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A VERY SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Mrs. E. R. Todd Falls From a Fence and Fractures Wrist of Left Arm.

ALSO CUTS A GASH IN HER FOREHEAD

The Injuries Are Not Considered Dangerous But Are Very Painful.

A telephone message reached the Journal office Friday morning from Senator Thomas announcing a serious accident which his sister, Mrs. E. R. Todd, met with Thursday evening at her home four miles west of Plattsmouth.

In attempting to climb over a fence, in some manner she made a misstep and fell to the ground, face down, cutting quite a gash over her left eye and fracturing the wrist of the left arm. The attending physician was compelled to take several stitches to close the wound over the eye.

Mrs. Todd is quite aged, and on this account the injuries are liable to prove more serious than to a younger person. However, the latest from her is to the effect that the injured lady is resting easy and nothing very serious is apprehended.

IN THE GOLDEN STATE

Former Plattsmouth People Living in Los Angeles, California.

A special correspondent to the Sunday Omaha Bee, has the following to say about former citizens of Plattsmouth:

"By the way, there is quite a Nebraska colony here for the winter. Mr. Beeson of Plattsmouth has opened law offices in the Mason building. There, too may be found Joseph A. Connor of Omaha, with the rest of the frenzied financiers engaged in this battle of dirt and dollars. In company with Miss Catherine Giffin of South Omaha I dropped into their offices the other day and had the pleasure of meeting a former Plattsmouth boy, Demie Hlatt, who is rapidly coming to the front in the theatrical world.

"Mr. Connor had just returned from inspecting a tract of fifty acres adjoining the city. The price was only \$1,300 per acre, but true to his commercial instincts, Mr. Connor was driving a hard bargain and offered \$1,000 per acre, or \$50,000 for the tract. Quite a neat sum for only fifty acres of land. It appears that this tract lies near 25,000 acres owned by the Cudahys. A number of years ago Mr. Cudahy took the tract from the Hibernian bank of San Francisco on a mortgage. Now it has increased in value until it is worth several millions.

"Mr. Connor expressed great satisfaction at the good fortune of this Omaha gentleman, who is noted for his kindly nature and generosity. This sentiment was heartily applauded by all the Nebraskans there assembled."

More Sneak Thieves.

Some dirty sneak thief on Saturday evening stole from the buggy of G. E. Berger two almost new lap robes. He had hitched his team to a rack, and had occasion to go to Cory's restaurant on an errand and had not been gone five minutes, when he returned and found his robes missing. Such depredations as this is bad for the town, and occasions a great deal of uncomplimentary talk among the farmers. If this was the only instance of this kind it would perhaps pass without a great deal of comment, but farmers have been missing whips and lap-robes occasionally for the past year. They talk now of hiring someone to watch their teams when they come to town, and if thieves are apprehended they will be dealt with to the fullest extent of the law. It looks to a man up a tree that such an action on the part of the farmers would be a "terrible slam" on the police force, especially on nights when there is no entertainment at the Parnele.

Sarpy Commissioners Reply.

The Cass county commissioners are in receipt of a letter from the Sarpy county board, stating that it will be convenient for them to hold a conference at Louisville or Plattsmouth on or after the 21st of this month.

The Cass county board replied at once that they would arrange for a meeting to be held at Plattsmouth on the 22nd of February and the prospects are that Louisville will soon have a wagon bridge.

THE STATE TOURNAMENT

The Meeting Largely Attended and the Contest an Exceedingly Warm One.

Herman Bester, Cass county's only representative at the State Tournament of checker-players in Lincoln this week, returned home Saturday and reports having a good time with the boys. Below will be found a report of the annual event, which we clip from the Lincoln Journal of this morning:

"An effort to finish the finals in the checker tournament was not successful last night. Messrs. Brooking and Lee, the two winners of preliminary games, played six games, resulting in each winning two, with two games drawn. Both men were worn out and they agreed to rest until today, when the presidency of the state association will be decided and the winner of the first prize will be known. The winner is made president of the state association under the rules. Mr. Brooking lives at Funk, Neb., and Mr. Lee is a fireman on the Lincoln fire department. The six games between these two strong players were witnessed at the city council chamber last evening by a small crowd of enthusiasts.

