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# **Cars Crash on Highway Near**

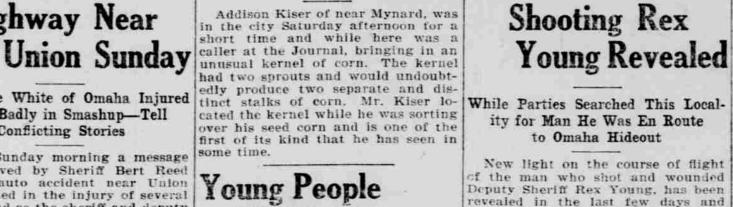
Miss June White of Omaha Injured Quite Badly in Smashup-Tell **Conflicting Stories** 

Early Sunday morning a message some time. was received by Sheriff Bert Reed that an auto accident near Union had resulted in the injury of several persons and as the sheriff and deputy started for 'Union they met a car with two men and a girl and also a pursuing car that contained the marshal of Union, "Curly" Keene, and after stopping the car with the girl the officers received the first of several conflicting stories as to the why and wherefore of the accident.

The girl was seemingly badly injured and the two men claimed to have taken her to Weeping Water where she was given temporary aid by a physician and then ordered to the hospital at Omaha, but the two men instead of driving direct to Omaha came on east to Union and thence north on highway No. 75 until they met the sheriff. Sheriff Reed took the young woman on to Omaha and where she was placed in the hospital.

The girl gave the name of June White, 22, of 1221 North 21st street and she stated that the car in the wreck was hers and that she was alone at the time of the accident and that as the car was going up the hill west from the east Union corner into the town of Union she had tried to pass a car in front and at the same time a small truck came over the hill going east and with the result that the car crashed into the truck, a small one used by a Grand Union tea company salesman, the truck being hurled down a six foot embankment while the Ford coupe that Miss White was driving was also nearly demolished.

When Deputy Sheriff Young arrived on the scene of the wreck, another chapter was told by a man giv-



FINDS AN UNUSUAL

Wedded Here escaped from a northbound Missourt Pacific train at the local railroad station, was safe in his Omaha hide-Last Evening tion, was safe in his Omaha hide-out as posses of armed men searched

Miss Ruth Sitzman of This City and Mr. Herbert Stoll, of Nehawka, Married by Father Agins

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where he was successful apparently On Monday evening at the reslin covering his traces. dence of Rev. Father Marcel us It will be recalled that Mr. Young Agius in the St. John's church par- in response to a call from Nebraska ish house occurred the marriage of City had gone to the local Missouri Miss Ruth Sitzman of this city and Pacific railroad station to apprehend planning and landscape engineering. a man wanted at the Otoe county Prof. M. I. Evinger of the University Mr. Herbert Stoll of Nehawka. The wedding was very simple, the city for the robbery of a cigar store Catholic marriage service being read at that place. As the early morning from his long years of experience and upholding the affirmative and Thais by the pastor and in the presence of passenger train from the south drew training along this line of landscape Mickey, Elmira Ament and Catherine Zink was pastor of the First Chris- girl, who won the oratorical honors Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gerbeling, the in Mr. Young boarded the train and

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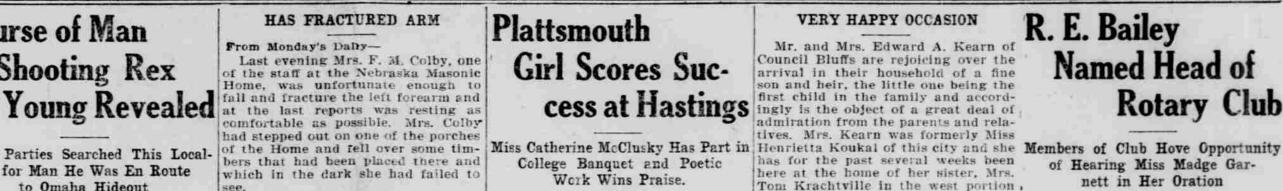
in the hands of the bandit, to drive

The story of the flight of the man

latter a sister of the bride, who serv-ed as matron of honor and best man. man answering the description of the that makes for better community Clusky and set to the tune of "The Af The bride wore a very becoming man he sought and requested him to conditions and an attractive and con-The bride wore a very becoming gown of flowered chiffon with hat and accessories to match, while Mrs. Gerbling wore a costume of the flowered crepe with picture hat, shoes man in the vestibule of the car the many different projects before the hat the basketball and debate teams place Rev. Zink had been extended force and vigor. bandit suddenly drew a gun appar- work was undertaken and after the have made a real success this seaand hose in the pastel shades.

