

## IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATION

Leading Citizens Unite to Beautify Their Home Grounds.

TO BE CALLED "PLATTSMOUTH LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION."

Instruction Books and Plans Received and Membership Cards Sent Out.

A new improvement club of the city is now under process of organization and the members of the association consist of the leading citizens of Plattsburgh. It is known as "The Plattsburgh Landscape Association" and the plans of the members are to be worked out during the summer months toward the beautifying of the town and making Plattsburgh succeed.

The membership cards of the association have been printed and are now being circulated among the property owners who are willing to enter into the work of beautifying their home premises and gardens. The entire work of the association is to be carried on by the individuals on their own grounds and no fees or dues are to be collected for carrying on public work in the city parks or streets. It is the first attempt toward such an organization in the city and as far as can be ascertained, the first club of its kind in the state.

The following paragraphs appear at the head of the membership card and in a few words they give the general idea of the plans of the club. "We the citizens of Plattsburgh, having an interest in the beautifying of the city and of our individual homes do associate ourselves together as the Plattsburgh Landscape Association and

"Realizing that order is the first law of nature, we agree to make plans for our own premises and to lend our assistance and advice to the other members of the association and encourage all other persons we may be able to reach to join the Association and engage in landscape gardening on their own premises. We also agree to commence immediately."

As before stated, no public work of the city will be undertaken as all the efforts will be carried out on the premises of the individual but the members of the club will stand in willingness to encourage any improvement that would tend toward the production of the city beautiful. The members are to meet once a month or oftener at some convenient place and contemplated improvements and the results of each individual's work will be discussed. Every member of the organization is expected to hand in a plan of his respective premises, showing the grounds as they stand at present and the improvements that are to be made on them. These plans are to be taken into the possession of the secretary who will place them on file for reference and the improvements that are carried out will be noted on them from time to time.

On account of no dues being required and the principal work being that of caring for the plans of the property owners, the only officer of the club will be the secretary. This officer has not been elected yet, Mr. A. L. Tidd being in the office for the time being. One or two of the property plans have already been filed and considerable interest is being aroused among the up to date people of the town who are in favor of more beautiful resident district of the city.

The land in the residence section is of such a rolling and irregular character there is a great field for different work on each home property. There will probably develop some very pretty examples of landscape gardening before summer is reached and after the club has been under operation for a season the terraces and lawns of many residences will take on a decidedly different appearance. With so many hills and steep banks, the proper construction and care of terraces is quite a serious question which is hoped to be solved before the members of the new association.

Two books for instruction in the work have been received by the originators of the scheme and other editions will be added from time to time. The books are late productions of an eastern firm and are entitled "Landscape Gardening for Amateurs" and "Plans of Lawns and Gardens." These books are to be kept in possession of the secretary and will be loaned to the different members of the club for examination when desired.

The new movement toward the beautifying of the city will no doubt be a prime factor in developing the

city along the lines of well groomed lawns and flower gardens which will help to make Plattsburgh the city of success. The spirit of competition will soon be felt by the members and the citizens will vie with each other in the development of the prettiest home surroundings of the neighborhood. It is hoped "The Plattsburgh Landscape Association" may be a permanent organization of the city.

### PEOPLE SEEM IN FAVOR OF CELEBRATING FOURTH

Would Draw Big Crowds and Mean Good Business Proposition for Merchants

How about it? Is Plattsburgh going to have a Fourth of July celebration in the city this year? These are the questions that are beginning to circulate on the streets with the first real summer weather. All the answers seem to be along the affirmative line but who is to start the movement is the next question. Many of the prominent men of the city when interviewed expressed themselves strongly in favor of some big doings on the nation's birthday and the man has yet to be found that has anything to say against it.

The last celebration in the city was held in 1907, following on the heels of the big flood of that year and even in the pitiful condition of the city, the affair was a howling success. The main streets of the city were hardly passable after the ugly ravages of the waters and a number of the buildings stood in ruins. The store of Wescott's sons was left in a frail condition by the flood and had to be carefully guarded for fear the concussion of a heavy explosion would crumble the walls. And still the celebration on that day was a hummer and if such results were obtained when the city was just recovering from one of her worst calamities, it seems positive that a celebration of a lifetime could be held in the city this year.

On account of Independence day falling on Sunday last year, it was rather bad for the celebrators, some of the towns had their excitement on Saturday and others substituted Monday for the day of noise, but this time the red letter day of the year comes on Monday and there is but two months intervening before the big event. It's time to think about it. Last year the local celebration which had been partly arranged was called off on account of the plans previously made at Louisville, Murray and other of the neighboring towns. If Plattsburgh is going to get into the game this year she's got to get busy before the little towns get it into their heads to hold forth.