"J. B. Peponon won from G. W. Peponon the championship of the second division. They are father and son. Following is the scoring of the preliminary playing:

	WON	LOST	DRAWN	POINTS
Johnson	12	3	13	22
Whitesides	10	1	17	18 1/2
Lee	10	1	17	18 1/2
Bester	11	5	12	18
Kelly	13	0	9	27 1/2
Brooking	9	5	14	17
Calkins	11	7	10	16 1/2
Hurlburt	13	10	9	16 1/2
J. W. Peponon	10	1	19	14 1/2
Shoemaker	7	10	14	12 1/2
J. B. Peponon	6	10	6	12
Lewis	7	12	8	11
Hyatt	4	15	9	8 1/2
Leonard	4	19	5	8
Campbell	4	19	5	8

Following is the score of the "knock-out" players:

Brooking, 2; drawn 1; Johnson, 0. Kelly, 2; drawn 2; Calkins 0. Bester, 2; Whitesides 1, drawn 5. Lee, 3; Hurlburt 1, drawn 4.

Second round:

Brooking, 2; Kelly 0, drawn 1.

Lee, 2; Bester 0, drawn 2.

Unfinished finals:

Brooking, 2; Lee, 2, drawn 2.

The following scores were made in the second division playing:

J. B. Peponon, 2; Hyatt 0, drawn 4.

Shoemaker, 4; Campbell 0.

G. W. Peponon, 2; Leonard 0, drawn 2.

Second round:

J. B. Peponon, 2; Shoemaker 0, drawn 2.

G. W. Peponon, 2; Lewis 0, drawn 2.

Second division final:

J. B. Peponon, 2; G. W. Peponon, 0, drawn 2.

Messrs. Brooking and Lee will play today at the engine house No. 1 until one or the other wins the championship of the state and the presidency of the association.

It will be seen from the above report that our old friend, Bester, came within one of bringing home the championship belt.

Killed at Louisville.

The Journal gave all the particulars it could get Saturday of the accident which happened in that village Saturday morning, in which a brakeman on the Missouri Pacific railroad lost his life. The following special from Louisville to the Lincoln Journal gives additional particulars of the horrible accident: "H. C. Hall, a Missouri Pacific brakeman, was killed here in the yards yesterday. He had stepped between moving cars to cut the air break and the wheel caught his left foot. He was run over the left leg and diagonally across the body, killing him almost instantly. His age was thirty-one years. His home was at Auburn, Neb., and he was married, with one child. The remains were taken to Weeping Water for an inquest."

County Officers Get Full Salary

The supreme court has construed the statute of 1905 to mean that in counties of more than 25,000 inhabitants the salary of the county clerk is fixed at \$2,500 per annum, and he is also entitled to one deputy whose salary shall be \$1,000 per annum. This interpretation is held by the court to carry out the intention of the legislature. A writ of mandamus to compel the county clerk of Douglas county to pay over to the county all fees in excess of \$1,500 per annum is denied. The decision applies also to the office of sheriff and county treasurer.

The Yellow Fever Germ

has recently been discovered. It bears a close resemblance to the malaria germ. To free the system from disease germs, the most effective remedy is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Guaranteed to cure all diseases due to malaria, poison and constipation. 25c at F. G. Fricke & Co.'s drug store.

Opening Celebration at Cedar Creek.

Wm. Barclay having purchased the saloon at Cedar Creek, and in making announcement of the same, an opening celebration was given Thursday. A very enjoyable and largely attended ball was given in the Geo. Sayle hall, and an excellent supper served at the hotel, all of which was given absolutely free to the many visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Barclay went out to Cedar Creek Thursday evening to attend the affair, returning home this morning. Music was furnished by the Sayles orchestra, and all were unanimous in pronouncing the occasion a grand success in every particular.

APPLICATION FOR PARDON

Young Man Who Was Sent Up From This County for Forgery.

THE AMOUNT A PALTRY TWO DOLLARS

Has Already Served Nearly Three Years of the Four Years Sentence.

In the present week's issue of the Journal will be found a notice of application to Governor Mickey for pardon, signed by Harry Hickson.

