LODGE A. F. & A. M.

An Interesting History Given of the Affair-Together With a Brief Statement of the Early History of Cass County and its Officers.

To-day witnessed the planting in appropriate granite of the corner stone of the new court house which other things we find the following) for court house and county office we trust will when completed beof Cass Co. But to begin at the beginning, THE HERALD has been favored with a neatly prepared history of Cass county from 1857 to 1891 with a history of the officers from the hands of County Clerk Critch field which will be placed in the strong box over which the corner stone will rest.

GENERAL HISTORY OF PROCEEDINGS OF CASS COUNTY, 1857 TO 1859. Copy of the first proceedings of county commissioners, vol. 1, p. 1:

PLATTSMOUTH, Jan. 5, 1857. On this fifth day of January, 1857, (it being the first Monday in January) the county commissioners Robert J. Palmer, Jacob Vallery and W. D. Gage-met at the office of the probate judge of Cass county, N. T.

1. The county property being considered, a transfer of Lot No. 8, in Block No. 30, in Plattsmouth, Neb., belonging to Cass county, N. T., was rejected by them for want of authority in grantor. (It will be remembered that this is the lot upon which the new court house is being erected - WRITER.)

2. The following claims against the county were allowed as follows.

1. A B Smith, services as elerk of jurer. 2. Thus Patterson, services as clerk of self-ction.

3. Abraham Towner, services as grand Abraham Towner, services as clerk WH Shafer, services as grand juror.

Thomas B Ashley, services as grand Inror wilness Mathias Tyson, services us peril Locating road from Nebraska City to Pintte river

On motion the commissioners djourned to the tirst Monday of ebruary next.

Territorial road from Asbroska City

JAS. R. PORTER, Dept. Clerk of Comm'rs.

Copy of third session of commiserk of Cass county, N. T.

Jacob Vallery and Robert Palmer, ildings, and received a proposal journed till to-morrow m L. G. Jeffries to build and mish a court house for the coneration of thirty lots in Plattsnth, belonging to Cass county,

fter again considering the propt the same and signed articles was done to-wit: a court house to be built, ished and completed by the day of December, A. D. 1857.

by of sixth session of commisrs-vol. 1, p. 13.

CLERK'S OFFICE, Aug. 17, 1857. inty commissioners met in al session. Present, Jacob ry and W. D. Gage.

er the general routine of busias appears on record the folglevy was made, being the levy made in Cass county-5, 1891.—COUNTY CLERK.) s ordered that a tax be levied

rious purposes as follows: ritorial, 3 mills on the domer. inty, 6 mills on the dollar, ool, I mill on the dollar. d, I mill on the dollar.

ssioners of Cass county, do order and appropriate so of the lots in the city of nouth (belonging to the of Cass) as may be necessary d a temporary court house city of Plattsmouth, Cass N. T., of the following dins, to-wit: fourty-four feet and clerks office.

twenty-four feet wide, two high, the lower story to be into four rooms, with a hall enter, the upper story to be me for a court room and surposes all to be com-

ais summer. e do hereby appoint and e Jacob Vallery to procure ind assistance of a competto be let on next Saturday time the commissioners

eed to meet again. 7, 22nd inst, at 10 o'clock I. N. WISE, clerk commissioners.

Seventh session of commissioners, lodges used the rooms for several vol. 1, p. 15.

ol. 1, p. 15.

We find the following:—"It is hereby ordered that Jacob Valley be and is hereby authorized to procure a room suitable for the differcounty has to provide. He is also of the proposition: authorized to procure for each of said officers one table and desk (or bookcase) not to cost more than twenty dollors each, also to procure one dozen chairs for the use of said

Sixteenth session of commissioners, Vol. 1, page 33.

APRIL 20, 1858-County commissioners met pursuant to call of county clerk on Tuesday April 20th, j 1850; present Jacob Vallery, William

come the just pride of every citizen into consideration the propriety of pleted. erecting a court house at the expense of thirty-four lots of the county being those already entered and an additional amount of two thousand dollars subscription to be made up by the citizens of Platts- the building.

