

The Plattsmouth Journal

TOWN OF AVOCA HAS A VISIT FROM NIGHT RAIDERS

Visit Number of Places in the Village But Secure Little in Way of Booty From Stores.

From Thursday's Daily—
Sometime last night, apparently between the hours of 12:30 and 1:30 the town of Avoca, in the southern portion of Cass county, was again visited by robbers who made a pretty near general search of the business houses or attempted to enter them with the result, however, that they secured very little of any real value aside from a number of tire casings.

The Bank of Avoca, which is owned by Claude Fahenstock, was entered by the robbers, who secured entrance by prying a window open in the rear of the bank and then apparently made a search of the building but no attempt had been made on the face of things to blow open the vault or safe of the bank. The party or parties had then apparently made their way out of the front door of the bank and left empty handed.

At the butcher shop of Volden & Witke an attempt had been made to pry open a window but which was locked and would not yield to the efforts of the parties to get in and at the harness of W. A. Hollenberg an attempt to break in was also checked by the fact that the robbers could not get the window open, which seemed their favorite method of operating in getting into the buildings. The only place where the robbers were at all successful was at the Missouri Pacific station where they forced their way in and secured a number of automobile tire casings and a small amount of money that was in the cash drawer of the station but which they paid the parties for their efforts.

Some of the residents of the town were returning home shortly before 12:30 report seeing an auto parked near the elevator along the railroad right of way and apparently no one was in or near the car and it is thought that this was the car belonging to the would-be robbers. Other residents of the city report that about 1:30 or 1:45 a car was heard driving along the highway in the town which it is thought was the men getting away from the scene of their unsuccessful raid.

This morning when the depredations were discovered, Sheriff E. P. Stewart was notified of the visit of the night workers and with Deputy Sheriff W. R. Oung, visited the town to locate if possible any traces of where the parties had driven to.

This is the first time for several months that the country towns have had a frisking at the hands of the gangs of robbers that have infested this part of the state for several years past.

Almost every town in the country has been visited by these gangs in the last three years and in almost all cases they have made a clean getaway and usually with supplies taken from the stores but in this case they have had a very unsatisfactory result of their efforts.

WILL LEAVE FOR GERMANY.

From Thursday's Daily—
A. H. Engelkemeier, one of the well known residents of near Nebraska, was in the city yesterday in company with his son, Walter, and while here was a caller at the Journal office to renew his subscription and for a pleasant visit. Mr. Engelkemeier states that he, in company with his good wife, are expecting to sail on July 1 for a visit back to their childhood home in Germany. They will visit the old home in Lippe-Deimold, one of the principalities of the former German empire. This is the first visit in the old home in a period of forty years and Mr. Engelkemeier and his wife are anticipating a very pleasant time in viewing the scenes with which they were so familiar many years ago. The changes there have been very numerous, but in the old world the aspect of the communities are not altered as greatly as they are in the new world and the journey over the childhood scenes will not be as difficult and many of the places they knew years ago will be there to greet them after the lapse of almost half a century.

NEW CHIEF CLERK

From Saturday's Daily—
Storekeeper W. F. Huneke of the Burlington store department has a new chief clerk engaged in his office in the person of Evi Spier, who was sent to this city from his former place of work near Chicago to take the place of Mr. J. E. Sanderson, who returned to Alliance. Mr. Spier and wife are here and the new chief clerk has started in on his new— or rather old—duties as he was here two years ago in a similar capacity. The change is very pleasing to the many friends of these two popular young people as they will now make their home here and become a part of the community life. Mrs. Spier was formerly Miss Mariel Straight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Straight of this city.

ENTERTAINS FOR VISITOR

From Thursday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon the charming home of Mrs. Raymond P. Westover on high school hill was the scene of a most delightful bridge luncheon given in honor of Mrs. A. F. Fritchen of Decorah, Iowa, who is visiting here with her sister, Mrs. Frank R. Gobelman.

The home was made additionally attractive by the decorations of the spring flowers and formed a pleasing setting for the gathering of ladies. There were four tables of bridge and the first prize was awarded to Mrs. Fred Lugsch and the second prize to Miss Marion Maunz while the guest prize was presented to Mrs. Fritchen. In serving, Mrs. Westover was assisted by Miss Jessie Robertson and Mrs. William A. Robertson.

