

MURDOCK ITEMS

The Otto Eichoff family drove to Lincoln Sunday evening to hear the band concert.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zerriott and Mrs. Albert Zerriott were in Lincoln visitors on Monday.

Mrs. T. Thimman and daughters from Kansas spent several days at the E. Thimman home and visited other relatives.

Eddie Craig and Emil Kuehn were over to Lincoln last Tuesday night to see the ball game which was played by electric light.

Jap Poppe, of Enstis, arrived in Murdock on last Tuesday and is visiting with his sister, Mrs. Carl Bornemeier and family.

A. H. Ward received a car load of gas last Wednesday, which he unloaded into the tanks ready for service to the public.

Oris McBride, of near Wabash, was a visitor in Murdock on last Wednesday, and was engaged by Lester Thimman in a game of horseshoe.

Mrs. Eddie Craig and Jack were visiting for a time last week at the home of Mr. Craig's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Craig, of Wymore.

A young daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schlichter on last Monday. The little lady and parents are all doing nicely.

Otto Eichoff and family and Miss Irene Weddell were over to Lincoln last Sunday night, where they went to enjoy the concert given by the Lincoln community band.

Master Jean Tool arrived home Monday evening from Colorado where he had spent some two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon of Weeping Water, having a royal vacation.

The F. A. Melvin family will move into the Bornemeier property this week, formerly known as the Breunackly place and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Craig will move into the Scheel property immediately.

S. P. Lewis, who has been visiting with relatives and friends in the Dakotas for the past ten days, returned home last week and reported having found the crops in very poor condition and the weather very dry.

W. J. B. McDonald has been getting the store building in readiness for painting, which will be done as soon as possible. Bryan expects to make the store look spic and span when he shall have completed the task.

With the moving of Aubrey Townsend to Murray, Frank A. Melvin moved into the house which he thus vacated, and that leaving the house vacant where Mr. Melvin and wife had lived, it was then occupied by Eddie Craig and wife.

Richard Eppings and Leo Morrison were over to Elmwood on last Tuesday on their bikes and notwithstanding the heavy sand which they had to encounter, they made the distance in 36 minutes and claimed they were feeling fine after the trip.

Miss Helen Bornemeier, who has been spending her vacation in the western portion of the state, visiting most of the time at Enstis, returned home on last Tuesday evening and again assumed her work on Wednesday morning at the telephone exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Ward and son drove to Beatrice Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Keedy. When they returned they brought their son, Ward, who had spent a week there and their daughter, Alleen, who had spent most of the summer with Rev. and Mrs. Clark.

John W. Kruger and the good wife, with Louis Hite and family, of Cheney, and Mrs. Barbara Hite, of Murdock, journeyed to Oakland on last Sunday, where they visited for the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hite, of that place. After enjoying a very fine visit for the day, they returned home in the evening.

Charles Kupke was looking after the L. Neitzel store during the time that Mr. and Mrs. Neitzel were over to Omaha, where they were called on account of the death of their son-in-

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law, Dr. MacDiarmid, which occurred on last Tuesday. Dr. MacDiarmid was born in Omaha and was fifty years of age. He has been in poor health for some time past and succumbed to his illness. An account of his life activities and funeral appears elsewhere in this paper.

Busy on Highway Grading crews are busy putting Highway number 1 in condition to receive gravel, which will be placed thereon as soon as it is ready. During the time the roadway cannot be used, the travel is routed via Manly and on the north road leading from there to Murdock and then down through town and to Highway number 1 again and on to Elmwood.

Here We are Again With the schools commencing for the year and with nine months of hard study ahead of us—well, scholars, this is our testing time and we must make the grades, for in only a few more years we will be in a far different kind of a school, where we will not only have to make the grades but pay our tuition as we go along, and that in competition with the smartest minds in the country. Better get ready for the contest, for it is sure to come. Make the very best of this school year, both in the studying you do and the manner in which you assimilate the things you learn.

Contemplate Removing Trains There will be a meeting of the State Railway Commission at the capitol building in Lincoln on September 11th, at ten o'clock in the morning, when a hearing will be had on the application of the Rock Island railway to discontinue the operation of two of their passenger and mail trains which serve the road and various towns thereon, this being the line passing through Murdock. It is understood that there will be remonstrances filed against the discontinuance of the service.

