

THE CAPITAL OF CASS COUNTY

Plattsmouth's Resources, Her Needs and Future Prospects.

Under a heading "Some Needs of Nebraska Towns," the Omaha Bee is now engaged in a series of articles in reference to some of the leading towns of Nebraska. Last Thursday's issue of the Bee contained the following in reference to Plattsmouth, which no doubt will be read with considerable interest by the patrons of the Journal:

"Plattsmouth, the county seat of Cass county, is situated on the west bank of the Missouri river, about two miles south of the mouth of the Platte river, and eighteen miles south of Omaha, on the main line of the Burlington and the Missouri Pacific railroads. Like Rome, it is built upon seven hills, but unlike its ancient prototype, no pestilential marshes lie within its borders. It has a population of about 5,000 and is the gateway to one of the greatest agricultural countries on earth, namely, the South Platte. The city has a good electric light plant, gas works and one of the finest systems of water works in this state, with a sewerage system that is complete and up-to-date in every detail. Its main street is paved with Sioux Falls granite. The public library building is a commodious stone and brick structure, paid for and supported by the city.

"The Nebraska Masonic home is one of the most imposing buildings in this city and is 'a thing of beauty and a joy forever.' The court house is an architectural beauty and cost over \$80,000. There are three banks, the First National, the Bank of Cass County and the Plattsmouth State bank, all in first-class condition, also two building and loan associations. The Plattsmouth Telephone company has its headquarters in its own two-story brick building, and the Bell Telephone company occupies rooms over C. E. Wescott's store for an office.

"There are broom factories, extensive bottling works, a model steam laundry, a \$35,000 opera house, equipped with the largest stage and one of the best mechanical appliances of any playhouse in this state. Also five hotels and many boarding houses. The Hotel Riley cost \$85,000 and in point of architectural beauty, is one of the finest in this state. The Plattsmouth Daily and semi-weekly News and the Daily and Weekly Journal are published here. There are eight cigar factories, each employing from four to thirty men. Plattsmouth has about fifty business houses, ranging in value from \$1,000 to \$50,000. Hundreds of men are employed in the local Burlington shops, and the payroll has been for years from \$30,000 to \$35,000 per month.

"The churches within its borders are the First Presbyterian, the German Presbyterian, the First Methodist Episcopal, German Methodist Episcopal, First Christian, First Baptist, Mount Olive Baptist (colored), St. Luke's Episcopal, Swedish Mission, German Lutheran, St. John's Catholic, Bohemian Catholic, and the First Church of Christ, Scientist. With the exception of the last named, each denomination owns its own house of worship, varying in value from \$500 to \$15,000. The secret, social and fraternal societies are only limited by the number in existence. No city in the state has ever manifested more zeal in the cause of popular education than Plattsmouth, and there are no better common schools in existence. There is a high school, one central and eight ward buildings. The enrollment of pupils for 1906 is 1,118. The Catholics also maintain a parochial school, which is quite largely attended.

"The most important demand of all active civilization is an unlimited water power. This element of wealth, cheap motive power, this city has within her reach one of the greatest possibilities of the western states. The survey for the construction of a power canal along the Missouri river near this city, demonstrates the fact that such a project is feasible. Terminating six miles from this city, providing for a head of sixty-three and one-half feet and affording a 15,000 horse-power, at a much less cost than steam power, and which in this latitude (humidity of atmosphere considered) can be transmitted to any desired distance within a radius of 100 miles. Plattsmouth has the best of drainage, an abundance of water, and first class railroad facilities, and can offer to manufacturing industries of all kinds the very best inducements. The Plattsmouth glove factory, which has recently located here, promises to be a great success in every way, but the city needs many more manufacturing industries of all kinds, and for which liberal inducements will be offered."

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Purchase Some Fine Stock.

The prosperous farmers and stock raisers, Wm. and Theo. Starkjohn, residing about four miles west of this city, added some fine stock to their herd when they purchased a solidly built male animal and a heifer at the thorough bred sale in Omaha yesterday. Both animals are of the famous short horn Durham class, and are fully registered—the male being fifteen months old, weighing 1,110 pounds, and as fine a specimen of the breed as will be found in this vicinity. The heifer is a three-year-old, and is of the same class as the male, which together with the heifer, is imported stock. The newly acquired property arrived this morning and were the objects of much interest and praise.

