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Funeral of Wm. Hunter is Held Sunday

Friends From the Community and Omaha Gather to Pay Honor to Memory of Good Man

The funeral services of the late William Hunter were held on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home on North Eighth street and very largely attended by the old time friends with whom he had been associated for the past thirty years. The services were conducted by the Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of which Mr. Hunter had long been a very active member. During the services the Rotary male quartet composed of Frank Cloidt, R. W. Knorr, L. D. Hiatt and H. G. McClusky, gave two of the old and loved hymns, "Now the Day Is Over," and "Still, Still With Thee."

During the service Rev. McClusky read the beautiful poem, "Seeds" by John Oxenham, as part of the service, the poem appearing below:

What shall we be like when
We cast this earthly body and attain
To immortality?
What shall we be like then?
Ah, who shall say
What vast expansions shall be ours that day?
What transformations of this house of clay,
To fit the heavenly mansions and the light of day
Ah, who shall say?
But this we know—
We drop a seed into the ground,
A tiny shapeless thing, shriveled and dry,
And in the fulness of its time, is seen
A form of peerless beauty, robed and crowned
Beyond the pride of any earthly queen,
Instinct of lovliness, and sweet and rare
The perfect emblem of its maker's care.
This form a shriveled seed?
Then may man hope indeed.
For man is but the seed of what he shall be,
When, in the fullness of his perfecting,
He drops the husk and cleaves his upward way,
Through earth's retardings and the clinging clay
Into the sunshine of God's perfect day.
No fetters then, no bonds of time or space
But powers as simple as the boundless grace
That suffered man, and passed Himself before—
As he had promised to prepare a place.
Yea, we may hope;
For we are seeds,
Dropped into the earth for heavenly blossoming.
Perchance when comes the time of harvesting,
His loving care
May find some use for even a humble tare.
We know not what we shall be—only this—
That we shall be made like Him—as He is.

The interment was at Oak Hill cemetery and the pall bearers were the nephews of the departed, they being Arthur Hild, Henry Hild, Howard Philpot, Harry Knabe, Clarence Hansen and John Hansen.

The floral tributes were very beautiful and attested the feeling of affection held in the community for the departed.

Those who attended the services from out of the city were: Charles Ortman, Omaha; Mrs. R. W. Rapp, Waterloo; Mrs. Julia Barrett, Omaha; Charles and Bert Philpot and Lee Brown of Weeping Water; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Rapp, Omaha; Miss Irene Philpot, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wunderlich, Nehawka.

MOVING TO THIS CITY

Mrs. Elizabeth Streight and daughter, Mrs. Margaret Jackson, who have been residing at Omaha, are moving to this city where they will make their home at the residence of their son and brother, William J. Streight. Mr. and Mrs. Spier, the latter a daughter of Mr. Streight have been making their home here for the past few years but are now moving to Lincoln and Mrs. Streight and Mrs. Streight and Mrs. Jackson will now come here to keep the home for Mr. Streight.

RETURNS TO IOWA

From Tuesday's Daily—

Mrs. C. E. Hartford, Jr., and daughter, Evelyn, are leaving for Ames today to meet Charles, who has been supervising research work for the Maizewood Company the past two weeks. They will drive to their home in Dubuque Thursday, where Charles is employed as manager of the Maizewood factory.

While in Ames, Charles received his Ph. D. degree in Chemical Engineering. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hartford and Mrs. C. E. Hartford, Jr., attended the exercises.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Edward Yelick of this city, was suddenly taken ill Sunday afternoon while in Omaha and an examination by a physician disclosed that the young man was suffering from a very acute attack of appendicitis. He was taken at once to the Methodist hospital and where an operation was performed at 10 o'clock last night. The patient came through the ordeal nicely and while it will be several days before he is definitely out of the effects of the illness and the operation, he is doing just as well as the circumstances will permit. The many friends trust that he may soon be on the highway to recovery and able to resume his usual activities.

