

# ITALIANS START CUTTING AFFRAY

## Forman Scott of Section Gang Settles Row Without Blood Being Spilled

Yesterday Foreman Scott, who had been in command of the extra gang which lived up affairs a week or so ago by going on strike, received a new consignment of Italians and prepared to take up the track work where his old gang so unceremoniously left off. This new gang proceeded to furnish some entertainment for the populace and some excitement for the sheriff's office last evening when two of them engaged in war—red, internecine war. These two Italians, who shall for the purpose of this article be named Pietro and Luigi, had had trouble previous to coming to this municipality. Their real names are not printed out of consideration for the typesetting machine, it being too valuable a piece of machinery to risk their names on. Pietro, who is the villain of the tale, came here with the reputation of being a trouble maker, and as really a sort of pocket edition of the Mafia. His countrymen, it is said, tried to get him prized off the gang before they landed here, but without success, and they then and there determined to serve him up as the poet has put it, a la gizzard, if he started anything. And sure enough, he started something. He engaged Luigi in conversation at the cars last evening and pleasantly referred to the latter's personal habits, and his ancestry in a manner anything but an fait, so to speak. Further on he proposed to start a slaughter house right there, using Luigi as the carcass. Luigi expostulated and Pietro produced a large knife, and slashed at Luigi cutting a nice, long rip in his coat. Foreman Scott, who was present, then interfered in time to save Pietro's life, as Luigi was real vexed

at him and was on the verge of letting his warm blood trickle down over the bright, pretty rails of the Burlington. As soon as Mr. Scott interfered Pietro abandoned the fight and fled northwards along the tracks toward Omaha, pursued by small boys and men. Sheriff Quinton and Deputy Manspeaker were notified and joined in the merry chase, but the villain gave the sheriff and his valiant deputy what is derisively termed the merry ha, ha, and acted like a regular scamp, refusing to come back when told to and taking to the woods. Since then he has never been seen and for ought the sheriff and his trusty deputy knows, he is now basking in the shade of his own grape vine in sunny Italy. Others think he may have gone to join the Weeping Water murderers or the Manley bank robbers. Maybe so; maybe not so. Anyway, he is gone. Pietro was not injured except in his feelings.

Foreman Scott states that the man was watched, as he had a bad reputation and the gang had tried to get him left behind, but the interpreter thought he would give him a trial. The several different sections of Italy produce men of different temperaments, according to experts on the subject, those from the north of Italy making good, honest and energetic workmen, sober, temperate and faithful, while from the southern end of the country comes the fighting, unstable element who cannot be depended upon. The gang which recently struck was of the latter section. Foreman Scott is glad the trouble happened before the gang had been long on the work, as they can now start out without disturbance in their ranks.

# SEVENTY-ONE YEARS

## That is the Number David S. Taylor Passed Last Monday

Last Monday night the home of David S. Taylor, in South Park, was the scene of a pleasant gathering, some fifty of the aged gentleman's friends gathering to observe his seventy-first birthday in a fitting manner. The party was of the nature of a surprise and it completely filled the bill. The aged gentleman was more than pleased at the manner in which his many friends showed their appreciation of his being with them for so many years, and was much affected by the presents which were showered upon him. A resident of this city and vicinity for a number of years past, he is one of the most popular of men among those who know him, and they could not do enough to show their appreciation of his excellent qualities.

The evening was spent most pleasantly, the older folks indulging in social conversation while the young folks made the airy merry upon the lawn, indulging in various games and pastimes. Later ice cream and a pleasant and dainty luncheon was served, which all partook of with the utmost enjoyment.

One very pleasant feature of the evening was an address by Rev. Luther Moore, who presented the honored guest with the presents which his good neighbors and friends had brought in. He felicitated him upon the passing of the many milestones of a long life and trusted that the three score and ten which had been passed be far surpassed and a long life would be his lot. Rev. Moore's address was a pleasant one and handsomely suited to the occasion.

The guest of honor was born seventy-one years ago at a point twelve miles northwest of Vincennes, Ind., near the Illinois state line, where he lived until his parents died at the age of 15 years. He then removed to Marion, Ia., where for thirty-five years he was an honored and respected member of the community. After a very few years there he came to this city, where he has lived ever since. During the progress of the civil war Mr. Taylor joined the army, enlisting from Linn county, Ia., in the Twelfth Iowa Infantry, and he served throughout the war with an excellent record as a brave soldier. He was the hero of an exciting incident at Cape Girardeau, Mo., being captured by the confederates and kept a prisoner for ten

days, when he was recaptured by the Union arms. He was also in the memorable siege of Vicksburg under General Grant.

