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## Missouri River Takes Toll of 4 Lives Sunday

### Party of Nebraska City Men Have Skiff Overturned in Rough Water and Perish

When rough water in the Missouri river upset their boat Sunday afternoon, four men, members of prominent Nebraska City and Lincoln families, were thrown into the mile-wide river, east of Union, and are believed to have lost their lives. Intensive search of the banks for nearly 10 miles below the scene of the accident had failed to reveal any trace of their bodies Sunday night.

Friends from Nebraska City with whom the men had been talking only a few moments before the fatal accident, saw the boat upset in the turbulent water, and impotent to give help, watched them struggle and disappear.

Those in the boat were: Dr. J. H. Whisler, dentist, whose parents live at Lincoln.

Charles Foley, Nebraska City jeweler.

Robert Hansen, Jr., employe of the electric company at Nebraska City.

Foy Allen, operator of a tire shop.

"Waves Were High."

Three of the four, with John Reed, C. L. Paulsen and John Beck, maintain a hunting shack on the Iowa side of the Missouri river just below Union.

Members of the Sunday party had gone to the shack to take a boat ride, originally intending to be home by noon, according to friends.

They waited longer than they had intended, however, and during the afternoon crossed the river, visiting for a time with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Klein and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hutchinson, who share in a similar hunting shack on the Nebraska side of the river.

"Then they started back," Klein said. "The waves were awfully high. The four of them were pretty heavily loaded for the small boat with its outboard motor."

"We watched them as they crossed the river, and when they got near the Iowa side they ran into even rougher water than on our side. The boat capsized, and finally sank, and we could see some of the party in the water. Then we couldn't see them any more."

"It was impossible for us to do anything. We could not have reached them even with a boat much better than there is on the river. The river is more than a mile across there."

Near Jones Point.

Mrs. Klein had told Sheriff Carl Ryder of Otoe county, who was called, that one of the men tried to crawl into the overturned boat.

Hours later, as searching parties scoured the banks and the stream itself, a gasoline can and an oar from the ill-fated boat were found, two miles farther downstream.

The accident occurred near what is known as Jones point, three and a half miles east of Union, and about a mile south, and about 10 or 11 miles from Nebraska City.

Sunday night preparations were being made for an intensive dragging of the river today, using seven or eight boats. Because of their friends having seen the boat upset, plans were abandoned for hunting with searchlights during the night.

Allen was married, and had two children. The other victims were single.

"One Chance in Hundred."

Foley shared in ownership of the Klein-Hutchinson hunting shack on the Nebraska side, but was with the other party Sunday. The group owning the Iowa shack and the boat had been going there frequently for several seasons, and Sunday's trip was the third or fourth of the present year.

Sheriff Ryder said Sunday night, after he returned to Nebraska City that there was less than one chance in a hundred that any of the four victims might have been swept to any point on the bank alive, and Klein pointed out that nearly every foot of the river bank for several miles had been covered by searchers.

Farmers living near the accident scene reported having heard that the capsized boat had been recovered late Sunday night, but this report was not verified.

Hansen was steering the boat at the time of the tragedy, Klein reported.

## LOCAL MEN LIBERAL

When the delegation of members of the Royal Arch Masons from this city journeyed to St. Joseph, Missouri, Saturday, two of the party showed that they were no tightwads and that they are ready and willing at all times to help out others. The two gentlemen accompanied the caravan of local Masons and when they came to the crossing of the mighty Missouri into St. Joseph they gallily drove over the old bridge at Atchison where they were required to pay toll having failed to note that the other members of the party had gone over the new memorial bridge that is free.

## OLD TIME RESIDENT HERE

James Worden, who made his home in this locality some twenty-five years ago and who is now located in Keya Paha county, came in Sunday for a visit with the old time friends and amid the once familiar scenes of his youth. There were not a great many that he recalled save in the old residents who were of mature years during his residence here, the youngsters of twenty-five years ago having grown out of his recollection. Mr. Worden left today for Osceola, Iowa, where his aged father, W. M. Worden, now almost ninety years of age, resides.