Aged Man is Slugged; Hurled from Train

J. H. Clark, 62, Victim of Attack of "Boes" on Burlington Train North of City.

From Monday's Daily—

This morning at 7:30 a man with clothing torn and blood flowing from a deep cut on his head, appeared at the local Burlington station with the story of robbery and assault at the hands of a group of hoboes with which he was in company, as well as telling of being hurled from a freight train on the Burlington northwest of this city.

The man gave the name of J. H. Clark, his age as 62, and stated that he had been working near Red Oak, Iowa. He had started to bum rides west on the railroad and this morning at an early hour had gotten on a west bound Burlington freight at Pacific Junction and into a car with a number of other men seeking to steal a ride.

When the train was getting under way the other men in the car learned that Clark had some money on him, $24 representing the possession of the aged man. As the train came through this city the men started the attack on Clark, robbing him of his "roll" and when just west of Swallow Hill the gang threw Clark from the moving train despite his pleas and struggles.

Clark in alighting struck his shoulder which was badly fractured and he fell unconscious by the side of the track, this being about 4:30 and it was not until some hours later that he recovered sufficiently to walk on into this city to secure assistance.

The injured man was turned over to Chief of Police Elliott and the county officers notified and the man taken to the office of Dr. O. C. Hudson, where the wound on the head was dressed and the fracture of the shoulder temporarily treated and the man sent on to Omaha to be treated at the University hospital and to set the broken shoulder. The injured man was taken to Omaha by Deputy Sheriff Rex Young and Constable Tom Svoboda.

TO ATTEND IOWA STATE

From Tuesday's Daily—

This afternoon Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hartford motored to Ames, Iowa, where their youngest son, Robert L. Hartford, is to enter the Iowa State college at that place for the fall and winter term. The entry of Robert at Iowa State marks the fourth of his family to select that institution as the place of education, Charles, Jr., Willis and Joseph Hartford, his brothers all having attended school there and where Joe is now a sophomore, the two older brothers having graduated and now have excellent positions.

The many friends here will miss "Bob" a great deal as he has been active in the school and social life of the community since his young boyhood. In his high school career he has been outstanding in his athletic work in the football and basketball teams and served as the captain of the football team in 1930. He has ranked high in his studies and was named as one of the local members of the National Scholastic Athletic society.

In his departure Bob takes the best wishes of the many friends here for a successful career at Iowa state.

TO ATTEND CONVENTION

Mrs. J. S. Livingston departed Saturday evening for Denver where she will spend some time attending the general convention of the Protestant Episcopal church. Mrs. Livingston will represent the local church and the Nebraska women's auxiliary at the meeting. The convention will bring all of the bishops and notable figures in the church to the Colorado city for the meeting and will be one of the outstanding religious gatherings of the county.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend to the friends and neighbors our most heartfelt appreciation of the many acts of kindness shown to us in our bereavement, for the expressions of sympathy and for the beautiful floral offerings at the funeral service.—Mrs. William Hunter, Miss Helen Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace J. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Ingwerson.

Inquest in Patterson Death Continued to 19th

Evidence Presented as to Visitors at Store, Time of Cars Passing and as to Fears.

From Wednesday's Daily—

This morning the inquest into the death of Fred Patterson, county surveyor, who was found dead in his store at Rock Bluffs, Sunday, was taken up. The inquest was held at the district court room and attended by a very large number of the residents of the community where the murdered man had lived his lifetime and where he had been killed.

The inquiry was conducted by County Attorney W. G. Kieck, as the acting coroner.

The jury that received the evidence was composed of W. H. Puls, W. M. Barclay, Howard Davis, J. P. Meisinger, J. W. Crabill and B. G. Wurl.

