

Dead Man's Body in Car All Night

Grant, Neb., Motorist Dies at Wheel; Pedestrians Fail to See Him.

While hundreds of persons walked past his car, parked near Thirteenth and Douglas streets all Tuesday night, L. W. Gastineau, 45, Grant, Neb., sat dead at the wheel. He was found this morning by A. Kahn, 2018 Lincoln boulevard, proprietor of the Arcade hotel, who investigated, when he learned that the machine had, been standing, with lights burning, in front of his hotel since 11 Tuesday night.

Gastineau came to Omaha Tuesday afternoon, negotiated with the Stewart Motor company to take over the Hupmobile agency at Grant and bought a new car.

Frank Johnson of the Arcade hotel told police that at 11 Tuesday night he heard an auto horn in front of the hotel. He glanced out and saw Gastineau's new machine, but did not notice anyone in it. The dead man had slumped sideways in the seat, brushing the horn button with his arm as he crumpled.

Gastineau's mother, Mrs. R. F. Cooper, lives at Grant. Exact cause of death is not known. "It couldn't be carbon monoxide gas because the windows of the car were down," said Nelson. A coroner's autopsy has not been performed.

Goldenrod Being Improved.
Beatrice, Neb., May 28.—Goldenrod highway east of the city is being ballasted with sand and gravel, receiving treatment as the Cornhusker route between Beatrice and Lincoln. The Goldenrod west of the city between here and Fairbury will be treated likewise.

Methuselah's Age Just "Faked," Scientist of Philadelphia Alleges

Philadelphia, May 28.—Theories that the Hebrews and Babylonians "faked" the ages of Noah, Methuselah and other personages in order to disguise their ignorance of history are advanced by Dr. Howard Chiera, professor of Assyriology at the University of Pennsylvania, in a paper submitted to the Crozier Theological seminary.

Dr. Chiera told of the discovery of a four-sided Babylonian prism in which the age of Noah was given as 64,800 years. He declared that the Babylonians did not actually believe that their legendary heroes lived to such ages, but that they were certain the world was far older than they

had definite knowledge of and were consequently forced to invent new heroes or to make the lives of such as they had stretch over the whole period of which they had fragmentary records. In this manner Dr. Chiera said, the lives of eight kings before Hammurabi were said to total 241,200 years, while 19 other monarchs were credited with a span of life of 432,000 years.

"The Hebrews, of course," said Dr. Chiera, "were confronted with a similar problem. It was necessary for them to multiply the average length of human life; and a multiplication of 10 was more than sufficient as witness the 969 years of Methuselah."

Husband Turns Gas on Family

Wife Charges Mate Tried to Exterminate Her and Children.

Mrs. Rocco Bellona, 2027 Pierce street, testified in municipal court Wednesday that her husband had on several occasions attempted to exterminate the family by opening gas jets in the home during the night. She said that on one occasion her daughter, Sundrina, 10, awoke to find the house filled with fumes and had barely strength left to stagger to her mother's bedroom and awaken her.

Mrs. Bellona had Rocco arrested Monday night after a family argument in which Mrs. Bellona's nose was broken and knives flashed. Judge Dineen sentenced Bellona to 60 days in jail. Besides Sundrina there are two other children—Lucille, 6, and Angelo, 4.

STEPS TAKEN FOR CITY OWNERSHIP

Plattsmouth, Neb., May 28.—City council has passed an ordinance creating a sinking fund to be used exclusively in acquiring or constructing utilities. Annual levies will be made for this fund, which the ordinance provides shall be invested in Cass county farm mortgages or municipal bonds, until such time as it may be feasible to take the municipal ownership step. Under the plan proposed, the levy will be small when other city taxes run high, while in other years when general city taxes are considerably reduced the number of mills levied for this fund will be higher, the annual sum raised varying from a \$1,000 minimum to several times that amount.

The municipal ownership sinking fund ordinance was introduced by Mayor John Sattler who, in former

incumbency in this office several years ago, first proposed an assessment for a sinking fund to pay off bonded indebtedness, under which plan the city's outstanding bonds have been reduced from \$114,000 to \$65,000. Mr. Sattler is a proponent of municipal ownership and was elected to office this year on a platform pledged to securing it in the case of at least a part of the privately owned utilities now serving Plattsmouth.

