Story of Early Nebraska Law Enforcement as Mr. Valle own words.

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the west.

Some distance west of Red Oak is of it, but there was a long wooden bridge across it at that time, and there was where Tibbits and Hunt rode onto the structure to see a num-ber of horsemen from the west bearhind they found their escape in that direction cut off and there was nothing left to do but go onto the bridge, and allow them to drop about four which they did.

The water was not deep and the two men evidently decided to reach the neck. both he and Tibbits were shot dead. their bodies falling into the stream.

in Nebraska longer than any other hearty and remembers many incidents of the times when the Vigilantes were engaged in defending our

Mr. Young tells the story of a active about 1864. This gang stole horses at Plattsmouth and vicinity and took them to Nebraska City or even as far as Abilene, Kansas, where they disposed of them. At last the vigilantes caught some of the horse-thieves. Among them was a man called "Short Nose Bill" who turned "state's evidence." It seems he had been in a fight and his foe bit off Bill's nose. After that, Bill was a "marked" man. He found out that he was too easily recognized, as shuddered as he closed the narrative churches. Our Nebraska State Seal, results, he said, "The sheriff knows my of that fateful day. nose, I'll have to quit my life of crime, turn state's evidence and keep Bess Streeter Aldrich, who by the ple, "Equality before the Law."

hid him at Mr. Young's home so the Eight Mile Grove in her book, "A also there appeared an article of Mrs. gang wouldn't get him. But the Vig- Lantern in Her Hand." The story Haugen on the Niobrara vigilantes. ilantes could not find the gang where begins about 1868 when Will and This magazine can be secured from returned determined to hang "Short into Cass county about the same time just a boy at this time, was in the field one day with Bill, when a will Deal and Oscar and Henry Lutz Vigilante rode up and demanded had land adjoining, at Stove Creek. Bill, and threatened to hang him then and there. Bill declared that he together. told the truth about the rendezvous and begged for his life. He then dithe Vigilantes caught them.

The result was, that Bill who had blacksmith's yard. been "between two fires," came out I quote from "A Lantern in Her unscathed.

In 1864 Cass county was the scene of unlawful punishment, by the Vig- clump of trees fenced around with basis will be returned to a six day leave Omaha in the morning and reilantes Committee, of three guilty slabs which the blacksmith there had week, Rock Island officials said. men. The horse-thieves were so nu- told them were brought from the merous and bold, and so successful saw-mill at Rock Bluffs. They had that the farmers were driven to use asked him innocently enough who ployed from Fairbury and the baldesperate measures to combat their was buried there. Abbie almost shiv ance will be selected from towns be- This arrangement does not provide plunderings. They determined to or- ered now at the thought of his an- tween here and Colorado Springs. ganize their own court of law, and to swer.

which lived vividiy during the life definitely, 'Hung. Vigilence commit- ray, were here today to spend a few been discontinued. With autos retime of the Vigilantes who parti- tee.' And more grimly specific, 'To hours attending to some matters in placing train service, one cannot holcipated in it, and also in the memory that there tree?' 'Hung?' some one the county court and visiting with ler about the railroads wanting to of the other spectators. That event had repeated in the silence that folwas the hanging of three guilty lowed. horse-thieves at Lacy's Grove, near "'Yep. Hang 'em in the summer,' Eight Mile Creek, in Cass county.

from some of the farmers near Plattsmouth and had started west, when memory of the grim voice." they were overtaken at Mullen's For many years, the graves could ranch, about twenty miles west of be easily distinguished, fenced in Plattsmouth. When they saw Sheriff with cottonwood slabs, and the lime-Andy Taylor and a posse of farmers stone markers at the graves. The closing in on them, they took refuge hangman's tree was close to a public in the home of two of the men. They road, and little children shied involclimbed up into the loft and were so untarily, from fear as they passed situated that they had a great ad-this tree on their way to and from vantage over the Vigilantes, whose school, and even their superstitious only method of getting into the loft elders were known to have driven was to climb a ladder and put their their horses more rapidly if obliged