The testimony in part as given by the witnesses in the case was as follows:

Robert Patterson, son of deceased—Had seen father Saturday night at store, around 8:30, Mark Furlong and father, talking on steps. Witness had stayed until 9:45. Outside of store most of time until ten minutes before leaving, talked a few minutes, Furlong remained outside. Traveled west from the store. Had seen Furlong once before in day time. On way from store passed Will Hutchison, who was coming east. Passed a second car, Walter Furlong, had said witness had passed him. Had lived in Rock Bluffs all of life, lived on W. D. Wheeler place. Father had never told of being in fear of life. Father was cautious. Father had said was suspicious of the person who killed Mrs. Shera. One light switch was by front door, lights for store at northwest near bed room door. Had been called Sunday morning, body looked as tho father had started to make turn back of counter. Was lying on face on floor, shot in back of head. Sheriff Reed, Rex Young, Chase Patterson and Joe Shera there, nothing had been disturbed.

Mrs. Robert Patterson—Was at Patterson store. Furlong at store when arrived. Had asked Mr. Patterson about telephoning. Father had turned on light. Patterson had asked them to stay a while. Light was Delco. Kitchen was north of store room. Patterson had not turned out light in kitchen. Furlong and Patterson were at gas pump when left there. Had not looked back. Drove west and met Will Hutchison and Walter Furlong cars. Had seen another car near Sans place.

Walter Furlong—Resided south of Rock Bluffs, father-in-law and mother-in-law resided with them. Had been at Murray and teaching home wife had prepared lunch and said that it was 10:10, wife, mother-in-law and sister-in-law with him. Had not noticed any light when passing store. Had not met anyone walking along road. No other short cut, road was only way to travel. After 11 o'clock three cars had passed his farm going south, one north. Thought would take five minutes to walk from store to his place. Learned of death when returning from chores on island, about 10 o'clock Sunday. Patterson had said that he was afraid he might be robbed. Sure no light on gas tank when passed there Saturday. Father-in-law was John Shipley.

Mrs. Walter Furlong—Was in Murray Saturday night, had noticed clock at home was 10 minutes after ten. Had passed no other cars or anyone walking. Had not noticed any light at store, sure there was none at pump. Weeds too high to see front of store. only roof. Traded at store frequently. Anyone walking would have to cross bridge.

Mrs. John Shipley—Had passed one car on way home, did not know who it was, saw no one walking along road. Night clear but dark. Had not noticed any light in store. Some of family had said it was ten o'clock. Lived in Rock Bluffs since March 1st.

John Shipley—Lived with Walter Furlong, was sitting on north porch of home, could see light on gas tank. Saw light go out, family had arrived about 30 minutes later, but was not sure. Had heard some one come along road before car came home. Eyes could not see any dim light. Sons were on porch and asleep. Clock in house was slow. Ernest Shipley had said was 9:30 when he laid down on porch.

Rex Young—deputy sheriff—Had known Fred Patterson in lifetime. From where Patterson and Furlong car met to store took one and a half minutes to reach store. Took eight minutes to reach store. Took five minutes to walk to Furlong place, one minute to drive from store to Furlong place. Roads in present good condition when tests made Called to Patterson store at 9 a. m. Sunday. When reached there Joe Shera met them at door. Only one way to get around counter, that at north end. Had found body on floor at northwest corner of counter. Wound was powder burned, hair some powder burned. Had found that there was nothing gone, $44.80 in change and checks in till. Joe Shera, Fred Hull and Frank Smith had gone in before arrival. Some $30 in money, found, other checks.

