

MURDOCK ITEMS

Lawrence Rase was a Lincoln visitor last Tuesday.

Several families from here attended a dance over near Alvo Saturday evening.

The Alfred Rase family, of Elmwood were guests at the Lawrence Rase home Friday.

Business called Mr. and Mrs. Chas. I. Long to Lincoln on Monday of last week, they making the trip in their car.

Mary Katherine McHugh came in from Omaha Saturday to attend the Alumni banquet and spend Sunday with the home folks.

Jerry McHugh and friend, Jack Switzer came in Saturday from a week's visit in Dubuque and Chicago, where they visited relatives.

Matt and Victor Thingam were over to Lincoln on last Wednesday, where they were looking after some business matters for a short time.

Mrs. Lulu Hess and three children of Sterling, Colorado, came Friday for a visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Chester Mooney and other relatives.

Mrs. Vera Blattspiepler and two lady friends of Tobias were dinner guests at the Gillespie home Thursday on their way to Omaha to attend a funeral.

A. H. Ward and the family were over to Lincoln on last Sunday, where they were visiting for a time with friends and as well looking over the sights in the capital city.

H. A. Wellman, who has some lands in Colorado, departed last week for the farm, which is near Bethune, with a truck load of posts, and will build fences on the land while there.

Albert Bauer, who is looking after the dray business during the absence of O. W. Gillespie, was unloading a car of lumber for the H. W. Tool lumber company during the past few days.

Henry Carson, who was so sick for some time recently, is now much improved and is able to be out and is looking after the work at the elevator again. It is hard to keep a good man down.

Dr. Lee and family, Rev. and Mrs. Norenberg and Miss Wilma Panska were among those who attended the wedding of Bernice Nickel and Alfred Bornemeier at Alvo on Thursday of last week.

Any boy or girl not having a yo-yo better see Matt Thingam, for he will delight to make their heart glad by the supplying of one of these novel entertainers, as he wants all the kids to be happy.

W. T. Weddell and Albert Bauer were over to Weeping Water one day last week and on their return home, Hope Bolden, a granddaughter of Mr. Bauer, came home with them for an extended vacation visit.

John Eppings and the family were over to Murray last Sunday, where they attended a double reception, the birthday of Earl Lancaster and the seventeenth wedding anniversary of Jarvis Lancaster and wife.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Collins was blessed a short time since by the arrival of a very bright eyed bouncing young man who will make his home with the happy parents. All are doing nicely and happiness reigns at the home.

Harry Gillespie, of North Loup arrived last Thursday accompanied by Miss Everett, who has been visiting them for the past month. Miss Everett will look after the home while Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Gillespie and Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Gillespie take their vacation, visiting at North Loup, Tobias and Wyoming. They left Tuesday.

The Frank Melvin family drove over to the home of Fred Creamer, near Waverly, where they and about fifty more old friends and neighbors and relatives surprised this excellent couple on their twentieth wedding anniversary. Well filled baskets made a fine dinner at noon, with readings, music and visiting completing the day.

Sunday diner guests at the Frank Buell home were Mr. and Mrs. William McCrory and Janet from Mound City, Missouri, Mrs. O. H. Allen and Miss Hope, of Omaha, Miss Mable Heyne of Wisner, Miss Emma McLaughlin, of Fairfield, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dorr and family of Wabash, Marion McCrory and family and Mr. and Mrs. Iva McCrory and family.

Miss Amanda Stroy, who is a nurse at a hospital in Phoenix, Arizona, was a visitor at the home of her parents for the past two weeks and on last Thursday evening again departed for her work in the southwest. Miss Amanda, who is one of the very best of nurses, is liking her work and the southwest, where she is employed. She enjoyed her visit with the parents and friends here very much.

Gayle McDonald and the family, of Hampton, arrived in Murdock last Tuesday and will spend some time here visiting with friends and relatives and during the time Gayle and Lacey will endeavor to become better acquainted with some of the fish in the Platte river. These fish are a sociable lot and the boys are likewise friendly, so there is no reason why a real friendship should not be cultivated.

Misses Mildred and Margaret Fischer, of Chadron, who are nieces of Mrs. A. J. Tool, stopped in Murdock for a visit with their aunt one day last week. Miss Margaret has been attending school at Crete and Miss Mildred had driven from their home at Chadron to take the sister home following the closing of school, stopping on their way home, both here and at Omaha for short visits with relatives.