the guns of the thieves. Sheriff Tay- The year 1864 probably saw the lor offered to lead the posse into the last of "the hangings" of claimloft. When ordered to surrender the jumpers and horse-thieves, by the three men gave themselves up. They Vigilantes. By 1865 the country was started back with the prisoners but much more thickly settled. Horseby the time they got to Eight Mile thieves were unable to operate suc-Grove, it was night and they went cessfully as in earlier times on acto the home of William Colvin and count of the ever increasing number asked permission to stay all night. of Vigilantes and their determination The request was granted. After to rid the country of them. Claimbreakfast the next morning, the jumpers also were forced to cease farmers started off with their pris- their pillaging. The Vigilantes distreated the Vigilantes not to hang farmer.

pleadings were unheeded.

present at the hanging of these three horse-thieves, and who can give us an authentic account of the circumstances. His name is Mr. Henry William Vallery, of Plattsmouth, Nebraska. I shall give you the story as Mr. Vallery gave it to me, in his

"I was born in 1851 and am now 82 years old. It is almost 70 years and bottoms between the river and that point. In some manner the thieves found out that they were followed and doubled on their tracks before they had reached Red Oak, intending to strike the Missouri river class, averaged about thirteen years class, averaged about thirteen years. since I saw those three horse thieves at some point where they could swim the horses across and thus escape to looking the word was passed 'round' looking the word was passed 'round that there was to be a 'hanging' in Lacy's Grove that day. You bet we a river, I have forgotten the name didn't stay for church that morning, but broke away and made a beeline for the grove.

"There we found the farmers had gone on to Red Oak had missed the two men and believing them still to the west had storied the many that the party that guarding the prisoners. This farmers er's band decided that they would to the west had storied to the two men and believing them still to the west had started back. In the meantime the party from the west were pressing forward towards Red Oak. When about a mile from the bridge I have mentioned, the Red Oak party of officers and vigilantes saw their men and gave chase. The thieves caught the sound of the aphancing. Preparations them went their men and gave chase. The thieves caught the sound of the approaching horses' feet and put the animals they were riding down to a gallop. They were making good headway when they came to the bridge, but were dismayed when they rode onto the structure to see a number of the structure of

"Their method of hanging the ing down upon them. Looking befeet, which would ordinarily break

"There was one large man and two the middle and jump off the side. At any rate they both did jump off into the water, but were so dazed by their that he broke the rope. He said to claims and their visions of independent, happy homes in the west and return to the east from whence they had been that he broke the rope. He said to came

"After the horse thieves were all

were going to throw the dirt of the many a slip 'twist the cup and the has the distinction of having lived excavation upon their unprotected man (1855-1933). Mr. Young was permission to get down into the neck and the noose, born in 1851 but he is still hale and grave and place their hats over their faces. Permission was given him and then the grave was filled. "One of the men wrote a short

message to his mother, which he wanted read after his death to the gang of horse-thieves who were very I can remember the exact words of people, and then given to his mother. that note of farewell after all these doers." year, I can still hear the trembling voice of the man who read it to us. "The message was as follows:

" 'Dear Mother: few years has come to an end. We got to stretch the rope. Don't grieve, mother, meet us in heaven.

my head out of the hangman's way, is a resident of Elmwood, in The Vigilantes freed Bill, but they hangman's tree and the graves at Bill said they would be, and they Abbie Deal crossed the Platte river A. E. Sheldon, state capitol building. Nose Bill." Mr. Young, who was that the two Lutz families crossed

rected the Vigilantes to another shop to have some work done. In ing this month on the right of way carrying of the mails, has been disrendezvous of the gang. This time the back yard the women saw sev- in this area. eral graves, an unusual sight in a