Mark Furlong—Was 59 years of age, lived there all of life. Was at store Saturday, Chase Patterson, Robert Patterson and wife had come there at 8:30, Chase was there then, had visited for a time, then Patterson had gone home. Witness had walked to and from store to home, had taken ten minutes to walk home. Did not know when he left store, about 10 o'clock. Had not met or passed any cars, hot very dark. Did not go to store often, had gone to store to see about a load of corn. Had worn blue shirt and overalls. Had bought goods at Patterson store at different times. Fred Patterson had locked oil pump, pump was thirty or forty feet south of store.. Had seen button and supposed was for lights. Had not seen Walter. Lived alone at present, son was away at this time. Had seen gun under pillow. Young had taken it out. Had shot gun and rifle at home belonging to son, no revolvers as knew of. Had large flashlight with him, was standing in front when Robert had left. Fred was talking about oil pump and had said was going to town next day to see company about pump not working well. Had continued to stand by pump for five or seven minutes after Robert Patterson left. Had talked about Shera murder several years ago. Fred had suspicion of party who had committed deed. Had heard of officers tracking horse at Shera murder, near Graves place. Witness had no opinion on matter. Patterson had not talked much to him about murder. Patterson was standing on steps by oil station when he saw him last. When witness was turning corner saw car stop just west of gas tank. Store still lighted when he left. Some people on porch of Walter's home when he passed. Did not know that Patterson was fearful of being robbed or that he feared for his life. First heard of murder Sunday morning about 10. Had reached home about 10 p. m. Saturday. Surprised when heard of the shooting of Patterson. Had thought suspicions might be directed to him. Questioned as to whether he was first man to see Patterson dead, denied it. The horse tracked in Shera case was his horse, children had used it to get apples. Horse found at his home.

Chase Patterson—Had been at father's store at 8:30 Saturday, Mark Furlong was at store, Furlong had talked about horses, Furlong had on blue shirt and overalls. Lived northwest from store. Had seen no cars pass place, only thru road from Rock Bluffs to Plattsmouth.

Jean Hull, 10—Had gone to store about 10 a. m. Sunday, Knocked on door, failed to respond and looked in to see Patterson on floor. Had ran to home of Mrs. Joe Shera and reported matter.

Joe Shera—Son-in-law of Fred Patterson and grandson of Mrs. Annette Shera, fisherman, also helped in surveying work. Patterson had suspicion of Shera case, was outspoken, did not know of offending anyone by talk. Was at store at 7:45, had pulled up and secured gas and wife and he had stayed for few minutes. No lights when returned home, lived near store, was at store about 10 a. m. Sunday. Nothing was missing, he had helped at store at different times. Patterson usually closed store at 9 p. m., but if relatives there would stay open later. Patterson had acted nervous for past week. Patterson would not respond to calls at night, would not let strangers in store late at night. At night would let strangers in but made them go ahead of him. Patterson had a revolver and corn knife. From store to Walter Furlong place in 1 minute and 15 seconds, walking.

Frank Smith—Stayed at Rock Bluffs, called to store Sunday by Mrs. Joe Shera, who had given him key, and went to store, saw Paterson lying on floor, walked in and saw blood. Had gone out and told daughter who had asked to try and help him.

Fred Hull—Lived at home in Rock Bluffs, had unlocked door and saw body on floor, laying face down. Had stopped Mrs. Shera from coming in. Witness had been in Plattsmouth Saturday night.

William Hutchison—Had passed Robert Patterson and wife near Rock Creek bridge, crossed bridge and turned north to home. Did not know condition of road east of store. Did not ntice any light at store. Reached home about 10 or few minutes after.

Sam Henderson—Lived on Smith place at Rock Bluffs north and west of store. Was home Saturday and heard shot about 10 o'clock, came from southeast of his place, could not determine just whether gun or revolver, was lying on bed with head in window sill.

At the close of the testimony the jury retired and deliberated from 11:30 to 12:15 to adjourn and postpone the final hearing of the case on Saturday morning when it is hoped that other evidence might be revealed as to the slayer.

BRINGS PLANE FROM ST. JOSEPH

From Monday's Daily—

Charles Cohn of Sheridan, Wyoming, was here Sunday to visit with his brother, Byron Cohn of the New Way Castle, making the trip to this city from St. Joseph, Missouri, via airplane and en route home. Mr. Cohn, who is a pilot at the Sheridan airport, came east to secure the plane at St. Joseph and is now flying back to the Wyoming city. The visit was much enjoyed by the two brothers and the aviator took off yesterday for the journey to the west.

Graves Family Holds a Reunion at Rock Bluffs

Form Association for the Conduct of the Future Family Gatherings of Large Family

The members of the Graves family, one of the pioneer groups of the county, met Sunday at the home of A. Shered Graves, who resides at the old river town of Rock Bluffs, the location where the pioneer members of the family settled at a nearly day.