Mr. Taylor's anniversary fell by a queer coincidence upon that of several other Plattsmouth citizens, or rather their birthday fell upon his, as he is the nestor of them all. These were Colonel J. H. Thrasher, M. L. Johnson, M. S. Briggs, Grover Ruffner, Mrs. George Farley, Louise Trilley, and last but not least, infant Wurl, the new son of E. A. Wurl and wife. In view of the latter young man entering the world the day of the anniversary at Mr. Taylor's his fond father presented Mr. Taylor with a fine cigar, something which the recipient appreciated. The entire occasion was a very happy one.

### Concerning the Primary Law.

Secretary of State Junkin takes exception to the primary ballot printed in a recent issue of the Hebron Champion.

Precinct assessors, he says, are not nominated by the primary system. They are nominated in precinct caucuses and are elected at the general election. Neither are justices of the peace nominated at the primaries nor constables nor road overseers. The election law regarding the officers which are and which are not nominated at the primaries follows:

"Sec. 117b. Hereafter all candidates for elective offices, except those expressly exempted from the provisions of this act, shall be nominated: (1) By a primary held in accordance with this act; or (2) by nomination papers signed and filed as provided by statute; (3) this act shall not apply to special elections in cities having less than 25,000 population, village, precinct, township and school district officers, members of the board of supervisors from each ward and township, nor to members of school boards nor members of boards of education."

Under this law the names of none of the village, precinct or township officers should be printed on the primary ballot to be used August 17. Insists Junkin.

George P. Melsinger, Democratic candidate for county commissioner, and one of the finest men Cass county boasts, is in the city today on business matters and also meeting old friends. Mr. Melsinger is one of nature's noblemen and is a man well qualified for commissioner in every way. He is personally one of the most popular men and has a great many friends, and will receive a great vote all over the county.

# COMMISSIONERS HOLD SESSION

Plattsmouth, Neb., Aug. 3, 1909. The board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment, with all members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, whereupon the following business was transacted in regular form:

Bond and contract of Dr. C. B. Nagelmann, physician District No. 4, approved.

The following bills were allowed on the general fund:

L. D. Switzer, salary and expenses	33.10
S. F. Giardet, mdse.	10.00
F. M. Svoboda, salary and laundry	62.50
Mary E. Foster, salary and expense	176.20
W. E. Rosencrans, salary and expense	231.97
C. R. Jordan, salary and expense	23.35
E. E. Hilton, salary and expense	40.00
M. L. Friedrich, salary and expense	22.90
Oliver Vickers, livery	4.50
W. C. Ramsey, salary and expense	104.69
E. F. Marshall, juror certificate	6.80
J. O. Ward, same	4.20
Ward Clark, same	2.10
J. W. Ruhga, same	22.60
Max Straub, same	21.20
O. C. Dovey, same	34.10
J. W. Gamble, same	2.10
Will Adams, same	2.30
H. M. Tyson, same	5.70
Q. K. Parmele, same	6.10
John D. Tutt, balliff	2.00
F. H. Dunbar, meals to jury	6.50
C. W. Baylor, coal to county	3.48
Leonard Muir, reports of births and deaths	1.50
Geo. D. Maseman, same	2.25
Geo. Reitter, Jr., same	2.50
B. I. Clements, same	3.75
W. E. Hand, same	4.25
Mike Tritsch, same	4.00
P. S. Crink, same	2.25
H. M. Soennichsen, same	6.20
E. Sturzenegger, same	.50
Wm. H. Lyman, same	7.45
A. Kurtz, same	.80
H. F. Kropp, same	.80
News-Herald, reports printing and deaths	9.95
M. M. Butler, quarantine	13.00
J. B. Sutherland, same	1.20
Remington Typewriter Co., ribbons	1.20
Remington Typewriter Co., supplies	.75
P. F. Goos, meals to jury	3.25
T. S. C. Dabb, labor at court house	22.25
Neb. Lighting Co., gas	18.00
Hans Johnson, mdse to poor	10.00
Stone Mercantile Co., mdse.	6.15
E. Manspeaker, fees State vs. John Clarence	6.90
John Waterman, lumber	5.85
Louisville Courier, printing	16.00
A. Frederickson, house rent to poor	12.95
J. H. Tams, salary	60.00
John Leesley, fruit to farm	2.75
J. H. Tams, extra labor	25.00
M. E. Manspeaker, error in bill allowed July 29	2.00
J. H. Hall, mdse to poor	42.75
Dr. W. H. Lavender, service to Ossenkop case	50.00
Plattsmouth Telephone Co. tolls and rents	24.80
Dr. J. C. Munger, services Ossenkop trial	126.20
D. B. B. Davis, services J. Clarence trial	25.00
J. E. Douglas, marriage fees while county judge	481.50
P. S. Barnes, fees Cappen vs. Wm. Miller	11.90
Claims allowed on the road fund:	
Frank Rouse, road work	40.00
R. D. No. 5, same No. 13	54.25
F. W. Reese, same No. 7	3.75
Chris. Roenfeldt, same	3.75
Wm. Rush, same	5.25
F. W. Wilson, same	7.50
M. V. Wood, same	2.40
Lewis Johnson, same	10.10
Grant Hackenberg, same No. 1	19.50
C. F. Rathburn, same No. 18	1.75
Will Childers, same	1.50
Cedar Creek Lumber Co., lumber 2	14.10
Wm. Stohman, road work R. D. No. 8	127.98
Wm. Kitch, same No. 12	172.75
Village of Elmwood, one-half road levy	2,589.59
Village of Weeping Water, one-half of road levy	24,300.00
Village of Eagle, one-half of road levy	26,450.00
Village of Murdock, one-half of road levy	21,083.24
Village of South Bend, one-half of road levy	19,300.00
Village of Greenwood, one-half of road levy	20,450.00
W. C. Bartlett, road work R. D. No. 15	28.25
A. N. Speer, lumber R. D. No. 8	101.40
J. H. Heneger, road work R. D. No. 9	46.75
A. D. Hathaway, same No. 11	112.25
M. Sulzer, same No. 1	40.15
Stroemer Lumber Co., lumber R. D. No. 6	21.44
Village of Louisville, one-half county road levy	18,104.37
A. W. Barrett Lumber Co., lumber 7	11.60
W. A. Cole, road work, R. D. No. 14	47.10
Geo. A. B. Hicks, same No. 2	47.68
G. P. Melsinger, same	3.00
John Bauer, same	15.00
Clarence Melsinger, same	31.50
A. B. Fornoff, same	15.00
Elmer Melsinger, same	14.25
Harry Melsinger, same	4.50
Geo. and Jacob Fornoff, same	2.25
Balt Melsinger, same	17.25
Fred Coffman, same	1.50
S. P. Beaver, same	5.00
J. M. Hoover, same No. 3	29.50

