

THE PLATTSOUTH TELEPHONE COMPANY

Why the People of Cass County Should Patronize the Same, and Why It Should Cover Every Inch of Territory in the County

While on our trip in the western part of the county the past week, we noticed that the Plattsmouth telephone lines did not cover several sections that it ought. This of course is no fault of the company, for at several points we noticed that farmer lines were conducted, but at the same time being connected with the Plattsmouth lines, which of course they were compelled to do if they expected to get communication outside of their immediate vicinity. While in some instances these farmer lines perhaps answer the purpose in a local way, they do not give the services at times desired.

While at Eagle last week we made some inquiries regarding the farmer line which has headquarters in that place, and found that, while the line seems to be giving pretty fair satisfaction, there is considerable work attached to the keeping of the line in repair. Dr. Jester is secretary of the company, and while we were in his office several farmers, from different directions called to have the lines repaired which had been cut or pulled down or some other complaint. The doctor remarked that while he received \$50 per year for his services, the duties of the position was more annoyance to him than it was worth. Complaints continually coming in of this nature, it appeared to us that it would be better for the stockholders of this line to turn the same over to the Plattsmouth Telephone company and become stockholders of the company that pays good interest on the money invested. While the Plattsmouth company has toll lines into that town, and they are connected with the farmers line, it seems to us that it would be less trouble to have the whole business controlled by a company who are continually on the lookout for the interest of their patrons and constantly improving their system in all sections of the county.

The same conditions exist also at Alvo and Murdock, only at the latter point the farmer line is connected with the

Nebraska (Bell) telephone lines, and we cannot see any good reason for this, either. While we have no particular grudge against the Nebraska (Bell) telephone company, the people generally, who have had occasion to use the latter, before the building of the Independent line, know that they charged such exorbitant rates, that to some extent, it was considered robbery. Such charges would have been continued to this date, were it not for the gentlemen who conceived the plan of an Independent system.

The Independent telephone system now reaches out all over the states of Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri. It is a system in which many of the farmers have invested money, and are well pleased with the per cent received upon their investments. An investment in the stock of the Plattsmouth telephone company is as good as bank stock, and the Journal is honest in the belief that the day of these farmer lines is drawing to a close. They must have connection with the outside world, and the time will come when they will be unable to do so. While such lines in this county have connection with the Plattsmouth company at present, and every town in Cass county has a Plattsmouth telephone pay line, we believe that farmers could better afford to transfer their lines to this well organized company than to attempt to keep up a local system. They will find in the long run that they are furnished a more reliable system, and that instead of the bother of repairing the lines such work is looked after by an experienced electrician and manager. The old saying that "what is everybody's business is nobody's business," and when the storms come the farmer won't have to get up the next morning and rush off to town to report that the "line's down" near his home. Such matters are constantly looked after by competent men.

We would like for our friends to think of the suggestions here made and hope they will profit thereby.

Fire Destroys Property

Last Thursday evening a fire started at the M. A. McCready home, owned by Ezra Hammer, the former Monroe house. They were smoking meat in the wood shed, filled with many articles that usually are placed in a storage room. Mrs. McCready and Mr. McCready's mother were both home, but he was on the road traveling. When the fire was first observed the inside was all ablaze and active work was begun to keep the house from burning. It was one of the hottestights ever put up as there was only three or four feet between the buildings. The weather boards and shingles were frequently on fire, but the bucket brigade stayed with it manfully and saved the home. Most of the furniture upstairs was carried out, but nothing was removed below. Some of the boys were a little scorched by flames. Lack of sufficient hose prevented the fire company from reaching the building.—Weeping Water Republican.

The Law Suits Us

We object to having our business controlled in the matter of extending credits to our patrons from Washington or any where else. We think the publisher, who knows the conditions and who is most interested, should be allowed to make any sort of contract that is not against public policy nor an infraction of good morals.—Ashland Gazette.