Hand":

inflict immediate punishment on the '" 'Claim-jumpers 'n norse thieves inflict immediate punishment on the 'n sich,' he haid said indifferently. From Friday's Daily An event occurred, the memory of And, shifting his tobacco, had added

he had explained cheerfully, ''n poke These three men had stolen horses 'em under the ice in winter.' "Abbie shuddered again at the

heads through the hole in the loft. | to pass "hangman's tree," when the

This procedure exposed them to midnight hour was near. oners. Mrs. William Colvin and her banded and gave their attention to daughter. Emma Colvin-Drew, en- the peaceful pursuits of merchant or

the prisoners, but their tears and In closing, I shall defend these Defenders, in-so-far as my conscience And now I am going to introduce will let me, for their drastic and the only man living (1983) who was often unlawful procedure against

Friendly Guidance

COR MANY YEARS our es I tablishment has been known for the friendly guidance offered those we serve.

Ours is not a business, but a service institution to help our clients in every way possible during their time of sorrow. This attitude is reflected in every service performed-both large and small.

Our clients are our friends. and nothing is overlooked in our task of removing all unnecessary care at a time when these friends are already heavily burdened.

Sattler Funeral Home

4th and Vine Streets Plattsmouth

claim-jumpers and horse thieves. These first pioneers had no money. They could truthfully say, "Who day on last Sunday at the hom steals my purse, steals trash." Their Mr. and Mrs. Fred Falischman. currency was cottonwood logs. Their and their horses. Unless the settlers used drastic measures in dealing with claim-jumpers and horse thieves, they might as well give up their lich, and as well visited the farm

knowing full well that they would be hanged, he pulled out a revolver with the intention of using it on his enemies, but he was too slow and was to slow and enemies. But he was too slow and was too slow and enemies and meteing out immediate death to the guilty, the Vigilantes claimed, truthfully, as was often proven, that all jails were poorly constructed and escape easy; that even justice itself often miscar- W. Seiker and family, all of Elmplaced in the grave, the Vigilantes ried. So that the old saying, "There's wood, were here Sunday, to attend lip," could be paraphrased by say- the ice cream social given on the ing, "There's many a slip 'twixt the lawn at St. Patrick's church.

days says, "Lynchings reflect the frontier mind. The frontier qualities of self-sufficing, individual in- seph Deitl, the latter a daughter of itiative, decision and courage made Mr. and Mrs. Carper. The proud parour forefathers impatient of the rule ents are happy over the arrival, as are of law, and led them to execute im- also the grandparents of the young mediate vengeance upon wrong-

had covered over the seething, tur- O'Brien sustained what was feared to burlent passions of these independent be some broken ribs and went these river ful communities notable for the pre-Mr. Vallery shook his head and eminence of their schools and of which we are justly proud, reflects

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MORE WORK ON RAILROAD

Fairbury.-Fairbury division of

the many friends in the city.

Even Tan for Boots



"Beots" Mallory, she of screen une, went to Malibu beach near Los Angeles to acquire a sun fan . . . so down went the shoulder straps on her brief bathing suit, "Boots" declaring that she wanted an even tan,

Manley News Items to Council Bluffs, Iowa, where she underwent an operation at Mercy

Ralph White and family were vis-Sunday.

Mrs. Pat Murphey, of Torrington, Wyoming, has been visiting for a time with Miss Mary A. Murphey, of Manley.

Gust Krecklow and the family were enjoying a visit last Sunday at the home of Andrew Krecklow, at Falls City. William Sheehan had a load of

cattle, which he has been feeding, on the South Omaha market one day last week. Herman Mann and wife, of Louis-

ville, were visiting with friends in Manley on last Sunday, driving over in their auto. Carl Stander and family, of Ash-

land were in Manley on last Sunday attending the lawn party given at the St. Patrick's Catholic church, John Gruber and the family were

visiting with friends in Omaha for the day last Sunday, they driving over to the big town in their car. Charles Gade and family, of Ash-

ily, of Louisville, were guests for the day on last Sunday at the home of R. Bergmann and wife were over dearest possessions were their homes to Nehawka on last Sunday, where

they were guests for the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wunder-W. J. Rau and wife and George

that he broke the rope. He said to the east from whence they fall that they could not get away before a number of the pursuers had reached the spot. When Hunt saw that they were to be taken and the taken and casion very much.

