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Passing of Old Time Railroad Worker

Con Gillespie Passed Away Sunday Night at St. Joseph Hospital After Long Illness.

From Monday's Daily— Last evening at 6:30 at the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha occurred the death of Con Gillespie, veteran Burlington employe and a resident of Plattsmouth for the past forty years.

The death of this genial resident brings to a close a long and useful lifetime, largely spent in this community and where the deceased has been a real friend to a large number of associates and a task was too exacting that he would not do for one that he knew as a friend.

Cornelius Gillespie was a native of Ireland where he was born some sixty-five years ago near the town of Londonderry, and where when a child of tender years he was orphaned and was brought up by an uncle residing near the town of Londonderry.

Mr. Gillespie arrived here when sixteen years of age and has since made his home here, becoming a citizen and a loyal and earnest defender of the teachings of the American government.

Some five years ago Mr. Gillespie was retired from active work on the section force and has since that time spent the time in work at Omaha which did not require any special services and was soon to have been pensioned from the railroad service.

Mr. Gillespie has been in poor health for several years and was operated on several years ago in the hope of giving him some relief, but later he has been in failing health and conditions finally made necessary his going to the hospital three weeks ago and where his condition was found to be such as to give no hope of his recovery.

The deceased is survived by a sister living in Ireland and whom she is the only close relative surviving.

DEATH OF MRS. CREELEY

The Sunday morning Mrs. C. F. Creeley, one of the residents of west Marble street, passed away at the home after an illness of several years which had rendered her almost helpless. She has been an invalid and confined to her home for the greater part of the time.

The family came to this city some seven years ago and Mrs. Creeley has made home here with her sister, Miss Effa Creeley, since that time. While suffering from very poor health and unable to enjoy the usual activities of life, Mrs. Creeley made the friendship of a large number and who regret very much to learn of her passing and extend to the family the deepest sympathy in the hour of sorrow at the taking away of the mother.

Mrs. Creeley was born July 23, 1859 near the present site of Tekamah, Nebraska, and has lived her lifetime in this state. She is survived by two children, Miss Effa of this city and Frank Creeley of Falls City.

DELPHIAN SOCIETY MEETS

From Tuesday's Daily— Last evening the Delphian society met at the home of Mrs. C. C. Westcott at Seventh and Main street and with a large number of the members present to take part in the meeting.

The subject of the evening was that of "The Constitution," as a part of the American history program that the society is studying for this year. Miss Mia Gering was leader of the meeting and a very fine lesson presentation was enjoyed by the members.

HENRY BARTEK FUNERAL

From Wednesday's Daily— This morning the funeral services of the late Henry Bartek were held at the Holy Rosary church on west Pearl street and very largely attended by the friends and associates of the deceased young man whose death as the result of injuries received in an auto accident occurred Sunday morning.

The requiem mass was celebrated by Father Jerry Hanek, pastor of the church and assisted by the choir. The burial was at the Catholic cemetery and the body was borne to the last rest by cousins and close friends of the departed, James and John Wondra, George Sedlacek, Frank Bacura, Emil A Koukal and Frank E. Koubek.

Well Known Poultry Dealer Recently Wed

Sam A. Moye of This City and Bride Announce Wedding Occurring Last Fall at St. Louis

Sam R. Moye, local poultry and produce dealer, last October stole away to St. Louis with the announced intention of entering the World's series and while there also scored a "home run" himself, the announcement being made yesterday of the marriage of Mr. Moye and Mrs. Ida T. Cox, which occurred on October 8th at St. Charles, Missouri.

The wedding marks the culmination of a love story which began when the bride and groom were youngsters in Posey county, Indiana, where their families have been numbered among the earliest settlers of near New Harmony, Indiana, the young people were friends there as their families have been for many years, but later Mr. Moye removed from that locality and in the years both were married and now in the later years again find their romance renewed and culminating in the happy marriage at St. Charles.

The wedding was a very quiet one and the bride coming from New Harmony, met Mr. Moye at St. Louis and they were married at the parsonage of the Fifth street Methodist church at St. Charles, the wedding being kept a close secret from the closest of the friends both here and at the home of the bride in Indiana.

Sunday Mrs. Moye arrived here from New Harmony and the family are now getting settled in the apartments in the Wurl building at Sixth and Main streets and where they will be at home to their friends in the future.

The many friends in this city will join in their well wishes to this estimable couple and a hearty welcome to the charming lady that has come here to make her home.

FUNERAL OF WILL HIRZ

From Monday's Daily— The funeral services of the late Will Hirz were held yesterday afternoon at the Sattler funeral home at Fourth and Vine street and was attended by a very large number of the old time friends and neighbors who gathered to share with the members of the family circle the sorrow that the death of the departed had brought.

