

## COUNTY ATTORNEY W. C. RAMSEY ON "THE FELLOW WHO DID NOT KNOW"

Addresses the Young Men's Bible Class of the Methodist Church Monday Evening in Very Pleasing Talk.

On Monday evening the members of the young men's bible class of the Methodist church had one of the most enjoyable and interested evenings which they have had since they commenced the present course of lectures. The feature of this session was the lecture or rather, informal talk by County Attorney Ramsey upon the subject of "The Fellow Who Didn't Know."

The talk was a purely informal one and Mr. Ramsey was never in better shape than he was this evening. His discourse was a masterly one from every standpoint and the interest which it aroused among the audience can best be gauged by the fact that instead of talking for the forty-five minutes which he had originally intended, he talked for more than two hours, the greater part of the evening being devoted to answering questions propounded him by members of the class. The attendance was very flattering and the members at the close of the lecture were highly pleased.

Mr. Ramsey's talk was upon the thing in law which the average man doesn't know. It was an exposition of how easily the law can be violated quite unintentionally by nearly everyone and it covered a wide field. His address entered into the domain of commercial law, contracts, realty, negotiable instruments and all the myriad branches of this section of

the profession. From these several items he entered into a discussion of various phases of criminal law and pointed out how easily and unwittingly one would violate some of the statutes. His illustrations were all drawn from everyday life and were revelations to many of the older and more experienced members of the class present—men who had been in practical business for years but who had failed to grasp many of the potent facts which he laid before them.

One of those present stated that after Mr. Ramsey had gotten going, the young men present became as interested in his subject as he himself was and commenced to quiz him upon certain suppositious cases to which he returned answers. These questions and answers resulted in showing the boys that if they violated the law even unknowingly, they were as strictly liable as if they knew of all the penalties attached to such violation and he convinced them that almost every day they did in some branch of business technically violate the law in some regard.

All told the evening was one long to be remembered in the history of the organization which prides itself upon being able to hold lectures for its members which are worth while, and Mr. Ramsey is tendered the thanks of the young men for his able assistance and instruction.

## MILLER GETS VERY WRATHY

Proceeds to Demolish Telephone and Stove in Martin's Livery Stable Last Night.

Last night John Miller became loaded up with intoxicating liquor and proceeded to almost put his place of business on the bum. John has been employed by Charles Martin as a chambermaid at his livery barn and also as chauffeur for his splendid two horse team which conveys the hack to and from the various stations in our beautiful little city. When John got his package last evening he had some difficulty with the telephone service from the barn to some where out in the world which peeved him a whole lot and in his wrath he tore the telephone off the wall and proceeded to break it up a large amount. He also galyanted about the office of the horse garage considerable and presently in his mad flight upset the stove which was full of living coals. Said coals threatened to ignite the hay and other inflammable substances about the premises and reduce said stable together with the animals therein and the hacks, carriages, buggies, barouches, farm wagons, spring wagons, lumber wagons, floats and such like indispensable articles of commerce to a state bordering upon desolation. This was prevented by the heroic work of George Forbes who conquered the flame demon and prevented what might have been a holocaust.

Policeman Henry Trout was on duty at this time and was summoned to come and look after John before he destroyed the business center of the city which Henry did with his accustomed neatness and dispatch, landing John where the dogs couldn't get to him without the express consent of Jailer Manspinker.

This morning John was arraigned before his honor M. Archer who heard what he had to say in explanation of the heinous acts which he had committed and why he had so malevolently outraged justice and violated the peace and dignity of the city of Plattsmouth. John's explanation did not rest well with Judge Archer who concluded to ladle out to him equal and exact justice to the tune of fifty simoleons and cents and in default of the wherewithal to square said account that John should be taken out and under the eagle eye of Chief Amick work out said fine on the public ways of the city. As John lacked the ready capital at this time to lift said indebtedness he was remanded to jail where he was at the noon tide hour doing what the poet hath well said "chewing the bitter quid of reflection."

### In County Court.

A complaint has been filed in county court charging one John Lish with selling liquor unlawfully on February 25, last. The offense is alleged to have been committed at South Bend this county, where Lish is alleged to have disposed of four bottles of whiskey to one Ed. Flinton and it is alleged that Lish had no legal right to sell liquor. Lish was taken into custody yesterday by Sheriff Quinton and brought down to this city. He was arraigned this afternoon before Judge Beeson and waived the preliminary examination, his bond being fixed at \$500 which he gave and was released until the next setting of district court which will be on the 19th inst. It is understood that he will not fight the case when it comes up for hearing in district court and he will plead guilty. According to parties from South Bend the practice of "bootlegging" had been going on in that locality for some time and they were anxious to have it stopped. Complaint had been made to County Attorney Ramsey some time ago and he had promised to vigorously prosecute offenders if evidence could be obtained. This came about and Lish will not fight it it is understood.

