

The Avoca Department

News Items Gathered Each Week by a Special Reporter for This Department of the Semi-Weekly Journal

THE HUSTLING TOWN OF AVOCA

A Brief Description of the Thriving Town Located in the Southwest Corner of Cass County.

This pretty little village is located in the extreme southwest corner of Cass county, about two miles north of the Otoe county line, and was first settled in 1882. Hon. Orlando Tefft was instrumental in having the Missouri Pacific railroad locate the station upon the present site, Mr. Tefft, his father and J. B. Carter owning most of the land upon which the town was originally laid out. Among the oldest settlers of the village are J. B. Carter, Orlando Tefft and B. C. Marquardt, who are still residents and are prominent, not only in furthering the best interests of the village, but also of the community surrounding the town for several miles in every direction. B. C. and J. H. Marquardt opened the first store of importance in Avoca. P. P. Peckham and S. S. Seiver were the first carpenters to locate here, and many of the buildings are in evidence as to their handiwork, energy and enterprise in the early days of the prosperous little village. Dr. Packard was the first physician to locate in the new town. Amos Tefft, the father of Hon. Orlando Tefft, was the first postmaster. B. F. Diefenbach preached the first sermon in one of the store buildings just being completed at that time. The town has only boasted of two attorneys—C. E. Tefft and H. G. Wellenseik—the former now practicing his profession at Weeping Water, only five miles from Avoca, leaving Mr. Wellenseik as the only resident attorney. The latter is also cashier of the Bank of Avoca, and while his time is considerably engaged in his duties at the bank, he enjoys quite a practice at law, being the legal adviser for a large number of the business men and farmers of this vicinity. He is a young man of sterling qualities, and is as well versed in the law as any young man of his age in Cass or Otoe counties.

John Nutzman (now deceased) and Joseph Graham were also two citizens who have had the interests of the community at heart—the former exerting great influence in getting the Missouri Pacific through the village, and Mr. Graham (now deceased) as a hardware merchant and at the elevator. Both were alert for the good of the town and the community surrounding it. The latter was well liked by everyone.

The first bank was installed in 1883 by David Dean, who also conducted a lumber yard in connection with it. Later Orlando Tefft bought a half, and finally Rowland purchased Dean's interest and afterwards Mr. Tefft's interest. In 1906 the present owners became possessors, with H. G. Wellenseik in charge of the management.

Avoca now has a population of between 400 and 500. It has two general stores and one grocery store, the latter being connected with the postoffice, two elevators, one drug store, one hardware store, one implement dealer, and dealer in automobiles, one livery barn, one wall paper and paint store, one meat market, one saloon one lumber, yard, two barber shops, one watch repairer, one pool hall, one hotel and one resident physician—Dr. J. W. Brendel, who by his untiring efforts and studious application to his profession, enjoys a very extensive practice, in which he has been extraordinarily successful.

To the credit of the thriving little village, Avoca can boast of an excellent public school building, perched upon a beautiful sight and commanding a view of the fine country for miles in either direction. There are also three churches—Christian, Congregationalist and Lutheran, Rev. Beatty being the only resident minister.

As a business point Avoca holds its own with any town of its inches in either Otoe or Cass counties, and is one of the most desirable residence towns in either county, being high and dry and therefore very healthy. Surrounded, as it is, by the best grazing and farm lands in the state, it is bound to come to the front gradually as a very important town.

This page of the Journal is intended especially for Avoca and the country tributary thereto, and will contain all the local events in the neighborhood. It is simply an experiment on the part of the Journal, and if it is supported as it ought to be by the business men of Avoca, we hope to continue it for years to come as an advertisement for the get-up-and-go business men of Avoca in 1700 copies of the Journal each week.

Parties having any news items, advertising, want notices, or any printing, such as sale bills, letterheads, envelopes, or in fact anything of the kind, can leave same at the hardware store of Dunkak & Maseman. We will have a representative in town on Monday evening and Tuesday morning of each

week to gather the news and look after other matters calculated for these columns.

Appointed Delegate

Herman G. Wellenseik, the cashier of the Bank of Avoca, has been appointed delegate to the National Good Roads convention at Chicago, by Governor Sheldon. The governor made no mistake in this appointment.

T. H. Straub.

Tom Straub, "one of the finest," is the opinion of everyone in regard to the automobile man of this extreme section of the county. Tom Straub comes from one of the finest families of Cass or Otoe counties and is well known and well liked throughout the community. Tom sells, as you all will know if you read his ad, automobiles and farm implements. If you want a square deal—deal with Tom Straub.

