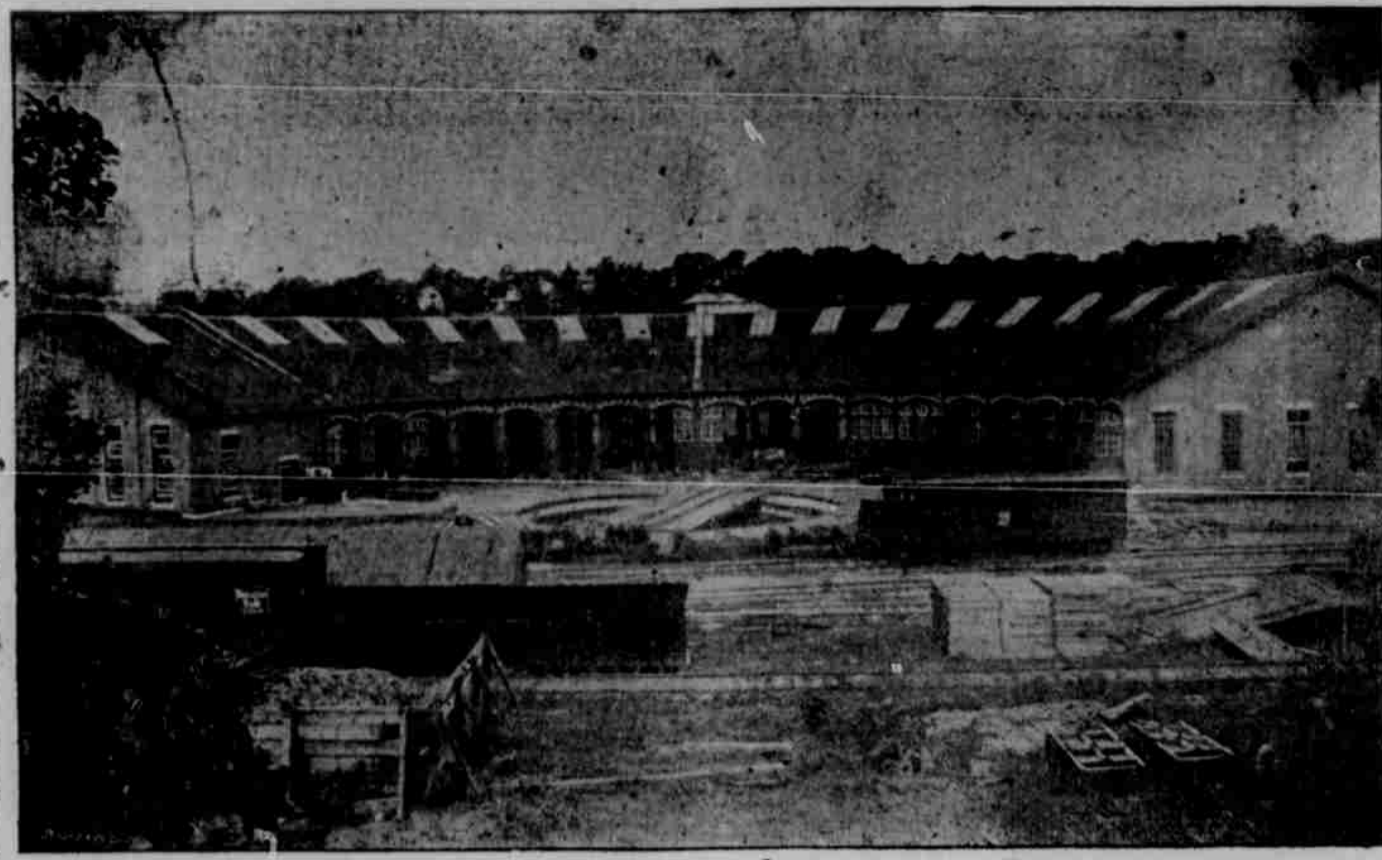


The Burlington Railroad Shops.

