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## TART CURB-STONE JOSHING

Culled, Clipped, Penciled and Prepared for the Readers of the Journal.

Trouble's coming soon enough, and so I guess I'll wait. And not rush through the front door to meet it at the gate. If trouble's going to catch you, there is no use in trying. So you might as well be happy while you have a chance for fun.

Come to Plattsmouth July 4th. Men take women seriously. Women take men as they come.

Trouble is often the result of somebody else's imagination.

Nobody objects to having the other fellow's assessment raised.

The way to break a bad habit is to quit it short, and then stop thinking about it.

The average woman hates an old bachelor worse than a congressman with six wives.

Never before has the matter of celebrating met with such united support in Plattsmouth.

The taxpayer is glad to stand high in the community, but he don't want to be over-rated.

Young man, you can make your wife believe anything during the honeymoon, but not afterward.

The closing exercises of St. John's school will occur at the Farmers' theatre Tuesday evening, June 21.

"What's scandal?" It's what you tell to every one before breathing a word of it to the person subjected.

The street sprinkler is the only man who can boast of a soft job these days. Providence has been exceedingly kind to him.

A number of farmers in town this week say that while much of the replanting is due to so much rain, there is considerable of it due to poor seed corn.

If dogs are assessed at what their owners think they are worth the burden on other property will be pretty light.

Remember Plattsmouth will have the only big celebration in Cass county this year. Be sure to attend and bring your family.

A correspondent has asked us to define what "tandling pat" means. We know, all right, all right, but we don't like to tell.

Don't get blue over your financial condition. It is really no trouble to get rich after you have saved your first million dollars.

A New Jersey judge has decided that one boy is worth two girls. That decision wouldn't stand for a minute in any Nebraska court.

A great many people will go to St. Louis this year thinking they are millionaires and come back realizing that they are the next door to pauperism.

Some people in this town pay no attention to sidewalk notices, while others are prompt in complying to the demands of the city council for new walks. The good citizen always abides by the law.

Indeed the block on the south side of Main between Fifth and Sixth streets, had a narrow escape from total destruction by fire Monday night. There was scarcely any wind to fan the flames, which was very fortunate.

The postoffice lobby has again become quite a meeting place for boys and girls of evenings, notwithstanding the postoffice department expressly forbids loitering there, and Postmaster Smith has notices posted in plain view to this effect.

How is the county treasurer to proceed to collect the delinquent taxes due on property here in Plattsmouth? It is said that according to the list ordered prepared by the county commissioners, at an expense of \$600, he is in a quandary as to how to proceed in the matter. Maybe the "wise-heads" can advise him.

If some of the fathers and mothers of daughters, ranging in age from 14 to 16 years, will visit the High school grounds or the Missouri Pacific depot, some Sunday evening after the church bells have rung, they will perhaps spy them enjoying the company of some boys, instead of going to church. We are aware parents of these girls would stop this if they knew it.

The commissioners a few months since went to the expense of employing an expert to make out a delinquent list by which the county treasurer could collect the back taxes. This work cost the taxpayers of Cass county \$600. It now turns out that such a botch was made of the business that so far as it concerns the city of Plattsmouth, this list is in such a tangle that a Philadelphia couldn't unravel it. But there are some wise heads on that board—so wise that they let political prejudices precede qualifications.

## Give Them a Cordial Welcome.

Right now is a good time to commence your arrangements for entertaining the large number of visitors that will be here on the glorious Fourth. It is not expected that much business will be transacted among our general merchants on that day, but it will be a good plan to make your places of business just as attractive as possible and show your goods to as good advantage as possible. A great deal of good advertising may be gained in this way. Welcome callers warmly and show them that a future call will be of benefit to them when they do want goods. Demonstrate to these visitors that Plattsmouth can sell goods as cheap as anywhere in the state—Omaha not excepted.

## DECORATION DAY EXERCISES

The Soldier Dead Remembered in the Usual Appropriate Manner.

"The stirring courage of the boys in blue. The reckless daring of the boys in gray—We think of both with pride as flowers we strew Upon their graves this Memorial Day."

