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DECISION ON BOT-TOM LAND FAVOR-ABLE TO SETTLERS

District Judge Begley Finds for the Defendants with the Exception of the Ball Park.

The controversy that has waged over "no man's land" east of the Burlington right-of-way, on the Missouri river bottoms, for the past twelve years has at last been partially settled by the decision of Judge Begley in the district court late Saturday afternoon.

The court has found generally for the defendants in the action, including among others August Bach, John Cory, the estate of Eli Manspecker and a number of the land owners on the bottom land.

The title of the case was that of the City of Plattsmouth vs. the C. B. & Q. Railroad et al, but in the trial of the action the interests of the city and that of the railroad were united to try and secure the title to the land in question and the efforts of the plaintiff were contested by those who had made settlements on the land in question and had been using it for farming or pasturing in the past few years.

The claim of the city was that the land had been formed by accretion from the river onto the mainland of the city of Plattsmouth and was therefore the property of the municipality and the railroad company agreed that the land in question should remain the property of the city until such time as the railroad might have need of it. The railroad had claim to a portion of the land through a deed from Fitzgerald & Schlater who had pastured on the land a number of years before it became the object of litigation.

The land owners in the case contended that the land had formed from the accretion to an island out in the river which gradually extended itself to meet with the mainland, as indicated by the fact that the higher portion of the strip is at the outer edge adjoining the river bank. It was also contended that the city had lost all claim to title to the land in failure to contest the patent, which was the property of the county commissioners as a part of Plattsmouth precinct.

In his decision Judge Begley found for the present possessors of the land with the exception of that tract enclosed in the plat, which was decided as the property of the city of Plattsmouth through possession over a stated number of years, and the situation on the river bottoms will remain as it is at the present time.

BUSY NUMBERING STREETS

From Monday's Daily

The main part of the city and a part of the residence section is fast assuming metropolitan airs with the numbering system for the streets and the property located along them and it will be only a short time until the residents of the city can give an intelligent explanation of where they live and their addresses so that they will be easy to locate. As it has been difficult for strangers to give a correct address for their residences but with the new system the whole city will soon be numbered. This will be an important matter if city mail delivery is secured and everyone should assist in getting the various properties numbered as soon as possible. Councilman Jack Brittain has been looking after the work where the property owners have desired and many residents have secured their own numbers and put them up.

Manager C. J. Tebben of the Nebraska Gas & Electric company who has been a great booster for the numbering of the properties over the city, has had cards printed giving the names of the various streets and with the new numbers it will be easy to locate any piece of property desired.

NEW BANKER ARRIVES

On Saturday afternoon at the Stewart hospital in Omaha was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph R. Larson of Louisville, a fine eight pound son and heir, who has been christened Ralph Edward Larson. The mother and little one are doing very nicely and the occasion has been doubly pleasant to the happy father, who is cashier of the Bank of Commerce at Louisville and to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Larson of this city.

COMES THROUGH OPERATION

Word has been received here by relatives of the operation on Dwight Frost Saturday at the Wesley Memorial hospital in Chicago. Mr. Frost was there some ten days ago with his wife, who was operated on for appendicitis and who is now recovering nicely and a short time after Dwight was also affected with an attack that made necessary his undergoing the operation and that he has come through the ordeal so nicely is very pleasing to the relatives here.

ENTERTAINS FOR MOTHER

Mrs. R. H. Fitch entertained at a picnic dinner Sunday June 10th at her home in the south part of the city in honor of her mother, Mrs. Billion, of Ashland, it being her 63rd birthday anniversary. There was a goodly number of presents and an abundance of good things to eat. All the children were present, Mrs. R. H. Fitch and family, Mrs. C. C. Koke and family, Mrs. Louise Schiesl and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mason and family, Mr. Clarence Mason of Nebraska City, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mason and family and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lewis and the guests of honor, Mr. and Mrs. Billion.

CELEBRATES THE PASSING OF HER 74TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. J. B. Martin Entertains Friends Very Pleasantly at Her Home in Honor of Natal Day.