Ben Beckman, same No. 10	141.50
Claims allowed on the bridge fund:	
Neb. Construction Co., bridge work	\$3,249.39
Same, lumber	11.52
A. D. Hathaway, bridge work	10.00
Stroemer Lumber Co., bridge work	26.00
John Waterman, bridge lumber	19.70
Additional claims allowed on the general fund:	
James Robertson, State vs. John Clarence	81.50
C. D. Quinton, same	55.65
Sheriff Otoo county, same	5.20
Sheriff Douglas county, same	1.50
Sheriff Lancaster county, same	.75
Sheriff Jederson county, same	.85
J. E. McCarroll, same	3.80
Mrs. Dick True, same	3.60
Dewitt Surface, same	3.60
Sam G. Smith, same	10.10
Fred Clark, same	3.50
Walt Thacker, same	7.90
Dr. J. F. Brendel, same	4.80
Elmer Parks, assigned to B. Clark	9.20
Dora Darrough, assigned to B. Clark	8.10
Ira Clark, same	9.60
Leonard Crawford, Jr., same	10.00
Thomas McQuinn, same	5.90
M. G. McQuinn, same	9.90
G. R. Olson, same	4.10
Dr. J. S. Livingston, same	4.10
Lulu Ames, same	4.10
Nelson Jones, same	8.10
Geo. Hild, same	9.20
Jabes Tigner, same	3.10
Chas. Hill, same	3.80
John Hobsheit, same	3.00
W. Marks, same	3.70
Chas. L. Graves, same	3.50
Henry Pell, same	3.60
Ed. Midkiff, same	7.60
Lydia Midkiff, same	3.60
S. W. Line, same	3.60
George Barrowman, same	9.60
John Cory, same	4.10
Geo. Cole, same	3.90
A. L. Thacker, same	11.80
F. M. Saxon, same	7.50
C. D. Quinton, same	8.00
J. P. Sattler, same	2.10
Geo. Saxon, same	9.50
Herbert Thacker, same	3.50
Dr. B. B. Davis, same	4.10
Vernie Kennison, same	10.10
E. E. Smith, same	9.90
Dr. T. P. Livingston, same	2.10
Dr. W. R. Lavender, same	4.10
W. C. Ramsey, same	8.00
Mrs. J. P. Thacker, same	5.00
C. N. Hanson, same	4.00
Earl Travis, same	2.10
L. G. Larson, same	11.90
Peter Clarence, same	6.90
Dean Austin, same	2.10
J. C. Peterson, same	9.90
John Klarens, same	21.00
Earl Albin, same	3.30
Thomas Skagle, same	19.00
King Clark, same	14.10
J. D. Cox, same	3.60
Maggie True, same	3.80
D. W. Foster, same	3.80
W. D. Wheeler, same	2.60
Geo. N. La Rue, same	3.90
Wm. Chalfant, same	3.80
John Larsh, same	3.90
Creed F. Harris, same	3.70
T. W. Swan, same	5.90
Jesse Pell, same	3.80
J. E. McCarroll, same	3.80
O. Erwin, same	3.50
Miss Mollie Gerrans, same	2.60
James Robertson, same	2.10
John Darrough, same	3.60
John Vanhorn, same	4.00
Fred Black, same	4.00
Asa McCullough, same	4.00
Sam Redman, assigned to B. Clark	21.10
Geo. L. Thacker, State vs. John Clarence	3.20
Albert Hathaway, same	3.80
Matt G. McQuinn, same	3.90
Len T. Thacker, same	3.90
Lee Thacker, same	3.90
Board adjourned to meet August 24, 1909.	
W. E. ROSECRANS, County Clerk.	

