

UNION ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Rihn visited friends in Omaha last Sunday.

Ralph Opp and family were business visitors in Nebraska City Saturday evening.

Miss Ivy Mougney, of Omaha, visited over the week end with friends and relatives here.

Art O. Pearsley was looking after some business matters in Murray on Monday of this week.

Mrs. Belle Frans, who has been suffering from erysipelas, is reported much improved of late.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hoback spent last Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hoback.

Patrick Edwards and wife were enjoying a visit over Sunday at the home of Mrs. Edwards' parents at Auburn.

W. H. Porter, assessor for Liberty precinct, has been busy with the work of listing the real estate and personal property in this precinct.

Elmer Withrow moved last week from his farm southeast of Union, which he inherited from his mother, and will farm the place this coming summer.

Miss Catherine Davis, of Omaha, was a visitor here over the week end, guest at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Clara James and with her brother, Paul Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Rice and wife of Nebraska City, parents of Mrs. George Paulas, of Union, were guests at the home of their daughter for an over Sunday visit.

Grandpa Crunk, who has been in such poor health for several months, is feeling much better at this time and is able to be up and around and get about the farm on good days.

W. L. Daugherty who farmed last summer with a team of horses, lost one of the animals during the winter and later disposed of the other. He has now purchased a motorcycle to be used as a means of transportation.

Mrs. Mary Taylor and daughter Rachel of Lincoln were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Porter in Union Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Keedy of Ashland were also here, and all enjoyed the occasion very much.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Whitworth enjoyed a visit last Sunday at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chapman and little one, at Springfield, where the Chapmans are engaged in the pharmacy business.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fitzpatrick, who have been living here although Mr. Fitzpatrick is engaged in business at Nebraska City, moved there last week. Mr. and Mrs. Lowell McQuinn have moved into the residence property they vacated.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Ray Frans and son James of Union, together with Dr. G. H. Gilmore and wife of Murray were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Holmes in Plattsmouth Sunday. A most pleasant day was enjoyed by all.

Visited Omaha Monday

Mrs. A. L. Becker and daughters, Mary Becker and Mrs. Otto Ehlers, together with her granddaughter, Doris Evelyn, and Mrs. Glen Hoback, were in Omaha last Monday, where they visited friends and looked after business matters.

Visited at Plattsmouth

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Morris and family were visitors in Plattsmouth Sunday, guests at the home of his brother, Elmer. While there they looked over a small herd of calves which our merchant has on pasture near Plattsmouth.

To Work at Falls City

A number of Union men who were employed by the Tobin company here when that concern was operating a quarry in this vicinity have been sent for and left Monday for Falls City to again resume work for this concern. Those going were Slim Jones, Fred McCarroll, George and Charles Clarke.

Now Residing in Lincoln

Mrs. George P. (Jennie) Barton, a former resident of Union when Mr. Barton conducted a barber shop here, and her daughter Daisy, visited old friends here briefly one day last week while on their way from Lincoln to Falls City, where they resided for a time after leaving here, and where Mr. Barton passed away a number of years ago. Mrs. Barton and daughter are now living in the capital city.

To Make Home Here

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rath, former residents here, who have been living on a ranch in the northwestern part of the state, and later at Adams, are again residents of Union, moving into the Eugene Roddy house, which

has been redecorated by Earl Merritt and wife of Murray. Mr. Rath is the new manager of the Standard Oil bulk station here. Last week Melvin Todd made a trip to Crawford to truck the household effects of Mr. and Mrs. Rath here.

Large Crowd Attends Play

The Senior class of the Union high school presented their play, "The Moon River Ranch" to a packed house last Friday evening. While the play itself furnished an abundance of mirth, the between-acts specialties put on by a young gentleman of color fairly brought the house down and kept the audience in an uproar of laughter. The young folks were loudly praised for their ability as amateur thespians.

Will Preach in Union

L. Neitzel, of Murdock, who edits the Bible school lessons appearing in the Journal each week, will be in Union Sunday, May 5, to conduct services at the Baptist church. An old time minister, Mr. Neitzel has been engaged in the hardware business at Murdock for many years since leaving his last charge at Ithica. Mr. Neitzel has conducted services at Union a number of times and would like to meet his many friends at the services on May 5th.

To Make Home in Missouri

Charles Boardman, who owns a farm on the Missouri river bottoms northeast of Union, recently purchased a tract of land in northern Missouri and shipped a portion of the stock to that place, where he will engage in farming and Mrs. Boardman and family will remain here and farm the home place. Henry Becker trucked two loads of stock and implements to the new place for Mr. Boardman.

