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Heavy Rains Cause Overflow of Pappio Creek

Highway North of This City Closed to Travel Last Night as Water Mounts.

From Thursday's Daily—The territory that is drained by the Pappio creek, through Douglas and Sarpy counties was visited by one of the most severe storms of the season last night and which turned the usually placid stream into a raging torrent, the stream swollen beyond all normal volume breaking out of its banks and covering the entire Pappio bottom for the width of more than a mile.

The fall force of the flood was felt at the bridge just south of the Port Crook crossing of the Missouri Pacific and Burlington where the stream has in the past given a great deal of trouble, the water spreading to the south almost to the adjoining hills and the water running over the flooring of the bridge and over the King of Trails highway like a millrace for a period of several hours.

The water on the road was of such depth and swiftness that the road department workers blocked the highway at Walnut Grove and to the south in the early part of the evening and closed the highway to traffic, so great was the danger of travel.

At La Platte the water also was very high and railroad tracks near the Pappio were under water and in several cases the ballast was washed out by the force of the water sweeping out of the creek banks, forces of track workers being compelled to labor all night to get the tracks back into shape.

The Cotner bus that plies between this city and Omaha, was held at Omaha on the return trip at 11:00 as the condition of the road made travel practically out of the question and Mr. Cotner was unable to get back to his home here until 6 o'clock this morning, just in time to resume his regular schedule with the north-bound trip at 7 a. m.

A great deal of damage to the corn in the lowlands of the Pappio is reported, as more than a foot of water was standing all over the bottom land.

In this city the rainfall was very severe from 5:30 until after 6 o'clock last evening and as the result there was a great deal of surface water running down from the hills to the natural drainage areas in the lowlands, which caused a very sizeable stream to raise along the Chicago and Washington avenues and from there the water swept on down into the main business section of the city, but was handled nicely by the system of box sewers along North and South Sixteenth streets and doing no damage to the business houses along this thoroughfare.

ENTERTAINS FOR FRIENDS

From Thursday's Daily—Mrs. James M. Robertson was hostess this week at two very delightful social affairs at her home on Yine street, these two events being on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Both of the events were afternoon affairs and the Robertson home had its usual charm enhanced by the bright colors of the pink and red ramblers roses which were used in profusion throughout the rooms.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Robertson entertained at a bridge party and in the playing Mrs. A. H. Duxbury was awarded the first prize while the second prize was awarded to Mrs. H. N. Dovey.

On Wednesday afternoon the entertainment was in the nature of a Kensington which was enjoyed by a large number of friends and which was featured by a most delightful program that carried out a most charming manner. Mrs. Robert Troop gave several dramatic readings that were much enjoyed and also featuring musical numbers and readings. Miss Alice Crabill gave two very delightful vocal numbers and Miss Vestetta Robertson several piano numbers, both proving real treats to the members of the party. Miss Rachael Robertson gave several readings that were most delightful in their rendition and which added much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

In entertaining and serving Mrs. Robertson was assisted by Mrs. H. L. Gamber, Mrs. R. P. Westover and Miss Jessie Robertson, her daughters, they serving a dainty and delicious two course luncheon at both the afternoon events.

CASE IS CONTINUED

From Friday's Daily—The case of Mable Coolman vs. Theodore L. Amick and Nellie Amick, in which the plaintiff seeks to have a deed set aside, which has occupied two days of the time of the district court, was continued over until Saturday when it will be resumed. The case has brought a large number of witnesses to be heard in the case and this will make the trial one of the longest of any case of the term.

Lose anything? Advertise for it!

MRS. MCCARTHY POORLY

From Thursday's Daily—Mrs. Joe McCarthy, Jr., who has been quite ill since Saturday, was taken to the Methodist hospital in Omaha Tuesday evening and was this morning reported as being very seriously ill, her case taking a sudden turn for the worse last evening. The members of the family were feeling pleased with the fact that the patient was doing very nicely yesterday but last evening a sudden change for the worse occurred and the patient was in such shape that the family were called to her bedside. Miss Marie Sperry and brother, Gerald departed this morning for Omaha where they will remain with the mother until a change for the better occurs.

