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Card Racket Reveals Older Crime in Omaha

Sheriff Sylvester in Investigating Discovers Second of Weiss Brothers Was Racket Victim.

Sheriff Homer Sylvester, who has been investigating the various angles of the "con" card racket that Arthur Weiss was victim of in Omaha, has uncovered the fact that Ernest Weiss, a brother, also was the victim of apparently the same gang.

The robbery of Ernest Weiss occurred two years ago and in the time he has maintained a deep silence until the card game in which his brother was fleeced.

It seems that Ernest Weiss in Omaha made the acquaintance of a man who promised to see that he had a job and made an appointment to meet Weiss later along north 16th street. Weiss kept the appointment but looked in vain for the friend with the job. As he stood on the street corner, two strangers came by and inquired if he was looking for some one, he told them he was and accordingly they claimed to know of the hangout of the friend.

The trio adjourned to a nearby apartment house and where the suggestion was made that they join in a game of poker and which Weiss refused. Later they suggested that Weiss buy a few drinks and which he declined to do. In the meantime the friend with the job failed to appear on the scene and Weiss started to leave, saying that he would seek the friend later. The two companions of Weiss as he started to leave the room, pulled a gun and commanded him to produce what money he had on him and any other valuables. The men secured \$70 in cash and also a ring that Weiss was wearing. They then informed Weiss that he was coming to Plattsmouth and secure more money, ordering him to make four checks for \$25 each, which they forced him to cash at different local business houses and they took the money.

The men then left Weiss here and with the warning that he was to keep still or that they would see that he made no more complaints.

Sheriff Sylvester had Weiss at Omaha to look over the pictures of con and holdup men in the police bureau and he at once identified the man Davis, held in the Arthur Weiss card game racket, as one of the men that robbed him.

As soon as Davis completes his present ninety day sentence it is expected that a complaint will be filed against him in the Ernest Weiss case.

SINGLE LEGION SYSTEM AT BLAIR DECLAMATORY MEET

The opinion of one judge will determine winners in the district declamatory contest at Blair today.

R. Foster Patterson, who judged the entire sub-district meet at Nebraska City last week, will officiate in like capacity for the oratorical and extemporaneous groups. Don Buell, member of the speech department at the University of Nebraska will then take up the task of judging the dramatic and humorous offerings.

Oratorical, extemporaneous and dramatic are taking place during the day, beginning at 10:30 this morning. Tonight's program will consist of only humorous, of which there are a large number entered. Plattsmouth will be represented in this group by James Sandin, who won first place at the sub-district meet with his "Ladies Aid at the Local Theatre," and who is rated sufficiently good to go on to the state meet.

The local schools have a contestant in all four classifications, the group of competing students leaving this morning for Blair.

STILL CONFINED TO HOME

Mrs. Paul Vandervoort who has been ill for the past week, is still confined to her home and while improving it has been very slowly. She is suffering from an ear infection that has been very difficult to relieve.

Used cars, livestock, household goods—all can be sold through inexpensive Journal Want Ads.

DIES AT OMAHA

From Thursday's Daily
The death of Mrs. George Rice, 41, occurred early this morning at an Omaha hospital where she has been ill for the past two weeks. Mrs. Rice leaves her husband in this city as well as a number of brothers and sisters in Minnesota, her former home.

The body was brought to this city to the Horton funeral home where it will remain until funeral arrangements are completed.

In his bereavement Mr. Rice will have the deep sympathy of the many friends in the community.

Presbyterian Circles Hold Their Elections

Select Officers to Guide Affairs of Various Groups in Program for the Coming Year.

From Thursday's Daily
The circle groups of the Woman's Federation of the Presbyterian church met yesterday and elected their officers for the coming year as follows:

Circle No. 1.—Chairman, Mrs. Hilt Martin; assistant chairman, Miss Helen Hunter; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Will Schmidtman; missionary chairman, Mrs. Bertha Shopp.

Circle No. 2.—Chairman, Mrs. Geo. Farley; secretary, Mrs. John Palacek; treasurer, Mrs. Demmy Hiatt; missionary chairman, Mrs. John Wolf.

Circle No. 3.—Chairman, Mrs. Roy Knorr; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Greer; missionary chairman, Miss Helen Farley; assistant missionary chairman, Miss Agnes Muenster.