The mayor of the city is strongly in favor of the day being celebrated in the good old noisy way, with races and perhaps a balloon ascension. He seems willing to turn his hand toward making the day one long to be remembered and would be glad to see the people get interested in the proposition. The treasurer of the commercial club, who was one of the most prominent promoters of the former celebration, has thought of the matter more than once and it is liable to come before the commercial club at one of its next month's meetings. Although he has not the time to put in on the work this year, he is ready to give it a boost when he has a chance.

The celebration in many of the towns of the state is carried out by the fire departments and it often nets them a neat little sum but most of the members of the Plattsburgh company are employed at work where it is impossible for them to get off long enough to carry out the necessary preparations. The chief of the department is willing to help out the big noise and will get his shoulder against the wheel when the matter is started and it hardly seems possible for the organization to go into the proposition as a body.

Nedless to say, the young men of the city are all in for the good time and the little school boys will begin saving up their pennies from now on if there is any possibility of them pulling off the big commotion. From the business standpoint the day will be a good one, in fact you could hardly find an equal to it, for if there is any day in the entire year that a man is willing to spend his money, it is on the Fourth of July. Somebody is going to get that money and also the advertising and good time. The crowds are going where the biggest celebration is and why not make it Plattsburgh? Why not make it a gala day that will remind the older citizens of the time when they were boys? Make the day a continual round of events, foot races, horse races, ball games, parades, balloon ascensions, fire works and all the red lemonade, fire-crackers and other usual trimmings. All that's needed is someone to start it, for Plattsburgh won't start anything she can't finish. Who's going to start the ball rolling?

## THOMAS TAGGERT GETS A BUMP

Machine Built Up by the Gambling King Meets With Big Defeat.

## GOVERNOR MARSHALL'S PLAN ENDORSED BY CONVENTION

John W. Kern Late Vice Presidential Candidate Endorsed For U. S. Senator.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 28—

Opening in riotous discord and closing in enthusiastic harmony, the Indiana democratic convention today adopted Governor Marshall's proposition that it should endorse to next year's legislature a candidate for United States senate and named John W. Kern, who was the party's candidate for vice president in 1908.

The opposition made a grim fight under the leadership of Thomas Taggart, former chairman of the democratic national committee and himself a candidate for the nomination for senator, but in defeat joined heartily with the element headed by Governor Marshall and John E. Lamb, another aspirant for the senatorship, in a shouted acclamation of Kern as the party's candidate.

When the count of the ballot, showing 888 1-2 for, and 858 1-2 against the plan was announced, it was received with a mighty cheer, which was redoubled when Governor Marshall reappeared upon the stand to present the permanent chairman, United States Senator Shively. Only the Indianapolis delegation remained seated.

Kern made his way to the platform in an effort to withdraw his name. He said he had been charged with vacillating with the hope of capturing the nomination. His protest was in vain. Taggart shouted that the Indiana democracy "wanted Kern in the senate," and Kern retired before the cheers. Then the landslide for him started and he was quickly nominated.

The convention did not adjourn until 10:30 o'clock and had been in session for more than twelve consecutive hours.

The names of ten candidates were presented to the convention, when nominations for United States senator were asked for.

When the result of the first ballot was announced, Kern led, with 303 votes, Taggart was second, with 228

### Made Business Trip by Auto.

Mr. T. H. Pollock, general manager of the Plattsburgh Phone company and Charles C. Deering, general manager of the Omaha long distance Independent phone company have just completed a two days inspection trip of the company's lines between Omaha and Falls City. It is necessary that such tour be made every few months in order to look up the necessary changes, repairs and improvements that are needed for the betterment of the company's service. The trip was very pleasantly made this week in Mr. Pollock's Buick runabout and the entire run was made without any serious mishap.

The manager says the service with South Omaha will soon be in perfect condition for record-breaking time is being made in construction of the Independent telephone building in that city. Brick, concrete and steel are used in it and it is to be done by May 10. It stands at Twenty-fifth and M streets, a block north and diagonally from the postoffice.

Seven cars of material for lines, conduits and poles have arrived and an army of men will be put at work today or tomorrow laying and setting them.

Judge Munger Tuesday afternoon approved the acts of Receiver Lyle L. Abbott in buying \$100,000 worth of material and authorized issuance of enough additional certificates to complete the exchange in South Omaha with a capacity of 5-000 subscribers.

