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LABOR DAY IN PLATTSMOUTH

The Burlington Shops Virtually Closed, but Few Employes Remaining on Duty.

NOT NATIONAL HOLIDAY, AS THOUGHT

Many Close Their Places of Business at Noon, While Others Remain Open all Day.

Labor Day was fairly well observed in Plattsmouth. The Burlington shops were virtually closed the entire day, only a very few employes remaining on duty to look after matters that were really necessary. The principal business houses closed at the noon hour, while a few kept open the entire day. The court house offices were closed most of the day, as were the banks and the postoffice.

A discussion arose yesterday morning as to the day being a national or legal holiday. In this state, it is made so by an act of the legislature. It is not a national holiday, however, as many would have it, though it is observed as a legal holiday in all the states and territories except Nevada and North Dakota. In Louisiana, it is observed in Orleans Parish, and in Wyoming it is made a holiday by proclamation of the governor.

Legally, there is no such thing as a national holiday—not even the Fourth of July. Congress has repeatedly refused to pass any act purporting to make a legal holiday. It however, made Labor Day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia, over which the constitution gives congress exclusive jurisdiction, but there its power is ended.

In the conduct of the public business the government observes no legal holiday except Sunday, and in the postal service Sunday is not a full holiday where the convenience of the public requires that postoffices be kept open for a longer or shorter time on that day. The government simply recognizes the holidays generally observed, and releases its employes from all work not absolutely essential. On Christmas, New Year's Day and the Fourth of July all work not essential is suspended, while in the postoffice the hours are cut to a minimum. The Fourth of July and Memorial Day are national holidays in the sense that they are universally and patriotically observed, but they are not such by act of congress.

While considerable comment was made upon those who refused, or rather, did not close up yesterday a part of the day and give their employes at least a part of the day, it can readily be seen the matter was simply optional with them. They had a perfect right to do so if they so desired. Yet, at the same time, they are viewed by some as taking advantage of those competitors who felt it their duty to give up at least a half day in honor of Labor Day.

Origin of the Postage Stamp.

Quite recently there has been more or less discussion as to the origin of the postage stamp.

Perhaps the most authentic story is that which comes from the Postoffice department at Washington.

It appears that about sixty-five years ago Rowland Hill was traveling through one of the northern districts of England and for a time was sojourning at an inn, where the postman came with a letter for a young daughter of the innkeeper. The young miss turned the letter over and over in her hand and after examining the envelope minutely inquired the price of the postage, which was a shilling. She sighed sadly and returned the letter to the postman, saying that it was from her brother, but that she had no money.

Mr. Hill was an onlooker and was touched with pity. He paid the postage and his action seemed to embarrass the girl. When the postman had gone, she stated to Mr. Hill that some signs marked on the envelope conveyed to her all she wanted to know and that as a fact there was no writing inclosed. In extenuation she said that she and her brother had contrived a code system of communicating, as neither of them were able to pay post charges.

Mr. Hill thought of the results of a system which made such frauds possible. Before another day he had planned a postal system upon the present basis.—Harper's Weekly.

A Sensible Thing.

About the most sensible thing that we have noted in educational lines recently is that young women attending the Peru normal may wash dishes and cook their breakfast, and get credit for their work upon their certificates. We really have more need of good cooks and people who know how to wash dishes than we have for Greek scholars. However, we still insist that mother's kitchen is the best place for a girl to get the rudiments of an education in this department of science.

THE ELECTION THIRTY-SIX YEARS AGO

Hon. Lawson Sheldon, Father of Present Republican Candidate for Governor.

ELECTED STATE SENATOR FROM CASS

Nominated by Democrats and Elected by Them, Assisted by Bolting Republicans.

In talking of the sudden death of Hon. Edward Rosewater yesterday with a pioneer resident of Plattsmouth, he related several incidents that occurred in the political history of Cass county that probably has been forgotten by many of the older residents and not known by those who have later settled in Cass county.