Circle No. 4.—Chairman, Mrs. E. C. Giles; secretary, Mrs. Ralph Wehrlein; treasurer, Mrs. Emma Cappell; missionary chairman, Mrs. Frank Cloidt.

Circle No. 5.—Chairman, Mrs. Philip Hinz; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Ray Larson; missionary chairman, Mrs. Nettie Lushinsky.

Luncheons were served by committees from each circle at their meetings yesterday at the church, and a social period followed that made the occasion an enjoyable one.

VISITS IN OLD HOME

Myron Wheeler, of Lincoln, member of one of the pioneer families of this city, was here Thursday to spend a few hours visiting with the old time friends and looking over the city of his boyhood days. During his stay here he was a visitor with Dr. T. P. Livingston, who has not been in the best of health, the members of the Patterson family and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Herold.

Mr. Wheeler is a son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Wheeler, who played a prominent part in the early history of Cass county and Plattsmouth and whose old home stood where the present Cass county court house was built in 1891. Mr. Wheeler has made his home in Lincoln for a great many years and served as a district court reporter there up until a year ago when he retired from active work.

OLD FOLKS ENJOY OUTING

Wednesday afternoon a group of some fifty of the residents of the Nebraska Masonic Home of this city were guests of Tangier temple of the Shrine at Omaha to enjoy the Shrine circus now being held there.

The Shrine had arranged a special matinee at which they had invited as guests a large group from the various homes in and near Omaha. Included in the group in addition to the local Masonic Home residents were residents of Father Flanagan's Home, Florence Old Peoples Home, Good Shepherd Home, Boy's Masonic Home of Omaha.

The local guests were taken to Omaha by autos provided by the members of the local Masonic bodies.

VERY PLEASANT EVENT

Mr. and Mrs. George Kalasek are the happy parents of a fine little daughter that arrived at their home on March 16th. The mother and little one are doing nicely and the vent has brought a great deal of pleasure to all of the members of the family circle.

Good Showing Made at Blair Declamatory

Three Local Entries Rate Fourth in Respective Classes Among the Keenest of Competition

From Friday's Daily
Two contestants of the ten entered from the second Sub-District won a top three place rating at the district declamatory contest at Blair yesterday. They were James L. Armstrong, of Auburn, rated first in interpretative oratory, and Arlo Wirth, of Dunbar, third, in extemporaneous. Armstrong will go on to the state meet.

Competition at the Blair meet is reported as having been plenty keen, with entries from Omaha schools, Fremont, Blair and Fullerton, all of which have been leading forensic contenders for years and have included debating and public speaking in their regular curriculum, beginning as low down as in the Junior High.

Withal, three of Plattsmouth's four contestants rated fourth place rating in the "honorable mention." They were James Sandin, humorous; James Webb, original oratory, and Stephen Davis, extemporaneous.

Omaha schools, Blair, Fremont and Fullerton took most of the first, second and third places.

Original and interpretative oratory and extemporaneous were judged by R. Foster Patterson, while Don Buell, of the speech department of the University of Nebraska judged dramatic and humorous oratories.

Medals were awarded first and second place winners in each group, who will go on to the state contest.

Trophies were also awarded to the five schools winning the respective sub-district contests, the schools to receive this recognition being Benson, Fullerton, Plattsmouth, Blair and North Bend.

The four local contestants and their coach, Lumir A. Gerner, were taken to Blair early yesterday morning by Mrs. J. R. Reeder and spent a most enjoyable day there, gaining some valuable information on the manner in which district oratorical contests are conducted.

The fact that two of the Plattsmouth students ranking fourth are Freshmen is most pleasing to school officials, who look forward to greater triumphs in the field of oratory in future years.

DIES AT DENVER

C. F. Harris, former county commissioner, was in the city today and stated that he had suffered the bereavement of a grandson, Hayes Harris, 19, who passed away on March 17th at Denver.

The deceased was born at Union, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Vance H. Harris, spending his boyhood there and where he was educated in the schools of that place. He was a very apt student and was selected for a scholarship at the University of Nebraska, attaining one of the highest ranks of any student up to this time.

He had been at Denver for the past five weeks attending night school and also being employed on a day job. He was stricken a few days ago with pneumonia fever and died on March 17.

The body will be taken to Fort Dodge, Iowa, for interment and many of the members of the family from this county are to drive over to attend the service which will be held on Friday.

