

THE NEWS-HERALD

TWICE A WEEK

NEWS, Established Nov. 5, 1891
HERALD, Established April 10, 1864
Consolidated Jan. 1, 1895

PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA, THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1909

VOL. XLV NO. 96

Carries Hand-Some Stock

Fanger's Department Store in This City is One of the Best in the State.

The NEWS-HERALD does not believe that the people generally of Platts-mouth and vicinity appreciate some of the stocks of merchandise carried by Platts-mouth merchants. And we believe that this is partly the fault of the merchants themselves in not properly advertising their goods. Our location so near the Omaha market and the liberal advertising done by merchants in that city results in a considerable amount of trade going to the metropolis that should and could be retained here. Many of our merchants can and are underselling the Omaha houses every day, and as soon as they can convince the public of this fact just that soon will we cease to hear the cry against Omaha trading.

Notable among our merchants who undersell the Omaha stores is Mr. Fanger of the Department Store. Mr. Fanger handles, among other things, the famous Wooltex and Sunshine garments for women and children. These goods have a national reputation and are carried by the best stores of the large eastern cities, and are known to be the acme of perfection. Mr. Fanger carries a full line of them and his prices are lower than are received by Omaha houses. And it stands to reason that he should sell them lower. His rent is cheaper, his clerk hire is cheaper, his taxes are lower and he is not required to spend so much for advertising. Mr. Fanger's stock is a credit to the town and when our people come to realize that they can buy the same garments for less money we shall no longer be troubled by our people going out of the city to do their shopping.

Prof. Davisson Will Speak

E. H. Wescott, secretary of the commercial club, has arranged with Prof. A. E. Davisson, head of the agricultural college of the State University, to deliver an address on "Alfalfa" at the next regular meeting of the club which will be held at Coates hall at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, May 18.

Mr. W. C. Hamilton, leader of the band, has given assurance of some fine band music. All who are interested in growing or feeding alfalfa should be present to hear this lecture as Prof. Davisson is the best posted man in the state on this subject. The farmers are invited. The lecture is free. Be sure to hear it.

New Bank Examiners.

Governor Shallenberger has appointed a chief clerk of the state banking board and seven examiners, but has not appointed a secretary for the board—a position that pays \$3,000 a year. L. M. Mielenz, of Eagle, is to be chief clerk and George Faber of Blair is to be assistant clerk. C. H. Beaumont, of

Madrid, and C. W. Erwin, of Omaha, republicans, were reappointed examiners. The others are Harry Dowling of Grand Island, Charley O'Malley of Omaha, L. H. Tate of Omaha, Floyd Sey-bolt of Lincoln, E. H. Luikhart of Tilden. Mr. Luikhart was formerly county treasurer examiner and was a candidate last fall for the nomination for state auditor at the democratic primaries.

The chief clerk is to receive a salary of \$1,500 a year. No specific amount is mentioned in the law for the assistant, but each examiner is to receive \$1,800 a year and traveling expenses.—Lincoln Journal.

Accept our congratulations friend Mielenz. Mr. Mielenz is one of the bright, capable and industrious young men of Cass county. He has held the position of cashier of the Bank of Eagle, and has a host of friends in this county, who are pleased to note his promotion.

Saloons Get License

City Council Holds Meeting and Transacts Large Amount of Routine Business.

The city council held its regular meeting Monday evening with all members present.

The license committee reported that all applications and bonds for license were in due form and recommended that licenses be issued to P. F. Goos, Ed. Egenberger, H. E. Rand, A. Giese, Ed. Donat and J. E. McDaniels. Gering & Co. and F. G. Fricke were also granted druggists permits.

Upon motion of Dwyer, the city will purchase 150 feet of new fire hose. And the city treasurer was ordered to make a report at the next meeting of the condition of the different city funds, the amount issued for the fiscal year, and the amount paid out from each.