George Bickhart and family, Mrs. poorly constructed and escape easy; Ellen Smith, August Stander and A

A sympathetic writer on pioneer Mr. and Mrs. John F. Carter, the man.

But by the close of the Civil War | Frank Stander, while working with in 1865, the "Crust of Civilization" the hay at the home of Walter towns who had borne the brunt of Omaha, but as the Intense pain had the assaults of the criminal element, subsided when he got there, he resettled down into-respectable, peace- turned home and is looking after his work again without apparent serious

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Harms entertained for the week end last Sunday and had as their guests for the occasion, Mrs. Henry Peters and daughters, Wm. Birkman and wife, Jule Birkman and wife, Frank Beehm and wife and Mr. and Mrs. George Allgeyer, all of Talmage. They all enjoyed their visit here very much. Teddy Harms, Jr., returned home with them for a two weeks' visit.

Change in Mail Service The passenger train which has been the source of service for the continued by the Missouri Pacific and It is estimated that 100 extra men the mail will in the future be hanwill be given work during July. In dled in closed pouches over a star addition, many employes who have route running from Omaha to Otoe "The graves were under a little been working on a five day week and return, each day. The car will turn in the afternoon, after making Twenty or more men will be em- connections at Otoe with another star nearly as good service as has been given the people of this vicinity, but is simply a case of taking the next Mr. and Mrs. Ed S. Tutt of Mur- best now that the train service has lay off the trains on which they are ed based upon monthly consumption was to license the sale of beer when losing money, so the people will have to get used to the new schedule.

Have Splendid Time The ladies of St. Patrick Catholic church sponsored a lawn party that was held on last Sunday afternoon, and were well repaid for their efforts in the fine entertainment which was provided. A good many people were present from other towns to enjoy the occasion. Among those who came over from Plattsmouth were Mr. and Mrs. John Cloidt and children, Mrs. William Woolcott and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bach.

Installs New Refrigerator Theo. Harms has recently had installed at his store a new electric refrigerator with a capacity of eight cubic feet of storage space, and is well pleased with the new machine. It is entirely automatic in its con- August, 1933.

Undergoes Operation Recently Mrs. Henry Osborne, who has been troubled with a goiter, recently went

trels and does not require any at-

tention.

to Council Bluffs, Iowa, where she hospital for the removal of the growth. The operation was performiting with friends in Lincoln on last ed by Dr. O'Keefe, a noted surgeon of the western Iowa city and was very successful. Mrs. Osborne was taken to the home of Dr. O'Keefe, where she is being cared for until she shall be able to return to her home here.

Five Railroads Win Slash in Valuations

Major Roads of State Cut 16 Per Cent on Their Plea for a 50 Per Cent Reduction.

Lincoln, Neb., July 13 .- A 16 per cent cut in the assessments of five major railroads in Nebraska was announced today by State Tax Commissioner W. H. Smith after a meeting of the state equalization board.

This brings the aggregate valuations of the lines down from \$207 .- Monday evening of last week, where works fund divided the country today 317,739 to \$173,876,856.

land, and John Falischman and fam-The railroads, arguing that assessments should be made on a different basis, had asked for valuations about half of last year's. There was no indication, however, whether they would accept figures set by the board or go to court.

The roads and their assessments: Burlington, \$80,300,260, against \$95,100,192 in 1932, a decrease of 15.56 per cent.

Chicago North Western, \$17,-663,775, against \$22,627,425 a decrease of 21.93 per cent. Union Pacific, \$67,003,115

against \$78,024,560, a decrease of 14.12 per cent. Rock Island, \$4,595,770 against \$5,924,665, a decrease of

22.42 per cent. Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, \$4,313,986. against \$5,640,897 a decrease of 23.52 per cent.

