

TWO BIG ENGINES

Mountain Climbers for the
Denver and Rio Grand
R. R. Pass through
Town.

NEWS REPRESENTATIVE
INTERVIEWS CUSTODIANS.

Interesting Information Received
About the Big Train Pullers.

Saturday afternoon Mr. Pickett phoned to the Daily News that if the representatives of the press wanted to see the biggest locomotive yet manufactured, to come to the depot as a freight was on the bridge coming this with two of the "Mallet Articulate Compound" engines in the train. We complied with the invitation at once, and soon stood on the platform while the monsters were drawn slowly past. The first one to pass bore the number 1056 while the second bore the number 1054. These monster machines were being taken from the American Locomotive Works, where they were built, at Schenectady, New York to Denver Colorado to be turned over to the D. & R. G. Railway company. The train was stopped in the yards something like eighty rods north of the station, and the writer had the pleasure of looking the engine over and talking with the men in charge of each. We first met C. W. Vedder who was in charge of No. 1054 afterwards we met Mr. G. W. Fort in charge of No. 1056. Both gentlemen were pleasant to converse with and they informed the writer that, the machines were a part of an order of eighty made by the American Locomotive Company for the D. & R. G., that the order should have been completed six weeks ago but a strike in their shops had delayed it. They informed us that their plant was the second in size in the world, that it had many men out on just such missions as their, that of delivering the goods to the purchasers. Two of their men were in Europe now with engines from their shops. On inquiring the weight and approximate cost of one of these monstrous engines, we were informed that the engine weights about 200 tons and cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000 each. The reader of Leslie's weekly will observe in the number of Jan. 27th, a cut of a monster "Mallet Articulate Compound" engine made purposely for climbing steep grades and dragging with them a heavy train. When one stands by the side of one of these monstrous machines, he has a sensation akin to awe. The engine is constructed with twelve drivers, the diameter of each is greater than the height of an ordinary man. Beside the twelve drivers, each engine has a pair of engine trucks and a pair of trailers. The cylinders are 20 and one half by 33x32. The engine is fitted out with the latest improved appliances, everything about it is moved by cylinder cocks, and reverse lever. It is 96 feet long.

More Paving Needed.

There has been several of the business men of the city, heard to suggest that if Plattsmouth is going to succeed in real earnest, about the first thing to do is to start a campaign for paving Pearl and Vine streets, between Sixth and Seventh, and Washington Avenue to the M. P. depot. This is certainly a good suggestion. There are cities in the country which have "beaten a country block" in the way of paved streets. Even some of the Missouri cities of our class have as much as fifteen miles of paving, while we can boast of but a few rods. It is high time we get our swaddling clothes off and proceed to develop. Our city council is constituted of good business men, in fact is one of the best we have ever had, and a project to increase the paved district can be handled by the present administration to the betterment of the city. Why not begin to talk it now, and get the matter under way at the same time the paving will be done on Vine and Fifth.

A Social Success.

The masquerade ball given last Saturday evening at Coates' hall by the ladies of St. Mary's guild, was admirably conducted and proved the most charming function of the kind that has been given this winter. The floor of the hall was filled with merry maskers and the galleries with pleased and interested onlookers. The grand march was led by Miss Gladys Sullivan and Mr. Charles Hopping, Mrs. Austin officiating as mistress of ceremonies. Refreshments were served and the dance was kept up until the electric light company decided that it was too near Sunday to continue the good time.

CASS COUNTY S. S. CONVENTION MEETS.

Executive Committee Holds Session at Weeping Water Last Friday

The Executive Committee of the Cass County Sunday School Association met at Weeping Water yesterday for the transaction of important business relating to the work of the association in this county. The committee is composed of 17 members representing all sections of the county and the different denominations, and are as follows: Chas. E. Mayes, Pres. C. C. Westcott, Vice Pres., Edith Clizbe, Sec., A. J. Ambler, Treas. L. E. Chapman, Supt. Teachers Training, Emma Jordan Supt. Elementary dept., Oella Kirkpatrick, Supt. Intermediate Dept., Luther Moore, Supt. Adult Dept., H. Squires, Supt. Home Dept., W. Lanstin, Supt. Pastors Dept., G. M. Jones Supt. Missionary Dept., C. A. Burbick, Supt. Temperance Dept., Mrs. J. R. Woodcock, Supt. Visitation Dept., Mrs. Hungate, Supt. Literature J. E. Perry Supt. 1st District, Miss Marguerat Supt. 2nd District, Nora Evaland Supt. 3rd District.