## Trade - Fashion Show will Have Many Entries

### Business Houses of the City Are Planning a Very Large Showing at Exposition

The interest in the Merchants Trade and Fashion Show which is to be held April 23rd to 26th inclusive, at the American Legion community building, is fast growing and already the list of those who are wishing space for booths at the show is quite large and the committee expects that practically every business house of the city will be represented at the show when the opening date rolls around.

The event is a joint project of the American Legion post and the retail section of the Chamber of Commerce of the city and will accordingly exceed the show of last year, both as to the number exhibiting and the array of entertaining features that will be presented each night.

Among the business houses of the city that have already made application for space at the big show include the following: H. M. Soennichsen Co., Black & White, Weyrich & Hatake, Ladies Toggery, C. E. Wescott's Sons, Knorr Variety store, William Schmidtman, Plattsmouth Water Corporation, Bestor & Swatek, Ole Oil Co., Farmers Co-Operative Creamery, Service Chevrolet Co., Jess F. Wurga, Lugsch, the Cleaner, M. D. Brown.

The committee is working hard on the development of their plans for entertainment and have some real features that they will offer at the big show and which will be well worth enjoying by the residents of this section.

## YOUNG ARTIST GAINS FAME

John Phillip Falter, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Falter, formerly of this city but now of Kansas City, is gaining an extensive reputation as an artist in his new home community and his work has attracted widespread attention in that city. The young man is a student at the Kansas City Art Institute, he having followed his natural talent in drawing, and since he has been attending the art institute he has been given many flattering assignments by the institute, one of the largest schools of its kind in the west. The latest assignment given Mr. Falter is that of standing in the lobby of the "Newman" theatre at Kansas City and sketching likeness of a person in two and a half minutes and he requests the subjects to pose for a few moments and then hands them the completed sketch and which are real works of art in every way.

## BASEBALL PLAYERS LIMBER UP

The warm weather Sunday had the effect of bringing a number of the baseball players out of their winter hibernation and throwing the old ball around for a few hours and getting the batting eye working. There are a number of the players here and who are now agitating the question of whether or not the city will have a team this season or not. Last year the local players joined largely in the games at the Murray Bathing beach, reinforcing the players of that city and whether or not this will be the case this year has not been determined.

The bad condition of the grounds here and the fact that the property at the ball park has gone to the bad in the recent years makes it a matter of difficulty to get a proper place to play the great national pastime.

## RAIN AND HAIL

From Monday's Daily— The first real storm of the spring season swept over this part of Nebraska last night and brought one of the usual March freaks in the way of rain and wind. The storm broke about 8 o'clock here and was a very heavy rainfall that continued off and on for the greater portion of the night. West and north of this city a very heavy hail storm was reported in the eastern part of Sarpy county and continuing in the vicinity of Ashland and Lincoln. A great many of the motorists from this city who were enjoying their Sunday outing found themselves in bad straits owing to the storm and experienced considerable difficulty in getting back to their homes.

## Sattler to Head Democratic City Ticket

### Present City Officials Are Again Named by the City Convention

From Tuesday's Daily—

- Democratic Ticket
- Mayor—John P. Sattler
- Clerk—Herman L. Thomas
- Treasurer—John E. Kirkham
- Police Judge—C. L. Graves
- Councilmen
- First Ward—F. M. Bestor, (to fill vacancy), Carl Kunsmann.
- Second Ward—Warren A. Tulene.
- Third Ward—Frank J. Libershal.
- Fourth Ward—C. A. Johnson.
- Fifth Ward—C. L. Pittman, (to fill vacancy), Henry F. Lutz.

The democratic city convention assembled at the court house last evening and despite the bad weather that prevailed there were a very pleasing number present and including a large group of the lady members of the party present.

The convention was called to order by Joseph A. Capwell and the convention at the request of Mr. Capwell made the selection of a temporary organization that was later made permanent when Mayor John P. Sattler was named as the chairman and Hillard Grassman as secretary.

The convention was soon grinding on its way and the name of Mr. Sattler was presented for re-nomination to the convention by J. A. Capwell while that of former Mayor C. A. Johnson was placed before the convention by H. F. Lutz.