The services were conducted by the Rev. O. G. Wichmann, pastor of the St. Paul's Evangelical church, who gave a short sketch of the life of this young man, born and reared in Cass county and who died as the effects of the injuries received in an auto accident at Omaha on the night of March 4th, and the pastor also gave words of comfort and hope to the members of the family circle in the message of the future reunion in the hereafter when partings shall have ceased.

The junior choir gave two of the old and loved hymns, "Asleep in Jesus," and "If I Could Be."

At the close of the services the body was taken to the Oak Hill cemetery to be consigned to the last long rest in that city of the silent.

PLEASED WITH SUCCESS

In the spelling contest here Saturday afternoon Miss Ruby Sutton was second in the written and Miss Ione Barnard one of the leading contenders in the oral spelling contest. Both of these young girls are pupils of the Kenosha school in district No. 8, and of which Miss Gladys Bushnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bushnell, and a graduate of the Plattsmouth high school is the teacher.

The success and showing of the young pupils was most pleasing to the teacher and the ladies were here over Sunday as guests of Miss Bushnell.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

From Tuesday's Daily— Mrs. E. A. Fricke of this city was operated on yesterday afternoon at the Nicholas Senn hospital at Omaha and at the last reports was doing just as well as could be expected under the circumstances and the short time following the operation. It is hoped that Mrs. Fricke will soon be able to recover her former health and return home to this city.

VERY HAPPY OCCASION

From Wednesday's Daily— The announcement has been received here of the arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Squires at Dixon, Nebraska, of a fine seven and a half pound daughter, Mrs. Squires is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rauen of this city and the news of the happy event is learned with pleasure by the old time friends in this community.

County Spelling Contest Held at the Court House

Dorothy Gollner, of Avoca, and Leo Sikora of This City Win Written and Oral Tests.

The county spelling contest held at the court house here last Saturday drew a large number to Plattsmouth from the towns and districts close to the gravel roads and some twenty-seven pupils were present at the district court room when the contest was opened by Miss Alpha Peterson, the efficient county superintendent, whose interest in the development of this line of study has done much to improve the standards of the young people of the schools.

The contest was conducted by R. W. Eaton, of Omaha, who gave the words to the contestants and the papers were judged and graded by R. Foster Patterson, of the Plattsmouth high school, Miss Jessie Whelan and Miss Marie Kaufmann of the local school, and Mrs. Wm. Schmidtman, Jr.

In the written contest held first in the morning, Miss Dorothy Gollner, of Avoca, was the first place winner, with Miss Ruby Sutton of south of this city, second.

The oral contest in the afternoon was one filled with the greatest of interest, first honors being won by Leo Sikora, age 13, a pupil of the St. John's parochial school of this city, with Bernice Ripley, of South Bend, second.

The contest between the written and oral winners for the honor of representing Cass county in the statewide contest sponsored by the Omaha World-Herald was a real contest, including both written and oral tests, and resulted in Leo Sikora being declared the winner and as a result he will represent Cass county in this event.

The two winners—Miss Gollner and Master Sikora—will represent the county at the Interstate contest to be held at South Sioux City and also at the state fair contest in Lincoln next September.

The success of the young man from the local parochial school has been very pleasing to the instructors of the school, where a special effort is made to teach correct spelling as one of the basic rudiments of learning at St. John's school.

YOUNG PEOPLE MARRIED

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Ruth Frances Thomesen, second daughter of Mrs. Ruth Sayles Thomesen, and the late Andy Thomesen, to Mr. John Milton Newton, both of Plattsmouth, which occurred Saturday March ninth at 12 o'clock at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Ruth Frances has been a most popular young lady among the young men and beloved by all who have made her acquaintance. She is an accomplished musician and a senior in high school.

Mr. Newton is widely known in this community having been here since childhood and is a man of sterling qualities.

The bridal couple were attended by Hope Thomesen, sister of the bride and W. Edward Krug of Wells, Kansas, acting as brides maid and best man.

The bride was a very beautiful being gowned in a gray tweed ensemble suit with hat and gloves to match, while the brides maid suit was a beautiful tan tweed ensemble suit with hat and gloves to match.

The groom and best man were attended in blue serge suits.

The bride's mother, assisted by Mrs. C. A. Marshall, Jr., served a beautiful 6 course evening luncheon to the bridal party on their return. The young couple expect to make their home in Omaha in the future.

SHIPS BROOMS TO OMAHA

From Tuesday's Daily— This morning James Rebal, the local broom maker, shipped a large consignment of his well known brooms to Omaha, where they are being handled by the stores at that place who recognize the quality of the Plattsmouth made brooms and are taking advantage of the opportunity of securing them.

Mr. Rebal has been engaged in this line of work for many years and produces brooms of all kinds that compare with any sold any place in the country. The brooms were shipped via the Burlington to Omaha and will give the householders there the chance to secure the very best kind of a broom at the most reasonable price.