TRACK DAYS APPROACHING

Coach Fred A. Rothert of the high school, is planning to start the track season for the year in the very near future as soon as the athletic park is in proper shape and the weather favorable for the outdoor activities. There are several back this year that showed well last season, Bob Valery, Earl Taylor and Bill Carey, all having had experience in the field sports. Joe Hendrix who was one of the track men of last year, will probably not be out this year, owing to his physical condition.

The coach is also having spring football practice to warm up the gridsters of last fall and place them in shape for action this coming season when school reconvenes in the fall.

SAYS ADVERTISING PAYS

Thursday one of our farmer friends from the southern part of Cass county was in the city and called at the Journal to express his appreciation of the good results that a small for sale ad had brought him in the Journal. He had advertised the sale of several pigs and the ad brought him in some \$300 in results.

Another of the local ads run caused the advertiser to be aroused at his home last night and asked to come to his place of business to see some articles advertised, the result being that a bill of goods amounting to \$77 was sold and delivered.

Regional Meeting of Officials Here April 22

Plattsmouth to be Host to 'City Dads' from Ninety Nebraska Towns, Including Lincoln, Omaha

You may have heard what the governor of North Carolina said to the governor of South Carolina, but no one will know what the mayor of Lincoln may say to the mayor of Omaha until after the regional meeting of city officials scheduled to be held in this city on Wednesday, April 22nd.

Ninety towns in eastern Nebraska are included in this region and will be urged to send representatives here for this important meeting being arranged by the Nebraska League of Municipalities to talk over important city problems. Since both Lincoln and Omaha are included in this region, Brother Charlie and Mayor Roy will be among those present, accompanied by goodly delegations of other officials from their respective cities. And there will be a lot of other mayors, councilmen, city clerks, city treasurers and city attorneys here from other towns over the region, as well.

As host city, Plattsmouth will provide the assemblage with a meeting place, or rather meeting places, as the different groups meet separately to discuss their respective problems.

The main session will be held at the public library auditorium, with group meetings in the city hall, the County Court room and the Legion building.

Registration will begin at 11 a. m., with the visiting delegations gathering together in luncheon groups at the different Plattsmouth restaurants, prior to the call to order at 1:30.

The entire afternoon will be taken up with discussions of the serious problems of municipal government.

Following adjournment, shortly before six o'clock, Plattsmouth will be host to the visitors at a dinner at the Legion community building. Fully 200 visiting city officials are expected to attend this complimentary dinner at which the serious side of municipal affairs will be forgotten and a program of fun and entertainment provided.

Superintendent L. S. Devoe has consented to act as toastmaster or master of ceremonies. R. Foster Patterson, of Tarkio college faculty and a former Plattsmouth school man, in the role of a "braintruster," will be the principal after dinner speaker, addressing the assemblage in humorous vein on "How to Run a Municipal Government." Following this, a series of snappy comedy situations will be unfolded and all will get to hear what the mayor of Lincoln may have to say to the mayor of Omaha.

The climaxing number on the evening's program of fun, will be a burlesque session of the city council of Hopetown, Prosperity county, Nebraska, enacted by a trained cast from script now being written. This farce on city management promises to be about the funniest thing arranged here in recent years and should wind up the day's activities in fine shape, leaving the visiting officials with happy memories of the pleasant time provided them in Plattsmouth.

NOTICE

After April 1st, the following dental offices in the city will be closed Thursday afternoons the year around. Dr. P. T. Heineman, Dr. F. R. Molak, Dr. W. V. Ryan. m16-2tw-10td

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River Navigation Proves Boon to Peoria, Ill.

Committee of Plattsmouth Men Return Enthused from Illinois City Where They Inspected Dock.

Friday night T. H. Pollock, E. J. Richey and Attorney A. L. Tidd returned home from several days spent at Peoria, Illinois, where they inspected the docks along the Illinois river at that place, as well as the general effect of river navigation and water rates on the commercial life of that section of Illinois.

While they have been deeply interested in the matter of river navigation, they return highly enthusiastic over what this may mean to the central west and to the cities that line the Missouri river and will serve as the ports of entry to the sections farther west.

The Plattsmouth visitors were given every courtesy by the city government of Peoria, two of the members of the board of aldermen, Samuel L. Mathis of the fifth ward and Henry W. Stein of the fourth ward, being a committee that arranged that they might have every opportunity of seeing the workings of the water rates in the developing of industry.

