

THE THRIVING VILLAGE OF AVOCA

Its Thrifty Merchants, Substantial Business Firms and Solid Banking Institution, and Reliable Farmers Adjacent.

Avoca, Neb., March 5, 1908.
The Journal scribe arrived in this little village Monday evening about six o'clock, and was gladly welcomed by the numerous readers of the "Old Reliable." We proceeded immediately to domicile ourselves at the Cottage House, under the management of J. A. Schaeffer, where we received the very best of treatment. We did not venture out during the night, although the town boasts of street illumination. The Cottage House is a fine hotel, and one of the best in Cass county.

Avoca is a pleasant little village of about 300 inhabitants, and contains two up-to-date general mercantile establishments, one which is under the management of B. C. Marquardt & Co., who carry a general line of everything, from a clothes pin to the finest line of ladies' dress goods and gents' and boys' clothes, and a line of footwear for all mankind. This store is one of the largest in Cass county. The other general store is under the management of Messrs. Steffins & Zimmerer, who carry a general line of merchandise usually found in the average towns of Nebraska. Joe Zimmerer is one of the nicest gentlemen that it has been our pleasure to meet, and when Assessor H. M. Soenichsen appointed him his deputy for Avoca, the unanimous opinion hereabouts is that he made no mistake.

We enjoyed a very social hour with Dr. J. W. Brendel in his comfortable quarters, in which he has his office neatly arranged in rooms to suit his taste. Dr. Brendel is a son of Dr. B. F. Brendel, of Murray. He is highly respected both as a physician and a citizen, and is in the enjoyment of a most lucrative practice, which he truly deserves.

We enjoyed a few moments chat with H. G. Wellensiek, cashier of the Bank of Avoca, and to say that he is a most agreeable and companionable gentleman but half expresses it. The bank owns the building in which it is located, and is arranged in a very neat and comfortable manner. Mr. Wellensiek is also a full-fledged attorney and enjoys quite a business for one so far from the county seat.

Tom Straub, a brother of Vint and M. M., enjoys a good business in the implement and vehicle line, and is preparing for a big trade when the season is fully opened up. Mr. Straub is one of the best fellows in the world and enjoys a large circle of friends. Everyone who knows him is his friend.

Our old friend, Louis Dunkak has concluded to leave the farm and come to Avoca to make his home. A few months since his brother, who was in the hardware business died, and the stock fell into the hands of Dunkak & Maseman, the former being L. F. Dunkak. They have a very large store, and the stock comprises besides a general line of hardware, a line of harness, furniture, stoves and undertaking goods. Mr. Maseman is a young man of most genial qualities and understands the business in which he is engaged to perfection. L. F. Dunkak—well everyone that knows him is aware of the fact that he is one of the best fellows

in the world.

Avoca boasts of one business that but few towns its size can equal, and that is an up-to-date establishment carrying a large line of paints, oils and wall paper. This is owned and controlled by Wm. Marley, who also owns the building in which he is located. And another thing that is very essential in this line of business, Mr. Marley is an artistic painter and paper-hanger, thus being enabled not only to furnish the paint and paper, but he contracts to put it on. He has been a resident of this section of Cass county for twenty years or more, and enjoys the confidence and respect of all, and therefore gets the bulk of this kind of work to do.

Ora E. Copes has the only drug store in the town, and while not one of the largest in proportions, his stock is tastefully arranged and shows that he is up-to-date in this line. Mr. Copes also carries a line of stationery, cigars, notions and in fact any and everything that is kept in a first-class drug store. Ora is one of the best fellows we ever met, is genial, wholesome and everybody likes him. He is enjoying a good trade, and always gives the Journal man a warm greeting every time we chance to drop in to visit him.

We must not forget to mention the jolly butcher, J. H. Schmidt. While he is not very wide out, what he lacks in this he makes up in length. But he is a clever gentleman, just the same, and we will wager that there is not a meat market in any town the size of Avoca in the state of Nebraska, that will begin to compare with this establishment.