VERY HAPPY EVENT

Miss Sharon Catherine Hill, arrived Saturday evening at the Methodist hospital at Omaha and will make her home with the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill, in the future. The occasion has brought a great deal of happiness to the parents, this being the first child in the family and also has brought a great deal of joy to Mr. Murray Hill of Fremont, the little girl being the first grandchild in the family. All concerned are doing nicely. Mrs. Hill was formerly Miss Sylvia Noble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Noble of this city.

Death of Henry Bartek, Victim of Auto Wreck

Unconscious for Six Days, Plattsmouth Young man Dies at St. Catherine's Hospital.

From Monday's Daily— The second death as the result of the auto accident in which the auto carrying Henry Bartek and William Hirz of this city crashed into a street car at Jefferson street and Railroad avenue, Omaha, occurred early Sunday morning when Mr. Bartek passed away at the St. Catherine's hospital on Thursday evening.

Since the accident on Monday night Mr. Bartek has lain at the St. Catherine's hospital in an unconscious condition and while every effort was made to give him some relief from his suffering and to revive him from the coma into which he had laid since being brought to the hospital. The attending surgeons have had but little hopes of his recovery as the injured man was suffering from a severe concussion of the brain.

The deceased was twenty-eight years of age and was born in Cass county, residing on a farm near this city for a number of years. He was reared and received his education here and possesses a very large circle of friends in this community who have anxiously awaited word from him from the time he was unable to rally and recover from the effects of the auto accident.

Mr. Bartek is survived by the father, Paul Bartek, Sr., the mother preceding his death, six brothers and one half-brother, John Fessler of Omaha, Paol, Fred, William, George Bartek of this city and Wesley Bartek of Pueblo, Colorado, as well as one sister, Mrs. Joe Benak of this city.

The body of Mr. Bartek was brought to this city on the 4:30 Burlington train and taken to the Janda mortuary until the funeral on Wednesday morning.

High Water Traps Family on River Bar

Sudden Rise in Missouri Here Makes Necessary Rescue of Grover Elledge Family Today.

From Wednesday's Daily— A sudden rise in the water in the first channel of the Missouri river east of the city baseball park, trapped Mrs. Grover Elledge and the five children in their home on the large bar east of the first channel and made necessary the rescue of the family by boat from the house where the waters were threatening to sweep into the building at any moment.

The plight of the family was discovered by Richard Schlieske who was looking after some stock at the farm just east of the Burlington station and was attracted by the cries of the members of the Elledge family from the house a short distance away, across the channel.

Mr. Elledge had gone to Omaha this morning to work and left the boat that has been used since the opening of the river to get back and across the channel, on this side of the stream. At the time there was no apparent showing of high water and it came very suddenly. A small gorge of ice forming caused the water to rise very rapidly and soon had the house surrounded and with the increasing raise the water was soon necessary the rescue of the family by boat from the house where the waters were unable to make their escape.

Mr. Schlieske came on up to the main part of the city and getting in touch with Ed Brantner at the Hotel Forts, the services of John Rice, the Elledge riverman, was secured and he rowed across the channel, now a real river in size, and was able to bring the members of the family to the Nebraska shore and where they will have to remain until the dangers of the high water is down.

The Elledge family have had to move several times in past years from the island home in the high water periods, but the raise was so sudden this morning that they were unable to get any of their household goods or even the members of the family from the danger zone before the rushing waters surrounded the house and offered a real danger to them.

Fire Damages Gobelman Paint Store Last Night

Fire Gains Much Headway and Only Hard Work by Department Confines Fire to Building.

From Tuesday's Daily— Last night at 12:30 Clarence Cotner, bus driver starting on his homeward journey up Main street was attracted by a glow on the interior of the F. R. Gobelman paint and wall paper store in the A. W. White building near the corner of Sixth and Main street, and as Mr. Cotner stopped to investigate he saw the tongue of flame sweep upward along the side of the enclosed stairway and the starting of a fire that did a great deal of damage to the building before the blaze was finally extinguished through the splendid work of the fire department.

The fire originated in the rear of the main store building and was caused either by the stove or combustion of rags which may have been left there. Fire Chief O. Sandin, rather favors the combustion idea as to the cause of the fire.

Near where the fire started in the enclosed stairway and which catching on fire allowed the blaze to travel upward and on to the frame work of the skylight and the flames were soon shooting skyward from the rear part of the main store room.

The night police secured entrance to the store building and at that time the fire was making much headway and past the stage where the chemical fire extinguishers were able to hold the blaze down and it was not until the arrival of the fire department and the playing of two streams of water on the blaze that it was under control.

The fire gutted the ceiling at the rear of the main store room and the portion of the ceiling has sagged badly in that part of the store as the result of the destructive work of the fire.

