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Death Calls Oldest Resident of This City

Alfred W. White, 84, Hears the Final Summons—Resident of City Since 1857

From Monday's Daily—
After a lifetime of many years, filled with the glamour and romance of the old west and the great empire of the present day, Alfred William White, who since 1857 has been a continuous resident of this city, passed away on Saturday night at 11:30 at the immanuel hospital in Omaha, where he has been for the past two months taking treatment.

To this grand old gentleman life was kind and it was only in the past few days that his condition was such that he failed to keep his daily interest in life, as late as Thursday he planning the return home soon to this city and the scenes that he had been familiar with since his boyhood days. It is a comfort to the family that the loved father was able to retain his interest and usual excellent spirits until the last pages of the book of life were closed.

The departed was a member of one of the oldest and most distinguished families of the state and one that gave much in the making of Nebraska as a state and particularly in the formation and development of the city of Plattsmouth.

It was in March of 1855 that Francis S. White with his wife and family of children left their ancestral home in old England to turn their faces westward to the new world where another great English speaking nation had been founded, they coming to America with a party of the Mormon missionaries who had drawn many thousands over the sea with their glowing pictures of the wonders of the great republic beyond the seas and particularly the promised land on the shores of the great Salt Lake. The White family came west to St. Joseph, Missouri, then the frontier of civilization for the west and started in the long wagon train for the future home beyond the Rockies. In the covered wagons, drawn by oxen, of which the little lad, Alfred White was one of the drivers, the party arrived at their destination. Here at last they found the thousands of hopes of the future shadowed by their practical experiences in the land dominated by that great figure of the western civilization, Brigham Young, the White family deciding with several other families to again return east, left the settlement of the Mormon sacrifice many thousands of dollars that had been invested, rather than to remain in the conditions in which they found facing them. After a long journey beset with the dangers of the hostile Indian as well as the fear of the vengeance of the Mormons, the party finally reached the Platte in the territory of Nebraska, the trip leaving many deep impressions on Mr. White although he was then but a lad of ten years. The party forded the Salt Creek near the present town of Ashland and on June 16th, 1857, the party camped on the Four Mile Creek just west of the city, taking up their journey the next day and arriving at the frontier town of Plattsmouth. Here fate played a part in the lives of the family as the father was taken ill here and the party remained here for some months and then decided to make this city their future home.

After locating here A. W. White, then a boy, made several trips across the plains with wagon trains plying between Plattsmouth and Denver, this part of his life being filled with romance and colorful incidents of the perils of the plains, then fested with Indians and in this period many parties of hostile Indians made the trip west one of the greatest danger.

In later years Mr. White was engaged in the commercial life of the city and in the last years he took over the store that had been established by his father, F. S. White, and conducted it up until some fifteen years ago when the business was closed.

Alfred W. White was one of the veteran members of the Masonic order in this city, being an early member of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., of Nebraska Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons, and Mt. Zion commandery No. 5, Knights Templar. He was also advanced to the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite Masons and was a member of the Shrine at Lincoln. In the Masonic order he held many offices and was treasurer of the local bodies for many years until his advancing years made it necessary to abandon his activities to some extent.

It was on December 24, 1869, in this city that Mr. White and Miss Emma Eikenbary were united in marriage and built the home here that they enjoyed for many years until the wife and mother was called to the last reward. The children who are left to mourn the passing of the father are: Mrs. Frank D. Burgess of Omaha; Mrs. J. A. Donelan of this city; Mrs. J. C. Thygeson of Nebraska City, and Ralph W. White of Dallas, Texas. One son, Frank A. White, has preceded the father in death. Of the brothers there remain

but two, Hon. Francis E. White, now living at Los Angeles, California, and Arthur White of Pueblo, Colorado, and one sister, Mrs. Rose Leonard of this city.

The life of Mr. White is a golden memory to his family as he was of a kindly and genial disposition, thoughtful of others and a man who left no one to say that he had injured anyone in the long years that he had lived. He took his fellowmen in their shortcomings with a broad christian charity, and in his living he gave to the world much more than the world to him. He will be missed deeply by the old friends but his splendid unselfish life should keep his memory green long after he has passed on to the silent city. Plattsmouth has lost a splendid citizen and the friends an associate that they will long miss.

