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ALLOW CLAIM FOR MARRIAGE FEES

Ex-County Judge Douglas Gets Fees He Turned Over to County on Retirement

Considerable comment has been aroused by the appearance of an item in the commissioners' proceedings where they allowed a claim of ex-County Judge J. E. Douglas for the sum of \$481.50, "marriage ceremony fees," and it is but fair to all concerned to explain the claim. When Judge Douglas was county judge, it was customary to charge \$3 for each marriage ceremony performed, the judge retaining the fee. Later a question arose as to the legality of the procedure and the then county board threatened to proceed against Judge Douglas by law unless he paid into the county treasury all such fees collected. This he finally did under protest to avoid payment of penalties and costs. The same question was raised in other counties, and a test case was finally made of the matter, which went before the supreme court. That body has recently handed down a decision to the effect that the fees so collected belonged to the county judge and not to the counties, as the statute provided no fees for such serv-

ices, and that when they were performed they partook of the nature of voluntary services. As soon as this decision was rendered, Judge Douglas filed his bill in the sum of \$481.50 and the board held a hearing on the matter. Evidence was introduced to show the payment of the amount claimed under protest and also as to the date when it was so paid. An opinion on the matter was asked of County Attorney Ramsey, who filed one with the board holding that the statute of limitation had not run against the claim of Judge Douglas, so that suit could be brought on it, and also that the payment had been made under protest and coercion and to prevent the county suing him and assessing penalties and costs against him, and that further under the recent holding of the supreme court the fees belonged to Judge Douglas as of right, and recommending the payment of the claim. In view of this the board acted favorably upon it and allowed Judge Douglas the sum as set forth above.

Hurrah for Tom.

Thomas A. Moore, linotype operator at the Enterprise office, came down to the office at an unusually early hour on Wednesday morning, his face aglow with "a smile that wont come off." He was inquiring for the census taker, stating that the population of our little city had been increased, and he desired to have it show upon the census report. Tom says it's a most promising ten-pound boy. The mother and son are doing nicely and the attending physician gives the encouraging report that with proper care Mr. Moore will speedily recover from his "son-stroke." This paper congratulates the proud parents, and trusts the promising, black-eyed boy may grow into noble manhood and fill the sunset of his parents' lives with comfort and happiness such as can only come from a dutiful child.—Manilla (La.) Times.

The happy father is well known in Plattsmouth, having been employed on the Journal for nearly a year, and his many friends in this city join the Journal in extending congratulations to both father and mother, and may the young man live to be a great comfort to his parents as down Time's pathway he glides.

Wants Twenty Thousand.

Yesterday John Rakes, Jr., through his father, John Rakes, filed a suit in the district court of Lancaster county against Chris. Schneider, a saloon keeper of this city, and the Lion Bonding company of Omaha, for \$20,000.

The petition sets forth that on June 5 John Rakes, Jr., went into the saloon of Schneider's, where he procured intoxicants and became intoxicated, and that while in that condition he went to the Missouri Pacific passenger depot, where in attempting to climb on a moving train he was thrown thereunder and his left leg was caught under the wheels of some of the cars and so badly injured that it was necessary to amputate the limb to save his life. It states that he was a minor and that the defendant had no business selling him any intoxicants. It further states that he was an able-bodied man prior to the accident and was earning \$2 per day.

A judgment is asked for \$20,000 because of the fact that the plaintiff is permanently injured. The suit is brought by A. P. Moran in this city and an attorney at Lincoln.—Nebraska City News.

Burlington Changes.

A bulletin of the Burlington announces that J. A. Fay is appointed general storekeeper to succeed T. J. Frier, resigned. Mr. Frier resigns to accept the position of general purchasing agent of the Wabash railroad, a position formerly held by C. A. How, at one time located in this city. It is not known what Mr. How takes up, as he has resigned from the Wabash.

Has the Ha, Ha on Them.

Several days since the Journal printed an account of the sanguinary affair which took place between two Greeks who were erroneously classed as Italians, in the boarding cars in the Burlington yards here. It spoke feelingly of the heroism displayed by Sheriff Quinton and Deputy Manspeaker and the deep-mouth baying of the blood hounds as they took up the trail, which they did not, and many more such details. Now comes the aftermath. Foreman Scott reports that Pietro, who started the trouble, lay concealed in the weeds along the tracks north of the depot and watched the doxy officers hunting him down, laughing with ill-concealed mirth at their ludicrous efforts to locate him and marveling greatly that they were of those who have eyes and see not, for he told Scott they passed within a few feet of him several times in the search. With the falling of the curtain of night, Pietro came back to the cars and sought out Foreman Scott, to whom he related the tale with many a loud guffaw at the expense of the sheriffs, finally proposing to leave for Omaha if Scott would fix him out with transportation there. This Scott did, giving him a pass to Omaha by way of Pacific Junction and sending him out on No. 14 at 10 o'clock, while the sheriffs slumbered sweetly in their downy cots.

