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John J. Svoboda Passes Away at His Home Here

Long Time Resident of Plattsmouth Succumbs to Attack of Heart Trouble and Flu.

From Monday's Daily—
This morning at 10:40 at the family home on West Main street occurred the death of John J. Svoboda, Jr., long time resident of Plattsmouth and one of the highly esteemed residents of the community. While Mr. Svoboda has been poorly since last September and confined to his home for the greater part of the time, his condition was not considered more serious than for several weeks and his going was very sudden, he passing away while the wife was assisting him to a more comfortable position in the bed.

The news of the death came as a great shock to the residents of the city where the departed had spent almost a half century and where he had a very wide acquaintance and was universally respected and esteemed by all of those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

The deceased was fifty-six years of age and was born in Moravia, and when a child of very tender years was brought by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Svoboda, Sr., to the United States, the family locating first at Parkersburg, West Virginia, for a few years. When John was seven years of age the parents moved to Plattsmouth and here they have since resided, contributing largely to the development of the city and the upbuilding of the community that they have loved as home. It was in this city that Mr. Svoboda was married to Miss Hermie Janda, who with three children, John, Theodore and Dorothy are left to sorrow over his departure. There also remains the aged father, John Svoboda, Sr., eighty-four years of age, one brother, Thomas S. Svoboda and three sisters, Mrs. Rose Bookmeyer and Mrs. Josephine Janda of this city and Mrs. George Koehnke of Hay Springs, Nebraska.

Mr. Svoboda and family had been here last week to visit the brother and just departed Saturday for the western part of the state, while the other members of the family are still residing here.

The deceased was active in the life of the community, having been engaged in business for a number of years and later in the employ of the Burlington and in all his dealings was a very conscientious and kindly man and one who made many friends by his traits of character. For several months preceding his illness Mr. Svoboda was engaged as one of the toll keepers at the Platterville bridge, continuing this until illness forced him to lay aside his active duties.

The family have not as yet completed the arrangements for the funeral and which will be announced later.

SUFFERS SEVERE INJURIES

From Monday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rabb, Jr., while out riding in their Ford coupe were victims of a very serious auto accident on the K. T. highway just south of the station of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co., and which resulted in Mrs. Rabb receiving a cracked collar bone as well as a number of minor bruises.

The Rabb car was coming north on the highway and a Dodge touring car was also coming from that same direction at a good rate of speed. As the Dodge car drew near the car of Mr. Rabb, the driver suddenly started to speed up to pass the car of Mr. Rabb and at the same time a car came from the north. In order to escape hitting the car from the north the driver of the Dodge swung his car over to the extreme right of the road and the ditch and in so doing struck the car of Mr. Rabb.

The Dodge car had the fender bent but was otherwise not seriously damaged while the Rabb coupe was damaged very much and is almost a total wreck as the result of the smash up.

Mrs. Rabb was brought on to the main part of the city, her injuries dressed and is reported today as resting as easily as possible, although painfully bruised. Mr. Rabb was also shaken up considerably, while the occupants of the Dodge car were practically uninjured.

SELLS LAND TODAY

From Tuesday's Daily—
This morning Deputy Sheriff Rex Young held the sale of the Schmader land near Louisville, consisting of 128 acres which was sold under a judgment by the Home State bank of Louisville. There was a large number of interested parties present and at the first it was thought to sell the land in smaller tracts, one bid of T. A. Tennant for \$2,500 on seventeen acres and J. H. Albert of \$5,000 on forty acres, but as there was no bids on the remaining eighty the sale was continued with bids on the entire tract. August Schmidt bid \$15,000 on the farm and J. H. Albert \$18,000 and the final bid of \$20,500 of the Home State bank secured the farm.

WILL ENTER TOURNAMENT

From Tuesday's Daily—
The business men's gym class of this city will have an entry in the Mid-West A. U. volleyball tournament that will be held at the Jewish community center at Omaha on March 18th and 19th. The local gym class will have a try out on Thursday evening of the members for the right to represent the local organization at the tournament and will send their best volleyball ball artists up to mingle with the Omaha teams. There are a number of the members of the local class that are sharks at the game and should make a real showing at the Omaha meet.