Amid the pleasant settings of the home there gathered a large number of the members of the family from Cass, Sarpy and Nemaha counties, to renew their associations in the family gathering.

The dinner party was held in the late afternoon where all of the good things that had been provided were spread on the tables and a real feast was participated in by the members of the party and the event was one that will long be very pleasantly remembered.

The members of the family joined in the forming of a "Graves Family Association," to hold the annual reunion of the Graves family and relatives, the officers named being: President, Howard Graves, Plattsmouth; Vice President, Charles L. Graves, Plattsmouth; Secretary, Alvin Graves, Omaha; Treasurer, Andy Graves, Bellevue.

The remainder of the day was spent in enjoying the music of the family orchestra and in the visiting among the members of the family circle until the hour for the home going.

Those in attendance were: Mrs. Bessie Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Lacy, Alvin Graves, Robert Lacy, Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Clark, Lon A. Lacy, LaVerne Clark, Harold Kirchoff, Forrest Graves, of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Graves, Mrs. Mary Burnett, Maxine Graves, Miss Helen Reed, Chas. L. Graves, Miss Louise Rummel, Clyde H. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Graves of Plattsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Royal of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Andy Graves, of Bellevue; Mrs. Geo. Graves, Edward Graves, Miss Jessie Graves, Geo. M. Graves, of Peru; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Ray, George Thompson, of Murray; Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Graves, Perry I. Graves of Rock Bluffs.

MANLEY TAKES GAME

The Manley baseball team Sunday took the long end of a 12 to 10 contest from the Plattsmouth Merchants team, leading from the second inning with comparative easy going until in the ninth frame when the locals threatened the lead of the visitors, but the locals failed of the necessary number to win the contest, but giving the ticket holders a real thrill.

In the opening inning both teams tallied three runs, Livingston and Connors both being hit lively, but the hurling of Jess Livingston after this frame tightened up and the Manley team hit Connors hard, while many of the hard hit balls were attempted to be fielded by the locals they were too hot to handle and earned errors in the bobbles occasioned.

Little was the batting star of the visitors with a home run and two singles out of five trips to the plate while Tommy Snipes secured two doubles at the expense of the locals. Kenneth Poisall, shortstop of the locals electrified the fans with a home run with the sacks loaded to give promise of a possible victory. In the ninth inning Richard Herold relieved Connors to hold Manley but the damage was too much to be repaired.

The eighth inning was the undoing of the locals when four runs came over the plate for the Manley team, four hits, an error and a walk telling the story.

The tabulated score of the game was as follows:

Plattsmouth—

	AB	H	PO	A	E
Pt. Herold, c	5	1	8	2	0
Swanson, 1b	5	0	7	0	0
Pd. Herold, 3b	3	1	2	1	1
R. Herold, lf	4	2	2	0	0
Poisall, ss	5	2	2	1	4
Hall, rf	5	4	0	0	0
Spidell, cf	5	2	3	0	0
McCleary, 2b	5	0	3	1	1
Connors, p	6	1	0	4	0
	43	13	27	9	6

Manley—

	AB	H	PO	A	E
Snavely, 2b	6	1	2	3	1
C. Livingston, ss	6	0	4	1	0
Little, 3b	6	3	2	0	0
Snipes, 1b	5	2	7	1	0
Spidell, c	4	2	7	0	0
J. Livingston, p	5	3	1	1	1
R. Livingston, lf	5	2	3	0	0
Ottie, cf	5	1	1	0	0
Lohnes, rf	1	0	0	0	0
Sheehan, rf	3	1	0	0	0
	46	15	27	6	2

DEFEATS OMAHA SHOPMEN

The Lyman-Richey Sand & Gravel Co., baseball team yesterday afternoon defeated the Union Pacific Shopmen at the sand pit park by the score of 13 to 10. The game was a fast one that was featured with much hitting by both teams but in the contest the locals proved the winners.

