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## SOME FINE TOWNS IN CASS COUNTY

### Elmwood, Alvo and Murdock Situated in the Midst of Fine Country.

## ELMWOOD THE LARGEST TOWN

### Has One of the Prettiest Parks in the Great and Growing Nebraska.

Last Tuesday the writer took a jaunt over the west portion of Cass county, visiting several of the most beautiful towns in our county, and also had the pleasure of viewing some of the most beautiful country that lies out of doors. Tuesday evening we arrived at the growing and prosperous little city of Elmwood, where we put up at one of the best regulated hotels in the county, controlled by that master of good fellows, Chas. Hart and his most estimable lady, the latter who is now sojourning in the mountains of Colorado, taking a much needed recreation trip. After a splendid night's repose in a most comfortable bed room, creditable to cities much larger and perhaps greater pretensions, and a most excellent breakfast, we started out on a tour of the town.

Our first stop was made at the establishment of that prince of merchants, L. F. Langhorst. It was rather early for the business men to get around, but we found Lou at his post and all clerks behind the counters equipped for the day's work. Mr. Langhorst carries a very large assortment of goods, divided into their proper departments—dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, groceries and provisions. The building in which he is situated is disadvantageously arranged, but we were pleased to learn that he had purchased the opera house block across the street, where he will soon have plenty of room to spread himself in a manner to show his goods properly and as he justly deserves, as he is undoubtedly one of the most successful merchants in Cass county.

We called on our friend Dittman, farther up the street, who also carries a stock of general merchandise. He is situated in a large and comfortable room, and carries an excellent stock of dry goods, clothing, millinery and groceries. Mr. Dittman is a genial, wholesouled gentleman, and we were pleased to learn is enjoying a good business.

While up in that part of the little city we called on our newspaper friend, J. A. Clements, and as he was going out to pick blackberries, we did not desire to detain him at such a propitious time for that purpose. His foreman, Mr. Clark, reported business very fair. This was our first meeting with the latter, and found him to be a very clever gentleman.

We had the pleasure of meeting John Geary Starks, cashier of the American Exchange Bank, and who is one of the enterprising citizens of Elmwood. Mr. Starks and Mr. Langhorst are a whole four-horse team within themselves, and if the chautauqua, which opens up in their beautiful park next Saturday, is not a success, it will not be because they have not done their duty in the direction of making it so.

### A BEAUTIFUL PARK

On Wednesday evening through the kindness of Mr. L. F. Langhorst, we had the pleasure of visiting the fine residences in Elmwood, and also the beautiful park in which the chautauqua is to be held beginning on Saturday next, and we were most agreeably surprised to know that the little city could boast of such a beautiful pleasure resort. We can say, without fear of successful contradiction that it is one of the finest natural parks in the state. Already much work has been done in the way of arranging for the chautauqua. The principal pavilion will have a seating capacity of 3,000. They have a dining hall that will accommodate 100 people at one time. Arrangements have been perfected by which fresh cold water will be conveyed to the grounds through underground pipes from the residence of Charley Clopp, on whose land these beautiful grounds are situated. No teams will be allowed on the chautauqua

grounds proper, but excellent shady grounds nearby have been secured to accommodate all teams free of charge. No one need fear of being properly cared for, as these Elmwood people are known for their liberality in caring for visitors. Those who do not care to camp on the grounds, rooms can be secured at the private homes of the residents. So there need be no fear on this score.

The park association is composed of the principal citizens of Elmwood and especially those who have the vim and energy and grit to advance money, not only to improve the park but also to secure the attractions and put up the buildings for the chautauqua.

This is the first chautauqua ever held in Cass county. It is to be held in the prettiest town in the county, where the people are thoroughly up-to-date in everything. They have one of the prettiest local parks in which to hold these gatherings, and are amply provided to take care of an immense crowd of people. Plattsmouth should send a large delegation to the chautauqua every day during its session. If you can't go to remain the entire week, attend two or three days, but if you can't attend but one day go, and encourage the undertaking by your presence. Elmwood is one of the principal towns in Cass county, and we reiterate that it is the first chautauqua ever held in the county and should and undoubtedly will be a grand success creditable upon the part of the gentlemen who have the matter in hand. Go, the Journal says, and take a day or two of solid comfort at the Elmwood chautauqua.

