

Senator Banning has been the democratic leader in the last several sessions of the legislature and possesses a real grasp of the affairs of the state that has led him to be one of the outstanding figures in the legislature, and he has been a fighter for the measures that he thought were for the best interests of the taxpayers of the state and opposed those that he believed to be unwarranted and not needed in the proper administration of the state affairs.

The ability of Senator Banning has been recognized by the leaders of both parties and in his service as a legislator he has been non-partisan and strictly a worker for the cause of the people of the state and of his district.

Senator Banning has served as long as any of the members of the state senate and his long experience and familiarity with the legislative work makes him a very valuable man for the second district and one whom they can feel proud of having represented them in the upper house of the state legislature.

The district comprising the three counties gave Senator Banning one of the largest majorities received by any candidate at the election in 1926 and which was a very fine tribute to his services to the people of the district.

RETREAT IN DISORDER

From Monday's Daily.— Saturday evening there were a number of the soldiers here from Fort Crook, and while a larger part of the boys were in the best of shape and conducted themselves in a very gentlemanly manner, a trio of the khaki clad warriors became overfamiliar with the raw spirits of the native corn or some other equally powerful stimulant and thereby drew on themselves the scrutiny of the law.

Officers Libershal and Pickrel to round up the trio who discovered the enemy approaching in light combat order and accordingly the three soldiers deployed as skirmishers, retreating in rapid manner from the danger zone.

Two of the parties, who were evidently acquainted with the streets of the city, were able to duck to safety, but the third of the soldiers became confused and in trying to get away circled around a few blocks and found himself not only in the shadows of the city prison but also within the grasp of the officers of the law and who promptly conducted the young man to rest and sober up from his over-indulgence.

The young man was turned over to the authorities at Fort Crook to be given what punishment the military officers of the summary court martial might deem fit and which may be anything from extra fatigue duty to imprisonment and two-thirds pay.

BIG ATTRACTION COMING

The Parmele theatre is announcing the early showing of one of the most gripping motion pictures of the year, "The Xosse" which is now showing at the Riviera at Omaha, proving one of the big hits of the last few months in the dramatic sensations of the silver screen.

The star of the play is Richard Barthelmess, whose wonderful work has won approval over the world and who supporting cast includes Alice Joyce and Montagu Love. The picture is one that grips every one in the audience until the last scene and runs the limit of the human emotions of love and sacrifice.

The Plattsmouth movie patrons can see this great picture at their own homes in a very few days and enjoy one of the greatest pictures of the year without going to other points for this opportunity.

Mrs. D. A. Hilton Leader in New Religious Cult

Former Plattsmouth Lady Secretary of Divine Order of Royal Arms of the Greater Eleven.

Out on the Simi hills, northwest of Los Angeles, California, a new colony has been established that bears the name of the Divine Order of the Royal Arms of the Greater Eleven, which is preparing to give to the world a new book, "The Sixth Seal," which it is claimed was written by divine revelation by Mrs. Otis Blackburn and her daughter, Ruth Angeline Wieland. It contained, it is claimed by the sponsors of the colony, the explanation of all things in the universe and the key to eternal life on this earth.

Members of the colony come from every walk of life. Many of them now living in little mountain cabins formerly occupied palatial homes. Each has been called and been made aware of his summons to the work by supernatural means. Mrs. D. A. Hilton, one time Plattsmouth resident, is the secretary of the order, who is living at 2327 Main street, Ocean Park, while a cabin is being built for her at the colony, was called one night while in a hotel room. She asserts that she was awakened from her sleep by someone shouting her name and when she opened her eyes her name appeared as if written in flames and hung suspended in the room. Shortly afterwards she was led to Mrs. Blackburn, leader of the colony. Mrs. Hilton formerly lived in Omaha, Neb., after her residence here, and was for many years a Christian Science practitioner.

Give Property to Colony. One member is said to have disposed of her property, valued at approximately 30 thousand dollars, and turned the money over to the colony. Others have given smaller sums. Many have been unable to give anything but their time and labor, among the members are men and women of many races, including one Oriental and a Negro. It is the belief of the colony that the salvation of the races depends largely on their representation among these workers of the Lord.

Members of the colony are required to take orders implicitly from Mrs. Blackburn, referred to as "mother." Each has his concord and must keep attuned to the universe by eating only certain foods at certain hours and working at the most propitious times. The flesh of fish, birds and beasts are forbidden. Blackburn and her daughter are forbidden even to wear shoes or clothing that contains leather or fur.

