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## IN SOUTHEASTERN PART OF COUNTY

A Journal Representative Visits Many Farmers in That Section of Cass, Finding Them Busy and Crops Generally Good.

A Journal representative spent a portion of Friday and Saturday in what some people are disposed to term "the jungles," because the country of that part of Cass county is very hilly and covered to a considerable extent with timber. While this is true, there resides in "the jungles" many prosperous and up-to-date farmers.

On Friday morning our good friend, Claude Everett met the writer at Union and conveyed us to his home, where we remained until after a sumptuous dinner had been partaken of, when in company with Mr. Everett, who knows every road and pathway and every dweller for many miles in every direction from where he lives, we started out.

During our trip we met many farmers, among whom were J. M. Van Horn, C. F. Morton, D. A. Eaton, L. J. Hall and W. A. Edmundson, all of whom will read The Journal for the next year at least. Mr. Morton is one of the greatest fruit growers in that part of the county and will have plums, peaches and other fruit galore. Besides his fruit industry, he is also a breeder of Short Horn cattle and does extensive farming. He is one of those farmers who believes in having the best of everything around him, and as a result, is comfortably fixed in his home, with many broad acres surrounding him.

The farmers in this section were right in the midst of the hay and wheat harvest, and were in work up to their eyes. Some threshing was being done, while many more were stacking their wheat and oats. After a round of many miles we landed for the night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett, where an appetizing supper already awaited us, and you bet that when we sat down at the table, Mrs. Everett witnessed the many good things prepared by her disappear in short order before two hungry fellows.

### A Fine Home.

After a refreshing night's slumber and an excellent breakfast, we started out again to visit a few more farmers and then continue our journey back to Union, enroute home. On our many trips to the various sections of Cass county we have never come across a home that has met our fancy so much as that of John Larsh, and must say that it is one of the grandest structures that we have had the pleasure of viewing in Nebraska. It is situated in a position about one mile from the Missouri river, and overlooks the same. The house is one of the old colonial style, with large, airy rooms, reminding one as he enters of Mt. Vernon, the home of the first president of the republic, which overlooks the Potomac. The reception room contains a large, old-fashioned fire place, the chimney for which runs up on the outside, and

### A False Report.

The Journal is requested to state on behalf of Wm. Wynn and family that the burial expenses of the late H. D. Barr were taken care of by them and not by the county commissioners. He has been excessively annoyed by a report that the commissioners called upon to provide for Mr. Barr's resting place and takes this opportunity to inform the public that the commissioners were not consulted in regard to the matter and any alarm they might have had about who would carry the expense was groundless. He is particularly displeased at the actions of Commissioner Friedrich in making public expression of fears of the county having to bear the expense, as Mrs. Wynn at that time was completing all arrangements for the last rites.

### Team Killed By Lightning.

W. A. Roden, who lives a few miles southwest of Pawnee City, suffered the loss of a fine team of work mares Tuesday evening the animals having been killed by a bolt of lightning while standing in the stall. The barn was little injured. The loss was partially covered by insurance.—Pawnee Chief.

Earl Upton of Union, is looking after some business matters in the city this morning.

## IS A CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

### Platform Upon Which A. P. Fitzsimmons Will Stand

To the Democratic Voters of the First Congressional District:

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for congress from the first congressional district, subject to the will of the voters at the primaries to be held Sept. 1.

In announcing my candidacy I wish to make a brief statement as to my position on reform measures, as I have always advocated reform in politics. The two principal causes of corruption in political affairs are dishonesty and incompetency. These two always go hand in hand and it is a difficult matter to tell which has brought about the greatest evil in American politics. So it becomes our duty as royal Americans to combat both of these evils at the primaries and general election.

I will pledge myself to do all in my power to bring about the following measures:

I endorse the national democratic platform as adopted, and will do all in my power to assist in redeeming every pledge made therein.

