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## THE PLATTSMOUTH COMMERCIAL CLUB

### Articles of Association of the Same, Including Constitution

#### Preamble.

Whereas, There exists in all cities lines of interest, advantageous both to individual members of the community and the community at large, the furtherance of which cannot be attended by individuals alone, and is not provided for out of any municipal or county funds, but must be secured by special organized efforts; and

Whereas, It is believed that the present is a wise time for the organization of such a Plattsmouth commercial and community organization of good strength, there is adopted the following:

#### Constitution.

Article I.—The name of this organization shall be the Plattsmouth Commercial Club.

Article II.—The purpose of the association shall be the furtherance in all practical ways of the business and community interests of Plattsmouth. To watch the condition and laying out of public highways leading into the city, encourage and promote their proper construction and maintenance, and co-operate thereby to facilitate driving over the widest practical area; to foster, aid and encourage the continuance and development of industries, institutions and facilities already here, and the conservative location of meritorious new ones; to guard the enjoyment by the city of the best attainable railroad facilities, as well as freight and fire insurance and other rates, and against unjust discrimination in favor of other towns; to effect desirable voluntary arrangements among the merchants of the city and among other lines of business represented in the club, effecting uniform hours of closing and in other respects; to be a medium for looking after and regulating the securing of public celebrations and out-door amusements, calculated to bring people and trade to the town, such as Fourth of July celebrations, chautauquas, etc.; to promote better acquaintance and appreciation among our own and immediate surrounding people, of our community resources and advantages, encouraging home patronage and talking-up of the town among home people; to make a name for our city and promote acquaintance with it through the news columns of the state press and by encouraging the holding of

conventions, meetings and associations in our city and by co-operation with the local press; to promote the attractive appearance of the city and its desirability as a residence town by encouraging the adoption of best landscape and architectural effects, effective tree planting, street grading, weed cutting, uniform curb lines, regularity of sidewalks, lawns, development of public park and in other ways; and in general to promote in every way practicable the growth, business interests and prosperity of the city.

Article III.—Any resident of Plattsmouth or vicinity may become the holder of standing membership certificate or certificates in this association by enrolling himself on the books of the association, and keeping up the requisite membership payments as hereinafter provided. Each membership certificate shall require the payment of the rate of fifty cents per month to the association by the holder thereof.

Article IV.—The annual meeting of the members of the association of officers and other business that may come before it, shall be held on the third Tuesday of January in each year, and all regular adjourned meetings every third Tuesday of each month thereafter. Special meetings may be held at any time upon two days' notice published in one issue of the city papers giving the time and purpose.

Article V.—The officers of the association shall be a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, and a board of directors, consisting of nine members of which the president and secretary of the association shall constitute two of the members of the board of directors.

The board of directors shall have power to meet in separate session at any time when necessary for the mutual benefit to the association and make such recommendations to the association at their monthly or special meetings. The board of directors shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur, and also appoint such committees and make such compensation as they see fit for the transaction of the association.

Article VI.—The constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the membership by a majority vote of its members present.

#### Future of Alfalfa.

D. W. Foster, a well known Cass county farmer, was in the city Thursday and in discussing current topics commented upon the projected alfalfa mill soon to be in operation here. Mr. Foster is one of those men who studies farming from a scientific standpoint and conducts the farm on the same basis that any other successful business is managed. He thinks that alfalfa has a great future in this part of the country and that farmers generally will soon be planting this crop, not only for renewing the soil but for the profit there is in the business. Mr. Foster thinks the hilly land here is just adaptable to the crop as the bottom lands and that as soon as the farmers realize the fact that the profit in alfalfa is so great acreage will soon be in evidence in the surrounding countries. Mr. Foster states that on an experimental seven acres he secured \$65 for the second crop and \$55 for the third crop and had the first and fourth crops for home consumption. —Nebraska Press.

#### A Family Reunion.

From Saturday's Daily. H. J. Streight and family yesterday entertained his sons and daughter with a little family reunion at their home. Those who were in attendance in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Streight were W. J. Streight and family, E. J. Streight and family, and Mrs. A. J. Jackson. Mr. E. J. Streight returned to his home in Lincoln last evening while Mrs. E. J. Streight followed him this noon with the remainder of the family. Mrs. Jackson was also a passenger on the noon train for Omaha.

Fresh nuts of all kinds at the New Bakery.