We had the pleasure of meeting the village postmaster, Mr. Gustave Buss. Besides being postmaster he carries a line of groceries, canned goods, confectionery etc., and enjoys a good trade in these lines. He is a very clever gentleman, which no doubt has much to do in his selection as postmaster.

We met many Journal friends during our stay in the village, among whom was Fred W. Ruhge, the proprietor of the billiard hall, who is the same old Fred, always glad to take a friend by the hand. He is a died-in-the-wool democrat, a good citizen and a general good fellow.

Among the many other patrons of the Journal whom we met were W. H. Betts, sr., W. H. Betts, jr., August Thiele, Henry Manderman, Henry Buckmann, and others, all of whom were glad to renew for the Journal at the rate of \$1.50 per year. They are all excellent citizens.

It is a great pleasure to come to Avoca, and it seems that every time we come down here the more cordially we are welcomed. Of course it is not as pleasant to the eye as it is in the summer season, when one can stand on the hill top adjoining the town and view the broad prairies, dotted here and there with large and handsome farm residences, large barns and grazing herds of fine cattle. It is at this season of the year when he who chances to own a good farm, can truthfully utter "this is God's own country." My next stop will be at Elmwood.

COLONEL.

Before Examining Board.

Wilson Clark, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, was a visitor in the city today where he appeared before the pension examining board, having made application for a pension for injuries sustained during service in the Spanish-American war. Mr. Clark was a member of the engineer corps and sustained injuries by a fall during an action.

They Kill a Musk Rat

Last evening while passing along the street, John Saxon from Union and another one of the jurors from out of the city discovered a Musk Rat running around over the street, and giving chase, finally when they had become all covered with mud and water, landed his ratship, turning it over to Bert Spies, who endeavored to negotiate it for "two bits."

Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup is a new remedy, an improvement on the laxative of former years, as it does not gripe or nauseate and is pleasant to take. It is guaranteed. F. C. Fricke & Co.

Must Have Bagged Game.

J. H. Salsbury and Will J. Streight went out this morning to look for some ducks that were not the property of anyone else, and should they be found they will be appropriated. Late this afternoon nothing has been heard from them and the booming of fire arms was heard in the distance, sounded like the engagement of the Jap and Russ fleet in the yellow sea, and it was thought something had happened. They were returning for dinner, J. M. Johns went in search for them this afternoon, and we hope will find them unharmed?

Cause of Stomach Trouble

When a man has trouble with his stomach you may know that he is eating more than he should or of some article of food or drink not suited to his age or occupation, or that his bowels are habitually constipated. Take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver tablets to regulate the bowels and improve the digestion and see if the trouble does not disappear. Ask for a free sample. Sold by F. G. Fricke and company.

WOULD MAKE STREETS FLAT

One Citizen Thinks This Manner of Construction Better

While the agitation is going on relative to the lowering of Main and Sixth streets for caring for the flood waters, and the attention of the people are being called to it, I would like to say a few words. While I do not think the plan the best one proposed, and would favor sewers on Vine and Pearl streets, if the streets are lowered, I think it well to consider the manner of the lowering. In the first place if the streets were made lower in the center it would cause trouble for many people, and especially the teamsters, who use the street the most. All vehicles would naturally gravitate to the center and those passing in different directions, would look together, causing troubles which would be greatly increased when sleet or slippery pavements prevailed. Another great objection is the fact that one could not back a wagon up to the curb and get it to stand there even with a lock, and where a wagon was not provided with a lock, it would be impossible, as the wagon would naturally run to the center of the street. I think the appearance would also be a good reason for not adopting the lower center.

N. E. EDLAV.

Presbyterian Ladies Meet

Tuesday afternoon the Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church met with Mrs. Frank Schopp and looked after the business of the meeting first, which was the promotion of the good workings of the church and rendering what aid they could to the progress of church work. After the executive part of the meeting had been disposed of, they had a very delightful time in a social way. Music and social conversation were indulged in and a delightful lunch was served by Mrs. Schopp with the aid of Mrs. Dora Moore and Mrs. J. M. Roberts.

Joseph Ripple Suffers Mishap.