Upon the incorporation of Plattsouth, a number of lots were reserved and set aside by the city government for depot grounds and general railroad purposes, in anticipation of the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad in Nebraska, then already talked of. Six of these lots were subsequently voted to Dr. R. R. Livingston (now deceased), as compensation for services previously rendered the city, solely for the benefit of the city, "inasmuch as he had no property therein," and, on the 19th of the same month, this gentleman was deputized to go to Burlington, Iowa, to use his best endeavors toward securing the road. From this time, for a period extending over ten years, constant efforts were made by public spirited citizens, resulting in a special election on April 24, 1869, in which \$50,000 in bonds was voted by the city, donations also being made by additional lots to the company, on condition that it would erect and permanently maintain a depot and shops in Plattsouth, making and continuing the town its headquarters in Nebraska; it being further stipulated that the road was to be put through to the west end of the county in good running order and actual operation within sixteen months from June 3, 1869. A contract was signed to this effect by Mr. W. Thielson, the authorized agent of the company, and by the city council June 15, 1869, ground being broken at the foot of Main street, by Hon. D. H. Wheeler, then mayor of the city, early in July. In September, 1869, the first locomotive, the "American Eagle," was landed, and from this time work progressed rapidly, the exact terms of the contract, as to the completion of the road as prescribed, being complied with. The principal offices of the company being subsequently removed to Omaha; however, a compromise was effected, the city ultimately paying but \$25,000 to the company, in addition to the lots mentioned.

The first shops, of frame, were destroyed by fire very shortly after their erection, as were the ones replacing them, the disaster being occasioned by sparks from a passing locomotive. The shops were erected at various times between 1874 and 1881, and located upon fourteen acres of ground belonging to the company, enclosed in a tight board fence, ten feet in height. The buildings, round house, etc., are all substantial brick structures, and fitted up with all kinds of wood working machinery, including everything necessary to do all necessary repair work on engines, also the principal car shops are located here, and since the removal of the principal engine building department to Havelock a few years ago, all the rebuilding of the passenger coaches and box and flat cars is done at this point, and employ a vast number of men. A view of the shops will be seen elsewhere in this issue. One of the largest supply departments on the Burlington is located here, the store house being in charge of Mr. H. N. Ragner, with an efficient corps of assistants. The boiler department, blacksmith shop, paint shop and planing mills and carpenter department are all under the charge of competent foremen. The lumber yard is also under separate management, and contains all kinds of lumber used in the manufacture and repairing of cars. The whole is under the general supervision of Mr. William Baird, a gentleman who has been an employe of the Burlington in like capacity at St. Joseph and Lincoln and since coming to the Plattsouth shops has made many improvements for the betterment of the entire surroundings. Here is where the old saying, "the right man



BURLINGTON RAILROAD COACH SHOP

in the right place," holds true. The last fire that visited the shops was on the night of January 25, 1896, when the paint department went up in flames. The building, however, was soon rebuilt. Several very disastrous floods have visited the shops, the worst one being a year ago, but since Mr. Baird came, this trouble has been considerably rectified in the way of sewerage, and it is confidently predicted that these misfortunes will be considerably abated. The shops, as a whole, are now in a better condition than they have been for years, and while this is a slack season of the year, there are about 500 employes on the payroll most of the time. There are splendid prospects for an extension of the work down here in the way of repairing engines, which will necessitate a large increase in the working force.

The Bank of Cass County.

This bank was organized December 28th by A. E. Touzalin, H. W. Yates, E. M. Yates, Daniel H. Wheeler and John Black.

A. E. Touzalin was at one time manager of the B. & M. in Nebraska and a man of national reputation.

Henry W. Yates is now president of the Nebraska National Bank at Omaha and known among bankers in all parts of the country.

Dr. John Black was the first president of the bank and Edgar M. Yates the first cashier.