The late Edward Rosewater came into prominence as a politician in 1870, when he was a member of the Nebraska legislature. The same year Hon. James Patterson, deceased, was also elected a member of the house of representatives from Cass county. At the same time these gentlemen were elected Hon. Lawson Sheldon, deceased, father of the present republican candidate for governor, was elected to the senate from Cass county. Samuel W. Kirkpatrick, long since deceased, and father of E. A. Kirkpatrick, who still lives at Nehawka, was the regular republican candidate for senator that year, and the democratic convention nominated the late Mr. Sheldon. The county was overwhelmingly republican, but Mr. Sheldon was triumphantly elected by the votes of democrats and bolting republicans. Mr. Sheldon served with distinction, but there are many pioneer republicans yet residents of Cass county, who have not forgotten this incident and perhaps never will.

The death of Mr. Rosewater was a reminder of the exciting incidents that occurred in the campaign 36 years ago. All the names mentioned in this article are now dead, but their many good deeds during life still live in the memories of those who knew them well.

Conference in Plattsmouth.

The ministerial conference of the German Synod of the Nebraska district has its annual session in the St. Paul's church in Plattsmouth. Of the twenty-two ministers of the district twenty are present, who are enjoying the finest hospitality of the congregation and its honorable pastor, Rev. and Mrs. F. Langhorst and feels itself under obligations to them.

The morning session was opened by the president, Rev. J. Ramser, of Gladstone, Neb. Two essays were read by Rev. G. R. Kauzler of Milford, Neb., and Rev. Geo. Duensing, of Syracuse, Neb. Both essays led to an interesting discussion.

The afternoon session opened at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. Abele of Cook, Neb., read a very interesting essay and throughout convinced the conference that he thoroughly mastered his subject in all its details and gave a cause of a very important debate.

This evening the conference will be closed with a service in the St. Paul's church at 8 o'clock, after which many of the ministers will depart for their homes, but all feel grateful for the kind hospitality extended, hoping to come again some time in the future and wishing all God speed.

The Misses Gering Entertain.

The Misses Barbara and Mia Gering entertained a number of their lady friends at a 4 o'clock luncheon Tuesday afternoon at their parental home, on North Sixth street, where "500" was chief amusement. It is unnecessary to remark that the guests were elegantly entertained, as all who know their excellent qualities in this direction, can attest.

Suit to Quiet Title.

A case entitled Wm. H. Carleton vs. Mrs. Maria Hill was filed in the office of the district clerk today, being a tax foreclosure suit to quiet title to lots 1, 2 and 5, block 172 in the city of Plattsmouth.

YOUNG COUPLE FROM OMAHA

Their Actions Become Suspicious and They Get Married to Allay all Such.

DENY REGISTERING AS MAN AND WIFE

Judge Travis Issues the Necessary Permit and then Ties the Knot.

A young couple arrived in this city Friday evening, and it is claimed they registered at one of the hotels as husband and wife, giving Omaha as their place of residence. They are nice appearing young people, and the lady has relatives living here. It is also said that their actions aroused the suspicions of Chief of Police Fitzgerald, and after an interview with the young man, and in order perhaps to allay the suspicions of the chief, they decided the proper action to take would be to get married—which probably was their intention in coming to this city.

In accordance with this resolve, they sent for Judge Travis, who had closed his office and gone home. The judge soon arrived, gave them the proper credentials, and then said the words that made them one and inseparable, and they left the county judge's office apparently as happy as any other newly married couple.

While the actions of the couple may have appeared a little strange to Chief Fitzgerald, they seemed to be innocent of any wrong-doing. The names on the hotel register appear as "Mr. and Mrs. D. U. Sleighter, Omaha," while the marriage license reads "John McCary and Minnie Weber, Omaha." So, as it would appear, someone is mistaken, as the bride claims she knew nothing about being registered at the hotel, and the young man claims that he did not register at all. Consequently, all the doubts in the transaction should be in favor of the newly-made husband and wife.

CANNED FRUIT TAKES A FALL

A Remarkable Co-Incident, in Which Two Wives Lose Their Season's Work.