Mr. and Mrs. Stoll expect to start ently from an armpit holster and carrying out of the planning which son. housekeeping at once on the farm shot the deputy twice, apparently had made places of beauty out of the planning which "Miss McClusky has won a great that the groom is operating near trying to avoid a fatal injury that many very unsightly spots. These deal of distinction and applause for candidate for county judge in 1919 that the groom is operating hear trying to avoid a fatal injury that many very unsignity spots. These her poetic work at Hastings college. and has since held that office, being the magazine and which covered several cities in which The singing debate was one of the are to make their future home. The bride is the youngest daughter across to the station and around the the landscaping work and included most clever compositions ever used Red Willow county owing to his failof Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Sitzman of corner in the direction of the Nebras-this city, where she was born and ka Masonic Home grounds and the of Lincoln where the city is linking ple were very generous with their Rev. Zin

this city, where she was born and ka Masonic Home grounds and the of Lincoln where the city is linking ple were very generous with their reared to womanhood. She was edu- last seen of him was when he darted up the various units of the state applause and many complimentary when eighteen years of age and has a charter member of the Platter cated in the schools of this city, to the north of the Home buildings. buildings in an attractive manner. things were said about the poetry. graduating from the local high school The part that was unwillingly Prof. Evinger also discussed his "This is not the first time that Miss in the class of 1927. Since gradua- played by the Auburn young man planning work here where he has McClusky has had the honor of havtion Miss Sitzman has been engaged started in a few moments later, the been secured by the board of educa-in clerical work in a number of pro-voung man driving a truck load of the number of professional offices and for the Burling-ton in the local offices. The bride has a large number of friends in this around the swung in the landscaping of the grounds of the ground the ground the grounds of the ground the groun a large number of friends in this around the curving roadway he was around and adjoining the high school "She is always very willing to do for a "womanless Ilbrary" providing the high school in the woman and central school buildings and the this kind of work and it is done work and it in their well wishes to the young other cars were passing and at this new athletic park which it is plan-quickly and well. The fact that there people on their new found happi-time the bandit leaped into the truck ned in time will be made a very may not be much time doesn't seem in death last November, she also be- who is teaching in the high school and with his drawn revolver com- handsome, permanent community to bother her in the least. ness. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. manded the youth to keep on driving center and one the equal of any in Hans Stoll of near Nehawka and north. When the truck reached the the state. Prof. Evinger was introduced by poetry for college occasions after her grew to manhood in that locality, re- road near the Oreapolis crossing the Mrs. Bert Coleman of the community fine work for the basketball-debate ceiving his education in the schools handit ordered the young man to service department of the club. of that place. He is a young man drive west, assuring him that if he The club ladies had as their high someone in our midst on whom we esteemed and respected by a very kept on going and did not attempt to school attendants Misses Rose and can depend to provide us with highlarge circle of friends for his many give an alarm all would be well, Ruth Ferrie and Velma Mae Fulton. class entertainment." fine qualities as a gentleman and is otherwise the bandit threatened to This is the last meeting of the numbered among the energetic young shoot him and drive on with the club year and which will close with farmers of Cass and Otoe counties. truck and the load of hogs. The Authe banquet to be held on the even-



Miss Catherine McClusky, Platts- of the city. mouth girl and daughter of Rev. and ! Mrs. H. G. McClusky of this city, has scored a distinct success at Hastings A. L. Zink, Judge college where she has been for the past term. In speaking of her work and the recent college banquet the Hastings Collegian has the follow-

"At the first annual basketballdebate banquet held Friday, March 17, at the Presbyterian church Fred Former Pastor of the First Christian Gruntz was announced as honorary basketball captain and Donald Dearborn as honorary debate captain, by their respective coaches, Clarence Keel and LeRoy Laase. The ban-