LEAVE FOR IOWA

From Tuesday's Daily—

This afternoon the members of the Masonic quartet, Frank A. Cloidt, H. G. McClusky, R. W. Knorr and Raymond Cook, departed for Villisca, Iowa, where the quartet will sing at the banquet of the Chamber of Commerce of that place and later at the Masonic lodge meeting. Robert Foster Patterson of this city is also with the party and will be the main speaker at the banquet and also at the Masonic meeting later in the evening. The Masonic meeting will be attended by representatives from the lodges at Clarinda, Red Oak and other nearby towns of Villisca.

Former Sheriff Doubts Story of Patterson

C. D. Quinton, Who Handled Shera Case, Recalls Incidents at Lincoln Home.

Mysterious circumstances surrounding the killing of Mrs. Annette Shera, Aug. 25, 1910, were recalled Tuesday by C. D. Quinton, 737 Marshall avenue, Lincoln, former sheriff of Cass county and now a guard at the state penitentiary, says the Lincoln State Journal.

Mrs. Shera was described by Quinton as a fine woman, well respected in her community. "The day before she was to leave for Omaha," he said, "she drew a considerable sum of money out of the bank. That was the last seen of her until she was found shot thru the back of the head with a revolver."

The former sheriff said that Mrs. Shera carried at all times a handbag containing family heirlooms which she refused to entrust to the bank for safekeeping. The heirlooms were never found after the crime and their mysterious disappearance was never accounted for.

Mrs. Shera had no known enemies, Quinton declared, and was the mother of a fine family.

"I don't think much of the coat story of Patterson's," said the former sheriff. "If he had the coat of her slayer locked up in his vault at the surveyor's office it is peculiar indeed that he never revealed the fact to me or other officers after all the time they spent on the case."

Quinton said that his office was in the same building with Patterson and he saw him every day for years. "He was quite talkative," Quinton said. "I wouldn't be a bit surprised but that this trait was the cause of his death."

While Cass county officers continue their investigation of the mysterious shooting of Patterson, state officers are endeavoring to follow a few minor clues that may lead to further developments in tracing the slayer.

Because the shooting is inescapably linked with the killing twenty-one years ago of Mrs. Annette Shera, former operator of a store near the one Patterson owned, and mother-in-law of Patterson's grandson, officers are determined to learn more concerning the earlier crime.

Deputy State Sheriff Benton planned to visit Quinton at the penitentiary during the day to gain information concerning the death of the woman, whose killer Patterson had boasted he knew.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

From Monday's Daily—

Yesterday was the eighty-ninth birthday anniversary of Mrs. Elizabeth Streight, one of the pioneer residents of this community, the occasion being marked by the aged lady receiving the congratulations and well wishes of a number of the relatives. Mrs. Streight is here at the home of her son, W. J. Streight and with whom she is residing a part of the time. Several auto parties of Omaha friends and relatives came down for the day, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wells and daughters, Ernestine and Wilma, Mrs. Alpha Mitchell and son, Thomas, forming one party while Mr. and Mrs. William Whittiker and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whittiker were in another car of the visitors. Mr. and Mrs. William Whittiker presented Mrs. Streight with a beautiful birthday cake that was very much appreciated by the guest of honor.

COURT HOUSE CLOSED

From Tuesday's Daily—

In honor of the funeral services of County Surveyor Fred Patterson, held this afternoon from the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Shera, the court house was closed from 2 to 4 o'clock. The county officials were at the services of their associate who was so fully murdered Saturday night.

ATTENDING P. E. O. CONVENTION

Mrs. H. F. Goos of this city is at Portland, Oregon, where she will have the pleasure of attending the national meeting of the P. E. O. society. Mrs. Goos will also, while at Portland, visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Heitzhausen, the latter a sister of Mr. Goos, as with other relatives and friends.

Early History of Plattsmouth is Recounted

Principal Plattsmouth H. S.