Monday while unloading sacks of cement being used by a contractor for whom he was working, Joseph Ripple, formerly of this place but now of South Omaha, let slip a sack of cement which fell on his leg, breaking it. He is well advanced in years and the healing of the fracture consequently will not be so rapid.

Tetter, Salt Rheum and Eczema

These are diseases for which Chamberlain's Salve is especially valuable. It quickly allays the itching and smarting and soon effects a cure. Price, 25c. For sale by F. G. Fricke and Company.

Box Social.

The young people of Mynard will give a box supper, Friday, March 13. Proceeds to be given to the new church fund. Lunch will be served for those not caring to bring boxes. Everyone cordially invited.

Good Farms For Sale.

Two well improved farms for sale, one located near Mynard, and the other near Murray. For information call at this office.

CHILDREN DIE IN SCHOOL FIRE

Burned While at School Yesterday in an Cleveland, Ohio Suburb--Inadequate Fire Protection and Doors Opening Inward Cost Many Their Lives

Children in the building. 325
Known to be dead. 165
Escaped unharmed. 80
Missing. 13
Bodies identified. 108
A special from Cleveland, says: "Pinned in narrow hallways, jammed up against doors that only opened inward, between 160 and 170 children in the suburb of North Collinwood today were killed by fire, smoke and beneath the grinding heels of their panic stricken playmates.
"The awful tragedy occurred this morning in the public school of North Collinwood, ten miles east of this city. At 10 o'clock 165 corpses were in the morgue at Collinwood, six children are still unidentified and all the hospitals and houses for two miles around contained a number of children some fatally and many less seriously injured.
But Eighty Escape Unhurt.
"All the victims were between the ages of six and fifteen years. The school contained between three hundred and three hundred and eighty-five pupils and of this entire number only about eighty are known to have left the building unhurt. It will be several days before the exact number of killed is known, as the ruins may still contain other

bodies and the fatalities may be increased by a number of deaths among the children who are now lying in the hospitals hovering between life and death.
"The school house was of brick, two stories and an attic in height. The number of pupils was more than normally large and the smaller pupils had been placed in the attic of the building. There was but one fire escape and that was in the rear of the building.
Deputy State Fire Marshal Nathan Flegenbaum made an inspection of the ruins after the fire and tonight declared positively that the doors of the school house opened toward the inside and that the rear door was locked when the children reached it. He declared that his investigation had so far failed to establish the cause of the fire.
The teachers made heroic efforts to save the children but were headed off by locked doors. But one fire escape was on the building, which saved many lives. Many of the children jumped from the upper floor and were killed, when they could not get out. The building was a two story brick, and built about six years ago. About 300 children attended the school and were taught in the nine rooms.

ANTI-KNOCKING SOCIETY FORMED

Organized to Prevent the Practice of Knocking-- Its Motives Good

If this world were filled with people dominated by the spirit which caused the organization of the society last Monday, the world would then be far better, and the wilderness of society would blossom with roses of kindness, and a good word for everybody would take the place of those kicks, cuffs and knocks which are continually being registered against those with whom we hold supposed grievances. Herewith we present the declaration of principles of the society: "This society was organized March 2, '08, for the purpose of preventing cruelty to persons not in our midst. The penalty for knocking shall be 10 cents, payable in eatables. The first to knock shall be chosen president of the society; the second, vice-president; the third, secretary; the fourth, treasurer, and the fifth, chairman of the board of directors. There shall be five directors." The membership is limited to employees of Fanger's department store, and is as follows: Margaret Weber, Mable Burch, Violet Dodge, Miss Rice and R. K. Bates. The officers are Miss Margaret Weber, president; Miss Mable Burch, vice-president; Miss Rice, secretary; Miss Violet Dodge, treasurer; R. K. Bates, chairman of the board of directors and buyer.

Will Visit in the West.

W. L. Thomas, after having put in twenty-two years of straight good hard work at the Burlington storehouse, departed for a month's vacation, accompanied by his wife. They went on No. 7 of the Burlington, and will spend a month in Los Angeles, California. We hope and believe they will have a fine time. They expect to surprise Mrs. S. L. Thomas, who is now in the west. She is the mother of W. L. Thomas.