Sustains Injuries in Wreck When Henry Brockmueller and the good wife were returning home from a visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Timm, their car while the roads were very slippery became unmanageable and plunged headforemost into a ditch by the roadside with the result that both Mr. and Mrs. Brockmueller were badly bruised and sad cuts as well from the broken glass of the windshield. The forehead of Mrs. Brockmueller was the more severely cut, while Uncle Henry had some cuts on his face. The car, after having headed into the ditch, careened over on one side and they were not able to get out until a neighbor, Reinken, who was passing, assisted them and took Mrs. Brockmueller to the office of Dr. L. D. Lee, where the injuries were dressed. Both are getting along nicely with the exception of the bruises and cuts. The car is being restored by Henry A. Jacobson.

Make Pleasant Trip. On Sunday morning of last week, Wm. Brandt and the family departed for the west on a vacation trip, driving their auto, and enjoying every minute of the time spent. They found immediately in this portion of the state the very best crops which were seen on the way. However, they did find that there were portions of the country in the west that had crops, but many portions were dry and with no crops. The grasshoppers where they were had done very little damage. They made the trip going out over the route leading near the Platte river and on their return came by way of the southern route and near the Republican river. They returned on Thursday, having been away for the greater portion of the week.

ELMWOOD GIRL MARRIES At the Trinity Methodist church in Denver August 13th, 1931, occurred the wedding of Miss La Dean Nickel of Elmwood, Nebraska, and Mr. Harry Lannin of North Platte, Nebraska, Rev. Wargler officiating.

Miss La Dean Nickel was born and reared in this community and is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Nickel, one of Cass county's sturdy, highly respected pioneer families. She received her degree from the Nebraska State University, and taught school for three years, two of which were in the schools of North Platte, Nebraska. This summer she completed a commercial course at the Denver Business College.

Mr. Lannin is a World War veteran, an Elk, a Mason and a Shriner. He owns and operates the "City Printer" of North Platte, where he and his bride will reside. We are always happy to see a talented, lovely young woman and a splendid, worthy young man embark on Life's matrimonial sea. May many happy years of married life be theirs.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

Early History of Plattsmouth is Recounted

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I wish to be understood as meaning just what I say."

Speaking from a distance and under the stress of having been a recipient of Claim Club Justice, Pearson's judgment cannot be taken without some reservation. Doubtless the conclusion nearer the truth would be that some form of frontier justice was necessary in the absence of civil authority; that it filled a vital need in combating the claim jumper and speculator and that as community justice it was probably subject to the common faults of this type of activity.

The reign of Claim Club law was strongest during 1854 and 1856 though they did not die out until 1860. The arrival of two justices of the peace, L. G. Todd and Allen Watson in Cass county brought the arm of the Territorial government and made community self-protection no longer necessary. Plattsmouth and Cass county became part of the Second judicial district March 16, 1855. The first session of the court was held in Plattsmouth in April, 1856 and was presided over by Judge Elwood R. Harden. With the arrival of the judges and the Claim Club Courts were no longer needed and the civil law ruled.

The settlers of Plattsmouth not only exerted their individualism and self-reliance in taking care of their own problems as exemplified by the brief reign of Claim Club Law but the news of the first of "The Star of the West" on January 9, 1861, signaling the grave possibility of sectional war, aroused an ardent manifestation of nationalism among the five hundred citizens of this western river town.

Dr. Robert R. Livingston was the leader of this movement. He briefly stated the facts of the firing on the flag in The Platte Valley Herald and issued a formal call for volunteers, heading the list with his own name as a private in the ranks. All of his done prior to any official government call for men. A company of eighty-five men responded. Dr. Livingston was elected Captain and at appropriate ceremonies, two flags made by local women were presented to the company by Rev. Philo Gordon, pastor of the Methodist church, while the company knelt and vowed to cherish and protect the flag. The group was officially mustered in as Company "A" of the First Nebraska Regiment at Omaha on June 11, 1861 with the following officers: R. R. Livingston, Captain; A. B. McKinney, 1st Lieutenant; N. J. Sharp, 2nd Lieutenant; J. G. Whitlock, Sergeant; J. W. Caruthers, Corporal; R. A. Collins and O. S. Thompson, Musicians and Geo. Hardwick, Wagoner.