Monday dawned beautiful and bright and was an ideal day for decoration exercises. The program as prepared by the G. A. R. post of this city was carried out to the letter. The entire forenoon was given to strewing flowers over the graves of departed heroes who now sleep in Oak Hill cemetery. While the old soldiers were engaged in paying tribute to the memory of their dead comrades, the friends and relatives of those who had passed over to the great beyond, were also engaged in placing floral offerings on the graves of the dear departed. The beautiful weather enabled all to do their duty on this memorable day, and right well did they perform that duty.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon Farmers' theatre was filled to its utmost capacity by those interested in hearing the exercises prepared for the occasion. Judge S. M. Chapman opened the exercises with a few appropriate remarks, for which the Judge is always equal to. In his brief address he called attention to the fact that McConville Post held its first memorial exercises twenty-four years ago. Brief as the address was it was very interesting.

The Plattsmouth quartette furnished the music for the occasion and it is needless to say it was highly appreciated. Dr. Baird of the Presbyterian church offered prayer after which came the oration of Mr. A. W. Jeffers, the principal speaker. Mr. Jeffers is a young attorney of Omaha, and his remarks were suited to the event and highly appreciated by those who listened to it. He is a pleasant speaker and a gentleman of fine presence. On this particular occasion Mr. Jeffers made many lasting friends in Plattsmouth.

The exercises were concluded by the rendition of "The Holy City," by Miss Alice Dovey, and to say that this masterpiece was most beautifully rendered but half expresses it. Miss Dovey possesses a most charming voice and her appearance upon the stage, most elegantly attired, was simply grand. In fact, in the rendition of this sacred song Miss Dovey displayed great ability as a vocalist and that she is a master in her profession.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. H. B. Burgess of St. Luke's Episcopal church, after which the Woman's Relief Corps repaired to the banks of the Missouri to deposit beautiful flowers upon the waters in commemoration of the departed veterans of the navy. This was a very interesting ceremony, and was witnessed by a number of the G. A. R. post and many other citizens.

Thus closed the decoration exercises for 1904, and taking it all in all, it is said to have been the most interesting observance of the great memorial day ever witnessed in Plattsmouth.

## Returned From California.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Dwyer and the twin babies, accompanied by Miss Belle Martin, arrived Monday night and are welcomed home by their many friends. The trip was made from San Jose in a little over two days and nights, and all parties seemed to have stood the long ride remarkably well. Mr. Dwyer gave the Journal a brief call Tuesday, but we did not learn from him as to his future movements. Many of his friends have surmised that he intended to close out his business here and henceforth make his home in the Golden State. We trust not, however, as Mr. and Mrs. Dwyer have hosts of friends in Plattsmouth and Cass county who would regret any such determination. Miss Martin will visit at her old home several weeks, when she will return to California.

## THE FIRE MONDAY NIGHT

F. J. Morgan the Greatest Loser—Bennett and Bauer's Goods Also Damaged.

The incessant ringing of the fire bell Monday night about half-past eleven o'clock resounded over the city in the stillness of the hour to the extent of arousing many from their peaceful slumbers, while many had not yet retired and some few were up on the streets.

Fire and smoke were seen emanating from the roof of the F. J. Morgan building, immediately over the room occupied by the K. of P. It seemed to have gotten a pretty fair headway when the fire company arrived on the scene, and it was some time before they had it under control.

The night was very calm, which was undoubtedly a very favorable circumstance and was the means of saving the building and perhaps the entire block between Fifth and Sixth street from total destruction, although much credit is due to the daring efforts of the fire company. The lower room of the building is occupied by F. J. Morgan as a clothing emporium, while the adjoining room to that occupied by the K. of P. lodge is used by the Masonic lodge, which had but recently been refitted with new furniture, fixtures, etc.

The adjoining building was somewhat affected, and the grocery store of L. D. Bennett and the hardware store of John Bauer came in for a share of the losses, some of the goods in each being damaged by water.

The origin of the fire perhaps will remain a mystery for all time to come, notwithstanding the many theories. The one that it was caused from a live electric wire exploded in forming The K. of P. held a meeting in their room that evening and it seems before their adjournment a peculiar smell was detected, but from whence it came could not be discovered despite a thorough examination. So many other theories are advanced by the knowing ones, who are always ready to donate an opinion, that it is not necessary to quote them. The damages have been done and all theories must now be cast to the four winds. The losses are serious enough to those who are affected, and to repair these losses are what is uponst in their minds, and an effort to prevent a repetition of the cause, no matter what it may be.