Miss Pearl Holtz, of Alta, Iowa, is here visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Chester Elseman and husband and enjoying the trip to Nebraska very much. On last Sunday the Elseman family and Miss Pearl were over to Louisville, where they were attending a birthday celebration in honor of Arnold Elseman. Those present for the occasion included Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Elseman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Elseman, of Louisville, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Elseman, of Murdock, Miss Holtz and Paul Stohman.

Will Have Free Concerts
There will be given on each Saturday evening in Murdock a band concert for the benefit of those who are inclined to enjoy the music and as there is a goodly crowd of people in town on Saturday nights, the entertainment is being arranged for their enjoyment. Everyone is cordially invited to come out and listen to the music.

Just Missed the Bolt
As A. H. Ward was driving along the highway south of Elmwood during a rain storm, he was startled by a very sharp flash of lightning, which seemed to fill the air all around him, and which struck just over the fence in a wheat field, causing the green wheat to smoke until a cloud of smoke arose from the spot where the bolt struck. Art was well pleased that he did not share a portion of the stroke.

Departs for Her Work
Miss Eleanor Hartung, who has been visiting in Murdock and vicinity with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Neitzel, as well as her many friends, departed on last Thursday evening for Kansas City, where she enters the Kansas City General hospital to take a complete course in nurse training.

Seeing the Northwest
Messrs. and Mesdames W. O. Gillespie and Mearle Gillespie departed via the school bus for the northwest and will visit a number of places in Wyoming before they return. They expect to spend some two weeks on the trip. The school bus is ample in room and will accommodate them nicely as housekeeping and sleeping quarters. The bus is therefore serving a double purpose, for as well as conveying the scholars to and from school, it makes a good excursion conveyance.

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TOTS IN LONG HITCH HIKE
Alliance.—Hitch hiking more than 250 miles from Grand Island in little more than a day, Bobbett, twelve, and Leroy, seven, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reutlinger of Grand Island, are safe here with friends until their parents come for them. They left Grand Island alone Wednesday afternoon, when picked up on the Lincoln highway viaduct there by a traveling man who took them to Ogalala. Then they caught a ride to Bridgeport where they remained all night and Thursday morning they obtained a third ride to Alliance, former home of the family. "We want to go to Alliance," they told their mother Wednesday morning she said in jest they could. "Mama was fooling us but we meant it," Bobbett said here Thursday. Before the mother realized their plans they were out on the Lincoln highway and had caught a ride.

HUNT CONFIDENCE MEN
Chicago.—Chief of Detectives William Schoemaker is determined that none of the delegates to the republican convention next week will be by the lions in the Lincoln park zoo or purchase an interest in the city hall. He appointed thirty-five detectives, recognized for their knowledge of confidence men and pickpockets, to mingle in the convention crowds and arrest well known police characters.

Manley News Items

Walter Jenkins, of Havelock, was a visitor in Manley for a short time last week, visiting with his mother, Mrs. Alice Jenkins and also meeting his many friends in Manley.

Teddy Harms and Harold Krecklow were over to Omaha on last Thursday, where they were looking after some business for the day and also bringing home some of the goods purchased for the Harms store.

Arnold Harms, who has been taking a course in Chiropractic at Chicago, has completed his course and returned home. He is now capable of prescribing proper care of the feet as well as seeing that they are correctly fitted with shoes.

A. Steinkamp has been hustling among the farmers for the sale of his stock feeds and remedies and has found with most every day he got rained in somewhere. However, the roads are mostly good in a short time and he can get home.

David Brann, who was visiting in Omaha for a number of days last week with two of his nieces, returned home on last Wednesday and was especially pleased with the visit. David reports however, that Omaha was getting her share of the general rains.

On Wednesday of last week, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fulschman drove over to the W. H. Lesley hatchery and purchased a number of chicks which they brought home for their own use. Fred, who generally hatches chicks, and many of them, this season decided it would be best to purchase what he wanted, as he did not expect with the low prices to raise many this year, and now he has purchased a supply instead of hatching them.

Makes a Beauty Spot
The lawn and grounds of the August Krecklow home which have been under the care of Mrs. Krecklow and son, Harold, have been wrought into a spot of beauty, with the lily pool as the centerpiece, and with rocks and flowers forming the foreground and the background. Take a peep at the place and see how they have beautified the grounds.

Result of Sunday's Games
The result of the baseball games played in the C. S. & L. (Cass, Saunders and Lancaster) league on Sunday, June 5th, were as follows:
Manley lost to Elmwood by a score of 3 to 2; Louisville defeated Eagle, 11 to 10; Greenwood won from Waverly, 10 to 7 and Ashland overran Alvo, 9 to 1. The new league is getting started on an intensive season that will include regular games each week.

