

# The Plattsmouth Journal.

SEMI-WEEKLY EDITION—FOUR PAGES

VOLUME XXVIII

PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1908

NUMBER 61

## AN ALFALFA MILL AT CENTRAL CITY

The New Enterprise in that City Started a Week Ago and Will Run Nearly the Entire Year Round—A Big Thing for the Town.

From Monday's Daily.

The following from the Central City (Nebraska) Record will no doubt be read with considerable interest by every citizen of Plattsmouth who is interested in an establishment of an enterprise of this character in this city. The article below gives a full description of the whole surroundings, and will show to the readers of the Journal how such an enterprise would work here:

The T. B. Hord alfalfa meal mill began operations last Thursday, turning out its first grist of alfalfa meal on that day. It showed a capacity of four tons per hour. The building is a large one, and the main part being covered with galvanized iron, is a conspicuous object in the eastern part of the city.

The alfalfa hay is received in the store room, a cement block building 150x140 feet, one story high. Here it is fed into the grinder, where it is ground fine and by means of a powerful fan forced up through a large pipe into the cupola, five stories above ground. From the cupola it descends into large bins on the fourth floor, from whence it drops into a mixing machine on the third floor, into the mixer is also flowing a hot stream of molasses, the two ingredients being thoroughly stirred together. The molasses is readily absorbed by the meal, and the mixture is devoid of stickiness.

In the second story is a sacking machine, which receives the meal from above into sacks, where it is weighed and sewn up. This room is also used as a storing room. The first floor is for loading into cars, the

weighing and office room in one corner. This part of the building is 30x10 and 75 feet in height.

The engine room is at the north, where a seventy-five horse power engine supplies the power. There is also a gasoline engine and a dynamo, the entire building being lighted by electricity.

Outside of the mill on the north, is a large tank, 32 feet in diameter and 24 feet high, where one thousand tons of molasses can be stored at one time. In connection with this is another engine for the purpose of pumping the molasses up to the mixer.

The making of alfalfa meal is a comparatively recent industry, there being a rather limited number of the mill in the United States. The meal is now extensively used by cattle feeders and dairymen, the cattle eating it eagerly. With corn it furnishes a perfectly balanced food, the meal furnishing the blood, bone and muscle, while the corn puts on the fat. Ordinarily about five tons of meal and from twenty to twenty-five pounds of corn is fed daily for fattening.

Mr. T. B. Hord will use the greater part of the output in his feeding operations. For his purpose about fifty per cent of molasses and meal is used. The ordinary mixture for fattening purposes is about sixty-five per cent of meal and thirty-five of molasses. For dairy purposes only about twenty-five per cent of molasses is advisable.

The mill is under the supervision of J. H. Scott, formerly of Louisiana. It will run all the year round with the exception of one or two months in the summer, and give employment to ten or twelve men.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET

The Bridge Building Let to the Nebraska Construction Company.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The county commissioners at their session yesterday and today transacted an immense amount of business. In addition to allowing a great number of claims of various kinds they transacted quite a little important specific items of business.

The letting of the annual contract for bridges for the ensuing year was one of the features of the meeting. This was done this morning, there being representatives of some nine different bridge companies on hand to witness the opening of the bids and the award. It took the commissioners and Clerk Rosencrans some little time to compile the figures, which showed the Nebraska Construction company of Lincoln, Neb., to be the lowest and to whom the contract was awarded. The bids covered pile and steel bridges, the commissioners considering the contracts for concrete work should be awarded by the job and each job depended upon different conditions caused by the location of the several jobs. In addition to the Nebraska Construction company the following firms bid upon the work, viz: Monarch Bridge Co., Falls City, Neb.; Columbia Bridge Co., Walla Walla, Wash.; Midland Bridge Co., Kansas City, Mo.; Canton Bridge Co., Omaha, Neb.; Standard Bridge Co., Omaha, Neb.; T. L. Freeman, Tecumseh, Neb.; and P. L. Easterday & Co., of Falls City, Neb.

Among other important business looked after by the commissioners was the setting of a date upon which the parties interested in the proposed Salt Creek drainage district in the northwestern part of the county, could be heard. This was fixed on December 15th, when all those interested can appear before the board and have a hearing.

There were also a number of bonds approved, among them being the bonds of the following road overseers, viz: A. D. Hathaway, District

No. 11, C. Bernemeier, District 6, C. T. Richards, District 4, Wm. Stohman, District 8, Wm. Ketch, District 12, J. E. Bates, District 13, and J. H. Henninger, District 9. The bonds of Chas. Clapp, constable Elmwood precinct and Walter Norval, constable Weeping Water precinct were approved. The bonds of M. V. Wood, justice of the peace of Elmwood precinct, A. N. Spear, justice of the peace for Center precinct were also approved.