Death of Bert McElwain Occurs at Greenwood

Former Plattsmouth Jeweler Dies After Period of Ill Health— Body to Come Here.

From Monday's Daily—
The message was received here this noon announcing the death at Greenwood of Bert A. McElwain, lifetime resident of this community and a well known jeweler, following an illness which covered several years.

The deceased was sixty-two years of age and was born in Plattsmouth in February, 1868 and has spent his lifetime in this community with the exception of some months spent in California, receiving his education here and after learning the jeweler's trade was engaged in this line of work a great many years until his physical breakdown made necessary his retirement. Mr. McElwain was taken ill four years ago and has been gradually growing worse until the past few weeks when his condition has grown much more serious. Following the death of the mother, Mrs. S. E. McElwain, for whom Mr. McElwain cared for many years, he was taken to California by his brother, Roy McElwain and remained until the death of the brother and returning to Nebraska has made his home with a cousin, Fred Etheridge at Greenwood.

Mr. McElwain is survived by one sister, Mrs. John Dutton of Kansas City, two brothers, Roy and Myron McElwain preceding him in death.

SHERIFF MAKES ARRESTS

The visit of Sheriff Reed and his force officers in the county Saturday made in a number of arrests being made in and near Weeping Water, the parties being arrested on alleged sales made to undercover men in the past few days.

The men arrested were Ernest Baker, residing on a farm near Weeping Water, Lawson Conrad, Ross Dennis, William Douty, and near Weeping Water while Marion Morgan of Eagle was also arrested on the alleged sale made to the agents.

The charge against Conrad involves a third offense while that of Dennis second offense, and to the charges of making the sale, Mr. Baker plead guilty and was given the sentence for the offense that is set by law, that of sixty days in jail and a fine of \$100. Mr. Baker stated to the court that he had no liquor of his own, that he had been approached by a man named Biggs, a few days ago who was with a companion and the men had asked him if he knew where they might procure some liquor, that he had refused and the men had insisted on getting some, stating that they needed a quart to help in selling insurance, they had also inquired about Conrad and Biggs had stated that he knew Conrad as he had been in jail with him at Plattsmouth and after some insistence, Baker told them he knew where Conrad kept some of his whisky hidden and if it would accommodate them he would try and get them some, going to the cache which was not on the Baker place and had given them a quart for which they had paid \$3. The defendant is a renter farmer and his wife and eight small children were one at the trial to lend a pathetic phase to the case as they are now placed in very straitened circumstances.

The hearing against Morgan and Douty will be taken up later.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Sunday afternoon Mrs. M. S. Briggs was brought home from the Immanuel hospital at Omaha, where for the past ten days she has been taking treatment. Mrs. Briggs stood the trip in excellent shape and rested very well during the night and it is hoped that she may continue to improve as she has in the past few days, until she is entirely over the effects of her long illness.

Playground for Every Neighbor- hood is Needed

Clean Up Week Demonstrates There are Many Vacant Lots that Can be Used for Such Purpose

Why do children play in the streets, in hourly danger of being run over by automobiles, as hundreds are every year, when there are plenty of vacant lots in which they could play and where there is actually more room and less danger and interruption of play? The answer is simple. It is because their parents are neglected of a plain duty and an easy opportunity.

Clean Up week in Plattsmouth has "shown up" so to speak a great many vacant lots that could easily be made into playgrounds with just a little work. And how much better it would be to put them to such good use than to continue permitting them to run to weeds and blossom in tin cans.

A number of these lots are owned by home people; others belong to former residents who have moved away. Some of them are in process of foreclosure for taxes. But, withal, it should be an easy matter to gain consent to put them to such good use as neighborhood playgrounds, because that would mean keeping them cleaned up.

The weeds that are now coming up should be kept cut, or better yet, the ground plowed, leveled and rolled. A little baseball diamond can be laid out for the small boys to play on. Also posts can be erected at each end for basket ball—just a hoop serving for a basket. In the fall the boys can play football on the bare lot and in the spring marbles and top.