Dwyer also introduced an ordinance providing that garbage must not be dumped within 80 rods of the Burlington station nor more than 50 feet from the first running channel of the Missouri river.

Elects New Principal.

The board of education held a special meeting Monday evening to elect a new principal to succeed Professor Brooks. Professor Benjamin Harrison, at present principal of the Ravenna High School was selected to fill the vacancy. Professor Harrison comes highly recommended as an educator, and the board feels that a wise selection has been made.

Birthday Party.

Last Monday evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Jackson was the scene of a very happy party, the occasion being the eighteenth birthday of their daughter, Miss Bertha. The evening was spent at various amusements, after which delicious refreshments were served. Those attending were Misses Lillian Thompson, Jennie Batten, Cecil Hackenberry, Mattie Larson, Ina Hatt, Hazel Tuey, Bessie Brendell and Elizabeth Kerr.

Soennichsen's Innovation

Has an Ambition to Conduct the Best Store in Platts-mouth.

H. M. Soennichsen has decided that he wants to handle a larger portion of the grocery trade of Platts-mouth and vicinity. He is well equipped to gratify his ambition, having one of the best stocks in this section of the state, has it well displayed, his clerks are courteous and obliging and he makes prompt deliveries. In another part of this paper Mr. Soennichsen makes a strong talk for your grocery business. His announcement contains a coupon which if presented at his store any time Saturday will be exchanged for a full package of gold dust, the famous cleaning preparation. There are no strings tied to this proposition nor do you have to spend a nickel in the store. Simply cut out the coupon and bring or send it to the store and receive the gold dust free.

A Souvenir Opening

Formal Opening of J. W. Larkin & Co. Will be Held Saturday.

J. W. Larkin & Co., successors to W. C. Irwin & Co., have an announcement in this issue of the NEWS-HERALD of a grand opening which will be held next Saturday, when every lady caller will be presented with a handsome Japanese fan. Mr. and Mrs. Larkin take this plan of becoming acquainted with our people and we feel sure that the response will be generous and that many will avail themselves of the opportunity at that time of calling and seeing one of the finest racket stocks to be found in this section of the country. They also handle books, stationery, school supplies, etc.

Good Roads Make Business

In a late issue of the Farm Journal appears the paragraph below quoted:

"It seems incredible that there are millions of sane men and women who would rather live a cramped and often squalid and half starved life than to live a wholesome and ample existence on a few acres of their own in the country."

"Massachusetts figures that stone roads can be kept in repair for \$60 a mile per year. These Yankees always seem to have more horse sense than most other folks."

The number of people who would not endorse the statement in the first paragraph is so small as to be negligible and the natural impulse of the man who reads it is to look around for an opportunity to acquire the necessary land. There are few who cannot do this.

The second paragraph fits a local condition to a nicety. There is a stretch of country on the Missouri River bank between the C. B. & Q. bridge and Rock Bluffs that is admirably adapted to raising all kinds of fruit trees and garden truck. The chief object in the way of the development of this tract is its inaccessibility. For the people of Platts-mouth to derive the benefits of this most naturally tributary territory they must aid in procuring the road to tap it and it seems to be calling upon them to do so for there is most excellent road material underlying it in the shape of a limestone deposit easily worked. If the money spent in ferries and pontoon bridges to attract Iowa trade had been expended in good roads around and adjacent to the city we should by this time have been reaping some of the benefits.

If you doubt any of this, J. E. Barwick says he knows how.

Anniversary Celebrated

The members of the local lodges of the I. O. O. F. and the Rebekahs Monday evening celebrated the 90th anniversary of the founding of Odd-fellowship in America. Judge Beeson delivered the address of the occasion. A large attendance was present from both orders. Refreshments were served and an excellent social time was enjoyed by all present.

Miss Anna Pfum of Falls City has been visiting several days in this city with her sister, Mrs. S. C. Breckenridge.

Second Church of Christ, Scientist.