The commissioners also ordered the placing of \$4,000 insurance upon the county farm buildings, the insurance to be placed in the Queen Insurance Co., of New York, and \$3,000 insurance upon the court house, this in addition to the amount carried at present and to be in the Continental and Glen Falls Insurance Companies.

The matter of vacating a road in the village of Cedar Creek which has been before the commissioners for some time was settled by ordering the road vacated.

There was a lot of other work done which will necessarily appear in the published minutes of the proceedings which will not be out before Thursday.

## In District Court.

From Monday's Daily.

Judge Travis this morning held a very brief session of district court, previous to departing for Nebraska City. In the case of Herold vs Coates a motion for a new trial was argued and submitted, the court taking the question under advisement.

In the case of the State vs. Bozarth, an order was entered allowing A. N. Sullivan the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for his services in defending Bozarth on the charge of murder, this allowance to cover his services in the lower court, the district court and any other court to which the case may be appealed. Bozarth has not yet been sentenced.

## Root Gets It.

From Monday's Daily.

J. N. Wise this afternoon received the news that Judge J. L. Root of this city had been appointed to the three year term on the state supreme court. He did not get the names of the other appointees.

## Limb Amputated Today.

From Monday's Daily.

The condition of Joseph Crowder, the Burlington conductor whose leg was crushed at Pacific Junction was such this afternoon that an operation was determined upon as a last means of helping him. While no hops was entertained by the attending surgeons that his life could be saved, the wound had reached the stage where he was absorbing from and his life was certain to be lost unless the operation was performed. The operation took place at about two o'clock this afternoon at the Perkins house to which the unfortunate man was removed Saturday morning.

Mr. Crowder rested well last night and seemed to be making an good progress as could be expected under the circumstances, but this noon the change had become so pronounced that the operation was inevitable.

## ANOTHER HOME DEEPLY BEREAVED

Little Inez Edna, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Edgerton, Passes Away

From Monday's Daily.

Died.—Edgerton—Inez Edna, daughter of Alfred and Mrs. Edgerton, at their home near Plattsmouth, Neb., aged 4 years, 11 months and 1 day, of typhoid fever, upon November 23, 1908.

After an illness of three weeks with the dreadful scourge of typhoid fever, little Inez Edna, the beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Edgerton, passed into the better land last Saturday afternoon. The little one had suffered from her disease until her frail body could no longer stand the fight and although loving hands did the best they could and the best of medical assistance was had, the sad parting had to come.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon from the house and was quite largely attended by all who knew of the sad event. The parents have the sympathy of all who know them in this very sad affliction and the loss of their little angel. It is doubly sad to see death to come into the household and take one so young, one whose life had hardly begun to unfold and who faded away as the lily whose tender petals are touched by the winter's frost. As the loveliest of blooms wither and die before the merciless hand of winter so did this sweet little life pass away before the dread destroyer. In common with the other friends of Mr. and Mrs. Edgerton the Journal extends its sincere condolence to them in this hour of bereavement.

## Card of Thanks.

In our bereavement and loss of our little daughter, Inez Edna, we desire to extend our thanks to the many friends who assisted us in her last illness and death, and especially do we desire to thank Mrs. O. B. Warham, Mrs. J. B. Green, Mrs. M. J. Stiles and Mrs. Riley Jones for their kindly work, and for the generous gifts of flowers for the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Edgerton.

## Mrs. Latky Creates More Trouble.

The troubles of Mrs. Mary Latky, ex-grand chief of honor of the Degree of honor, are not all over yet by any means. Saturday she commenced an action in the Lancaster county courts against Levi Munson, proprietor of the Royal hotel at Lincoln, for criminal libel. It will be recalled that when the last session of the Grand Lodge was in session at Lincoln, Munson commenced suit against Mrs. Latky to recover an alleged board bill, which he claimed she owed. The upshot of the suit was the defeat of Mrs. Latky for reelection as Grand Chief by a few votes. Afterwards the case was dismissed by Munson. Mrs. Latky began suit to eject her successful competitor, Mrs. Mayme Cleaver, from the office and this case is still pending. Now she starts against Munson and promises to make things hum until she has the revenge.

## Knee Injured.

From Monday's Daily.

Bert Thrasher, who recently went to work at the shops, taking a place in the brass foundry, this afternoon had the misfortune to fall against a pile of babbitt metal injuring his knee while the injury was painful it was not considered serious and the worst effect will be to keep the young man from his work for several days. Medical assistance was had and the injury dressed this afternoon.

