

BOOST FOR PLATTSMOUTH

Baseball Grounds Are Now in Good Shape for Practice and Good Material Handy

BE A ROOSTER AND A BOOSTER

Get into the Game According to Your Ability and Help Line' Out for a Good Team.

(From Thursday's Daily) Manager Brantner with a force of men and teams has been putting in some good work on the base ball grounds so that they will be ready for the work out this evening and all who expect to make a try for the team are expected to be on the grounds this evening.

As fast as possible other improvements will be made, including a grand stand which will be placed in the corner immediately back of the home base, while the bleachers will be left in the same position they formerly occupied. A wire screen will be erected in front of the grand stand and will run from the stand in front of the bleachers out to several feet beyond third base and connect with the fence so that the crowd cannot get out on the field and interfere with the players.

Back from the first base line a fence will be erected, behind which there will be a place for automobiles far enough away so that there will be no possible chance for interference. Permission has been received from property owners around the grounds not inclosed by a fence to erect signs warning people from trespassing and special police will be placed there to see that there is no trespassing. Everybody who desires to see the game will be expected to pay for the privilege and the dead head list will be confined to as small a bunch as possible.

It is the intention to make base ball in Plattsburgh this season such that it will be a credit to the city and the management will ask the hearty co-operation of everyone interested in the game to make it so. A good base ball club is a good advertisement for the business interests of the town. Tomorrow the executive committee will call on the business men for the purpose of asking financial aid in getting the club started. If you are interested in seeing Plattsburgh have a club that will not have to take the little end of the games when in competition with other towns around us, make such subscription as you feel that you can afford to assist in the work. If you feel that you cannot afford to give very much, give what you can and it will be appreciated by the management.

A correct account will be kept of all monies received and disbursed and a report made at public meeting held each month, and the books will be open to the public at any time a subscriber feels that he would like to know how his money is being used. The executive committee, officers and manager are all busy businessmen of the city who are giving their time to seeing the club get a good start, the players are giving their time and effort to the good cause, and the citizens of the city are asked to give what they can both in money and attendance to the success of the club. At the end of the season, after all bills are paid, the money remaining will be divided among the players according to the number of games they have participated in.

The question for you to decide now is will you get into the game with your assistance and good will and boost for the Plattsburgh Base Ball Association and a winning team

MR. MURPHY CAN'T PAY KLING'S FINE

Decision of Base Ball Commission Puts It Up to Kling.

The National Commission, which reinstated Catcher John Kling of the Chicago Cubs, tacked on a stipulation that Kling must pay his own fine and that he must stay with the Cubs one year before he can be disposed of. The fine is said to be \$700. The Chicago management must also explain why they tendered Kling a contract after he had been made ineligible.

SEASON'S FRUIT CROP NOT RUINED BY FROST

Big Colorado Blizzard Misses This Section With Little Harm to Vegetation

(From Thursday's Daily) Plattsburgh has figured in its share of good luck in the last two days by missing the cold wave and snow storms that have been sweeping through Colorado, Wyoming and Western Nebraska. The big blizzard which did so much damage to the telegraph lines and train service seems to have nearly died out and what was left of it passed more to the north through Minnesota so the only effects of it that were felt here were a few chilly breezes from the snow bound region.

Most of the wires are still down between here and the western points and the mercury out there has not crawled very far out of the bulb for the last three days. At Deadwood, S. D., the thermometer stood at fifteen degrees last night and the ground was heavily covered with snow. At Denver there was a snow fall of six inches. The farthest east that the storm was felt in Nebraska was at Cody, where the five inches of snow was drifted into the railroad cuts to the height of five or six feet, making travel for some time impossible.

It is thought in the west and around Plattsburgh that the storm is not going to effect the fruit as seriously as many people expect. In the western part of Nebraska it is claimed that more snow and wind did not destroy the budding trees, and that as long as it remains cloudy there will be no frost. The temperature in most points in the state has not been below 24 or 25.

The fruit men that were interviewed by the News today do not seem to be alarmed over the condition of the buds. "Of course" one of them stated, "There were bound to be a few blossoms killed but I don't think my trees were badly hurt."