Gravel Road to Connect Sioux Falls and Yankton

Sioux Falls, S. D., May 28.—According to an announcement by H. H. Corbin, county highway engineer, an all gravel road will be completed this fall which will extend from here to Yankton. This road will pass through Centerville, Wakonda, Gayville and Volin. The road south of Volin and the road leading to Wakonda and Centerville are being graveled now, and the east and west road through Volin will be graveled this summer.

SUIT OVER CATTLE HERD WON BY BANK

West Point, Neb., May 28.—Suit against Caleb R. Thompson and others involving replevin of cattle was won by the Nebraska State bank in district court. The case was tried before a jury.

This dates back to October, 1922, when the bank took action to foreclose the chattel mortgage given by Caleb and Hudson Thompson on 209 head of cattle. The cattle were located on the Caleb and Hudson Thompson farms and the William H. Thompson farm.

When the bank attempted to take possession of the cattle on the William Thompson farm, Mrs. Thompson resisted, claiming the cattle were hers and were not included in the mortgage.

York Cleans Up.
York, Neb., May 28.—At the request of the president of the woman's club of York, Mayor Colton designated May 26 to 28 as spring cleanup days for the town, in preparation for Decoration day.

MAIL MEN TO TAKE ANIMAL CENSUS

Columbus, Neb., May 28.—Columbus rural mail carriers today received instructions from the United States Postoffice department to take a hog, dairy cattle and working animal census at the first 10 farms along their route. The Postoffice department explains that the cattle census is taken this year because the government wishes to ascertain the growth of the dairy cattle movement throughout the country and also to note the decrease in the numbers of horses and mules.

Coal Yard Permit Refused.

Columbus, Neb., May 28.—The passage of a zoning ordinance in Columbus has resulted in the city council already refusing to permit establishment of a retail coal yard in the west end residential section on the request of property owners who, under the ordinance, have also demanded the removal of Union Pacific switch tracks and of oil storage tanks maintained by the Standard Oil company in that section of the city.

Flag Given Sunday School.

Denison, Ia., May 28.—At memorial services in the Methodist church here Mrs. Jennie Jones, on behalf of the W. R. C., presented to the Sunday school a handsome flag.

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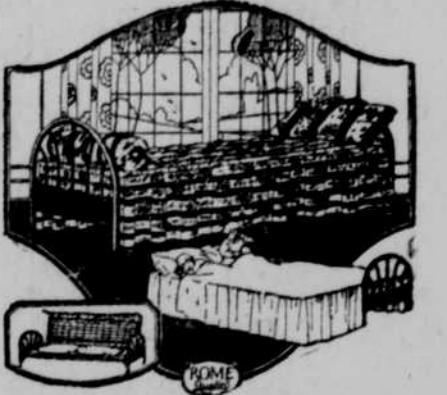


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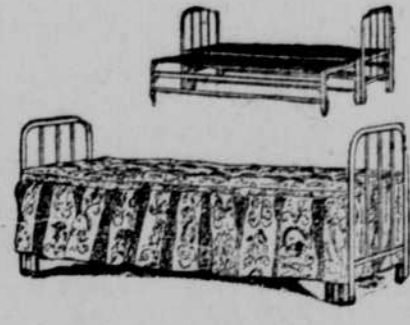
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Old Omaha Court House

A Prophecy That Failed But It Showed the Growth of Omaha and the Growth of Omaha Real Estate

When the commissioners of Douglas county decided in the early 80s, to erect a new courthouse for Omaha, they planned one that "would meet the needs of 100 years."

They constructed the building shown here. That was about 40 years ago. This "new" courthouse was on the north side of the block in which the present courthouse stands.

Twelve years ago, or less than 30 years after completion of the courthouse that "would meet the needs of 100 years," the building was torn down, and its site used as a lawn for Omaha's present magnificent courthouse which is now crowded to capacity.

John Rush, 79 years old, and one of the Omaha pioneers who was a county official when that "new" building was erected, believed with the commissioners that the city would grow, but he wasn't sure it "would meet the needs of 100 years."

He backed up his faith then, and later, by buying Omaha Real Estate.

Mr. Rush came to Omaha in 1866. He watched Omaha grow from the first, and he knew that growth would continue. In 1885, Rush and Selby, his firm, sold the southeast corner of Sixteenth and Farnam for John A. McShane for \$70,000. Mr. McShane had paid \$30,000 for it that same year.

In later years, during periods of depression over the entire country, Mr. Rush, with thousands of others, lost all his investments, EXCEPT HIS REAL ESTATE.