Edgar Passing Anniversary
Edgar Fletcher and Miss Mary Clarence were united in marriage on April 19, 1896, and on last Friday

Bible School Lesson Study!

Sunday, April 28th

By L. Neitzel, Murdock, Neb.

"Isaiah Comforts an Afflicted People"

Isa. 40:1-11.
This prophet needs hardly an introduction; he is probably better known than any other, because of his vision of the coming Redeemer. He shows us who his mother is, gives us his names and office—seven hundred years in advance.

Isaiah's office puts him in the front rank as an evangelist. His call to work is unequalled by any other prophet (see Chapter 6); no other prophet was so prepared for his work. His description of the reign and rule of Christ would be sufficient, even without the New Testament, to leave no excuse for any, to come into his fellowship. More than that, God wants to rule men, to reward them, to guide them as a shepherd—but man is to behold God, believe in the Lord, worship the Lord and wait upon the Lord. In other words, he is to open his life to the Lord, so that the Lord can fill it with his own greatness and goodness. That is the teaching of Isaiah.

The lesson, spoken over a hundred years before the captivity and destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar, refers to that time. (See Dan. 1; Eze. 1:5; Ps. 137).

While God in his long suffering and patience gives men plenty of time to consider their ways and listen to the voice of warning, he cannot forever tolerate them; hear God's lament and description of Israel—read Isa. 1:2-7. For seventy years they are to remain in captivity; what they had to endure for their sins, we can understand as we read the 137th Psalm. Into that time goes the vision of the prophet and the loving kindness of God is foretold, how he will listen to a penitent soul that shows a spirit like these captives in Babylon. "Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people"—my people—God had not cast them away—like the people had their God. In Isa. 1 we hear a different voice; but having brought to their consciousness their deplorable condition, and having punished them for their transgression, he remembers them in their affliction and tells them: "I have loved thee (Israel) with an everlasting love; therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee." (Jer. 31:3). So God speaks to every penitent soul. Thus did this writer hear the voice of Jesus: "Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee." That is the sweetest note that ever came to a mortal soul. "O, happy day" is the refrain of every redeemed soul.

Tell "my people" their warfare, their military conscription, their exile was limited—is now at an end; they have paid by suffering, the debt is wiped out, a full and complete pardon is granted, and Jehovah has accomplished what he set out to do—now he can be gracious again. "How full of pity God is, to take so much account of the sufferings sinners have brought upon themselves."—George Adam Smith.

This happy condition will all men experience under the rule of the Christ in his kingdom of which the following verses speak.

The coming of the Messiah, the prince of peace, is announced by a forerunner. The visit of an oriental monarch was thus called to the attention of his subjects. John, the Baptist, is referred to. In Matt. 3:3 we find this prophecy fulfilled. "For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah saying, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" How glorious this prophecy was fulfilled regarding the revelation of the glory of God. Please read John 1:14-18; Col. 1:15 and Heb. 1:3. In order to behold the glory of the coming King, man has to be prepared that he may receive him in a befitting manner. Jesus will not enter in an unclean heart. Here Isaiah gives instructions (See Isa. 1:16): "Wash you, make you clean, put away evil from your doings before mine eyes, cease to do evil."

Yes, blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Now man's frailty is here contrasted with the greatness of God's word. As all the forgiving promises, given hundreds of years in advance, were fulfilled, so will all that is promised God's children be fulfilled. Man and institutions will pass away, but the word of God like the rainbow will last till the end of time. This, then, is the business of Zion (the church) to call to the world: "Behold your God!"

The God of the past is the God of the future. His justice and mercy will prevail. As he had to punish disobedience, so he will reward faithfulness. Verse 11 is especially precious, showing his loving and tender care for his children. We recall Ps. 23 and John 10, in this connection. If an oriental shepherd is properly understood, then we can understand our Lord; and if we are his sheep, we will hear his voice (heed it) and follow him.

This glorious time came to the world with the advent of Christ—his kingdom is here (the church militant). We pray for the coming of his kingdom triumphant. Yes, come, Lord Jesus.

arrived at their 44th anniversary. In honor of the event a large number of their friends called to extend greetings and best wishes for many more years of happiness. Lucile Clarence, the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Clarence, celebrated her anniversary at the same time.

Change in Business Firm

The firm of Rhin & Greene, which operate the Quality Store in Union, was dissolved last week, as Mr. Rhin, the senior partner, purchased the interest of Mr. Greene. Mr. Rhin will continue to operate the store, which has been enjoying a very good business. Mr. Greene has not announced his future intentions.

The two men have been partners for a good number of years.