## THE VILLAGE OF ALVO

### One of the Prettiest Towns in the State of Nebraska.

Situated seven miles northwest of Elmwood, where the eye of man can view the broad prairies with its growing corn and yellow fields of shocked wheat and oats, and in either direction fine farm residences, well built barns and the grazing herds of fine cattle, is Alvo, one of the most beautiful little hamlets in the great state of Nebraska. This was our first visit to Alvo, and we were surprised to see such an evidence of thrift and prosperity among the people of that little village. Beautifully located on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad, and right in the midst of a very wealthy farming community, no doubt accounts for its prosperous condition.

The town proper contains several general mercantile establishments, hardware store, drug store, confectionery, barber shop, livery barn, hotel, blacksmith shop and one of the nicest little bank buildings in Cass county. The bank is one of the solid financial institutions of the county, and is under the management of a most gentlemanly and efficient cashier, in the person of S. C. Boyles, who greeted ye scribe with open arms and a good-natured smile on his countenance. While we have met Mr. Boyles but once before, and as this was our first visit to that beautiful little town, he took great pleasure in introducing us to the people, and through whom the Journal's list at that postoffice has been nearly doubled.

Among those whom we had the pleasure of meeting were E. M. Stone, dealer in hardware; Frank Tappan, dealer in confectionaries and A. I. Baird, the village blacksmith, all of whom are proud of their beautiful town. Mr. Stone is a son-in-law of Aunt Sabina Kittzell, and a most excellent gentleman. He not only runs a hardware department, but he also carries groceries and

provisions in connection. Mr. Stone, we are pleased to learn, enjoys a good trade.

We were also pleased to meet C. R. Jordan and A. F. Skiles, two of the early pioneers of that section of Cass county. Mr. Jordan is a very prosperous and well-to-do farmer; owns several good farms in that vicinity, which he has obtained through hard work and incessant energy. Mr. Jordan has served as road overseer in his district for several terms, and one of the county commissioners told us last Saturday that the roads in his territory were the best in the county, and that it would be well for other road overseers to see how well it is kept up. Mr. Jordan is the democratic candidate for county commissioner and his experience in the road business shows that he is just the man for the place. He owns and resides in a residence in Alvo, and if he is the choice of the people for the position, they can depend upon having a member of the board who will always be on the alert for the interests of the farmers of the county.

A. F. Skiles is a gentleman after our own heart—a rock-ribbed democrat, but of course gentleman along with it. He is the father of Judge Skiles, of Butler county, and has grown gray in the service of his party. He has retired from active farm life, resides in Alvo, where he enjoys a comfortable home, with plenty of this world's goods laid up for the inevitable rainy day. It was indeed a pleasure to converse with Mr. Skiles, but of course perhaps we enjoyed his company more because he yet retains a warm spot in his heart for Old Missouri, the same as we do, because it was many years ago his home.

Besides the many fine store rooms and bank building, Alvo can boast of many handsome and up-to-date residences, that would be creditable to any city or town in the land. Not only this, but many of them are surrounded with fine cement walks. The walks on the main street are also concrete and the crossings the same. This is another evidence of a prosperous and up-to-date community.

We cannot conclude this article without returning our most sincere thanks to Mr. J. M. Campbell, who manifested great interest in making our visit to Alvo a pleasant one. He is the fortunate possessor of a handsome high-bred goer and a fine buggy. In the evening he conveyed us for several miles around the town, where we noted many fields of wheat and corn that had been cut to the ground by the recent hailstorm that passed over that section. With all this there are many fields of wavy corn and golden wheat shocks and stacks that tell us that the people of Alvo and surrounding country have plenty yet to "keep the wolf from the door," and to spare. The next morning when we were preparing to depart for Murdock, Mr. Campbell drove up to the hotel with his stepper and invited us to step into the buggy and away we went to Murdock. It was an enjoyable trip, through as fine a country as a bird ever flew over, and the cool morning breeze brought roses to our cheeks equal to those on the face of a sixteen-year-old maiden in the enjoyment of excellent health. We owe much to Mr. Campbell for his kindness, and believe that if a man in the great hereafter is punished according to his deeds here upon earth, he will be safe in asking admission at St. Peter's gate.