Lands Another Tramp in Jail

Special Policeman John Janda yesterday landed the third tramp in the city bastille, with circumstances surrounding the actions of his trampship that would implicate him in the transacting of lifting of the bolt of dress good. The three are now awaiting for a preliminary, which cannot be held at present on account of the county attorney being engaged in district court and the sheriff away from this city.

Thought He Was Married.

A certain young man went to the county judge's office a few days ago and made application for a marriage license. After being asked all the necessary questions regarding the information required before the license is granted, he signed his name to the affidavit, receiving his license. He then departed, thinking he had been married, and was only enlightened when conversing with an acquaintance. He had to go then and get his supposed wife and have the ceremony performed which really united them.

COMMISSIONERS MET TUESDAY

Transact Some County Legislation, and Allow the Regular Grist of Bills, Consider Bridge Matters and Adjourn

Board met in regular session with all members present, minutes of previous meeting read was approved, whereupon the following business and transacted in regular form:

Bond of Nebawka bank, for county money, approved.
Bond of J. W. Johnson, member soldiers relief commission, approved.
Bond of D. E. B. Banghart, county physician district, No. 4, approved.
Bond of W. C. Barlett, road overseer, road district, No. 15, approved.
Bond of E. T. Comer, constable, Stove Creek precinct, approved.
Bond of Wm. Rummel, deputy assessor Plattsmouth precinct, approved.
County treasurer was instructed to pay to C. B. & Q. R. Co. the sum of \$35.70, and charge same to school district No. 1, on account of error in assessing in said district, said tax having been paid under protest.

Bills allowed on the general fund:
A. Rouse, salary. \$ 60 00
L. D. Switzer, salary and expense. . . 16 55
W. E. Rosencrans, salary. 125 00
W. E. Rosencrans fee, postage, expenses. 115 30
M. L. Friedrich, salary and expense. 18 70
E. E. Hilton, salary. 48 00
F. M. Svoboda, salary and laundry. 62 50
Mary E. Foster, salary and expense. 127 95
The Cudahy Packing Co., soap powder. 11 75
B. I. Clements, fumigating M. Squires. 6 50
Chas. Brann, merchandise to H. T. Squires. 20 00
E. T. Comer, quarantining George

Dunkle. 2 70
F. G. Fricke & Co., merchandise to poor farm and jail. 50 60
Kunsman & Ramage, goose to poor farm. 1 30
Weeping Water Republican, printing. 7 56
J. E. Cobbey, statute for county judge, refused. 12 00
The Plattsmouth Journal, printing. 33 50
C. A. Rawls, Ex. to Papillion. . . . 21 27
C. A. Richey, same. 7 10
H. E. Pankonia, same. 7 10
C. W. Sack, same. 7 10
Dan Phelps, same. 7 10
W. E. Rosencrans, same. 2 20
D. B. Ebersole, repairs. 1 25
Sterling Girardet, mdse. to poor. . . 15 00
Wm. Holly, mdse. to farm. 1 50
H. M. Soenichsen, coal. 65 87
M. Hill, mdse., to co. 28 65
Neb. Tele. Co., rent and tolls. . . . 4 25
C. R. Jordan, salary and ex. 11 00
J. P. Falter, fees. 9 13

Claims on Road Fund

Wm. Seiker, road work, dis. 15. . . 2 00
Harry Poisal, dis. 2. 3 00
Fred Obernalte, dis. 8. 19 75
Robt. Viall, dis. 12. 10 50
Geo. Hicks, dis. 2. 8 75
M. Sulser, dis. 1. 19 40
W. H. August, dis. 13. 22 00
H. Jackman, dis. 3. 41 05

Allowed on General Fund

Platts. Tel. Co., rent and tolls. . . 18 50
B. C. Marquardt, mdse. 16 00
J. Svoboda, mdse. and labor. . . . 17 55
No further business meetings adjourned.
W. E. ROSECRANS,
County Clerk.

Poor Plattsmouth!