By ROBERT FOSTER PATTERSON,

If the disposal of the capitol question in the House was an exciting affair, surrounded with an air of mystery relative to the support of Omaha by the Cass county representatives, the events on the same matter were even more exciting in the Council and the vote secured by Omaha came in an even more mysterious manner. Here also we find the same division into south and north Platte sections with the exception of Mitchell of Washington who at first supported Plattsmouth and Rogers of south Douglas county who professed a violent dislike for Omaha and a great affection for Bellevue until the opposition of both was suddenly and mysteriously silenced and they gave their support and vote to Omaha at the time when it counted most.

On the same day that the capitol subject was opened in the House, January 24, 1855, Richardson of Douglas introduced a bill in the Council to locate the seat of government at Omaha and it was advanced to second reading without a contest. At this juncture, Lafayette Nuckolls of Plattsmouth moved to insert Plattsmouth and on a roll call vote, his motion lost by a 7 to 6 vote on a strict north and south Platte division.

On the next day, Clarke of south Douglas county and naturally a Bellevue supporter, moved to insert Bellevue in the bill for which only the four Douglas county members voted. The vote for Bellevue on the part of the Douglas councilmen with the exception of Rogers was probably more of an effort to withdraw support away from Plattsmouth or any other south Platte selection rather than a sincere effort in behalf of Bellevue. As in the House, only one vote was ever taken on Bellevue and it ended in permanent failure. Rogers posed as a bitter enemy of Omaha but later underwent a complete reversal of viewpoint.

On January 29th, the situation in the Council chamber became tense and the discussion of the bill "became ardent and fierce." The lobby was crowded with interested spectators. Richardson of Douglas moved to read the capitol bill the second time and it was agreed to. Mitchell of Washington then made an effort in behalf of Plattsmouth by a motion to insert Cass county seat in the bill. Richardson then began tactics designed to block action on the motion, very apparently in an effort to gain time to convince the disloyal north Platte Councilman of his error. He moved the motion be referred to the Committee of the Whole to be taken up the next day (Tuesday), but his substitute was lost 7 to 6. Strangely enough, his next motion to refer the motion to the Committee of the Whole without reference as to time and it was carried by the usual 7 to 6 vote.

But by another quick stroke, Mr. Richardson secured consent to continue discussion of the bill until Wednesday. On the next day, or Tuesday, for reasons better known to himself, Mr. Richardson was eager to take the matter up then rather than wait until Wednesday. Accordingly he moved to reconsider the vote whereby consideration of the bill was postponed until Wednesday. Bennett of Pierce tried to block this maneuver but his motion to table was lost 7 to 6, Mr. Mitchell voting with the north Platte group. Then by the same identical vote, Richardson's motion to reconsider was agreed to. Furthermore, by the same vote again, the matter was taken from the Committee of the Whole and was thrown open for debate and action by the Council. Then Mr. Mitchell, who on Monday had espoused the cause of Plattsmouth, now asked and obtained leave to withdraw his amendment to the bill to strike Omaha and insert Plattsmouth. This accomplished, Mr. Mitchell moved to insert in the bill "at a point on the north line of the Clancy claim, adjoining the claim of Thos. Jefferies" which was not in Omaha but about three miles from that place in the neighborhood of what is now Florence or more familiarly known as Winter Quarters These strategic moves have been carefully enumerated in order to show precisely how the train of events moved which led up to the final approval of Omaha. What had caused the sudden change of mind on the part of Mr. Mitchell which had caused him to withdraw his support of Plattsmouth after loud protestations of loyalty and cast his vote for Omaha? Perhaps in the answer to this question may be found the reason that impelled Latham, Kempton and Thompson in the House to suddenly desert Plattsmouth and vote for Omaha. Perhaps even a more tangible answer to the riddle may be found in the fact that Mr. Richardson immediately gave notice that he would introduce a joint resolution to appoint Mr. Mitchell as sole commissioner to locate the capitol buildings! The presiding officer ruled the remarks of Richardson out of order but Folsom of Burt appealed from the decision of the chair and

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