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## MAYOR SATTLER'S WEED APPEAL

### The Proclamation Generally Respected Throughout City

From Monday's Daily.

Mayor Sattler last Saturday appointed the committee which was to drive over the city and make an investigation of the effect of the "Weed Day" proclamation which he had issued the fore part of the week. As such a committee he named H. N. Dovey, cashier of the First National bank; D. B. Smith, president of the library board, and Charles Grimes of the Journal. These gentlemen, in company with the mayor, spent the greater part of yesterday morning in driving over the city and investigating conditions. They found the observation of the proclamation to have been general, and unhesitatingly state that the city is more free of weeds and trash than in many years. Especially is this true throughout the residence sections.

Starting with the First ward, the committee drove over the several streets and were surprised and gratified to note the work which the enterprising and public-spirited citizens had done. As a general rule the streets were clean, while lawns had been neatly trimmed and mowed and the conditions as a whole were excellent. One particular instance which the committee noticed of disregard of the proclamation was in the failure of the county to have the weeds on the lots north of the court house and in the streets to the west and north mowed.

This work, it was explained by Commissioner Friedrich, was ordered by the commissioners, but the man who was to do it failed to show up. The weeds were being mowed today. The lots north of the building presented an unsightly appearance, while the growth in the streets was also rank. Another instance in this ward where work which was needed was not done was around the public library. Weeds were permitted to grow on the lot and also in the street which should have been cut long ago. This work, it is understood, will be performed by the library board. In addition to this, there was a number of streets in the north end of the ward which were almost lost in a jungle of tall weeds and undergrowth. It must be said, however, that these streets as a general rule were such as ran past unoccupied or rented premises. Where the lot owner resided on the premises the rule was clean streets and neat lawns.

Third street in general presented the exceptions of the a handsome appearance. Fourth county building and the library and a piece of property immediately above the latter was in similar shape. Fifth street was in very good shape and Sixth street was in fine condition, the residents of that thoroughfare making a splendid showing. Seventh street was not up to the standard of the others. The several cross streets running east and west were in very good shape. Among those in this ward deserving special mention for their cleanliness and public spirit are Mrs. Fred Gorder, Charles Guthman, Thomas Walling, Dr. Cook, B. Wurl, C. Wohlfarth, C. Meisinger, Henry Herold, Rev. Longhorst, F. E. Schlater, A. E. Gass, F. C. Fricke, Henry Gering, J. H. Thrasher, Dr. Livingston, A. W. White, Mrs. Gertrude Morgan, Philip Thierolf, Henry and Mike Mauzy, Rea Patterson, J. P. Falter, the Catholic church and the Episcopal church. This list does not by any means include all, but these were particularly noted.

The Second ward was next visited, the committee covering a large portion of the ward and finding the conditions very good. The same causes which made some of the streets weedy in the First ward prevailed here. Non-resident property owners and renters covered most of the cases of neglect. One particularly noted feature of this ward was the enterprising and public spirit of the Bohemian citizens. Their premises in the west end of the ward were model of cleanliness and showed the owners to have the right spirit. As in the First ward several of the streets were very weedy, but the improvement over a week ago was marked. Those in this ward deserving commendation included Joseph Fetzer, Frank Johnson, Jacob Tritsch, ex-

Councilman Frank Buttery, J. M. Leyda, C. G. Fricke, J. W. Johnson, C. Hessel, Carl Kunsman, P. E. Ruffner, Mrs. Jacob Vallery, the Masonic Home, Joseph Hiber, John Hiber, Ed. Martin, J. C. Coleman, F. G. Egenberger, William Weber, Claus Roetal, James Bull, A. J. Beeson, Mrs. A. Bookmeyer, W. H. Freese, Joseph Hadraba, John P. Sattler, M. Bajeck, Mrs. Ida Campbell, the Methodist church, the public school, J. E. Douglas and a host of others.