"Voice Filled Universe." Ruth, the daughter, was the first of the colony to be called. When summoned she was but a child, being trained as a commercial artist and stage dancer. The time was between May 15 and 20, 1919. The child, who was then a young girl, was walking along Broadway, near Fourth street. Above the din of traffic she heard her name called. Speaking of it, she said the voice that shouted her name seemed to fill the universe, yet she alone heard it. Frightened, she telephoned her mother, believing that possibly she might have been taken suddenly. Her mother, who learned that her mother was going about her work as usual.

Three days later at their home, at 355 South Grand avenue, which was being made over into apartments, Mrs. Blackburn heard her name called by the voice that seemed to come from the very throne of the Almighty. Two weeks later in the same room there appeared before the mother and daughter a messenger from God. Only the face was discernible, the balance of the body was enveloped in a strange light possessing powerful radiation. The mother and daughter refer to the manifestation as "the Angel." They were bidden to cut themselves off from the world and to write as directed. They were instructed to get pen and ink and note books. The angel stood between them as he dictated. That which pertained to "water," the daughter wrote and that which concerned the "earth," the mother wrote.

"Key to Eternal Life." "The angel never moved his lips," said the mother. "The words seemed to come from around him as if in a circle. At first we wrote only a short time each day. In writing we were required to print each letter. The words came from the angel like the stars twinkling around their orbits. After the first few weeks we were compelled to write day and night. Sometimes with only an hour's rest and frequently days without food.

"Eventually we were compelled to move from place to place in order to be in proper accord so that work would be mathematically in tune with the balance of the universe. It kept up for 42 months. It was terrible. What we went through, no one will ever know. What was dictated by the Angel no one has ever known before. It is the explanation of all things. It presents the key to eternal life on this earth and tells

why men lived for hundreds of years at the beginning of time, while the average span of life now is only 70." Mrs. Blackburn claims that she receives daily visits from the angel and that he dictates to her what she shall wear and eat and what the members of the colony must do on that day. Each member of the colony waits for word from Mrs. Blackburn before he makes any change in the plans laid out for him.

A Mathematical Universe. Mrs. Blackburn said that she had been baptized a Catholic but had drifted away from her church before she was called to her new work.

The leader of the colony declares that she has not established a cult. "We embrace all religions," she said. "Through the 'Sixth Seal' we have been given the key to the workings of the universe. We know that everything is operated on a mathematical basis; that when we discover our proper concord and have the key to the concord of all things about us, we can live into eternity."

Mrs. Blackburn is a small woman, she is about five feet ten inches tall and in the past year has reduced from 230 pounds to 125 pounds. Her hair, which is streaked with gray, is bobbed and combed straight. Her nose is mannish. Her eyes are brown and bright. She dresses plainly and there is little about her that would make the casual observer believe that she was other than an average mother approaching the age of 50. Her daughter dresses in the styles prevailing today except for her shoes, which, like her mother's are made of canvas.

Pop Stand for Revenue. The colony owns approximately 50 acres of land. A gasoline station, pop stand, grocery store and open air dance pavilion are operated during the spring and summer months for revenue.

A printing plant is being erected in which the "Sixth Seal" will be printed when it has been completely assembled. Every copy will be distributed remains to be decided upon, Mrs. Blackburn said. "The angel will tell us what to do when the time comes," she declared.

Mrs. Christina Burr, a Former Resident, Dies

Funeral Services to Be Held Here Saturday Afternoon at Home of Mrs. J. W. Warga.

From Wednesday's Daily.— Word was received here at an early hour this morning of the death of Mrs. Christina Burr at Chicago.

Mrs. Burr made her home in Plattsmouth for many years but of late has been residing in the east. For the past year, she has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. R. A. Bracken. Although bed-ridden and helpless for months, she bore her suffering with Christian fortitude and will be sadly missed by a large circle of relatives and friends.

Christina Hermann was born in Poppentzen, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, January 29, 1853. At the age of twenty, with her parents, she left the Fatherland and came to America locating at Marblehead, Ohio. Here she was united in marriage to Frank Burr and resided.

In 1902, they moved west to Plattsmouth where the husband and father passed away some fifteen years ago. Mrs. Burr is survived by the following children: Mrs. R. A. Bracken of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. A. L. Carey, Akron, Ohio; John Burr of Hanley, Sask. Canada, and Frank Burr of Chicago, Ill., and also several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a sister of Mrs. Joseph W. Warga of this city, Mrs. Louise Nehls of Oakharbor, Ohio, C. W. Hermann, Chicago, Ill.; J. G. Sherman, Denver, Colo.; and W. C. Hermann of Anambonia, Mo. Her husband and two children preceded her in death.