The occasion was one of the most pleasant of the spring social gatherings and filled with the most delightful enjoyment to all of the members of the party.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION WILL BE A BIG EVENT

Committee Working on the Arrangements That Will Make the Cass County Celebration Big One.

From Friday's Daily—
The observance of the Fourth of July in this city is going to be one of the biggest that has ever been seen in this section of the state, the advance plans that they are making they hope to have something to entertain every class of the people who will be here for the day.

The occasion will be a Cass county observance and every town in the county is invited to come here and join in the big day that will fittingly pay honor to the great natal day of our country. One of the features of entertainments will be the ball games, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon between Cass county teams and for which there will be large cash prizes offered to be divided as the teams may agree upon, and with the many excellent features there are to be found in this county there will be plenty of entertainment for the fans. In the way of music it is hoped to have both the Plattsmouth and the Weeping Water bands on hand for the day and their tuneful efforts will add to the pleasure of the day. Other amusement features will be secured and which will also include free moving picture shows for the visitors and residents of the city on that day.

It is also planned to have a great exhibition of fireworks in the evening which will be quite a lavish affair and one of the most notable efforts in that line that has ever been attempted here in many years, and the wonderful display will make the evening portion of the entertainment as the case can be found anywhere in this section of the state.

FUNERAL OF DR. MEISINGER

From Friday's Daily—
The body of the late Dr. C. LeRoy Meisinger, who was killed in the burning of his observation balloon near Ement, Illinois, on Monday night, arrived this morning at 10:55 at Lincoln, his former home. The body was in charge of Prof. C. J. Frankforter, a close friend of the unfortunate man, and on arrival at Lincoln was taken to the chapel of Castle Roper & Matthews where it will remain until the funeral services which will be held on Sunday at the East Lincoln Christian church, 27th and U streets, at 3 o'clock. The Rev. Jack Leonard will conduct the services at the church and the interment will be at the Wyuka cemetery.

SELLS SPRING CHICKENS

From Friday's Daily—
W. F. Nolte, of Mynard, who has one of the finest poultry farms in this portion of Cass county, was here this week to dispose of some ninety of his fine spring chickens and at the price of 35c per pound. Mr. Nolte has made a very pleasing profit on his poultry farm and especially on the chicks just sold as the price has dropped in the last few days to 32c a pound. He has almost a hundred fine springs yet at the farm that he can market when he desires. The chickens were large Leghorns, but he had in the shipment two Rhode Island Red chicks which weighed two pounds each and were only two months old so showed a very pleasing result of the scientific handling by this poultry expert.

GRADUATES FROM WESLEYAN

From Thursday's Daily—
Miss Ruth Jacks, of Plattsmouth, was graduated Tuesday at Nebraska Wesleyan University in University Place with the degree of bachelor of arts and the university first grade state certificate. Miss Jacks is a daughter of Asbury Jacks of this city and is a former graduate of the Plattsmouth high school.

Mrs. W. D. Smith and daughter, Ruth, are in Omaha where they are visiting with friends and relatives for a few days.

CASE OF ELIZABETH GREEN STAGED BEFORE LARGE CROWD

Defendant, Charged With Having Shot at Deputy and Sheriff, is Placed on Trial.

From Friday's Daily—
This morning the court house resembled the days of last winter when the cases arising from the grand jury indictments were on trial, only instead of the district court being the mecca of the onlookers, the county court of Judge Allen J. Beeson was the scene of activities.

The occasion was the hearing of the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Elizabeth Green, who was charged with having shot at Sheriff E. P. Stewart and Deputy Sheriff W. R. Young, when they were at her residence in search of her husband for whom they had a commitment to jail.

The defendant was represented by Attorney Charles E. Martin and the state by County Attorney J. A. Capwell.

The defense was apparently to be based on the theory that the officers had no authority to be at the home of Mrs. Green at the time of the shooting, this being indicated in the opening statements.