Main street, which is the dividing line between the Second and Third wards, presented a particularly attractive appearance, as the inhabitants along this street had made a strong effort to clean up and had well succeeded. In addition to those named above some of the residents on the south side of the street deserving mention were J. M. Roberts, C. E. Westcott and Byron Clark, James Hodgart, Brad White and all the residents along Main street in that block, which was one of the cleanest in the city, John Bajeck, Joe John Svoboda and many more. The remainder of the Third ward was in keeping with the others. There are many tall weeds along Chicago avenue on the south end of the street which should have been cut and several of the less frequented streets were quite weedy but on the whole, the ward made a fine showing. The following persons had taken much pains to trim their lawns and cut the weeds in the streets, viz: J. H. Becker, Charles Martin, C. L. Martin, Dr. E. D. Cummins, Mrs. John Cummins, Mrs. M. W. Morgan, C. A. Rawls, John Albert, E. Ptak, William McCauley, Joseph Peters, Dr. J. H. Hall, A. Hawrick, C. R. Moran, Herman Bestor, C. A. Richey, W. H. Newell, J. W. Bookmeyer, Bernard Wurl, W. H. Mann, William Baird, John Nemetz, L. G. Larson, T. H. Pollock, C. S. Forbes, A. S. Will, F. M. Richey, John Bauer, Jr., C. S. Johnson, Charles Rydberg, John Hallstrom, Mrs. Dora Moore, F. H. Steinkner, Hon. H. D. Travis, Col. M. A. Bates, F. G. Morgan and W. E. Rosencrans.

In addition to these there were quite a number of others whose work manifest. The ward on the whole made a commendable showing, especially on the several hills, South Seventh, South Sixth, and Marble streets being greatly improved.

The Fourth ward fell behind the others, the west side of the ward especially that part lying on the west side near the shops. There were a number of good people who did their duty but those who did not predominated in that particular section. Along Lincoln avenue there were tall weeds and some of the cross streets looked like importations from darkest Africa. Immediately around the public park the residents had taken pains to improve their property and the streets and this made one of the best showings in the city. The owners of the property on the north, west and south sides of the park are all entitled to credit for their work. These include William Ballance, George Dodge, Mrs. F. D. Lehnhoff, Rev. J. T. Baird, George Ballance, Mrs. H. Martens, W. C. Cook and several others. That part of the Fourth ward lying east of the shops and on Wintersteen Hill made a fine showing, the streets being nicely cleaned and the lawns in good shape. Those in this section whose work was manifest included George Hrasny, Harry Barthold, George Luschinsky, Councilmen Schulhoff and Neman, D. B. Smith, Mrs. Reinhackel, M. Whalen and many others.

The Fifth ward made a good showing under the conditions which handicapped the ward. Owing to the sparsely settled territory much of it was unoccupied and consequently weeds and grass encumbered the streets. The occupied sections were generally well looked after. Those who deserve particular credit include August Gorder, Thomas South, Frank O'Neill, Andrew Russell, who did a great deal of good work in weed cutting; N. K. Peoples, Robert Patton and many more.

The result of "Weed Day" is very flattering and the good work which has been started should be pushed

to a finish. The people mentioned in the foregoing list include some of those particularly noted by the committee. It must not be supposed they include all those whose work was commendable, for that would be almost an impossibility. There were many places which showed signs of good work, but the owners or residents of which were unknown to the committee. Their names would cheerfully have been given credit had they been known. As it is the list shows that Plattsmouth people did the thing necessary to make the city a clean and pretty one, and that public spirit has a hold here.

## A MOST FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT

### A Little Four Year Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Truman Fell in Tub of Scalding Water.

From Tuesday's Daily.