The members of the Plattsmouth quet given in honor of the basket- Red Willow county, Nebraska, over a Woman's club and a large number of ball and debate teams, at the close of period of some twelve years, died interested residents of the city were a very successful season, was attend- Monday at his home in McCook after P. T. Heinemann. given the opportunity last evening ed by more than 250 students and an illness that has covered the past

"A singing debate was very clever- year. The news of the death of this of July. ly presented, with Edna Johnson, jurist-minister comes as a severe blow The club had the pleasure of havof Nebraska being the speaker and Helen Hunter and Elizabeth Lewis to the many old time friends of the ing as a feature of the day Miss engineering and planning he gave a Nail the negative. Words to the de-tian church some twenty-five years of the second district declamatory

a call to the Christian church.

After two years in the ministry at man leaped from the train and ran Prof. Evinger had been secured for The singing-debate was one of the given a leave ob absence last year by

"This is not the first time that Miss McClusky has had the honor of hav-

R. E. Bailey Named Head of **Rotary Club** 

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has for the past several weeks been of Hearing Miss Madge Garhere at the home of her sister, Mrs. nett in Her Oration Tom Krachtville in the west portion .

> The members of the Rotary club had a session Tuesday noon that was filled with a great deal of business, the annual election of officers being the chief matter taken up, and they also had the opportunity of hearing Miss Madge Garnett district oratorical prize winner at the Plattsmouth County Dead declamatory contest.

The nominations for the various offices were made at the session a week ago and the club Tuesday made their selection of their leaders and the following were selected:

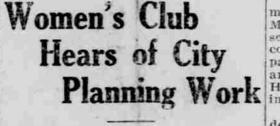
President-R. E. Bailey. Vice-President-William Baird. Secretary-George K. Petring. Treasurer-Frank M. Bestor. Directors-Searl S. Davis and Dr.

The newly elected officers will take over their duties on the first

contest held in this city on April After serving the local church as 10th. The subject that was given by subject and which she presented with

> The review of the April Rotarian was given by Rev. H. G. McClusky who took up and discussed the varmany questions of international interest.

The new president of Rotary is sua charter member of the Plattsmouth club, one who has taken a great interest in the advanceme



Prof. M. I. Evinger of the State University Tells of Work in Community Planning.

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ing of May 4th.

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FARM HOME BURGLARIZED

Yesterday morning Mr. Woodward,

vicinity of the house that had for-

merly been occupied by Mr. and Mrs.

Venner, but which has been unoc-

person ransacking the house in

family thought that there had been

IS AWARDED \$300

him to the outskirts of Omaha and of hearing a real discussion of city guests

ing the name of J. V. Peters of Council Bluffs, who stated that he had met Miss White at a dance in Council Bluffs and they had started out on a ride, he had gone to sleep and Miss White was driving the car and the first he knew was when the smashup occurred.

The occupants of the tea truck were Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Gregory and little child of Nebraska City, who stated that as they came over the hill they saw the coupe coming and headed for their truck, Mr. Gregory had driven as far to the roadside as possible to avoid the crash and had set the brakes of the truck but the impact was so great when the coupe hit them that they were forced from the road and down the embankment

The Gregory family stated that a passing autoist had called the ambulance from Nebraska City for them and Peters and Miss White and while they were waiting a car containing two men who gave the names of Edward Morrison and J. W. Parker of Omaha, came along and had offered to take the injured girl, the worst hurt of the party, on to seek medical aid, stating that they intended to go to Nebraska City but instead wound mann has made her home here for a not, that he, (the bandit) would see up in Weeping Water and later returned to the scene of the accident and were recognized and where Mar- | shall Keene started after them.

The Nebraska City ambulance arrived and the Gregory's who were not seriously hurt, as well as Mr. Peters, were taken on to Nebraska City.

The officers are still investigating the case as the stories told are very conflicting.

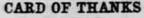
#### **REV. A. F. PLOETZ DIES**

#### From Monday's Daily-

church for a great many years. The message was received here this morning by the L. L. McCarty this lovel lady the aged husband, one family announcing the sad news of the death at an early hour today at Minnesota, and five daughters, Mrs. rell while patrolling the business sec-Rochester, Minnesota of Rev. A. F. Ploetz, former resident of this city.