This is simple equipment. More could be done if the neighborhood people were actually in earnest, such as putting up a swing or two, making a small handball court, etc., but unless there is supervision of residents living nearby who will keep an eye on things, it would not do to undertake to put much equipment on such a lot, because there are always destructive boys who make such things short lived. Just clearing the lot, plowing and smoothing it will make a fine playground.

An example of what can be done in furnishing a desirable place for children to play is demonstrated in the tennis courts west of the Herold apartments. Last year Mr. Herold gave the park board permission to provide a public court on this ground where he had once maintained a private court for residents of his apartment houses. The telephone company co-operated by donating a number of poles and the park board paid for their erection and the stringing of the necessary netting—and the boys themselves are taking care of the grounds and keeping them up in splendid shape. In this way, with a very small expenditure there has been provided a place where the daily number of youths gather to engage in play—off the streets and away from the danger of being run over by cars.

This is one of the objectives of the National Clean Up and Paint Up campaign seeks to accomplish, but such an undertaking necessarily takes considerable time—more than a week or so. Last week's Clean Up drive has brought the unkept vacant lots into greater prominence than ever before. Now is the time to get busy on them and see what can be done toward converting them into playgrounds.

ARRANGING CELEBRATIONS

The Women's Relief corps at their meeting on Saturday afternoon took up the matter of the observance of Memorial day as well as the celebration of the completion of Livingston road from this city to the Missouri river bridge.

The W. R. C. has asked that the American Legion provide the speaker of the occasion on Memorial day and as well providing the building for the exercises of the afternoon with the two organizations co-operating in the program.

It was decided to have the celebration of Flag day on June 14th, made the occasion of the dedication of Livingston road and for this purpose the ladies are planning a suitable marker to honor the memory of General Livingston and the men of Co. A, First Nebraska. The ladies will present their request to the board to be permitted to mark the highway.

CANDIDATES ARE INITIATED

Sunday the Plattsmouth court of the Catholic Daughters of America sent three candidates to Omaha where they were given their degree work in the order by the Omaha court of the order. The candidates who were received into the order were Mrs. John Cloldt, Mrs. Emmons Ptak and Mrs. E. Bennett. The candidates were accompanied by Mrs. Frank Mullen, Mrs. Fred Egenberger and Mrs. W. H. Woolcott. After the initiation the ladies were guests at a very fine luncheon served by the Omaha club at the Knights of Columbus club.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

From Monday's Daily—
Last Friday night a group of the young friends of Meridith Chancellor gathered at the Chancellor home on Pearl street to participate in a pleasant surprise party in honor of the young man's birthday. The affair was arranged by his mother, Mrs. M. Chancellor and proved a complete surprise.

The evening was spent in playing various games and other entertainment, delicious refreshments being served before the hour of departure. Those present were Margaret Snodgrass, Agnes Goehenour, Fred Todd, Theodore Todd, Friedrich Wehrlein, Ralph Wehrlein, Frank Wehrlein, Don Warner, Alice Smith, Frank Smith, Vivian Moore, Mary Ina Chancellor and Elwood Snodgrass.

Citizens are Urged to Check Up on Census

Returns So Far Received May Mean Some Have Been Overlooked. So Help in Work

The taking of the census in this community is progressing to the close and there is the necessity of a very careful check of the city to see that every resident here is counted in the final result.

Preliminary reports made on the second ward show 1,041 persons, in the third 1,025 and in the fourth ward 597, which is considerably below that of ten years ago according to local figures. The first ward, one of the largest in point of population owing to the compact nature of the ward, as well as the fifth ward, are yet to be reported.

The list of those taken by the census takers are to be checked up and it is hoped that it may be possible to uncover any that may have been overlooked by the census takers or that have moved in since the start of the census and have not been listed.

Citizens who have not been visited or knowing others who have not, are urged to get in touch with the suitable authorities by calling the Evening Journal, phone No. 6 that their names may be prepared for the check up of the list of the residents.