The following is taken from the Louisville Courier of last Friday:

"Mrs. Harry Greene declares she does not harbor a black cat, but says she has the hardest streak of luck of late that could possibly fall to the lot of anyone. She had labored early and late and had succeeded in putting up in glass jars close to a hundred quarts of delicious fruit of which she took great pride. It was stored away nicely on a shelf in the cellar. Imagine if you can her consternation when she went into the cellar a few mornings ago to find that the shelf on which the fruit was stored had given away under its heavy load and that more than seventy of the jars were broken. It was a loss that could not be replaced as the berry season has passed. Mrs. Greene surely is entitled to sympathy.

A Similar Accident.

The following special from Farmington, Maine, under date of September 30th:

"After working all season over a hot cook stove, 'putting up' each berry in its season, Mrs. Josephus White, of Farmington, proudly surveyed her ninety odd jars of preserved fruits and called her husband to accompany her down cellar to see how nice her shelves of things looked. Telling him all the way down cellar how she had risen with the lark in the morning to dispose of household routine, so that she might get to berrying the first part of the day, which is the coolest time for such work, she proudly pointed toward the reward of her labors on the overloaded shelf. Just then an ominous cracking was heard and before they could think what was happening, the shelf and all its contents fell with a crash to the cemented floor, the sticky sweet juice flowing about her feet. One agonized look at her husband and the floor and the poor woman sank in a dismal heap on the lower stair and sobbed out her misery, while her big husband laughed."

Chas. Engelkemier, living six miles northeast of Weeping Water, was in the city today, and took his mother-in-law, Mrs. Joe Martin, home with him. While here Mr. Engelkemier called and renewed his subscription to the Journal.

Agent Pickett at Work.

Once more the familiar face of Burlington Agent W. L. Pickett, is seen at his post of duty in the depot, after an absence of several months, owing to his severe sick spell. We understand that several physicians, by whom Mr. Pickett has been examined, have pronounced him in excellent health, and fully able to take charge of the Burlington freight and passenger business at this place. Mr. Pickett has certainly had a serious time for the past few months, and his many friends in Plattsmouth will be pleased to see him resume his duties at the depot.

LATE EDWARD ROSEWATER

Sketch of the Career of the Founder and Editor of the Omaha Bee.

Mr. Rosewater's life has been an active one, and the greater part of that activity has been spent in Omaha. For some time after coming to Omaha he was manager of the Western Union Telegraph company, having followed the telegraph profession before and during the war. He was a military telegrapher, and was a trusted telegrapher on General Grant's staff.

After leaving the Western Union company Mr. Rosewater founded the Omaha Bee, a small afternoon paper. He developed the paper into one of the largest newspapers in the west. A few years ago he gave over the active management of the paper to his two sons, Victor and Charles Rosewater, he still retaining the title of editor. He gave considerable attention to politics and was a candidate in 1901 for the office of United States senator, being defeated by Senator Millard.

Mr. Rosewater's life has been devoted largely to the upbuilding of Omaha and Nebraska. Aside from his editorial efforts, he has given largely of his financial means to the progress of Omaha. He built and his newspaper occupies one of the largest and most modernly equipped newspaper buildings in the west, the cost of which exceeded one-half million dollars. This building has been the pride of Mr. Rosewater and he has not hesitated to expend effort and money to keep it in its original state of preservation.

Edward Rosewater, founder and editor since 1871 of the Omaha Bee, was born at Bukovan, Bohemia, in 1841. He came to the United States in 1854 and began work as a telegraph operator when eighteen years old. From 1861 to 1863 he was a member of the United States military telegraph corps and in the latter year became manager of the Pacific Telegraph company at Omaha. He was at various times member of the Nebraska legislature, member of the republican national committee, member of the advisory board of the national committee, member of the United States mint commission and representative of the United States to the universal postal congress, of which he was vice president. He was the original promoter of the trans-Mississippi exposition held at Omaha in 1898. He was a candidate for the United States senate before the recent republican state convention at Lincoln, Neb.

BIG LIVERY BARN BURNED

Eleven Head of Horses Perish in Flames, Besides Buggies and Harness.