A frightful accident this morning about 11 o'clock will result in the probable death of the little 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Truman. The Trumans live in the Second ward, on Oak street, between Tenth and Eleventh, and this morning Mrs. Truman was engaged in washing the clothes and family laundry. She had heated a tub of water to the boiling point and had then taken the tub from the gasoline stove and set it upon the floor. The mother turned her back upon it for a brief moment and during that time the child stumbled backward and fell into the boiling water. His frantic cries instantly brought the mother to his aid and it was jerked from the water, but too late to prevent its body being frightfully scalded. The breast and back of the body was literally parboiled and the skin came off as the little tot was lifted out. Medical aid was summoned with all possible diligence, but when the physician arrived he expressed no hope of recovery, the loss of cuticle and the burns precluding all chance of recovery. Every possible effort was made to alleviate the sufferings of the little fellow. The father was busied down town at the time of the accident and could not be found for some time. He was overcome by the terrible news, as was the mother, who is prostrated by the shock.

### July Clearance Sale.

C. E. Westcott's Sons have inaugurated their regular July clearance sale, and they have genuine bargains in men's furnishings, clothing, haberdashery and the like, which are tempting to the pocketbook. This is nothing but a genuine mid-summer clearance sale and the people who want bargains can find them on their counters. They have a window of ties which is a beauty, the patterns being new and original and decidedly attractive. These are being sold at prices which are scandalously low, especially when the quality of the goods is taken into consideration. Suit cases are also on sale at prices which really do defy competition. It will be worth the while of everyone who contemplates buying anything in their line to visit them and see how far his money will go. For several years this firm had the misfortune to lose heavily by floods and this prevented an annual clearance sale, but this year they have been more fortunate and they feel so well pleased that they have resumed these sales. They make prices which move the goods and you will find it to your advantage to visit them and see what your money will get you. It is a real, genuine bargain clearance sale and no mistake.

### Mrs. Miller Wins Case.

From Monday's Daily.

Judge Travis this morning handed down a decision in the noted case of Mary Miller by her guardian, David J. Pitman, against Jane Worth and Louis Todd, finding in favor of the plaintiff. This case, which has attracted attention throughout the county, arose over a deed to certain lands near Murray given by Mrs. Miller to her sister, Jane Worth. Mr. Todd's connection with the case arose from his having been the tenant of Jane Worth on this land. Judge Travis finds for the plaintiff and sets aside the deed to Jane Worth. The decree in the case will be filed Saturday. Owing to pressure on the news columns today the findings of Judge Travis, which are of unusual interest, will be printed later. Byron Clark appeared for the plaintiff in the case and Matthew Gering represented the defendant.

### Glenwood Wins Ball Game.

The ball game last Saturday between the fast Glenwood team and the locals was an exciting one and kept the fans who witnessed it keyed up to a high pitch. The home team played in its usual bad luck and lost the game by the margin of one run, something which has happened in all the games which have been lost by them this year. They played good ball as usual and the defeat is due to errors by Fitzgerald on third, coupled with timely hits by their opponents. Fitz made several bad throws, which came in just right to permit the visitors to add to their tally and suffered from an off day in his playing generally. The remainder of the team batted and fielded well and played a good game generally. In fact they outbatted the visitors, securing a total of nine hits to seven for Glenwood. Atkins pitched a good game, but was touched up for two two-base hits and five singles. He also was a trifle wild and struck two batsmen. His support, however, was good and saved him from several hits. Larson played a fine game and was in his usual good form. His work is of a high standard and almost always consistent. Beal and Droege and Smith also played up to their established standard and batted well. Mason and McCauley also batted and fielded to their usual degree. Mann caught a good game throughout and also hit well.