The nomination of Herman L. Thomas for city clerk and John E. Kirkham for city treasurer were made unanimously as was that of Judge Charles L. Graves for the office of police judge.

The various ward groups then held their meetings to nominate and report the candidates for councilmen to the convention and with the result that the following were named:

- First Ward—F. M. Bestor, (to fill vacancy), Carl Kunsmann.
- Second Ward—Warren A. Tulene.
- Third Ward—Frank J. Libershal.
- Fourth Ward—C. A. Johnson.
- Fifth Ward—C. L. Pittman, (to fill vacancy), Henry F. Lutz.

The selection of the city committee was made by the nomination of the following:

- First Ward—Fred P. Busch, Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans.
- Second Ward—W. A. Swatek, Mrs. John F. Gorder.
- Third Ward—Hillard Grassman, Mrs. F. A. Fricke.
- Fourth Ward—R. W. Clement, Mrs. David Pickrel.
- Fifth Ward—William Kief, Mrs. Ed Gobelman.

The convention selected as the chairman of the city central committee Claude C. Smith and then adjourned to give way to the school meeting.

## DOING A FINE BUSINESS

Raymond Lohnes of the Lohnes Lumber and Grain Company of Cedar Creek, is doing a very fine business at this time not alone in the handling of the grain which comes to Cedar Creek, but also in the manufacture and sale of hog and chicken houses of the brooder type. With Robert H. Newell at the head of the manufacturing portion of the concern, they are turning out many houses for the hogs and poultry. They make the A style if desired and many other of the colony pattern which combines some from two to four in one building, and are made in sections so that they can be taken apart loaded in a wagon or truck and transported to any part of the country which may be desired and very quickly assembled again when ever wanted.

## AFTER TWENTY-FOUR YEARS

Charles Kurtz and family of Omaha were visiting with friends in Plattsmouth on last Sunday, and also were at the Oak Hill cemetery, where Mr. Kurtz's father, Adam Kurtz, who was sexton of the cemetery for years is buried. Mr. Kurtz as well as a brother, Adam Kurtz, Jr., are both engineers for the Terminal Company in Omaha. Mr. Kurtz left Plattsmouth some twenty-four years ago, and was for a time in Omaha and later going to California and thence to North Dakota, where he was married some eight years ago. He had been in Omaha now for the past six years, and came down to visit the old time scenes and friends of former years.

## CHARGED WITH BAD CHECKS

From Tuesday's Daily— Last evening G. C. Hobbs was placed under arrest on a complaint filed against him by County Attorney W. G. Kieck, charging the defendant with having passed a check for \$15 on Douglas McCrary, which check was not honored. The defendant was arraigned in the county court before A. H. Dabbury and to the charge entered a plea of not guilty. The hearing was set for Saturday morning and the amount of bond fixed at \$200 which has so far not been supplied.

Mr. Hobbs claims that he has funds which are temporarily tied up in a bank at University Place and inability to get these funds has caused his present difficulties.

## Present Very Fine Pageant at M. E. Church

### Standard Bearers of the Church Give Fine Presentation of Religious Play

From Monday's Daily— Last evening at the regular worship hour at the Methodist church the Standard Bearers of the church, an organization of the high school girls, presented a very fine rendition of the play or pageant, "Lydia—a Seller of Purple," which was enjoyed by an exceptionally large audience of the church members and the general public.

This play was laid in Phillip in the first century of the Christian era, and each of the young ladies taking part were well cast in their roles.

Those who took part in the pageant and their roles were, "Lydia, Miss Jean Hayes; "Aedabia," Miss Georgia Sullivan; "Rhea," Miss Dorothy Farmer; "Isis," Miss Helen Schultz.

Much credit for the success of the offering is due to Miss Alice Funk, under whose direction the play was presented.

The high school glee club under the direction of Miss Ruth Lindsay sang very beautifully "Lift Thine Eyes" by Mendelssohn, while Miss Marjorie Ann and Miss Margaret Shellenbarger were heard in a very fine duet that added much to the program.

The entertainment was presided over by Rev. H. G. McClusky, president of the Standard Bearer.