The plums and the peaches were only ones out far enough to be nipped by the frost last night but the dry condition of the vegetation seemed to prevent them from suffering severely. If we had had the rain that was expected Tuesday, the condition of the trees today would have been much more serious.

The temperature late last night was only 42 but by early morning it had crawled down to 29 which was the lowest reported by a regulation thermometer.

The moisture from the heavy snows of the winter has all been absorbed and the farmers say the ground is now drying out rapidly and is very badly in need of rain before it can be fit to work for the spring crops.

LIVELY RUNAWAY CLOSE TO MYNARD

After Putting Driver Into Ditch Horses Ran Three Miles Before Caught.

(From Thursday's Daily)

A lively runaway happened last night near Mynard when three young men of that locality started for some religious services at the town with a spirited team of horses. John Long two of the Speck boys and Guy Murray were in the buggy at the time and as they approached Adam's hill the horses suddenly shied to the side of the road, throwing the occupants out into the ditch.

The team by this time became greatly excited and started at a break neck speed toward Mynard. As they passed through the town William and Wayne Propst saw them, and jumping on their horses, started in pursuit of the runaways. After following them for over two miles, they came up with them at Cook's place and by one boy going on each side of the galloping horses, they reined them for a half mile before they managed to get hold of the check reins and with some difficulty brought the worn out animals to a stop.

The horses were finally quieted without being injured but the buggy was badly damaged and the seat and body were smashed in many places. The young men who landed in the ditch were none the worse for their jarring up and they started out to look for their team in the direction where a fair lady friend of one of them lived. The horses were very familiar with that road and had often traveled it but they were not out for a social evening last night so they took another road through Mynard, which threw the owners decidedly off the trail. The fellows were later notified by telephone that the team had been caught and they managed to get to the laymen's meeting in time to hear the "Amen" of the last prayer.

BURNED TO DEATH IN PRAIRIE FIRE IN HILLS

Four Persons Said to Have Lost Their Lives in a Fierce Fire in McPherson County.

COUNTY TREASURER OF COUNTY ONE OF THE FIRE VICTIMS

Much Property Destroyed and More Than Two Hundred Families Are in Need of Help.

The prairie fires which have been raging in McPherson and Lincoln counties are now probably out, as a heavy rain fell in the western part of the county last night and probably where the fire was elsewhere, although no rain fell in North Platte. The prairie fires south of North Platte was the most disastrous ever known according to reports which have now been received. Many people lost their homes, stock, improvements and the range. The wind was something terrific. The fire was undoubtedly set by a Burlington engine near Dickens, Neb., and it is reported that a representative of the Burlington railway will hold a meeting with the people who have lost by the fire.

The fire to the north in McPherson county was probably not as disastrous

to property, but it is reported that three children were burned to death and reports have also been received here today that C. T. Cline, the county treasurer of McPherson county, lost his life in the fire. It is said that he was busy in his office and did not notice the coming fire until it was near. He then started for his home and was surrounded by the flames which set fire to his clothing. Whether or not it is true that the three children were burned to death is not certain. It is said that a camper upon the forks of the Birwood started the fire.

An appeal has been made to the governor of the state for the 200 families which have been made homeless and have lost all their possessions. The loss is estimated at over a million dollars.

MISSING TIMEPIECE RETURNED TODAY

Watch that Disappeared at Mynard Found This Morning by Owner in Town.

(From Thursday's Daily) The mysterious disappearance of a watch from the home of R. L. Propst in Mynard some time ago culminated in a little three cornered wrangle on the streets today between the sheriff, Mr. Propst and Mr. Stewart, and now the time piece again reposes in the pocket of the Mynard resident.

The last time that Mr. Propst remembers seeing the ticker was on Feb. 20 when he placed it on a bureau at his home. A couple of weeks ago he happened to pick up a paper and notice where a watch had been found the description seeming very much like his. Mr. Propst at that time was not aware that his "Ingersoll" was not where he had placed it a month ago, but just to satisfy his curiosity, he went to the bureau to investigate and found it to be missing.

A few days later he saw the man who had advertised it, and Mr. Propst claimed the "turnip" but the possessor refused to turn it over until he had received five dollars for the advertisement and his trouble.