### Raises a Fine Crop.

John Svoboda yesterday received a clipping from Lawrence, Neb., where Joe Svoboda is located, showing the extent of the wheat and oat crop which he has raised the past season. It makes an excellent showing and one which points to unbounded prosperity for the good farmers of that section. Mr. Svoboda's friends here will be pleased to hear of his success and prosperity. The clipping follows:

"Joe Svoboda finished threshing Saturday evening. Ed. Vosacek did the work for him in less than four days. His crop yielded 3,496 bushels of wheat and 891 bushels of oats. The wheat ran all the way from eighteen to twenty-nine bushels per acre."

### Returns to Her Duties.

We omitted, unintentionally, however, yesterday to mention the return of Miss Mary Foster, county superintendent of schools, who, in company with her parents, has been on a visiting and recreation trip in the east. We are pleased to state that her trip was a most enjoyable one, and that her much-needed rest from her continuous and arduous duties has brought the desired results. Miss Foster is looking remarkably well, and is right down to official duties again.

A. C. (Doc) Carey came down this morning from his home at Meadow to transact some business matters in the city. He states that prospects around Meadow for a great corn crop were never better and he anticipates a fine yield. A good rain took place in that section last night, helping corn greatly. He returned to his home this afternoon on the

# New Land Chances!

**FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION:** Register at Kalispell, Mont., on the Great Northern Railway.

**COEUR D'ALENE RESERVATION:** Register at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. (Buy tickets to Spokane.)

**SPOKANE RESERVATION:** Register at Spokane, Washington. Registration dates July 15th to August 5th, inclusive. This is another of the remaining few chances for this generation to obtain good government lands. Call on nearest ticket agent for descriptive leaflet, showing conditions, excursion rates, train service, ect.

The Burlington-Great Northern, Spokane and Seattle train takes you through the wealth producing Wenatchee fruit country, and shows you the wonderful upper northwest empire; every mile is interesting.

**BIG HORN BASIN:** A splendid choice of the government irrigated lands is still left to homesteaders in this fast growid country.

**320-ACRE MONDELL LANDS:** Thousands of acres of these larger sized tracts are now available for free homesteading in eastern Wyoming and are going fast.



D. CLEM DEEVER, General Agent, Land Seekers Information Bureau, Omaha, Neb.

### The Telephone Goes On.

A wire stringing gang is now at work on the Burlington's main line west of Sutton, working toward Hastings, preparing for the installation of the telephone between Lincoln and Kearney for train dispatching purposes. When this wire is placed and one or two little branch lines connected up, the use of the telegraph in the dispatcher's office of the Lincoln division will be discontinued.

Less than two years ago articles were published in the papers from telegraphers pointing out the impossibility of the use of the telephone for train dispatching purposes, and calling attention to alleged dangers resulting from its use. Now every big system in the country is using the telephone to some extent for train dispatching and to considerable extent for the transmission of railroad messages. Press messages are now being received over railroad wires in Nebraska, where telegraph operators are not in service.

The Burlington is now using on its lines west of the river telephones on all the lines of its Omaha division, excepting the Sioux City line, on its main line northwest from Lincoln to Ravenna, and on many other divisions on the system.