The city has a \$400,000 municipal dock along the Illinois river and while there they saw two practical examples of the advantages that the low water rates have bined Peoria.

There was being loaded a barge that is capable of hauling fifty-five car loads of merchandise, manufactured in Peoria, to other points for shipment to all parts of the world where the low water rates give them the opportunity of competing with the goods from other sections.

While they were at Peoria they also witnessed the arrival of one of the large barges from down the river that was bringing in a load of wood pulp from Denmark, which was to be used in the manufacture of paper boxes and other articles that will be manufactured and then shipped out at the low water rates.

Two of the concrete examples that Peoria has to show for the advantages of the water rates is the manum manufacturing plant of the Caterpillar Tractor Co., which has been moved there from California as well as the plant in Minnesota, making an institution that occupies 155 acres of land, 53 acres being covered with buildings. There are 9,000 persons employed by the Caterpillar company and the force is working twenty-four hours a day.

The other industry that has come to Peoria since the advent of water transportation is the distillery of the Hiram Walker Co., which has their main plant there now. This plant covers many acres and employs 1,760 persons. They have large storage houses, one of 70,000 barrels and another of 80,000 barrel capacity, as well as the distilling plant. Mr. Stevens, the manager of the plant took the local men over the buildings and was enthusiastic over the advantages of the river rates to their company in shipping their products to all parts of the world.

In speaking of the visit the Peoria Star has the following account:

Three leading citizens of Plattsmouth, Nebr., spent today in Peoria inspecting the river terminal and gathering data useful for promoting a similar improvement in their town of 4,000 on the banks of the Missouri river.

The visitors were T. H. Pollock, E. J. Richey, lumber and coal dealer, and A. L. Tidd, attorney-at-law. Mr. Pollock and Mr. Richey are members of the Chamber of Commerce river improvement committee.

Alderman Sam Mathis and Henry Stein of the Peoria river terminal council committee had the visitors in tow, conducted them through the terminal, took them to Mayor E. N. Woodruff, and then escorted them on a visit to Hiram Walker & Sons distillery and the Caterpillar Tractor company.

Government Improves River
"We are gathering information here on what our needs are in Plattsmouth in the way of dock facilities," Mr. Richey said. "Our town is 20 miles south of Omaha on the Missouri, which the federal government proposes to make navigable as far as Sioux City. It is expected that the river will be opened for traffic to Omaha sometime next year, and we want to be prepared to take advantage of the water traffic."

The visitors asserted that plans are already drawn for a terminal at

Plattsmouth but they needed facts to bolster their arguments in favor of a terminal. Thus the Peoria trip. Mr. Pollock declared that Plattsmouth is a railroad town, and it is hoped that river freight lines might be opened to make Plattsmouth more attractive to small industries.

Want Cheaper Rates
"We are earnestly trying to find methods of bringing new industries to Plattsmouth," Mr. Pollock said. "Our community is a rich agricultural center, and we are interested in water traffic from the standpoint of cheaper rates."

He said that inasmuch as the government plans to spend millions in making the Missouri navigable, some citizens of his town felt that it should provide facilities to unload and originate freight.

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Birthday Party of the Legion is Well Attended

Auxiliary Joins With Members of Organization in Very Pleasant Social Evening.

From Friday's Daily
The Hugh J. Kerns post No. 56, of the American Legion, last evening at their building enjoyed the eighteenth anniversary of the establishment of the American Legion nationally as well as the eighteenth year of the organization in Plattsmouth.

The members of the American Legion Auxiliary also joined in the occasion and provided the fine luncheon that was a part of the evening entertainment.

The large group enjoyed very much the showing of the films of "The Legion Marches On," a story of the St. Louis convention of the Legion last summer and to add to this was shown the pictures of the King Korn Carnival, these being made possible through the courtesy of the Anheuser-Busch Co., of St. Louis, who donated the Legion films and E. J. Weyrich who provided the Carnival pictures and ran the films.

Judge A. H. Duxbury, past commander and long time service officer, spoke of the early history of the Legion, the caucuses that were held in March, 1919, in Paris as well as at St. Louis, to join the members of the AEF and those in this country. He also covered the first Legion convention held at St. Louis.

