

BETTER CITY NOW THAN THEN

All the Changes Have Been Made to
Our Advantage.

MANY LASTING IMPROVEMENTS

Come Let Us Make Plattsmouth a Better Town
Still; We Can Do It.

On the third day of September, 1885, the writer of this article got off a west bound train, which circled around a large two-story wooden building between the track and the river, having to go down two or three steps to get to the platform—this was Plattsmouth. After the train had pulled out we were enabled to look across the street, and our eyes were greeted with a row of old dilapidated buildings, extending on each side of the street for a block, another broken row ran south, where about two blocks away was the freight house of the Burlington. Standing directly across the street from the depot was John Leech with a tray of sandwiches for sale, while on the north side of Main street was a brick building, where the Burlington station now stands, which bore the sign in front B. & M. House, A. Kern, proprietor. As we went up the street on the south side, we saw a sign reading Buttery's drug store, and three or four empty buildings, then a larger brick building on which the name of H. Boeck appeared. Then an alley, a clothing store, a grocery, a saloon, we think conducted by James Grace, about where Jacob Heinrich has his restaurant, with a grocery in the Mason's and Odd Fellow's building and a saloon in the corner of the Guthman portion of the same block. Across the street, where J. V. Egenberger now has his scales, was a saloon kept by A. Rosenbaum, while next to it was a similar place, only it was kept in a good building, the one which stands there today, in which Mr. Egenberger has his feed store and fuel office. The next was an old ramshackle wooden building, which the memory of the writer cannot now recall the occupant. We next saw a nice new brick structure and every appearance was of a well kept meat market, with J. C. Peterson & Bro. on the window, this is where M. L. Johnson has his market at present. Then we came to the drug store of J. C. Fisher and the two next places were the store of Ben Elson and J. V. Weckbach, and a bakery, where the empty building bearing the sign in front of Cory's restaurant, while farther up were two wooden buildings, in one was the Troy Laundry and the other occupied by M. O'Rourke, merchant tailor, and then to the corner was John Sannon's livery barn.

Then came the Waterman Opera House, where we found J. N. Wise as postmaster, and John Simpson, with the express office in one corner and Wm. Baker with a news lobby, in the front portion of the corner room, Charlie Hermann had a billiard hall in the middle room and S. & C. Meyer a clothing store in the west part, then nothing until one got to Hart's place, there we found Hatt & Mathus, with Bennett & Lewis in the next place. After that what was called a barrel house and we think John Blake had it, and probably the next place was M. Bach grocery, with a saloon on the corner and a tailor shop up stairs. Running along the side of the building was a creek some fifteen or twenty feet deep with a large box culvert running across Main street, with a wagon scale over the culvert.

On the corner where Westcott's have their clothing store, was Frank Corruith with a jewelry store, and Ed. Morley with a barber shop in the basement, the next, where Kraft's are now, was Westcott's, and Bauer's stand was occupied by Smith & Black Bros. as a drug store. On the next place or two we lost out, while at Pepperburg's the building was under construction, and at Dovey's, they occupied the position, but they

have rebuilt to some extent since; Whites were in the same position and a grocery store was on the Boeck corner in an old wooden building. Crossing Sixth street we found the Citizen's bank occupying the corner; with a drug store where Fricke's are, then a meat market and on the south end of the block was F. McCourt, the Methodist church and the Cottage House by James Woodson, beyond that blue sky. On the north side of Main street, leaving the B. & M. House was a row of empty buildings to the alley, then the White Elephant saloon, kept by Nick Cunningham, then I. Pearlman with a second hand store, in the shadow of the Perkins House, with a bakery in the corner kept by Oswald Guthman, and Fred Goos keeping the City Hotel; then Fred Gorder, a grocery and then Solomon & Nathan, where the Journal now is, with an empty room and a grocery, then the court house, with scarce room enough to turn round, and a little brick room next to it, where one could touch the ceiling and Will Cook conducting a barber shop in it. Then the Wheeler building with a yard kept up by a stone wall and bordered with a row of cottonwood trees.

On the west side of Fourth street U. V. Mathews had a hardware, in an old dilapidated wooden building which one would think would fall down, then Joseph Schlater with a jewelry store; a harness shop came next kept by O. M. Streight, with three or four vacant lots and a little wooden building, containing another harness shop by a man named Chambers; James Antill with an ice cream parlor, and empty room and Julius Pepperburg with a cigar factory and Will J. Warrick, then John R. Cox with a hardware store then the Cass County Bank, and across the street Sherwood's shoe store; J. J. McVey, a saloon; Wm. Herold—two rooms, while we drop out on the next place, but Peter Merges was in where J. Schiappacasse now is, and a vacant space for two lots, then the Fitzgerald block, with a grocery in the east room; the Elkhorn saloon kept by Wm. Webber; Fred Hermann's dry goods store and the First National Bank in the corner. With the Stadlemann House where the Riley now stands. There is your old town of towns twenty-two years ago. We have heard many times lately that Plattsmouth was not as good a town as it was years ago, but it looks different to us.