Owing to the fact that floods are constantly doing great damage, the city council of Plattsmouth contemplates lowering the streets, and at this time the fact that a petrified board was dug out of the earth there may deter the city fathers from unearthing any further relics of antiquity. It is bad enough for a town to be dead, but petrified, my!—Nebraska City Press.

That Plattsmouth is alive to every interest and the welfare of every citizen, all know. That there are some characteristics that are petrified, as well as an occasional old board buried years ago, we concede—yea, we are glad of it. The idea of municipal progress, of better conditions for all interests, probably are petrified. They stand upon the solid rock of continual efforts for a better city, one which looks to the well-being of all its citizens, and one which is not troubled by the jealousies of some small village, which was at one time a rival. It must be the idea of our neighbor city down the river to distract the attention of the state from the fact of its being a "Petrified City" by calling us a petrified one.

Departs For Omaha

Mayor Henry R. Gering departed last evening for Omaha, where he is mingling with the democrats at the convention. Treasurer F. E. Schlater was intending to accompany him, and ordered a hack for the purpose of going to the Missouri Pacific station, and when it not making its appearance, started and was able to see the train pull out as he got near the Masonic Home. Mr. Schlater waited and went this morning.

This Is Worth Remembering

Whenever you have a cough or cold, just remember that Foley's Honey and Tar will cure it. Do not risk your health by taking any but the genuine. It is in a yellow package. F. C. Fricke & Co.

The City's Proposition

The item of hydrant rental, which the city makes to the Water company, regarding a new rate for water, is for the 78 hydrants, \$2,400 per year and made approximately \$30.77 per hydrant. This would make a difference in the rates existing at present of about \$14.23 in favor of the city.

Given Up To Die.

B. Spiegel, 1204 N. Virginia street, Evansville, Ind., writes: "For over five years I was troubled with kidney and bladder affections which caused me much pain and worry. I lost flesh and was all run down, and a year ago I had to abandon work entirely. I had three of the best physicians who did me no good and I was practically given up to die. Foley's Kidney Cure was recommended and the first bottle gave me great relief, and after taking the second bottle I was entirely cured." Why not let it help you? F. C. Fricke & Co.

By The Forelock

That the republican state convention which meets in Omaha March 12 is regarded, by the bosses, as nailed down, sealed and delivered, is clearly revealed in the current number of the Review of Reviews. The publication contains a little article by Victor Rosewater on the structure and methods of national conventions. In an editorial note it is announced that the article is prepared by "Mr. Victor Rosewater, editor of the Omaha Bee, and national republican committeeman from his state."

Mr. Rosewater is not really and truly national committeeman—yet. But he means to be, and he takes it for granted that the state convention will obey orders. The present national committeeman is Mr. Morrill of Lincoln and the Burlington railroad, who, in compliance with the wishes of his friends and the program as arranged, delivered to Mr. Rosewater his proxy on the occasion of the last national committee meeting. But even that didn't actually make Mr. Rosewater committeeman, of course. Before the position is delivered by the Burlington bosses the credentials must, as a purely formal matter, be indorsed by the state convention. Great is reform! And if Vic Rosewater, Tom Majors, Gus Humphrey, Uncle Reub Schneider and Paddy Miles aren't its prophets, in this year of our Lord 1908, they'd like to see the color of the man's hair who is!—Omaha World-Herald.

Moves to Iowa

Jason Fountain, who for the past few years has resided out at South Bend, and late grain buyer of that place, has moved with his family over near Sidney Iowa, where he has bought a 160 acre farm, and will make his future home. Mr. Fountain is an excellent citizen and we regret to see him leave Cass county, but at the same time wish him much happiness and prosperity in their new Iowa home.

Roll of Honor.

The list of renewals since our last issue has been very large owing to the new postal law, and we were unable to get the same in type for this week, but it will appear in Monday's paper. Look for your names.

Andrew Stohlmann, one of the Journal's warm friends from Louisville, was looking after some business matters in the county seat today and paid this office a pleasant call.

Our excellent friend August Stander, from near Louisville, was in the city today and paid this office a brief, but very pleasant call.

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