After considering the matter at some length, it was ordered that the county clerk be authorized to get one hundred notices printed and to circualte the same for the reception | they call a special election to vote of proposals and drafts and specifleations for said building.

A court house was then began by one F. R. Bernardin, upon the court house square, and built during the year 1858, and at the July session 1858, we find the following entry in Vol. 1, Page 46. "The foundation Being a majority in favor of bonds wall being completed according to of 208 votes. contract of the new court house the contractor, E. R. Bernardin, asks for deeds for certain lots in accordance | county and a trial was had during | judgment. with the commissioners." (It bere sets up the lots.)

It will be remembered that the said court house was completed to the first story and then was swept by E. H. Wooley, of Weeping Water away by a wind storm and it was not rebuilt. The records show (Vot | vd by A. N. Sullivan, Byron Clark, I, Page 284) that bids were received J. B. Strode and County Attorney for the cleaning up of the rules of Mathew Gering. It was the largest the court house that was built, August 1st, 1861.

The county officers during the several years previous to 1864 had their offices in different rooms about er move towards getting a court little defenting the validity of the house was made in 1863 as follows:

Murch herm, 1863 vol. I, p. 420. The board deeming the county records and other value to the county, in imminent damper of being destroyed by fire, in consequence of the exposed condition of the building now occupied by the several county officers; and having on band a considerable amount of county and territorial funds, belong ing to the court house fund, instructed the county clerk to advertise for proposal for the erection oners-vol. 1, p. 6. Office of county of a building for county offices and court room, on lot 8 in bl'k No. 30, Plattsmouth, City; as per plans and mimissioners of the county, met specifications of the same on file in Monday, the ninth day of March; the county clerk's office; the kind D. 1857, pursuant to the call of of pay to be one third cash, onee county clerk, to consider the third territorrial, and one-third opriety of constructing county county warrants court then ad-

L. G. Toddy. Ch'm Co. Com. B. SPURLOCK. County Cashier

Vol. I, p. 435 May term A. D. 1891. ourt then adjourned to meet at Commissioners met in regular ses sion, present L. G. Todd, Jacob Vallery and Wm, L. Thompson, tion of L. G. Jeffries, agreed to commissioners, when the following

> The article of agreement drawn to come. by J. N. Wise was presented and af- BRIEF HISTORY OF THE COUNTY OFter careful examination by the board and the contractor (E. R. Bernardin) was signed by both parties to the contract and filed in the clerk's office. The contractor then ers, was born in Chantauqua counpresented his bond which was ap- ty. New York, on the ninth day of proved by the board and filed with | April, A. D. 1842. the county clerk, which concluded the contract.

Thus was began the second court | year 1857. house that was built in Cass county and the latter was erected upon the present court house ground and was a structure 24x loft, with a story in 1802 he was elected to the office lived. That we, the county above which was red as a court of county commissioner to repreroom, and two room, beneath which sent the Birst Commissioners were used interchangeably part of the many years, from 1864 to the office to such satisfaction that his present time for treasurer's and friends re-elected him a second county judges office, and some

came before the board in behalf of had accumulated. the A. F. & A. M. and L. O. O. F. lodges of Plattsmouth City and called in, and thus the county has made a proposition to the board that the said lodges, in considera- rants, and securing the benefit of ation of the use of the upper floor, getting all work done at lowest pos, man to make a draft and or court room of the new court sible rates. said house and to advertise house for lodge purposes, they ty's best interests as county comwould finish, complete and fix up in missioner was appreciated to such good shape for court purposes. an extent that, without his desire, art then adjourned till next the entire upper floor of said court he was tendered the office for a

years for lodge meetings.

On March 5, 1886, the citizens of erect a court house free of cost to ent county officers, for which the the county. The following is a copy

To the Board of County Commis-

sioners, of Cass County: "The undersigned, a committee having in charge the proposition to erect a public building and donate the same free of charge to the county of Cass for court house purposes having raised a large amount of money by subscription for the purpose of building and completing said structure are instructed to submit to your honorable board the proposition.