The Masonic lodge room was literally deluged with water, and the contents most seriously damaged. The K. of P. room in which were also the G. A. R. and W. R. C. paraphernalia, fared perhaps as badly if not worse.

The full extent of damages cannot be ascertained yet, but it is presumed to be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$10,000. Morgan's loss on stock and building is variously estimated from \$5,000 to \$7,000; Masons about \$1,000; K. of P. \$500 or \$400; L. D. Bennett and John Bauer from \$200 to \$250 each; Walter White on building between \$1,000 and \$2,000.

Again did the local fire company display good work in the management of the fire, but the fact must not be lost sight of that they were ably assisted by many of the younger class of citizens.

The losses are fully covered by insurance.

## Has the Boy Been Murdered.

Two years ago George, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Albert of this county, went out to Montana. He located on a ranch about 150 miles from a railroad, but in spite of these conditions his parents received letters from him regularly until five months ago, since which time nothing has been heard from him. As time passed and no word came from the long absent boy, his parents became greatly alarmed for fear that some misfortune had befallen him. These fears were increased by other circumstances connected with the case. Last January Mr. Albert forwarded a draft for \$250 to his son at Wilboux, Mont., which amount the latter wished to use in the purchase of some cattle. The boy acknowledged receipt of the money and that was the last message from him. Since then several letters have been forwarded to his address at Wilboux and to Newlon, Mont., while the postmasters at these places were also communicated with, but the replies received were not satisfactory, and they failed to allay the fears of the parents that the young man had been robbed of his money and possibly murdered. The relatives are now making an investigation in an effort to solve the mystery.

Painting, decorating and sign writing. Work guaranteed. Leave orders at Fricke's drug store.

L. BALDWIN.

## A Great Deal of Replanting.

The mean daily temperature of the past week was almost exactly normal. The rainfall was heavy in the central and northern parts of the state, exceeding an inch and a half in most places, and ranging from 2 to 4 inches in a large area in the central counties. In the southern counties the rainfall was generally less than half an inch.

Winter wheat generally has grown well, but in a few localities the crop is less promising than previously indicated. Spring wheat and oats have grown well, but many fields of oats are weedy and the stand is rather thin. Grass has made fine growth and pastures are in fine condition. Alfalfa promises a heavy crop in southern counties and is nearly ready to cut. Corn planting is practically finished except where replanting is in progress; early planted corn is generally a thin stand and an unusually large amount of replanting is being done; the late planted corn is germinating much better; corn on rolling land in central counties was badly washed by heavy showers. Cherries are setting very fully. Apples in many localities will be only a light to fair crop.

## THE EXTENSIVE ADVERTISER

The Only Means of Attracting the Eye of Manufacturing Enterprises.

Henry Watterson says that one of signs of these progressive times is the resort by towns to newspaper advertising in order to make known their advantages and attract capital and industry. It is an entirely logical development of the age. Judicious newspaper advertising has proved so effective in so many directions that it was natural that enterprising communities seeking to bring in outside energy and money should have recourse to it. There is no other method of securing publicity that can be compared with newspaper advertising, either in the extent of the field covered or the directness with which it is covered. A few people can be reached in various ways, but practically all people can be reached by the newspaper advertisement. And, judged by the work done and the results secured, the newspaper is by far the cheapest method of advertising as it certainly is the only thorough method.

The up-to-date communities which have adopted this means of spreading their advantages abroad have done so because they had the business shrewdness to recognize its superiority and because they were not content to confine themselves to the old method of waiting until some outsider discovered their existence and instituted inquiry concerning their inducements. They believed rather in making known their inducements far and wide, that inquiry and investigation might be prompted from quarters which, in ignorance of the particular location advertised, would never have made them otherwise.

Most encouraging practical results have attended this movement. Capital has been invested and manufactures have been attracted that otherwise would never have been reached. The mere fact that a community is progressive enough to adopt so progressive a method of booming itself creates a good impression, and when it is able to justify such an impression, good is bound to come of it. It would be very Lincoln's while to take the Courier-Journal's advice and look into this matter on her own account—Lincoln Star.

