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**CITY CORDIALS.**

The city council will hold an adjourned meeting tonight.

C. M. Holmes, reported sick several days ago, was reported gradually losing strength today.

Mrs. Chas. Anson, of Omaha, who has been visiting at Mrs. Loverin's, returned home last night.

A claim was presented at the county clerk's office today for the bounty on eight more wolves.

There was considerable frost last night, but the heat this afternoon made those of leisure moments seek the shade.

S. Waugh is beautifying his residence property on the west with a brick wall, and placing a lawn along the sidewalk.

If you would like to be highly entertained for 10 cents you can attend the little folk's concert at the M. E. church tonight.

The case of Bartis vs. Todd was heard before a jury of six in Judge Russell's court today. It was not decided at 4 o'clock.

Jack screws and moving timbers were placed under the old Stadlerman house today, and that corner already wears an air of importance.

Mrs. Smawley, who has for some time conducted a boarding house on the corner of Vine and Fifth streets, has moved to the Wheeler property on Main.

The "Little Folks' Concert" to be given at the M. E. church tonight will be a highly entertaining affair, and the talent of the little folks to entertain the big ones will be brought out in a beautiful and pleasing manner, under the training of Mrs. Niles.

County Judge Russell yesterday afternoon performed the wedding ceremony of Mr. Edgar B. Thrall and Miss Rebecca Logive, parties living north of town. Today at the Cottage House Mr. Daniel J. Sweeney and Miss Mary May Topper were united in wedlock by the same official.

The Rebekah's will give a sociable to morrow evening at the Odd Fellows' Hall, No. 7, on lower Main street, to which all Odd Fellows and their families are invited, also any transient Odd Fellows that may be in the city are asked to come, as good time will be had. Everything free.

W. J. Warrick, the druggist, has placed an attraction in the east show window of his store. He has built in the window a garden of ferns, moss and flowers, in the middle of which is a basin, and from the center of the basin sprays a beautiful fountain. Several beautiful gold fish are to be placed in the basin soon.

Every indication points to an early day when Plattsmouth will be supplied with an electric motor system. The committee appointed to investigate the feasibility of establishing electrical plants here for lighting and motor purposes report highly encouraging facts, and by July 1, electric cars will doubtless be in operation on our streets, with arc and incandescent lights doing lighting service. The Sprague system of electric motor power in use by two companies at St. Joe gave very satisfactory proof of its efficiency to the committee, and that will probably be the choice of Plattsmouth's company. The capital stock of the company here is \$30,000 of which \$13,500 has been paid in. All stockholders present at the meeting Tuesday night are enclosed to push ahead with the work. As developments become more complete further mention will be made.

The largest stock and best selection of Wall Paper and Paints in the city at Will J. Warrick's drug store. d-w-1m

**WHEN WAS IT BUILT?**

That's What Few People Can Answer About the Court House.

A Relic of Territorial Times.

"Say, can you tell me when the building occupied for a court house was built?" was the question put to the scribe yesterday morning, and one he answered in the negative, but with a promise to find out. He made a round of Main street and asked every man that came here between the fifties and seventies the same question, and there were a good number of them, too, but none could tell the exact year of the erection of that territorial structure, and then a search was made of the county records for light on the subject. The genial county clerk was called upon for information, and diving into the over-crowded record boxes produced the first document of Cass county's court house history, which, with the commissioner's records, with reference to that document, was all that an hour's search revealed. That document bore the date of May 20, 1858, and was a contract with the county commissioners of Cass county, Nebraska Territory, as parties of the first part, and Eugene P. Bernardin as party of the second part. Desirous of erecting a county court house and becoming permanently the seat of county legislation, Plattsmouth city had at that time, donated to the county, fifty lots, for the county to dispose of in erecting county buildings. This contract produced yesterday disposed of thirty-four of these lots to Bernardin in exchange for a court house to be erected by him as follows: Court house to be 40x60 feet, foundation 3 feet thick and 3 feet deep in the ground of good stone and surface stone to have well dressed surface. Other than the foundation the building was to be brick. The first floor to have five apartments partition wall 12 inches and outside wall 2 feet thick; the upstairs to contain a court room and other apartments. The seats, vaults and desk furnishings were to be supplied by the contractor and to be of good oak, etc., and out and out the building was to be strictly first-class. The site selected for its erection was the present public square between Fourth and Fifth and Granite and Marble streets. Mr. Bernardin was given till December 2, 1859 in which to erect the building, and by June, 1859 had the building inclosed except the windows and doors and shingles. The contractor then ran out of funds and sold lot eight block thirty back to the commissioners for \$300 in county bonds, to get money to place the windows and shingles etc.