Fast Flying Fleet.

The rantankerous young man, Fleet Wilson, who spread devastation and terror in the neighborhood of August Bach's residence in South Park several days ago, and who became obsessed of the idea that he was the owner and proprietor of Mr. Bach's residence, has been allowed his liberty and told to fare him on his way. County Attorney Ramsey made a fleeting reconnaissance of him, and after discovering the sadly scratched and bruised condition of his face concluded to let him go, provided he got him into Iowa and stayed away from this place. He so informed Fleet, who gladly availed himself of the opportunity to make himself scarce and promised that if he was allowed to get out he never, never, never would darken the portals of Plattsmouth again; never so long as he lived. Jailer Manspeaker then let him out of his cage and, as the long confined bird cherishes liberty and the fresh air of morn, so did Fleet open his lungs and inhale a long breath and make himself the scarest article hereabouts, galloping over into Iowa and becoming a constituent of insurgent Senators Dolliver and Cumins. Fleet's bruises and scratches were obtained when he sought to humiliate Sheriff Quinton, who rolled him in the cinders and clods on Lincoln avenue.

F. W. Nolting and wife were passengers on the morning train for Omaha, where they will visit during the day with friends.

To Attend the Annual Convention.

V. S. Pastor, linotype operator of the Journal, departs tomorrow (Saturday) evening for St. Joe, Mo., where he goes to attend the convention of the International Typographical union, of which is a member. This union is one of the strongest, if not the strongest, labor bodies in the world. It is in practically complete control of the printing trade of the United States, Canada, Hawaiian Islands and the Philippines, and has made a brilliant record as a great labor body. In addition to being a remarkably strong body financially, it is also a great body of social workers, and has done wonders in the way of raising the standard of the printing trade. It has done a great deal for the physical and social advancement of printing workers, being a pioneer in the fight against the great white plague, and its printers' home at Colorado Springs, Colo., has wards for tubercular patients, which has well repaid the organization for its maintenance. As is well known, the printing trade is peculiarly susceptible to tuberculosis, and one of the great dreads of the men in the business is that disease. As a measure to check the spread of it, the union, years ago, established its sanitarium at Colorado Springs and has accomplished hundreds of cures, taking the disease before it became too deep-seated to combat. This institution is maintained in connection with the beautiful printers' home for aged and indigent printers, a social institution of rare merit. In addition the organization maintains a tent city at Phoenix, Ariz., where members will be furnished with tents and fed at the expense of the union. The only requirement to take advantage of this is that the applicant be a member of the union and pay his own way to the tent city. These two places constitute great sanitariums for the protection and cure of members against consumption and deserve hearty aid for their great work. In addition to these benefits the union provides for the burial of its dead, and recently an old age pension fund of substantial proportions has been inaugurated, each member contributing his share of all expenses. There are 50,000 members in the organization. Mr. Pastor will be gone for several days to the convention, where many questions of grave import to the union will be up for review. Great preparations have been made by the members of the St. Joe union to entertain the visitors within their gates, and a good time will be shown, the business men and board of trade of that city donating \$5,000 for this purpose. The sessions will last five days, and 298 delegates will be in attendance.

M. P. Planning Improvements.

The Missouri Pacific is planning to make extensive improvements on its line between Omaha and Kansas City. Work is already under way in some places.

Falls City is to be made a division point under the new arrangements and considerable work is being done in that town, many new tracks and some bridge work being required. The plan contemplates a new and heavier rail all the way from Kansas City to Omaha.

Work requiring the expenditure of over \$100,000 is now in progress in Omaha, near the west side station at Forty-eighth and Leavenworth streets. Extensive terminals and switching yards are to be installed on the south side of Leavenworth street. After this work is finished it is the purpose of the Missouri Pacific to improve the condition of the Belt line, which has been allowed to remain as it was when installed twenty-five years ago. Some of the grades will be eliminated and a double track installed part of the way.

The Belt line is becoming one of the biggest switching propositions in the west and fourteen locomotives are now in daily use to handle the cars to the various manufacturing plants and material yards around the city. This makes quite an operating problem to handle all these trains, as the Belt line is also used by the Illinois Central to run its trains to the stock yards. Often as many as four engines and crews tied up for a considerable length of time at the "Y" at Forty-sixth and Farnam streets, waiting for one of the numerous trains to get through.

E. M. Vance is the engineer in charge of the work on the Omaha terminals.

John Fight, accompanied by his brother-in-law, William Hagel, was a passenger for Omaha, where they will spend the day with friends.

Plattsmouth Wins and Loses.