Will the county commissioners of the county of Cass, accept said Young and R. R. Davis. (Among building free of cost to the county "The commissioners then took purposes when the same is com-

> FRANK CARRUTH, F. M. RICHEY, Com. H. N. DOVEY. Jos. WECKBACH,

Same was refused; Mr. Todd votng "for" and Messrs. Foltz and Clements "against" accepting the

This was the last attempt to build a court house in Cass county until a petition was presented to the commissioners at their regular meeting in May, 1889, asking that bonds to the amount of \$80,000.

On May 9, 1889 a special election was ordered called to be held June 8, 1889. The result of the election was as follows:

For bonds. 3,078 votes, Against bonds...2,875

The election was contested by the citizens of the western part of the the month of November 1889, in the district court of Cass county before Judge Broady of Beatrice, Nebraska The contestants were represented and the contestees were representcase of the kind ever known in the history of Nebraska and lasted over nine days: Over 75 witnesses were exputined and after taking the case under advisement for several days the city of Plattsmouth, and anoth. Judge Broady set the election aside

> An appeal was taken by the county commissioners from the lexision given by Indge Broady, to premu comu of November 25th A D. 1891, which made the bonds good

The commissioners therefore issucd and put moon the market 80 south of \$1000 each dire in 20

The bonds were sold at par value n January 4891, and proceeded to dvertise for bids for the building of a court house. The contract for the arcitectural

vork was let to Wm. Gray of Lincoln Nebraska who completed his work for the said building to the satisfaction of the board. The contract for the building was let to O. J. King, of Omaha, Nebraska, he being one of nine competitors for the work, for \$07,910.

The first earth was broken for said building about the first day of April, 1891 and at the present time, (June, 25, 1891) the first story is nearly completed.

Thus endeth the brief history of how Cass county, which was organized in Jan, 1857 and now with a population of over 25,000 inhabitants The first business of the session reaches the point of having a was the consideration of the con- court house, that will be a source tract for building the court house, of pride to the county for years

FICERS OF CASS COUNTY, NE-BRASKA, 1891.

AMI B. TODD, the present chairman of the board of commission-He emigrated to the western

states in the year 1847, and landed in Cass county, Nebraska, in the The state then being in its infancy, he followed the pursuit of

farming and stock raising for many At the November election He performed the duties of his

his second term he was instrumentyears for sheriff, register of deeds at in bringing about a plan by which all county warrants were At the October term of commis- made payable in cash. This was sioners 1863, Daniel H. Wheeler done by using the sinking fund in hands of county treasurer, which

All outstanding warrants were been paying cash for all bills, and thereby saving interest on war-

His ability to represent the counthird term at the November elechouse. This proposition was ac- tion in 1888, which was the first case cepted by the board and the same of the kind in the history of Cass | W. A. Davis, councilman Sec. a stand still.

The year 1891 will complete Mr. Todd's ninth year'as commissioner, each of which has been full of inte-Plattsmouth, made a proposition rest, the business of which has to the county commissioners to called for ability and carefulness, which he has shown himself to possess during his several years of

> IACOB TRITSCH, the commision from the Second District, was born in Germany, on the 17th day ishing by reason of its extensive of June A. D. 1849, and when 8 years old, or in the years 1858 he together B. & M. and M. P. railroads, which with his parents emigrated to cross at that point, and have added Illinois. In 1866, he moved to Cass across the Platte river. county, Neb., and settled on a farm 4 miles west of Plattsmouth and has followed the occupation, of farming since that time.

Mr. Tritsch' succeeded Mr. Louis Foltz, who had served the county two terms, both of which were full of interest, and which cast the best of reflection on the manner in which Mr. Foltz performed the duties of his office as a representaive from the Second District.

Mr. Tritsch has taken up the work already begun by his predecessor, and his ability to perform the duties of his to the best interest of the county is making itself manifest early in the term for which he was elected.