During this delay—sometime in August 1859—there came a terrific wind storm, accompanied with hail and rain and completely demolished the incomplete court house and with that all hope for a court house failed. The walls of the building were heavy enough, had they been built substantially, to have withstood the storm, but Bernard had traded the lots for material, etc., and to be saving with brick stuck in twice as much mortar as should have been used and when the top was blown off the building gave way completely. The thirty-four lots, part of which were deeded to Bernardin, were valued all together at \$10,550. After the destruction of the court house Bernardin and the commissioners had a settlement. In the transfer to Bernardin some of the lots were valued as follows, lot 8, block 30 (the present court house site) \$800, lot 8, block 27, \$400; lot 8, block 22 \$100. The greatest value of any lot was \$800, and that lot was sold back to the county for a \$300 loan. The lowest value was \$100. The brick which were good that were left of the ruins were sold to the Catholics and a church building erected on Granite and Fifth streets, now owned by Mr. Ballance as a residence.

In 1858 the commissioners were Messrs. Wm. Young, R. R. Davis, and Jacob Vallery; J. N. Wise county Clerk. October 24, 1858, D. H. Wheeler was elected by the commissioners to the county clerk-

**Our Great Slaughter SALE OF DRESS GOODS!**

- 17c. Yard. Double Fold English Henriettes, all popular colors, reduced to 17 cents yard. These goods are usually sold at 25c.
- 27c. Yard. 36-inch English Henriettes in all new Spring Colorings, worth 35 cents. All-Wool Double Fold Suitings, elegant line of Spring Mixtures, only 27c yd. 40-inch Striped Suitings Reduced from 34 cents.
- 39c. Yard. 36-inch All-Wool Bromley Suitings, 25 different shades, well worth 50 cents.
- 42c. Yard. 36-inch All-Wool French Henriettes; full line of colors; our regular 50c. quality.
- 50c. Yard. 40-inch All Wool Serges in all the popular colors never sold for less than 65c. Our price reduced to 50c.
- 40-inch Red Fern Suitings in all the new Spring Shades and Mixtures reduced to 50c.
- 52-inch All-Wool Ladies' Cloth, Grey and Brown Mixtures, regular 65c. quality, our Sale price 50 cents yard.
- 62½c. Yard. Our Best Quality of French Henriettes never sold by us less than 75 cents yard.
- 75c. Yard. Our Best Quality of French Serges, our regular 90 cent goods.

**BARGAINS IN UNDERWEAR!**

- 15c. Ladies' Perfect-fitting Ribbed Vests, Low Neck and Sleeveless
- 35c. Ladies' Balbriggan Vests, High Neck, Long Sleeves.
- 50c. Ladies' Fine Ribbed Lisle Vests with Pink, Blue and Cream Silk Stitching Low Neck and Sleeveless.
- 60c. Ladies' Balbriggan Ribbed Vests manufactured from the finest combed Egyptian cotton, high neck, long sleeves.

**BARGAINS IN HOSIERY!**

Ladies' Brown Balbriggan Hose, regular made, only 15 cents pair, worth 25.



We carry a full line of Ladies' and Children's Royal Stainless Hosiery. Every pair warranted absolutely stainless.

Special in Child's Hosiery. Our entire line of Extra Weight, double, knee Hosiery reduced to 35c. pair. These goods have never been sold for less than 50c. pair.

**SPECIALTIES OUR Corset Dept.**

The celebrated L. C. and C. P. Corsets reduced to \$2 each. These goods are never sold for less than \$2.50.

At \$1.50 we sell the well known F. C. \$3 French Corset.

At \$1 our French wave Cleopatra takes the lead for a boned corset. Nothing in the market for the price excels it. Colors white and drab. Loomers Elastic Comfort Hip at \$1. The peculiar advantages to be derived from wearing a Corset that is cut away over the hips that it will fit any form, give freedom of motion to the body and prevents breaking of the stays at the hips.

Featherbone Corsets at \$1 Boned with Featherbone, will not break over the hips.

Ladies Favorite Waists at \$1.00. This waist can be worn with as much comfort as an ordinary dress waist, it will give the same elegance of contour as the heaviest boned corset.

Polish Summer Corset at \$1.00. The very best Nottingham Net is used in double thickness throughout the corset.

Zephyr Summer Corset at 90c. This is the best summer corset in the market at this price.

Good Luck Corset at 50c. The best 50c corset in the city.

The Equiline Corset Waist for Young Ladies. Healthful and Economical Garment, Adjustable Shoulder Straps and Stocking Supporter. Price \$1.00 each.