On August 5, 1903, young Hickson was convicted of forgery in the district court of Cass county, and sentenced by Judge Jensen to the penitentiary for a term of four years. At the time of his sentence Hickson was not of age, but it was deemed necessary by the court and jury that he should serve time for forging a man's name to a little old mealy two dollar order.

The order purported to have been given by Mark White to Fred Stadelmann of this city, on which the young man received the amount called for, and when the same was presented to Mark for payment it proved to be a forgery. Hickson has served nearly three years of the time in the penitentiary, and now asks to be pardoned by Governor Mickey.

It is said the young man has proved a model convict, not one of those being confined behind the walls of the Nebraska penitentiary excelling him in behavior, and the Journal believes that the governor will be justified in turning him loose.

Two dollars is a small sum to cause the incarceration of anyone in the penitentiary for four years, especially when we can see such men as ex-State Treasurer Bartley, who is an embezzler of the people's money to the tune of \$750,000 running loose. There is as big difference in the two crimes, as there is evidently a big difference in punishments administered.

Another Warning.

The Journal has had occasion several times to call the attention of parents to the fact of their sons jumping on and off of trains at the Burlington depot, but it seems that some of them don't either care or don't know of their acts. Agent Pickett has warned these reckless boys many times and has even went to far as threaten their arrest. This, of course, he feels a delicacy in doing, on account perhaps of the ill-feeling it would engender on the part of parents. Sunday there was quite a number of boys who were guilty of this unlawful act, and the Journal believes it is not only the duty of the police and station agent, but it is the duty of any citizen who sees them in the act of jumping trains, to cause their arrest. And when taken before the proper officials they should be fined just as heavily as the law will permit. Maybe this would put parents on their guard more vigilantly.

Too Smart for Him.

The following incident is said to have happened down in the neighborhood of Nehawka:

An agent for a new-fangled churn stopped at a farm house and insisted that his churn would churn two pounds more butter out of a certain amount of cream than any other. The lady of the house, to get rid of him, told him to come around next morning and try the churn and if what he said was true she would buy it. In the meantime she churned the cream and when he came she poured the buttermilk into the churn. He churned for an hour and then told her there was no butter fat in the cream. "I know it," she said, "for I churned it last night and left the buttermilk for you to get the extra two pounds from." And the agent was mad. It was a fair test but that agent will never attempt to sell another churn to that lady.

"THE SONS OF HERMANN"

A New German Order Organized in Plattsmouth Last Night.

TWENTY-ONE CANDIDATES INITIATED

First Lodge Organized in Nebraska in the Year 1896.

Friday twenty-one of the representative citizens of Plattsmouth were initiated into the mysteries of the popular German order, The Sons of Hermann, most of whom are business men of the city, the balance being among our best citizens and farmer friends near town. Mr. Albert Heyde, state organizer, of Grand Island, has been in the city for the past few days, and his success really surpassed his expectations, and with the present interest and enthusiasm displayed in the order we predict that The Sons of Hermann will be one of the foremost orders of our city in the near future.

The Sons of Hermann was first organized in the United States in the year 1840, being one of the oldest orders of the kind in this country. In its westward course it met with great success, and the grand lodge was organized in Nebraska in 1896, and today have 2,000 members in this state. The order in this state has a reserve fund of \$23,000, all being placed out on interest bearing mortgages, most of which is on farm lands. They are among the strongest today and will no doubt continue so as long as the world stands.

The home order will be known as the Plattsmouth Lodge No. 45, and will hold their meetings in the Odd Fellows' hall on the second and fourth Wednesdays in each month. Following were the charter members taken in last night: Wm. Weber, H. M. Soennichsen, John Sattler, E. A. Wurl, Hans and Peter Goos, Fred Ott, Lorenz Leiner, Emil Walters, Henry and William Kaufmann, Chris and Sam Tscherrin, Adolph Wesch, Sr., Peter Mumm, Jr., Henry and Ed Donat, H. R. Gering, Henry G. A. Martins, Herman Ticoetter and Chas. Ulrich.