FLEISHER REMAINS QUIET
Detroit.—A nationwide search for Harry Fleisher, dapper Detroit gangster wanted for questioning in the Lindbergh baby kidnaping case, came to a close when Fleisher, pale and nervous, walked into police headquarters and gave himself up. He refused to talk, but his attorney, Edward H. Kennedy, Jr., declared emphatically that Fleisher "had absolutely nothing to do with the Lindbergh case."

"Those people who identified Fleisher's picture in the Lindbergh case apparently identified doubles, if anyone at all," the attorney said. "Fleisher, realizing that he was in a tough situation particularly after he was so prominently mentioned in the Lindbergh case, concealed himself until he was in a position to prove his innocence."

New Jersey officials were notified and from Lieut. Walter Coughlin of the New Jersey state police came a request for permission to question Fleisher. Detroit officials said permission had been granted. Fleisher was put in a cell to await arraignment Friday on a year old warrant charging him with complicity in a gang killing here last year.

Trenton, N. J.—Detective Frank Carr of the Newark police, and State Trooper Louis Borman left for Detroit to question Harry Fleisher concerning his possible connection with the Lindbergh case.

ALFONSO OPPOSES INVASION
Madrid.—The newspaper El Herald said former King Alfonso XIII had rejected a proposal of various military figures to invade Spain, saying he would only return by a vote of the people. The military circles involved were not named, but the newspaper counseled the government to beware of granting his commands to the monarchists.

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Conclusion of R. F. Patterson's History of City

Recites Newspaper Development and Civic Improvements to Beginning of Present Century.

With this concluding chapter of R. F. Patterson's "Early History of Plattsmouth," which has been published in its entirety (except for the deletion of reference footnotes) in the Journal, on behalf of our readers, we wish to compliment Mr. Patterson for the fine quality of his work and to express thanks for the privilege of publishing the same. The treatise was undertaken as a part of his duties in the acquisition of an additional degree and in connection with his summer school work last summer.

Here is the final chapter in the long story:

Newspapers Come and Go
Newspaper editors came early into the new towns of the west. Militant weekly journals sprang up in almost every frontier hamlet. Without capital and oftentimes without subscribers, most of them lasted a short time or until a boom period had passed and then came out of existence. These journals were good advertisers of the west and were most enthusiastic in calling settlers to the western towns though their glowing claims were oftentimes over-stated. In many cases, the editors were men of education and ability and who came to the west to reap a part of the benefits which would come if the west grew and prospered. These papers portrayed much of the struggle and growth of the frontier and today form a valuable source of information in the development of the western towns.

During the period of this work, seventeen newspapers were established in Plattsmouth. The Plattsmouth Jeffersonian, published by Jeffries and Ingalls in 1857 was the first newspaper published in Plattsmouth. But it failed to survive the first year and as far as known, there are no files of this paper. During 1858-59, the Platte Herald was published in Plattsmouth by Alfred Townsend. The equipment for this paper was brought from Pacific City, Iowa, where the paper had been published as the Platte Valley Times. The Cass County Sentinel existed for a few issues in 1859 under the editorship of Mr. E. Giles, but was unpopular due to its tendency to approve secessionist views in a territory which was predominantly nationalistic. The equipment of this shop was sold to J. I. Early, who edited The Democratic Times for a short-lived existence.

The first newspaper started by Mr. H. D. Hathaway in 1865, was the first paying newspaper in Plattsmouth and it was published by Mr. Hathaway until 1872, when he sold his interests to Mr. J. A. McMurphy, who had formerly published the Platte Valley Times. In 1882, George Mahan was sold to The Herald and the weekly edition of the paper was known as The News-Herald until about 1909, when its mechanical equipment became a part of The Plattsmouth Journal, which is the only newspaper in Plattsmouth to survive to the present day.

The Cass County Democrat was begun in November, 1870, by Fox & Fullilove who continued publication until the fall of 1872 when F. M. McDonough acquired the property and changed the name to The Nebraska Watchman. This paper was published until 1878 when Mr. McDonough removed the equipment to Council Bluffs and later to Omaha, where he began The Mercury.

There was a considerable German population in Plattsmouth and Cass county after 1870 and this fact led to the establishment of The Deutsche Zeitung by J. B. Peifer from 1875 to 1877, when he sold his interests to Mr. MacMurphy of The Herald. For a short time, The Herald carried a column in the German language.