On December 6, 1881, C. H. Parmele and J. M. Patterson purchased the interests of E. A. Touzalin, H. W. Yates and E. M. Yates, C. H. Parmele becoming president and J. M. Patterson cashier. Upon the death of C. H. Parmele in 1898 Charles C. Parmele was elected president.

On January 15, 1901, J. M. Patterson was elected vice president and T. M. Patterson cashier.

At the present time the officers of the bank are: Charles C. Parmele president, Jacob Tritsch vice president, T. M. Patterson cashier and Rea F. Patterson assistant cashier. Mr. Tritsch was elected vice president January 26th, 1905, and Rea F. Patterson was elected assistant cashier January 9th, 1906.

The capital stock of the bank of Cass County is \$50,000. The surplus has been increased from time to time until it has now reached the sum of \$25,000 with which the undivided profits of \$7,024.91 makes it the largest bank in Cass county.

The bank makes a heavy financial showing all the way through. It has loans and discounts amounting

to \$256,710.59; aggregate deposits of \$223,152.02.

The bank has had a steady and uniform growth since its beginning, every year showing an improvement over prior ones. It would be difficult to find a financial institution in this or any other state in a similar sized town which would be able to make as good a showing in all respects. The officers are men of good judgment, liberal but not extravagant. They are always ready to assist in any movement put forward in the interest of Plattsouth.

Miss Helen Libershal.

The above is a photograph of Miss Helen Libershal, the handsome little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Libershal of this city. Miss Libershal is the charming child who won the first prize in the voting contest for the most popular baby in the city, recently conducted by the Quaker



Remedy Company. She is a pretty and precocious child and one who is beloved by all with whom she came in contact. To her winning ways is ascribed the great popularity which she enjoys and the wide circle of friends who cast all their votes for her.

The Hotel Riley.

This first-class hostelry, one of the very best in Nebraska, was built by its namesake, J. E. Riley, in 1889.

After a career filled with many vicissitudes it came into the hands of H. K. Dunbar & Son in 1896.

Since that time it has been properly conducted and has been a source of revenue to its owners. In 1906 Mr. H. K. Dunbar went to Fremont and assumed charge of the Eno Hotel, and since that time Mr. F. H. Dunbar has been the sole proprietor.

Mr. Dunbar keeps a first-class house and supplies his guests with everything the market affords in season.

He owns and operates a farm close to Plattsouth which supplies the Riley with cream, milk, butter, eggs and poultry of the finest kind. This farm is run after the manner of large eastern hotels which have their own dairies and poultry farms for the express purpose of supplying the best.

The Riley is a pleasant place to stop and under the care of Chief Clerk Claude Shumaker it is a guest's fault if he does not get what he wants, because Mr. Shumaker will supply all reasonable wants as soon as they are made known.

St. Paul's Church.

In 1892 this society was organized under the name of St. John's Evangelical Church and the membership at that time was very weak. They met at the homes of the several members of the church for some time where they held services and had no regular pastor until Rev. F. H. Freund came and took charge of the work. Being a gentleman of great energy, he set about to build a house of worship, and the beautiful edifice on the corner of Vine and Fifth streets is the result of his labors. Rev. Freund remained with the congregation for several years, when he was called to another field

of labor, and Rev. Barkmann came to succeed him. The latter died on May 1, 1905, when Rev. F. J. Langhorst came to take charge of the work and remained here until a few weeks since, when he resigned to accept a position elsewhere, since which time the congregation has been without a pastor. The name of the church was changed in the course of time from that of St. John's Evangelical to that of St. Paul's Evangelical Church. The officers of the society are August Tartsch, president; George Shanz, secretary; and J. P. Falter, treasurer; F. G. Fricke, Ed. Lutz and Martin Steppat, trustees. The church also has a very neat and comfortable parsonage near the edifice. The society has a very fair membership and is prospering nicely. In connection there is a ladies' auxiliary under the name of the Frauenverein, with a membership of about forty-five which is doing much good work for the church.