Forrest Frans Struck by Car and Killed

Well Known Young Farmer From West of Union Killed on Highway Near Nehawka

From Thursday's Daily—Forrest Frans, 28, well known farmer west of Union was killed yesterday afternoon on the highway north of Nebraska City when the auto driven by Adam Kreiger of Lincoln overturned and struck him while he was standing near a stalled car on a steep incline. The injured man was hurried to the St. Mary's hospital at Nebraska City but died a few hours later at the hospital as the result of the injuries sustained.

Mr. Frans, with his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris were enroute from their home near Union to Nebraska City when the Harris car stalled on a steep hill and at the time of the accident the unfortunate victim of the accident was engaged in working to get the car started again. Mr. and Mrs. Kreiger were returning to Lincoln from Kansas City and were following another car as they came from the south to the crest of the steep hill.

At the first car came over the hill it was slowed down and Mr. Kreiger to avoid hitting it turned his car out and the machine overturned, crashing into the Harris car and catching Mr. Frans in the wreck. Mrs. Frans and Mrs. Harris sustained slight cuts about the body while Mr. and Mrs. Kreiger escaped without injury.

The accident has caused a great deal of sorrow to the many friends over the county and the Frans family have the deep sympathy of the many friends in their bereavement.

SECURES DESERVED PROMOTION

The many friends here of Harold Renner, who was engaged in the baking business in this city, will be interested to learn that Mr. Herger has been doing very nicely in his home at Los Angeles, California. Mr. Herger is engaged in one of the large pastry shops at Los Angeles and a few days ago was promoted to be foreman of the working force in the shop and which covers a large number of workmen. Mr. Herger will have not only a very much advanced position in his new work but as well will receive a very nice increase in the salary of the young baker.

Carl Renner, a brother of Harold, is also engaged in the baking business at Belleville, Kansas, and is planning in a short time to take up the active management of a first class bakery at that place and where he has been unusually successful in his work.

The two young men in this city of these two young men will be delighted to learn of their advancement in their chosen lines and trust that the future may have even greater good fortune in store for them.

PHILATHEA CLASS MEETS

The Philathea class of the Methodist Sunday school were entertained on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. J. E. Wiles with Mrs. James G. Maury assisting in the very delightful occasion.

The time was spent pleasantly in the various games and pleasures and also in hearing a most interesting talk by Mrs. C. C. Wescott on the closing days of the school year at a great university, giving her impression of the graduation period at Northwestern university. The speaker had the pleasure of attending and was able to get an intimate view of the closing days from the associations with a large group of the students.

During the evening Mrs. H. H. Howeter also favored the members of the party with a very delightful vocal number that added very much in making the evening one of the greatest of enjoyment.

At a suitable hour the hostess served dainty and delicious refreshments that made the evening one of the rarest enjoyments to all of the members of the party.

All local news is in the Journal.

Burlington Night at the C. of C. Meet

"Pow-Wow" Is One That Has a Magnificent Attendance of Members of Shop Workmen.

From Saturday's Daily—Last evening the "Pow-Wow" of the Chamber of Commerce, as the monthly open meeting is termed, was held at the public library auditorium and was a session that was a real revelation in the great interest and the fine attendance shown by the force of employes from the local shops of the Burlington who were in attendance. There were forty-five of the Burlington men in attendance while from the business section and professional lines but and responded so generously to the call of the meeting and had come to take part in the interchange of ideas that might tend to the betterment of the community. President Wescott, for those who had not been at the previous meetings of the Chamber of Commerce gave a brief outline of the club work and a review of the things that the Chamber of Commerce is planning and has accomplished. He told of the resumption of the summer band concerts, this year the Chamber of Commerce and the retail section each giving \$100 and the city contributing \$400, which assured the concerts. Mr. Wescott also stated that on the first and third Thursdays of each month the luncheons of the Chamber of Commerce were held at noon and were open for all who wished to attend and pay the ticket charge of 50c for luncheon. The dues of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Wescott explained were \$5 a year or \$1.25 a quarter, and everyone in the community was eligible for membership in the civic boosting body. Mr. Wescott also stated the three chief aims of the Chamber of Commerce for the year were the Missouri River Bridge, the Co-Operative Creamery and the graveling program of country roads and particularly that of the Louisville road, the success of the first two being almost within reach while the graveling was still in the future.