AARON C. LODER, the commissioner from the Third district, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, on the second day of January, A. D. 1837, and emigrated to Cass county, Nebraska, in the year 1863, and settled near Greenwood on a farm, where he has resided ever since. At the general election held in November, 1889, he was elected to the office of commissioner, and has

formance of his duties. Mr. Loder has made the duties of the office of commissioner his study since his election, and is guided only by the law in his actions as a public officer and an excellent

BIRD CRITCHFIELD, the county lishers, clerk and clerk of board of commis ioners, was born in Holmes county Ohio, on Feb. 6, A. D. 1856, and came o Cass county, Nebraska, in the year 1880; was a farmer and school teacher. Was elected to the office n the fall of 1887, and re-elected for second term at the November dection of 1880.

W. H. Cushing, County Treasurer. C. C. PARMELE, Register of Deeds. Wol. TIGHE, Sheriff. B. S. RAMSEY, County Judge.

C. SHOWALTER, Clerk of the District Court. G. W. NOBLE, County Superintend at of Public Instruction.

H. D. TRAVIS, County Attorney. L. UNRUH, Coroner. L. C. MAYES, Surveyor, FRANK DICKSON, Deputy County

FRED HERRMANN, Deputy County HN TIGHE, Deputy Sheriff. M. ROBERTS, Deputy Register

Sast M. Charman, District Judge Prepared by Bird Critchfield, Jonniy Clerk, June 26, 1891.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CITY OF PLATISMOUTH. The city of Plattsmouth was in-

at the time ind even before the county was organized, and then but a small Willinge: At the present date there are over 9000, inhabitants within the corpora-

The assessed valuation of the city for year 1891, is over 950,000 making a total of over \$3,000,000. It has now two railroads, B. & M. value a large delegation of Masons R. R., and the O. S. R. R., thus giv- tollowed by the commissioners and

ng outlet to North, East, South and At the present date the city has its Main street paved with the best paving rock from Second, to Seventh

streets. The city is manned by the follow ing officers, which are full of zeal and working to make the city what architect, contractors, commissionit must eventually be in the near ers and county clerk, was hanging

F. M. RICHEY, Mayor. W. K. Fox, Clerk.

A. Salisbury, councilman First Ward. W. D. JONES, councilman First

W. L. Browne, councilman Second Ward. D. M. Jones, councilman Second

L. G. LARSON, councilman Third Ward. PETERSON, councilman Chas

Fourth Ward. Ward. MINOR, councilman Fifth

Ward. C. S. Polk, City Attorney. M. ARCHER, Police Judge. S. Archer, Chief of Police.

WEEPING WATER CITY.

at the present time good railroad facilities. The M, P. R. R- crossing at that point, thus giving outlet to S. M. Chapman then tested it with term in the fall of 1885, and during Lincoln, Omaha, and to the South the level while J. P. A. Black the and East. It is developing its many Stone Quarries, and has an extensive Sewing Machine Factory, which is promising to build up the Corn as an emblem of plenty, wine Haldeman of Weeping Water are city and community

1500, and the assessed valuation is of over \$750,000.

out for the best interests of the G. W. ADAMS, Mayor.

Wm. WOODRUFF City Clerk. F. GORDER, jr. councilman First Ward. D. WOODARD, councilman First Ward. B. EMMONS, councilman Second

Ward.

ond Ward.

ALLEN COLEMAN, councilman Third Ward. SIL MATTHEWS, councilm ad Third

Ward E. Douglas, City Attorney. C. H. KING, Police Judge. A. P. WOODARD, Police.

LOUISVILLE. The village of Louisville has about 500 inhabitants, and is flourbrick works. Has two railroads, the American and settled on a farm in to their benefit a wagon bridge GREENWOOD.

The village of Greenwood, is a village of about 400 inhabitants and has one railroad, the B. & M. R. R. The village of Elmwood, Eagle Wabash, Nehawka, Union, Manley and Avoca are flourishing tittle villages situated on the line of the M. P. railroad are surrounded by enterprising citizens. Are each in a prosperous condition, and looking forward to better prospects. LITERATURE.