Every once in awhile some little one-horse paper jump up to object to the law ruling the newspapers, as regards the paper to subscribers who are several years in arrears. This is the only way some of them keep up a circulation. The Journal has not come across one of its patrons who objects to cash-in-advance system. They rather like it. In fact, within the past week we have received over thirty new additions to our list, and everyone paid a year in advance. It hot hard work to keep subscribers for a newspaper that is a newspaper. And so it goes.

Land Men Busy

J. B. Dodson, of the Dodson Land Co., of Kansas City, Mo., arrived in the city Saturday, and will remain a few days in the interests of the company that bears his name. The Dodson Land Co. is one of the largest in the western country, probably transferring more land than any other land company. They are now planning for a trip to the famous Panhandle country of Texas, where on their last trip a few days ago, they sold 30,000 acres of land to the 150 home-sceners that accompanied them on the trip. At the stopping point in Texas they own eighteen automobiles in which the buyer is shown the vast amount of land, they have for sale. If you feel interested in this land proposition, it will pay you to see Frank Stanley, the Cass county agent, as to the term of the coming excursion.

Highest Honors

We have just learned that Maple Grove school district south-west of Nehawka carried off the honors in the examination for graduation from the eighth grade last spring, Stuart Rough and Rowena Pollard getting the highest grades of any pupils in the county. The year before Ethel Rough of the same district stood second in the eighth grade examination, being surpassed only by Victor Sturm of Nehawka village school.—Nehawka Register.

ANOTHER PIONEER PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Margaret A. Patterson, Called Home, After a Sickness Extending Over a Few Weeks

Last Saturday evening, Mrs. Margaret Patterson, passed away, after a sickness of a few weeks, with a hardening of the arterial system, at the advanced age of 75 years. Mrs. Patterson has lived in Plattsmouth, for nearly thirty years, continuously, first coming to this place in 1857, with her husband, Ambrose Patterson, returning to the east a short time after and coming back in 1879. Miss Margaret A. Richey, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, where she lived during her girlhood, and was there united in marriage, with Ambrose Patterson, a brother of Fred Patterson, in 1855, removing to this place two years later.

They resided for a short time at Rock Bluffs, which was at that time a thriving city, and after a short residence (probably two years) returned to the east and resided in Philadelphia, for a short time, thence removing to New Jersey, where they resided for about 11 years.

From there they returned to Plattsmouth, in 1879, and has lived at this place ever since. Here, Mr. Patterson engaged in the livery business, and while looking for a car of stone for the building of the foundation of a new livery barn, was ran over and killed by the cars in 1886. Of the union, four children born—Mrs. F. A. Murphy, who with her family, are now in Havana, Cuba, where Mr. Murphy, is stationed with the regular army, and Miss Mae Patterson, who has made her home with her mother, Ada Florence, Irene Estelle and a son, who died in infancy. The funeral services will be held from the late residence of this estimable lady, on tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon, the Rev. J. T. Baird and J. H. Salsbury conducting the services and interment to be made in Oak Hill cemetery.

"I'm but a stranger here:
Heaven is my home;
Earth is a desert drear.
Heaven is my home;
Dangers and sorrow stand
Round me on every hand.
Heaven is my Fatherland
Heaven is my home."
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"Oh! to be at home again.
All for which we're sighing,
From all earthly want and pain
To be swiftly flying,
Looking home, looking home,
Towards the heavenly mansions
Jesus hath prepared for me
In His Father's Kingdom."

Takes Time By Forelock

Uncle Henry Boeck, not to be troubled with the floods whether they come or not is making preparations, that will eliminate the matter as far as he is concerned. He is building a retaining wall around all the windows of his store, which will keep out the water. He is also building retaining walls in the ally in the rear of the store which will be necessary when the grading bring in the lowering of main and sixth streets. We like the way uncle Henry is going after this matter as he is getting in clear for the work so that no one will have to wait on him when the time comes to do the work on the streets. Now if all others who know that they will have to do the similar kind of work will only get it done and be ready it will facilitate the work of grading and lowering the streets when the time comes.