Rev. Ploetz had been at the Mayo clinic at Rochester for the past several weeks taking treatment and examination and was operated on Saturday, April 11th for some intestinal trouble and was apparently growing better but was taken with a sudden change for the worse and death followed.

Rev. Ploetz was for a number of years pastor of the German Presbyterian church in this city, located at ed in the ministry in South Dakota. While a resident here Rev. Ploetz was married to Miss Anna Gorder, who has preceded him in death, pass-F. Gorder of this city, to Rocheste: eye, coming with a great deal of secure the return of their car. where they both were receiving force and in a few seconds the eye treatment. Rev Ploetz was a member was badly swollen and closed up. of the Masonic lodge at Afton, Iowa. The injured young man was hurried



We wish to thank our many good Children.

burn truck kept on westward until DEATH OF MRS. ROTHMANN Louisville was reached and then the

nember of the ladies societies of the

There is surviving the death of

HAS EYE INJURED

to the office of Dr. T. P. Livingston

ents resided in late years.

driver was directed to drive on north Sunday night at midnight, Mrs. and took a course through Springfield Hans Rothmann, who has been very and to the outskirts of Omaha. As poorly for the past week or ten days, they traveled along the bandit saw was called to the last reward, death several planes flying in the air and coming to ease her illness that has drew into the cab of the truck as far covered several months altho it was as possible and stated to the driver near Mynard, was working in the only in the last week that her con- that the truck was to go on whether dition became so grave. Mrs. Roth- attempts to stop them was made or

great many years and possessed a that they were not molested. very large circle of friends in the When the truck reached the outcommunity who will share with the skirts of Omaha the bandit prepared house was open, Mr. Woodward with who has been bedfast since last Nofamily the sorrow that her going has to leave the truck and the badly brought. The deceased lady was born frightened young man that had ter an dfound that some one had every effort to help protect the birds. in Germany and was some seventy- driven it and informed the driver two years of age at the time of her that if he told of the incident within ly. There had been furniture left in animals which might be in danger. death. The family has resided here a week that he would return and the home by Mr. and Mrs. Venner The Junior supervisor told the memfor the greater part of their mar- take a revenge on the truck driver, and apparently some tramps had While several suspects have been made a headquarters there as curried life, making their home in the residence property on Wintersteen rounded up in different parts of the tains which had hung from one of week. After the close of the busihill where Mrs. Rothmann received state none have proved the man the doorways had been pulled down ness session the two charming little the last summons. The deceased lady sought and who seemingly lost him- and used apparently for a bed and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Harry at the age of seventy-one years, ten arrived to visit with the mother and was a member of the St. Paul's Evan- self in the lairs of the Omaha under- a writing desk that had been locked Kruger, entertained the audience gelical church of this city and a world until his escape was possible, was almost torn to pieces by the

CARGO IS CAPTURED

Saturday evening at a late hour son, Louis Rothman, of Rochester, Officers Joe Libershal and Dave Pick-Anna Thompson, of Omaha; Mrs. B. tion of the city captured a Ford tour-A. Davis, Omaha; Mrs. John Berg-ing car of ancient vintage and with they are not certain. When the man, Lincoln; Mrs. Paul Steinson of the two occupants, two men giving prowlers were around the house is

Denison, Iowa, and Mrs. Roy Stewart the names of Elmer Cooper and T. J. a matter of doubt as the indicaitons graciously entertained them. of this city and with whom the par- Murphy. The men had apparently pointed to several days ago. partaken too freely of the forbidden beverages in Omaha from which city

they were en route to Union where they claimed to be employed on the From Tuesday's Dally-