Volunteer workers were able to remove the stock of brushes in a show case at the front of the building as well as a case of high priced enamels, before the fire had reached its worst stage, the enamel material stored there and which if exposed to the fire would undoubtedly have caused explosions that would have spread the blaze into the adjoining buildings, occupied by the H. M. Soennichsen Co., on the east and the E. A. Wurl store on the west.

The celler of the Gobelman building as well as that of the Soennichsen building adjoining, had considerable amount of material stored there and which if exposed to the fire would undoubtedly have caused explosions that would have spread the blaze into the adjoining buildings, occupied by the H. M. Soennichsen Co., on the east and the E. A. Wurl store on the west.

The extent of damage to the surrounding buildings as there were a number of barrels of oil, varnish and other inflammable material stored there and which if exposed to the fire would undoubtedly have caused explosions that would have spread the blaze into the adjoining buildings, occupied by the H. M. Soennichsen Co., on the east and the E. A. Wurl store on the west.

It follows, therefore, that the law sought to be enjoined is valid enforceable, and that the fact that in the exercise of police power property is depressed or destroyed, where its use, thru a change of policy becomes unlawful, is not a valid reason for withholding an order of enforcement.

FUNERAL OF MRS. SVOBODA

From Wednesday's Daily— The funeral services of Mrs. Frank J. Svoboda of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, were held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kostka, the former a brother of the deceased. The services were attended by a large number of the old time friends of the family and the Kostka home on North 10th street was filled by those who came to pay their last tributes of love and respect to this estimable lady who had been called to the last rest.

The death of Mrs. Svoboda occurred on Saturday evening at the Swedish Mission hospital at Omaha where the patient has been for some time taking treatment. The body was brought here to the old home city of the family to be laid to the last long rest.

HELD UP BY HIGH WATER

Mrs. A. S. Ghrist and daughter, Miss Frances, who have been visiting at points in northern Iowa for the past several days, are being detained from their return home by the fact that there is considerable high water in that section of Iowa where they are visiting and which is crippling very badly the service on the Chicago and Northwestern railroad. They were at Des Moines and then came on to Jefferson, where the mother of Mrs. Ghrist resides and just after they reached that place the Des Moines river started a sudden raise and which has interfered with travel and also smaller streams are up and making trouble with auto and railroad travel in that section of Iowa.

Seining in the Missouri River Under State Rule

The supreme court entered an order dismissing the suit brought in Lancaster county and won there by W. H. Miller and other fishermen who use seines and traps to catch their prey in the waters of the Missouri river, and who asked for an order enjoining the department of agriculture from interfering with their operations. A state law prohibits this sort of fishing in that stream, and the plaintiffs, who say they make a living catching and selling fish therefrom contended that a law made by Nebraska could not be operative unless Iowa, which exercises jurisdiction to the middle of the stream, joined with it in such prohibition.

Supreme Court Holds That State of Nebraska Has Jurisdiction Over Half of River

In an opinion written by Justice Rose, the court says that the states have no treaty right powers; that the east boundary of the state of Nebraska is in the middle of the river, and that the act of congress granting the two states concurrent jurisdiction does not prevent Nebraska from exercising criminal and civil jurisdiction over its half nor from enforcing law forbidding nets, traps and seines in that part of the stream.

The services of the evening became a success. The audience brought questions and they were answered. For instance: What is your first thought in the morning? The first thought of the morning usually becomes the ruling idea of the day. Another question, What must I do to find anything lost? Speak it ever with God in olden times the people went to the soothsayer in order to find out where lost things were. Even now people are doing that. The Christian steps to God in prayer. The prayer sobers his mind, clears the clouds away, memory becomes strengthened and the object is found. The idea of the open forum struck and the "quiz service" may be repeated next month.

It follows, therefore, that the law sought to be enjoined is valid enforceable, and that the fact that in the exercise of police power property is depressed or destroyed, where its use, thru a change of policy becomes unlawful, is not a valid reason for withholding an order of enforcement.

LAI D TO LAST REST

From Wednesday's Daily— This morning at 9:30 at the St. John's Catholic church was held the funeral services of the late Con Gillespie, veteran railroad worker of the Burlington. The impressive requiem mass of the church was celebrated by Father Moran, associate pastor of the St. Peter's church of Omaha, an old time friend of Mr. Gillespie, the funeral services of the late Con Gillespie, veteran railroad worker of the Burlington. The impressive requiem mass of the church was celebrated by Father Moran, associate pastor of the St. Peter's church of Omaha, an old time friend of Mr. Gillespie, the funeral services of the late Con Gillespie, veteran railroad worker of the Burlington. The impressive requiem mass of the church was celebrated by Father Moran, associate pastor of the St. Peter's church of Omaha, an old time friend of Mr. Gillespie, the funeral services of the late Con Gillespie, veteran railroad worker of the Burlington. 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