For the state the witnesses were Sheriff E. P. Stewart and Deputy Sheriff Young. Mr. Young stated he had been given the order committing Jess Green, husband of the defendant, the jail; that he had found Green on the street and presented the commitment to him, which was to cover his failure to pay the fine that had been assessed against Green sometime before in the county court for the possession of liquor. That Green had asked permission to drive his car home and to see his wife in regard to securing the necessary money from a relative. That he had accompanied Green, who had also desired to leave his car at home, and that he had permitted Green to go into the house to talk to his wife and had waited a reasonable length of time for his return and had then gone to the door to inquire for him. The defendant had then come to the door and struck at the witness and pushed him and that also two dogs belonging to the defendant had been attacking the witness. He had thought that possibly it would be best to have assistance and accordingly had secured Sheriff Stewart to return to the house with him. On the second visit, Mrs. Green had come to the door and cursed the two officers and had pulled a revolver and fired at them. Mr. Young stated that he had not struck Mrs. Green or used any violence toward her. The officers had disarmed the woman of the 32 calibre revolver with which she had fired at them.

Sheriff Stewart testified that he had accompanied Mr. Young on his second trip to the Green home to secure Jess Green, the fugitive, and that as they had come up to the door of the house Mrs. Green had appeared and had her right hand placed behind her back and which later had been withdrawn with the revolver with which she had fired at the officers. He had grabbed her left arm and turned her partially around which deflected the course of the bullet and caused it to miss Deputy Sheriff Young. He and Young had then taken the woman to the jail and the woman had had only tied her hands to keep her from her attacks and struggles as she was being brought on to the county jail. The woman had not been injured in the struggle. Mrs. Green had stated that the office of the county attorney that she had not intended shooting Stewart but had shot at Young.

The defense had a number of witnesses, but the only witness offered as to the shooting was the defendant, Mrs. Green, who testified that the officer had struck her when they arrived at the house and that at the time the two dogs were barking and attacking the officers and she had reached around the side of the door and grabbed the gun and fired in an effort to frighten the officers away and to protect herself. She had been very much upset at the time. She had told her husband that they could not secure the money from the relatives and had refused to accompany him and the deputy sheriff to see about securing the funds to pay Green's fine.

Harry Sitzmann was called by the defense and stated that he lived near the scene of the battle and on that afternoon had heard the sound of the shot but did not see the shooting. He had seen the officers tying the hands of Mrs. Green in a violent manner. On cross examination, witness stated that he had been sent up from this county for manslaughter several years ago and had served a term in the state prison for this offense.

Mrs. Anna Geiser testified that she had known Mrs. Green for a number of years and that she had always known her to be of a peaceable disposition. Jean Mason testified that on the afternoon of the shooting Jess Green had come to his home about 4:30 in the afternoon and had remained there until 9 o'clock the next morning when he had gone to Iowa and did not return there. Green had stated that he wanted to sell his car to pay the fine that he had hanging against him.

Jess Green, husband of the defendant, was charged with having shot at Deputy and Sheriff, is placed on trial.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MEETS

From Thursday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Luke's parish of the Episcopal church, were entertained very pleasantly at the home of Mrs. J. A. Donelan, in the closing session of the society for the summer.

The afternoon was filled with the usual business and followed by the review of the year's work of the society by Miss Barbara Gering and which covered the study period of "Japan," which was the topic of the last year.

At a suitable hour a very dainty luncheon was served by the hostess, who was assisted by Mrs. V. V. Leonard.

GRAND LODGE APPROVES THE HOME PLANS

SUPREME BODY OF STATE VOICES APPROVAL OF PLANS FOR THE NEW ADDITION.

PLEASED WITH VISIT HERE

Members of Grand Lodge Enjoyed Hospitality of This City at the Cornerstone Laying.

From Thursday's Daily—
The Masonic grand lodge of Nebraska, in session at Omaha yesterday, held one of the most important meetings of their session and two matters of the greatest importance were handled by the lodge, the election of the new officers of the grand lodge for the ensuing year and the passing of the approval of the legislative body of the order on the plans for the new infirmary at the Nebraska Masonic Home in this city.

The matter of the approval of the plans prepared for the new infirmary at the Nebraska Masonic Home was brought before the grand lodge as the board of control desired the lodge to have the honor of making the approval of these plans and the resolution making the approval of the plans and the site of the infirmary in Plattsmouth was made by the supreme state body of the Masons. The matter of the appropriation of the funds for the work will be taken up at the session today.