Chet Smith, one of the baseball grading work of the new line of The jury that heard the case of enthusiasts of the city, was quite highway No. 75. The police also dispainfully injured on Sunday after- covered that the men had a small Scott, a suit for personal damages. resided alone for a great many years. Plattsmouth. There are also survivnoon while playing ball at the old amount of the popular hootch on received the issues of the case last The death was discovered by neighball grounds on Chicago avenue, their person as well as two bottles evening at 6 o'clock and this morn- bors who had failed to see Mr. Hall Henry Kubr of Cleveland, Montana; Ninth and Main street and later serv- There was a large group of the young of tonic that carried a high alcoholic ing shortly after the opening of around at his usual activities. The Hans Kuhr of Malta, Montana; Mrs. some time, however, before he is men and boys at the grounds and content and which tonic had appar- court, returned a verdict for the deceased had spent his lifetime in Catherine Akin of Saca. Montana, able to return to the home here. they had chosen up "sides" and were ently been partaken of very freely national pastime. Chet sitting along the city jail by the officers, but late ing away in 1926. In the past few the sidelines awaiting his turn to Sunday afternoon were released to ery of \$5,000 alleged to be due the ceased and his sister. Mrs. Charles ren. years Rev. Ploetz has made his home bat. The batsman hit the ball which allow them to go on to Union and plaintiff by reason of damages re- Spence, have been all of the family

SOME CHILLY WEATHER

her minor child was crossing the in- failure. tersection of Fourth and Vine street on October 26, 1930, that the auto of The rain of Monday which did a the defendant which had been park-

where temporary aid was given him great deal of good, was followed by ed a short distance east of the inand he was sent on to the University an unusually cold night and which tersection had started to move west hospital at Omaha to have the eye sent the mercury down to near the down the incline, there being no one arrived last evening over the Bur- decided. Mrs. Meisinger has not been South Side city commissioner. The friends and neighbors for their acts treated. It was feared that the force danger point, the official registration in the car, that the plaintiff was lington, reaching this city on No. 2. in the best of health for some time tareting was attended by large groups of kindness shown us in our recent of the blow had caused a hemorrhage being thirty-four above zero this knocked down by the car and hurled and the body was taken direct from and it is hoped that the treatment of the Ecgles from the Omaha aeries bereavement, also for the retine of the retine of the eye and which morning at the Burlington station. to the pavement in trying to prevent the station to the Catholic cemetery will place her back in her former as well as Council Bluffs, Platts-mother and for the vender words of least the temporary sight of his eye, breeze through the night also served result she sustained injuries that family and a number of the out of trusting that she may soon be able towns near Omaha. sympathy - Fred Kunsmann and altho it was thought that this con- to keep off the freezing and frost prevented her carrying on her usual town relatives accompanied the body to return home and to resume her dition might pass off in a short time. from the early vegetation.

occupation of school teaching.

He was a brother of the late T. M.

VERY HAPPY OCCASION

of Red Willow

Church of This City Over a

A. L. Zink, 61. county judge of

Period of Years.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Kearn of

Mrs. Zink preceded her husband ing an ordained minister of the at Clearwater, Nebraska, was home "We know that Miss McClusky will Christian church.

have a permanent job of writing Rev. Zink is survived by one son, Hawaii and also two daughters. banquet and we are glad that we have

### FUNERAL OF MRS. ROTHMANN

From Wednesday's Dally-This afternoon at the Sattler funeral home at Fourth and Vine streets there was gathered a group of the Junior Circle No. 27, auxiliary to old time neighbors and friends to the Woodmen Circle, met at the home of Mrs. Shellenbarger on North 6th street Saturday afternoon. A large number gathered for the meeting family home on Wintersteen Hill on

which was presided over by Marie E. Sunday night. who rents the W. H. Venner farm Kaufmann, Junior supervisor. Each The services were in charge of month the Juniors have some special Rev. O. G. Wichmann, pastor of the purpose in mind. At this meeting St. Paul's Evangelical church and many of the members reported that who gave a tribute to the memory they had visited the sick. The youngof Mrs. Rothmann as well as giving cupied since the family moved into est member reporting is six years old, words of comfort to the family cir- William, of Lincoln and Mr. and this city, noticing that the door of the who had gone to visit a lady twice cle which have lost a kind and lov- Mrs. C. C. McPherson, also of that ing wife and mother. During the city, were here Sunday to spend a C. C. Barnard, investigated the mat- vember. This Juniors are making services the choir of the church gave few hours with Mrs. F. D. Lehnhoff, two of the old and loved hymns.