As a part of the First Nebraska Regiment, Company "A" saw active service in campaigns in Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas and Missouri. They were active during the winter months of 1861 and 1862 in subduing bushwhackers and guerillas around the region of Springfield, Missouri. In February, 1862, the regiment was sent to Ft. Donelson, Tennessee and attached to Gen. Lew Wallace, in command of that District. During 1863, the Nebraska soldiers saw active service in Arkansas and southern Missouri and were returned to Omaha in June, 1864 where they received a great ovation from the people of their state.

The roster of Company "A" was made up largely of men who gave their residence as Plattsmouth while the rest comprised men from Nebraska City, Rock Bluffs, Omaha and Brownville. The official records charge a total of thirty-two desertions against Company "A" but desertions from the Union army were generally prevalent throughout the war.

Despite the loyalty and patriotism expressed by the formation of Company "A" there was also some southern sympathy as might be expected from a population made up from emigrants from all over the east. The Platte Valley Herald was a Democratic paper with distinctly secessionist views founded in 1859 but it did not last but a few issues until its owner was forced to abandon his project by the distinct unpopularity which his paper aroused.

While the men of Plattsmouth were taking an active part in the military operations of the war, the women organized a local chapter of the Sanitary Commission, comparable to that of the national organization.

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able to our modern Red Cross and sent as high as contributions of \$300.00 for the sick and disabled soldiers through the Secretary of the chapter, Mrs. B. Spurlock. The Nebraska Herald was not founded until April 12, 1865 and it summed up the sentiment of the Plattsmouth citizenry when it announced as its aim to "Espouse the cause of the Union and the boys in blue," and carried this motto of John A. Dix in its masthead, "If any man attempts to haul down the flag, shoot him on the spot!" The Herald was very bitter in its attacks on Jefferson Davis, Confederate President and felt that if Lincoln had any fault it was that he was too merciful to the enemy. The despair of the North in the assassination of Lincoln was reflected in the full page account published in The Herald but it expressed loyalty to Andrew Johnson as a man pledged to the views of Abraham Lincoln. Like many other newspapers of the period, The Herald reversed this attitude toward Johnson in the Reconstruction struggle which soon followed.

In August, 1864, the First Nebraska was detailed to Indian duty at Ft. Kearney, Nebraska where it remained until mustered out of service in July, 1865.

Dr. Robert R. Livingston played a prominent part in the early history of Plattsmouth. He was a Canadian by birth and received his education at the Royal Grammar School at Montreal and began the study of medicine at McGill University followed by a foundation at lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York. He came to Plattsmouth in 1859 as a pioneer, frontier physician and exerted his first leadership in the formation of the original company of Civil War volunteers in Nebraska.

He returned to Plattsmouth and was appointed Surveyor-General of Nebraska by President Grant in 1869. The Territorial Legislature had memorialized Congress in January, 1858 to establish a Surveyor General's office in Nebraska instead of having the headquarters at LeCompton, Kansas. This memorial was filed in the Senate on February 18, 1857 when P. W. Hitchcock was appointed first Surveyor General, being succeeded in May, 1869 by Gen. Livingston. Under the latter's direction, a list of two hundred twenty-two towns and villages of the state was prepared with accurate location as to township and range. In 1871, Gen. Livingston was not re-appointed but was succeeded by E. E. Cunningham, a former editor of The Nemaha Herald. In commenting on his failure to be re-appointed, the Nebraska Herald asserted that Gen. Livingston had supported the wrong man for United States Senator but averred that "he leaves with the consciousness of having done his whole duty as a man and as an officer."

In 1869-70, Gen. Livingston led the expedition to the mouth of the Missouri to establish shops and headquarters at Plattsmouth. This phase is discussed in detail in Chapter IV on the Railroads. Gen. Livingston served two terms as Mayor from 1875-77. When the bond dispute with the railroad came up he was instrumental in affecting a compromise and served as physician for the Burlington from 1870 until his death September 29, 1888.