A special from Elmwood gives the following particulars of the fire that occurred at Murdock on Monday night: "The little village of Murdock, located on the Rock Island, seven miles northwest of Elmwood, was visited by a fire a little before midnight last night, the livery barn of O. W. Gillispie being totally destroyed, together with most of the contents. Fifteen head of horses were in the barn, eleven of which burned. Two more are so badly injured it is thought they will die. Of the horses in the barn Mr. Gillispie owned six, A. J. McNamera two, a bridge gaw working in the county four, John Rubge one, the elevator man one and a man from the country one. The buggies, carriages, harness, three tons of hay, two loads of oats, and other articles were burned. Mr. Gillispie had five hundred dollars insurance on the horses and equipment. The barn belonged to Mrs. Sam Kitts. She had some insurance. Mrs. Kitts is very unfortunate as she lost her residence and household goods by fire last Christmas. There is no clue to the origin of the fire, as the barn was all ablaze when discovered. The hotel, which stands near the barn, caught several times, but the fire was extinguished. Murdock has no water works system and all the citizens could do was to keep the fire from spreading to adjoining buildings."

MERCHANTS TO ORGANIZE

Nebraska Retailers to Meet at Fremont, Neb., September 11-12.

REDUCED RATES ON THE RAILROADS

Informal Banquet to be Tendered Delegates—Rousing Sessions are Promised.

We have noticed with much satisfaction the agitation over the state for a meeting of retail merchants of Nebraska at Fremont on September 11 and 12 for the purpose of organizing a state association along the lines of association work in other states in the country.

From reports we are inclined to believe that the meeting will be one of the most enthusiastic of the kind ever held in any state in the Union, and the indications are that several hundred retailers will be present.

The sessions begin on September 11 at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon and will continue until Wednesday afternoon, September 12. On the evening of September 11 an informal banquet will be tendered the retailers in the Masonic Hall, under the auspices of the Fremont Commercial club. A good program has been arranged for the meeting on that evening. Mayor Woltz of Fremont will deliver a short address of welcome. Secretary Hanson of the Commercial club will preside as toastmaster and a number of interesting toasts are scheduled.

The various railroads of Nebraska have granted a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip from any point in the state, tickets to be sold on the certificate plan. The purchaser must ask for a certificate when he buys his ticket for Fremont. At Fremont the certificate will be signed by the proper person connected with the organization and by Mr. D. J. Traill, ticket agent of the Union Pacific, who has been appointed to act as joint agent in the stamping of certificates issued for the meeting. Tickets will be placed on sale September 8, 9, 10 and 11, and will be good for return trip not later than September 15. Upon presentation of the certificate when buying return ticket, the agent will sell the ticket at one-third of the one-way rate.

Every merchant in the state should attend this meeting, and assist in organizing a good, live state association. The hotels at Fremont have also decided to allow a reduced rate to the merchant delegates.

The expense is very little, and there is no doubt that results of a most beneficial nature will be accomplished. Many topics of vital importance will be discussed, and, in fact, the meetings will be on the order of a school of education.

We hope every retail merchant in this town will attend.

Maybe He Knows.

An eastern preacher asserts that there is no literal hell. He says the only place where hell can be located is in the human heart. This reminds us of what Thomas Benton once said of a man who had done him a great moral wrong. He described him as "a man with a prayer on his lips, a dagger in his hand and hell in his heart." Probably this eastern preacher was thinking of Benton when he attempted to locate hell.

Charged With Assault.

John Warga, who resides down near Rock Bluffs, was arraigned in Justice Archer's court Friday evening on a charge of assault filed against him by Mike Rys, to which the defendant plead guilty, and adjusted a fine of \$5 assessed against him by the judge. Then comes Mr. Warga with a counter charge of abusiveness in which he said brought on the assault. Rys will appear Monday morning at 9 o'clock to answer to the charge brought against him by Mr. Warga.

Game Season Open.