#### A Cowardly Assault.

From Saturday's Daily. An assault more or less mysterious in its nature is reported to have taken place last night or rather early this morning upon Granite street, near the residence of Dr. Hall. It is reported that two couples both married were upon their way home from the M. W. A. dance when one of the men who was wheeling a baby buggy was violently assaulted by a man who had been waiting for him. He struck him across the nose and fell him to the ground, his nose being cut more or less. The party making the assault ran up Eighth street after hitting the man and escaped. It is claimed the man making the assault was recognized and called out by name by the sufferer from his attack. No complaint has been made to the police nor has any action been taken in the matter. The man had his injuries dressed by Dr. Hall shortly after the assault had taken place. They were not dangerous.

#### Taken to the Hospital.

From Saturday's Daily. The many friends of Mrs. John Beeson will regret to learn that she is once more ill, her condition having become so bad that she was taken to the hospital at Omaha yesterday, where she will be operated upon. While the exact nature of her illness and its extent is not known, it is to be hoped that she will come through the ordeal safely and that she will soon be herself again. Mrs. N. H. Isbell was a passenger on the early train this morning for the hospital where she will visit her and assist in looking after her condition so far as she may.

Kodaks—Gering & Co.

## DEATH AT THE HOME

### Thomas Stitt, an Inmate, Stricken With Paralysis and Dies.

Died—Stitt, Thos., at the Masonic home Plattsmouth, Neb., on Dec. 26, 1908, of paralysis, aged 62 years, 5 months and 26 days. Interment at Superior, Neb.

Last Saturday Thomas Stitt, one of the inmates of the Masonic Home in this city, who had been a sufferer for a long time past from paralysis, passed to his reward, death intervening in the afternoon to end his sufferings.

He was born on June 30, 1846, and was admitted to the home from Superior, Nuckolls County, some time since. No services were held in this city, the body being shipped yesterday morning over the Burlington to Superior where the Masons will conduct the services. Very little is known here of Mr. Stitt's antecedents, he having no acquaintance save that of several inmates of the home none of whom were well enough acquainted with his affairs to say whether or not he had relatives surviving.

#### Departs for California.

From Monday's Daily. William L. Withrow, long a landmark in journalistic circles in this city, departed yesterday morning with his family for Los Angeles, Cal., where he will make his future home. Mr. Withrow has disposed of all his property interests in this city to W. H. Rainey of Union who will move here at once. On account of the health of his wife Mr. Withrow concluded it would be best for him to try the California climate and to this end he made the sale. He is a good man and a good citizen and the Journal bespeaks him long and prosperous years in his new home. He has had much experience in all lines of country newspaper work, having worked on the outside as solicitor, reporter and editor and having worked at the case for many years as a practical printer. He will doubtless take up with some paper where his talents will be in demand.

#### Returned Home.

From Monday's Daily. Jos. McCarthy whose recent injuries in the Burlington shops has aroused so much sympathy here, had so far recovered as to return to his home Saturday evening. He made a flying trip to Omaha this morning to have his eyes treated and will continue this method of treatment for some time to come. He has gotten along finely and there is now no doubt whatever of the entire recovery of both his eyes. It is quite needless to say that he was greatly pleased to be able to get back to his home once more and that his friends were more than rejoiced to have him return and also to find his prospects so good.

#### In Police Court.

From Monday's Daily. Police Judge Archer yesterday held a session of his court long enough to assess a fine of one dollar and costs against J. T. O'Brien and Geo. Barr, who had embled too freely of the cup which cheers and also inebriates. In default of the price O'Brien is serving his sentence at the Hotel De Manspeaker while Barr compromised with the court and got until January 4th to pay up.

Judge Archer also was interviewed by a woman who wanted a warrant for some of her neighbors who had been scandalizing her by charging her with improper conduct. The court succeeded in convincing her that she had a better remedy in damages for defamation of character

#### Was it a Warning.

County Judge Beeson received a unique Christmas present in the shape of a pocket knife with a blade some four and a quarter inches in length. This is a problematic gift as the judge is not sure whether it was meant to enable him to preserve the peace in his court or to use it on his various hunting and fishing trips. It is thought advisable to warn malefactors that the court is there with the goods, however, as this knife is warranted to subdue the most ferocious temper and preserve the dignity of the court at all hazards.

#### For Sale or Trade.

A four room house with basement, newly papered, city water, sewer connection, corner property close to shops. Must sell by January 1. Terms and price low and reasonable. Inquire at this office.

#### Looking for a Location.

G. W. Gregg of Dunlap, Ia., is in the city today looking after a location for a first-class pool hall and cigar store. Mr. Gregg is a very pleasant, agreeable gentleman to meet and doubtless understands just what is required to run a first-class place of this kind. There is little doubt that he will find a location in the city, thoroughly to his liking, and that he will engage in this business here. If he concludes to open up a place in this city, he assures the reporter that it will be one of the best to be had, a place thoroughly up-to-date in every particular and just what the discriminating person would want.