Upon his retirement from the office of Mayor in 1877, the city council adopted a resolution expressing appreciation to Gen. Livingston "for the faithful manner in which he has looked after the interests of our city. . . . We tender him our sincerest thanks for his honesty and integrity which has ever manifested in discharging the duties devolving upon him." (To Be Continued)

AGED PIONEER CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Jackson Barker, Louisville's oldest and well loved pioneer citizen, celebrated her 87th birthday anniversary Monday. In the afternoon, she was the guest of Mrs. George Reichart at a luncheon in honor of the anniversary. Other guests upon this occasion were Mrs. Barker's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ed Barker, Mrs. Bert McNeely, Mrs. Mary Clifford, Mrs. Frank Ross and daughter, Mrs. Louis Ross, and neighbors and friends and Mrs. Frank Pettit, of Los Angeles.

They almost feel that they owe Mrs. Barker an apology for calling her "aged," for she is young, quick and sprightly, mentally and physically, and has never lost her interest in her friends nor in current events. She is a native of Ohio and has lived in Nebraska for the past 80 years. The ladies enjoyed a fine big watermelon in honor of the celebration, the gift of Charles Reichart. The whole town will join the Courier in wishing Mrs. Barker many more years of happiness and pleasant activity.—Louisville Courier.

DEATH OF GEORGE WALDRADT AT STANTON, NEB.

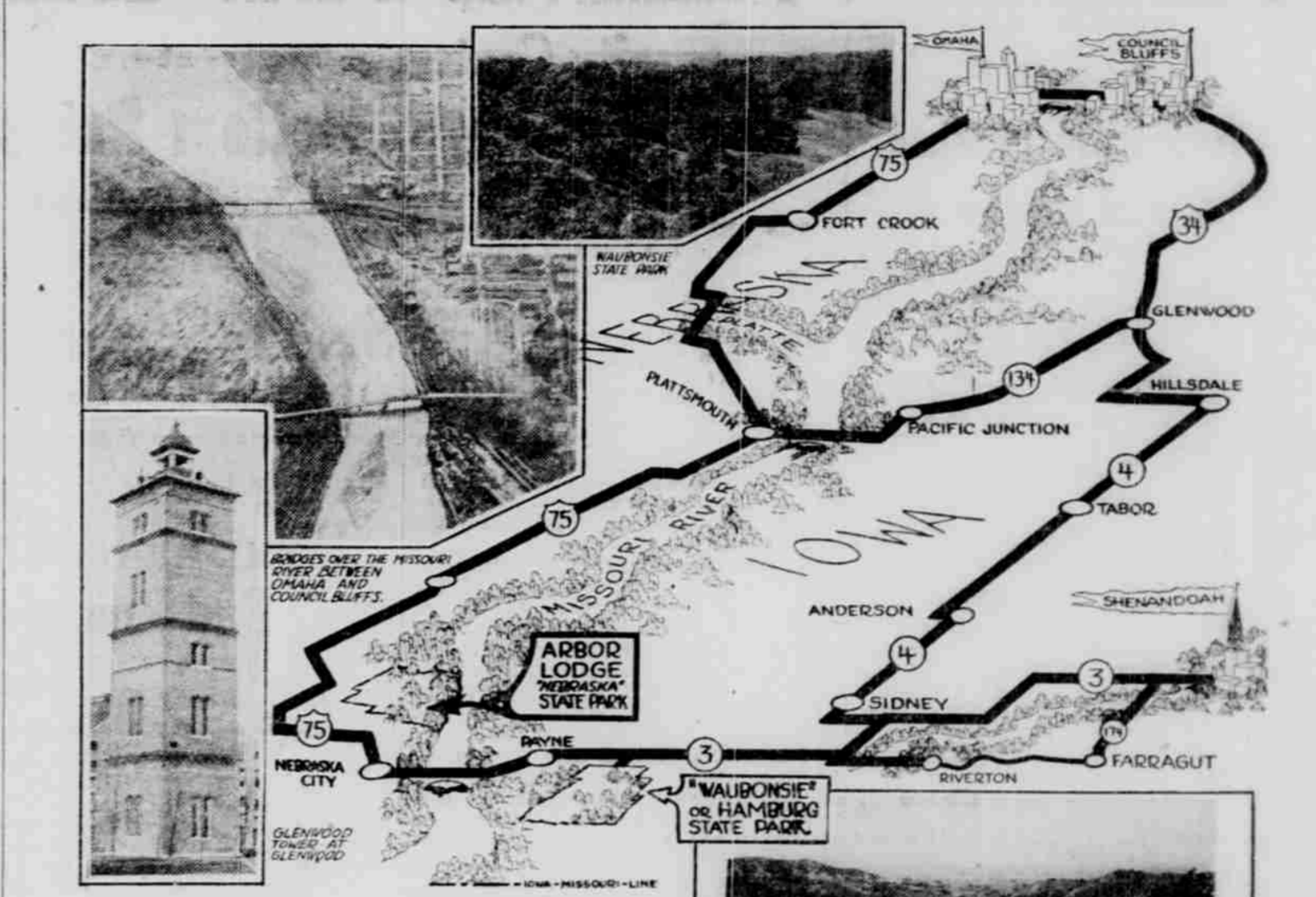
Mrs. Henry Abl, who was called to Stanton, Neb., about three weeks ago, by the illness of her brother, George Waldradt, who suffered a stroke, sent a message Monday announcing the death of the latter. Mrs. Abl was accompanied to Stanton by her sister, Mrs. Mary Duff, of Cedar Creek. Mr. Waldradt is a former Cass county pioneer and well remembered by our older residents who will regret to learn of his passing. He is survived by his widow. Further particulars next week.—Louisville Courier.