The body will arrive in this city Friday morning and the funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon from the home of the sister of the deceased, Mrs. Joseph W. Warga, Sr., at 14th and Main street. Rev. H. G. McClusky will have charge of the services.

WINS MEAL TICKET

From Tuesday's Daily.— Officer Dave Pickrel is the winner of the prize offered by Jack Estle for the most fitting name for a new cafe on North 6th street, and now Dave will be able to enjoy savory oyster stews and other delicacies as the result of his aptness in selecting the name. The winner of the contest was that of Bungalow Garden Inn and Mr. Pickrel receives the \$5 meal ticket.

CARD OF THANKS

It is with the deepest sense of appreciation that we take this method of expressing to our friends and neighbors the pleasant memory that their acts of kindness and sympathy will be to us. To those who assisted at the funeral and for the beautiful flowers we wish to express our thanks for the wonderful tribute to our loved one.—George Luschinsky and Family.

Blue and White Win Easily from Falls City Five

Score of 31 to 7 Rolled Up Against the Falls City Aggregation—Second String in Lineup.

From Monday's Daily.— On Saturday evening the Platters completed their three day tour of southern Nebraska, by annexing a very much needed contest from the Falls City team on the latter's floor, the final score in the battle being 31 to 7 in favor of the blue and white.

In the opening of the game Coach Fred Rothert sent in his second string of players against the Falls City team and who held the Richards county quiet to a 3 to 1 score at the first quarter and then the regulars were sent in and made things interesting for the Falls City lads, outplaying the foe at every point and rolling up a large score.

The Falls City team made but two field goals in the game, one in each half of the struggle, but in the eighth shot had a little better eye, as they made three out of nine, while the Platters annexed but four out of ten.

The victory over Falls City gives the locals two of the three games played on the trip, their inability to get going in the first portion of the Beatrice game aiding in their defeat.

The score of the game at Falls City was as follows:

Table with columns: Plattsmouth, P, F, T, F, T. Rows: Wirt, rf; Hatt, rf; Mason, lf; Westot, lf; Hartford, c; Perry, c; Kilgler, rg; Madaba, rg; Galloway, lg; B. Galloway, lg.

Falls City—

Table with columns: P, F, T, F, T. Rows: Fischer, rf; Linsley, rf; Hallyard, lf; Kessler, c; Lilley, rg; Haldertorf, lg; Nelson, lg.

FUNERAL OF MRS. LUSCHINSKY

From Monday's Daily.— The funeral services of the late Mrs. George Luschinsky were held this afternoon at 2:30 at the First Methodist church and largely attended by the old friends of many years standing who filled the church to its capacity.

Rev. Harold E. Sorter, pastor of the church gave a very impressive tribute to the memory of the departed lady and to the sorrowing husband and children and the friends brought a message of hope in the joining of the lives separated here in the life everlasting beyond the skies.

The Masonic quartet composed of Frank A. Clويد, Raymond C. Cook, H. G. McClusky and R. W. Knorr gave three numbers that were requested by the members of the family, "Somewhere the Sun Is Shining," "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Rock of Ages."

At the conclusion of the service the body was borne to Oak Hill cemetery where it was laid to the last long rest. The following is a short sketch of the well loved lady whose taking away has brought such a deep sorrow to the community:

Barbara Gobelman, oldest daughter of John and Elizabeth Gobelman was born February 11, 1870, at St. Jacob's Illinois. In the year 1882 with her parents she came to Plattsmouth and where she has since made her home. On March 9, 1889 she was united in marriage to George Luschinsky, who with four children, Otto of this city, Mrs. Edna Mullis of Alliance, Mrs. Grace Rice of Boy River, Minnesota and Mrs. Ruth Knox of Denver, survive. There also remains the aged mother as well as three sisters, Mrs. Maggie Russell, Rekeley, Colo., Mrs. Katie Melfee of Aptos, California, Mrs. Mollie Ackerman of Wynmore, Nebraska, and one brother, George Gobelman of Santa Ana, California. A number of grandchildren also survive her passing.

MRS. BARCLAY POORLY

From Monday's Daily.— For the past several days Mrs. William Barclay has been very poorly at her home as the result of a severe cold and general sickness that has made her condition most annoying and confined her to her bed for the greater part of the time. It is hoped that the next few days may show some improvement and allow her to be on the highway to recovery.