Commencing September 1, anyone is at liberty to kill prairie chickens and water fowl in Nebraska. The last legislature amended the law so as to include the month of September in the chicken season. Prairie chickens may be killed from September 1 to November 30, Quails from November 15 to November 30 and water fowl from September 1 to April 15. Jacksnipe, Wilson snipe and yellow legs may be killed from September 1 to May 15.

Miss Weidman Home.

Miss Ida Weidman, who underwent an operation for appendicitis, in the Lincoln hospital about eight weeks ago, returned home Friday evening, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Fred Kroehler and children, of Havelock. While Miss Weidman remained in the hospital but two weeks, she has remained at the home of her sister, in case she should suffer the second attack. The many friends will be pleased to learn that she returns home feeling much better than she has for many months. We trust that she may continue on the road to health.

RED SOX WIN IN TEN INNINGS

Storz Ball Team Defeated in a Well-Played and Well-Matched Game.

Base ball fans got their money's worth yesterday when the Storz Brewing Co. team came down from Omaha and made the Red Sox go some for ten innings.

The home team had a few changes in its formation, "Whitey" Miller, Ralph White and "Hank" Schneider appearing in the line-up, and all of them "making good."

The game was called a little before five o'clock, and started off in a snappy manner, which foretold a good game. Leatherby was in the box for the visitors, but he was either not up to his usual form, or else the Red Sox had their batting clothes on right. With no spectacular batting nor playing throughout the game, several good long hits were made, some of them being killed by exceptionally good fielding, and some rapid infield was also done on both sides. In left field Macin made several nice catches, never missing a chance, but the home run by Parker, and to get that he would have to have been at least seventeen feet high. It was a pretty drive, and the only real big hit made by the visitors. In the eighth inning Vincent went into the box for the visitors. The game then stood 5 to 3 in the company's favor and might have terminated that way had Leatherby stayed in the box. Vincent was very wild and very easy. The bases were filled by a walk and two singles and then two men were forced in by wild pitching. In this inning Omaha scratched in another run. In the ninth two two-baggers scored another run and the game was tied again. In the tenth the visitors went down in one, two, three order and in the Red Sox half Graves hit safe and stole second and third and scored the run on Perry's single over short. Omaha passed eight men and hit two. Graves pitched one of the best games of his life, being both steady as well as "heady," and did not pass a man, and was well supported by Fitzgerald. Taking it all in all it was the prettiest and most interesting and hotly contested game in the home grounds this season.

Here is the score by innings:
Storz..... 0 0 3 1 0 0 1 0 1 0—6
Red Sox..... 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 2 1 1—7
Batteries—Leatherby Vincent and Lightell; Graves and Fitzgerald. Umpire—Mauzy.

Saturday's Game.

Last Saturday's game with the Townsend Gun Club was of a very different sort—replete with errors on both sides and umpire. The Red Sox won the game in the ninth inning by making five scores after two men were out. It was a very "rank" game from all points of view, and merited but little mention.

Score by Innings:

Townsend..... 0 2 0 1 2 1 0 2—8
Red Sox..... 1 1 0 0 3 0 0 5—9
Batteries—Webory and Quigley; Wilkins and Fitzgerald. Umpire—Mauzy.

Entertain in Honor of Miss Vallery.

The Misses Gering entertained most delightfully Monday morning at 8 o'clock breakfast in honor of Miss Vallery, who leaves soon to resume her vocal work in Boise, Idaho. The breakfast table was most artistically decorated with asters and ferns and after the four courses were partaken of the guests repaired to the drawing room, where the remaining hours were spent in playing bridge. Miss Vallery favored the guests with several vocal selections, which were well received.

The guests who enjoyed the Misses Gerings' charming hospitality were Mesdames Gass, C. C. Parmele, Minor, Henry Herold, W. L. Pickett, W. J. Streight, T. P. Livingston; Misses Dora Fricke, Minnie White, Leonard, Vallery and Miss Patterson of Omaha.

Mortgage Record for August.

Following is the record for farm and city mortgages filed and released during the month of August:
Farm Mortgages Filed..... \$39,875
Released..... 21,973
City Mortgages Filed..... 3,275
Released..... 8,970