Ora E. Copes

In this paper is the ad of Ora E. Copes the popular druggist, and a man who thoroughly understands his business. To know him is to know a man who is a rustler and one who, when he fills a prescription, you may know it is correct. See his ad and go around and see him if you have not already done so. You will find he is the right man in the right place—is Ora Copes, the druggist.

J. H. Schmidt.

John Schmidt, whose ad appears in this issue, is more familiarly known as John, has been in Avoca a little over two years, and by untiring and unceasing efforts has built up a business that would be a pride to any man. John dispenses fresh and salt meats, poultry and bread, and you can always depend on him when you need anything in his line. Mr. Schmidt has a meat market that any man would be proud to own. So don't forget John when you need anything in his line.

Bank of Avoca.

In 1882 the Bank of Avoca was organized, being owned by David Beam, then having a much poorer showing than at the present. In November, 1906, the present owner purchased the establishment, and in September 1907, moved it to their new building and now has one of the finest equipped establishments in the state. Hermann G. Wellenseik, the cashier, who is now in charge, is a graduate of the Nebraska Law school and has been admitted to the bar. See the bank's ad in this paper.

B. C. Marquardt & Co.

This firm is probably one of the oldest of its kind in this section of the country. In 1872, on the Fourth day of May, the Marquardt Brothers came to Avoca and established a general merchandise store, which has grown to be one of the leading stores in the county. In 1890, the junior member of the firm died, B. C. Marquardt then assuming control, and the firm was changed to B. C. Marquardt & Co. About six years ago L. J. Marquardt entered the firm, and is now interested in the company. The firm now consists of B. C., L. J. and M. D. Marquardt. Be sure and read their ad on this page.

Dunkak & Maseman.

The firm of Dunkak & Maseman, whose ad appears upon this page, consists of Louis F. Dunkak and George Maseman. Louis Dunkak, the senior member of the firm, has been farming for a number of years, and has always been prominent in the affairs of this community. George Maseman, the junior member, has been for the past few years a clerk in the B. C. Marquardt store. The present firm purchased the store some time since, which consists of hardware, etc., from the Graham estate. Since assuming control of the establishment they have been swiftly advancing and are upon the road to success.

Avoca 13; Dunbar 6.

The Dunbar ball team came up to Avoca Wednesday, and returned home with their colors trailing in the dust, and for the first time this season. This was Avoca's first game this season and the way that they played plainly shows that they will have a successful team this year. Following is the score by innings:

Avoca	5	2	0	1	0	0	5	0	x	13
Dunbar	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	6

Batteries—Gruber and Cochran; War-nick, Wilson and Smith.
Umpire—Vincent Davis, of Weeping Water.

The Journal representative was a visitor at the home of the genial store-keeper, B. C. Marquardt. Mr. Marquardt possesses one of the finest houses in the village and has it surrounded by a bit of California. The place is surrounded by large shade trees, which Mr. Marquardt planted himself. Besides these, he has rose bushes beyond description; ferns and nearly every plant in exist-

ence. This gentleman has taken great pride in his garden, from which he raises all his own garden products. Mr. Marquardt is at present engaged in having his cellar excavated and preparing to put in a furnace, which when completed will make his home modern in every respect.

Dick Steffens and wife were visitors in Omaha the first of last week.

Thos H. Straub, the automobile man, was a business visitor in Omaha Tuesday of last week.

Herman G. Wellenseik, the cashier of the Avoca bank, visited with relatives in Lorton Sunday.

Mr. John Mohr and daughter, of Syracuse, were visiting with friends and relatives in the city.

Edward Morley and family spent Wednesday of last week in Weeping Water, visiting with W. O. Ogden and wife.

Wm. Morley the popular painter and decorator, of this city, is painting the saloon building, which adds greatly to its appearance.

Mr. and Mrs. George Howard and daughter, of Logan, Iowa, were visiting with the family of L. V. Hupp the first of last week.

The ladies of the Christian church gave an Ice cream social at the church Tuesday evening of last week from which they realized a neat sum.

Henry Dunkak, the oldest son of Louis Dunkak, who was injured in the elevator last week, is rapidly recovering and is able to be around once again.

L. J. Marquardt and family are visiting this week in Utica with Mrs. Marquardt's parents, the Bogards, who expect to depart for the old country this week.

Lucian Sheldon and wife of New York, who have been visiting Mr. Sheldon's parents, Amzell Sheldon and wife for the past week returned home last Monday.