## Presbyterian Church Holds Rally Sunday

### Very Large Attendance and Much Interest Shown in the Observance of Day.

From Monday's Daily— During the Lenten season the First Presbyterian church of this city is observing a series of special Sunday observances and which was opened last Sunday, yesterday.

On next Sunday there will be Family day and in which every member with their families are urged to be at the church, on March 30th there will be Canvass Sunday when a check of the church membership will be made and on Sunday, April 6th there will be Neighbor Sunday, at which time the members are urged to bring their neighbor with them to the church services.

At the services yesterday the pastor, Rev. H. G. McClusky read the roll call of the 297 members of the church and acquainting the membership of those who were affiliated with the church.

The choir of the church gave a very beautiful anthem during the services.

## JUNIOR CIRCLE MEETS

The Junior Circle, auxiliary to the Woodmen Circle, held its regular meeting Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Buttery. A large number of juniors were present. All were pleased to have as their visitors, five mothers and two little girls. This was also the birthday of one of the Juniors, so after the business meeting was concluded a large birthday cake, together with other refreshments, was served by the hostess. All were happy and full of praise for the treat. Mrs. Buttery was assisted by Mesdames Pfitzmeier, Kruger and Zatopek. The Junior slogan for their next meeting is: "You Win a Member, I'll Win a Member." The next meeting, April 12th will be at the home of Mrs. Pfitzmeier on north 8th street.

## MRS. RAINEY ILL

From Monday's Daily— The many friends over the city of Mrs. W. H. Rainey will regret to learn that she has been quite poorly for the past few days and yesterday was taken very ill and which has caused some apprehension to the members of the family circle.

## Republicans Hold Regular City Meeting

### Convention Unable to Nominate for Several Offices; Leave to Committee the Task

From Tuesday's Daily—

- Republican Ticket
- Mayor—Vacant
- Treasurer—E. E. Hartford
- Police Judge—C. L. Graves
- Councilmen
- First Ward—E. A. Webb, (to fill vacancy), W. J. Streight.
- Second Ward—W. F. Evers.
- Third Ward—Mrs. E. H. Wescott.
- Fourth Ward—Robert B. Hayes.
- Fifth Ward—Vacant.

The republican city convention at the city library auditorium last evening was organized by the naming of E. H. Wescott as the chairman and Frank A. Clويد as the secretary of the meeting.

The convention spent some time in the selection of a candidate to head the ticket for mayor and nominations and declinations were of Searl S. Davis, George Luschinsky and John L. Tidball, and the matter of filling this position was left to be taken up by the city committee as was that of the city clerkship where there were no willing candidates to be found.

The convention enjoyed a very spirited contest between William Krecklow and C. E. Hartford for treasurer and which resulted in Mr. Hartford being selected for the nomination.

In the councilmanic meeting the following were selected:

- First Ward—E. A. Webb, (to fill vacancy), William J. Streight.
- Second Ward—William F. Evers.
- Third Ward—Mrs. E. H. Wescott.
- Fourth Ward—Robert B. Hayes.
- Fifth Ward—There being no representatives from this ward the matter was left to the committee.

The city central committee as selected by the convention was composed of the following:

- First Ward—H. A. Schneider, Miss Marie Kaufmann.
- Second Ward—J. H. McMaken, Mrs. G. Minor.
- Third Ward—V. T. Arn, Mrs. J. F. Wolf.
- Fourth Ward—John E. Schutz, Mrs. F. R. Gobelman.
- Fifth Ward—Vacant.

## MAKES NOTABLE RECORD

Old time friends here of the T. J. Skoda family will be interested in learning of the notable showing that Ronald Skoda, a son, has made in the basket ball record of 1929-30 in the Atlantic (Iowa) high school team. The young man is center on the team and has one of the outstanding records in high school athletics in the state of Iowa this year and ranks as an all state center. The Atlantic team on Wednesday last, in the district tournament, defeated Thomas Jefferson of Council Bluffs and in this game Skoda made nine field goals and a free toss against the city team and which has in its ranks Oleson, high scorer of the intercity league. The Atlantic team won the district meet on Saturday when they eliminated Manila and in this game Skoda secured nineteen points for his team. The young man is a grandson of Mrs. John Gradoville of this city.