### At the Methodist Church.

Another fine revival meeting was held at the Methodist church last

There are 1,747 in the convention 874 necessary to a choice.

Within 127 votes of the nomination J. W. Kern after the second ballot had been announced, said he would decline the nomination. There were shouts of "No" from all parts of the hall. Thomas Taggart declared that it was the wish of the democrats of Indiana that Kern accept nomination.

A third ballot was ordered.

When Marion county was reached on the third ballot, Tom Taggart arose and said:

"As the Taggart machine is now in the scrap pile, Marion county casts 183 votes for Kern."

To decide whether or not it should endorse a candidate for the United States senate was the first business of the Indiana democratic convention when it assembled today. Action on the question had been postponed at last night's session, and a hot contest on the adoption or rejection of the plan seemed certain today.

Governor Marshall, who originally presented the proposition, and had defended it in his speech as temporary chairman of the convention, and John E. Lamb of Terre Haute, vice chairman of the democratic national committee, and their supporters, formed the party in favor of the plan. Lamb was a candidate for the nomination.

The opposition was led by Thomas Taggart, former chairman of the democratic national committee, and also a candidate for the senate. Taggart was in favor of the state wide primary to be held after the state election in November.

The names of a large number of other candidates for the nomination were to be presented if the convention should determine to endorse a candidate.

After having disposed of this question the convention heard the speech of its permanent chairman, United States Senator B. F. Shively and adopted a platform and nominated a state ticket.—State Journal.

evening and a very enthusiastic congregation was in attendance. The text was taken from the book of John reading "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do that the father may be glorified in the son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." The sermon was well in keeping with the many strong ones that have been delivered by Rev. Campbell and the musical service was more than pleasing. One of the best solos of the series was rendered by Don York and his fine voice always takes well the interested listeners. The musical selections are continuing to be one of the enjoyable features of the service. The evangelistic meetings will continue through the remainder of the week and will probably continue into the next.

### Greeks Good Friday.

Today is one of the big days on the calendar of the greeks and there is hardly a Grecian at work today for the Railroad. It is their Good Friday or "Big Friday" as they call it and the coming Sunday is their Easter. The laborers on the section gangs were in the city this morning dressed in their best clothes and having big time. They are members of the Greek Orthodox church and it is a difficult thing to get any work out of them on any of their religious holidays. They have no church in this city and tomorrow they will all leave for Omaha to celebrate Easter. They told in broken language that their dholyai began tomorrow at twelve and lasts until twelve Sunday during which time services are held at their church at nearly every hour of the day.

### DROUGHT HAS NOT KILLED THE GRAIN

Prospects Look Good for Rain and Fields Will Quickly Revive with Moisture

The opinion of the farmers concerning the condition of this year's crops seems to vary widely though several farm owners who were in town yesterday and today were confident that the outlook was not as dismal as is supposed by many in town. One farmer from south of town was at the depot yesterday morning with a long drawn face, claiming the outlook for the small grains was the worst it had been for thirty years. In a number of interviews with big land owners as Luke Wiles, Martin Friedrich and others, the general impression was found to be that there is plenty of time for rain before the crops need to be considered doomed.

The wheat fields seem to be the most badly affected and although they are beginning to turn yellow in places, they will revive quickly with a good shower. The heavy snows of winter while melting, thoroughly saturated the hard pan of the soil and the ground has not, but in few places, become badly baked under the many days of hot sunshine. The warm winds of the last few days however is greatly withering the tender shoots of grain and if it continues the seriousness of the drought will be felt much quicker.

As far as the grains are concerned, the light snow of a few weeks ago did more good than harm, giving them a few days of moisture and slightly retarding their growth, which at that time was somewhat ahead of the season. Wheat is said to be set back in the neighborhood of a month but this delay of growth is not considered to be serious by the grain men. It is thought by a number of well posted men the stand will be one-half and two-thirds but this does not necessarily mean that will be only half value in the crops for the quality and size of the grain itself may be ideal. Oats do not seem to be badly harmed, many of the fields appeared to be very discouraging a few days after the freeze but the sun has brought them out in a promising condition. There has not been much corn placed in the ground, but that which was planted five or six days ago and the ground over it packed is now showing well above the ground. That which did not have the ground packed well, being planted by a riding planter and not a hand machine does not seem to be doing as well, for the moisture in the ground was not conserved to as great an extent. There are not many farmers planting corn now and there will probably be but little more put in until a good rain is obtained.