## VILLAGE OF MURDOCK

### Another Pretty Little Town of Considerable Importance.

The Journal man arrived in Murdock about 10 o'clock, where Mr. Campbell safely landed us. This was also our first visit to the thriving town. Murdock, like Alvo, is on the C. R. I. & Pacific railroad, and is up-to-date in many of its business houses and fine residences. We were very much surprised at the beautiful surroundings. Beautiful country and well-to-do farmers makes Murdock quite a business center, and the town can boast of several up-to-date mercantile establishments.

We first dropped into the establishment of Martin & Tool, where we met our friend, Geo. A. Leis, who is the principal clerk in the store. We also met Mr. Tool, the junior member of the firm. Here we found one of the nearest establishments of its character that it has been our pleasure to note in the great and prosperous county of Cass. This firm carries everything usually carried by a first-class mercantile house, such as dry goods, clothing, shoes and groceries. Their building is large and commodious, with the clothing department on the second floor. We did not meet Mr. Martin, but if he is anything of the nature of Mr. Tool, and his efficient clerk, George Leis, there isn't any wonder in the success of the firm. They are thorough business men and right

up-to-date in everything they handle, besides being nice, clean gentlemen.

Langhorst & Ruge is another mercantile establishment that would be creditable to many larger towns. The senior member of the firm is a brother of L. F. Langhorst, Elmwood's popular merchant and seems to have attained many of Lou's business qualities, while Mr. Ruge, whose former home was at Avoca, is an exceedingly clever young man. These gentlemen have a large and spacious room in which to do business, and are enjoying a good trade. They carry a general line of dry goods, clothing, shoes, groceries and such other goods as are kept in stock by merchants in towns the size of Murdock. They are both up-to-date merchants and while the junior member of the firm has been a resident of Murdock but a short time, he has made many friends by his genial manners. The firm of Langhorst & Ruge are enjoying a good trade as they justly deserve.

Of course we met our old friend, H. E. McDonald. Harry has the only drug store in the town, and keeps a neat stock of goods in his line. Harry has one of the finest little drug stores in Cass county and is right up-to-date in everything that usually can be had in any drug establishment. He is a nice, sociable gentleman, and is enjoying a good business.

We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Jacob Geohry, the village blacksmith, who is one of the rock-ribbed democrats of the town, and we were very much delighted to make his acquaintance. Mr. Geohry has been a resident of Murdock for many years and enjoys the distinction of being one of Murdock's best citizens.

Our stay in Murdock was comparatively short, but we took time to call on the Union State Bank, under the management of Mr. P. S. Crink, a young man who bears the appearance of every inch a gentleman, and were very much pleased to make his acquaintance. The Union State Bank has not been established at Murdock but a short time, and the business of the institution is growing rapidly. As a financial institution the farmers around Murdock have great confidence in it, and also the gentlemanly and efficient cashier, Mr. Crink.

We also had the pleasure of meeting two rock-ribbed democrats—Milt Moore and William Law, both prominent citizens in the vicinity. Nearly every democrat in Cass county knows Milt Moore, and they know him to be one of the most genial gentlemen in Cass county. We wanted to say that we had ridden on the Rock Island railroad, and from Murdock to South Bend was our only opportunity to do so. But Milt Moore approached us a few moments before train time and suggested that he hitch up Mrs. Moore's driving horse and take us across, and would not take "no" for an answer, and away we went across another beautiful portion of Cass county, and arrived in South Bend just before the supper hour. Here we bid our good friend good-bye, and here is where he had to take the Burlington for home. We are under many obligations to Mr. Moore for his kindness, and trust that his "shadow may never grow less."