An expert telephone operator in the employ of the Burlington is reported to have recently taken on a typewriter eighteen railroad messages, of average length, in less than that number of minutes.—State Journal.

### Is a Great-Grandmother.

Word has been received in this city of the birth of a baby boy to Mrs. Dr. Dameron, formerly Miss Sallie Agnew. The happy event took place in California and Great-Grandma Parmele was at once sent the glad tidings. This makes Mrs. C. H. Parmele a great-grandmother, and she is very proud of the new honors, indeed. Both Mrs. Dameron and the child are reported as getting along famously.

### Asks For Administrator.

In county court this morning a petition was filed by Mrs. Mary Egenberger, asking for the appointment of an administrator of the estate of the late J. V. Egenberger, her deceased husband. J. H. E. (Eddie) Egenberger is named as administrator. The value of the personal property is fixed at \$2,000 and the realty at \$7,000. The hearing is set for August 24. Matthew Gering is counsel for the petitioner.

### To Open New Brokerage House.

Plattsmouth is to have a new grain commission house, M. L. Williams of Louisville being the man who will open the same. It is intended to deal in grains and such stocks as the customers will want handled, much as other like establishments have in the past. Mr. Williams will be open in a few days for business and doubtless will find the field a profitable one.

### Rush to Salt Lake.

Nebraska roads are now handling a heavy westbound business, which will grow heavier as the week draws to a close. The grand army encampment at Denver will cause a number of special trains and much additional equipment to be carried.—State Journal.

### Card of Thanks.

For the sympathy, floral tributes, acts of kindness and consideration during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father, we wish to express our most sincere thanks and appreciation.

MRS. C. HEISEL AND FAMILY.

Fine line Solid Silver and Cut Glass at Crabill's Jewelry store.

### With the Sick.

The latest reports from Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Osborne are more reassuring. This morning Mr. Osborne was able to set up for the first time, staying up some twenty-five minutes. His condition is reported as much more favorable than it has been, and there is every reason to believe that he will make a speedy recovery. Mrs. Osborne is also reported as progressing nicely, and it is believed her recovery will also be very rapid and complete. This is good news for the many friends of this estimable couple, and all trust that they will soon be able to be out and about once more.

Reports from Mrs. Lydia Newland are also rather more encouraging, and hopes are entertained that she may eventually completely recover. Her children take a more hopeful view of her condition, and trust that the rally which she has made will be permanent.

Frank Svoboda did not rest so well last night and this morning, a physician being summoned at 5 o'clock, on account of a dangerous sinking spell which he had. Owing to his weakened condition these spells are very dangerous and each renders the chances for recovery more remote. His many friends would be pleased to note a complete let-up in them so that strength might be gained.

The reports from Omaha, where Mrs. Alice Towle is at the hospital, were very gloomy this morning. Her condition was so bad that her parents and other relatives were notified to come to the hospital at once, as the end might come at any time. It is to be hoped that their mournful forecasts are erroneous and that they will find her condition much better than hoped for on their arrival there.

Mrs. Lillian K. Hasse is reported as getting along as well as conditions will permit at the hospital in Omaha, although her illness is of a very serious nature and there is not much room to hope for any very favorable turn at present. She has been ill for so long that her condition is quite weak, and this militates against her chances. It may be, however, that change for the better will come at any time and that her recovery will soon take place. Her friends certainly hope for this happy state of affairs.

The undersigned has about 40 acres of good grass to rent for pasturing horses only. Good running water and plenty of shade. One dollar per month per head.

C. Bengen, 7 1/2 miles south of Plattsmouth.

# LEFT ON HER DOORSTEP FOR THIS MOTHER

Mrs. A. G. Tuson, of Livermore, Cal., writes: "I picked up from my doorstep one day a little book in which I soon became very much interested. My little girl of five years of age had been troubled for a long time with loss of appetite, extreme nervousness and undue fatigue. She was all run-down and in a very delicate condition. 'This little book was very comprehensively written, and told of the new method of extracting the medicinal elements of the cod's liver for the oil, eliminating the obnoxious oil which is so hard for children to take.

"Just the thing," said I, "for my little daughter," and I immediately went for a bottle of Vinol. It helped her wonderfully. She has gained rapidly in flesh and strength, and she does not take cold half so easily. "I am extremely grateful for the good it has done her, and I hope other mothers who have weak, delicate or ailing children will be benefited by my experience and just give Vinol a trial."

GERING & CO. Druggists Plattsmouth, Neb