## GIVEN A SURPRISE

John Rummel, one of the well known young farmers of near this city, whose birthday occurred on Monday, was given a very pleasant surprise in honor of the event on Sunday evening when a large number of the friends and neighbors came in and assisted in seeing that the occasion was properly observed. The event was enjoyed in visiting, music and cards and which made the hours pass very enjoyable. At a suitable hour the members of the party were served with a very fine luncheon such as the farm homes of Cass county can alone produce and which made the event one of the rarest pleasure to all.

## RECUPERATING AT HOSPITAL

From Tuesday's Daily— Mrs. Oliver Finniesrock, who was taken to the Methodist hospital in Omaha last Thursday for an operation, is reported getting along very nicely at this time and if she continues to improve as rapidly as during the past few days will be able to return home the latter part of this week.

## TO ATTEND D. A. R. MEET

From Tuesday's Daily— This morning Mrs. E. H. Wescott, state vice-regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. George B. Mann, regent of Fontenelle chapter of this city and Mrs. Frank R. Gobelman, delegate from the Fontenelle chapter, departed for Lincoln where they will attend the opening of the state convention of the order. Mrs. Gobelman has been appointed as a page of the convention by Mrs. Adam McMullen, state regent and will be a very active figure at the state meeting.

## School District Names Candidates

### Meeting of the Voters of the District Select Four Candidates for Offices

From Tuesday's Daily— Last evening the voters of school district No. 1 of Cass county held their meeting at the court house and where those who had attended the regular conventions met in the non-partisan gathering to name the candidates for the positions as members of the board of education.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. Frank L. Cummins, president of the board of education, and Frank A. Clويد, secretary, served in this capacity at the caucus.

President Cummins explained the law requiring the school meeting and that four names must be selected to go on the ballot for the election and of which the two highest would be elected as members of the board.

The greatest of interest was taken in the nomination and the names of Searl S. Davis, R. W. Knorr, Henry F. Goos, Dr. R. F. Westover, L. O. Minor, Mrs. Robert Hayes, and Hiatt, were placed before the caucus.

The presiding officer stated that a majority of all votes cast would be necessary to a choice and the ballot was then taken and a very interesting race held with all of the candidates receiving a good share of the sixty-seven votes cast.

Those who were nominated were Searl S. Davis, 51; R. W. Knorr, 45; H. F. Goos, 43, and L. D. Hiatt, 36, and these gentlemen were duly declared the nominees of the caucus and their names will appear on the ballot at the election on April 1st.

## CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

The twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Albert, well known residents of near Louisville, was observed very pleasantly on Saturday evening at their home when a group of the friends came in to spend the evening and to take part in the showering of well wishes on this estimable couple.

During the evening Rev. A. Lantz, pastor of the Eight Mile Grove Lutheran church, gave a short talk appropriate to the occasion and also gave a blessing on the estimable guests of honor. Very delicious refreshments of ice cream, cake, sandwiches and coffee was served at an appropriate hour.

The event was arranged by Miss Esther Albert, a daughter, and Mrs. August Schmidt, a neighbor now living at Louisville, while Miss Lucille Albert assisted in the serving.

Those attending the event aside from the John Albert family were: Mr. and Mrs. August Engelke, Mr. and Mrs. George Engelke, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Albert, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Sprick, of Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ahl, Mr. and Mrs. August Schmidt, Mrs. Emma Haffinger, and Mrs. A. Lantz and family, Clyde Ahl and Bobbie and Helen Albert.

## CALLED TO UNION

From Tuesday's Daily— This morning at 4 o'clock Sheriff Bert Reed and Deputy Sheriff Rex Young were called to Union where a group of men loafing around the Missouri Pacific passenger station had occasioned more or less alarm from the residents there. The killing on Saturday of a depot employe at Avoca, Iowa, gave reason for a great deal of apprehension from those working at the station and led to the call being made for the sheriff. On the arrival of Sheriff Reed it was found that the party were merely men passing through who had been overtaken by night at the south Cass county town and to escape the wintery blasts were seeking shelter in the depot. One of the party was able to negotiate a ride back to this city with the sheriff and deputy and then made his way over to Glenwood, his destination.