The Plattsmouth baseball team, which has been putting in this week at Malvern, participating in the baseball tournament at that place, has had streaked luck so far and the outcome depends upon today's game. On Wednesday they played Underwood, Ia., a strong semi-professional team, all the members being salaried players, and were beaten by a score of 6 to 4. The game was a rattling good one, but the Underwood team outclassed the boys and won by superior batting and fielding. Williams, the Indian pitcher, did not meet expectations and was batted freely. He complained of a sore arm throughout the game. A combination of hits and errors in the ninth inning gave Underwood two runs and the game, as the score stood 4 to 4 up to that time. The game was exciting and close and the Plattsmouth boys did good work.

Yesterday they played Carson, Ia., defeating them by a score of 6 to 1. The locals had an easy thing and would have scored a shutout but for an unfortunate error. McCauley and Mason pitched the game, reports conflicting as to which it was. Evidently the pitching was superb, as Carson has a strong team and has been winning from nearby towns in that vicinity. The locals played a fine game throughout. Today they play Sidney, Ia., and stand an excellent chance of winning, which would give them second money, or \$100. Underwood has an apparent clinch on first money, or \$150, as it has beaten Plattsmouth and Sidney, and plays Carson today.

Tomorrow the local team comes home and plays Baker Bros. of Omaha, a strong picked team. The game will be a hummer and there should be a large crowd. The only way to keep a good team and to insure good players is to turn out and patronize the team when they play at home. Let tomorrow's game have a record-breaking crowd and show the boys their work is appreciated. They have been playing good ball and are advertising Plattsmouth. Get them in good spirits for the big tournament during the fall festival. Buy a ticket whether you go or not. It helps Plattsmouth.

Rev. J. H. Salsbury.

Rev. J. H. Salsbury, who arrives this week to take up the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church of this city, has for the past four years been in charge of the church at Plattsmouth, resigning to take charge of the Auburn church.

The following resolutions unanimously passed by the Plattsmouth church and congregation on July 25th, illustrates in a striking manner the esteem and respect in which he is held in our neighboring city:

Resolved, That it is with the most sincere regret that our beloved pastor, the Rev. James H. Salsbury, has felt it to be his duty, under the guidance and direction of Divine Providence, to sever his relations as pastor, with this church, for the purpose of accepting a call to another church.

Resolved, That we cannot suffer this separation without expressing our most heartfelt esteem for him and his beloved family; therefore be it.

Resolved, That words can but feebly express our appreciation of the services rendered this church by Rev. Mr. Salsbury during the four years of his pastorate, as a faithful, earnest and zealous laborer in the Master's vineyard.

Resolved, further, that we place in the record of the proceedings of this meeting an expression of our gratitude for the heroic and successful effort made by Mr. Salsbury to raise the enormous debt which hung over our church, like a pall, for so many years. The liquidation of which had passed beyond the hope of the members of the church and congregation.

Resolved, That the prayers and good wishes of this congregation go with the Rev. James H. Salsbury and his family to their new field of labor, and that we most cordially commend the pastor and his family to the christian fellowship and support of those with whom they go to labor.—Auburn Herald.

The Bartlett (Ia.) baseball team, which plays today in Union, passed through the city this morning for that point. They are fine looking set of young men and look as if they might give Brother Graves' team a run for their money. The game promises to be a hot one and deserves a big crowd.

The Fever Spreads.

The movement for a cleaner Plattsmouth seems to be taking root in good earnest, and this morning two enterprising Sixth street firms proceed to brush off the pavement in front of their places of business, Messrs. Zuckeweller & Lutz and John Crabill taking the lead and making their section of the pavement show up nice and clean alongside their neighbors'. These two are the pioneers on Sixth street.

On Main street last evening and this morning several other firms got busy and swept off their pavement, adding much to the handsomeness of the appearance of the street. These included Kroehler Bros., Carl Herger, Kunsman & Ramge, the Boxball alley, William Barclay, A. P. Barnes, John Hatt & Son, A. J. Trillity started in, but he had a weak back and couldn't finish the job. However, he may improve.

On the whole the progress toward clean streets is very marked and if it keeps on a great public benefit may result. There is some controversy now as to who really is the father of the scheme. Some friends of B. Goding advance the assertion that he should be honored as the founder of the day, while Charley Martin's adherents claim the honor for him.

Quietly Married.

This afternoon George A. Sheesley and Miss Claudia Compton of Alvo came to this city and, securing a license, called on Justice W. T. Sloan, who united them in marriage in his most pleasant manner. Clerk Miller says that it was one of the most impressive services that he has witnessed in that office. The young people left this afternoon for their future home at Alvo.—Nebraska City News.

The groom is a son of D. E. Sheesley, a prominent farmer living near Alvo, and is a young man highly respected in the community. The bride, while the Journal knows nothing regarding the young lady, would naturally suppose she belongs to one of the best families in the community. A large number of friends will join the Journal in extending congratulations, with the hope that their pathway through life will be strewn continuously with the choicest of flowers.