Plans were laid for district meetings to be held in the spring. The annual convention will be held sometime in October and it is planned to engage H. M. Hamill of Kentucky who is called the Dean of Sunday School teachers for this convention. If plans don't miscarry, the Sunday School of this county will have a treat next fall in hearing this man. The meeting was enthusiastic and the prospects for the work in this county are very flattering. One question that received due attention was the matter of the county in securing the nomination and election of temperance men at the coming election.

ELMWOOD ITEMS.

The girls of the Plattsmouth basket ball team played an interesting game with the Elmwood girls Friday night. The crowd of spectators was large and enthusiastic and the game was played with snap and vim from beginning to end and the score was 21 to 32 in favor of the visiting team. They left in the morning train for home feeling that they had been royally entertained and all expressed a feeling of good will toward Elmwood. The following boys were here as escorts to the girls from Plattsmouth, Robert Newell, Wayne Dickson, John Falter, Leland Briggs, Mat Herald, and Umpire Harrison.

Mrs. C. S. Branson has been quite sick for several days but is some better this morning. The Misses Melvine Waters, S. Harungton and Courtwright were down from Lincoln to witness the basket ball game.

Rev. Cyrus Alton has been confined to his bed with a bad case of grip for several days, but is some better today. At the funeral of Capt. Davis McCauley, Friday morning, one of the largest crowds came together in Elmwood that we have witnessed since the funeral of Dr. N. R. Hobbs. The services were held in the Christian church under the directions of the pastors Rev. L. A. Chapman. After a short sermon by the pastor the G. A. R. performed their ritual work there being about 20 old soldiers present. At the grave the I. O. O. F. took charge there being about 66 in the line of march. Uncle Dave had been a staunch and leading member with these orders for a number of years. Thus ended the record of one of the bravest and best citizens of Elmwood.

Ume Delles has purchased the Hollenbeck farm and is moving in. The family farmed near Havelock. He says that the roads are in a bad condition and are next to impassable. Elmwood welcomes Mr. Delles to the town and community.

C. M. Hollenbeck of Omaha spent a few days here with his mother, also attending the funeral of his friend Captain McCauley.

Turner Zink ex county commissioner was here attending the funeral of Captain Craig.

Miss Helen Chapman and Mrs. Parmele were up from Plattsmouth attending the funeral of Capt. McCauley.

Dick Beck has bought out Wm. Mueller the blacksmith. Mr. Mueller has been in the business here for the last 25 years and has made good. Now he can spend the rest of his days without hard work having several good farms in Cass Co. We welcome Mr. Beck and bespeak for him the good will and trade that the shop has always had.

Miss Tressler Steps Out.

Miss Mable Tressler, ex-assistant post mistress, served the public in that capacity yesterday for the last of her term. She was seen at the window last evening and said she was glad to get out. Miss Tressler has not decided just what she will take up, in fact she thinks that she will take a rest before going into anything.

\$175,000,000 MORTGAGE FILED BY M. P. RAILWAY

One Half of Sum to go Toward the Improvement of the
Company's Properties.

PORTION WILL BE SPENT
ON LINE IN CASS COUNTY

Movement on Part of the Company Will Be Received
With Delight All Along the Line.

Probably the most important document ever placed on file in Cass county was that of the mortgage filed this morning with the register of deeds by the Hon. A. N. Sullivan. The mortgage was on the property of the Missouri Pacific Railway Company, situated in the various states of the United States, and was in round figures for \$175,000,000. A deed was also filed by the Omaha Southern which runs from Union, in Cass county, to Gilmore in Sarpy county. This consolidation of the Omaha Southern with the Missouri Pacific has been general throughout all its properties composed formerly of sixty different railroads and the new arrangement will now give the Missouri Pacific a through line from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans.