Blue and White Players on All-Tourney Team

Edgar Wescott, Forward, and Bernard Galloway, Guard Named on Second Team.

From Monday's Daily—
The Plattsmouth basketball team that participated in one of the most spirited basketball tournaments held in the state, and who were classed among the cream of the quintets playing, have had two of their members placed in the honor roll of the players from the 262 schools that participated in the event, the greatest of its kind in the world.

In the selections of the all tournament teams, the press and sport authorities have weighed the playing of the players in the tournament and have given their findings accordingly. As is usual, the championship team of the state, St. Paul, had a number of their players selected on both the first and second teams of the state.

The Plattsmouth men selected for the tourney honors were Bernard Galloway, left guard, and Edgar Wescott, left forward of the Plattmers, being placed on the second team of the tournament.

The second all tournament team selected by the State Journal and Omaha Press representatives comprised Bahensky, St. Paul, Hunt, Grand Island, forwards; Wolcott, Kearney, center; Galloway, Plattsmouth, Brenton, McCook, guards. In this team selection Edgar Wescott was placed in the honorable mention list.

The all tourney second quintet named by Gregg McBride of the Lincoln Star and World-Herald embraced Hunt, Grand Island, Wescott, Plattsmouth, forwards; Mack, Fairbury, center; E. Davis, St. Paul, and Hersey, York, guards. In the list of players named by McBride, Galloway of Plattsmouth is given honorable mention as one of the outstanding guards.

Hokuf, Crete guard, was selected as the outstanding individual player by all the authorities, his work being accounted for the showing of his team.

NEW BEAUTY PARLOR

From Monday's Daily—
On Thursday of this week the beauty parlor that has been conducted here by Miss Hulda Goos and which has been one of the most popular in the city will be taken over by the new owners, Miss Etta Nickles and her sister, Mrs. Fannie Crosser, who will in the future conduct this well known establishment. Miss Nickles and Mrs. Crosser are well known over the county and their many friends will be pleased to learn that they are to be permanently located in this city and serving the needs of the ladies of the community. Both of the ladies are experienced in this line of work and will be able to give the fullest attention to the needs of the Plattsmouth and Cass county patrons in all lines of this kind. Miss Nickles and Mrs. Crosser have secured the parsonage of the St. Luke's church where they will make their residence for the present at least. These estimable ladies will have a very cordial welcome from the residents of this city on coming here to make this their home.

RECEIVES GOOD NEWS

From Tuesday's Daily—
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kroehler of this city have received the glad news that they are proud and happy grandparents, a fine seven and a half pound baby having been born to Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Kenner of Talmage, Nebraska. The little one was born at the hospital at Omaha and the event has brought the greatest happiness to the family circle and to the relatives here. The little lad has been christened William Clinton Kenner, III. Mrs. Kenner was formerly Miss Theodosia Kroehler of this city.

RECEIVES SAD NEWS

From Monday's Daily—
Searl S. Davis of this city, received a message yesterday announcing the death at Palmyra, Nebraska, of an aunt, Mrs. W. H. Ireland, which occurred at that place Sunday morning. Mrs. Ireland is the only sister of Mrs. Mary M. Davis, of Lincoln, mother of Mr. Davis, and is an old time resident of this part of Nebraska.

Missouri River Navigation is Given Hearing

Hon. Arthur J. Weaver of Falls City Delivers Ringing Address on Vital Needs of West.

From Wednesday's Daily—
Last evening the matter of Missouri river navigation and the needs of the great Missouri river states in relief from the agricultural and industrial depression that has visited this section, was presented in a most forcible and eloquent manner by Hon. A. J. Weaver of Falls City, the president of the Missouri River Navigation association, and also one of the great outstanding figures in the present day history of Nebraska.

The speech was a part of the regular monthly meeting of the Happy Hundred supper club of the chamber of commerce, although in this case, to enjoy the fine talk of Mr. Weaver, there were nearer two than one hundred of the men of Cass county present when the supper party opened. Large numbers from all parts of the county were in attendance at the event.

The ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary served the supper and the tables were very handsome in the colors of white and green, the green streamers and the green candles making a very pretty touch of color with the white linen and the silver and china. The menu was very tempting and was one that all enjoyed to the utmost.