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side of the great Missouri river can visit at this place and enjoy the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with our community and the fine class of people that make up the residents of Plattsmouth. Take advantage of the free bridge of each week and come to Plattsmouth where the opportunity of money saving bargains is offered you that will make it well worth while for the trip and also afford the opportunity of spending the day in one of the finest little cities in eastern Nebraska. Not alone in the special free days of the Plattsmouth bridge a real asset to the farmers of southwestern Iowa, as the truckers and shippers of stock find that it cuts some forty miles from the hauling distance from their farms to the great stock market of South Omaha, eliminating the travel through the city traffic of Council Bluffs and Omaha and delivering the cattle and hogs with dispatch directly to the packing houses. To our friends in western Iowa, especially those in Mills and Fremont counties, we extend a cordial invitation to take advantage of the free days on the Plattsmouth bridge to drive over and get acquainted and to find just what is offered them and all other seekers after real money saving opportunities. A visit to the Plattsmouth stores is convincing and will make it well worth the time of the trip.

REPLACEMENT OF MACHINES WITH MEN ON HIWAYS

Suggestion Offered in Otoe County by Nebraska City News-Press to Aid Unemployment. One suggestion to help supply aid for the unemployment situation is offered by the Nebraska City News-Press in a published statement to the board of county commissioners of Otoe county. It is urged by the newspaper that where possible work on the highways and roads be carried on with man power instead of machines which eliminate the labor of many men. "It is not possible to either displace the machine with them to the extent of 'unskilled' labor or, perhaps, supplement the work of the machine with the work of these human hands," the editor wrote. "Men want work rather than alms. They seek to preserve their pride and self respect thru honest labor," the paper said in urging a trial of such a method of aiding the jobless. The suggestion is one that county board and the state department could well heed as it means the opportunity for honest labor offered to hundreds who are now without the opportunity to earn their livelihood. With the general wave of cutting off employes that is sweeping the country, drastic means must be taken to try and supply some means of employment as men from all lines of the industrial life of the nation are rendered idle.

CHURCH INVOLVED IN A BREACH OF RELATIONS

London—An exchange telegraph dispatch from Riga said Lithuania and the vatican had broken off diplomatic relations as a result of the dispute concerning Monsignor Bartoloni, the papal nuncio. Last June Monsignor Bartoloni was asked to leave Lithuania because he was charged with collaborating with the political opposition in that country. He went to Germany.

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