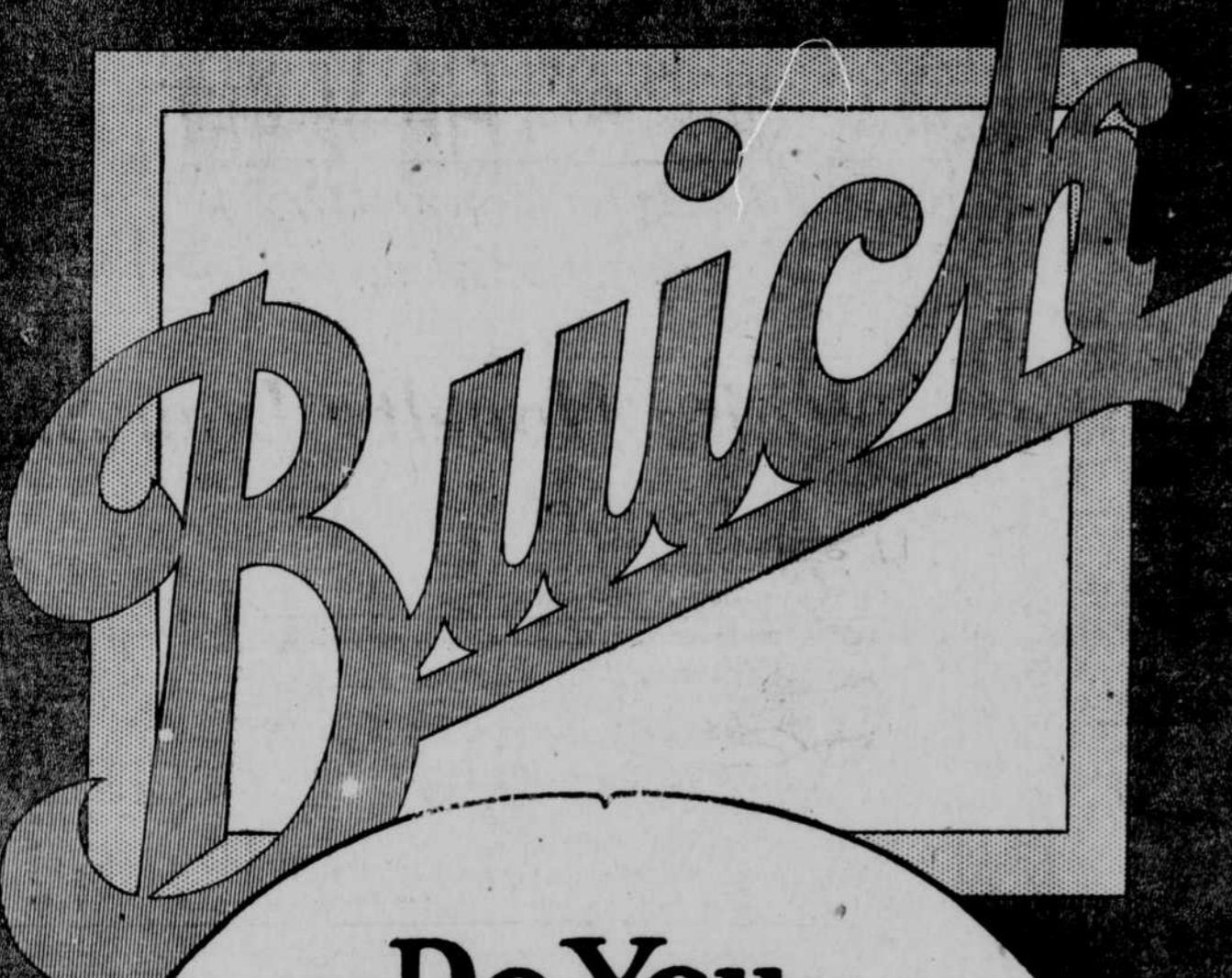
"I held on to that Real Estate," he said a few days ago, "and it's a good thing I did, because if I hadn't, I wouldn't have enough today to buy a cigar."

Mr. Rush is financially independent, and he attributes that independence to his Real Estate.

John Rush is a thorough and analytical student of cities. He knows the rich territory surrounding Omaha must grow tremendously to meet the growing needs of the world for food. He believes Omaha's future growth will be more remarkable than her growth in the past.

"Omaha Real Estate," he says, "cannot deteriorate. It will go forward. I advise my children to buy Omaha Real Estate, because Omaha Real Estate kept their father from the poorhouse."

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