Mrs. F. W. Ruhge is seriously ill at her home in this city. Her son, Herman and wife, of Denver, were called here on account of the mother's illness. Dr. Hellis, of Syracuse, was called into consultation with Dr. Brendel in regard to Mrs. Ruhge's illness. At last accounts she was improving some.

T. H. STRAUB

IS THE MAN THAT SELLS
- AUTOMOBILES -



Farm Implements and
WAGONS AND BUGGIES

Be sure and see him when you
need anything in his line.

Avoca, - - - Nebraska

DUNKAK & MASEMAN

Hardware
OF ALL KINDS

Carpenter Tools, Tinware
and Harness.

Agents for the Monarch Range
Sharples' Cream Separator and Bart-
lett Sewing Machine.

EDISON PHONOGRAPHS
and a Full Line of the Latest Records

UNDERTAKING GOODS

AVOCA, - - - NEBRASKA

V. W. STRAUB, President HENRY WOHLERS, Vice-President
H. G. WELLENSIEK, Cashier

The Bank of Avoca

Capital \$10,000 - - - Surplus \$3,500

We Solicit Your Banking Business.

PAINT!

We have the well-known brands—Patton's Sun Proof and Lincoln's Strictly Pure. If you are going to paint your house or barn come in and see us.

ORA E. COPES, THE DRUGGIST,
Avoca, - Nebraska.

When you need anything in Fresh or Salt Meat Line you want to be sure and get it of

JOHN SCHMIDT THE MEAT MAN

He also sells Poultry and Bread and is always prepared to fix you with ice! ice!! ice!!!

AVOCA, - - - NEBRASKA

B. C. MARQUARDT and Co.

General Merchandise

A full line of Dry Goods, Gents, Furnishings, Groceries and Seeds.

KIRKENDALL AND GOODMAN

SHOES

Agents for the White Sewing Machine and Tailor-Made Clothes.

AVOCA, - - - NEBRASKA

Don't Get Discouraged

Of course the incessant rains for the past month or more is enough to discourage the average farmer, but in talking over the situation last Saturday, one of the "oldest inhabitants" called to mind the summer of 1875 in Nebraska, and recalled the fact that after the early corn had been destroyed by grasshoppers, farmers planted again as late as the last of June, and what think you was their reward at corn shucking time? Merely that no such yield had ever before been gathered in this part of Nebraska, the field that did not average 75 bushels to the acre being the exception rather than the rule. We might add, however, that the quality was not first-class but was such that thousands of heads of cattle were shipped or driven into this locality and fattened on the soft corn. As a matter of fact that crop of corn brought to the feeders more clear money than had ever before been realized from their feeding ventures. Therefore we trust our farmer friends will not lose heart this backward summer, but trust in Providence and the good quality of Nebraska soil.

The Tailor Was Drunk.

A drunken tailor from Omaha, created some disturbance this morning, having gotten too much of the over-be-joyful for his own good, was, after he became abusive thrown out of one of the saloons, and on the street created a good deal of trouble and was warned to get out of town which he promised to do. He started, and after getting off a short distance called back to the police and told him to go to a very warm place, and he was run in. He resisted arrest and was given a dose of the "come along," but did so with a great many foul oaths and bad language. He is now trying to sober up.

A MONUMENT TO DEAD HEROES

The Unveiling Ceremonies at Greenwood Last Saturday

The following special from Greenwood, under date of June 14, gives the following particulars of the unveiling ceremonies that place last Saturday: The unveiling of the soldiers' monument at the Greenwood cemetery yesterday was carried out despite circumstances that prevented the following of the program as previously arranged. The rain rendered the public park too damp for use, and the crowd assembled at Stradley's hall at 1 p. m. and listened to an address by Hon. E. M. Pollard who gave a brief history of the beginning of slavery in this country and how it led up to the war of the rebellion. His rendering of facts and figures regarding the civil war and the Spanish-American war, what they cost, the results and the benefits derived by us as a people and a nation held the close attention of his audience. At 3 p. m. the unveiling and dedicating ceremonies took place at the cemetery. Mrs. J. W. Barr, president of the Ladies of the G. A. R., under whose auspices the funds were collected and the monument erected, presented the same to the public in a short address.

Governor Sheldon was to have been the speaker, but failed to get here on account of trains being delayed. Congressman Pollard addressed the assembly. The monument is of Bedford, Ind., stone with stature of a soldier at parade rest. It is about twelve feet high and is considered a fine piece of work.