The literature of the county, consists of the publication of twelve newspapers, a copy of each of which are deposited with this brief history. They are as follows: Weeping Water Republican, the official paper of the county, J. K.

Keithley, publisher. PLATTSMOUTH HERALD, daily and weekly, A. B. Knotts, publisher. Plattsmouth Journal' daily and weekly, C. W Sherman, publisher.

Independent Eagle, H. G. Race, publisher. Elmwood Echo, A. U. Mayfield, Wabash News, O. P. Stewart, pub-

Union Ledger, C. L. Graves, pubproven to be a careful inspector of lisher. the county's interests in the per-Louisville Courier-Journal, G. W.

Mayfield, publisher. Saturday Mirror, G. B. Mann, pub-Eaglet, S. S. English, publisher.

Murray Banner, J. C. Bason, publisher. Greenwood Gazette, W. S. Ellioitt, publisher.

The Reporter, Polk Bros., pub HISTORY OF THE CONTENTS OF CORNER STONE.

The brass key enclosed was the sey used to lock the county clerk' office and office of county commisioners for over twenty-five years The office was a room fifteen fee wide and forty-four feet long, being divided into two rooms, one o which was used for county clerk who was ex-officio register of deeds and the other used for commission ers' office.

The pen and pen-holder with cross on side was the one used by the chairman (A. B. Todd) of th commissioners to sign the \$90,000 bonds which were used in payment of the building of the court hous The pen and pendiolder market T" on handle was the one used to

Written this twenty-seventh day of June, A. D. 1891. BIRD CRITCHFIELD.

Connty Clerk.

The parade, which was formed at the lower end of Main street, moved promptly at 2 o'clock, in charge of Marshal of the Day M. B. Murphy.

The Bohemian band headed the procession, followed by the Ancient Order of Hibernians in full regulia, caring a silken banner and the national colors. The Knights of thias came next in regalia under he leadership of Chancellor Commanacr Dr. C. A. Marshall. Next other dignitaries, together with the officers of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

The corner stone, composed of red Tennessee granite on which was inscribed the names of the from the derrick, about two feet above the place was to assume, Adier the Master Mason had taken a place upon the building Grand Master Brad D. Slaughter stepped forward cation and called Grand Chap. druggist, Plattsmouh, ain Marter forward to invoke the M. B. MURPHY, councilman Third blessing of Deity which he did in Grand Treasurer Christain Hartman of Omaha then placed the cop- Haller's Sarsaparilla & Burdock A. J. GUTSCHE, conneilman Fourth which Grand Secretary A. H. izes. Try it. For sale by all Drug-Bowen stated what the box con- isttained. Mr. Slaughter spread J. Dove, councilman Fifth Ward, the mortar under the stone and while the band played an impressive air the massive stone was Frick. lowered to its final resting place. Junior Warden applied the plumb to see that it was perpendicular. At this date the population is over and oil as an emblem of ing. over \$185,000 with a total valuation peace were then poured on the stone with appropriate remarks The city is represented by the fol- from each of the three officers. neuralgia radically cured in 1 to 3 lowing officers who seem to look Grand Master Slaughter then in- days. Its action upon the system is voked the blessings of Deity, and remarkable and mysterious. It rein a few well chosen words delivered the work so favorably begun The first dose greatly benefits. 75c to the architect in charge.

> fourteen foot high water mark this morning and seems to have come to

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> Sleepness night made miserable by that terrible caugh Shilohs remedy is the cure for you, by F. G.

Now this may seem strange but The Deputy Grand Master Judge if they don't cry for it they would The city of Weeping Water, has Davidson then squared the stone they only could. We are talking and reported it, Senior Warden Hon. | now about Heller's Barb Wire Liniment which never tails to cure the wost cuts or sors. Sold by all Drug-

> Attorney Wooley of Lincoln and as an emblem of prosperity attending district court, this morn-

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