## UNDERGOES OPERATION

From Tuesday's Daily— Louis Taylor of this city, who was operated on Monday morning at the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha for hernia, is reported today as doing as well as possible under the circumstances. Mr. Taylor came through the operation very nicely but is still feeling the effects of the ordeal and his condition is as well as could be expected.

## Dairy Meeting Held Here at Legion Building

### Speakers in Support of Move for Making Drier Stock Greater and Better Yielders

From Wednesday's Daily— Last evening at the American Legion Community building was held a very interesting discussion of the development of the dairy industry in the state and the improvement of this very important part of the Nebraska farm life by the securing the best of stock and butter fat producers among the cows of the state.

D. D. Wainscott, county agent, was in charge of the meeting and which was a real inspiration to the group of men, women and young lads that came here for the meeting.

An especial appeal was made for the betterment of the dairy industry by the selection and maintaining of only the very best stock on the farms of the state. Paul L. Hanson, ofeward, a young man who has been in the 4-H work since a young boy. The story of Mr. Ralson was one of the greatest interest as it detailed his first venture when he secured a loan from a bank, purchased a cow and started in on the work of dairying. Ten young ones had produced 570 pounds of butter fat per cow in the year and the profit over the feed for the cows averaged \$245 per cow, all of which was possible by careful judging of cattle and the keeping of the herd at a high standard.

O. H. Liebbers of the Dairy Development of Nebraska, also spoke on the importance of having the right kind of stock on the farms, a smaller number of the very best producing a much larger yield of butter fat than a poorer grade of cattle. He urged all dairymen to get into cow testing societies that they might derive the greatest benefit from their investment in the best of stock.

Fred Idtse, well known in the west in his dairy work also spoke on the importance of good stock and especially stressed the Jersey stock of which he was making a specialty. He pointed out that the bad roads were unable to attend and a meeting will be arranged at a later date for these speakers.

At the meeting a large number of the boys present expressed their desire to go into the dairy business as they are formed and to start in on the learning of the dairy stock business.

## OLD TIMER HERE

From Tuesday's Daily— Phil Harrison, who has been here for many years and is probably one of the best known figures in the city, stated today to the Journal reporter that on March 24, 1870, or some sixty years ago, he arrived here as a young man from his native state of Virginia. Mr. Harrison crossed the Missouri river here on the ferry "Mary McGee," then used to bring trains over from the east side of the Missouri river from the tiny hamlet that was then located at that place. The Burlington had extended a line of railroad west to Lincoln from this city and the passenger trains were loaded on the ferry and then conveyed over to this city for transfer to the western service and then returned to this city to be eastward. Mr. Harrison has many interesting accounts of early days in this section to relate through the many long years of residence here.

## ROTARIAN ENJOY PROGRAM

From Wednesday's Daily— The Plattsmouth club of the International Rotary at their meeting yesterday enjoyed a very interesting time and with a fine program prepared by Rev. H. G. McClusky, the leader of the meeting. In the series of talks on the various localities where Rotary is active, R. W. Clement gave a review of "Bernuda," a most interesting story of the islands of the West Indies.

Miss Ruth Lindsay, of the city schools gave two very much enjoyed vocal selections which was given in the usual artistic manner of this talented lady.

Searl S. Davis gave the review of the March Rotarian, taking up the matter of interest in this organ of the international organization.

Nominations were also made for the officers of the club and who will be elected at the meeting in April.

## MANY SEEKING APARTMENTS

The opening up of graveling, grading and paving work in this vicinity has brought an increasing number of residents here and the demand for residences and furnished apartments has been growing in the past few days. The Chamber of Commerce has been assisting in the work as far as possible with listing apartments or suitable places where light housekeeping rooms may be secured and the demands has been quite brisk in this line in the past few days.

The Journal Job Department is equipped to turn out anything from calling cards to sale catalogs.