There was not a block in length of permanent walks in the town then—no paving; a creek ran through the lots, and was covered on Main and Sixth streets, and we remember soon after we came a cow wandered up the creek and got into the culvert crossing Main street, and when she got in where it was dark and the vehicles passed over head she bellowed like a sea lion. With no decent walks, and when it was muddy one could not get across the streets, no lights, a dense forest a block south of Main street. In the twenty-two years we have been here a wonderful change in the appearance of things have been made, which if the change had been made in a night, there would not have been one man in Plattsmouth that would have known where he was. We have everything better now than then, and we are in a way to have a much better town, for our experience has shown us that the better a town we have the better we may expect. Let us all get at it and transform the city into one of twice or thrice the population, and ten fold the amount of business, we can do it if we will. Take a hold boys and let us shove her along.

Block Signal System

The Burlington road in an endeavor to prevent wrecks and protect the lives of the traveling public and their employes, and as a matter of saving the property loss in wrecks, will install a block system; beginning at Lincoln it will extend both ways and will when completed, form an entire lock block system which will keep trains one station apart, and will require the service of an operator at both ends of a block to operate it. When the system is inaugurated it will require on the line from Omaha to Denver, about fifty new operators to work the blocks, and will cost the company to install the devices about \$150,000, and will increase the pay roll of the operating department, but the saving will come in the protection to the lives of travelers and employes as well as the property which would otherwise be destroyed. The company's move in this respect is one that is to be commended and is a wise one, not alone from the humanitarian idea, but a good business proposition as well.

Will Visit in Weeping Water

Misses Vesta and Marie Douglass departed for Weeping Water last evening via the Missouri Pacific, where they will visit with friends and relatives for a week or so. While there they will be the guests of Miss Mary Hungate and Miss Grace Teegarden. Weeping Water is their old home and they are acquainted with many of the young people of that city and a visit there is always an enjoyable one.

Down With Rheumatism.

Mrs. Henry Walker, wife of the bridge carpenter of the Burlington, is in a very serious condition with inflammatory rheumatism, having been confined to her bed for a week and is in such a condition that it is with the greatest difficulty that she can be even turned in her bed. At this time she shows but the faintest improvement. Her sister, Mrs. Arthur Hammers, of Pacific Junction, came over on the fast mail to assist in taking care of her.

Returns Home Today

Fremont Wheeler, who has been visiting with his brother, Frank, of this place since he was dismissed from the hospital at Omaha last Wednesday, departed for his home at Norfolk this morning. Mr. Wheeler is pretty well pleased that he has gotten cured from the disease, appendicitis, which has been giving him more or less trouble for a long time.

Will Visit at Scribner.

Miss Christina Soennichsen and her brother, Master Henry, departed for Scribner this afternoon, where they will visit for some weeks, the guest of their uncle, Claus Ploehn, who used to live here. Miss Matilda and Master Waldmar Soennichsen accompanied them as far as Omaha, and they will all see the sights of the metropolis this afternoon.

Will Open Irrigated Lands

Eight townships in Nebraska and two in Wyoming will be placed under government irrigation under the North Platte project at the opening of the irrigation season next year. The size of farms vary, and are from forty acres the smallest to one hundred and sixty acres the largest that any private owner can have under the system. The charges for land under the project per acre is for building the system \$35 payable in not less than five or more than ten yearly payments, and no payment less than \$3.50 per acre. The first payment of the charges are due on December 1, 1908 and other yearly charges fall on the same date each year. The total to pay each year is \$3.50.

In the District Court

There was filed in the office of the district court Friday, a case coming from Greenwood, wherein the State of Nebraska, had Orlando L. Wilson arrested for selling intoxicating liquors, while running a supposed temperance billiard hall in that place. He was fined \$25 and costs and appeals to the district court, the transcript from the lower court being filed.

Improves Building

W. W. Coates has begun the repairing and putting in of a new front in the Meyers building on the south side of Main street. The repairs contemplate a new extended front and a steel ceiling for which the material is now here. A. L. Asemissen & Sons are doing the work on the ceiling while J. C. Coleman is looking after the front.

At Home Once More

James J. Nawacek and wife returned this morning from the west where they went some time since on their wedding trip. They were at Denver where they visited with the family of Thomas Janda, and John Ulick, also with Frank Chaloupka. They were visitors at the relatives of Mrs. Nawacek for a few days at Morrow.