The above is just as applicable to Plattsmouth as it is to the capital city, and the many who go from here to Omaha is the best illustration of the effects of liberal advertising. The majority of people who go to Omaha to buy goods are induced to do so by the advertising done, and to counteract this Plattsmouth merchants should not only make an effort to keep this trade at home but should reach out for more.

## A Strong Heart

Is assured by perfect digestion. Indigestion swells the stomach and pulls it up against the heart. This causes shortness of breath, palpitation of the heart and general weakness. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cures indigestion, relieves the stomach, takes the strain off the heart and restores it to a full performance of its function naturally. Kodol increases the strength by enabling the stomach and digestive organs to digest, assimilate and appropriate to the blood and tissues all of the food nutriment. Tones the stomach and digestive organs. Sold by F. O. Fricke & Co.

Smoke the Wurl Bros.' celebrated "Gut Hell" cigars.

## MANLEY CHURCH DEDICATED

A Large Attendance, and the Services Most Highly Entertaining.

The new church at Manley was dedicated last Sunday with the solemn and impressive ritual of the Catholic church. Before the hour set for the commencement of services a large crowd had gathered many driving over from Plattsmouth and other distant points, despite the heavy roads.

At 11:00 a. m. the procession, headed by the cross-bearer, (Master Edmund Scotton of Plattsmouth) turned in front of the Rectory, when the Bishop and his assistant priests, Rev. M. J. O'Connor, S. J., of Omaha, and Rev. John F. Hennessy, the local pastor, donned their vestments. When they were ready the procession slowly advanced to the main door of the church in the following order: The cross-bearer and two acolyths bearing candles; two incense carriers and two thurifers, vested in crimson and gold cassocks and white-lined surplices; the Deacon and sub-deacon of the Mass (Rev. Dennis G. Fitzgerald of Grafton) and Rev. Eugene Feeney of Auburn, the Celebrant of the Mass (Very Rev. J. J. Jenette, V. F., of Omaha); four train-bearers, vested in purple cassocks and linen surplices; and finally, the Rt. Rev. Thomas Honecme, the Bishop of Lincoln with his assistant priests. After these followed the acolyth bearing the aspergillum the line was closed by the girls of the confirmation class, clothed in white and wearing veils and veils.

Before the main door of the church the procession halted when the Bishop recited the prayer prescribed by the ritual, and afterwards moved solemnly round the exterior of the church, the clergy chanting the "Miserere." Upon again arriving at the entrance the procession filed into the church in the order above described, chanting the Litany. After a pause upon the elevated sanctuary the procession went slowly and solemnly around the interior of the church in the same formation.

The formal dedication of the building was followed by solemn High Mass "coram episcopo." After the gospel, the preacher of the day, the Very Rev. M. J. O'Connor, S. J., vice-president of the Creighton University, Omaha, delivered the sermon, the main scope of which was a surprisingly eloquent appeal to his hearers that as they had so successfully raised a beautiful material temple to God, so also they should endeavor to adorn the that spiritual temple of God.

"Before all temples, the upright and pure"—Milton's Paradise Lost.

The music of the mass, which was Weber's Mass in G., was ably rendered by the local choir. At the communion Mr. Will Butler of Plattsmouth with his accustomed skill and expression sang a beautiful "O Salutaris."

After the mass the bishop said a few words of congratulation to priest and people on the glorious evidence of their generosity and persevering labor. He then administered the sacrament of confirmation to about twenty young people.

In the afternoon the assembled crowd had the pleasure of listening to addresses from Mr. O'Keefe, a prominent lawyer of Chicago and legal adviser to the arch diocese, from Father O'Connor, and with not the least measure of enjoyment, from Father Jenette who thirty years ago administered to the then few and scattered Catholics of Cass county. The reverend gentleman, though upwards of sixty years of age, is still hale and vigorous, and his humorous remarks excited the hilarity of his hearers, whilst the experience of a life of thirty years in Nebraska enabled him to give them some practical advice, which it is to be hoped will not pass unheeded.