Chairman H. A. Schneider of the bridge committee detailed the work of the committee which had necessarily been long and complicated with many angles of the work being taken up and as the result of their efforts the committee felt that the bridge was nearer every day to the time when active work might start. The committee had been busy on the details of financing, securing the approval of the plans, securing the roads and other details that made the work seem even longer than it was and which work was all necessary in the successful culmination of the bridge plans.

President Wescott stated that the civic committee was planning to arrange a prize for the best kept and arranged lawn in the city and which would be more fully announced later. The members of the Chamber of Commerce had a real treat in the short address of Judge James T. Begley, former president, in which he touched on the purpose and aims of the Chamber of Commerce work, the purpose and scope of the work was that of bringing together the citizens in the spirit of patriotic cooperation for the advancement of the city, to get together in the various projects that might tend to the advancement of the city in every way and in which every resident had the greatest interest. The community was what the people made it and the realization of the common interest in the place where the homes were established and the institutions of the churches and school and business houses were located, made a town. The town, which was home, was a place that every resident should strive to make better and better by giving their personal service, their active and moral support in sustaining, to the end that it could grow and become more the ideal of its people. Patriotism in the town was as essential as patriotism in the nation. In the affairs of the community, the boosting spirit should be evidenced and the citizens should have opportunity of interchange of ideas that would help out in the community work, no man, the speaker stated had a monopoly on ideas from the general interchange of these ideas there was secured a fine understanding of various viewpoints and many aids in the civic advancement. If a town was a good place to live, it was also a good place to boost, the speaker stated and in this he urged all present to give their active moral support and service to the community in the work of the Chamber of Commerce. In the community spirit the work was not confined to the actual residents within the city limits, but embraced the residents of the nearby territory

that also had a vital interest in the civic matters. Judge Begley stated that there had been many improvements here since he came here to reside and which had all gone to make a better city and one in which the residents might have a real pride. One of the things that Judge Begley urged was the securing of institutions that might give employment to the young men and women of the community who were compelled to leave the home city when they were through with their school work and which deprived the city of the benefits of the fine young men and women that represented the best in the community life. Judge Begley urged everyone to join the army of civic workers whether they were able to become active members of the chamber of commerce or not and to give their services in helping boost the community that they all called home.

Superintendent William Baird of the Burlington shops, was called upon to respond to a few remarks by President Wescott, which he did in his usual pleasing manner and in which he expressed his pleasure at seeing so many of the shop force in attendance at the meeting and urging all members of the shopmen to join in giving their moral support to the city. He was confident that the Burlington men would be found in the front rank of the boosters of Plattsmouth and would be glad to be present and take part in the meetings of the Chamber of Commerce.

At the conclusion of the meeting President Wescott inquired as to the desire of the audience for another of the open meetings and the sentiment was very strong for such a meeting in July and accordingly another "Pow-Wow" will be held and Burlington men stated that they would be present en masse to attend the July meeting.

Passing of Henry F. Koke, Old Resident

Stricken Suddenly Well Known Men Dies at Home at McCook—Funeral Services Held Here

Henry F. Koke was born June 5, 1889 in the city of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, and departed temporal life June 26, 1928, at McCook, Neb., when employed by the Burlington shops for the past five years. On Dec. 28, 1925, he was joined in wedlock to Mrs. Elizabeth Greer of McCook.