## Cass County Entitled to the Mule.

In 1904 Roosevelt for president carried Cass county by 1216 majority. In 1905 Taft carried the county by only 59, thus reducing the Roosevelt majority 1,156. A little computation shows that this was a gain of 2,392 per cent to the Bryan forces over the majority four years ago for Roosevelt.

Again, Roosevelt carried Plattsmouth by 145 majority, while Bryan at the recent election, overcame this majority and landed a majority in the city over Taft of 217, a gain of about 250 per cent.

Of the wards, the old Bloody Third shows a most remarkable change. Four years ago this ward gave Roosevelt 49 majority, while Bryan wiped this out and had 92 majority, a gain of about 227 per cent. Surely Cass county is entitled to that mule—"Mishimascott"—and Mr. Bryan ought to forward the animal to Dr. Stewart Livingston, who, as chairman of the democratic county committee, did so much to almost wipe out the Roosevelt majority of 1248.

## Has Leg Broken.

Ernest Smith, the son of J. L. Smith, met with a painful and serious accident Saturday afternoon while engaged in working at the elevator just south of the depot, on the Burlington tracks. The elevator is run by horse power and Smith was riding the horse engaged in the work when he caught his leg in the machinery in some manner, breaking it just above the ankle. The break was a bad one and as soon as possible medical attendance was summoned, Dr. Hall being called, and the fracture reduced. He is resting quite comfortably today and his recovery will undoubtedly speedily follow. This is the third disaster that has befallen him within two years, he is not long since suffering from blood poisoning as the result of an infected cut and later falling into the river from a gasoline launch. Neither of the accidents, however, were as serious as this last one which will keep him laid up for several days.

## EXPERIENCED A NARROW ESCAPE

Another Team Causes L. A. Meisinger's Team to Run Away.

From Monday's Daily.

L. A. Meisinger met with what might have been a very serious accident last Thursday morning, while he was driving into the city from his home. A few miles west of the city his buggy was run into by a runaway team of Peter Halmes, the buggy being overturned and Mr. Meisinger's team frightened into running away. When the buggy went over Mr. Meisinger lighted in the top and in this perilous position he was dragged some distance. He had hold of the reins with one hand but was unable to get his other hand upon them owing to the danger from the heels of the frightened steeds. After being dragged some distance he concluded that it was useless to try to stop the team in that manner and released his hold dropping out. He very fortunately was not much hurt, although some bruised and scratched up. The team ran quite a distance further when one of the animals stumbled and fell and they came to a halt. The horses suffered worse than Mr. Meisinger being badly bruised up and crippled. Mr. Meisinger overtook the team and completed the journey into town, the buggy being practically uninjured.

The team of Mr. Halmes, which was the primary cause of the trouble, was being driven by some children of Mr. Halmes who were on their way to Thanksgiving services at the church and it had become frightened at a loose horse in a pasture and ran away. After it had run into Mr. Meisinger's buggy the team quieted down and the children proceeded to church. The whole matter ended in a much better manner than could usually be hoped for as such an accident is generally quite a serious affair.

## Getting Along Nicely.

From Monday's Daily.

W. L. Street, who was taken to Immanuel hospital last Wednesday for an operation is reported today as being very comfortable and having withstood the operation in good shape. This will be good news to his many friends who have been hoping that the operation would be beneficial to him. That he will steadily improve and be quite well is the general belief of his family and physicians and the wish of all who know him.

## TERRIBLE ACCIDENT AT RAILROAD SHOPS

The Unfortunate Person Being Joe McCarthy, by Which He Will Probably Lose One Eye.

From Wednesday's Daily.

A terrible accident took place yesterday afternoon at the brass foundry of the Burlington shops by which Joe McCarthy one of the best workmen of the local foundries, will probably lose the sight of one eye and possibly of both besides sustaining some painful burns from molten metal. The accident occurred about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. A pot of molten metal already for pouring in the molds had been raised and McCarthy had prepared to test the temperature of the metal previous to pouring. For this purpose a test is made showing the speed at which the metal flows or its thickness indicating the temperature is determined. The metal must be poured when it is at a certain heat. What is known as a gate is inserted into the mold and the speed with which the molten stream runs gives the founder his basis to tell when it should be poured. The presence of the least amount of moisture upon one of these "gates" when they are inserted in the metal is sufficient to cause a deadly explosion.

Yesterday a barrow load of these "gates" had been dumped before the pot and when McCarthy went to insert the "gate" a terrific and blinding explosion followed. From some unexplained cause the gate had evidently become damp or wet and its contact with the mass of molten brass produced the explosion.