This the owner refused to pay and he came into town this morning to take steps to recover it. The man was easily located and after a warm confab the watch was turned over to the owner without any black eyes or disgrified countenances resulting.

The watch was quite a valuable time piece, and it was highly valued by the owner for it was given him by his mother some years ago and has her name engraved on the case. How it got out of its place and strolled down the road nearly a mile nobody has explained but it was said to have been found in the road some distance from the Propst place.

To Mr. Bock's Funeral.

Theodore Starkjohn, Conrad Meisinger, Philip Thierolf, and John Bauer Sr., left this morning to attend the funeral of Mrs. John Bock who lived near Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Bock was one of the old settlers of the county having resided in this vicinity for nearly forty years. She died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Henry Wolf at Avoca last Monday morning, her death being due to heart failure. The funeral services were held this afternoon from the German church at Eight Mile Grove.

The deceased leaves her husband and a number of grown children, including Julius Bock of Wyoming, Mrs. John Hilt of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Ed Enklemeier, Mrs. William Hunter of this city, Mrs. Henry Wolf of Avoca and a sister in this city, Mrs. Rice.

A party of four Plattsburgh people went to attend the Laymen's meeting and banquet at Mynard last evening. The members of the crowd were Miss Hazel Tucey, Don York, Cliff Wescott and P. A. Barrows. Mr. York rendered a pleasing vocal solo with Miss Tucey as accompanist and delightful addresses were made during the evening by Mr. Wescott and Mr. Barrows.

FUNNY THINGS FOUND AT JAIL

Big Empty Space above Ceiling of Prison Room for no Apparent Purpose.

(From Thursday's Daily) Some peculiar things came to light yesterday when the carpenters started to make some slight repairs in the old county jail building. The building is in a very dilapidated condition, rocking in the wind storms and trembling at the passing of trains, so it was decided to make a few temporary repairs. Some large rods are being put through from one side to the other to strengthen the structure and a coat of cement is to be placed on the inside of the walls in the prisoner's rooms to take the place of the old wainscoting which nearly resembled punk in some places.

When the wainscoting, which extended about six feet high around the room, was taken down a number of unknown conditions were made public. In the south wall of the building below the sill of the east window, a hole nearly two feet square had been made in the inner wall of brick and it would not have taken five minutes work to knock out the outside brick and make a break in the wall large enough for any man to get through.

It is not known when the work was done, but it must have been carried on with the greatest care and precision for not a trace of the missing brick could be found and the place was boarded up without any sign of it ever being removed.

The lower part of the walls bear many marks of where prisoners made attempts of securing their liberty and it is said there is still an old saw under one corner of the floor that was used by some men that made their escape about four years ago. The men on leaving left a message saying that the saw which they used in cutting through the wall, would be found in a crack in the floor. The saw was located but just the edge of it protruded and it was impossible to extract it and as the time wore on the saw settled and has now disappeared from sight.

Lynch, the fellow who nearly escaped last Sunday, told the reporter yesterday, "It's a cinch to get through the wall any place, it only took me about ten minutes to cut that hole the other day."

The old building, which was put up over twenty-five years ago, is of very peculiar construction and does not seem to have been a very good job of brick work. Between the ceiling of the jail room and the floor of the living rooms above there is a space of four or five feet which does not seem to have been left there for any particular reason and is only used now and then by an inquisitive prisoner who is bent on doing a little exploring. One of the city prisoners that was lodged in the jail last week made a little tour of the dark room gaining entrance to it by crawling on top of the prisoner's cage and forcing open a trap door which leads into the place.

The men in the jail state that the place abounds with rats that play hide-and-seek and squeak around the place at nearly any time of day.

It is certain that Cass county needs a new jail and if it expects to hold its prisoners it will have to have one.

Carmen Friday Night.