In County Court

The final settlement of the estate of Addison P. Weston, formerly of Nehawka, was heard today. In the will there was provision made for the allowing of some six hundred dollars of an annuity, to a sister of the deceased, Mrs. Cynthia A. Orves, as long as she lived. During the late winter she died which allowed the closing of the matter of the estate, and to day, after the filing of the will in 1895, the final settlement was made.

Had an Old Folks' Day.

Yesterday at the Methodist church was held what is known as old peoples' meeting. At this an effort was made to get out all the old folks of all denominations and a number were there from the Masonic home, one being Mrs. Bradford who died last evening.

Old time songs were sang and special address for their especial benefit were delivered.

The crowd of carpenters who are erecting the new Methodist church at Mynard departed for that place this morning. They were accompanied by their fellow member, Robert Petty, who sometime since had the misfortune to have a portion of the frame of the building fall upon his head at the time of raising the same. He has improved of late so that he is able to return to work again.

COMING TO PLATTSMOUTH

Everybody, Who Wants to Enjoy a Good Time Will be Here the Fourth

In speaking of the big celebration in Plattsouth on the Fourth of July, the Louisville Courier says:

"On account of the large amount of money found necessary to be subscribed to care for the victims of the cyclone Louisville decided not to hold a celebration this year and consequently our people will go to neighboring towns.

"Plattsouth is springing itself this year in the celebration line and will secure some great attractions. A special invitation has been extended to Louisville people by Mayor Gering and he promises to turn over the keys of the city if we will go in a body. What do you say? Let's go down and show them a rip-roarin' time. Take the women and kids along, forget for a day that we ever got hit by a cyclone, and go with the intention of enjoying a day among the good people of the hub city, drink red lemonade, see the ball-gon go up, hear the band play 'The Star Spangled Banner,' listen attentively to the red headed girl read the Declaration of Independence and otherwise enjoy ourselves. If the creek doesn't raise and dad don't use the steers we'll be there. You better come along."

Yes, come on, boys. We will use every effort in our power to see that you have a good time, and return to your homes feeling that you have enjoyed the finest celebration in the history of Cass county. We want everybody to come, and bring the wife and children. Remember that they will enjoy the day as well as yourself.

Woman and Gambler Dead.

A special from Sioux City, Iowa, under date of June 10, says: Returning to her home late last night, Miss Margaret Sargent was compelled to force an entrance to the house, and upon searching for the reason of locking the doors, discovered her mother dead upon the floor, and beside her a man who turned out to be Joe Ford, a well-known gambler in the "open" days.

The man and woman both had bullet holes in their heads, and a revolver was in the man's hand. The man had left a note saying:

"I was drove to do this. May God forgive me"

Jealousy is thought to have been the motive of the double crime.

Joe Ford was a resident of Plattsouth several years ago, and will probably be remembered by many of the older inhabitants.

In a Fearful Condition

The road leading to the ferry is in a most deplorable condition, and it would be impossible for Iowa farmers and travelers from the other side of the river to get here, even if the high water was within the bed of the Missouri. We are informed that the bridge south of the big bridge has been out for two seasons and it is impossible to use either road now. It will be well for someone to look into this matter, at least before the Fourth of July, if they expect people to come from the other side of the river and south of town. Let the managers of the celebration enquire into the matter, and see that it is remedied as soon as possible.

Pocket Picked in Lincoln

C. R. Vallery was a visitor in Lincoln last Saturday, and when in the act of boarding the train for home, and assisting his invalid wife on the same she having been at the sanitarium at that place, a member of the light-fingered gentry levied an assessment on him for twenty dollars. As the crowd was pretty dense, the man who slipped his hand in Mr. Vallery's pocket abstracted his purse and got away before he could be apprehended.

An Important Ruling

All the telephone companies doing business in Nebraska have been notified by the state railway commission that they can no longer charge messenger fees or long distance calls where the party called can be reached by telephone and the actual services of a messenger are not required.

A "Kitten Shower."

Uncle Abe Ruple imagined he was going to be captured by ghosts a few nights ago, but when he went upstairs to the undertaking room he found the "ghost" was a nest of kittens. He denied ownership of the young felines, and claims the incubator that Roy Upton has been operating is responsible for the "kitten shower" in the coffin room.—Union Ledger.

The gas company began this morning the laying of some new gas mains on Sixth street, between Pearl and Vine, which had to be done soon and they take this time to do it in order to get out of the way of the pavers who will soon be in that portion of the city if weather be so they can work to advantage.