The evening services consisted of the "Rosary," a discourse by Father O'Connor on the Catholic doctrine and practice of confession, followed by benediction. The learned and eloquent Jesuit directed his remarks mainly towards the non-Catholics among his hearers who are of those who still recognize the authority of the scriptures, and in terse language he showed the scriptural basis upon which the Catholic doctrine of the sacrament of penance rests.

The congregation is to be felicitated upon their enterprise and public spirit in allowing the land with such a monument of religion as they possess in the remarkably beautiful and complete church building they have erected, not to speak of the elegant residence they have built for their priest, Father Hennessy, to whose excellent taste and judgment exerted during the past two years the crowning success of their efforts is, in no small measure, due.

## Entertainment at Mynard.

Rev. H. F. Huntington will give his popular monologue, "Sevenmiles," at the Woodman hall in Mynard, Friday evening, June 10, at the close will give a district school program. "Tim, Tipton, a Black Woodsman," is a most pleasing character in "Sevenmiles." Mr. Huntington has recently returned from a tour through the west, where his entertainments were well received. Come and enjoy it. Admission, children 10 cents, adults 25 cents.

## GRATIIFYING TO TAX PAYERS.

County Treasurer Wheeler's Success in the Collection of Delinquent Taxes.

County Treasurer Wheeler is to be commended in his determination to comply with the law in the respect of the affairs of his office. The law imposes a penalty of 10 per cent interest on delinquent taxes and absolutely prohibits the cancellation, refunding or commuting any portion of taxes assessed or levied against any person or property, whether levied last year or forty years ago, and Mr. Wheeler is adhering strictly to the provisions of the law in the collection of interest on delinquent taxes, and absolutely refuses to pay the cancellation, commutation or discharge of any tax from the list unless paid according to law. This is an innovation in this office that will be gratifying to those who are in the habit of paying their taxes before they become delinquent. The pernicious and unlawful practice of a few years since, of waiving the interest on taxes long past due, and of compensating with these who had allowed their taxes to remain unpaid for years, and the acceptance of a part in full payment, is now condemned. Such practice was an injustice to those who promptly pay their taxes when they become due, and amounted to a reward to delinquents. There was little object in paying taxes when it was known that the interest would be remitted at any time, and less still when it was possible to have them cut in two.

It may be a surprise to some taxpayers that when Mr. Wheeler took charge of the office that there were existing warrants outstanding against the bridge fund of about \$10,000, drawing seven per cent interest. Thus far Mr. Wheeler has called in and paid the sum \$11,000 of these warrants, with over \$600 of accrued interest. He has also called in and paid one \$5,000 court house bond with accrued interest. The indebtedness of the county has thus far been reduced over \$16,500, which is a pretty fair record for a little over four months. Mr. Wheeler is evidently looking after the interest of the taxpayers. In fact in so short a space of time Mr. Wheeler has proven most conclusively that his opponent's backers when they went over the county last fall telling the people that he was not qualified to fill the office of treasurer, they simply fabricated in the fullest sense of the term.

## A Lot of Truth.

Suppose a local merchant makes \$2,500 profit on his year's sales from the farmers. Of this he will pay out for home, taxes and other necessary expenses at least half.

The same goods bought of the mail order houses at their price would give them a profit of at least \$5,000, and what good would it do the town or county last fall telling the people that he was not qualified to fill the office of treasurer, they simply fabricated in the fullest sense of the term.

How much poultry or vegetables do they buy from your farm?

If these houses could sell all the goods in your county, where would you go when you went to town?

A town is no town without live and prosperous stores.

A county is passed over by land buyers that has no good, live towns.

Your towns bring you a reputation away from home. Your merchants make the reputation of a town.

## A Peculiar Proposition.

A kiss is a peculiar proposition. Or no use to any one, yet absolute bliss to two. The small boy gets it for nothing, the young man has to steal it and the old man has to buy it. The baby's right, the lover's privilege, the hypocrite's mask. To a young girl faith: to a married woman, hope, and to an old maid, charity.

## Don't Be Too Sure of That.

They must have a mighty cheap lot of girls up at Plattsmouth. A fellow who kissed one of them against her will the other day, was fined a dollar. Probably before the season is over, they will be marked down to 99 cents and placed on the south end of the bargain counter—Wymore (Neb.) Wymorean.