The freezing temperature of a few weeks ago came just in the middle of the fruit blossoming season and there were a few early trees that were far enough advanced to escape and the later ones had not begun to break forth. The fruit crop nevertheless has the worst appearance of any and it is doubtful whether the harvest will be worth gathering. However the fruit orchards in this section are not of enough importance to greatly effect the wealth of the county if they are a great loss this year.

The forecast for rain is now very encouraging and many days of rain are reported from Indiana, Michigan Missouri and Kansas. The district in the east central part of the state is suffering worst from the lack of rain fall. In the southern part of the state the conditions are not bad and through the western counties, heavy rains fell a few weeks ago.

Attention Voters.

Plattsburgh, Neb., April 29, 1910.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Commercial club held this afternoon the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved—That it is the unanimously expressed sentiment of the full board of Directors that the proposed plan to vote \$3,500 bonds for the necessary intersections for paving District No. 3, is desirable and imperative at this time; and we urge all citizens to give attention to the special election called for that purpose next Tuesday, May 3rd.

Signed: J. P. Falter, Pres.  
R. B. Windham, V. P.  
E. H. Wescott, Secy.  
R. F. Patterson, Treas.  
George E. Dovey.  
F. E. Schlater  
H. A. Schneider.  
L. W. Lorenz  
C. C. Parmele.  
A. L. Tidd  
Philip Thierolf.

V. P. Sheldon and J. M. Farmer and wife drove up from Nehawka this morning in Mr. Sheldon's automobile. The Farmers while in the city were guests of Sheriff Quinton, Mr. Farmer's brother in law.

## ELECTION ON TUESDAY

To Vote on Issuance of Paving Intersection Bonds.

MUST PUT IN PAVING TO SECURE POST OFFICE

\$3500 Needed to Pay for Intersections of Five Blocks in New District.

The coming election for the voting of paving bonds which will be held next Tuesday seems to be the principal topic of conversation in the city at present and it is well worth a few minutes consideration on the part of the voter. There seems to be no doubt that the issuance of the bonds is the proper step for the welfare of the city, the beautifying of its appearance, the improvement of its streets and the assurance of the new federal building. The tax payers who are opposed to the voting of the bonds seem to be those who are not well informed on the subject.

In the first place, the bonds to be issued are not for the paving of the entire street as is supposed by some of the opposing party, the \$3,500 to be raised by the bonds is for the paving of the street intersections and the street adjoining the government site only. Uncle Sam requires that permanent paving be laid around his property before he will condescend to give the citizens the building and in order to secure the much needed federal headquarters which have been proposed, the paving must be laid and in other words, the \$3,500 worth of bonds must be issued. The bonds are to be used for the paving of the street crossings or intersections while the remainder of the cost of the pavement, with the exception of that surrounding the government property is to fall entirely on the shoulders of the adjacent property owners. The residents of the street are willing to stand the cost which they will have to share or the paving district would never have been created.

It is true that there will be a considerable sum in the road fund from the levy of last fall, but other improvements on the different avenues, which are absolutely necessary have got to be made and the annual levy is not heavy enough to hold out for both purposes. The work on the streets, avenues and bridges has been badly neglected in the effort to decrease the debt which now stands over the city, but the time has now come when the roads must be put in better condition if the trade of the surrounding farmers is to be desired.

From an economical standpoint the issuance of the bonds is the cheapest way to raise the necessary sum. The bonds will read at five per cent and it is doubtful if the money could be obtained for less than seven from any bank. The bonds may be taken in and retired at any time after the elapse of one year and a two mill levy will be established which will clean up the total debt in three years. Mayor Sattler is anxious to let the voters know that he is strongly in favor of the bonds and he has remarked: "I hope the voters will look into the matter and if the facts are carefully investigated, I feel confident they will endorse the recent action of the council toward the great improvement of the town. They will see that it is the best thing that they can do for the city and I have confidence they will vote the interesection bonds."

Lets work toward the issuance of these bonds and here's hoping the election will go through strongly favoring the movement, that the bonds may be ordered and sold without a hitch and the improvements started at once.

Glen Smith of Lincoln representing the Nebraska Construction Company is in the city today after making an inspection trip through the county looking up the bridges which need the tention of repair men. A number of bridges in the vicinity were found which needed a small amount of work on them and there are several that have not been inspected yet.

In the county court this morning Mrs. Hanna Hansen was appointed guardian over her four minor children Mr. Hansen having died a few months ago at his home in Nehawka.

The Nebraska City aggregation of base ball players arrived in the city this afternoon on different installations coming over in four automobiles for the game this afternoon.