A few days ago the departed was stricken with heart trouble. He was sick but two days, death coming very suddenly, and as a very severe shock to his loving wife, relatives and friends. Mr. Koke was a kind and loving husband and was loved by all who knew him. He leaves to mourn his departure, his bereaved wife and two step sons, Roy Greer, McCook, T. W. Greer, Wynmore, Neb., and three brothers and one sister, C. C. Koke of Plattsmouth, John Koke, Denver, J. W. Wolf, McCook, and Mrs. Edward Busler of Grand Island and an aged step father, Mr. Adam Wolf of Plattsmouth and a number of relatives and friends.

The funeral services were held from the Sattler funeral home Thursday afternoon. The service was conducted by Rev. H. G. McClusky who spoke words of sympathy and comfort. The remains were laid to rest in the Oak Hill cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

GRADUATES WITH HONOR

Among the class of 259 graduated Sioux City, Iowa, on June 15th was a young man, known to many in this city, William Francis Sweetman, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Sweetman and a grandson of the late Jacob Stull of this city.

The young man was born in this city and resided here when a child. He has been one of the leading members of his class at the Central high school in Sioux City, the largest that was graduated from the school. He has been a member of the basketball and track teams and one of the most popular students of his class. He is a member of the Castle Commercial club and Chrestomathian literary society.

ENJOY CLUB MEETING

The "Wednesday Willing Workers" held their third meeting this week at the home of Miss Leola Heil, the club being under the leadership of Miss Esther Albert. The next meeting will be on July 6th.

The sewing bags which were made were examined and will be judged at the next meeting of the club. Several demonstrations concerning the various stitches were given by the members of the club.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

All the news in the Journal.

Well Known Plattsmouth Lady is Wed

Miss Ione Sharp of This City and Jack Decker of Lovelock, Nevada, United in Marriage

Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, the parsonage of the Grace Methodist Church in Omaha, was the scene of a very quiet wedding when Miss Ione Sharp of this city was united in marriage to Mr. Jack Decker of Lovelock, Nevada, the marriage lines that joined the lives of these two estimable young people being read by the Rev. Bert Story, pastor of the church.

The wedding was very simple, the bride couple being attended by Mrs. Clara Sharp, mother of the bride and Mr. Myron Birdsley both of this city.

The bride was attired in a charming frock of blue georgette over satin which added strikingly to her charms.

The groom is a son of Mrs. Lydia Decker of Lovelock, Nevada. He is at the present time employed in the Seven Troughs Gold Mine of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Decker will leave Tuesday for Kansas, where they will spend a few days before taking a pleasure trip over the scenic route to their future home in Nevada.

JOHN SANDER WEDS

From Friday's Daily—The marriage licenses issued at Council Bluffs Tuesday convey the information that John Sander, well known young man of this city and a member of the class of 1928 of the Plattsmouth high school, had entered the matrimonial state at the Iowa city on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Sander and Miss Cynthia Skelton of La Platte, were joined in matrimony at the court house at Council Bluffs and their marriage was that came as a great surprise to the relatives and to the many friends of the young people in this locality.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sander of this city and has grown to manhood in this community, where his family are old time residents and the bride is also well known in this city as her family have been residents at La Platte for a great many years and she is numbered among the popular young ladies of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Sander are now enjoying a short honeymoon and have not as yet completed their plans for the future as to their location as they start out life as one.

CAMP FIRE SLUMBER PARTY

From Friday's Daily—Last evening Gertrude Valley entertained sixteen of her Campfire girl friends to a social meeting followed by a slumber party.

Various parlor games were played. Prizes were awarded to Bernese Arn and Winifred Rainey. Music was furnished by the radio for dancing, also several piano solos by different members of the party. At a late hour refreshments were served after which they all retired.

Upon rising in the morning the girls were ushered to the dining room, where the table was beautifully decorated with pink roses and pink candles. For a centerpiece was a birthday cake with 13 glaring candles designating it was Gertrude's 13th birthday. The girls gathered around the table after the curtains were drawn and candles lit, and sang the birthday song to Gertrude.