TO HOLIDAY PURCHASERS

A Special Invitation is Extended to You to Visit the Plattsmouth Department Store.

Were you aware of the fact that Mr. Fanger, the proprietor of the popular Plattsmouth Department Store, returned only a few days ago from New York, where he purchased many new, valuable and useful articles for the careful Christmas shopper, including many new creations in the ever popular "Wooltex" garments, in cloaks, skirts and suits? Mr. Fanger has experienced an exceptionally large trade on the goods this season, but upon the arrival of the new line, the line will be comparatively unbroken. Where can you find a more appropriate Christmas present than a new "Wooltex" coat, for either wife or daughter? Mr. Fanger also purchased a large line of new silk waists, that will be placed on sale the latter part of this week, and this advance announcement is made so that you will call and examine the line before making your purchases.

In every department of our store you will find many new creations in Ladies' and Children's wearing apparel that will make suitable presents for Christmas. Also in the clothing department you can find many new things that will please the men folks of your family.

Watch for our big Christmas announcement next week, and remember that in making your purchases you should not fail to call and see what we have in store for you.

PLATTSMOUTH DEPARTMENT STORE, M. FANGER.

An Important Ruling.

The law does not require the presentation to the city council of a claim for damages for personal injuries sustained in consequence of a defective street or sidewalk of the city, and an appeal from the action of the council thereon. An original action may be maintained therefore in the district court. George M. Nicholson sued the city of South Omaha for damages alleged to have been sustained in October, 1903, in consequence of the defective condition of a sidewalk in that city. In the district court he was awarded damages in the sum of \$500 and the defendant appealed. One ground of appeal was that under section 107, chapter 17, laws of 1903, the claim should have been presented to the city council within a specified time, and in case plaintiff was not satisfied with the award made by that body appeal should be taken to the district court. In this opinion the court holds that an original action may be brought in district court for damages of this nature. The city contended that plaintiff himself was negligent in that he knew of the condition of the walk and was therefore not entitled to recover. The court holds that it is not the plaintiff's knowledge of the defect in a walk or the street that precludes his recovery, but his want of such care as a prudent man would exercise in view of the danger. This is usually a question for the jury.—Lincoln News.

Young People Entertained.

The regular monthly business and social meeting of the Endeavor society of the Christian church was held last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Whitaker on Granite street. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Jesse Perry, president; Celia Madsen, vice-president; Minnie McKay, secretary; C. E. Whitaker, treasurer; Molly Godwin, organist; Muriel Mullis, assistant organist. Eleven new members were added to the society, making twenty-one additions within the last three months. After the business session all adjourned to the dining room where the young men of the society had provided an oyster supper for the young ladies which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. At a late hour all adjourned feeling that they had spent a pleasant evening.

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MAY GET PUBLIC BUILDING

Bill Introduced By Senator Millard for Postoffice at Plattsmouth.

CARRIES APPROPRIATION OF \$45,000

Special Agent of the Architect's Department to Look Over Sites Within the Next Thirty Days.

After several months of inaction the prospects of Plattsmouth securing a public building, began to brighten preceptly when it was learned that a bill carrying an appropriation of \$45,000 was before the senate, and that a special agent will be here in a short time to select a site from the many offered by our citizens. A special from Washington under date of Tuesday has the following to say in regard to a postoffice building for Plattsmouth:

"Senator Millard today introduced bills, each carrying an appropriation of \$45,000, for the erection of public buildings at Plattsmouth and Columbus, Neb. The omnibus appropriation bill for public buildings passed at the last session of congress appropriated \$7,500 to be expended for the purchase of sites in each of these Nebraska cities. These sites have not yet been selected, in fact, a special agent of the architect's department. It was said today, would be sent to Nebraska to look over several sites in the two cities within the next thirty days.

Entertains Aid Society.

The ladies of the aid society of the Presbyterian church were very pleasantly entertained Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Z. T. Brown, the hostess being assisted by Mesdames Wm. McCauley, T. B. Bates and Miss Addie Searl. An interesting program had been prepared for the occasion, and among the numbers that were highly appreciated was a reading by Mrs. H. D. Travis and a solo by Miss Ida Pearman. Other pleasing numbers were a dialogue by Misses Abbie Brown and Ida Evans and a recitation by Miss Mildred Johnson. The afternoon proved to be a very delightful one and the many ladies enjoyed a social afternoon.