Keep the light turned on and illuminate all the dark places in the methods employed by the trusts—publicity in everything; keep every public act above board and in the lime light.

I favor a bank guarantee law such as advocated in the democratic national convention; and in case of an elastic currency allow the government to furnish the rubber, and not issue money on water or watered stock.

Election of U. S. senators by a direct vote of the people.

An income tax and an inheritance tax, whereby swollen fortunes may pay a small tribute to the government under which they have been fostered and accumulated.

I favor railroad rate regulation on a just and lawful value of the cost of the railroad construction, terminals, rolling stock, maintenance and wear and tear of the road; so an equitable dividend may be paid on money actually invested, but not to pay dividends on large amounts of watered stock. No rebates or passes, justice to the railroads, the shipper, employee, the passenger and all.

I favor the reclamation of the arid west, the draining of swamp lands and the building of homes in the United States for citizens of our great country.

I believe in the destruction of unlawful trusts and combinations.

I favor the improvement of the water ways of the country, to be used as a method of transportation, as we of Nebraska, so far inland, have an outlet to the sea, which at an early day was used when this country was new and which aided very materially in the development of our state; and which, by the use of modern methods of engineering, may become a source of our greater development and give us a water rate for our farm products and stock to the sea.

DR. A. P. FITZSIMMONS.

### A Farewell Social.

Last Saturday night at the fine home of Peter Perry, south of this city, a farewell party was tendered to Herman McCleary, who for some time past has been employed by J. R. Vallery and who left Sunday night for Denver, Col. Some seventy of his friends assembled to bid him good-by and good luck before he departed for his new home. The evening was very pleasantly spent in games and amusements of various kinds, and a bounteous repast was served at the close. Mr. McCleary was a popular young man withal, and there was genuine regret that he had felt it necessary to sever the pleasant ties which he had formed during his residence there.

### Case is Continued.

In the matter of the insanity of Mrs. Laura Mason mention of which was made in the Journal of Saturday evening, the board of commissioners after hearing considerable evidence, continued the hearing until (Tuesday) for other and additional witnesses. From the

evidence so far as adduced, it appeared

that Mrs. Mason had been in the habit of using vile and insulting language toward her neighbors and their children, while also making life more or less of a burden for her husband, he having expressed himself as fearing for his life at her hands. While many witnesses were examined, the board thought it best to make a further inquiry into the case and for that reason continued the

### Another Fishing Party

A Pleasant fishing party made the journey Saturday afternoon to Cedar Creek to be gone over Sunday. It was composed of Geo. Weidman, Ed. S. Tutt, Robt. Hayes and Geo. Tartsch. They went prepared to enjoy the nice weather in the woods and to catch all the fish in the lakes. Misses Anna Weidman and Edith Pitts were guests of the camp during Sunday, driving out in the morning and returning last evening. A very enjoyable time was had although there are still some fish left in the lakes. The boys returned this morning.

## THE DESTRUCTION OF WEEDS

### Farmers Should Read the Law and Govern Themselves Accordingly.

Farmers would do well to note the following law in reference to weeds along the public highways, especially those who live on mail routes running through their land or along their farms. Some farmers, of course, have been cutting weeds, and those who have neglected to do so, had better get busy if they do not, 4 dollars per day will be taxed up against them by road supervisors. Uncle Sam is also urging rural carriers to report to the post office department at Washington the condition of the roads and bridges.