PURCHASES NEW COACH

Edward Meisinger, one of the enterprising young farmers of this section of Cass county is now the proud owner of one of the attractive new Chrysler coaches that he has purchased from the Chrysler Sales Co., of this city. The car is of the new 1928 model and will make a very pleasing car for Mr. Meisinger in the coming summer months.

Legal blanks of all kinds for sale at the Journal office

YOUNG PEOPLE WED HERE

On Saturday evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Harris was the scene of a very pleasant home wedding when Miss Barbara A. Milam of Auburn and Mr. Carl E. Davis of Remsen, Iowa, were united in the bonds of holy wedlock. The marriage lines were read by Rev. H. E. Sorter, pastor of the First Methodist church and the marriage witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Harris, old time friends of the contracting parties. Mr. Davis, the groom, is a photographer at Remsen while the bride is one of the popular and well known young ladies of Auburn. The young people will make their home in the future at Remsen.

Chamber of Commerce Organized for Active Year

New Officers and Organization to Do Utmost to "Step on the Gas" in Civic Work.

From Tuesday's Daily.— The newly re-organized chamber of commerce with its new officers and the more thoroughly centered community interest in the civic organization, is now moving ahead and getting the plans lined up for a larger and more extensive field of work in the matters of civic interest.

Already the organization has started to function in fine shape and the plans as outlined by the various committees of the chamber of commerce and among the outlines of the work to be undertaken there are many that should go far toward making the community better in civic and business life.

The arousing of the interest of the residents of the city and the community nearby in their common welfare is one of the big plans of the year and the fact that the residents are learning each day that the committee of each other is being interviewed and what advances the interest of one is for the benefit of the other.

The new stationery of the chamber of commerce is being arranged and will be a very fine advertisement of the city in the correspondence that is necessary from time to time, telling the world of the advantages of Plattsmouth as a city of homes.

PURCHASES FINE FARM

From Tuesday's Daily.— T. H. Pollock, president of the Farmers State bank and one of the largest land owners of this section of the state, yesterday closed the deal whereby he disposed of the tract of 128 acres at the southeast corner of this city, known as the Maxwell farm, to Elbert Wiles. The consideration was \$18,000 cash.

This 128 acres gives Mr. Wiles practically the entire section of land, as the only part that he does not own is the small tract in the north-east corner that is owned by the home of Raymond Cook. This is one of the fine farms in the eastern part of the state and Mr. Wiles has been acquiring the land from time to time until he has a fine estate in his country place and one of the best yielding farms in this section.

The farm has a gravelled road on the east and south along the entire mile front and is also situated just a short distance from town and in easy access of the markets so that Mr. Wiles can feel that he has one of the best naturally laid farms in this part of the state and which he has improved to a very high degree with a beautiful home and splendid buildings and equipment for the most successful modern farming.

HURRY TO GET UNDER WIRE

From Tuesday's Daily.— This morning the office of County Treasurer John E. Turner was the scene of a great deal of activity in the rush of those who had put off securing their auto licenses until the last moment and who had only until tomorrow to get in the clear if they desired to avoid the penalty of operating a car under the old 1927 license numbers.

There are quite a large number both in the town and country districts who have not as yet secured the needed licenses and from the outlook there will be considerable activity for the sheriff in handling those who are determined not to get the licenses, altho they have had a whole thirty days of grace through the kindness of the sheriff. The only way to avoid trouble if you haven't a new license is to keep the old bus in the garage and not operate it, otherwise there will be much annoyance as the law will be strictly enforced.

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NOT DOING SO WELL

From Wednesday's Daily.— The reports from the St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha state that Max D. O. Dwyer, who is at that institution following her operation last Saturday, is not doing so well as had been hoped for and while the operation has been successful in regaining her strength, it is hoped however, by the course of treatment that the patient may be able to take nourishment in the next few days and gain the needed strength for her recuperation.

HAVE TONSILS REMOVED

From Wednesday's Daily.— Ernest and Max Stiles of this city were operated on Monday afternoon at the University hospital in Omaha for the removal of their tonsils, have shown a very fine rate of progress and it is expected that the two young men may be able to return home this afternoon. The operation was very successful and proved a great relief to both of the young men who have been suffering a great deal from the diseased tonsils.

If you are thinking of remembering a friend on St. Valentine day be sure and call and look over the line at the Bates Book & Gift shop while the line is still unbroken.