The speaker of the evening was introduced by S. S. Davis, chairman of the banquet committee in his usual graceful manner and gave the speaker the opportunity of occupying the entire speaking time of the evening.

Mr. Weaver in his opening stated that the three great factors in the march of civilization had been Christianity, education and transportation and of these he would discuss the last.

With the great growing population of the nation there was increasing demand on the transportation systems and of these the two greatest were that of rail and water. The crying need of the great grain growing states of the middle west was for waterway transportation that would give them the same advantage that the coast states enjoyed, that of a cheap means of transportation, which would make it possible for the middle west to grow in population, industrially and to supply the means of handling the great grain crops of this section.

Mr. Weaver stated that industrial development in this section is at a standstill and many great factories are being driven out of the Missouri valley by the fact that they were unable to compete with factories that were situated in sections which enjoyed the advantages of water transportation, citing a number of the large manufacturers that had been compelled to quit or establish branches in the east.

In touching on the value of navigation of the Missouri river, the farm interests Mr. Weaver stated that grain, one of the slow moving freight stocks could be moved to the market at a saving of at least eight to thirteen cents on every bushel that was handled by the river transportation methods, and which would mean from \$29,000,000 to \$36,000,000 additional money to the farmers of the wheat growing sections and the same proportion of saving could be realized on corn and hay and other crops that are staple in the great western states. The wheat farmer of California and the west coast could ship their grain to the Liverpool market at a great saving in cost because of the Panama canal and which made a tribute on the western farmer that was compelled to pay higher rates for transportation.

In touching on the feasibility of the river navigation Mr. Weaver stated that the war department and other engineers had recognized that the navigation of the river was practical, that the narrowing of the channel with the mud bottom of the river would result in the creation of a very deep channel after the river improvement work was done and that in the Missouri valley there was not the necessity of locks and dams as in the other rivers of the country in the east where the government had already developed the navigation. The government had spent millions in the building of harbors on the coasts of our country and the demand of the middle west for transportation by water was just and should be heeded and would be heeded in the future by the government, as already there are plans for the starting of the river improvement program but it was up to the residents of the great west to demand the carrying out of the program in a reasonable period of years and 1930 should see the system operating along the Missouri from Kansas City to Sioux City if the proper effort was made and the people of these western states should see that it was made.

All sections of the west, whether immediately on the river or not would prosper and benefit by the river transportation as was shown in the east, the inland cities and communities having the advantage of the

low rates at which products were delivered at the river towns and thence handled to the inland. This was shown in the fact that water rates on sugar and other articles to St. Louis had given this part of the west a lower rate.

River transportation was not an opposition to railroad interests as the great lake cities, built largely by the fact of water transportation, were supplying the means of the prosperity of the railroads and as the middle west, growing in population, in industry and the expansion of the agricultural interests, would supply the railroads with greater carrying possibilities, and that they would share in the growth of the west. The views of several of the railroad presidents was given and among these the head of the Illinois Central, that operates along the Mississippi where the river transportation is a great factor, in which the railroad head had been working for the water transportation, and which had made New Orleans the second greatest port in the United States, and had given the railroad the means of great volume of business. Joint water and rail rates had proven a boon to the railroads and the residents of territory where both were operating and gave the inland communities the full advantages of the rates that were enjoyed by river cities and communities.

The west, long suffering should battle for equality in transportation that would place them in the proper place in the industrial life of the nation and in which they were now helplessly handicapped by the east and far west coast points.

The address was one of the most able that has been heard in the city and one that drew the greatest enthusiasm from those gathered around the banquet hall and with the sincerity of the speaker, the west at heart that Mr. Weaver has, which he expressed in his remarks there was a great impression made on those who were fortunate enough to be at the supper party.

The invocation and the benediction was offered by Rev. O. G. Wichmann of the St. Paul's Evangelical church.

Results in Spelling Contest are Very Pleasing

Young People Show Skill and Accuracy in Handling the Work Both Written and Oral.