Following were the elected officers: Wm. Weber, president; Emil Walters, vice president; Peter Goos, treasurer; H. M. Soennichsen, ex-president; and Adolph Wesch, secretary. Trustees, H. M. Soennichsen, Ed Donat and E. A. Wurl; guide, Lorenz Leiner; inside guide, Henry Kaufmann; outside guide, Hans Goos; sick committee, Emil Walters, Henry Donat and John P. Sattler.

SMALLPOX IN MILD FORM

Five Cases in the Vicinity of Elmwood in the West Part of the County.

NO SERIOUS RESULTS ARE ANTICIPATED

Only Two Cases Are Reported in the Village of Elmwood Proper.

Elmwood and vicinity is just now afflicted with the smallpox scourge, and in the past few days three cases have been registered in the county clerk's office, and two new cases were registered this morning.

There is one case in the family of G. A. Drum, living two and a half miles west of Elmwood; two in the family of Elmer Kepler, four miles southeast of the town; one in the family of E. C. Bennett, and another in the family of a Mr. Smith, both of the latter living in the town.

The case in the Smith family was the first one reported to the county clerk.

All the cases thus far reported are of a very mild form, and the attending physicians seem to think there is no occasion for alarm, and no necessity of denying the fact that they are all simon-pure cases of smallpox. All precaution is being taken to allay the spread of the pest, and it is to be hoped that there will be no more victims.

Turner's Mask Ball.

The Plattsmouth Turn-verein will hold their annual mask ball at their hall on Saturday evening, February 17. Prizes will be given to the best character and finest costumes. You know what a fine time the turners have, so remember the date and don't fail to attend.

The Quality Tested.

J. W. Thomas, on whose farm coal was discovered two years ago, and since which time there has been considerable discussion over the matter, hauled in a load of it Thursday afternoon and the same was tested in the furnace in the basement of the Coates block Friday. In an interview with Mr. Coates, he said: "The coal burns very well, but forms a solid clinker which has to be broken to pieces before the same can be removed from the furnace. The coal contains a large percent of ore, which may decrease by further mining, and thus make it possible to secure a better grade of the article." The quality sampled is indicative of a better grade underneath the present vein, and it seems to the Journal that it will pay to investigate the matter to the fullest extent.

CHANGE OF BUSINESS FIRM

John Fassbender Sells the Well Known Furniture Establishment to Michael Hild.

THE NEW PROPRIETOR WELL KNOWN.

The Reputation of the Old Firm Will be Fully Sustained.

For several weeks a rumored change in the well known furniture establishment of John Fassbender has been afloat, but nothing definite could be stated until this week when the trade was fully completed, the invoice made and the establishment passes into the hands of Michael Hild. The Journal has awaited the completion of all the preliminaries before giving the full facts in the transaction.

This is one of the largest furniture and house furnishing establishments in southeastern Nebraska, and by far the largest establishments of its character in Cass county, and the retiring proprietor has had the satisfaction of building up a mammoth business among the people of this and other counties. This has been accomplished by his indomitable energy, as well as his genial, social qualities.

Mr. Michael Hild, the new proprietor has lived in Cass county for twenty-three years, has been a prosperous, well to do farmer, and is of that business calibre that knows not the meaning of failure. His father, Adam Hild, is one of the most prosperous German farmers in Cass county, and when it comes down to good, hard business sense, Michael can truly be termed "a chip from the old block." Being of that pleasing disposition, attached to good common sense judgment, the Journal prophesies that Michael Hild will soon be at the top-notch of the leading business men of Plattsmouth.

John P. Sattler of the original firm of Sattler & Fassbender, continues with the new proprietors, as funeral director, embalmer and general business manager, and is one of the most proficient men in this line of service that ever drew breath in Cass county. Mr. Sattler is well known throughout the county, and his many friends will still be glad to find him at the old stand when they have occasion to have business with the new proprietor.

While the Journal regrets the move taken by Mr. Fassbender and wishes him success in all his future business ventures, we are satisfied that Mr. Hild will prove a success in the old stand. The new proprietor will fully retain the good name established by the retiring proprietor, and Mr. Hild, assisted by Mr. Sattler are abundantly able to take care of the future business of this well-known furniture house.

The Journal is not informed as to the future movements of Mr. Fassbender, but hopes he and his excellent family will still make their home in Plattsmouth.