There was a very general feeling expressed at the pleasant trip of the lodge members to this city on Tuesday in Plattsmouth and the lodge made community holiday to pay honor to the distinguished visitors from all parts of the state. It is expected that the grand lodge will before adjournment have an official expression made of the visit to Plattsmouth and the afternoon spent at the Masonic Home, one of the finest of its kind in the west.

With the approval of the plans and the contract for the construction of the infirmary building and the appropriation of the funds for the building committee will be able to get busy at once in starting the work so that this new unit may be completed as soon as possible and make it possible to care for many cases that are now being looked after in hospitals over the state.

The action of the grand lodge is very pleasing to Plattsmouth people and will make even more cordial the feelings of this city toward the great organization.

ant, testified that the deputy sheriff allowed him to go home to see about securing funds to pay his fine and that he had left the officer standing outside while he had gone in to see Mrs. Green about going to the home of some relatives and try to secure the money. She had declined to do so as it would be no use. Witness had then gone on out of the back door of the house and walked over to the Jean Mason home where he had remained for the night. Asked, on cross examination, if he had not promised Mr. Young to return out of house, he stated he had and had failed to return until the following night. He had not been home when the shooting occurred, he said.

The case was then passed over until 1:30 for the arguments of the attorneys for the state and the defense and the submission of the case to Judge Beeson for his decision. This afternoon at the resumption of court the arguments were submitted to the court, that of the defense being largely in the nature of an attack on the county attorney and sheriff for their action in the matter. After the submission of the facts to the court, Judge Beeson handed down his decision binding over the defendant, Mrs. Green to the district court for trial for the offense charged.

MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILROAD MAKES A VERY GOOD RECORD

Report for Past Month Shows That Trains Were Maintained on Regular Schedule Over System.

From Friday's Daily—
The Missouri Pacific Railroad Company operated 9,921 passenger trains during May with an average of 97.2 per cent on time, according to a statement issued from the office of the Superintendent of Transportation at St. Louis. The average for April was 96.9 per cent, and for May last year 94.5. The Memphis terminal division led the system with an average of 99.7 per cent for the month; only one of the 324 trains operated over the division last month having lost time. The Kansas City terminal was second with 99.6 per cent, and the Illinois division finished third with 99.4 per cent; only one of the 162 trains having been late.

Averages for the other divisions follow: Wichita, 99 per cent; St. Louis terminal, 98.5; Central, Kansas, 98.3; Joplin, 98.1; Louisiana, 97.9; Memphis, 97.5; Central, 97.3; Eastern, 97.2; Colorado, 97.2; Omaha, 97.1; Northern Kansas, 97.1; White River, 95.4; Arkansas, 95.1; Missouri, 94.7; and Southern Kansas, 93.9. Missouri Pacific passenger train performance has shown marked improvement since L. W. Baldwin, president of the railroad, a year ago set 98 per cent on time as a goal for this branch of the service.

NEWLY WEDS RETURN

From Friday's Daily—
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Anderson are now permanently located in this city to make their home. Mr. Anderson having been here for the past two years but is now joined by his bride, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bessie Rennie, at Madrid, Nebraska, where she has been making her home for the greater part of the time since the death of Mr. Seivers two years ago.

The deceased lady leaves eight children to mourn her passing: Claude residing on a farm in Buffalo county; Hugh, of El Reno, Oklahoma; Mrs. Bessie Rennie, Mrs. Mollie Tuey and Frank of Madrid; Jay of Mexico, Kansas, who resides in Minnesota, and Don, of near Cullom.

Mrs. Seivers was seventy-two years of age and was a lady that made a very large circle of friends in this city during her long residence here and who shared with the family the grief that her death has brought.

The body will be brought to Plattsmouth for burial and the body will leave Madrid, Saturday, reaching here Sunday. No announcement of the funeral will be made until the arrival of the family in this city.