## "POSEY" IS A HUNTER

### W. D. Messersmith Kills a Wolf Near the City on Christmas Day.

People who are not real well acquainted with our old friend "Posey" Messersmith will not believe he is some hunter. It has been said that he was afraid of wolves—in fact, that he flinched when their name was mentioned. All this has been proven a fake of the first water. Several days since W. D. had occasion to make a little Christmas journey over to the Howland property north of the city and while the Christmas cheer was on, a wolf or any other kind of a hunt was proposed to which he cheerfully made himself a party. The result of the hunt was the stirring up of a large gray wolf which one of the other hunters filled with lead and which made a straight leap over the fence toward Mr. Messersmith. Posey promptly turned his flight with another rain of shot which ended its career at once. The story that he filed is all a monster fake such as only the Hearst papers are capable of originating. It turns out that the wolf which was a very large one, is the animal which has been described by some of the people living northwest of the city as a "mountain lion," and which has been playing havoc with poultry and small stock for some time past.

#### A Narrow Escape.

Elmwood, Neb., Dec. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gustin and daughter, Marie, had a narrow escape from a severe injury in a runaway Christmas morning. They started from their home west of town to go to a relative to spend the day. Just after leaving the house their team became frightened at an automobile and ran away, but were got under control by Mr. Gustin in a little while and they proceeded on their way, when the neck-yoke broke, letting the tongue fall to the ground, frightening the team worse than ever. Fortunately one of the singletrees broke, allowing the horses to get lose from the buggy leaving the occupants in the buggy uninjured. The family finished the journey with a horse and buggy borrowed from a neighbor. One of the horses was seriously injured by running the neck-yoke in its breast, while the harness and buggy were damaged considerable. Mr. Gustin and family consider their escape from injury and perhaps death, a miraculous one.

#### Married in Lincoln.

Last Wednesday, December 16th, Herman Oaken and Miss Minnie Wright went to Lincoln and were married by County Judge Cosgrave, and then returned to this city on the afternoon train, going to the bride's home where a wedding supper was served to a few invited guests. In the evening a crowd of friends gathered and gave them a charivari. Mr. Oaken was born and raised on a farm near here and has spent his life tilling the soil, while his bride has lived in this community for several years. The happy couple have gone to housekeeping on the groom's farm three miles south and one mile west of Eagle. The Beeson joins their many friends in wishing them a long and prosperous journey through life. —Eagle Beacon.

#### Sent Fine Flowers.

Among the magnificent floral tributes to the late James Skoumal, Jr., were flowers sent by the members of Camp 10, M. W. A. of Omaha. The emblems were very fine and were sent as a testimonial from this lodge of which Mr. Skoumal's brother Anton, is a member. The sorrowing family were very thankful for this remembrance of their husband and father.

## FUNERAL OF JAMES SKOUMAL, JR.

### Services at Holy Rosary Church and Interment in the Catholic Cemetery Today.

From Monday's Daily. Died—Skoumal, James, Jr., at his home in Plattsmouth, Neb., aged 43 years, of a complication of diseases, on December 26, 1908. Interment in Catholic cemetery, Plattsmouth, Neb., on December 28, 1908.

James Skoumal whose death is recorded above was born in Moravia, a portion of Austria-Hungary, in 1865. When but five years of age his parents immigrated to America settling in Saunders County, Neb., where they remained until the year 1879 when they moved to this city where Mr. Skoumal has since resided save for several years when he was a resident of LaPlatte. In 1898 he was united in marriage to Miss Frances Slavicek, one of the city's most popular Bohemian ladies. Of this union four children were born all living and surviving their father. Their names are Charles, Rosa, Dover and Luther. In addition Mr. Skoumal's aged father James, sr., and mother Frances, survive him as well as two brothers John and Anton, the later a resident of Omaha and three sisters Mrs. Boedecker, Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Jelinek, all residents of Omaha. Mr. Skoumal's brother Frank Slavicek has also been present at his bedside during the last days of his illness.

Mr. Skoumal was a member in good standing of the M. W. A., Eagles, T. J. Sokol society and the Burlington Voluntary Relief carrying insurance in the Woodmen and the Relief.

Mr. Skoumal as has been said before was a most excellent and worthy citizen. During his years of life in this city none can speak of him but

#### The News Plant to be Sold.

The order of sale for the News plant arrived several days ago and Judge Douglass the trustee for the creditors is preparing to close the plant out for what it will bring. The date of the sale is set for January 5th and there are several competitors who are reported to be anxious to buy the plant and embark upon the perilous field of journalism. It is said in some quarters that various factions of the republicans are striving for control of the paper and dark hints are given out that Congressman Pollard is going to have a hard time retaining his organ. The many creditors of the defunct institution hope that these rumors have some substantial basis and that the bids will go high enough to give them a reasonable portion of their debts. Considerable curiosity is manifested to see what the reorganized paper will consist of.

