

## MADE THEIR GET AWAY

**Two Niggers Blew Into Town and  
Then Out Again.**

**THE WESCOTT BOYS  
LOSE THEIR PANTS**

**Glen Rawls Plays Sherlock Holmes  
With Telling Effect.**

This morning there stepped off the Burlington train from Omaha two niggers who proceeded to visit the stores of Plattsmouth on a sight-seeing tour. They inspected several before they finally brought up at Wescott's. The gentlemanly and wide awake clerk, Glen Rawls, waited on them, but found difficulty in attending to the wants of both at the same time owing to the fact that the worthies separated and got as far as possible apart. Then had his suspicions aroused that all was not right and tried to keep his eyes on his customers, but they were pretty smooth and got away with four pairs of pants and four vests. Although Glen did not see them take anything he was positive something had been stolen and communicated his suspicions to the members of the firm and they in turn sent Deputy Manspeaker after the colored individuals. Rawls and the sheriff found their men at the depot, but the niggers saw them first and took to their heels, heading north up the Burlington tracks, throwing their suit case away as they ran. The deputy fired upon them and then gave chase but so far the fugitives have not been apprehended and may be on the run yet.

The suit case was picked up and taken to Wescott's store and opened, and only then was it discovered for a certainty that the store had been held up for a portion of its stock of men's clothing. The shoplifters did not exercise very good judgment in selecting their goods for they took the cheapest goods of the kind in the store.

We congratulate the Wescott's upon having such a wideawake clerk as Mr. Rawls. He may let a horse get away from him occasionally, when he hasn't his mind on them, but when it comes to other people's interests he is ever watchful.

LATER—The two colored fellows were discovered about three o'clock half a mile west of Orepolis and the station agent phoned that he and another man would make an attempt to surround them within few minutes. Sheriff Quinton and Deputy Manspeaker are both out on a strong scent and there is no doubt but what they will be caught.

3:15—A special to the Daily News states that Russell Todd, on horseback and armed with a shotgun had met the negro and turned him toward town and was bringing his prisoner here. Sheriff Quinton and his deputy are near by and will probably overtake the two others in a few moments.

### Taffy, But Not Taffy.

Last Saturday night Miss Jessie Robertson most delightfully entertained at a taffy pull the most charming and pleasing bunch of young ladies in the state of Nebraska. The Misses Beeson and Hassler proved to the satisfaction of all that they understood just how taffy should be made and doled out. The hostess served popcorn, apples, nuts and candy. The party was composed of the court house ladies and were present as follows: The Misses Barbara and Mia Gering, Anna Hassler, Miss Hempel, Gertrude Beeson, Lillie Murphy, Nernese Newell, Alma Larson, Miss Corrigan and Jessie and Blanche Robertson. The evening was perfect in its social enjoyment to all and its repetition will be eagerly looked forward to with pleasure.

## WANT JURY INSTRUCTED

**Gerings Want Jury Instructed in  
Favor of Defendants.**

**COURT NOT YET  
READY TO DECIDE**

**Jury Dismissed While Arguments  
Are Being Made.**

LINCOLN, Dec. 1.—The plaintiff in the suit of J. M. Leyda, trustee of the bankrupt estate of Henry Herold, of Plattsmouth, against Matthew Gering, Henry Gering and the First National Bank of Plattsmouth, rested yesterday afternoon, and the defendants' attorneys at one moved that the court instruct the jury to return a verdict for the defendants on the ground that the plaintiff had not proved a case and for the further reason that the bank and the Gerings had been made parties to the same suit whereby a misjoinder to facts had occurred. The jury was dismissed while the motion was being argued. When court adjourned the argument was not yet concluded.

If this motion is denied by the court the defendant will at once move that the plaintiff be required to elect which party in the complaint shall be proceeded against. It is maintained by the Gerings that the Gerings took over the stock of merchandise from Henry Herold and that after it was sold the proceeds were turned over to the bank to liquidate a debt of \$7,000 owed the bank by Herold.

The plaintiff contends that when the transfer of the stock of merchandise was made the defendants had reasonable grounds for the belief that Herold was on the verge of bankruptcy and that the knowledge of the other debts of Herold would make the act illegal in that it made defendants preferred creditors. The defense denies that there was any ground for the belief that Herold was not sound financially, and the declaration is made in arguing the motion to instruct for the defense that the plaintiff has not proved that there was any chance that defendants should know of such other indebtedness.

