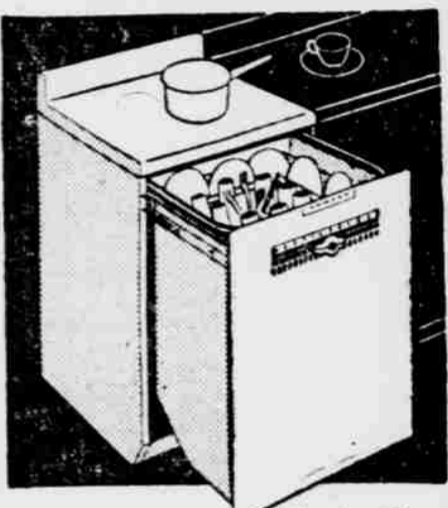


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March 1st Is Anniversary Of Execution Here

It took a special invitation to be able to attend the only legal execution ever held in Plattsmouth, Judge C. L. Graves recalled this week, as the anniversary of the event neared. As proof Judge Graves produced a card which entitled him to attend the execution of Harry Hill at Plattsmouth 56 years ago today, March 1, 1895. The execution card read: Admit Bearer, Mr. C. L. Graves to the EXECUTION OF HARRY HILL at Plattsmouth, Neb., Friday, March 1st, 1895 compliments of J. C. Eikenbary, Sheriff Cass County, Nebr.

Accounts of the hanging and the trial of Hill are recorded in Judge Graves collection of clippings from the Plattsmouth Journal. At the close of his trial in December, 1894, "The jurors in the Hill murder trial have decreed that Edward L. Smith, or Harry Hill, as he is better known, shall hang."

Hill was charged with the murder of Matt Akeson of Weeping Water, and paid for the offense with his life.

At The Cass County Court House

First hearing in the Gus Spitt estate was held Wednesday morning, February 28. Charles H. Boedeker declined to be administrator. Roy Spitt and William Spitt appointed administrators. Begley and Peck are the attorneys. Don Crouse of Plattsmouth was fined \$50 and court costs in county court Tuesday, February 27, on charges of drunken driving. His license was suspended for six months. Arrest was made by Sheriff Tom Solomon.

Ory Kenneth Sublet, 34, and Victoria Louise Von Dollen, 37, both of Council Bluffs, Ia, were married in the office of the county judge by Judge Raymond J. Case Wednesday, February 28, 1951. License for marriage was issued the same day.

Darrel Nolte, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Nolte was taken to the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha Wednesday and will undergo surgery Thursday morning for a spinal condition.

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JOURNALisms

We overheard a conversation here the other day that brought out a point we know few of us have ever given any thought—the wording of Lincoln's Gettysburg address. With the exception of two or three words in the entire speech he made on that memorial day, none contain over two syllables.

This person was wondering what the speech would have sounded like and if it would have been singled out as a historical document if Lincoln had been a Harvard graduate. We doubt it. In fact, we doubt if one-third of those congregated upon that sacred battle ground would have known what he was talking about.

Personally, I think half the gobbledygook coming out of our nation's capitol today had its origin in those halls of learning. There is just no middle ground—you're either befuddled by wisecracks with a Harvard or Princeton accent, or confused through the rantings of a swamp-land ignoramus. Using their language, we have been surreptitiously victimized—if you know what we mean.

It's been an average week around this department. There's been seventeen calls by people trying to keep their name out of the paper and six doing their best to get their's in. Two succeeded. But the guy we're looking for is that great personality who snafued the editorial sanctum and fouled up the air telling us how this sheet should be run. We've been on the lookout for a character of this type for some time. Frankly, we've been wanting to get away from it all for a few weeks and if this guy will just come in and make himself known we'll turn the whole shebang over to him. He can exercise his ability on the public to his heart's content—or until some irate reader comes at him with a piddling club and runs him for the Missouri river.

Everybody knows how to run the other fellows business. We recall a conversation we had one time with the Hon. Gomer T. Davies, recently deceased, editor and publisher of the "Kansasian," a weekly newspaper known the nation over and published at Concordia. Gomer was known as the "peg-leg printer" and recognizable within hearing distance by the termite gnawing on his hickory right leg—a misfortune of his early youth while a coal miner in southern Iowa.

We were stuck with a small town newspaper down in that state of sunflowers, sunshine and songbirds (with apologies to Fred Rea and our better half). It was a case of selling, starving or moving. Being in a depressed state and suffering from malnutrition, we sought out the fatherly advice of this saint, singer and blistering old school editorial writer who, at the time of his death had reached the ripe age of near 98 years.

Gomer listened to our tale of woe and with all the dignity of an old patriarch gave us a sound lesson in newspaper salesmanship. Old "Pegleg," as he was affectionately known, told us there was no one in the world that knew more about running a newspaper than a preacher or a school teacher. They were not so greatly endowed with this world's riches, but even the worst of them could scrape up a thousand or so if the opportunity presented itself.

A school teacher or a preacher was not too well versed on finances, he said, but they had a story to tell and a volubrious urge to save the world. Though the average could tell his story in the first couple of issues and be completely "wrote" out by the third press day was of little importance—find yourself an eager preacher or an over-educated teacher with an ulcer and your troubles are over, was his sound advice.

It didn't take much scratching to come up with a prospect who couldn't resist the whir of presses or the smell of printer's ink. We unloaded a broken-down newspaper, got the hell out of Kansas and never looked back. But, we learned, this guy had a great time for a couple of weeks.

Plattsmouth schools were attempting to brush off a severe case of "blues" this week following the departure of Oliver C. Hudson—known to every kid in school and hundreds of graduates as "Huddy"—for California where he with his good wife expects to make his home. Oliver Hudson as custodian of Plattsmouth's schools for over 40 years has played father and counsellor to more Plattsmouth kids than any man living. He has nursed their cuts, wounds and broken hearts. Daily his advice was sought and freely given. Many a boy and girl took a new grip on life and faced a rosier future after a talk with "Huddy." He did his work faithfully and well. We'll all miss him. Why can't a guy like that live and work forever? RRF

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