The Glenwood team had come with an established reputation as players and they lived up to it. They played snappy, aggressive ball and took advantage of their opponents' errors. Albee and Connors twirled for them and both did good work, although batted freely. They were no such terrors to the Plattsmouth batters as had been expected and the boys will undoubtedly bat them to their heart's content should the two teams tie up again. Wilkins, who has caught for Glenwood since about the year one, played a consistent game and is one of the team's mainstays. Cunningham on second was a run-getter for his team and played a good game generally. The fielding of the visitors was good and the Plattsmouth team had to struggle for all their runs. On the whole the game was a good one and the teams are well matched. The score by innings is as follows:

Glenwood ..... 0 1 0 0 2 0 4 1 0 — 8  
Plattsmouth ... 0 1 0 0 0 4 2 0 0 — 7

### Died in London, England.

Last Friday's papers contained the announcement of the death in London, England, of Lawrence Marshall Byers, of Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Byers was the son of Major S. H. M. Byers for twenty years Consul General at Rome, Italy, and Berne and St. Gall, Switzerland. He was a nephew of Wm. Gilmour of this city, his mother having been Margaret Gilmour having been Mr. Gilmour's sister. Mrs. Byers is quite well known to the earlier settlers of this section, having in her maiden days been a school teacher at the Dr. Wiley School house in Rock Bluffs precinct. As Miss Gilmour she lived in this county for many years and was a very popular young woman. She married Major Byers and the deceased was the only son of the couple. At different times he had visited with William Gilmour here and that gentleman was much pained and shocked to read of his untimely death. He was a young man just reaching the prime of life, being 37 years of age. A member of the faculty of the Iowa University Law College, he had the commencement of a brilliant and distinguished career before him. He was a graduate of Yale law school and also of the University of Zurich, Switzerland. His father served with distinction in the civil war and visited with Mr. Gilmour some twenty years ago. At that time he met with Captain John O'Rourke, one of this city's distinguished citizens, since gone to his reward, and the two found that they had been inmates of Andersonville prison together. The meeting was an affecting one. Major Byers was an officer on the staff of General W. T. Sherman and one of that officer's trusted aides. He was with him or the famous march to the sea and later composed that stirring song, "Sherman's March to the Sea." In addition he was the author of a "History of Iowa in War Times," which is a standard work of history. The citizens who knew Mrs. Byers are deeply grieved over the loss of the bright young man, who had promised to make so fine a name for himself.

## DEATH OF OLD AND HONORED CITIZEN

### Perry P. Gass, One of the Early Settlers Called Home

DIED—Gass, Perry P., at his home in Plattsmouth, Neb., on July 12, 1909, of a complication of diseases, aged 82 years 7 months. Funeral on Wednesday, July 14, 1909, at 2 p. m. from the residence on Marble street. Interment at Oak Hill cemetery.

After an illness extending over quite a period of time, death last night removed another of the pioneers and builders of Nebraska in the person of Hon. Perry P. Gass. Judge Gass, as he was well and lovingly known, was one of the early settlers of Nebraska, and during a long life extending over more than half a century in this city and vicinity, he had become known to every man, woman and child in Cass county. He was honored several times by his old friends and neighbors with public office and few men stood as high as he in their estimation and confidence. A man of unswerving integrity, of unimpeachable character, of sterling honesty and great worth, his death comes as a distinct loss to the community which he did so much toward building up.

He was born on December 12, 1826, near Mansfield, O., then almost the frontier of the United States. The earlier years of what was destined to be so long and useful a life were spent on the farm and his first venture into the big, wide world was when he took the part of a shepherd at the age of 12 and drove a flock of several hundred sheep across the country to the far eastern state of Connecticut. Returning after this venture into the world, he remained in Ohio and finished a common school education. When 1849 rolled about and the gold fever seized upon the people of the states and immigrants in vast numbers poured out toward California, the golden El Dorado which was vomiting forth its wealth in vast volume, the young man Gass, who had essayed the study of medicine, abandoned his books and made the journey across the "Great American Desert," now a land of hor-

and fields, to try his luck at mining. In company with a brother he spent some five years seeking to woo gold from the rocks, but with small success, finally returning to Ohio by boat and across the Isthmus of Panama and steamer to New York.