A most enjoyable occasion was the 1 o'clock luncheon given at the home of Mrs. J. B. Martin on Saturday, June 9, in honor of her natal day. Fourteen ladies responded to her invitation and were seated about the long, beautifully laid table with the hostess at the head.

The decorations were the beautiful bouquets of June roses placed the entire length of the table.

Mrs. Martin was most ably assisted in serving and making the luncheon a delightful event by the Misses Barbara Gerling, Dora Fricke, Ursula Herold and Helen Farley. At the conclusion of the four course luncheon, the ladies repaired to the parlor where a good old fashioned visit was enjoyed. On most of the ladies present "Old Father Time" had placed his hand and this meeting together brought forth many memories of "ye old times." Old songs were recalled and the battle songs of the 60's struck a familiar chord. Mrs. W. J. White at the piano sang a song of her own composition and the verdict of those present was that time had not dimmed the sweetness of her voice. So many old memories were recalled that the moment weather and the lateness of the hour were forgotten when the ladies bade their hostess adieu, feeling that it was good to have been there.

The guests were: Mrs. W. L. Street, whose birthday had occurred on the day before; Mrs. W. J. White, Mrs. F. S. White, Mrs. V. V. Leonard, Mrs. Oliver Dovey, Mrs. Elizabeth Straight, Mrs. G. K. Staats, Mrs. Ada Moore, Mrs. Maria Baird, Mrs. J. H. Adams, Miss Gertrude Morgan, Mrs. Harriett Cole, Mrs. Elizabeth Travis.

WILL OPEN DELICATESSEN STORE HERE

To Start Next Saturday in the Hotel Wagner Building in Charge of Mrs. Fred Wagner.

From Monday's Daily

The management of the Hotel Wagner has completed the arrangements for opening a new delicatessen in the room formerly occupied by Mrs. Marie Jean adjoining the hotel lobby and it is expected to have the new place of business ready for the public by next Saturday.

The new delicatessen will make a specialty of hot and cold meats of all kinds, salads, cakes and other toothsome delicacies for the table and will be a great aid to the busy housewives of the community in securing the basis of a meal in short order.

Lunches for picnics and other gatherings will be prepared and put up on order and can be depended upon to give the greatest satisfaction in every way and those who expect to go out during the picnic season should bear this new institution in mind.

Mr. and Mrs. Wagner formerly conducted a restaurant and delicatessen in the Coates block prior to taking charge of the Hotel Wagner and their splendid manner of conducting this establishment and the delicious and tempting dishes prepared and ready to set on the table were very popular with the Plattsmouth people and their decision to once more start an establishment of this kind will be good news to the public.

ENJOY FAMILY GATHERING

From Monday's Daily. This noon, the home of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Higley was the scene of a very pleasant social gathering when a number of the children met to spend the day and to participate in the family dinner served by the mother. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Lee Johnson and daughter of Stella, Jack Ellege and wife of Council Bluffs, Haywood Ellege, wife and children, Grover Ellege, Mrs. George Barr and children.

COUNCIL HAS LONG, WEARY TALK FEST

DISCUSSES MANY SUBJECTS IN TWO-HOUR SESSION—TWO "DADS" ABSENT.

From Tuesday's Daily

There was much to occupy the minds of the city solons last evening and for two hours and a half the council chamber rang with the discussion of various projects covering the improvements in the city and the work that will be required in the next two weeks.

The ordinance creating paving district No. 26 was read and the rules suspended and the ordinance passed after the second and third readings. This district includes four blocks on North Sixth street, two blocks on South Sixth street, one block on Granite street between Seventh and eighth and one on Crown Seventh between Pearl and Granite.

The ordinance defining paving district No. 27 consisting of West Main street from Tenth to 13th street was also passed under the suspension of the rules and that creating district No. 28, consisting of one block on Walnut between 5th and 6th was also read and passed.

There was quite a good deal of street work ordered by the council and including the suggestion of Councilman Sattler to try and assist in keeping the flood water off the property of the residents along Washington avenue.