Assessments were not established or the Missouri Pacific railroad

our years past. The state board has ased this method for four years, al- to the Masonic Temple, where it from advisory boards of three memthough the railroads requested this was warm enough, but with the in- bers in each state. The adminstrators time that only the April 1, 1933, stallation of electric fans made the and boards will be appointed by Presvalues be considered.

Assessments have not been made yet for several small railroads in the state.

PLEADS NOT GUILTY

This morning in the county court, Fred Klepser, of Weeping Water, was nade by William Joyce, of that city, to the funeral. in which Mr. Klepser was charged with taking four chickens of the value of \$1.96, without the consent of the owner. The defendant is also early last week and while the weath- which officers said had been loaded confined.

set for two weeks.

From Friday's Daily George E. Nickles, state represenative, of Murray, was among those visiting here today to attend to some natters in the county court in which he was interested.

ORDINANCE NO. 56

lage of Greenwood, Nebraska: Section 1-The following rates are hereby fixed for the use of the elec- the way of a service charge. of each customer as follows: 1st K. W. H .____85c Next 24 K. W. H .__ 10c per K. W. H.

Next 25 K. W. H .__ 6c per K. W. H. to A. F. Weibke, W. L. Hillis and All Excess _____ 4c per K. W. H. Ray McNurlin, who will handle the Minimum monthly bill, 85c. COMMERCIAL RATE

1st K. W. H.____85c Next 74 K. W. H.__10c per K. W. H. Next 125 K. W. H ._ 6c per K. W. H. Minimum monthly bill, 85c. POWER RATE

First 400 K. W. H. 5c per K. W. H. year. The freezer was designed by All Excess -----31c per K. W. H. Mr. Smith and manufactured by Ed able on or before the 10th day of the following month, and if not paid some time since and has been used within the prescribed time are subject by Mr. Smith during the past year. to disconnection

parts of Ordinances passed and ap-

day of July, 1933. E. A. LANDON. Chairman Board

of Trustees. Attest: C. E. WEIDEMAN. Village Clerk.

WASH SUITS THAT WASH We have left from our Summer Selling about 25 fast

color Wash Suits-from ages 3 to 8. Some of them Kaynee—that we will close out at only 55c per suit.

Come Early-They'll Go Quick

Wescott's

GREENWOOD

J. V. Stradley was a visitor in Plattsmouth on last Tuesday, where he had some business matters to look lowa, Nebraska and South Dakota after and while there was meeting many of his long time friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Homan and Grandfather J. J. Mefford were over to Glen Armstrong's at Havelock on they were enjoying a visit with their into 10 regions for administration of

E. L. McDonald is having the inthe ceiling painted, which is adding the staff and local government units much to the appearance of the build- for construction purposes follow: ing and making the store room more tasty as well as lighter as the ceiling reflects light and diffuses it over the New Jersey, entire store room.

Ray Fredrich was a visitor in Murray on Tuesday of last week and it hight be more proper to say that he Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa and Wyowas working there for such is the ming. case, as the heavy run of corn at the elevator at Murray has been keeping and Oregon. both himself and Art Weideman hustling all the time. No one has Arizona, any objections for they both like to

Picnic at Masonic Temple The Order of Eastern Star of Greenwood planned a picnic which South Carolina and Florida. pending the receipt of additional they intended to hold in the hut west of town, but the rain which came Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Vir-The valuations were established Tuesday night put thei grounds n ginia and North Carolina. on the average values of the com- such condition that the holding of A regional administrator will be panies' stocks and bonds April 1 for the picnic in the grove was not feas- set up in each division to whom reible and the meeting was adjourned commendations will be submitted

Mrs. Shepherd Dies

place more comfortable.