From Monday's Daily—
The county spelling contest that was held at the court house Saturday morning and afternoon was one of the most successful that has been held in the county and the greatest interest shown in the contest, the young people showing a spirited interest in both the written and oral tests that were given.

In the contest Miss Alpha Peterson, county superintendent, was assisted by W. Eaton of Omaha, who gave the words out to the contestants and the result was judged by R. Foster Patterson, Miss Marie Kaufmann and Miss Jessie Whelan of the city schools and Mrs. William Schmidtman, Jr., former teacher in the Plattsmouth school.

In the morning session where the written tests were given, Harriet Leach, aged 11, seventh grade, of Union, was awarded first place and the second place to Agnes Brink, age 13, eighth grade, St. John's school, Plattsmouth. The third place was awarded to Dorothy Collier, age 11, seventh grade, district 9, Avoca.

In the afternoon the oral contest attracted a great many of the school people and was a very spirited and interesting event and in which Margaret Shogren, aged 11, seventh grade, district No. 9 was awarded first place, second place to Leo Sikora, aged 13, eighth grade, St. John's school, Plattsmouth. The third place was awarded to Dorothea McConnell, aged 13, eighth grade, Nebawka.

AN APPRECIATION

We wish to take this method to thank the people of this community who helped us make a success of the showing of "The Passion Play." We thank everyone who attended the showing, and we want to especially thank the ministers and other leading citizens who attended the advance screening as with their favorable comments which we used in the Journal, the Plattsmouth Journal, and all others who in any way assisted us in successfully presenting this wonderful production.

If we could be assured of getting this same amount of support on all big worth while productions, we would be very glad to show all of the big high priced pictures the market offers. We have in mind several other outstanding productions, which we contemplate showing in the near future, and we will in all probability call on some of our leading citizens for their moral support which is necessary to show these high priced pictures successfully.

Again thanking you one and all we are

Yours truly,
PARMELE THEATRE CO.

All local news is in the Journal.

Plattsmouth Lady Has Close Call in Accident

Miss Johanna Jezewski Has Car Overtaken While Driving to Auburn Sunday Morning.

From Monday's Daily—
Miss Johanna Jezewski of this city had a close call from a serious if not fatal auto accident Sunday morning while she was en route from this city to Auburn. Miss Jezewski had started to Auburn to accompany her mother, Mrs. Eleonora Jezewski of the local sweet shop, back home after a week end visit and at the time of the accident, the car which Miss Jezewski was driving, was coasting down the hill eight miles north of Auburn.

The car had suddenly failed to respond to the steering wheel and ran to the side of the roadway, where a deep ditch caused the car to overturn and as the car made the first turn, the driver was thrown from the car, being thrown clear of the path of the car fortunately, and the machine then turned over again and rested in the ditch, badly wrecked.

Miss Jezewski as the result of the accident had her shoulder badly bruised and also one of the lower limbs bruised but not dangerously and is able to be up and around again today.

It is thought that the accident was caused by one of the tires coming off as the car came down the hill and while not going at a high rate of speed there was sufficient speed to cause the car to swing from the roadway and refuse to respond to the effort of the driver to hold it in the road.

The car had the top practically torn off as well as having one wheel broken and the fender badly damaged and will require considerable work before it can be used again.

The victim of the accident was taken by passing autoists on into Auburn, where her injuries received treatment.

YOUNG PEOPLE WEDED

From Monday's Daily—
On Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church occurred the marriage of two of the popular young people of this city, Miss Sylvia Skalak and Mr. Theodore Eaton.

The wedding was very quiet and the young people attended by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reed as matron of honor and best man.

The impressive ring service was used by Rev. McClusky in the joining of the lives of these two estimable young people.

Following the wedding the members of the bridal party drove to Omaha where Mr. and Mrs. Eaton will enjoy a short visit and on their return will be at home to their friends in their apartments in the Union block.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Skalak and has grown to womanhood in this city and where she was graduated from the Plattsmouth high school in the class of 1926. She is a lady of great charm of personality and has a very large circle of warm friends.

The groom is one of the industrious young men of the community and is in the employ of the Smith-Berge Chevrolet Co., of this city, a salesman and since coming here to make his home has made a very large circle of warm friends.