## A GREATER PLATTSMOUTH SENTIMENT AT BANQUET

**Commercial Club Affair Pronounced by the  
Visitors the Most Successful  
Ever Attended.**

## FEAST OF REASON AND FLOW OF SOUL

**Over One Hundred and Fifty Representative  
Men from All Trades and Professions  
Touch Elbows and Become  
Better Acquainted.**

At 8:30 o'clock last night 150 Plattsmouth boosters and two from Omaha stood by the banquet board and with bowed heads listened reverently to the eloquent invocation delivered by Rev. Austin of the Methodist church, following which they were given the signal to be seated. Then the feast was on. For weeks preparations have been maturing for the event and it has required the strenuous efforts of a number of our most strenuous hustlers to insure the success which crowned their labors last night when the most representative body of men this city can produce got together for a heart to heart talk.

The Elk club rooms had been tenured the committee for reception purposes and at an early hour were thrown open to the guests of the club; Business man, laborer, professional man, politician and others rubbed elbows in good fellowship and class lines, had there ever been such a distinction, were forgotten. Every man present was there with a feeling in his heart that he was welcome; that he was not an interloper; that others were glad to see him and talk with him; that he was there by right of his own individuality; he was there because he wanted to be there and he felt that he was wanted by the commercial club, whether he was a member of the club or not; he was there because he wanted to be known at that time that he was a Plattsmouth booster now, if he never was before; he was there because it was his duty to be there and he proposed to be on hand to do his duty from now on; he was there because he thought the best interests of Plattsmouth demanded his presence; he was there because he of right belonged there and he was going to be there in the future whenever the commercial club of this city held a meeting. HE WAS THERE BECAUSE HE COULD NOT AFFORD TO STAY AWAY and that is a good enough reason to give.

The banquet was prepared and served by the accomplished ladies of the Presbyterian church and right well and royally did they acquit themselves, so well, in fact, that the sentiment was universal that never before had a more pleasing supper been set before a lot of hungry men and never before was a supper served with more charming grace and so little fuss. We congratulate the ladies upon the success of their efforts. It was a service well and most satisfactorily performed.

Following the good things provided by the ladies came cigars, made in Plattsmouth, and as the smoke wreaths curled to the ceiling the flow of eloquence was turned on. Before coming to that part of the program we wish to go back a few steps and mention something we inadvertently overlooked. As the guests filed into the banquet hall their steps kept time with the music provided by Miss Hazel Dovey, whose performance upon the piano as well as that of Miss Ruth Johnson, was a delight to all. During the banquet the orchestra from the Parmele made its appearance and was greeted with applause. Two song and dance artists accompanied them and that they were artists all will attest. The orchestra and dance artists were the happy thought of Mr.

Charles Parmele, and to him is due the thanks for that part of the evening's entertainment. We also failed to mention the table decorations which were very beautiful. The large white chrysanthemums and the wax candles lent a beautiful effect to the otherwise perfect appointment of the board.

The toastmaster of the evening was Prof. Gamble, and to that gentleman's happy faculty of saying the right thing at the right time is due the smoothness with which the speedmaking was carried out. His introduction of the various speakers was graceful and was such that each of them when called upon to respond to their toast felt at ease. The opening speech was delivered by Mr. E. H. Wescott, secretary of the commercial club, who responded to the toast "Eleven X. Space will not permit of more than a brief mention of the speakers. Mr. Wescott handled his subject with ease and proved a most pleasant speaker. His points were well made and before he concluded his remarks had the sympathy of his hearers. Mr. Wescott has the rare gift of holding the undivided attention of his audience and of saying things. His address would be worth reproducing were it possible to do so.

The next speaker to be introduced by the toastmaster was Mr. A. C. Smith of Omaha, president of the M. E. Smith Co. Mr. Smith opened his address with the remark that he was not a public speaker, but only a common every day business man. He said that he was the latest resident to be added to Plattsmouth and was glad he was here. His remarks were along the lines of business and he said a whole lot of good things that will give us food for thought.