Councilman Sattler also asked that when the ten days were up that the street commissioner proceed to block up the private sewer on Main street unless it was taken care of by the owners and Mr. Sattler also moved that the city repair the paving on Pearl street and on Third street which had been left in bad shape by the water company and that the same be charged against the company.

There was some discussion of the engineering question and the prices charged between Mayor Johnson and Councilman and the mayor stated that while in years past three per cent was charged the engineers received \$6 per day for their services as well when they were on the job. Councilman Sattler stated he did not think three per cent excessive on streets where there was no curb and gutter but thought that on these streets there should be only two per cent.

Mayor Johnson then presented the name of Bruce & Group as the city engineers for the year and they were confirmed with Mr. Sattler voting no.

The following bills were recommended by the finance committee and ordered paid:

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Amount. Includes Neb. Gas & Elec. Co., street lights, water meter, August Rakow work at cemetery, Wes Kalasek, Ed Kalasek, Andy Seybert, James Janca, Frank Perchance, Platts Fire Dept., Platts Storage Battery Co., H. L. Kruger supplies, Claus Boedel, P. H. Roberts, Platts Imp. Co., Cloidt Lumber Co., McMaken Truck Line, Ray McMaken street work, Dewey Reed, O. L. Deley, O. L. York, John Zitzka, Modern Con. Co., George Taylor, Walter Elliott, Claus Boedel, J. N. Elliott street commissioner, George Taylor filling sewer, Bruce & Group making plat, Clyde Jackson, special police, Lincoln Telephone Co., Modern Con. Co., McMaken Truck Line, stencils.

ENJOYING TRIP FINE

Mrs. Minnie Pickard, who has been visiting on the Pacific coast during her vacation from her duties at the postoffice, writes from Long Beach that she is having a great time and enjoying very much the scenes of the great west. She has been visiting at Santa Anna with her sister, Mrs. W. E. Maxon and family for the greater part of her stay.

When your letterheads, envelopes, statements or other printed forms begin to run low, call us up. We will have more ready for you promptly.

CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAM PROVES GREAT SUCCESS

Methodist Church is Scene of Delightful and Inspiring Entertainment Last Night.

From Monday's Daily

The annual children's day exercises of the Methodist Sunday school were held last evening at the church auditorium and despite the unpleasant weather conditions there was a very fine attendance out to witness the presentation of the program which depicted the story of the seasons of the year and served as a prelude to the story of the value of education to the young.

Proceeding the main feature of the evening a recitation was given by Master William Evers and two numbers by the intermediate girls' choir of the church which were a fitting introductory to the children's day exercises.

The children's day fair was represented by Miss Helen Pfontz while "Fall" was played by Fern Jahritz, "Spring" by Mildred Schultz, "Summer" by Mildred Elliott and "Winter" by Bernese Arn.

The seasons summoned by the fairy served as the introductory for the various chorals numbers in the play-let and with each season the little folks entered appropriately garbed and presenting a most charming sight.

First came the autumn season with its autumn leaves and caterpillars, impersonated by the children and after the dances the children remained while winter, represented by the snowflakes, came on and lulled to sleep the caterpillars and autumn leaves and these remained until the Springtime when the raindrops and sunbeams brought them to life. During the spring scene, Miss Harriett Peacock gave a pleasing vocal number. Summer then came with the flowers and butterflies and followed at the close by the children of all nations joining in the observance of children's day.

Each of the choruses was gowned in attractive costumes and made a bright and pretty picture as they assembled, some sixty taking part in the scenes.

At the close of the story of the prince who went out into the world without his cloak of knowledge and cap of wisdom was given by the fairy princess.

The offering of the evening was turned over to the educational fund of the church, which is loaned to needy students to allow them to complete their school or college work and is given on very liberal terms and aids in the advancement of education.

CHILDREN'S DAY EXERCISES AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

From Monday's Daily

The children's day exercises at the Presbyterian church last evening, given by the Sunday school children, were intensely interesting and "listered" by a large audience.