Extra Quality Union Silk, 26 inch Paragon frame, assorted wood sticks, Gold Cap Mountings, \$1.75 Each, compared with any \$2.00 goods sold in this city.

Fast Black Twilled Silk, 76 inch Paragon frame, Horn Handles, \$2.00 Each, better than usually sold at \$2.50.

Extra Quality Union Silk 28 inch Paragon frame, assorted wood sticks, Gold Cap Mountings, \$2.25 Each, compare with any \$2.75 goods sold in this city.

Our Celebrated Harvard Silk, 26 and 28 inch Paragon frame, assorted wood sticks, with Gold, Oxidized and Natural Mountings, from \$3.50 to \$5.50 Each.

We can save you at least \$1.00 at this line of goods.

Full lines of plain and fancy Coaching Parasols with very novel handles, at way down prices.

Satin and Lace Covered Parasols in Creams and Black, with fancy colored linings, at popular prices.

Full Line of Zanilla and Gingham Parasols from 40 cents to 75 cents each.

Children's Fancy Parasols from 25 cts. to \$1.25 each.

**Fred Herrmann, One Door East 1st Nat'l Bank.**

ship, and Geo. Mayfield succeeded Mr. Vallery the next year as commissioner. In 1861 B. Spurlock was elected county clerk and Shepherd Duke treasurer, which position each man held eight years. The commissioners' records show present court house was erected in 1863, that is, the main building. Several years afterward the wing, or clerk's office was added. The building was built under contract let to E. P. Bernardin in the spring, payments to be made when completed in one-third cash, one third territorial and one-third county warrants. The contract was let to Bernardin on a bid—it was also doubtless done as a matter of economy. J. G. Hayes and E. W. Kennedy are two worthy old citizens who at that time were active and did masonry work on the building.

In those days court was only held twice a year and was held in John W. Marshall's building, the old brick on the corner of Main and Third streets. Before the present court house was built a man by the name of Garrison claimed title to the property by right of possession, and carried the case to the courts. Judge Augustus Hall quieted title in favor of Garrison, but Judge Willet Pottenger, counsel for county, carried it to the territorial supreme court and got a reversal of the decision. The present building was never intended for a court house, but was only put up for temporary use.

Nebraska was organized as a territory in 1854, and admitted into the statehood of the union in 1867. All of Cass county's court accommodations were built during her territorial life and because of the county seat question, and the failure of the first enterprise to materialize, she still hangs on to this structure of antiquity, of which no one can give the history.

When the new-court house is built, it ought to be encased with glass and sent to Weeping Water or Wabash.

**Free Clinic.**

On Sunday and Wednesday of each week between the hours from one to three p. m. a free clinic will be held at my office in Union Block at which time the worthy poor will be examined and prescribed for free of charge.

tf ALFRED SHIPMAN, M. D.

**Still in the Ring.**

I have purchased and moved to the Riddle House barber shop and combined my chairs to those of that shop and am amply prepared to do all tonsorial work. dtw ED MORLEY, Barber.

Don't buy Wall Paper or Paints until you see our stock and prices, we can please you in quality, selection and prices. d-w-1m WILL J. WARRICK.

Dr. Alfred Shipman or his assistant Dr. M. A. Shipman, may be found at their office in Union Block at all hours of the day or night. tf.

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**Grasp the Opportunity!**

**Our Fine Four-Dollar Hand-Turned shoe is Selling For Three Dollars.**

**W. A. BOECK & CO.**

**SOUTH PARK STILL IN THE LEAD!**

**A Rare Opportunity to Purchase Desirable Lots.**

We will offer for the next Thirty days Lots in South Park to the number of One Hundred. Cash payment on each Lot \$10. Deferred monthly payments \$5, with only 5 per cent interest.

This is the finest opportunity ever given in Plattsmouth to purchase cheap and desirable Real Estate. The fact that the city is building up for a full half mile south of the Park as well as both east and west sides of the addition is steadily increasing the value of this handsome property.

If you are not a freeholder you ought to be, and there is no excuse. Save half the money you usually expend each month and apply it on a Lot. If you desire a pleasant home in the future invest now. If you wish to build this season buy a Lot in South Park and have money furnished you with which to build. If you will make your home in South Park you will be convenient to good schools. If you wish pleasant neighbors make your home in South Park.

If you live in the country and intend some day to move to the city, buy a Lot now while it is cheap.

You can save money by investing it in South Park. Remember that this lovely addition to Plattsmouth is no longer a speculation. Whether you wish to purchase or not it you will call on Windham & Davies you will be shown this part of the city free of charge.

**Windham & Davies, - - - Over Bank of Cass County**