New Head for Music Department of Schools

Miss Cora Williams, Successful Teacher at Elmwood to Hold Position Here

With the decision of Miss Ruth Lindsay, supervisor of music in the local schools, not to take up her teaching work during the coming year, the board of education has been up against a real problem as Miss Lindsay has been so very successful in her work and advanced to a very high standard the music work of the local schools.

The selection of Miss Cora Williams of the Elmwood schools, as the supervisor for the coming year in the Plattsmouth schools is a most happy solution of the problem of the board, as Miss Williams has been most successful in her work in the Elmwood schools and her musical groups have scored high in all contests over the state in the time she has served as the head of the music department.

Miss Williams is a graduate of the University of Nebraska school of music and has had several years of teaching in the state since graduation and her selection to teach here is most gratifying to the patrons of the school and the students of the music department of the schools.

The host of friends here of Miss Lindsay are regretting that she is leaving the city where she has become so popular in her stay of the last few years, but are much pleased that while she must go such a talented and able successor has been secured.

WILL APPEAL DECISION

Ernest Baker, who on Monday pled guilty to the sale of liquor, yesterday filed notice of the appeal of the plea and the sentence of the court which was for sixty days and a fine of \$100 for the offense. The defendant in court claimed that he had been talked into the violation of the law by evidence men and that he had had no liquor but had secured some from another person at the insistence of the men who later proved to be evidence men.

The necessary appeal bond was supplied and the man was released to return to his home. Mr. Baker is a tenant farmer residing near Weeping Water and has a family of a wife and eight children, the eldest of which is thirteen. The appeal will permit Baker looking after the preliminary work on the farm before the case is disposed of in the district court.

Col. Phil Hall to Speak Here Decoration Day

Well Known Figure in Nebraska Legion Circles to Be Orator at Service on May 30th

The selection of the orator for the annual memorial day services in this city has been for the past few years the American Legion's contribution to the formal program of the afternoon and the committee in charge of the Legion participating have been fortunate in securing one of the best known figures in the ranks of the former service men in Nebraska.

The speaker this year will be Col. Phil L. Hall, of Greenwood, who will bring a most fitting message of the annual day of honor to the veterans of all of the wars of our nation—sounding the service man's view of the sacrifice that his comrades in arms have given in all of the past years that the nation might live.

The Women's Relief Corps will have charge of arranging the remaining portions of the program and features in keeping with the patriotic spirit of the day will be provided.

The morning program will as usual be divided among the organizations, the W. R. C. carrying out the task of flagging the graves of the civil war veterans, of whom a very large number are at the last long rest while the world war organizations will look after their dead as well. Services will be held at the G. A. R. mound in the old addition to the Oak Hill cemetery as well as at the Legion plot in the new cemetery and in which all organizations will participate with the firing squad and the ritualistic services.

TRADE EXPOSITION ENDS LAST SATURDAY NIGHT

The four-day Merchants' Trade Exposition and Style Show held at the Legion community building last week under auspices of the local Legion post, came to an end Saturday night, with the record attendance of the four nights, approximately 900.

The total number of paid admissions for the four nights will run about 5,500. Had the weather been favorable the last two nights of the show, this figure would undoubtedly have been exceeded by between six and eight hundred more. Saturday night's crowd was plenty big enough, however, to tax the floor space outside the booths.

The opportunity to get better acquainted with people living in this trade territory through the medium of personal contact at the show was greatly appreciated by all those having booths at the show and especially so with the case of those having a definite article to sell, such as automobiles, electric refrigerators, radios, stoves, etc., as it enabled them to list a large number of prospects.

The Orlores orchestra, of Omaha, furnished music for the dance which began at 10 and lasted until after 1 o'clock.

The Legion put in a lot of hard work getting their hall ready for the show and building the booths and still have left the task of tearing down the lumber portion, but the merchants are requested to remove their booths and in this manner can preserve their signs and other material they wish to keep.

Next year, the installation of a ceiling in the building will prevent the mooring of booths to the ceiling joists and it is probable a knock-down permanent type of booth will be devised that can be taken down and set up at will.