### Good Music.

The fame of the M. W. A. orchestra as producers of good music, is spreading into Iowa. Manager Roy Holly yesterday received a telephone call from Pacific Junction asking him to bring over his excellent gathering of musicians to that city on tomorrow (Thursday) night and play at the Odd Fellows hall. The good people of Pacific Junction have made no mistake in selecting this fine set of musicians to give them the music as they could have found no better orchestra in this section. Mr. Holly was much flattered with the offer and accepted it at once. Terms and conditions were agreed upon without any friction and the players will leave here tomorrow evening on train No. 2 for their engagement.

C. M. Chriswiser came in this morning from his farm near Murray and was a passenger on the morning train for Omaha, where he had business matters to look after.

### New Auto Garage.

Plattsmouth is to have a new and lively automobile agency and garage in the very near future. This is to be composed of the firm of Patterson & Thomas, the members being Jack M. Patterson and Cecil Thomas and they promise to be one of the live, hustling firms of the city. They have rented the Dwyer building on Main street between Fourth and Fifth and will install a line of high grade cars. In addition the young men will run a garage and they intend to make it one which will be up-to-the minute in every respect. In addition to renting cars they intend to conduct a repair department where cars can be looked after and put in shape in record time.

The cars which these young men will handle include the Marmon "32," the Fal-Car "35-40," the Empire "20" and the Halladay "24-30-40" and if there is a better line of cars in this section they would be pleased to know where they are. They will have something in the car line to suit all tastes and all sized pocketbooks and they intend to give the public such service that there can be no complaint. They expect their first installment of cars here at any time, a carload being on the way and having been ordered some time since and it is almost sure to be in within a few days.

The members of the firm are well known in this city and quite popular. They have an excellent reputation as business men and stand in the front rank of reliability and integrity. The senior member is Jack M. Patterson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Patterson and a young man who has had plenty of business experience. He is in every sense of the word an ideal business man and his many friends will be glad to note his determination to venture into the business world for himself. The junior member of the firm is Cecil Thomas, has had a great deal of experience in the automobile business, having been associated with his father in this city and at Long Beach, Cal., in that line. He is a young business man of much ability and peculiarly qualified to attend to the practical details of the automobile business. The Journal ventures to predict the greatest success for this new firm.

### Precinct Assessors to Meet.

County Assessor Soennichsen has issued a call to the assessors of the several precincts in the county to meet at his office in the court house in this city on next Tuesday, March 22, for the purpose of discussing methods of assessing and receive instructions pertaining to their work. This meeting is held always just previous to the time for commencing the annual spring assessing and is attended by the several precinct and city assessors who at that time receive their supplies for their work. Under the new law precinct and city assessors are elected by the people and do their work under the direction of the county assessor who supervises the work and directs them in their operations. Formerly the precinct assessors were appointed by the county assessor and were known as deputies.

## RECEPTION FOR YOUNG COUPLE

M. W. A. Band Entertains at the T. J. Sokol Hall for James Ptaeck and Bride.

A large number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. James Ptaeck mention of whose marriage was made in these columns yesterday, assembled last evening at the T. J. Sokol hall and tendered them a wedding reception. The affair was organized under the direction of the M. W. A. band of which Mr. Ptaeck has been an active member since its formation, and the boys proceeded to show the young couple how much their good friends appreciated them and the high esteem in which they were held.


The band was present and throughout the evening played selections of rare merit, and executed as only this energetic young band is capable of. To the melody of the band music, many couples glided about the floor of the handsome dancing hall and the evening was made one of the most pleasant to be imagined.

Refreshments of all kinds had been provided in abundance and those who were fortunate enough to have received an invitation to this happy reception, were not allowed to go away hungry, either for food or drink. The refreshments were served in the society's refectory by members of the band and other friends.

The many guests who had assembled tendered the blushing bride and the diffident groom their best wishes and their several desires for a long and happy wedded life. It had been the intention of Mr. and Mrs. Ptaeck to depart yesterday afternoon for Havelock and Omaha for a wedding tour of a week or so, but their friends insisted upon their remaining for this reception.