### At South Bend.

We had but a short time at the Bend, although we remained in the village over night. This was our first time in the town, and it did not take long to take in the business portion. It contains but one store, one hotel and one saloon. We feel grateful to our young friend, Jerry McHugh, for the interest he manifested in our behalf. We met a number at the store in which Jerry clerks, among whom were M. S. Zaar and S. Long, the former for years a patron of the Journal and the latter became one. Both of whom are excellent gentlemen. We found Mr. Hansen, the saloon man, to be a gentleman in every respect, and the people of the village say he keep a very orderly house. His countenance would denote that he is a man who will look after his own affairs and abide by the laws in every respect.

### Exhibit Car at Omaha

The exhibit car was taken to Omaha Thursday and is being dressed for the trip to the east where the products of west will be shown to the people of that portion of the country. John Weyrick and K. Barakram from the local shops went to Omaha this morning where they will make some slight alteration in the car to accommodate some of the exhibits which could not be shown to the best advantage as the car was when sent to Omaha.

### H. D. Barr Files

Last Saturday evening, just before the closing of the county clerk's office, H. D. Barr filed his intention of becoming a candidate for the position of justice of the peace for Plattsmouth precinct, subject to the ratification of the voters at the primary election to be held September 3.

## ANOTHER PIONEER PASSES AWAY

### Death of Henry Spangler, One of Cass County's Best Citizens

After a long illness which was attended with an almost untold amount of suffering, Henry E. Spangler passed away at his late residence about three and a half miles south of town Monday at about six o'clock, of acute inflammation of the bladder.

Mr. Spangler was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, March 8, 1835, and was seventy-two years old last spring. He has been a sufferer from this last attack for about one month, and the suffering has been so intense at times that opiates have had to be administered in order that he could get any respite from the terrible ordeal which had beset his pathway during the last sickness. His relatives and friends have done all that could be done to make peaceful his last hours, as they have at all times, but all that could be done was only in the way of alleviating the terrible pain which was a part of the malady that at last claimed him for its own.

On February 6, 1859, Miss Mary Wadell and Henry Spangler were united in marriage in Pike county, Ohio, and in 1865 with his family, he moved to Plattsmouth, living in town one year. After which he moved to the place where he has made his home ever since.

Having gained a competence and made provision for his family of children, he with his wife, expected to move to town where they could take easy the remaining days of their life, and he had purchased the residence in which F. M. Richey lives and was to have moved as soon as Mr. Richey had completed his new home and moved into it. This last sickness came and the consummation of the plans for the spending the latter end of his life with his beloved wife were frustrated by the messenger of death, which called him to a home more fair and enjoyable than could be built by mortal hands or conceived by the human mind.

To the union of this noble man and wife were born eleven children, five daughters and five sons, nine of whom are living. One daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Cole, wife of Ransom M. Cole, preceded her father to the other world about six years, having died in 1901. There remains to mourn his demise his wife, the sharer of his joys and sorrows for the many years which they spent together, and ten children, Wm. Spangler of Weeping Water, Geo. A. Spangler of Lincoln, John H. and Charles D. Spangler of Murray, Mrs. Stephen A. Wiles, Mrs. Joseph E. Wiles and Mrs. Luke L. Wiles, living at Plattsmouth or having that as their postoffice address and living in the neighborhood just out of town. There remains at home one son, Edward, and one daughter, Miss Elizabeth. The funeral was held from the United Brethren church south of the city Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, of which he was a member at the time of his death. Interment was made in the Eikenberry cemetery.

### Will Enter the Race

A letter received from Hon. H. D. Travis of Plattsmouth, this morning by E. D. Marnell of the News, states that he will enter the race for district judge on the democratic ticket. Judge Travis is one of the strongest men in this district and will make a good race and be elected by a handsome majority. He is a clean, conservative gentleman and one of the ablest attorneys in this part of the state. The News is pleased to heartily endorse his candidacy and realize that the good people of both Cass and Otoe county will look to their best interests when they go to the polls in November and cast their votes for one of the best fitted men for the bench in this district.—Nebraska City News.