At Lincoln they have this type of booths, but made of pipe, which does not lend itself well to decorating, either with crepe paper or other material, and it is likely the booths here will continue to be constructed of wood.

WINS TRACK EVENTS

In the track meet held between Peru Teachers college and Tarkio college at Peru the last of the week, Bernard Galloway, sophomore at the state school and former Plattsmouth high school athlete, was one of the featured men for the Peru team, he winning the half mile in an easy fashion and distancing the Missouri school's two mile man. With the Peru relay team taking in other meets Galloway was forced to substitute in several events and was unable to run in the mile, his favorite race. The many friends of the young man will be pleased to learn that he is making so fine a showing in his athletic work.

SECURES SCHOOLS

Two students in the Normal Training department at the high school presided over by Miss Pearl Staats have secured schools for the coming year. These are Mary Swatek who will teach District 97 east of Cedar Creek and Bernice Hogue, District No. 60 southwest of Murray. Both of these girls have made splendid scholastic records during their four years in high school and should make splendid teachers for the rural schools.

HERE ON HONEYMOON

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. DeGeest of Armour, South Dakota, with Mrs. Fred Sharpnack of Lincoln are here for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emmons Ptak, parents of Mrs. Sharpnack and uncle and aunt of Mrs. DeGeest. The wedding of Miss Irene Ptak and Mr. A. J. DeGeest occurred a few days ago at Lincoln to which place the young people motored and the wedding ceremony held with Mr. and Mrs. Sharpnack as the attendants at the wedding. After the week spent here Mr. and Mrs. DeGeest will return to Armour, where they will make their future home.

The bride is a daughter of Frank Ptak, a former resident of this city and who will be well remembered by the older residents of the community.

Iowa-Nebraska Expects to Have Gas Here Soon

Local Company Will Have Connection With One of the Largest Companies in the Nation.

The trainloads of huge twenty-four inch pipe that is to be used in the construction of the natural gas lines from the Texas and Oklahoma fields to Chicago and now arriving in this part of the west and a great quantity of the pipes have been unloaded at Lincoln where the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co., are to start in on the construction of a line that will lead over their system in a gigantic feeder of the natural gas to the towns that are now served by the company.

With the dispatch with which the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power company are getting into the new organization that comprises some of the largest companies in the world it is not going to be long before the territory served by this company will be provided with the natural gas.

The rates that will be arranged will give the patrons a very low rate for the service, the Iowa-Nebraska Co. as a Masonic musical organization, are preparing schedules that will give the very best rates possible with the maintenance of the lines.

GIVE A FINE PROGRAM

The program given at the Nebraska Masonic Home on Sunday afternoon was one of the most delightful that has been heard at the Home for some time and was presented by the Bee Hive lodge of South Omaha. The Bee Hive chorus, one of the best known Masonic musical organizations in the state furnished the chief numbers with the well trained quartet in the special choruses, while the quartet was also enjoyed as was the special offerings in the Scotch songs by "Scottie" Gunn.

The members of the mixed quartet were Miss Valeria Wink, soprano, Miss Bess Rhyno, contralto, A. G. E. Ruser, tenor, Herbert J. Wells, basso.

The Bee Hive chorus have been heard in many places over the state and the officers of the organization of some twenty voices comprises M. R. Jackson, president, E. C. Kingo, vice president, E. G. Kehrman, secretary-treasurer, Fred G. Ellis, director and Mrs. Will Rath, accompanist.

The special entertainer was Mr. Gunn, the clever and versatile Scotch singer.

The program given represented the following numbers.