In Ohio he met Miss Hannah Wintersteen and she became his bride in 1856, the young people moving west to Iowa City, Ia., the following year. They remained there but a brief while when they were persuaded to come to Plattsmouth, making the trip in the spring of the year, and finding the Missouri river then as right now—very high. Their advent into Nebraska seemed to be anything but propitious, as they were met by a vigilance committee as they landed and carefully scrutinized before being permitted to land. This committee sought to rid the neighborhood of horse thieves and well they did their work. Knowing T. M. Marquette, then a prominent citizen here, Mr. Gass was identified and permitted to land. Duly installed here he took up the carpenter's trade and literally assisted in building Plattsmouth.

The period of civil war past, Mr. Gass was honored by his neighbors with the high office of sheriff and served with distinction in this capacity. Since that time he had served as coroner of this county with great credit to himself and the county, and also served as police judge of this city with similar success. He is one of that very superior class of men whose life has been spent in this neighborhood and who lived to be honored for his sincerity and loftiness of purpose.

Deceased is survived by a daughter, Miss Olive Gass, and a son, A. M. Gass, the former having been for many years connected with the public schools here as principal and teacher and is an educated, refined and dignified lady, while the son is the auditor of the Plattsmouth Telephone company and a young man with a brilliant record as a business man.

### Another Sudden Boom.

The Missouri river yesterday afternoon and last night took a sudden boom, the result doubtless of the flood at Sioux City, Ia., and jumped up five inches during the day and night. This puts the water higher than it has been any time this spring or summer, and has resulted in putting the water over a large part of the sand bar in front of the city. In addition heavy rains are reported from the interior of the state on the Platte watershed and it is possible the rise may go yet higher. It is not believed that it will get high enough to do any damage save in cutting banks and it is the general belief that no flood will result in the Iowa bottoms. Reports from down the river indicate a very serious condition of affairs at St. Joseph and Kansas City, Mo. Railroad traffic to the east out of these two cities is very nearly suspended. Trains for Chicago and St. Louis are being detoured over the K. C. to Pacific Junction and then sent east over the Burlington. Trainmen report that yesterday morning within a few moments five time freight trains arrived at the Junction for Chicago from Kansas City. Fast meat trains are running that way and passenger trains of the C. & A., C. G. W. and H. & St. J. are also going that way.

Property loss from the floods in Missouri and Kansas are reported very heavy. There has been great loss of wheat and corn and the effect has been felt in the market, which are advancing sharply. Train service through Kansas for the west is also badly impaired and a number of west bound trains have been detoured by way of Lincoln, the Rock Island running its through coast trains which usually go by way of Kansas City, through Omaha and Lincoln for the west. The Union Pacific is also detouring trains the same way. Flood conditions throughout the Kansas City sections are very bad, indeed.

### In County Court.

From Tuesday's Daily.

County court today was occupied in the preliminary examination of one Deann Kame, charged with the larceny of \$105 in real money from Delbert Skinner. The parties all come from Alvo and vicinity, and there are a large number of witnesses in attendance. County Attorney Ramsey is representing the state and Hon. T. J. Doyle of Lincoln appears for Kame. The evidence in the case is largely circumstantial and the hearing will probably take the greater part of the day.

In county court also a marriage license was issued to William R. Strabel, aged 26, and Miss Ethel G. Christensen, aged 17, both of Elmwood. The parties are well known young people of their section, the groom being a son of Carl Strabel and wife and the bride a daughter of James J. Christensen and wife. They have many friends in their locality who will extend their sincere congratulations on their marriage.

Judge Beeson also granted a restraining order in the case of Norton vs. Norton, a divorce suit filed today in district court. The restraining order enjoins the defendant from disposing of the household goods and other property pending the hearing of the divorce proceedings. Owing to the absence of Judge Travis from the county, the proceedings were brought before County Judge Beeson.

### Picnic at Avoca.

AVOCA, Neb., July 10.—(Special.)—The Odd Fellows will hold their fifth annual picnic on July 29. Every one is looking forward to this great event. A large line of attractions have been booked, together with Tule Bros' merry-go-round of Plattsmouth. Arrange to attend one of the best events in southeast Nebraska.