CARD OF APPRECIATION

To the citizens of Plattsmouth we wish to express our deep appreciation of the united manner in which the entire city entered into the spirit of welcoming the members of the Grand Lodge of the A. F. & A. M. on the occasion of their visit here on Tuesday. Such a splendid showing was most pleasing as indicating the interest in the Masonic Home and its welfare and showing most royal hospitality to the visitors.

PLATTSMOUTH LODGE NO. 6, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

From Thursday's Daily—
Eugene Skinner, who has been suffering for some time with an infection of one of his hands, was taken to Omaha yesterday where he will be placed in the Immanuel hospital there for treatment and observance and the hopes of giving him some relief from his suffering which has been quite intense the last few weeks.

IN NEW LOCATION

The firm of Burbridge & Hawkins, plumbing and sheet metal workers, which has been located for some time in the basement room at the Math Hotel building, has been removed and is now located in the frame building just west of the soft drink parlor of Edward Dona. The new location will give the firm a ground floor entrance and prove very convenient to them in every way and they are now getting nicely settled in the new establishment and ready for business.

ENTERTAINS FOR GUEST

Mrs. B. W. Livingston entertained Wednesday afternoon for her daughter, Vivian, and her niece, Miss Frances Livingston, of Ashland, Nebraska.

The afternoon was spent in games and music. At the close the table was set for eight of their girl friends. The room was decorated in rosebuds and the color scheme of pink and white was carried out.

RECEIVES SAD NEWS

From Thursday's Daily—
Frank M. Bestor of this city has just received word from his brother, Charles, who is now visiting in Colorado, announcing the fact of the death of their aunt, Mrs. E. J. Cooper which occurred at her home in Seattle, Washington, on May 23rd following an attack of bronchial pneumonia. The news of the death came in a letter to Charles Bestor addressed to this city, which was sent on to him in Colorado, the family here not knowing the contents and causing a delay of a week in the reception of the news. Mrs. Cooper was a sister of the late Mrs. Harmon Bestor and W. B. Porter, formerly of Mynard, was a pioneer resident here and will be well remembered by the older residents of the city where she spent her younger years. She was seventy-two years of age and at the time of her death and has for the last few years been residing at Seattle where her surviving sister resides.

DEATH OF MRS. JAS. SEIVERS AT MADRID, NEBRASKA

Former Well Known Resident of This City Passed Away Last Night at Home of Daughter.

From Friday's Daily—
This morning the message was received here announcing the death of Mrs. James Seivers, former resident of this city, and mother of Don Seivers of Cullom. The news of her death came as a great shock to the relatives and old friends here as the deceased lady had been apparently in good health. Mrs. Seivers passed away at midnight last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bessie Rennie, at Madrid, Nebraska, where she has been making her home for the greater part of the time since the death of Mr. Seivers two years ago.

The deceased lady leaves eight children to mourn her passing: Claude residing on a farm in Buffalo county; Hugh, of El Reno, Oklahoma; Mrs. Bessie Rennie, Mrs. Mollie Tuey and Frank of Madrid; Jay of Mexico, Kansas, who resides in Minnesota, and Don, of near Cullom.

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A PIONEER GONE

Word was received here Wednesday of the death of Ira U. Bosworth, at his home in Wabash. Mr. Bosworth had been in poor health for a number of years, suffering with dropsy, and has been patient and cheerful through it all.

For a number of years the family lived north of Weeping Water, and Mr. Bosworth will be kindly remembered by a large circle of warm friends.

The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Baptist church, of which he was a consistent member through the years. Rev. W. A. Taylor, of Union, pastor of the church, conducting the services.

The interment was made at Oakwood cemetery in Weeping Water. Mr. Bosworth was born in Pennsylvania on August 24, 1848, and died at his home in Wabash on Wednesday, June 3, 1924, being 75 years, 9 months and 10 days old.

Mr. Bosworth was of a kindly retiring nature, a loving and thoughtful husband and father, an accommodating neighbor and a real friend. In his passing the community loses a citizen worth while.

He is survived by his wife and six children—two sons, James and Leslie, and four daughters, Mrs. Hattie Jenkins of Havelock; Mrs. Frances Colbert and Mrs. Lucy Ohm, of Wabash, and Mrs. Grace Jones of Eagle. One son, Lance, died years ago when he was a student in the academy—Weeping Water Republican.

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