The Cass County Chronicle lasted from 1877 to 1879. It was owned by M. L. Thomas who sold out to H. M. Bushnell. G. H. Thompson became the editor in 1879 and operated the paper as The Cass County Sentinel to espouse the cause of the Greenback movement, but it lasted only a year as political fortune turned. The Enterprise was published by H. M. Bushnell from 1879 to 1882, when it was consolidated with The Nebraska Herald. In 1880, The Herald acquired The Plattsmouth Courant edited for a short time as a democratic paper by Wentworth & Crites. The Cass County Democrat lived through the presidential campaign of 1880. On November 2, 1881, the first edition of The Plattsmouth Daily Journal appeared under the ownership of Sherman & Howard. The latter soon retired from the business and Mr. Sherman succeeded in making The Journal the second paying newspaper project in Plattsmouth.

The Advocate was published for three months during the summer of 1882 by Watson & Cory as an organ of the Greenback party. This equipment later became a part of The Nebraska City Daily Times. During 1882-83 a competitive battle started between The Herald and The Journal, the only papers to survive for any length of time. Price-cutting and under-bidding were the chief weapons and The Herald took a financial loss.

In 1855, Plattsmouth had its only attempt at a morning paper when The Morning Mail was published during November and December, but it was financially unprofitable.

During the period from 1855 to 1890, there were several other attempts to establish papers, but all failed until M. L. Thomas, of Lincoln, began The Cass County Independent on January 1, 1891. It was an organ of The Farmers Alliance and lasted five issues. The last two newspapers established in Plattsmouth before 1909 were founded by George Mann, veteran Plattsmouth printer, who had learned the trade "pegging type" on the early local papers. His first paper was The Saturday Mirror, a weekly, published from February 14 to Sept. 26, 1891. It was independent politically and was probably superior to many country weeklies of the time in appearance and news value. Mr. Mann also started The Evening News on November 5, 1891, and published it until 1895, when it was merged with The Nebraska Herald. In 1893, The Herald announced its 30th anniversary and expressed pride in the fact that "it had nursed the republican party from its infancy."

The Nebraska Herald and The Plattsmouth Journal were the only two papers to survive any length of time. Publication of the former was continued until 1909, when its mechanical equipment came into possession of The Journal. As far as is known, there are no files of any of the Plattsmouth newspapers with the exception of The Herald, which are incomplete for the period 1865 to 1875. The Plattsmouth Journal files are also incomplete up to 1909 due to fires and plant removals, while the brief Saturday Mirror has been preserved.

G. O. P. Leaders

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Civic Advancement

During the twenty years from 1850 to 1900, Plattsmouth turned its interests to paving streets, building a sewer system, securing a water plant, light and gas plant and a street railway. The problems of formation and early organization which had made Plattsmouth a distinct western town had passed and Plattsmouth became another town of its size with its activities revolving chiefly around the Chamber of Commerce, the Retail Merchants, The Rotary, The American Legion and the religious and fraternal institutions.

Evidence of growth had already been perceived to and by 1851, Plattsmouth had divided itself into wards and proclaimed itself a city of the second class. The 4th ward was created in April 1873, and the 5th on October 16, 1888.

Water Works Authorized
A water plant for Plattsmouth was first discussed by the Council in the fall of 1885, when a committee was appointed to investigate the matter. On January 11, 1886, George B. Inman of New York submitted a proposition to the city in application for a franchise to build a water works and a public meeting was called on January 12th to discuss the proposition.

The outcome of these discussions was that on January 21st the Council authorized the issuance of a franchise to Mr. Inman. The contract was to run for twenty years and it called for the construction of four miles of mains, fifty fire hydrants and a stand pipe with a capacity of 250,000 gallons. The fire hydrant rental was fixed at \$4,000 annually and the city reserved the right to purchase the plant after five years had elapsed. The plant was to be in operation by January 1, 1887, at which time a test was to be made by the Council before the system would be declared accepted on the part of the city. The test specified that the pressure in the mains had to be sufficient to force a stream of water one hundred feet high through a one inch nozzle at four different places on Main street and a fifty foot stream from two places on any hill in the city reached by the water mains. On December 13, 1886, C. W. Paine, engineer for the water company, petitioned the Council to take the property of the water company into the corporate limits of the city and this was done on January 24, 1887. The company also asked for an extension of time for completion of the plant until April 1, 1887, but the Council refused on the ground that the contract was approved by the people in voting on the franchise and that consequently it had no authority to make or accept conditions without a referendum.

Mr. Inman then proceeded to obtain a court order providing for an extension and March 31st was accordingly set by the Council as the date to make the acceptance test as specified in the franchise.