The usual routine work was transacted, various committees reporting on matters before them, among others the finance committee reporting favorably on the following claims:

Wm. Wehrlein, livery ..... \$ 3.00  
Cass County, boarding prisoners ..... 15.40  
Wm. Gingery, street work ..... 21.00  
Claud Smith, same ..... 42.00  
Aug. Pein, same ..... 21.00  
Phil Harrison, same ..... 19.78  
John Harkins, same ..... 21.00  
Ignace Vestreys, same ..... 8.75  
Geo. Lindsay, same ..... 7.00  
Pat Tevan, same ..... 15.75  
Frank Kalochek, same ..... 6.05  
Frank Kushlinsky, same ..... 11.90  
John Bates, same ..... 42.00  
W. B. Rishel, sprinkling ..... 20.75  
Jas. Jelick, watchman ..... 5.25  
J. H. Merriam, engineer ..... 61.00  
State Journal Co., printing ..... 15.00

The Kraft Clothing company came to the front with a bill which created considerable disturbance, they wanting the city to part loose with some three thousand, five hundred dollars as damages done their property during the heavy rain of several weeks ago, they claiming that the destruction was caused by the city's failure to handle the water which came down Chicago avenue by not having sufficient drainage facilities. The claim went to the judiciary committee which will investigate the probability of the city being liable for this or any other sum.

C. G. Woodworth, the paving contractor, had a resolution before the council seeking an extension of time in

which to complete the relaying of the pavement on Main and Sixth streets.

He asked that the time be extended until Sept. 15th, and while there was

no action taken and none is likely to

be taken until the time has expired, it

is almost certain he will be granted

some extension as the council realizes

the proposition he is up against on ac-

count of the heavy rains last month

which seriously delayed the work as

well as caused him much loss.

The resolution was referred to the commit-

tee on streets, alleys and bridges.

The Plattsmouth Telephone Company

was present by its manager, Mr. T. H.

Pollock and presented an ordinance for

a new franchise and for an advance in

rates for instruments similar to that of

the Nebraska Company introduced at

the last meeting.

Mr. Pollock addressed the council, briefly in advocacy

of the ordinance. All he asked was

that the Independent Company received

the consideration the Nebraska Com-

pany did and if their franchise passed

that the ordinance of the Independent

Company pass also as they were as

much entitled to his increased rate as

the other. The ordinance was read a

first time and referred to the judiciary

committee which has the other ordi-

nance under consideration at this

time.

The judiciary committee did not make

any report on the Nebraska Telephone

ordinance as the members were unable

to get together. They asked for

further time which was unanimously

granted.

The ordinance granting the Masonic

Home certain rights in the way of

sewer privileges on Washington avenue

and other streets in the second ward

was reported from the judiciary

committee favorably, and after some

discussion it passed by an unanimous

vote. The reading of these several

ordinances consumed a great deal of

time as they are both decidedly

lengthy.

When the council arrived at street

work, Councilman Steimker took oc-

casione to protest against the street

department forces cutting weeds.

He believed it to be the duty of the in-

dividual property owners to cut these

weeds and his vigorous objections to

the city doing the work, led to a con-

troversy between him and the mayor.

Mayor Gering pointed out the abso-

lute necessity of keeping the city in

a sanitary condition, an impossibility

unless the weeds are cut. Steimker's

motion that the street commissioner

stop cutting weeds met with no second

and died abornin.

The street work ordered included re-

pairs the full length of Maiden Lane

which was represented in a bad con-

dition, repairs at Sixth and Rock,

and on Gold street between Sixth and Ninth

streets; also, to the alley between

Marble and Rock, and the running of

the grader over First street.

Councilman Neuman called attention to

the condition of the mouth of the sewer.

He had found the mouth imbedded in

several feet of earth and that the

water from the sewer was unable to

reach the river owing to this fact.

It was decided to clean the sewer at the

mouth so as to afford a sufficient outlet

for the drainage.

After doing all this, the heat drove

them to adjourn and seek some cooler

quarters.

## CITY COUNCIL IN REGULAR SESSION

In Spite of High Temperature the Members Sit for Two Hours in the Transaction of the Dear Public's Business.

Although the room was suffocatingly hot last night the city council dragged through a two hour's session, mostly listening to the monotonous reading of ordinances of various kinds. All members were present when Mayor Gering called the meeting to order, except White and Bookmeyer, the latter being absent from the city, while the former is still confined to his home by illness.

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