### Improvements For Masonic Home

The state committee of the grand lodge of Nebraska Masons met yesterday at the Masonic Home and decided on the location of the addition which is to be made on the Home, for which there was an appropriation made at the last session of the grand lodge of Masons of \$20,000, also the location of the chapel was also decided upon. The intention is to build from the north end eastward, eighty feet now, and later eighty feet more and then build from there southward, which would enclose a court, and in this place they expect to build the chapel. George W. Lininger, who recently died gave \$5,000 for the erection of this chapel, and Mrs. Lininger was present yesterday as an interested party as to how the funds which her husband and herself gave for this purpose were disposed of.

### Strength Is Failing

A card received today from the bedside of Mrs. Salisbury, from her son, Rev. Salisbury, states that the aged patient is failing, and has been since last Saturday. With the age which she has to carry, the continued warm weather and her long spell of sickness, a complication is effected which it is difficult to overcome. While we all hope for the best, should she succeed in convalescing, it will be a cause for thankfulness.

## A SERIOUS RUNAWAY

### Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Wiles Nar- rowly Escape Serious Injury.

While returning from the funeral of Nicholas Todd yesterday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Wiles had a very serious runaway, which bruised them up pretty badly and cut a gash in Mr. Wiles' forehead just over his eye, which required two stitches to close. The horse which was being driven was one which they considered very gentle and safe, as the woman folks had driven it for a long time. It is supposed that a bee or an insect of some kind bit or stung the horse, and as they were driving down a hill and had to make a turn where the road was washed out, and going at a rapid rate, the buggy crushed when the bottom was reached and went all to pieces, precipitating the occupants at the road side in a tangle of broken wheels, shafts and other parts of the vehicle. Mr. and Mrs. Wiles well advanced in years, and rather heavy, the sudden shock bruised them considerably and cut Mr. Wiles' face on the jagged end of a broken part of the buggy so that the wound was closed only by the aid of the surgeon's needle. They are feeling rather sore this morning, but thankful that under the circumstances the accident was not attended with worse results. The vehicle was completely shattered into pieces.

### Mary E. Foster for Superintendent.

Miss Mary E. Foster Saturday filed her intention of becoming a candidate for the position of county superintendent, subject to the ratification of the democratic party at the coming primary, September 3. Miss Foster is well qualified for the position, and if elected would fill the place to the credit of herself and the welfare of the patrons of the schools in the county. School work is her strong point and she is well fitted by reason of natural endowments and the training which has been her good fortune to have.

## THE BURLINGTON CROP REPORT

### Corn Prospects Good and a Heavy Hay Crop in Sight

Division Freight Agent J. J. Cox has made his report on crop conditions to August 2, for the territory under his jurisdiction. The report is a pleasing one, showing the corn prospects good and a heavy hay crop in sight. The wheat yield has been fair. The oat crop will not be a heavy one. The quality of potatoes raised is excellent but the yield is not large. Some few agents on the lines of the Burlington told of the need of rain, but since they made their reports heavy showers have fallen over the greater part of eastern Nebraska. The report is compiled from reports made by agents at the stations on the lines of road mentioned. Mr. Cox says: Lines east of Lincoln and Schuyler line—Wheat harvest is all over and threshing is in progress. Wheat is averaging from twenty to twenty-five bushels per acre, and generally is of good quality. Some little wheat damaged on account of hail and heavy rain but in most places crop is first class. Oats are about all cut in the shock. Some threshing has been done and yield is fair. Corn is in good condition and growing nicely. Some of it is tasseling out and ears are starting. General prospects good. Potatoes fair crop. Will be about enough for local use. Are good size but few in the hills. Soil in good condition. Have had plenty of rain fall in most localities during the past two weeks. Pastures and hay land good. Alfalfa is being cut the second time and is making a good crop. Fruit will not amount to much, except some late apples.

### FARM FOR SALE

A first-class well improved 160 acre Cass County farm for sale. Inquire of J. M. LEYDA, Plattsmouth, Neb.