Returned from the West

Uncle Andy Taylor returned from Beaver City in the western part of the state this morning where he has lands, after a week's stay. He says the crops are looking much better there than what they do in this portion of the state, but the ground is very dry out there and they must have rain or they will suffer materially.

MARQUETTE IS GONE

Kansas Town Reported Entirely Destroyed by Tornado

All efforts to reach Marquette, Kan., reported to have been destroyed by a tornado tonight, by telegraph or telephone failed. The Missouri Pacific railway telegraph operator at Marquette was notifying the agent at Geneseo, west of there, that the station was almost destroyed by wind and that three inches of water stood in the station when the wire failed.

McPherson, southeast of Marquette, was reached by telephone. That place had heard the report, but could not communicate with Marquette. All other wires are down. Marquette was destroyed by a tornado in 1905, twenty-seven persons being killed and fifteen injured.

Will Visit at Old Home

Morgan Waybright and wife will depart this evening for the east where they will visit for about a month. During their stay they will visit the Jamestown exposition where their tickets read. From Richmond to Jamestown they expect to travel by boat as they also do from Albany to New York City. The principal place they expect to see is the old home where they lived years ago and which Mr. Waybright has not seen for twenty-two years. The way they go, it will be necessary to make the last fifty miles of the trip by stage. The place where he left over forty-one years ago to come to Plattsmouth is Monterey, Highland county, Virginia. A railroad runs a little nearer but it is only used for logging purposes. This place is up in the mountains and will no doubt be a great outing besides the fact of seeing the old home and the friends of long ago.

From Sunny Kansas.

John W. Ferris, wife and daughter, accompanied by Mr. Ferris' mother, came in last evening from Ashland and visited with Morgan Waybright and wife, who intended to go away last evening, and will visit with the family of Mike Maury today and tomorrow, when they will return to Ashland, where they have been visiting friends. Mr. Ferris was originally from Virginia, living in the same neighborhood as Mr. Waybright. He now resides in Waukeenee, Kansas, and has just made the trip in an automobile from there to Ashland then coming down here for a visit with his old friends before returning to their old home. While in conversation with Mr. Ferris, who is a real estate dealer in Waukeenee, he said that he was well acquainted with Mr. E. W. Crabill and wife, Mr. Crabill having his store next that of Mr. Ferris. He says that Ezra is doing well and is well pleased with the town and country. Many of Plattsmouth's people have invested in land in that neighborhood and seem well pleased with the investment and reports from every source seems to justify their business ventures in acquiring land in that place.

Visits Friends in this City

John Shaeffer, who moved to Davenport, Neb., during the last spring, came in last night and will visit with friends and relatives in the city and country for about a week. While in conversation with Mr. Shaeffer he said that they had a very good prospect for a crop of all kinds of grain. He has a two hundred and forty acre farm and is well pleased with the country where he lives. He is a near neighbor to Henry Jasper, a former resident of this place, Mrs. Jasper being a Nolting before marrying. They are doing nicely and their many friends here will be pleased to hear of their success and prosperity.

Tennessee for Bryan

United States Senator Robert L. Taylor, of Tennessee, who spoke at the Epworth assembly in Lincoln, said that W. J. Bryan was the only man discussed seriously for the democratic presidential nomination, and that his state would undoubtedly send a delegation instructed for Mr. Bryan. Senator Taylor added that prohibition eclipsed all other public topics in his section at present, and that the whole south was in the grip of a powerful revolution against the liquor traffic with North Carolina and Tennessee leading for actual prohibition.

Many File Friday

There seemed to be a plethora of candidates filing today. They come from all parts of the county. H. E. Coleman files as a republican for constable from Greenwood. J. C. Smith for road overseer for east division of Rock Bluffs. D. A. Eaton for road overseer at Union for Liberty precinct. H. E. Newhart of South Bend for constable. John R. Denson filed last evening for constable for the city of Plattsmouth on the republican ticket.

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OVER THE STATE

Still at Work.

Walt Mason, well known in Nebraska newspaper circles has entered upon a new venture in Atchison, Kan., publishing the Atchison Sunday Star. The paper is neat and well written. Mason always did write readable copy along his chosen lines.—Lincoln Star.

Would Be Judge.

Henry E. Maxwell, residing at 1008 South Twenty-ninth street, Omaha, son of former Chief Justice Samuel Maxwell, has filed his application with the secretary of state as a candidate for judge of the fourth judicial district.

Crops Were Not Greatly Damaged

Reports at the Nye-Schneider-Fowler office yesterday wire the effect that the corn and wheat had been but very little damaged by the wind and rain of Tuesday night. The farmers do not seem to fear any serious results to the corn, but on the other hand say it has survived remarkably well and is flourishing.