The program had for its theme the Lord's prayer. Following a processional march and song by the Junior choir of the Sabbath school, the pastor read Luke's account of the Lord's prayer and the audience joined with him in repeating the prayer. The Junior choir sang the different phrases of the prayer and each phrase was followed by recitations, songs and exercises, explanatory of these phrases as they were sung.

The little tots of the beginners' department were especially interesting. George Caldwell and Ira Mumm played a violin duet which was very pleasing.

Following the phrase, "Deliver us from evil," the pastor gave a crayon illustration which well explained that part of the prayer. An offering was taken for the Presbyterian Board of Sabbath School Work, and following Frank Cloidt's well sung solo, "I Think when I Hear that Sweet Story of Old," the pastor gave the benediction, which closes this children's service of special merit. The church was prettily decorated with flowers.

RAINS SPOIL SPORT

From Monday's Daily

The past two weeks have been dead ones as far as the enjoyment of the great national pastime of baseball is concerned in this part of the west and for two Sundays the local Burlington league team has had to remain idle and the games with Omaha and Denver have been forced to be passed up. It is expected that when the teams meet they will have a double header and which will mean that Omaha will play two games here on June 8th and Plattsmouth have two games at Denver on August 5th.

The game scheduled for next Sunday will be one of the most interesting of the season as it will be with the fast Alliance team which has not been defeated so far this season.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

From Monday's Daily

Henry A. Guthmann of Murdock, who has been at the Methodist hospital for the past few weeks recovering from the effects of an operation for the removal of a mastoid abscess from the right side of his head, was here yesterday to spend a short time with his mother, Mrs. F. R. Guthmann, having just been released from the hospital. This is the second very serious operation for Mr. Guthmann in the last few months and his family and host of friends are hopeful that it may be the last and what the patient will now have a speedy recovery from his long suffering.

YOUNG PEOPLE JOINED IN WED-LOCK TODAY

Miss Beta Holly United in Marriage to Mr. Fred Prohaska This Morning at Church.

From Tuesday's Daily

This morning at the Holy Rosary Catholic church on West Pearl street occurred the marriage of two of the well known and popular young people of the west portion of the city, Miss Beta Holly and Mr. Fred Prohaska.

The ceremony that made these two hearts as one was celebrated at 8:30 by the Rev. Father Ferdinand Sueser, rector of Holy Rosary church, the beautiful nuptial mass being celebrated as the bride and groom pledged their troth.

The bride was very charming in a gown of white Canton crepe with overtones of Spanish lace and wore a corsage of sweet peas. She was attended by Miss Rose Prohaska, sister of the groom, as bridesmaid and who was gowned in tan Canton crepe with picture hat to match. The groom was attended by Mr. Michael Viersnik, uncle of the bride, as best man and both of the gentlemen were dressed in the conventional dark suits.

Following the wedding the bridal party and relatives were entertained at the home of the parents of the bride at a very enjoyable family dinner party and later in the afternoon departed for the west for a brief honeymoon after which they will return to make their home in the residence prepared for them on Elm street and where they will start their new home.

The bride is a native Plattsmouth girl and has spent her lifetime here and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Holly and well known and popular among a large circle of warm friends. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Prohaska and is a young man of industry and highly respected by those who have the pleasure of knowing him.

The Journal with the many other friends joins in wishing the young people a long and very happy married life in the years that are before them.

HAVE ADDITION TO FAMILY

A son made his appearance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart on Saturday and at the latest reports the little one and mother were progressing in fine shape and the advent of the son and heir has proven more than pleasing to the father.

FUNERAL OF MRS. GEORGE LAMPHERE HELD YESTERDAY

Wealth of Flowers at the Services Silently Testify to Feeling of Respect for Deceased.

From Tuesday's Daily

Yesterday afternoon at the First Methodist church where the deceased had so often worshipped, was held the funeral services of Mrs. George Lamphere and despite the bad weather a large congregation of friends were present to share with the bereaved family the sorrow that the separation of death has brought.

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