Marriage Announced

Mrs. Anna M. Hargue received the wedding announcement of her niece, Daphne Cleora Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Young, on March 28 to James W. Wickman, at Fort Morgan, Colorado, where he holds a government position. They have taken an apartment and will be at home to their friends after May 1st, the announcement states.

Extension Club Meets

The Union Extension club met at the home of Mrs. C. E. Willis Tuesday afternoon, with Mrs. Exa Frans and Mrs. Fulton Harris assisting. There were twenty-two members and the following guests present: Mrs. Frankie Chapman, Mrs. Myrtle Swan, Mrs. Jim Pittman, Mrs. Delbert Lindsey and Mrs. Jack Lindsey.

The project leaders, Mrs. Robert Grunwald and Mrs. Wm. Pearsley, presented two lessons: "Irrigation of the Farm Garden" and "Poultry Hints for the Season." It was decided to hold social meetings thru the summer months. At the close of the afternoon, refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee were served by the hostesses.

Murray

Mrs. Anna Rhoden of Murray visited friends in Plattsmouth last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gregg made a business trip to Nebraska City last Saturday.

Miss Evelyn King of Nebraska City spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Noell.

Mrs. W. E. Greene and Mrs. Wm. Gorder visited their friend, Mrs. Esther Rhoden, here last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Nickles were in Omaha last Sunday, where they visited friends and relatives.

Clifford Cooper and daughter, Lula Jeanine, were in Elmwood on Monday visiting at the James Lytle home.

Harvey Gregg and sister, Mrs. Allie Hughes transacted business and visited friends in Plattsmouth last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Philpot and Charles Clayton and Rolland Cooper were Sunday evening visitors at the Ed Ruby home.

Charles Clayton and Rolland Cooper visited the latter part of last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ruby.

Mrs. Robert Bestor and son, Robert, Jr., visited last Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wehrbein. The ladies are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Troop were visiting a number of friends southwest of Murray and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wehrbein.

George Lopp was at Plattsmouth last Saturday, where he attended the regularly weekly community sale at the sale barn on Chicago avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wondra, of Plattsmouth, were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Font T. Wilson, parents of Mrs. Wondra.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lancaster and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lancaster were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Eppings, of Murdock, on Sunday, April 6.

Art O. Pearsley, who is engaged in farming east of Union, was a business caller in Murray Monday morning and enjoyed meeting a number of old friends here.

Guests at the Clifford Cooper home Sunday for dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ruby. Afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Philpot, Mr. and Mrs. James Lytle and two children of Elmwood and Billy and Bobbie Terryberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson and three daughters, of Omaha were here Sunday for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wilson. They were accompanied by Roy Wilson, a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, who is employed in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. George Troop, of Plattsmouth, were guests Sunday at the home of George's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Troop. Mrs. Jane Brooks, sister of Mr. Troop, Sr., and her son, Sam Brooks, of Plattsmouth, were also there, making a very merry group.

John Chechel, of Plattsmouth, last year made himself a brooder which he was able to use out of doors to good success and loaned it to Mrs. Victor Wehrbein for one brood of baby chicks. She found it worked so well that she had him build her one like it, which she is using.

Ben Noell has just completed the rebuilding of two tractors which he has taken in trade on new ones, from C. M. Read and Fred Campbell. The new ones going to these gentlemen are of the latest rubber-tired models. Mr. Noell is an expert mechanic and with the addition of new parts, has the old ones in good shape.

Large, sweet juicy Oranges, 30¢ Medium, 20¢ doz.—Taylor Grocery.

Several New Arrivals

A baby girl arrived last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Toman, and two days later, on Thursday, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Toman. A few days later the stork paid another visit to the community to deliver a son at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell.

The arrivals have brought joy to parents and other relatives and friends.

The Journal extends congratulations and is pleased to report that all the mothers and babies are getting along very nicely.

Delivers New Living Room Suite

L. D. Hiatt, Plattsmouth furniture dealer, was in Murray Monday, delivering some new furniture to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Sporer on the farm a few miles from town.

Beat the Rain

By starting early and keeping up a good rate of speed, Eugene Roddy, rural mail carrier, was able to get around his route Monday before a great deal of rain had fallen. Others who beat the rain were Earl Mrasek

and Joe Richter, who were unloading a car of cement. By hurrying, they were able to get the last sacks transferred to the cement room at the Nickles lumber yard before rain began falling very rapidly.

It is nice to have the moisture, which will speed the growth of pastures and other crops.

Busy Repairing Tractors

A. L. Carper who operates the hardware and implement store here, made a business trip to Omaha Monday. On his return he brought along a number of parts needed in the rebuilding of tractors. With the farming season at hand, there is much activity in this line at the present time.