An Unsightly Spectacle.

It has been suggested that the attention of the county commissioners be called to the grass and weeds growing up on the pavement in front of the court house. If they are allowed to continue to grow much longer some fine pasturage will be for rent, as they are rapidly getting high enough for grazing purposes. It ought to take a good man with a hoe about thirty minutes by the clock to rid this section of the pavement of the ornaments and the commissioners are invited to give it their respectful consideration. The court house lawn is in elegant shape, Custodian Tom Svoboda having gone over it very carefully with the lawn mower and the shears, and it looks better now than in years. It is too bad to have his fine work handicapped by the growth of weeds and grass on the pavement and they should be cut.

For the Pacific Coast.

H. R. Neitzel, the Murdock banker, came in yesterday afternoon to join Charles F. Guthman. These gentlemen will depart this afternoon for Seattle and the Pacific coast for an extended trip. They go direct to Seattle for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, and after spending some days there will journey on down the coast, visiting at Portland, Ore., San Francisco, Los Angeles, Long Beach and other points in California, and returning home by a southerly route. The entire trip will take several weeks, and they will have a most enjoyable time.

Wants Him Adjusted Insane.

A complain has been filed with Clerk of the Court Robertson by Mrs. Bertha Hunger bearing Albert F. Hunger with being insane. The parties live near Rock Bluffs and a number of parties from that vicinity have been summoned as witnesses in the case. The old gentleman who is complained of lived in this city for many years and is quite well known here. He has been partially paralyzed for many years and at times had been violently afflicted while here. Owing to the absence of a portion of the insanity commission, no date has yet been set for a hearing on the complaint.

With the Sick.

The condition of Mrs. Alice Towle at the hospital in Omaha continues to be very grave. Unless there should be a change for the better within a short time, her folks despair of her recovery. Owing to the advanced stage of her disease, coupled with heart trouble and other complications, the probabilities of recovery are quite remote. She maintains a good fight and to this fact considerable hope is attached. Her friends in this city hope that her noble fight may be successful and that her recovery may, after all, take place.

The condition of Mrs. Lydia Newland is reported as very little change from what it has been the past few days. She is very weak and had several additional sinking spells with her heart, which is not encouraging. Her children are not hopeful of the outcome owing to her advanced age, and the weakness produced by the attacks of heart trouble. While there is a possibility of her rallying, it is not probable and should she do so it is not believed it can be permanent.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Osborne, who have had so serious a time with the battle against disease, are progressing very favorably now and there is every cause to believe their fight has been successful and that they have conquered. They are both gaining in strength and getting along just as well as is considered possible. Their many friends will be glad to have so encouraging reports and trust that the tendency toward good health continues, and that they will soon be quite well.

M. Hiatt is reported as very little changed from his previous condition. If anything, he does not feel quite so well and seems to get despondent at times. That he will take a change for the better and speedily regain his wonted health is the wish of his many friends in the city. He is not regarded as in immediate danger and with a turn for the better it should be no trouble for him to rally and become well.

Frank Svoboda is reported as very little changed from the last report. He is awfully weak and much emaciated from the long confinement to his bed and his condition is, indeed, very serious. He is conscious and is glad to see his friends, but he does not seem to rally with the accustomed energy which he has formerly displayed and his folks do not entertain much hopes for his speedy recovery.

H. K. Dunbar, who has been at the Hotel Riley for several weeks with his son Frank and family, is quite ill and requires the services of a physician. It was owing to his continued ill health that he had to give up trying to run the hotel at Fremont and retire from the business. It is to be hoped that Mr. Dunbar, who is a most estimable gentleman and a fine man, speedily takes a more favorable turn and is able to soon be out and about and at his business once more.

Mrs. Lillian K. Hasse is not much changed from her condition of a number of days since and still remains at the hospital in Omaha seriously ill. As in many other cases she does not show much indication of a change for the better, much to the regret of her many friends in this city.

Candidate for Sheriff.

E. S. Tutt, candidate for the Democratic nomination for sheriff of Cass county, was in the city yesterday from his home at Plattsmouth on his way to the west end of the county to spend a few days campaigning. Mr. Tutt says that, though Cass county used to be strongly Republican, its political complexion has gradually changed until now the Republicans have but 200 majority, and against that a Democratic candidate who gets out and hustles has a good chance of election.—Omaha World-Herald.

Builds a New Barn.

County Treasurer Schlater has joined the procession toward the front in improvements, and is engaged in the erection of a new stable on his premises on North Fourth street. The structure will be a large, handsome one, and of a design to make it an ornament. Mr. Schlater is one of the city's enterprising men and deserves to be commended for the energy with which he proceeds to keep his premises in the forefront for looks and style.