A committee, composed of H. C. Smith, D. Hawksworth, J. V. Wechsach, B. S. Ramsey, C. H. Parmelee, J. W. Johnson, Frank Carruth, H. C. Ritchie and E. Donnelly was appointed as judges and a special committee of three was selected to arrange for a celebration in connection with the official test. The test was made as arranged and on April 13 an examination of each specification of the franchise was made by the Council and it was approved, section by section.

In 1894 the plant was offered to the city for a consideration of \$125,000 in four per cent bonds, but the purchase was not made and the franchise was renewed upon its expiration in 1905. It was subsequently renewed in 1922 and in 1922.

The water system was but the first of a series of public improvements which were made in Plattsmouth during the last decade of the nineteenth century. In the summer of 1887, a \$39,000 storm sewer bond was approved by a vote of 427 to 26, but the city was unable to find a buyer for the bonds and the contractors asked the privilege of withdrawing their bids. The special Board of Public Works obtained new bids on the project, but they were above the engineers' estimate, making a new election necessary to approve the estimate made by Rosewater & Christie on April 10, 1888. Again the bonds were approved by a vote of 475 to 20 and the contract was let to H. Mann & Shelton and a contract was entered into on May 21, 1888.

On June 15, 1887, the Council proposed to create paving district No. 1

on Main street from 2nd street to 6th street. On August 22, bonds to the amount of \$10,000 for intersectional paving were authorized by a vote of 429 to 29, and the Board of Public Works was instructed to call for bids on the project. The paving material to be used was a topic of considerable discussion. Asphalt and brick were considered but on September 12, the Council decided to use Sioux Falls granite of five inch thickness. The contract for the job was given to J. E. Riley at \$2,874 per square yard with permission to use not more than half Colorado sandstone on the street

to build curb and gutter of the latter material at 90c per foot. A gas and light plant was first discussed by the Council on July 27, 1885. An ordinance authorizing the Plattsmouth Gas & Electric Light Company to operate in Plattsmouth was passed August 3, 1885 and the rates for street lamps was fixed at \$2.50 each per month and the residence rate was fixed at \$2.50 per 1000 feet of sixteen candle power gas. On May 13, 1889, a franchise was granted to O. H. Ballou to build an electric light plant and the rate for street lamps was fixed at \$12 per month per lamp.

In addition to the creation of a Board of Public Works, and the program of civic improvement attempted after 1885, there was a strong desire for a wagon bridge across the Missouri river which was properly a part of the expansionist program being pushed ahead. The chief problem was the matter of financing the project and again the bond election seemed to offer the solution. The project was forestalled when City Attorney Byron Clarke gave an opinion that the city could not issue internal improvement bonds for a bridge across the Missouri river. This was to have been a pontoon bridge.

An attempt to operate a street railway system in Plattsmouth proved to be unsuccessful. The first was a horse-car line which was replaced by electric cars under a franchise granted the Plattsmouth Street Railway Company by a vote of 110 to 1 on April 5, 1887. The venture was not financially profitable and after three or four years of intermittent service, the line was abandoned and was gradually

obliterated as the streets were paved. The opening of the new century found Plattsmouth a city of the first class as proclaimed by Executive Proclamation on May 9, 1901, after the census of 1900 had shown that Plattsmouth had a population of 5,497.

The events incident to the organization and expansion of the city had been concluded by 1900. The territorial and pioneer days of western romance were of the past and Plattsmouth took its place as every other small town, absorbed with the problems of every day business.

NIP COUNTERFEITING RING
St. Louis.—With the arrest of eight persons in the secret roundup in the past two weeks, federal secret service agents believed they had broken up a counterfeiting ring which has distributed counterfeit bills in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska. The leader, however, is still sought.

Mrs. Helen Woodward, twenty-six, former show girl of Kansas City, was arrested two weeks ago after an alleged attempt to pass a counterfeit bill for a purpose in a St. Louis drygoods store. Secret service agents said they found several bogus \$5 bills in a tourist cabin she occupied and gained information which led to the arrest in Kansas City of Daisy Dolan and Frank Harold Smith, alias Dave Davidson. Still working secretly, secret service agents and St. Louis detectives Tuesday arrested three men and two women who described themselves as Lynn Hinchaw, of Omaha; James Allen, Los Angeles; Mildred E. Hollingsworth, Kansas City; Lawrence McWilliams, Chicago, and Opal McWilliams, his wife.

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Have Active Roles



Here are three of the women who are taking active part in the Republican national convention. Left to right, Mrs. Louis H. Burlingham, national committeewoman from St. Louis; Mrs. Guy T. Gannett, from Cape Elizabeth, Maine, and Mrs. Alvin T. Hert, vice chairman of the Republican national committee.