In speaking of the Mortgage for \$175,000,000 Judge Sullivan, the com-

panies attorney, stated that a portion of this sum is to be used in payment of bonds existing against several of the companies that comprise the Missouri Pacific, now consolidated. Further, that over one half of the sum will be devoted to the betterment of the company's property in the several states. That the Missouri Pacific railroad had decided to spend some money in improvements will be good news to the traveling public, compelled to use the road in the interest of trade. The Missouri Pacific road bed has been no joke to the public and that road has been used by many simply because of necessity, not from choice.

This is the largest Mortgage on record in this county, there being 172 printed pages bound in book form. The fee for the record of the mortgage is sixty five dollars.

THE ANCIENT BOOSTER AND HOW HE WORKED.

Subject of the Sermon Delivered
by Rev. Austin of the M.E. Church

"So built we the walls, and all of of the walls were joined together unto the half thereof, for the people had a mind to work." Nehemiah 4-6

The above verse from the old bible was taken for a text, by Rev Austin from which he preached a booster sermon to the Commercial Club and his congregation last evening.

There was a good sized audience out to hear how Nehemiah boomed Jerusalem some centuries ago, whilst the full membership of the club could not be present, yet there were quite a number.

Rev Austin said in part: Nehemiah had a lucrative official position with the king of Persia prior to the incidents referred to in the text, although he had had never seen Jerusalem, yet being a Jew he claimed that city as his native one, and learning from some source that the walls of the city were in decay, and the reputation of the city becoming bad, he desired to go to the city and place the walls in repair and stir up the enterprises of the community, so that her fair name should be regained. With the permission of the king and a consort of soldiers and means to carry on the work furnished him by the king of Persia, Nehemiah journeyed over the one thousand miles intervening between the Persian court and Jerusalem.

After reaching the city, the young booster took a horse and at midnight started around on the walls of the city to inspect them. The speaker here took occasion to draw a lesson for the boosters of Plattsmouth from the fact that Nehemiah did not only work in the day but sacrificed his slumber to build his city, and if the men of Plattsmouth wished the city to succeed, they would have to put forth just as earnest effort, as did Nehemiah. He found knockers against his enterprise in the cities and small towns of the plain, but these did not deter him. Indeed they, the objectors called forth the words of the text, and when they sent to him time after time that he should come to them and listen to their story he repeatedly sent them the answer: "And I sent Messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down why should the work cease, whilst I leave it to come down to you?" Neh. 6-3.

The ancient booster continued his toil and set the people to work so that every man rebuilt the part of the wall that was over against his property. The speaker mentioned the lecture of Mr. Irving but said in substance that the lecturer did not give all of the important suggestions for the success of Plattsmouth. That he had side stepped two of the most important things lying in the way of the moral, spiritual and commercial success of the city. One of these was the saloon, which the speaker stated did more to drain the city of its surplus capital than all of the other reprehensible things together.

Rev Austin further said that, he

GIRLS ENTERTAINED BY MRS. MORAN.

Ten Little Girls Have a Good
Time and Enjoy Themselves.

Saturday afternoon from four to six o'clock Mrs. C. R. Moran gave a party, at her residence at the corner of Ninth and Granite streets to ten little girls. The event was in honor of Misses Beryl Cooper and Marian Stroud of Lincoln. The time passed swiftly for the little ladies, as they were entertained with games and contests. One of the amusing features of the occasion was a contest in which two prizes were offered. The guests were required to be blindfolded, and were then requested to draw a picture of a pig. The result brought forth much mirth and glad shouts from the artists. Beryl Cooper was awarded the first prize by the committee and Alice Pollock the second. A fine luncheon was served, the hostess being assisted by Mrs. William McCauley and Miss Mildred Cummins. Those present were: Beryl Cooper, Marian Stroud, Catherine Shopp, Blanch and Adelia Sayles, Gladys and Marian Reigner, Alice Pollock, Emma Cummins and Katy Whittaker.

Mrs. Ferris Better.