Among the large number present, it being quite impossible to get all the names, were Wm. Holly and wife, Jos. Hadraba and wife, Henry Miller and wife, Frank Svoboda and wife, W. T. Russell and wife, John Wooster and wife, Mrs. Fred Kunsman and Mrs. Guy Burton, A. J. Kanka and wife; Misses Georgia Matous, Helen Trilley, Frances Kanka, Bessie Bird, Tina Bird, Messrs. Jos. Kanka, Claus Speck, Jos. McCarty, Val Burkel, Jacob Jilek, Frank Svoboda, Ray Resner, Erick Beckstrom, A. Kroehler, B. G. Wurl, Henry Tims James Rebal, Jr., Charley Janda, Charles Grimes, Tom Svoboda, Stuart Janda, besides the members of the M. W. A. band.

A party from this city were passengers on the morning Burlington train for Omaha, where they will be guests at the Meyer-Schultz wedding today. The party consisted of Messrs. and Mesdames Martin Steppat, F. H. Steppat, Aug. Steppat, John Kauffenberger, Jr., Misses Anna B. Deutscher, Emma Steppat. They will return to the city this evening.



## How Do You Do?

Have you bought that Easter suit yet? Time to get busy right now. The past week we have received additional models from Hirsh-Wickwire, Stein Bloch, Society, Kuppenheimer, R. & W. Also models from Fadclothes and Sophomore lines, two of the strongest young men's lines in the country. These are all in single suits—exclusive, individual—only one suit of a pattern. No tailor can make you a better suit, nor fit you better if you are normal shape. The new grays, browns and blue serges in Quality line \$20 to \$35. We have other good clothes \$5 to \$18, as good as you can buy anywhere for the money.

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## THE "CITIZENS" CONVENTION

Nominate Candidates for School Board and Councilmen for the Various Wards in the City.

The "Citizens" convention was held last night at Coates' hall and was slimly attended and unenthusiastic meeting of a few of the faithful members of that organization. The enthusiasm for the ticket was very slight and those attending were not at all jubilant over the outlook for a sweeping success.

The meeting was called to order by Hon. W. H. Newell who presented in brief the reasons why the meeting should be held and waited for the "Citizens" to nominate their several candidates by wild acclaim. This was done by the selection of candidates for the council from the wards as follows:

- First ward—Dr. E. W. Cook.
- Second ward—William Waber.
- Third ward—John Bauer, Jr.
- Fourth ward—George Ballance.
- Fifth ward—John Lutz.

For members of the school board—H. M. Soennichsen and J. M. Roberts. The personnel of the ticket is quite unexceptional and the candidates are all excellent men but several of them have indicated that they will not accept the nominations tendered them.

Dr. E. W. Cook who was named for councilman of the First ward, stated to a Journal reporter that he could not think of accepting the nomination owing to the pressure of private business. He is kept continually on the go as it is and he does not care to make the race for the office unless he was so fixed that he could give it proper attention.

Councilman William Weber states that he will be a candidate for the nomination if the Republicans of the Second ward desire him to run, but he does not care to accept a nomination on the "Citizens" ticket.

John Bauer states that he was not consulted in regard to the nomination and only knew what he had heard on the streets. He would consider the matter before he accepted and at present he did not care to say whether or not he would consent to the use of his name.

John Lutz could not be reached this morning by phone but close friends stated that he would not accept as he had declined the Democratic nomination which is equivalent to an election in the Fifth ward.

Mike and Jacob Hoffer, two of the good citizens and cattle raisers of Knox county, came in last evening on train No. 14, from Omaha for a brief visit with relatives and friends in this city. The Messrs Hoffer brought down several carloads of cattle from their farm to the South Omaha market and took advantage of the occasion to run down to this city for a visit.

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### Claims Reward.

W. H. Jones, sheriff of Nemaha county, located at Auburn, was in the city today in connection with the Arthur Brann case. Sheriff Jones who took Brann into custody at Auburn has filed two claims with the county clerk for a reward of fifty dollars in each case, claiming this reward for the Creamer case and a like amount for the Lake case. He departed this afternoon for the north on train No. 23. He was the guest of Sheriff Quinton while in the city.

In connection with this case, the father and mother of young Mr. Brann were in the city today, coming down from their home at Lincoln for a visit with their son. They were also accompanied by the young lady to whom Brann was engaged to be married. These four had a very affecting interview at the county jail this noon, the young man taking the visit of his sweetheart and his parents very much to heart.

Later in the afternoon an interview was had by Mr. and Mrs. Brann and the young woman with County Attorney Ramsey at his office, concerning the case.