Then they were seated and served a two-course breakfast by Mrs. Valley and daughters, Helen and Marie.

PURCHASES CLEANING BUSINESS

From Friday's Daily—The Spic and Span establishment which has been owned and operated by Max Novinski for the past several months was sold yesterday by the owner to William Dettmer of Nebraska City, who has been operating a shop in that place for some years. The new owners of the shop are preparing to take charge of the shop at once and expect, the coming week, to move to the building on South Sixth street where the Maytag company has been maintaining their offices and salesrooms.

The new owner of the cleaning establishment is a man of experience and will give this city a fine service in keeping with the policy of his successor. Mr. Novinski will continue with the Spic and Span shop and assist the new owner in the tailoring department of the business.

All the news in the Journal.

MRS. SIEMONEIT IMPROVING

From Saturday's Daily—The general condition of Mrs. Fritz Siemoneit, victim of the shooting affray of last Thursday night, who is at the hospital in Omaha, recovering from the effect of the shooting, seems to be much better. It is thought that Mrs. Siemoneit will probably recover from the shooting but may bear permanent effects of the injuries that she received in the near tragedy. The shot that shattered her shoulder and arm, shot away some four inches and never from the arm and which it is very difficult to overcome and while every possible aid of medical and surgical science is being given the lady, she may have a permanently useless arm as the result of the injuries.

Summer Season of Band Concerts is Now Started

Opening Event of the Season Presented Last Evening at Court House—Many Enjoy Event

From Friday's Daily—The summer season of band concerts which have each year made a great entertainment feature in this city, opened last evening with a fine concert given by the Eagles band at the court house lawn.

The band has been practicing for the past winter season and kept themselves in the highest efficiency for the opening of the season and their artistic presentation of the program last evening was one that everyone enjoyed and the various numbers were warmly applauded by the audience that grouped on the benches along the walks and in the parked autos that lined the streets in the vicinity of the court house.

The band was under the direction of W. R. Holly as leader and gave a program of the standard and popular numbers that was well selected and presented in a very fine manner.

While this concert was offered on Thursday evening, it is planned to have the concerts presented in the future on Wednesday evening of each week and which will be continued until the first of September and provide the public with a great entertainment feature that will have a great appeal to the public.

WILL ATTEND CAMP SHELDON

From Saturday's Daily—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rawls departed this afternoon for Columbus, Nebraska, where they go to enjoy a few days stay at Camp Sheldon, the Y. M. C. A. recreation spot of the eastern portion of Nebraska.

A meeting of all of the state officers of the Y. M. C. A. will be held over the week end at Camp Sheldon. The wives of the officers being invited to join in the pleasant gathering and the members of the party will have the full enjoyment of the camp at their disposal as the camp will not be thrown open to the annual groups of boys until the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rawls will spend several days at the camp as Mr. Rawls has been asked by the directors of the camp to assist in getting a course of archery started in the camp among the boys that will arrive on Monday morning for the ten day stay at the camp.

In the archery course Mr. Rawls will be assisted by Ralph Olsen of this city, an expert with the bow and the two will get this interesting and delightful pastime started for the camp period.

DEPARTS FOR ILLINOIS

From Saturday's Daily—This morning Mr. and Mrs. Phil Sauter, president of the Nebraska Masonic Home, departed for Illinois where they will enjoy a visit there with the relatives and old time friends. They will stop at Pekin, the former home of Mrs. Sauter for a time and then go to the nearby town of Manitou, where Mr. Sauter was brought up and attended school and which place he has not seen for more than forty years. Mr. Sauter was brought by his parents to Manitou when a small lad of ten years and spent many happy years there. He has four sisters living in that locality and with whom he will enjoy a visit that will be much enjoyed after the many years of absence, as well as renewing the friendships among the old friends of the years long ago.