E. A. Webb, post adjutant since August, 1920, gave some historic facts connected with the local post, revealing Judge Duxbury as the "father" of the local American Legion Auxiliary, organized under his term as commander. Mr. Webb also gave the names of the past commander of the local post as follows: Frank Smith, 1919; A. H. Duxbury, W. H. Shopp, 1920; Emil J. Hill, 1921; Eugene Lister, A. W. Hollmeyer, R. J. Larson, 1922; R. J. Larson, 1923; W. R. Holly, 1924-1925; Thomas Walling, 1926; Henry Soenichsen, 1927; Leslie W. Niel, 1928; Fred Lugsch, 1929; Otto Lutz, 1930; Harold Holcomb, Albert Olson, 1931; W. T. Distel, Clyde Jackson, 1932; Albert Olson, 1933; Dr. R. P. Westover, 1934; C. A. Marshall, 1935; Fred Herbster, 1936.

Mrs. James Farnham on behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary congratulated the Legion on its birthday and aided by Mrs. Otto A. Keck, Auxiliary president, presented the Legion with a large and handsomely decorated birthday cake as well as a check for a substantial sum in appreciation of the use of the building which has been turned over to the Auxiliary when needed.

Commander Fred Herbster made the response for the Legion and praised the excellent work of the ladies in carrying on the work for the service men and women.

Cards followed the evening program and the evening ended with the serving of the luncheon.

SPENDS VACATION HERE

Miss Geraldine Griffin, who is attending Stephens college, at Columbia, Missouri, is home to enjoy the spring vacation. She has as her guest for the vacation, her schoolmate, Miss Wylene Baird of Newport, Tennessee.

Merchants Join in Spring Sales for Four Days

Offer Large and Complete Stocks at Prices as Low or Below Those to be Found Elsewhere

In this issue of the Journal there appear a goodly number of timely thrift messages from Plattsmouth business houses that should be carefully read by our readers.

The spring trade season is at hand and Plattsmouth stores are ready for it. Throughout the winter months, careful buyers have been busy scouring the merchandise marts of the nation in search of outstanding values to pass on to their customers with the opening of the spring trade season, now at hand.

Clothing for milady and the men folks as well has been selected with an eye to style and color in keeping with the new season. Staple goods—groceries, meats, hardware, etc.—all are included in the special trade days offerings being advertised.

Plattsmouth's popularity as a trading center has been built up through pleasing the buying public—giving customers what they want, and withal, adhering strictly to quality requirements and buyers this year for the various stores have striven especially hard to uphold that well earned reputation.

The opportunity to purchase goods in Plattsmouth at a saving was never greater than during the present week, when, beginning Wednesday and running to Saturday night, special Spring Trade Days sales are in the air. No drastic price slashing, but good, honest prices for reliable merchandise—the equal of those you will find anywhere in the country. That is the background of this feature, sale, and we cannot refrain from urging our readers again to scan the ads carefully and come to Plattsmouth this week to do your Spring and pre-Easter trading. We are confident you will not be disappointed.

Stores will be open Wednesday evening and it is announced that the first "Gift Night" program of the summer season will be held that night. The broadcast system will be in operation and some special entertainment is promised.

GIVE FRIEND SURPRISE

From Saturday's Daily
Last evening the neighbors, a few of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Tippens gave them a most delightful surprise on the birthday of Mrs. Tippens.

Mr. and Mrs. Tippens had gone to the main portion of the city to attend the theatre and when they arrived home the jolly party of friends came to their home and showered the guest of honor with congratulations and well wishes.

The members had brought with them dainty refreshments and including the birthday cake which made a part of the fine feast.

Those from outside the city to attend were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tuit, of Murray.

CANDIDATE VISITS CITY

Thursday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Haning, of Weeping Water were in the city, where Mr. Haning, one of the candidates for the unicameral legislature, was meeting the voters in the business section of the city. Mr. Haning has resided and farmed in southeastern Nebraska for the past thirty years and states in his announcements that he is a liberal republican and favors more legislation favorable to the farmer. This is his first effort to secure public office.

JUDGES AT SPRINGFIELD

Mrs. E. H. Wescott was at Springfield Friday evening where she served as one of the judges of the music contest of the Springfield high school. She had charge of the judging of the vocal numbers of the contest.

The contest was very cleverly arranged in the manner of Major Bowes auditions and a large group of the young people participated, there being glee club and individual vocal and instrumental numbers.