Current report about the court house and other places indicates that Brann's determination not to accept bail is based upon the hope that his conduct in remaining in jail and serving some time in that manner as a punishment, may lead to his being paroled and allowed to escape a penitentiary sentence after he has entered his plea of guilty. Whether this is the true ground for his refusal to go at large or not cannot be learned but it is surmised there may be some truth in the rumor. Under the law as it stands in this state now, a convicted felon can be paroled in certain cases by the judge before whom the hearing is had. It is claimed that Brann's previous high standing in the neighborhood where he resided coupled with the lack of a known motive for his crimes, might lead the court to consider an application for parole favorably.

The matter will probably come up for hearing on Saturday next, March 19th, when Judge Travis will hold an adjourned day of court.

### Insure Case.

In the office of Clerk of the Court Robertson today a complaint was filed alleging insanity against J. Van Horn an old resident of near Union, who on March 1st, was released from the state asylum at Lincoln as cured of insanity, he having been committed to that institution several times before on this complaint. Mr. Van Horn was injured several years ago in a runaway and his condition since has been quite bad. At times he is very violent and he is dangerous to himself and his family. Dr. B. F. Brendel of Murray was in the city this morning and stated that he was called to the Van Horn home yesterday and found the old gentleman very bad and violent. He does not believe the state asylum has ever been justified in discharging the man as cured and thinks the only chance to protect him and his family is to return him to that place. A hearing will be had on his case this evening by Clerk Robertson, Attorney D. O. Dwyer of this city and Dr. Brendel of Murray who constitute the insanity commission. Mr. Van Horn's insanity is the direct outgrowth of the injuries which he sustained in the runaway spoken of above.

Mrs. Frank Brinkman has been very seriously ill for several days suffering from an attack of tonsillitis but this morning is reported as being considerably improved. For several days her throat was in very bad condition and her many friends were alarmed but there is every indication now that she will get along all right and soon be able to be out again.

## ODD FELLOWS TO HAVE MEETING

Deputy Patriarch William Holly and a Large Delegation of Plattsmouth Members to be Present.

Tomorrow a large delegation of Odd Fellows will go down to Nebraska City where the first district meeting of the order will be held tomorrow afternoon and night. The delegation will be headed by Deputy Patriarch William Holly and among the members will be several candidates for initiation. The occasion is to be made a big one in the history of Nebraska City Odd Fellowship and from the Nebraska City News the following statement of the meeting and the program which has been prepared has been taken:

This meeting will be under the personal supervision of Grand Master J. W. Kelly and other grand lodge officers. It will be a joint meeting of Rebekahs and Odd Fellows and will be held Thursday afternoon, March 17th, at the Overland theater. The meeting will be called to order at 2:30 o'clock p. m., when the following program will be observed:

Opening Ode.  
Invocation. Rev. F. M. Sisson, D. D.  
Address of Welcome. Hon. Paul Jessem  
Response. Hon. Ralph A. Clark  
Music. Nebraska Institute for Blind Orchestra.  
Address—Mrs. Emma L. Talbot (Secretary Rebekah State Assembly)  
Music—Institute for Blind Orchestra  
Address. E. P. Corrick (Past Grand Master.)  
Closing Ode.

In the evening in hall of Nebraska, Lodge No. 1, beginning promptly at 7:30, the work in the degrees will be exemplified as follows:

Nebraska No. 1. . . . . Initiatory  
First Degree. . . . . Lincoln 138 and 11  
Second Degree. . . . . Avoca 29  
Third Degree. . . . . Elmwood 130

In hall of Nuckolls Lodge, No. 7, A. O. U. W., the work and memorial drill will be exemplified by degree team from Nebraska.

### Pleasantly Surprised.

Col. M. A. Bates of the Journal was most pleasantly surprised this morning to receive a visit from a brother from whom he has been separated for the past twenty-five years. The colonel was at the Missouri Pacific depot waiting for the train to go to Murray when the brother came to the Journal office. He was immediately telephoned to and came back to spend the day with him. The brother's name is E. T. Bates and he is now a resident of Idaho, located at Wallace. He was a brave soldier during the civil war, being a member of the 40th Ohio Infantry and he served with distinction in many hard battles. He was shot through the head at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain and carries a number of other wounds. He came in this morning from Indianapolis, Ind., where he had been called by the death of a younger sister, unfortunately arriving there too late to attend the funeral. Col. Bates did not receive word of the death of this relative and consequently was unable to be there. Mr. Bates will spend several days in the city before returning to his Idaho home.

W. L. Weeks of Salem, Ia., came in this morning to look the field over with a view of locating here in the papering business. He made a call upon a former Salemite M. S. Briggs, now deputy postmaster here, and talked the situation over with him, Mr. Briggs having formerly been in that business.