#### Marriage at Elmwood.

Elmwood, Dec., 27.—One of the surprising events of the holiday season took place Christmas day at Council Bluffs, Ia., when Miss Edna Miller, of this city, and Mr. Thomas Burrell, jr., of Oteo county, were united in marriage. Not even the closest friends or parents were aware of their intentions. Mrs. Burrell is well known in this community, being a graduate of the Elmwood high school, class of 1907, and taught school last year. The groom is the son of Thomas Burrell, one of Oteo county's most popular farmers. They will go to housekeeping on the Burrell farm, four miles south and one-half mile east of Elmwood. They returned home last evening and were greeted with a rousing charivari by their many friends.

#### Visits His Old Home.

Mike Wurga, wife and little son, all of Havelock, came down to spend Christmas and a few days with relatives in this city and vicinity. Mike is looking finer than ever before and the Havelock air seems to agree with him. During his visit in the city he met many old friends who were very glad to see him again and especially glad to notice how well he was looking. While in the city he paid the Journal a pleasant call which was duly appreciated as Mike was always one of the Journal's best friends when he was a Plattsmouth citizen.

in terms of highest respect and admiration for the many sterling qualities which he displayed. Thrifty and frugal he had earned a reputation as an honest, upright, and conservative citizen second to none. His loss falls not alone upon his immediate family but upon the entire community among whom such men are too few and far between.

The funeral of the deceased took place this morning at 10 o'clock from the Bohemian Catholic church, there being a very large attendance of fellow citizens anxious to pay a last tribute of respect to this excellent man. High mass was said and prayers for the departed in accordance with the rites of his church of which he had been a faithful and devoted member. Rev. Father Boar formerly in charge of this parish returned to the city to conduct the services. A very long procession of sorrowing friends followed the body to the grave in the Catholic cemetery.

The pall bearers were C. F. Valery, F. G. Egenberger, Albert Scutler, Will Holshuh, Chas. Vitosek, Ed. Donat.

The funeral sermon of Father Boar was a particularly eloquent one and brought tears to the eyes of the great number of friends who had assembled at the church. Particularly touching was his reference to the fact that ten years before he had joined the deceased and his wife in matrimony at the altar where he now stood to say the last words for the dead. The Rev. Father was very much touched when he spoke of this and controlled his emotion with great difficulty.

#### Attending the Poultry Show.

From Monday's Daily. W. C. Hamilton departed at noon on the mail train for Omaha where Mr. Hamilton has a magnificent display of chickens at this show which is generally recognized as one of the largest in the west, and there is little doubt but what he will carry off some of the prizes. Billy earned quite a reputation as a poultry fancier and the fowls which he is taking up are some very choice ones. In this connection Dr. J. H. Hall is also sending several of his fancy bred chickens to the show with more than good prospects of landing several of the prizes.

#### Returned Home.

From Monday's Daily. Mr. and Mrs. John Pence and daughter Violet, who have been spending several days at the home of Col. M. A. Bates and family in this city, returned to their home in Nodaway county, Mo., Monday morning. Their visit was a pleasant one to the entire Bates family, and we very much regretted when the time came for their return. Mr. Pence is running a large farm and is feeding considerable stock, which necessitated his return. We shall all remember this visit as one of the most enjoyable ones in our career, and trust that they will come again soon.

#### Entertains a Number of Friends.

From Saturday's Daily. John S. Hall and wife yesterday entertained a large number of friends and relatives with a splendid Christmas dinner, the affair being in the nature of a family reunion. A delightful time was had by all present. Those attending included David L. Amick and wife, Murray; Herman Smith and wife, Nebawka; Theo. L. Amick and wife, Mynard, Neb.; Mrs. Andy Brisse, Burlington, Ia.; Miss Loar Brisse, Burlington, Ia.; Miss Violet Smith, Nebawka, Neb.; Miss Mabel Amick, Mynard; Miss Annie Hall, Miss Bertha Hall, Miss Elizabeth Hall, Miss Ruth Hall, all of this city; Mr. A. D. Hall, Omaha; Mr. Ralph Hall, Mr. Arthur Hall, Mr. Frank Hall, all of Mynard, Neb.; Mr. Wm. Hall, of this city, and John S. and Mrs. M. J. Hall, of this city.

Lowney candy in Xmas packages —Gering & Co.