been ransacking the house apparent- in fact not only the birds but other bers that April 19 to 25 inclusive was "Be Kind To Animals" national with a song and dance which was ried to Hans Rothmann in Germany Lehnhoff, another son, arrived from very pleasing to the members. Three breaking into the desk. As far as mothers were present, one visitor, ed to the United States, settling first his sister. known there was nothing missing Wave Smith, who accompanied Louat Denison, Iowa, where they resided altho the members of the Venner ise Fitzmayer to the meeting. At for several years. In 1887 Mr. and the close dainty refreshments were Mrs. Rothmann and family moved to served by the hostess assisted by her Plattsmouth and have resided here cannot now be found, but of this daughter Margaret. An unanimous vote of thanks came from the Juniors to their hostess who had so

JUNIOR CIRCLE MEETS

## DEATH OF AGED MAN

From Tuesday's Dalty-Dooley Hall, 65, a long time resi- Omaha; Mrs. Alvina Bergman, Lin-

at Omaha and several weeks ago ac- fouled into the crowd of players and endeavor to secure funds sufficient to ceived from the automobile of the circle surviving and for the past companied his brother-in-liaw, John the ball struck Chet full in the right satisfy ouraged justice and also to defendant. It was claimed in the years he has lived alone at the home. petition of the plaintiff that she with Death is thought to be due to heart

IS LAID TO REST

From Tuesday's Dally-

usual activities.

Mrs. George B. Mann of this city. for the week end and enjoying a visit with the family and friends here. who is in the Y. M. C. A. work in Mrs. Mann, who was in her services in the local schools, an outstanding teacher in the mathematics department of the high school, has made a very great success of her work at Clearwater and that her services have been recognized is shown by the fact that she has secured a re-election of the principalship of the school for the next teaching year. pay their last respects to the mem- The work has proven very pleasant ory of Mrs. Anna Rothmann, who and the community there has been was called to the last reward at the one that Mrs. Mann has very much enjoyed and feels pleased that she will continue in the work there for the next year.

#### VISIT LEHNHOFF HOME

Dr. H. J. Lehnhoff and brother, their aunt, who has been quite poorly At the conclusion of the service since February and has been confined the body was borne to Oak Hill ceme- to her home for the greater part of tery to be laid to the last long rest. the time, as well as with their Anna Kuhr was born July 17, cousin, Miss Tillie Lehnhoff. The 1859, in Breckendorf, Schleswig- Lincoln visitors returned home in the Holstein, Germany, and passed away afternoon and George B. Lehnhoff in Plattsmouth on April 19, 1930, and daughter. Miss Janie of Omaha. months and two days. She was mar- grandmother. This afternoon F. W. and in the year 1881 the family mov- Omaha to visit with the mother and

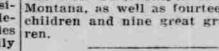
SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

The many friends over Cass county continuously since that time. To will be very much pleased to learn bless their union twelve children that Hon. James M. Robertson, promwere born, six of whom have pre- inent Nebraska Mason and a long ceded the mother in death. There time resident of the county, is doing are surviving, the husband, Hans very nicely at the Clarkson hospital Rothmann, and six children, Mrs. at Omaha. Mr. Robertson has been Ed Thompson, Omaha: Henry Roth- taking treatment for several weeks man, Sioux City; Mrs. Emma Davis. at the hospital and recently underwent a minor operation which has dent of Louisville, was found dead coln: Louis Rothmann, Rochester, proven very successful and it is probably remain at the hospital for

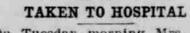
#### INITIATE LARGE CLASS

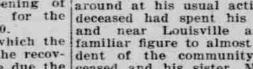
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Last evening a party of some nine of the Plattsmouth aerie of the Eag-Ou Tuesday morning Mrs. L. G. les motored to Omaha where they at-Meisinger of near this city, was tended the initiation of a large class taken to Omana where she was placed of candidates into the South Ocusha in the Clarkson hospital at that serie which is now the largest serie place for treatment and care and in the state. The class of 221 memmay possible have to undergo an op- bers was known as the Josenh Kout-The body of the late Patrick Egan eration, but this has not yet been sky class, named in honor of the









to the old home.