The fiery mass enveloped McCarthy about the head inflicting severe and terribly painful injuries to the unfortunate man. His fellow workmen dashed to his assistance at once and as quickly as possible he was hurried to the office of the Burlington surgeons where a cursory examination showed them the terrible nature of his injuries. Everything that could be done for his relief with the facilities to be had locally was done and by the use of anesthetics a great deal of the pain was relieved. As soon as possible arrangements were made to have him taken to Omaha where he could be treated by Dr. Gifford, a specialist in such injuries, and where hospital facilities were to be had. Accompanied by the Burlington local surgeon, Mr. McCarthy was taken to Omaha and Clarkson hospital, where an examination by

the experts disclosed that the left eye had been terribly burned, the molten metal penetrating under the eyelid and literally cooking the eyeball. The right eye was also badly burned while the hair on the head was burned off in front and the face had suffered what is known as second degree burns, these extending back of the ears. While these burns are very painful they are not deep and not near the awful nature of the burns of the eyes.

The attending surgeons hold out little hope of saving either of Mr. McCarthy's eyes, practically conceding that the sight of the left eye will surely be gone and that of the right eye being in such shape that they will not guarantee or even venture to admit the probability of saving it. It will be necessary for Mr. McCarthy to remain in the hospital for some time before he can return home and after his return a deal depends upon the ultimate result of his injuries as to when he can resume work of any kind.

The accident is such a one as is liable to occur at any time in a foundry and the cause will always probably remain a mystery. The presence of water upon the gate could have been caused in many ways. The most generally accepted theory is that someone carelessly or inadvertently expecorated upon the gate as it lay upon the floor and that McCarthy failed to notice it as he went to use it.

The accident is hailed here by Mr. McCarthy's friends with more than the usual amount of sympathy as he has been having a great deal of bad luck for several years past. He suffered a three months' lay off last spring by reason of an outbreak of small pox in his family and later one of his little boys became afflicted with trouble with his eyes and this caused him a loss of much time and expense in looking after it. This last trouble comes as a culmination of a long series of misfortunes.

McCarthy is a married man, residing in the south part of the city, and has a wife and five children. He is a member of several fraternal orders and is a very popular and well known young man.

## CONSTRUCTION IS COMMENCED

There are No Ifs or Ands About it—the Louisville is Being Built.

When the Louisville people take a notion to do a thing they generally find some way of doing it. After waiting for three years or more to have the two counties, Cass and Sarpy do their duty in this direction, they came to the conclusion that there was no use to wait any longer, so the enterprising citizens of that up-to-date little city join hands to raise the money to reconstruct the bridge which crosses the Platte river at that point, and which was taken out by the high water and the breaking up of the ice in the early spring. This paper always believed that an injustice has been done the people of Louisville. It was somebody's duty to rebuild that bridge, and common sense will teach anyone that if it is not the duty of the counties through which the river runs, it must be the duty of the state. No matter now. The people have gone to work to reconstruct it themselves and as will be seen from the following from the Louisville Courier the work has been commenced. All hail to the enterprising citizens of Louisville, who have the vim and grit to do things when they go after them:

"The Courier is pleased to be able to notify the public that actual work is now under way in rebuilding the Platte river wagon bridge at this place, and that three months hence teams may cross and recross at will. This will be welcome news to the thousands of people throughout eastern Nebraska and western Iowa, who have been inconvenienced by absence

of means to cross the Platte river, but more especially will it be gratifying news to the people living along the north banks of the river, who desire to come to Louisville to do their trading because of the better condition of the roads and the nearness to market. It is good news to the people of Louisville, not only from the stand of convenience, but because it enhances the value of every piece of property in the town. It was the thing needed to make Louisville the best town in this part of the state, and now if all will unite and help push they will be rewarded by seeing Louisville grow as it never has grown before. If you are a dead one, get out and make room for those who are willing to do things, because Louisville is going ahead, and it will take more than a few moss backs to keep her back."

## Another Alfalfa Mill.

Instead of waiting quietly for some one to come along and supply the capital necessary for the construction of an alfalfa meal mill the people of Nebraska City have gotten together and arranged to start and operate one with local capital. A party of their citizens and capitalists have organized a company with a capital stock of from \$25,000 to \$30,000 and purchased the old buildings of the starch works and commenced the work of putting them in shape and installing machinery for the new mill. There is a lesson in this for the people of this city. If a canning factory and alfalfa meal is to be built here let the work be gotten under way at once. If the city waits until the field is all taken up there will be no use of doing anything. Nebraska City spirit is a good thing and a little of it in Plattsmouth would help a lot.