The William Grew Players of Omaha, with William Grew and Marie Pettes will appear at the Parmele theater on Friday night, April 1

in a sumptuous scenic revival of the ever popular story of old Spain. "Carmen" an adaptation from the story of Prosper Merimee by Henry Hamilton "Their version of Carmen used on this occasion will be the one used by Olga Nethersole during her never to be forgotten engagement of ten years at Wallack's theater, New York City. The cast of "Carmen" calls for the entire acting force of the Grew Company, together with many extras. All the popular members of the company will be in the company will be in the cast including: Messrs. Grew, Bennett, Meharry, Ford, Enders, Hetterick, Snyder, Fox, and the Misses Pettes, Spencer, Bowman, Clair and others. Special costumes and scenery are being made for this production, and the engagement should prove one of the dramatic events of the season.

Free Test.

The class in agriculture of Bellevue College will test free of charge not to exceed a bushel of seed-corn for any farmer who will send in his corn for that purpose, the corn to be carefully and accurately tested, each ear separately, a definite report will be made and every ear returned to the owner. Correspondence may be addressed to Prof. A. A. Taylor, Bellevue, Neb.

TRIES TO KILL WIFE

Richardson Co. Man Breaks Into Home of Wife and Attempts Murder

GILBERT IRWIN THEN COMMITS SUICIDE

Mrs. Irwin Terribly Beaten up But Will Probably Recover in Short Time.

DAWSON, Neb., March 31.—Gilbert Irwin a prominent farmer who lived ten miles south of Dawson, committed suicide by hanging, about midnight last night.

Irwin had been acting queerly for some time past, and his wife had commenced proceedings for divorce. A division of the property has been agreed upon and for several weeks Irwin had been working for a neighboring farmer. Last night about 8 o'clock he returned to his home.

After first cutting the telephone wires he gained entrance to the house which was occupied by his wife, two grown step-daughters and an 8-year-old stepson, by prying open a window with an ax. The occupants hearing the disturbance locked them selves in a bedroom. With the ax Irwin broke open the door and tried to brain his wife.

She grappled with the madman and in the desperate struggle she was dragged into the yard and terribly beaten. In the meantime the little boy ran to a neighbor's for aid, and Irwin, realizing that his capture was inevitable, fled and disappeared in the darkness. The sheriff was notified and when he arrived he found the lifeless body of Irwin hanging in the barn by a line taken from a set of harness.

County Coroner Wilson impaehned a jury this morning and held an inquest, a verdict of suicide while temporarily insane being rendered. Irwin had lived in the neighborhood for a number of years and had borne an excellent reputation as a citizen and a husband until about three months ago, when his mind became unbalanced.—World-Herald.

J. R. Peoples is Dead.

J. R. Peoples a three year resident of South Park, passed away at his home early this morning. Last Saturday Mr. Peoples was cutting down a prickly ash and ran a thorn into his thumb. It was hardly noticeable at the time and there was no mark left from the thorn, but it is thought this poisoned his hand. About four days ago he contracted blood poison and grew steadily worse until his death this morning.

Jonathan R. Peoples was born in Harrison county, Ohio, on July 13, 1835. From Ohio he moved to Missouri where he was engaged as a farmer nearly all his life, at one time owning a great amount of land which by various means he later lost possession of. When quite young he married Miss Sarah E. King who with six children now survive him.

About three years ago he moved here from Craig, Mo., and took up a little place in South Park where he spent his time tending a small garden.

The funeral services will be held from his former residence Saturday afternoon and the remains will be interred at Watson, Missouri. The services in the city will be conducted by Rev. Austin of the Methodist Church. Of the nine children born six of them are still living. They are William A. Peoples, who lived at home. N. K. Peoples, a painter in the Burlington shops. Fred R. Peoples, of Skidmore, Mo. Joseph Peoples, of Watson, Mo. E. B. Peoples of Corning, Mo. Mrs. J. C. Baughman, of Coschocton, Ohio.

The three sons and daughters who reside in Missouri and Ohio have been telegraphed and will probably arrive in the city tomorrow.

H. G. Todd, prosperous land owner of Union, started today for Calgary, Can. Besides owning considerable land in Nebraska, Mr. Todd has a large amount of land in the new wheat belt of Alberta, in the northwest, and has gone there this spring to look after the interests of his property.

J. M. Archer, who was formerly Burlington ticket agent at Fremont, is in town for a day or so with his father Judge Archer. Mr. Archer, on his return to Fremont, will take up a new position at the Fremont Carriage Factory.