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Divine service at 11 a. m. Subject "Everlasting Punishment." Mid-week meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Church is located on Sixth street, two blocks south of Main street. The public is cordially invited to all services. The reading room in the Coates block is open ever Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoon from 2 until 5 o'clock.

Decoration Day Exercises

Decoration Day comes on Sunday this year and the G. A. R. will hold their services on Saturday, May 29, and they invite all organizations of this city to participate with them on this occasion. The graves will be decorated during the forenoon and services will be held in the Opera house at 2:30 p. m.

The Memorial sermon will be preached at the Presbyterian Church May 23, by Rev. Salisbury and all soldiers of any wars are earnestly requested to attend. Committee,

THOMAS W. GLENN,
J. H. THRASHER,
J. W. JOHNSON.

W. L. Pickett Returns

W. L. Pickett and wife returned Sunday from a month's visit in Evansville, Indiana. Mr. Pickett is much improved in health and will resume his position as agent for the Burlington the first of the month.

Value of Women's Clubs

Discussed by a Writer in the Ladies Home Journal.

In a goodly-sized town there are six women's clubs, having a combined membership of 214 of what were, I was told, "the best women of the town." These clubs, I was further told, were "a potent factor of the town." They hold weekly or monthly meetings. When I asked what was discussed at these meetings I was told "the best in literature, art, science and civics—particularly civics." These discussions, I was assured, "were most uplifting," and that through them the women's club has been productive "of the highest good not only to the members but to the town itself."

In a booklet issued by one of these women's clubs the following paragraph occurred: "Recognizing the past which woman's influence can play in the uplift of a community it has been the special aim of the woman's club to direct a large part of its work to the uplift of our beautiful town until today the conditions that surround us are superior to those in the vast majority of communities and make our lovely town a model to the country!"

So I walked around the town for days to see the things that had been done to make this town "a model to the country," and these are some that I saw:

All the windows in the eight school buildings in the town were hermetically sealed each day ten minutes after the pupils left, and not a crack in them opened when the children assembled the next morning; on Saturdays and Sundays they were closed all day.

The most worthless quack "patent medicines"—those that had again and again been exposed in the public prints—in every drug store in the town and used by "four-fifths of the people," so the druggist told me, and, as I found out, by the club women themselves!

The dirtiest and absolutely vilest public drinking-cups I have ever seen at public fountains, being constantly used by both the filthiest corner loafers and the loveliest children!

Stands outside of candy-stores, and push-carts with candies, exposed to all the dust that was flying around the streets and eagerly bought and eaten by the children!

The worst looking billboards filled with posters advertising plays, the pictures of which would be enough to condemn them to any decent community, prevalent all over the town, next to the schools, leading to the public square, and in two cases next to, or directly opposite, the "leading" churches of the town!

On the grounds of the eight school buildings there was not a wisp of growing things, and yet in the woods of that

vicinity were to be had the most beautiful flora in America, easy to transplant.

In one square I counted an assembly of no fewer than nineteen children's nurses gossiping with men, absolutely oblivious to the doings of their charges; some of the little children lying on their backs in their carriages with their eyes in full glare of the sun; one child with a filthy cat in his carriage; another child sprawling on the ground, where he had fallen out of his carriage!

Vandalism by children ran riot in the town; it was a common complaint among the residents that the town had "the worst children of any place for miles around." And upon inquiry I found that some of the "worst children" belonged to the officers of the six women's clubs. I saw one boy deliberately tear up a most beautiful flowering shrub, and when I stopped him and asked him where his mother was he answered that she was "spouting hot-air at a woman's meeting at Mrs. J's." The humorous and yet pathetic side of this incident is that the mother of this tender-spoken young barbarian was a "wonderful speaker on motherhood," as an admiring fellow club-member told me afterwards! This woman was, by-the-way, so impregnated with the spirit of "motherhood" that, last Christmas, she bought ready-made filled Christmas stockings for each of her four children!