The Journal joins the many friends in the well wishes for the future happiness of these two estimable young people.

RECEIVES SAD NEWS

From Monday's Daily—
Byron Golding of this city Sunday received a message announcing the death of an uncle, Lee Samuels, which had occurred at Lincoln on Saturday night. The death of the aged man came rather suddenly, but at his very advanced age he had not been in the best of health for some time. Mr. Samuels had been making his home with the Nathan family also former residents here for the past few years and who with the members of the Solomon family and Mr. Golding comprise the relatives in this section of the west. During the lifetime of the late Mrs. Golding, his sister, Mr. Samuels was a frequent visitor here and will be remembered by the older residents of the city. Mr. Byron Golding left today for Lincoln, to attend the funeral services of his uncle, which will be held Tuesday.

AGED LADY POORLY

From Monday's Daily—
Mrs. James Kahoutek of this city, is very ill at her home as the result of a sickness of some duration and the patient has become so poorly that members of the family from distant points have been called for. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kahoutek of Denver, the latter a son of Mrs. Kahoutek have arrived here to be with the mother in her illness. Mrs. Kahoutek is one of the old time residents of the city and her condition brings a great regret to the friends in this locality.

MARRIED BY JUDGE

From Tuesday's Daily—
Judge William Weber, whose usual customers are those who have in some manner violated the law, had a pleasing diversion from the usual routine of his office when on Sunday afternoon two young people of Lincoln, Miss Alice Margaret Amack and Roy H. Cowell, came to the residence of the Judge on Vine street and requested that he perform the wedding ceremony that would unite them in the bonds of holy wedlock. The ceremony was performed in the usual pleasant manner of the genial Judge and the young people departed later for their home in the capital city.

Second District Bar Association is Formed Here

E. S. Nickerson of Papillion Named as President—Hold Dinner at Hotel Perkins.

From Tuesday's Daily—
Yesterday the Second Judicial District Bar Association was formed in this city, a meeting of the leading members of the bar of Cass, Otoe and Sarpy counties being held at the Hotel Perkins, where a very fine dinner was enjoyed and where the members of the three county associations gathered to perfect the association that would conform to the district and embrace all three of the counties.

The association was formally launched with the election of the officers for the ensuing year, the following being selected:

President—E. E. Nickerson, Papillion.
Vice-President—C. A. Rawls, Plattsmouth.

Secretary-Treasurer—T. E. Dunbar, Nebraska City.

The representation of the bar of the three counties was representative of the counties and from the pleasing showing at the initial meeting the association should be a real success and develop a very pleasant association of attorneys.

The county representation present at the meeting embraced the following:
Cass county—E. S. Nickerson, A. E. Langdon, E. P. Nolan, J. Nickerson and Mr. Peterson.
Otoe county—W. H. Pitzer, V. E. Tyler, A. F. Moran, Judge W. H. Dierks, N. C. Abbott, Edward Moran, T. E. Dunbar.

Cass county—Judge James T. Begley, W. G. Kieck, C. A. Rawls, J. A. Capwell, C. L. Graves, W. A. Robertson, C. E. Tefft and A. H. Duxbury.

TROUBLE AT LOUISVILLE

From Tuesday's Daily—
There has been an outbreak of liquor trouble at the cement city, Louisville, where usually peace and harmony prevails and where the gently flowing Platte river offers the purest water for the consumption of man but which some of the residents there fail to care to partake of. Sunday Frank Wheeler, the efficient marshal of the town, gathered in a man named Martin Zaak, one of the residents of that locality and a worker in the stone quarry and who had been inebriated too freely of the drink that deceives and mocks. Martin also had on his person a pint of the distilled corn juice and claimed to be also drunk another pint—strange to say, living to tell the tale. Now when the dark shadow of the law fell over his pathway, Martin weakened and took advantage of the part of the law that gives the arrested man immunity by telling where the liquor was procured. Martin whispered where he claimed to have purchased the liquor, at \$1.50 a pint, and there hangs the rest of the sad tale.