Mrs. Shepherd, wife of Conductor M. C. Shepherd, who has been in

Have Busy Evening

suilty to the charge and the amount the electric light service to conform Chicago. of the bond fixed at \$1,000 which it to the state law which was passed is expected will be supplied this aft- last winter by the legislature. The hibited a bill of lading in support of ernoon and the young man released. state law forbids the service charge his statement that the beer was con-The hearing of the case has been that has been in vogue heretofore, signed to a man at Creston, Ia., in a so to get the matter righted, the city state where beer flows freely. The council passed a new ordinance which beer mysteriously disappeared shortis being published elewhere on this ly after the accident. It was believed page. The ordinance prescribes a that passing motorists took advancharge of 85 cents for the first kilo- tage of the opportunity afforded by watt consumed, while for the next the accident to quench their thirsts. twenty-four the price is 10 cents per k. w. and graded on down for larger quantities. This is the home light- was in the city Thursday for a few ing rate, while for commercial and hours, visiting with friends and Be it Ordained by the Chairman power a different rate is set by the looking after some matters of busiand the Board of Trustees of the Vil- ordinance. The effect is they get the ness for a short time. While here same amount of money, but not in he was a caller at the Journal and

Another thing the city dads did weekly edition of the paper. the new state law becomes effective on August 10th. Permits were issued 3.2 beginning that date.

Sells Greenwood Freezer Last week Ernest R. Smith and Ed All Excess _____ 4c per K. W. H. Stradley sold the ice cream freezer Service Charge _____ 50c per H. P. on which they secured a patent last Section 2-All bills due and pay- Stradley, the first one being made Another one was made this spring Section 3-All Ordinances and and hardly had it been finished when proved prior to the passage and ap- a man came along to purchase it. proval of this Ordinance and in con- The freezer is electrically driven and The cost of Good Insurance is so flict therewith are hereby repealed. | can turn out the ice cream speedily, Section 4-This Ordinance shall creating a temperature as cold as 4 faction so great, that no one can and after the first (1st) day of degrees below zero. Speaking of ice really afford to go unprotected! cream. Mr. Smith says he has made Passed and approved this 11th and sold more ice cream this season than he made during the entire season of 1932.

> The Journal aims to print all the news and will appreciate your assistance to that end. Call No. 6.

Regional Plan of Public Works to be Adopted

Grouped Together - Divided Into Ten Regions.

Washington, July 13 .- The cabinet board in charge of the public the program.

The 10 divisions set up by the terior of the store redecorated and board for administering advances to

1. New England. 2. New York, Pennsylvania and

3. Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

5. Montana, Idaho, Washington

4. North Dakota, South Dakota,

6. California, Nevada, Utah and

7. Texas, New Mexico and Lou-8. Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma,

Missouri and Arkansas. 9. Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia,

10. Tennessee, Kentucky, West

ident Roosevelt next week.

CAR OF BEER IN WRECK

Culbertson, Nen .-- Hitchcock counpoor health for some time, passed ty authorities are investigating the away at their home in Lipcoln on circumstances of an automobile acci-Monday of last week and the funeral dent in which a car, allegedly laden was held on Wednesday. Many of with ten cases of Colorado 3.2 beer, irraigned on a complaint which was their friends in Greenwood were over was involved. County Attorney Lehman and Sheriff Campbell are con-

ducting the investigation. Roy Allen of McCook was alleged The city council of Greenwood met to have been the driver of the car charged with breaking and entering er was very warm, they rolled up with beer at Wray, Col. Allen sushe building where the chickens were their sleeves and unbuttoned their tained a fractured collar bone and collars and went to work with a de- other injuries when his machine col-On the reading of the complaint termination to get something done. lided with a car occupied by a group Mr. Klepser entered a plea of not They passed an ordinance regulating of persons from Salt Lake City and

Allen, following the accident, ex-

L. L. Caygill, of near Elmwood, renewed his subscrpition to the semi-

Windstorms and

which they have just completed and They come quickly, do their work speedily-and are gone!

Some Say-

The man who had ample Insurance was lucky, but really, it was good business judgment that made him-

Be Prepared

small, and the protection and satis-

Insure What You Have