"They save you so much trouble," she explained, "and really, you know, the children appreciated them just as much!"

One afternoon, hearing that the "leading woman's club was to hold its 'regular Thursday meeting,'" I ventured to saunter in. The subject announced for the meeting was "The Modern Uplift." The meeting had been called for three o'clock; I arrived at three-thirty. There were five small tables in the room, and around them sat the members of the "leading woman's club" playing bridge for money! I was apologetically told that the "real meeting" was over—so "The Modern Uplift" must have been disposed of in less than thirty minutes, and, by the watch, the women played bridge until quarter-past six!

"Bridge," as a matter of fact, and for high stakes, was rampant among the women in that community; the women were "bridge-mad," as some of the husbands told me at the club, one husband going so far as to tell me that his wife had lost more than a hundred dollars already that week. "And—the way she is playing," he added, "I

guess she'll drop a hundred more." This estimable woman happened to be the president of one of the women's clubs; a common gambler!

And these were some of the visible results of the efforts of six women's clubs whose constant meetings had been "productive of the highest good to the town," to say nothing of one of the clubs in particular whose efforts had resulted (!) in making their town "a model of the country."—From the Ladies' Home Journal.

A Clubbing Proposition

The NEWS-HERALD has made clubbing arrangements with the Kansas City Weekly Star, and to all new subscribers paying one year in advance for the NEWS-HERALD the Kansas City Weekly Star will be mailed one year free, also all subscribers to the NEWS-HERALD who will pay up arrears, and one year in advance, will be presented with a complimentary subscription to the Kansas City Star. The Star is recognized throughout the Southwest as one of the strongest weekly newspapers printed, and we feel that many of our subscribers will take advantage of this offer.

Wedding Bells.

Yesterday at high noon at the home of Prof. and Mrs. J. W. Gamble occurred the marriage of Miss Vesta D. Eaton, daughter of Mrs. Gamble, to Mr. Herman L. Thomas. Dr. J. F. Baird performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties.

The bride is a very estimable young lady and has a host of friends in this county who wish them a long and happy life. The groom is a son of Dr. M. L. Thomas, of Bartlett, Ia., but who was formerly located at Union. The young man is intelligent, industrious and ambitious. He is employed as telegraph operator at Ft. Crook, which place will be their future home. The NEWS-HERALD extends to them its good wishes.

W. K. Fox is in Omaha attending the grand lodge meeting of the Royal Arcanum.

Gertrude Boyd has filed a suit in the district court praying a divorce from her husband. They were married Aug., 21, 1907. She also asks to have her maiden name restored, which was Gertrude Kunsman.

YOU'LL appreciate, when you come to us the pleasure of doing business; we believe it can be made a pleasure; it is to us. We get a lot of real satisfaction in providing our customers with clothes as these; it's all a friendly transaction; you can always bring back what you don't want; we don't want your money if you don't want our goods. Glad to have you come in and try on some of our one, two and three button models, some have regular pants some medium pegs and others extreme peg tops. For the old middle-aged and the young. Shades all leaning toward gray, a few browns, but very few. We know you'll be pleased if you see them. Suits from

\$7.50 to \$30.00.

THE HOME OF
Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes
Manhattan Shirts, Stetson Hats.

Sole agents for Carhartt's
gloves and working clothes.



Copyright 1909 by Hart Schaffner & Marx

Falter & Thierolf
VALUE GIVING CLOTHIERS



Wouldn't You Rather Have
a Hansen Glove Than
Any Other Glove You
Ever Heard Of?

Of course you would. Every man that's ever worn very many gloves feels that way about it. We have the complete line here to show you. Every kind from 50c to the best \$3 automobile gauntlet. Silk lined driving gloves \$1.50. Genuine buckskins \$1.25.

C. E. Wescott's Sons

"WHERE QUALITY COUNTS"

For dress wear we have the imported Perrins Glove.