INSTALL A REAL SIGN

The Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co., one of the largest utility companies in the west and which has been giving the greatest of service to the residents of this part of Nebraska, has added to its equipment here a feature that is not only a great advertisement for the company but a real addition to the business section of the city.

This is a large electric sign that will be visible from any part of the business section of the city and give the residents the location of the business offices of the southeastern district of Nebraska.

FINE WEDDING DINNER

On Thursday evening, a 6 o'clock wedding dinner was given by Mr. and Mrs. Hammond Sharp on North 8th street, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Decker whose marriage occurred in Omaha on Wednesday afternoon.

The Sharp home was very beautifully arranged in the decorations of the garden flowers, roses and lilies and here amid this very charming surrounding the delightful dinner was served.

The large wedding cake that added to the beauty of the scene was cut by the bride and distributed among the guests present.

Frank Miller Injured in Railroad Wreck

Plattsmouth Man Injured at Orange, Ohio, and Now at Hospital at Sharon, Penn.

From Saturday's Daily—This morning Mrs. Emma Miller of this city, received a letter from Sharon, Pennsylvania, lodging of the Loyal Order of Moose, confirming the telegraphic message of yesterday in regard to the injury of her son, Frank A. J. Miller.

The letter states that Frank was injured in a railroad wreck at Orange, Ohio, Thursday night and that he had been brought on into Sharon, Pennsylvania, just a few miles away and was at the Buhl hospital at that place. The young man was found badly injured and unconscious in the debris of the wreck and from the card of identification of the Moose, found on his person, his identification was made possible.

The letter states that the young man has a very severe cut on the head from his nose back over the top of the head, a skull fracture and many other severe bruises over the body and that his face is a mass of splinters from the wreckage of the car into which the man was evidently forced in the wreck.

His condition is most grave and the report came as a great shock to the members of the family here and from the message and letter the outcome of his case is the matter of the gravest doubt.

The local post of the American Legion, of which Mr. Miller is a member, is getting in touch with the service men's organization at Sharon, to learn of the progress of the case and to assure Mr. Miller all possible aid in his unfortunate accident. Mr. Miller has a sister residing at Chicago, who has been notified by the relatives here of the accident, and if possible she will go to Sharon to be with the injured brother.

GIVE FAREWELL FOR FRIENDS

From Friday's Daily—Last evening Judge and Mrs. James T. Begley entertained at their pleasant home in the north portion of the city in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reed who are soon to leave for Iowa City, Iowa, to make their future home and where Mr. Reed has purchased an interest in a furniture factory.

The attractive Begley home was arranged in the charm of the summer flowers, the brilliant red roses being used extensively in the decorations of the home.

The affair was in the nature of a bridge party and in the playing, the first ladies prize being won by Mrs. R. P. Westover and the second by Mrs. B. A. Rosencrans, while William A. Robertson was the winner of the first prize and Dr. J. A. Griffin the second prize winner for the gentlemen.

During the course of the delightful evening dainty refreshments were served by the hostess who was assisted by her daughter, Miss Violette. The forewell had as an out of town guest, Mrs. W. H. O'Hara, of Hastings, the mother of Mrs. Reed.

STILL IN THE GAME

Some thirty years ago James Grace was a familiar figure in this city and was a loyal and enthusiastic democrat and served the city for many years on the police force. He was later connected with the police department at Omaha and the following from the South Omaha Sun, indicates that the veteran policeman is still alert and interested in the progress of the world:

"Daddy" Grace, venerable court officer, is a great reader of political news and keeps right up to date with the transpiring events of the convention at Houston. He was just one jump ahead of his next-door neighbor who didn't think Smith would be nominated on the first ballot. After "Daddy" had read that the Ohio delegation was going to switch to Smith, it was a certainty in the mind of the veteran officer that Al would go over the top in the first round and he said so.

The Grace neighbor was willing to bet he wouldn't and said so. Officer Grace was willing, too, and the bet was made. "Daddy" is carrying around a pocket full of fine perfects this morning—"Smith Wins On First Ballot" says the headlines.

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