When at Weeping Water a few days ago a representative of the Daily News met Mr. George Ferris who formerly worked for John Bauer in this city, but who is now with the Wickersham Hardware Co., of Weeping Water. He said that his wife who has been very seriously ill with pneumonia during the past month is now able to sit up for a few hours at a time. Her many friends in Plattsmouth will be glad to learn of her convalescence.

was not at liberty to sidestep the matter, that his conscience would not allow him to do so, and that he had witnessed the results of the traffic in our own city, and that the future of men and women and children had been blighted, their money had been filched from them, by the appetite for rum, and that the dimes and quarters and thousands of dollars had been taken out of the city every year by this nefarious business.

The city could not be expected to succeed while its surplus capital, was squandered in this manner, and its citizens debauched. The speaker predicted that this evil would be remedied in a short time, that the wave had set this way, and that the time would soon be when Plattsmouth would be dry.

Another thing in the way of Plattsmouth's success was the usurious practice of the business interests of the city. And the speaker intimated that people would not go to Omaha to buy if home merchants would meet the price of the foreign merchant. People will not go to Omaha and pay twice prices for an article they can buy at home at reasonable price. The sermon was well received, and many favorable comments were made relative to it on the streets today.

AKSARBEN COSTUMER TO BE IN TOWN.

The Jolly Six Indians Expect to
Go the Limit on their Masquerade.

Anton Koubek and Jos. Libershal of the Jolly Six Indian Club, went to Omaha yesterday to get suits for their masquerade ball which will be held at Coates Hall on next Saturday evening. They were successful in securing Mr. Theo. Leiben who furnishes the costumes for the Aksarben festivities to furnish suits for the dance and they secured something like sixty five suits and wigs for gentlemen, of all species. Mr. Leiben will be in Plattsmouth Saturday for the purpose of furnishing suits to all who want them, arriving on the noon train and will stay till midnight when suits can be procured time at Coates hall.

While up to Omaha they in company with Gus Kopp, Will Eggenberger and Mr. Griggs, went to the new hall of the Redmen at 120 So. 14th street where they also have the Hay Makers Buffet and enjoyed a good visit, returning on the late train.

Should anyone desire a special suit for the ball they can call on Anton Koubek or Phone 87 and he will give prices.

Be sure and get your orders in before Thursday and your suit will be sent down with the rest. Any lady wanting a suit, phone Mr. Koubek and he will give you any information wanted.

A large crowd is expected down from Omaha.

A Peculiar Accident.

As Will Meisinger drove into Plattsmouth Saturday, to observe it seemed for a few hours, he met with a peculiar accident which came near costing him the life of one of his good roadsters. When a short distance this side of the county house, his near horse placed its left hind foot in a wagon rut breaking through a crust on ice and dirt, the animal slipped and the foot ran under the crust so that the animal could not get it out. It became some what excited and reared and fell on its side. Mr. Beever who was riding with Mr. Meisinger, sprang out of the buggy and seized the struggling horse by the head and held its head down, while Mr. Meisinger ran to the nearby farmhouse of Charles Lewis, and procured an ax with which he chopped the frozen earth and ice from around the horse's foot, releasing it so the animal could get up. If the men had not taken the prompt action they did, there is no doubt but the horse would have broken its leg. Mr. Meisinger felt that he was fortunate in getting the animal out of so prelarious a situation, as it was one he would not care to lose.

In County Court.

Judge Beeson was a busy man today, there being several matters in his court to be disposed of.

There was to have been hearing on the petition to probate the will of Joanna G. Coleman, a lady who died near Greenwood leaving an estate of about \$10,000.00. A daughter of the deceased, Mrs. Helen E. Lemmon, filed objections to the probate of the instrument some of the grounds for contest being: That the instrument had been mutilated and changed after signing, and the testatrix had been unduly influenced by her sons to make the will, and that the witnesses had never been requested to sign the instrument by the testatrix. The hearing was continued until a later date.

Administration was granted in the David Reed estate, there being present, George H. Reed and his sister Mrs. Sheffer, both of Greenwood. A guardian was appointed for John Harold Clements, minor heir of Bert Clements, deceased, former proprietor of the Leader Echo.

Dogs on the Move.