Col. P. A. Barrows responded to the toast, "The Press," and although he was not notified until the afternoon of yesterday that he would be called upon for a speech, as usual he pulled himself and the press out of the hole in a highly satisfactory manner. The colonel is usually an interesting talker and his few remarks appeared to strike the boys in the right place.

J. M. Guild of Omaha, secretary of the Omaha commercial club, was called to the floor by the toastmaster and made to tell why he was present and what he knew about commercial clubs in general and some of them in particular. He was expected to say something and he was equal to the call. He stated that he was at one time a resident of Plattsmouth and somehow gave the impression that he wished he was now. He told how they did things at the metropolis of the state and gave a whole lot of good advice which will undoubtedly be followed later by the commercial club of this city. Mr. Guild gave out many good ideas which should prove of value at the proper time.

Although the hour was now late Rev. Father Shine was called upon to address the gathering and had been overlooked one of the most delightful speeches of the evening would have been missed. Father Shine is a most entertaining talker and should be down on future programs for addresses.

Charles Parker was called upon to speak for the Burlington shops and

in a few well chosen words expressed sentiments in harmony with the objects of the gathering.

The last speaker was Mayor Sattler who talked briefly and to the point and showed the proper Plattsmouth spirit. His words were listened to with the closest attention.

The commercial club banquet is now history. It is history that will be handed down and always read with interest. As a result of the meeting of the people of Plattsmouth there is already a new spirit noticeable. It is a spirit that spells progress and advancement. It is a spirit that means that the people of this city know no boundary lines, but on the contrary the broad expanse of territory contiguous to the city will be made to subserve the business ends of what promises to become a greater Plattsmouth. There is a new feeling in this blessed town of ours that is good to feel. It is a feeling of community interest and good fellowship. It is a feeling that every man in Plattsmouth proposes from now to work shoulder to shoulder for a common good. It is such a feeling, once felt, is not soon forgotten and means that there is to be something doing in this old town that will make the other places in the state stand up and take notice.

The sentiments expressed by all the speakers lends force to the belief that a new town has been born since yesterday morning, and while the name will remain unchanged, the people have experienced a new and lasting change and that they will never more be satisfied to sit idly by and "hold the bag." It is only by concerted effort that anything of importance can be accomplished. The idea of expecting one or two men to do all the hustling for a city is radically wrong.

The commercial club of Plattsmouth has started the ball of progress to rolling. Now it is up to our citizens to assist in keeping it going. If you are not a member of the commercial club, get busy and join. You are wanted and are needed. Don't be a "leaner." Be a "lifter." Be one of the men behind the guns. Talk Plattsmouth, write Plattsmouth, and work early and late for the building up of Plattsmouth. United we can accomplish more in a short time than can be accomplished in years by the effort of the single individual. To the men who made possible the successful event last night we desire to express our hearty appreciation, and in the name of every man, woman and child in the city extend to them the freedom of the city. Gentlemen, we thank you.

## ALABAMA IS WET

**Prohibition Defeated in that State  
By Eighteen Thousand.**

**THE RURAL DISTRICTS  
ARE AGAINST IT**

**Was Not, However, Straight Fight  
For Prohibition.**

BIRMINGHAM, Nov. 30.—All indications point to a majority of between 18,000 and 20,000 in Alabama against the prohibition constitutional amendment today. Chairman J. Lee Long, who has been in charge of the fight against the amendment, claims that the majority against the amendment will be fully 20,000.

The early returns indicated a landslide against the amendment and succeeding bulletins bore out the early indications.

Jefferson county, in which is Birmingham, the largest city in the state, in spite of the fact that the fight has been concentrated here, gave a majority of over 1,000 against the amendment. Mobile, Montgomery and Cullman counties show the largest majorities on the victorious side and it appears the amendment has carried but three counties, Talladega, Macon and Sumter, with Lee in doubt.

Today's election cannot be regarded as a straight anti-prohibition victory because of the personal politics that has been injected into the case.

Its association with the administration of Governor B. B. Comer and his reported ability to name a successor to the governorship in Judge S. D. Weakley, author of the prohibition bills, have figured prominently in the result.

A significant feature of the result is the fact that sentiment against the amendment is so widespread. Rural precincts, small towns and cities alike, for the most part returned substantial majorities on the winning side.

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