Will They Grant It

The James Fleming-Dunbar saloon case comes up for hearing today before the town board of Dunbar. Remonstrators of Dunbar are opposing the issuing of a saloon license to Fleming. The following people interested in the hearing went to Syracuse this morning: Attorney D. W. Livingston, legal advisor of the board. Attorneys W. W. Wilson and Williams of Lincoln, attorneys for the remonstrators, Misses Atwell and Baker, stenographers, and James Fleming.—Nebraska City Tribune.

Has Nine Lives.

That a man was lying in a box car on the railroad transfer near Fourth Corso seriously if not fatally injured was reported up town Wednesday. The police instituted an investigation and on reaching the car found it empty. It is said the "wounded" man went to the neighboring house of a citizen washed considerable blood from his face and was seen later coming up town not "fatally injured."—Nebraska City Press.

Send in Your Order By Mail.

The Epworth assembly management does not sell tickets on Sunday. Those not holding season tickets and desiring to attend on that day should order tickets in advance. Send order with twenty-five cents per ticket to C. E. Sanderson, treasurer, 1229 O st., Lincoln, and tickets will be promptly mailed your address. Not to exceed six tickets will be sold to one person either at the office or by mail, this precaution being taken to prevent scalpers from buying a quantity.—State Journal.

Antelope in Sidney.

A specimen of frontier life was afforded the citizens of Sidney the other day, when a drove of antelope dashed through the town, making the entire length of one of the Main streets, evidently having been pursued by wolves. Thirty years ago.—Fremont Herald.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Aug. 2.—Simeon Hudson, alleged forger, was taken into the district court this afternoon and contrary to expectations pleaded not guilty to the two counts of forgery. Judge J. P. Kaper continued the case until the regular October term of court. Bail was fixed at \$3,000 which was not furnished. County Attorney J. C. Moore made a showing that the Johnson county jail was not sufficiently secure to hold Hudson and the court gave an order for the man to be taken to Lincoln and confined in the penitentiary to await trial. Sheriff H. U. Miner will take him up tomorrow afternoon.—State Journal.

Body of Drowned Man Found.

The body of the young man Phelps, who was drowned in the Elkhorn last Sunday was recovered today about three miles from Neligh having floated down the river a distance of at least five miles as the river runs. The remains will be buried in Laurel Hill cemetery tomorrow.

Blaze Near Weston.

Joseph Helcher, a farmer, three miles south of Weston, lost his house by fire yesterday. The cause of the blaze is unknown. His loss is about \$1,500 partly covered by insurance.

Resigns as Superintendent.

Prof. H. F. Hooper who was elected as superintendent of the city schools at Oakdale for the coming year has tendered his resignation, having been elected to the superintendency of the schools at Blue Hill, at an increase of salary of \$200 per year. The question of securing and retaining competent instructors in our schools is one that is attracting considerable attention and one of vital importance. Every year some place is compelled to go without sufficient teachers or get along with some that are not entirely up to grade. With the increase in the salaries paid it would seem as though plenty of capable instructors could be secured.

Real Estate Transfers

John Klaurens to Chas. Dysart, lot 9, block 3, Union. Consideration \$650.00. A. H. Ganetson, et al., to W. W. Coates, lots 9, 10; block 41 and lot 12, block 22, city. Consideration \$500.00.

A GIRL'S LETTER.

Miss Rose Hurst, 733 Harris Street, Appleton, Wis., Writes Something of Interest to All Women.

Read What She Says:



"I WANT to say a word for Peruna for systemic catarrh and trust others who read this may try it and receive the same good from it that I did. "I had been ailing for a long time and nothing seemed to do me any good, although I tried many doctors and many medicines. I had become so bad that there was no pleasure in living. "I was finally asked by a friend to try Peruna, which I did, with many misgivings. What was my delight, after taking the first bottle, to see a great change for the better and I kept on improving until completely recovered. "I now feel like a new woman. It has done wonders for me and I gladly recommend it to others."—Rose Hurst. No ailing woman can fail to be interested in the above testimonial. Miss Hurst was persuaded by a friend to try Peruna, and she is now perfectly well and feels like another woman. Such is her story in brief.

Will Remove School House

In difference to many protests as to the location of the west second ward school house, which is at the crossing of the street and the Missouri Pacific railway, as to the safety of the location, it is claimed that the present location is dangerous; and it stands to reason that such is the case, for when the scholars go outside the lot, they are on the railway track. The board of education at their meeting last evening instructed the secretary of the board to ask for bids for the removing and placing the building on the opposite corner of the lot. It now occupies the northwest corner and it is desired that it be moved to the southeast corner, which would put it as far away as is possible, and keep it on the same lot. It is expected that the removal will be made before the opening of the coming term of school.

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