A search warrant was procured and the officers visited the location where Mr. Zaak claimed to have bought the booze and took into custody John Eagan, who Zaak alleged had sold him the stuff. There was nothing found on Mr. Eagan although in the hall near his place of residence a gallon of the rich old corn juice was found. When brought here Mr. Eagan denied that the liquor belonged to him and also that he had sold any to Mr. Zaak as was alleged. He was released on bond and the second chapter of the story will be told tomorrow when the case comes up for hearing in the county court on the plea of not guilty made by Mr. Eagan to the charge preferred by the Louisville authorities.

Showing Improvement

From Wednesday's Daily—
The many friends in this city of Miss Ruth Lindsay, former music supervisor of the city schools, will be pleased to learn that this talented lady is showing improvement over her very serious illness of the past several months and which made necessary her giving up her work in the Plattsmouth schools. Miss Lindsay is at the home of her mother in Lincoln and her case has required a long period of care and rest and it will be several months before she is restored to her former good health.

RECOVERING FROM INJURY

From Wednesday's Daily—
Carl Grassman of Louisville, who was injured very severely ten days ago in an accident in the machine department of the Ash Grove cement plant, is now doing very nicely although the young man will lose the sight of one eye as the result of the accident. Mr. Grassman is well known in this city and the many friends among the young people will regret to learn of his misfortune.

A. S. Ghrist Has Close Call From Death in Accident

Car Wrecked and Burned on Highway South of City—Has Very Narrow Escape.

From Wednesday's Daily—
Last evening A. S. Ghrist, well known furniture dealer of this city, had a very close call from death in an auto accident that occurred on the King of Trails highway south of this city and near the farm operated by Virgel Perry.

Mr. Ghrist was motoring to Nebawka to look after some business matters and was traveling at a fair rate of speed when a car approached from the south and the bright lights blinded Mr. Ghrist to such an extent that he drove his car as far to the right as possible to avoid an accident and too far for safety, as the car struck the bank along the road and in an instant was overturned. Hardly had the car turned over when flames came leaping through the floor of the car, which was by this time well ablaze, the rear portion of the auto party broke the glass of the door of the Ghrist car and were able to extricate Mr. Ghrist from the inside of the car, which was by this time well ablaze, the rear portion of the car burning rapidly and with such speed that it was with difficulty that the occupant escaped without serious injury.

Hardly had the passersby assisted in getting Mr. Ghrist from the now rapidly burning car, when the supply gas tank of the car exploded, the burning gasoline and fragments of the car being hurled over a considerable area near the wreck.

The only part of the Ghrist car saved was two of the front tires that the rescue party were able to remove after the explosion and before the fire had completely wiped out the front portion of the car.

While the accident was very serious Mr. Ghrist is feeling fortunate that he was able to escape from the wreck with his life.

GIVES SPLENDID OFFERING

From Monday's Daily—
Last evening the Wesley Players, composed of students of the University of Nebraska affiliated with the Methodist church, presented a very impressive offering at the evening worship hour, "The Rock."

This religious drama is a three act offering and the young people held the capable cast gave a deeply impressive picture of the calling and service of St. Peter, one of the twelve called by the Savior. Throughout the presentation the impulsive character of Peter was shown and in the rendition of the story the young people held the closest attention of the audience and that their work was splendid was shown by the deep silence and deep interest shown as scene followed scene in the life to the man who was to stand large in the future of the christian church.

Proceeding the service Rev. C. W. Fawell, student pastor at the university gave a very inspirational address to the young people of the Epworth League at their rooms.

Speaking on the subject of "Religion at the state university," Rev. Fawell called in the young people of the city and declared that outside influences are partly responsible for conditions which are the cause of this criticism. These influences often destroy any good that is done by workers at the university, he declared.

Young people who enter the university from the different communities of the state should be sent there with the proper religious foundation, the speaker declared. Unless this is done the young people cannot face some of the situations that arise. Religious workers and other instructors at the university are doing a fine piece of work for the students but unless these students have entered the school with the proper religious foundation, the work of the leaders cannot be the most successful, he said.

The speaker made a plea for the people to meet the obligation toward the young people which is imposed upon them. We ought to all realize the relation of the high schools and of the home to our university and to give the young people the proper religious foundation before their university days, he declared. By giving the young people this foundation, we will enable them to make the most out of their lives.

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