As Jacob Mason came down town this morning about 10:30, a pack of some twenty five dogs, large, small, big and little, streaked across Main going north on Sixth street. They seemed somewhat jaded, and no doubt had wearied themselves eluding the police. They seemed to be looking for some one to pursue, and now and then looked backward emitting short yelps.

They were evidently keeping on the outskirts of the city, as a protection to the plate glass fronts along Main.

Injured at the Shops.

Max Doda, who has been in the employ of the Freight Car Repair department of the Burlington shops, had the misfortune this morning to injure his foot very painfully, by stepping on a nail. The wound was bad owing to the fact that Mr. Doda, wore only cloth overshoes and thus allowed the nail to penetrate to quite a depth in his foot. He was assisted to the office of Dr. J. S. Livingston, where the wound was dressed. The injured man will be off duty for a few days.

M. S. BRIGGS APPOINTED

Postmaster Schneider Ap-
points Him as His Assist-
ant at the Postoffice.

WISE APPOINTMENT
OF A GOOD MAN.

Will No Doubt Give Universal
Satisfaction to All the Patrons.

The appointment by Postmaster Schneider of Mr. M. S. Briggs of this city as assistant postmaster, will probably meet with the approval of the patrons of the Plattsmouth postoffice. Mr. Briggs has lived in Cass county a good many years, is well acquainted with everybody and being an unusually accommodating gentleman will make a capable and popular assistant.

He has at different times been connected with both of the Plattsmouth papers, having been during the past few months a reporter for the Daily News and more recently on the road for the same paper.

He will begin his duties tomorrow and we have no doubt will make himself popular with the public from the very start. Here's to Briggs. May his shadow never disappear.

Before Hizonner.

Albert Schmidt, a weary "Willie" has been giving Chief Amick some trouble the last day or two. Last night after pursuing his trampship through devious ways and alleys and bypaths, the Chief succeeded in affecting his capture. He was taken to the city bastille and allowed to sample the city's grub, and lodging. This morning when the chief took him to the railway tracks and told him he would give him ten minutes to get out of sight, Schmidt looked pained and surprised at the cruel invitation to "hit up the pike." He protested to the Chief that he could not walk out of town, while there was plenty of money in the County fund to buy a ticket. He was given his choice between walking out or going to jail. He chose the latter, it being so near Sunday, and not caring to be on the road on that day. He was taken before Judge Archer and the proper formalities proceeded with, and he is now legally incarcerated snug.

Paving Committee Working.

The committee composed of C. C. Parmele, William Schmidtman and D. O. Dwyer, were out with the petition to pave Vine street from Fourth to Seventh and Fourth and Fifth between Maine and Vine, for two hours this morning, and no one whom they saw refused to sign the petition. There are a few in the district to be seen who reside in the city and a few persons residing out of the city, but it is believed that all will sign. The committee met with splendid success, and are highly gratified with the work thus far accomplished.

They will go to Omaha tomorrow and see H. R. Gering, Frank White and Fred Krugg. The Gund people live in LaCrosse, Wisconsin and the petition will probably be sent to them.

There is a move on foot to macadamize Washington Avenue for the present, until the matter of paving of the cross streets down town is provided for. The matter is now ready or will be by tomorrow night, for the action of the city council.

Visits Old Haunts.

George Pearson, of Greenwood accompanied by his nephew, Erbin Rouse, visited Plattsmouth today, and renewed old acquaintances.

Forty five years ago, when a boy Mr. Pearson resided in this city, then a village of only a few houses. Mr. Pearson's father was the first assessor in Greenwood precinct, and at a time when the precinct extended over most of the territory intervening between this city and the western boundary of the county. There were but a few families in the precinct, so that the work of assessing the property was soon done. Mr. Pearson tried to locate some of the old land marks but the hills are about all that is left that was above the ground then.

To the Northwest.

Mr. and Mrs. John Todd of Lincoln have been visiting at Union a few days and expect to soon go to Calgary, Alberta, Canada where Mr. Todd has land interests. He has sold his nice farm near Union composed of one hundred and sixty acres for \$20,000 to J. W. Roddy. He expects to engage in the cattle and small grain business when he reaches his new location.