- I'd Like to Go Down South
- Once Mo' -----Parks
- Nelly was a Lady -----Foster
- Bee Hive Chorus
- My Task -----King
- Alone -----Thomas
- Mixed Quartette
- Friend of Mine -----Sanderson
- The Hind Ploughman -----Clark
- Bee Hive Chorus
- Special Scotch Numbers -----
- Scottie Gunn
- Praise Ye the Father -----Gounod
- Steal Away -----Parks
- Bee Hive Chorus
- The Great Red Dawn -----Wilson
- Honey Town -----Foster
- Mixed Quartette
- There Is No Death -----O'Hara
- Bee Hive Chorus

TAKEN SUDDENLY ILL

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rokahr, the latter formerly of Plattsmouth, returned home with the nephew, Geo. Mrs. Rokahr, who has been there for the past few weeks, first undergoing an operation for appendicitis and later being taken down with an attack of smallpox. The patient is feeling as well as possible under the circumstances of the case and it is hoped that at home he may soon recuperate from the illness.

Gala Program to Feature Open- ing of Bridge

Governor Weaver Main Speaker and Mayors of Iowa and Nebraska Cities Are Invited.

From Wednesday's Daily—
The committee that has in charge the exercises to mark the formal opening of the Missouri river traffic bridge at this place, met this morning to discuss the plans in connection with the big event.

Invitations are being sent to the mayors of cities in Iowa and Nebraska from Burlington west to Hastings and also up and down the Missouri river as far as St. Joseph, Mo., and Sioux City, Iowa, to be present on this gala day and with them the presidents of the Chamber of Commerce of each town or some other civic organization.

The opening will be on Friday, May 16th and very elaborate arrangements will be made to make it a most notable occasion.

A complimentary dinner to the invited guests will be held at 12 o'clock (noon) at the American Legion community building and from where the party of guests will be taken to the Nebraska side of the bridge where the formal exercises will be held, the weather permitting, and here Governor Weaver will formally unite the states of Iowa and Nebraska through the medium of the new bridge.

It is expected that there will be very large delegations from Omaha, South Omaha and Lincoln here for the occasion as well as visitors from all of the cities along the highways that lead to the bridge.

The committee is announcing their plans as rapidly as they are developed and every effort will be made to make this a real festive occasion. It was also announced that there will be no toll charges on this day, the bridge being free to the use of the public on May 16th.

HOME FOR A VISIT

William H. Shopp, one of the past commanders of the American Legion post of this city, who has been in Colorado for the past year, taking treatment at the Fitzsimmons hospital at Denver, is home for a visit with his mother, Mrs. P. H. Shopp, and his sister, Miss Marjorie.

Mr. Shopp has done very nicely in the past year and is feeling very much improved and his condition was so favorable that the attending physicians decided that he might return home for a visit, and although, but in case of his finding this climate too severe he was to return at once to the hospital to remain until his affliction has entirely passed away.

The host of friends are pleased to see Mr. Shopp and are hoping that he may find it possible to remain here now with the mother and sister, but in the best of condition Mr. Shopp must remain inactive for a long time.

WILL LOCATE IN CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cappell and little child departed Wednesday for San Diego, California, where they are to enjoy a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Bell, the latter a sister of Mrs. Cappell. They are planning on locating in California if the conditions there are favorable and are anticipating a very pleasant time on the west coast. The many friends here while regretting to see this estimable family leave here will extend to the Cappell family their best wishes for a safe and pleasant journey to the west.

JOHN A SURE SHOT

John Gauer, Cass county's crack trap shooter, was called upon a few days ago to demonstrate his skill as a marksman, when an old coyote was caught in a den on a farm near Cedar Creek. The coyote was in the den and the residents of that locality prevented its escape until John arrived on the scene and the coyote was dispatched. The pelts were brought in by Elmer Stoehr and Floyd Gauer, there being that of the old coyote and six young ones that were unearthed in the den.

GEORGE BARR HOME

From Monday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon John Richardson drove to Omaha where he visited the Methodist hospital and returned home with the nephew, Geo. Mrs. Rokahr, who has been there for the past few weeks, first undergoing an operation for appendicitis and later being taken down with an attack of smallpox. The patient is feeling as well as possible under the circumstances of the case and it is hoped that at home he may soon recuperate from the illness.

Father Marcelles Agius departed this morning for Lincoln where he will attend the banquet given by the priests of the South Platte diocese to Archbishop Francis J. Beckman, who is leaving for the Lincoln diocese for his new see in Dubuque, Iowa.