Christian Church.

This church was organized in May, 1858, through the instrumentality of Elder Thos. J. Todd. The church has prospered remarkably well and most of the time has supported a resident minister. They have an elegant frame church building, a prosperous Sabbath school, with a large scholarship. Rev. Luther Moore is the present pastor, and is well liked as a minister, a citizen and for his many excellent traits of character.

MYNARD

The land upon which Mynard is built was formerly owned by Silas L. Long, of Plattsouth, and was laid out in 1891, about the time the Missouri Pacific railroad was completed through the county. The town is situated about three and a half miles southwest of Plattsouth, the county seat. The town is located in the midst of the finest country there is in Cass county, and it furnishes a market for all the grain produced for miles surrounding. While rather too close to Plattsouth to spread much, Mynard is rather a pretty little town, and has a number of very handsome homes, and a new M. E. church, which has recently been completed. Rev. W. B. Cornish, recently from New Jersey, has just taken charge of the congregation.

Mynard being a splendid grain market, and the country tributary being a fine stock raising section, there is considerable shipping done here. W. B. Porter, Jr., is the accommodating agent for the Missouri Pacific and is well fitted to look after the railroad's interests at Mynard. The postoffice is under the supervision of an efficient postmaster in the person of Mr. W. T. Richardson.

Mynard has two large grain elevators, one good general store, a lumber yard, implement store, harness shop, blacksmith shop and a population of nearly 100 law-abiding generous and enterprising people. Besides those mentioned they have a M. W. A. hall here with a large membership. We might say more in praise of Mynard, but we think it unnecessary. The Journal feels very grateful, however, for the very liberal manner in which the business men of the town have patronized this anniversary edition. It surely demonstrates that while Mynard is not very large the business men have done their part well in the way of assisting in producing this large edition.

W. E. Gillispie, Grain Dealer.

William F. Gillispie was born in Highland county, Va., and came to Cass County in 1859, about the same time that A. S. Will and Charley Beverage came to the county. They all three lived in the same neighborhood in Virginia. For several years after coming to Cass county Mr. Gillispie worked on the farm,

well known contractor of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson have been blessed with five interesting children, four girls and one boy, and their home is a happy and contented one.

Three years ago Mr. Richardson started into general merchandising, in connection with the firm of Zuckweiler & Lutz, of Plattsouth, under the firm name of Zuckweiler & Lutz and Richardson, and their general stock consists of dry goods, groceries, shelf hardware, paints, oils, notions, and in fact everything that is usually carried by a general store. By his courteous treatment to everyone Mr. Richardson has succeeded in building up a splendid business, and the farmers of the surrounding country can see no need of going to adjoining towns when they can procure what they need in Mynard just as good and just as cheap. Mr. Richardson is also postmaster of the village and makes a special effort to please all the patrons of the store and the postoffice. Mr. Richardson is also manager of the lumber yard at Mynard.

Montgomery Robb.

"Mont," by which he is generally known, is a son of Hon. Fleming Robb, deceased, was one of the early Nebraska pioneers, having arrived here in 1856, almost direct from his native state of Pennsylvania. He located near the old town of Wyoming, Otoe county, where he became one of the foremost citizens of that county, having represented his adopted county in the Nebraska legislature in 1876. Here Mont Robb was born and reared to manhood, and received an education which fitted him for any position. For some years Mr. Robb has been in the grain business, except two years he served in the capacity of steward of the Norfolk insane asylum, to which position he was appointed by Governor Sheldon, and which he filled with credit to himself and the administration under which he served. Previous to entering upon his duties as steward, Mr. Robb lived at Murray, where he bought grain for a number of years. On returning from Norfolk, Mr. Robb again went into the grain business at Mynard, where he is at present paying the farmers all that the market will permit him to pay. Mont Robb is a fine man, and is possessed of a most excellent wife and family. He is popular with the farmers and a genuine all-round good fellow.

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