VICTORY UNDER MACCABEUS

Jews Celebrate Festival For Ten Days, Beginning Yesterday.

The Festival of Chanukka lasts ten days and is marked by the lighting of candles in the homes of Jewish people, and exchange for presents. Rabbi Cohn of Omaha gives the following sketch of the festival, which will perhaps be of some interest to the readers of the Journal:

"The Festival of Chanukka is a historical festival to commemorate the victory of the Jews under the leadership of Judas Maccabeus and his brothers (called the Maccabees) over Antiochus, the Syrian tyrant who attempted to destroy the religion of the Jews in the year 160 B. C. The word Chanukka means dedication and is so called because of the joyful reconsecration of the temple in Jerusalem after it had been wrested from the hands of the sacrilegious Syrians. It was 160 years after the victory of Judas and his brethren over the Syrians that the founder of Christianity was born. Without Chanukka there would be no Christmas. Chanukka is earlier in origin and the celebration of the festival was widespread among the Jews and therefore among the earlier Christians at least centuries before the establishments of the institution by Christmas.

"Chanukka is observed for eight days and the candles are lighted in the home by the head of the household, the first night one candle and so on until eight on the last evening. Now it is the custom to have the children light candles."

Passes Eightieth Mile Stone.

Today P. P. Gass passed his eightieth mile stone, and of these eighty years nearly fifty have been spent in Plattsmouth. Mr. Gass was born in Mansfield, Ohio, on the 12th day of December, 1826, and soon after his marriage he emigrated to Plattsmouth in April of the year 1857, crossing the river the day after the vigilance committee "ducked" the Johnson band of desperadoes in the "Old Muddy."

During his residence in this county he has held the position of sheriff and is at present enjoying the best of health, which we hope may continue through many more years.

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Very Serious Injury.

Charles Benedict met with a very peculiar accident Tuesday at George Edmisten's, east of town. He was removing the wagon box from the wagon, and when he had it part way off the coupling broke, causing the box to fall full weight upon his left knee. The knee was knocked backward, dis-jointed and broken, making it a serious and painful injury. He was brought to town and taken to the home of his uncle, Henry Pell, where a physician was called and dressed the wounds.

The injured man suffered much pain and expressed the desire to go home, and Wednesday evening he was carried to the depot and put on the train, going to his home near Avoca. The result of the injury cannot be definitely foretold at this time, but it is thought that he will eventually regain the full use of his injured limb.—Union Ledger.

NEBRASKA FREE OF CRIME

Has Fewer Convicts in Proportion to Population Than Other States.

Nebraska has fewer convicts in proportion to its population than any other state in the union, according to Warden Beemer's biennial report. The per cent of illiteracy among the inmates of the penitentiary is also smaller than that of any other state. Warden Beemer asks that the funds earned by convict labor during the last two years and during the coming biennium be appropriated for the use of the penitentiary and believes that this will be an entirely sufficient sum.

Good order and excellent discipline reigns at the prison and the warden expresses his belief that this is due to the fact that care has been taken to keep the entire building scrupulously clean and to give as many little accommodations as possible to the inmates.

Of the 374 inmates of the institution 243 admitted their guilt of the crime charged while 131 declared they were innocent. Married men seem to be less susceptible than single men to the microbe of crime as the proportion of inmates for two years has been 104 married men to 270 single men. Eighteen only were unable to read and write, seven were unable to read only, while 349 could both read and write. The temperate men incarcerated numbers 133; the moderate drinkers, fourteen; the intemperate men, 227.

The occupations were represented at the penitentiary as follows: Laborers, 99; farmers, 59; waiters, 16; butchers, 16; cooks, 14; teamsters, 13; clerks and barbers, 11 each; tailors, 5; plumbers and dressmakers, 4 each; soldiers, 3; janitors, sailors, actors, bartenders, lawyers, and other occupations, one representative.

Burglars rank second to forgers when crimes are compiled. Forgers to the number of eighty have seen the doors of the penitentiary open for them. The number of burglars is one less than that of the forgers. For grand larceny and stock thefts 92 were sentenced.

Of the 374 convicts, 126 received sentences of one year; 107 from 2 to 3 years; fifty-three from 5 to 10 years; three for 15 years; two for 20 years; one for 30 years, ten for life, and two for death. The largest number received were of ages from 31 to 40.