Mrs. Elizabeth Davis Sick

J. A. Davis and son, O. A. Davis of Murray were in the city Friday. Mr. J. A. Davis departed on the evening train for Brock on Missouri, where he goes to see his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, who is making her home at that place with a daughter, Mrs. R. A. Beckman, and from they just received a message saying the Mrs. Elizabeth Davis was very sick, with but little hopes of her recovery.

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A Remarkable Run

Says the Lincoln Journal: "A fast but not remarkable run was made by the Burlington from Omaha yesterday with a special train bearing Madame Yale. The special left Omaha at 12:28 p. m., and arrived here at 1:33 p. m., or sixty-five minutes for fifty-five miles, an average of a little better than fifty miles an hour. The train made no stops. As regular trains are carded at forty-five miles an hour between stations, railroad men do not regard a fifty-one miles an hour spurt for an hour or more unusual. The record between the two places was made a number of years ago and is said to be a little better than ten minutes faster than this run. Engineer A. N. Young made the run yesterday."

VERY UNHANDY FOR THE VOTERS

A Change in the Voting Precincts of Tipton and Greenwood Very Much Desired.

For a number of years some of the voters of both Greenwood and Tipton precincts, have been deprived the right of franchise, from the fact that they have had to go a great distance to exercise this right. While at Alvo last week, we learned that citizens, who virtually reside in the town, were compelled to go to Eagle, seven miles distance, to vote, the Tipton precinct line running right up to the town—one of the streets of Alvo being the line. Then the Greenwood precinct line, of which Alvo is the voting place, runs up to within two miles of the town of Greenwood, which is the voting place for Salt Creek precinct, and the voters are compelled to go about seven miles to vote.

It seems to us that this situation could be remedied in some manner. Year after year voters are thus deprived of their voting privileges or else spend a whole day going to and from the polls. The voters in the vicinity of these two voting precincts think a change should be made by taking a strip of territory off of Tipton and adding it to Greenwood, and then a strip of Greenwood and annexing it to Salt Creek, thus making the distance to each voting precinct easily reached.

We believe if the residents of the two precincts can call a meeting and arrive at some definite understanding regarding the matter, the commissioners would gladly make the change, which is so badly needed. The gainer in the transaction would be Stove Creek precinct, of which the town of Greenwood would not have the slightest objection.

DIED SATURDAY IN PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. C. S. Armagost, Father of Mrs

John S. Hall, of Heart Failure

Visited Here Last Summer

Mrs. John S. Hall received a message Sunday telling of the sudden death of her father, Mr. C. S. Armagost, at Reynoldsville, Pa., of heart failure. It will be remembered that Mr. Armagost and wife visited here last summer, and returned home in the fall. Mrs. Hall cannot go to the funeral as it would require until near Thursday for her to get there, and that would be too long a delay. Mr. Armagost was 70 years of age and was married to Miss Elizabeth Pence in 1865, of which union was born nine children—seven of whom are now living—the oldest being Mrs. John Hall. The remainder living in the east, and mostly at or near the place where the father died. It is not known when the funeral will occur.

Departs for Fort Worth.

C. G. Grimes, who has been here for the past two weeks visiting his mother and other relatives and friends, departed Monday morning for his home in Fort Worth, Texas, going via the Missouri Pacific to Lincoln. Charley is an old Plattsmouth boy, and is now employed in the Division Superintendent's office of the Rock Island at Fort Worth, as chief clerk. By doing his work good and being most competent in all the branches of that department, he has held the position for several years, and no doubt will continue to hold the position as long as he desires to do. The Journal's best wishes attend him.

Box Social.

The teacher and pupils of Rock Creek school will give a box social and entertainment on Friday evening, April 10th. Everybody cordially invited. Ladies are requested to bring baskets.

ARE WE ALIVE TO OUR INTERESTS?

A Few Words to Those Who Want to Retain All We Have Now, and Secure More, If Possible.

The Journal desires to say a few words

in the interests of the future welfare of

our city, and if possible convince our

property holders that we must do something to retain what we have, and secure more, if we can. We are going to be very plain about the matter, but it will be done in such a manner that no one can possibly get offended.