We pay 14¢ in trade for Eggs. Taylor Grocery, Murray.

Home from the Hospital

C. M. Read was able to return home Sunday from the hospital in Omaha, where he had been for some two weeks following an operation. His son, Malvern, drove to Omaha to bring the father home. Mr. Read is getting along very nicely and hopes to soon regain his former strength. He was well pleased to come home, feeling he should be here to direct the farming operations even though he can't do any work yet.

Social Club Meets

On April 11, the Family Social club met at the home of Mrs. Frank Hoque, with Mrs. Ivan De Les Derrier assisting. The lessons on "Repair and Storage of Clothing" were given by project leaders.

Names for capsule friends were drawn and every one permitted to guess who their capsule friend had been for the past year. Fifteen members were present. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostesses.

The next meeting will be held on May 23, at the home of Mrs. Esther Rhoden, with Mrs. D. R. Topliff assisting.

Birthday Party

Mrs. Reng Lutz entertained twelve guests at her home on Wednesday night, April 10. The occasion was to celebrate the birthday of R. A. Noell.

The evening was enjoyably spent and a delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Noell, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lancaster, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Noell, Mrs. Ester Rhoden, Lester Dill, Leroy Andrews and the hostess, Rene Lutz.

Three large, juicy Grapefruit for 10¢ at Taylor Grocery.

Install New Refrigerator

Tutt & Brubacher have installed a large new electric refrigerator in which to keep fresh meats and other perishable provisions. The new equipment will enable them to render more efficient service to their patrons.

Rain Halts Patrol Work

James Hoschar, in charge of road maintenance work, went out Monday morning as usual, but the rain soon overtook him and he had to return home to await a more favorable time, as the roads were much too wet to be worked.

Guests at Painter Home

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Troop and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wehrbein and son Billie were in Plattsmouth Sunday for a visit at the home of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Painter. Mrs. Painter had returned only a few days before from the Mayo hospital in Rochester, Minn., where she had gone through the clinic. The visitors were pleased to find her rested from the tiresome trip to and from Rochester, and somewhat improved, but still very poorly. Mrs. Myron Beigley, of Plattsmouth, is employed as nurse and housekeeper at the Painter home during the illness of Mrs. Painter.

Celebrated Birthday

Mrs. Clifford C. Cooper fixed a lunch consisting of jello and cake and took it to the Oxford school in honor of the tenth birthday of her son, Charles Clayton, last Thursday afternoon.

The teacher, Miss Kathleen Schaffer and the children played games while Mrs. Cooper got the lunch ready.

Other guests were Mrs. Otto Schaffer and little Lula Jeanine Cooper. At four o'clock school was dismissed with all wishing Charles many more happy birthdays. He was the recipient of many nice presents.

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EAGLE NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Trumble spent last Sunday with relatives in Lincoln.

The O. E. S. Kensington met at the home of Mrs. Floyd Dysart on Thursday afternoon of last week.

Guy Jones, Rudolf Wulf and John Ronhovde made a business trip to Madrid, Nebraska, last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Latrom and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Remaley of Lincoln visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spahnle last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Busker of Akron, Iowa, visited last week end with Mrs. Busker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Adams and E. P. Betts.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wright last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hite of Weeping Water and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mick, of Lincoln.

Homer Clements of Imperial, a former Eagle resident, visited his grandmother, Mrs. S. E. Allen and other relatives on Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hursh of Grand Island came Saturday evening and visited until Monday with Mr. Hursh's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hursh.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Piersol and son Mr. and Mrs. Harold Piersol and family of Lincoln and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scattergood spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Piersol.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Johnson of Alvo, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thomson and sons of Palmyra and Alton Haase of Bennet were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wall and Melva last Sunday.

Mrs. S. W. Moore and Miss Jennie Gerhard have been visiting since Sunday in Omaha with their niece, Mrs. Arthur Bivens and Mr. Bivens and daughter. Mrs. S. W. Moore plans to leave for her home at San Francisco, Calif., on Thursday, and Miss Gerhard will return to her home here.

Searchlight Club Meets

The Searchlight club met at the home of Mrs. Hinebaugh for a covered dish dinner and an all day meeting. Twelve members answered roll call by giving a method of cooking meat. The project leaders, Mrs. Amy Smith and Mrs. Leona Gardner, presented the lesson on "The Repair and Storage of Clothing." All enjoyed the dinner and lesson very much. The club will meet during the summer with three members serving each time. Mrs. Nenstiel, Mrs. Mary Lanning and Mrs. Pettit will entertain in May at the home of Mrs. Nenstiel.