Douglas county has sent about one-third of the total number of prisoners to the penitentiary during the biennium, 124 claiming the metropolis as their home. Lancaster county sent 28, Cherry 19, Dodge and Dawes 10 each.

Will Not be Changed.

The Lincoln Star is responsible for the assertion that General Manager Holdrege, of Omaha, will not be shifted to the Burlington general office in Chicago. General Superintendent Byram will not be invited to Omaha—just yet. Official information came this morning from Chicago, probably stimulated by a sensational story in an evening paper. Rumors were also printed in an Omaha morning paper.

A whispered rumor of wholesale changes was passed around two weeks ago. The officials in Lincoln and in Omaha denied the story and it was buried along with the legion of reports concerning resignations, removals and promotions. According to information from Chicago no changes are being considered at present.

Local officials of the Burlington this morning denied emphatically the statement that there would be any shake-up of officials so far as the Lincoln division of the road was concerned.

Louisville Couple Married.

In the county judge's office a license was issued to Ernest N. Ahl, age 21, and Miss Maude E. Ingraham, age 23, both residents of Louisville, today.

Immediately after the license was issued to the couple the marriage ceremony was performed by Judge H. D. Travis. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ahl, while the bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ingraham. The young couple, after spending the day in the county seat, returned to Louisville, where they will make their home.

An action to quiet title to lot 3, block 140 of the city of Plattsmouth was filed in the district clerk's office today by John G. Claus vs. unknown heirs of W. S. Worley.

HE MAY HAVE TO KEEP IT

Congressman Pollard's Draft for \$1,861.84 Returned to Him by Sergeant-at-arms.

HE HAS DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE

To Have the Authorities at Washington Accept the Return of Same, but Meets With No Success.

A special from Washington to the Omaha Bee says: "Congressman Pollard will, tomorrow, present a resolution to the house of representatives calling upon the judiciary committee of that body to investigate the question whether he is or is not entitled to the moneys which the sergeant-at-arms sent to him covering the period between the resignation of Senator Burkett from the lower house and his election as Burkett's successor.

"Congressman Pollard was severely criticised during the last campaign for taking the money and he lost many votes because of its acceptance. Later on and after election, Congressman Pollard drew a draft for \$1,861.84, payable to the treasurer of the United States, and sent the same to Henry Casson, sergeant-at-arms of the house, with a request that this amount be covered back into the treasury. Mr. Casson has been up a tree regarding the disposition of the money and retained the check until today, when it was returned to Mr. Pollard with the following letter:

"WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—Hon. E. M. Pollard, House of Representatives—My Dear Sir: Referring to the matter of your letter to me, enclosing a draft payable to the order of the treasurer of the United States for \$1,861.84, I have to say that I am not officially advised of any way in which I can cover this money into the treasury of the United States. The payment of this amount to you, being for compensation in interim between the beginning of the Fifty-ninth congress and the date of your election as representative to that congress, was made under authority conveyed by section fifty-one of the revised statutes of the United States, which statute was enacted in the year 1862. In making this payment, not only was the statute observed, but it conformed to an unbroken line of precedent officers of the Treasury department. Your letter and accompanying draft are transmitted herewith. Very truly yours,

"HENRY CASSON, Sergeant-at-arms, House of Representatives."

"Mr. Pollard has sought since reaching Washington to have the comptroller of the treasury or auditor of state and other departments to pass upon this question once and for all, but they have refused to give an opinion unless put up to them by congress. He has had repeated conferences with the speaker and the house leaders as

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to the manner in which he should proceed and it was finally agreed that he should rise to a question of personal privilege tomorrow and introduce the resolution calling upon the judiciary committee of the house for an opinion upon this much debated question, whether he had a right to accept the money which he did covering the period above mentioned."

Prize for Good Work.

Interest is being taken along the line of the Missouri Pacific railroad on that road's announcement that prizes are to be given in the roadway department, and that for the purpose of awarding the prizes general inspection will be made each autumn. The first prize, \$200, will go to the roadmaster having the best line and surface. The second is \$100 and the third \$50. There will be a section foreman's first premium of \$25 on each division of the road; second premium ten days leave of absence with a pass to any point on the road. There will also be lesser premiums for the section foreman, accompanied by placards to be displayed on the tool house of the premium section.—Auburn Herald.

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