In the very first place the principal business men of Plattsmouth seem to take no interest in the public affairs of the city. They apparently turn a deaf ear to every proposition that comes up for the betterment of the condition of affairs.

All they seem to care for is to remain in their store and shops, "waiting for something to turn up" in their favor.

We have opportunities to benefit

our condition repeatedly, but these

business men would lay back on their oars,

until they could ascertain whether

or not it would make them double the

investment.

By the time they could do this, some other more energetic,

progressive community had grabbed the

enterprise from them. These are the

situations of which we do not avail

ourselves, nor think of action until it is

forever too late.

What are our merchants doing to in-

crease the business of the town? Not

nothing. What are our property hold-

ers doing to improve the situation? Nothing

whatever. They also seem content to

sit idly by and see opportunity after op-

portunity pass to get manufacturing

establishments here that would not only

enhance the value of their holdings

one-third more than it is worth today,

but it would encourage others to come

here and assist in building up Platts-

mouth to its proper standard with other

second-rate cities of Nebraska. Those who will not help themselves when they can, do not deserve assistance.

Another thing, Plattsmouth furnishes less amusements during the summer season than any town of its size in the state—and why? Because many of our merchants are too close-fisted to assist in furnishing entertainments that will, to a great extent, increase their business, and bring new faces to town occasionally, and who could be induced to do their trading here for all time to come. Plattsmouth should double its business, but it can't be done with a lot of "slow-pokes" pulling back all the time and discouraging everything that is intended to benefit us all.

Now we come to the point that we desire to arrive at, and that is this: If the people of Plattsmouth do not awaken from their present slumbers of inactivity and do something that will put new life into our city, you can depend upon something occurring ere many more snows fly, that will make you wish you had needed the good advice given you by the Journal free of charge, and in the interests of those who have an interest in the future welfare of Plattsmouth.

We know just exactly what we are talking about, and as all the property interests we have in the world is right here, we feel as deeply interested in the future of the city as anyone can possibly be, and it is not through choice that we warn our people against the inevitable which will surely come if we do not arouse from our apparent lethargy and "all pull together" for the welfare of Plattsmouth, and success will surely crown our efforts if we do our work properly.

LITTLE BUILDING IN NEBRASKA

Difficulty in Getting Money the Serious Thing Encountered.

The Lincoln Journal say: Railroad men who have been in touch with the powers that be say that there will be little or no building in Nebraska this year, excluding double track and improvement work. It is claimed that the Union Pacific will begin double tracking west of Kearney if crops turn out good and there is no further check to business, while the Missouri Pacific has planned to do some line rebuilding in this state during the season. The Northwestern has begun some track improvement work in the northwest part of the state, and the Burlington has been hiring trackmen for some time. Several car loads of laborers have been taken northwest through Lincoln for work on the Wyoming district.

It is claimed that the west end of the Burlington railroad is the big end at this time, so far as traffic origination goes. The lines west are given credit for keeping the wheels moving, but the inability to get money to build new lines will not permit of the construction this year of the new main line up the Platte Valley from Kearney to Bridgeport. It is claimed, however, that the building of this line is a definite and essential part of the big scheme for developing the system in the west and that it will be built when conditions will permit of the use of such a large sum of money as it will cost.

EXCURSIONS WEST ANY DAY OF WEEK

Good Farm Lands in Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming

Good farm lands in any size farms, both improved and unimproved, and on terms to suit purchaser. We run excursions west on any day of the week, and the Texas Panhandle country on the first and third Tuesday of each month. One and one-third fare for the round trip. If you want a good home in the sunny South, and wish to learn more of the particulars, see

FRANK STANLEY, Plattsmouth.

Transfer Subsidiary Lines

The Lincoln News says: The Burlington railroad is now filling deeds transferring its subsidiary lines from the corporations which have always been of record as owing them to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy company. Deeds must be filed in ninety-eight counties in Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming and South Dakota. The deeds are said to be elaborately worked out affairs,