W. C. T. U. Meeting

Mrs. Myrtle Robertson entertained the local Union at her home last Friday afternoon. They were sorry several members were unable to attend on account of illness. Mrs. Clarence Slosson, Mrs. Anna Klietsch and Mrs. J. W. Horn were welcome guests.

Plans were made for the May meeting to be held at the church and also the county institute to be held at Alvo, April 24.

The members enjoyed an exchange of shrubbery.

The hostess served delicious refreshments at the close of the afternoon.

Score High Ratings

The Eagle consolidated school entries received the following ratings at the District II music contest held at Auburn last Friday and Saturday: Superior—Virginia Trumble, girls' high voice; Donna Belle Judkins, girls' low voice; Robert Ronhovde, boys' medium voice; Girls' Trio, Mixed Quartette, Sextette and Girls' Glee club.

Excellent—Lucille Henriksen, girls' medium voice; Jimmie Bender, boys' high voice; Arthur Ronhovde, boys' low voice; Girls' Quartette, Boys' Quartette, Girls' Octette and Boys' low voice; Girls' Quartette; Boys' Glee club.

Good—Lee Copple, violin; Betty Scattergood, piano, and the Mixed Chorus.

Howard Miller, instructor of music, as well as his students, are to be commended for the fine work done in music during this school term.

BAY STATE HAS 140,000 COWS

AMHERST, Mass. (UP)—Massachusetts has 140,000 dairy cows, the largest number since 1926, reports Ellsworth W. Bell, Massachusetts State College farm economist. Bell says, however, that "horses are being replaced by motive power at a very rapid rate" and their number in the state decreased from 24,000 to 23,000 in the past year.

Deeds, mortgages and all sorts of legal blanks for sale at the Journal office.

Nehawka

Mrs. Lyle Kruger was spending the week-end at the home of her son, Lawrence Kruger and family in Nebraska City over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Steffens and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anderson and son Kenneth were at Nebraska City, where they visited with Mr. C. Steffens, who suffered a stroke last Friday.

John W. Murdoch, who has been confined to his bed for some time from an affliction of his heart, still remains poorly despite the best of medical attention. Friends hope he will show more rapid improvement now that summer is coming.

Nehawka Rebekahs will attend the district meeting to be held in Louisville this (Thursday evening). The local lodge has a well trained degree team which will accompany them to the meeting. A good number of the other lodges in the district will also be represented at this meeting, an account of which will appear in our Monday issue.

On Friday of this week the district convention of Odd Fellows is to be held at Elmwood. Towns in the district include Nehawka, Avoca, Weeping Water, Syracuse, Louisville and the host town of Elmwood. A considerable number of Odd Fellows from here attended. One of the features of the meeting was the supper served at six o'clock.

4-H Club Notice

The Early Bird Poultry club met at the home of Kathleen Balfour for the regular meeting, Tuesday, April 23. We decided to give the 4-H pledge, the flag salute. We gave yells and sang songs and received our 4-H pins.

The lesson, No. 2 was "Care of Baby Chicks." Each member had a paragraph to tell about. Roll call next time is to tell how many chicks we have on hand and the kind of feed we will use.

There were five visitors present. Our next meeting will be at the home of Margie and Virginia Pollard May 7.

Refreshments were served.

Blue Ribbon Swine Club

The Blue Ribbon Swine club met at the home of Earl Murdoch Friday night, April 19th. The roll was called. All members were present but one.

Problem I Swine Club Demonstration and Problem II, Care and Management of the Breeding Herd were discussed.

The Blue Ribbon Sheep club met there too.

The next meeting will be May 3rd at the home of Louis Kuntz. Mrs. Murdoch served delicious refreshments of Jello, cake and candy.—Harold Pollard, news reporter.

Father Suffers Stroke

Friends will learn with regret that Mr. C. Steffens, father of J. H. Steffens, Mr. Albert Anderson and Miss Margaret Steffens, suffered a stroke last week and was taken to St. Marys hospital at Nebraska City from his home at Lorton.

Mr. Steffens was engaged in the banking business at Lorton for a long time, until the past fortnight, when he decided to close the bank, and had been busy paying off depositors in full, at which he was being assisted by his son, J. H. Steffens and wife, when overtaken by the stroke. He is 69 years of age, and has spent a most active life.

Miss Margaret Steffens daughter of Mr. Steffens, who is located in Chicago, was informed of the condition of her father and hastened to his bedside. Miss Margaret is a graduate nurse and has been assisting in the care of her father since her arrival in Nebraska City.

Friends are hoping for a change for the better in his condition.