Died in Nehawka.

The many young friends of Lela Lessel will regret to learn of her death at Nehawka Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Lessel lived in Plattsmouth several years, Mr. Lessel being employed at the Missouri Pacific depot. The little lady was very pretty, and also very popular with her schoolmates, and her demise is a terrible blow to her parents. Lela was about eleven years of age. The parents have the greatest sympathy of the people of Plattsmouth in this the hour of bereavement over the irreparable loss of their darling little daughter.

How are your kidneys? It is dangerous to delay when the kidneys are sick. One box of Kidney-ettes will recommend the next. 25 cents. Gering & Co.

OLD PIONEER PASSES AWAY

Sudden Death of Levi C. Pollard at His Home Near Nehawka.

DECEASED CAME TO NEBRASKA IN 1858

A Good Man, an Exemplary Citizen, and One of the Wealthiest Farmers of Cass County.

The sad intelligence of the sudden death of Levi C. Pollard reached this city Sunday night, who dropped dead at his home near Nehawka some time between the hours of ten and twelve o'clock yesterday morning.

The deceased had not been feeling well for several days; yet his illness was not considered of a serious nature. Our informant says he was sitting by a large base burner, and leaned over to shake down the ashes, when he fell to the floor dead.

Mr. Pollard came to Nebraska in the spring of 1858, and took up his residence at Nehawka. He was very prosperous from the start and became one of the strong men of Cass county. He was considered one of the very best in eastern Nebraska, and was highly respected for his staunch loyalty to whatever he thought right. His sturdy manhood contributed its full share in developing and making the village of Nehawka. He was a member of the Odd Fellows.

He has continuously resided on his farm since his first arrival in Nebraska with the exception of one year, (1860) in Colorado, where he was engaged in mining for that length of time. He is the owner of several hundred acres of the finest land in Cass, which contains one of the finest orchards in the state. He has also devoted considerable of his time to stock raising.

Mr. Pollard was married in Doniphan county, Kan., in the spring of 1864 to Miss Allena, Nelson, a native of Norway, who survives him. The children who are left to mourn his loss consists of two daughters and two sons, viz.: Nelson Pollard of Neocoma, Mexico; Mrs. W. P. Johnson of Pawnee City, Neb.; Miss Lena Pollard of Nehawka, and Julian J. Pollard, now working in the junior class of the state university.

The deceased was born in Windsor county, Vt., February 10, 1837, and had just passed his 69th anniversary the day previous to his sudden demise.

The Journal tenders to the grief-stricken wife and children its sympathy in this sad hour of their great bereavement, over the loss of a kind father and affectionate husband.

Another Farewell Reception.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nemetz entertained a number of their friends at their home Sunday night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. George Koehnke, who expect to depart in about two weeks for their new home near Plainview, Neb. The evening was most delightfully spent in social conversation, games and music, the conversation being mostly upon the subject of farming, in which both Mr. Koehnke and Mr. Barker expect to engage in their new locations. At the usual hour dainty refreshments were served, consisting of ice cream, cake, etc. Will Foral and Miss Marie Nemetz assisting the hostess in serving. At a late hour the merry gathering dispersed, not however, until they had all extended their best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Koehnke and Mr. and Mrs. Barker for their future success and happiness.

The following were present to enjoy the hospitalities of Mr. and Mrs. Nemetz: Messrs. and Mesdames J. J. Svoboda, W. J. Bookmeyer, Joseph Hiber, Ed Barker, Bernard Wurl, Will Foral, George Koehnke, Misses Minnie Heinrich and Josephine Svoboda, Frank Janda and Master Marx Koehnke and Mr. and Mrs. Nemetz.

James Dysart Very Sick.

James Dysart, one of the pioneer citizens of this vicinity, is now at the point of death, and there is but very slight prospect that he will survive many hours more, in fact it is probable that his death may occur even before this report reaches our readers, yet there is possibility that the old gentleman may linger a few days. At our last report before the paper went to press (last evening) there was but little change except that he was growing weaker.

Mr. Dysart suffered a stroke of apoplexy Monday evening, and has been unconscious ever since. The relatives who could be reached by wire have been summoned to his bedside to await the result.—Union Ledger.