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## THE COMMERCIAL CLUB HOLDS VERY INTERESTING MEETING

The Good Roads Question and the Alfalfa Mill Proposition Receive Attention of the Club Members.

From Friday's Daily.

Last evening at eight o'clock according to schedule, the Plattsmouth Commercial club held its regular meeting since March 27. The meeting having been called to order by President Falter and the minutes of the last meeting were read. Treasurer Patterson's report was rendered showing a balance of funds on hand to the amount of \$194.53, this being inclusive of the April collections, and the report was approved by the club as presented. The attention of the membership committee, composed of Messrs. John Hatt and George Falter, was called to the fact that some of the members were somewhat in arrears and the committee was instructed to attend to the matter.

Mr. Tidd who is in charge of the publicity department of the club, presented several bills for amounts expended in securing advertising, one being a bill for the report of the International Press Clipping bureau, whose services Mr. Tidd has secured to keep the club informed on the subject of "infant industries" desiring locations. Mr. Tidd announced that he had several of these manufacturing projects in view, any one of which might locate here, if proper inducements were offered them. In connection with this matter it was suggested that Plattsmouth would make a good point from which to distribute automobiles and perhaps for their manufacture.

The report of the committee appointed by the president of the club to investigate the alfalfa meal proposition was presented by Chairman Schneider, the report embracing practically the information contained in the Journal's article of last evening. The majority of the members present favoring an investigation of the cost of maintenance of the mill and President Falter appointed a committee of four to consult with owners of similar mills as to the cost and other problems of operation.

The secretary informed the meeting that the petition for a road from Rock Bluffs to the Burlington right-of-way had been filed with the commissioners and would probably be acted upon at the discretion of that body. To the other petition asking that the road be run through the farm owned by James Thomas, a remonstrance has been filed containing about 500 names and the probability is that this proposition will be dropped. President Falter announced that he had appointed a committee composed of Messrs. Newell, Richey and Becker to investigate and report on the cost of a road to furnish an outlet from this city by way of the Burlington subway. Discussion of the location of this proposed road resulted in the final decision that the best plan would be to raise a grade of about four feet on the river bottom this grade being thought sufficient to prevent the danger from

overflow from the Big Muddy. It is to be hoped that action may be had on this road proposition at once, as the farmers from Iowa who desire to come to this city to trade are almost entirely cut off from us by the present condition. A little money invested now in making this road a permanent one will do a great deal toward placing our trade with the Iowa side on a firm basis, and should be attended to at once.

More discussion of the road question followed and it was decided that the action of the city council was too slow on the matter of putting the main avenues in passable condition and upon the urgent demand that the club itself do something to alleviate the existing condition, the president of the club was authorized to secure teams and spend the time and money that his judgment recommended in putting the thoroughfares in condition so that the farmers can get to town.

A letter was read by the secretary from the city engineer of Omaha calling the attention of the members to the Good Roads convention to be held in that city this afternoon and evening, and inviting all those who are interested to attend. This proposition the club discussed at length, most of those present being strongly in favor of having as many citizens of Plattsmouth and vicinity go to Omaha and hear the discussion of this important question by the experts that the Omaha people have secured for the occasion. In response to this sentiment about a dozen of the local business men volunteered to go and no doubt there will also be a number of the farmers of this vicinity who will attend. This will be an excellent opportunity for the people to learn practical good road methods.

Concerning the matter of a banquet to be held as proposed for the Cass County Editors association by the commercial club, it was decided to give a banquet similar to the one given before, at which the visiting editors are to be the guests, the date decided upon being April 19th, one week from next Tuesday. It is desired and expected that all the newspaper men of this county be present at this time and partake of the hospitality of the city.

In the matter of the proposed expedition of the club to the B & M shops, it was decided that the members of the club and as many others as possible should go to visit the shops in a body on next Monday afternoon, so that the citizens of this place who are not familiar with one of the city's greatest resources may become so. Mr. Baird master mechanic, has very kindly volunteered to devote himself to the visitors on that day, so that they may be assured of an opportunity to acquire some information.

There being no other business at this time the meeting adjourned.

## RED MEN TO HAVE BIG TIME

Prepare to Entertain Visiting Members April 21st.

From Friday's Daily.

The regular meeting of the Order of Red Men was held last evening and work was done in the adoption degree, Fred Denson taking the adoption degree, and in the chief's degree, the candidate for the latter being Jesse Kirk. After the regular business arrangements were made for the regular meeting of the Missouri Tribe No. 69, on the sleep of the 21st Sun, of Plant Moon, at the 8th run and 20th breath, or in other words at 8:30 in the evening of the 21st of April.

The order is planning to have at this time a general convocation of the tribes of the state, when representatives of about 28 chapters in this state will be present in this city, and the local tribe will entertain the Great Sachem, Grand Chief or Records, Great Keeper of Wampum,

Great Senior Sagamore, Great Junior Sagamore and Great Prophet, all of the Great Council of reservations of Nebraska. It is also intended at this time to have several distinguished speakers present, one of whom will probably be Mayor Jim Dahlan of Omaha, himself a prominent Red Man.

New Instruments.

The boys of one of the local bands were greatly pleased yesterday by the arrival in this city of the instruments recently purchased by them for that organization. These instruments included seven fine, new horns, costing about \$155, all of the very best grade and make, being the output of the firm of J. W. Pepper of Philadelphia. No doubt this new acquisition will help the boys a great deal in their endeavor to establish a band that will be a credit to the city.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Young of Nehawka were in this city this morning and took the early train for Omaha where Mr. Young goes for treatment for a broken leg which he received five months ago. Mr. Young is now making his second trip to the hospital for this injury.

## THE STRIKE AT HAVELOCK SHOPS

Fuller Particulars in Reference to the Cause of the Strike.

From Friday's Daily.

From the Lincoln Journal we learn that the number of boilermakers and boilermakers' helpers that quit work at Havelock yesterday morning is 165. They charge that they had been unable to get concessions on demand made of the Burlington railroad at Chicago. The men want piece work abolished and an increase in the guaranteed pay per day for boilermakers of from 38 to 42 cents. The demands made contain many other schedule changes affecting the wages paid to helpers, the minimum now of which is 18½ cents per hour. Eight or nine members of the Havelock union, employed in the new shops of the Burlington in the west bottoms also quit work. It is stated at railroad headquarters that the men employed in other shops of the company west of the river are still at work, the piece work system being in use by boilermakers at no other places west of the river on the Burlington than Havelock and Lincoln. It was said that other departments in the Havelock shops might not be affected by the strike for some time and that work was in progress as usual in other departments. The usual spring reduction of forces and hours took place recently, about forty men having been let out and the hours reduced from nine to eight hours per day. The reduction of business volume handled has made this necessary, it was stated.

One of the shop rules relating to reduction of forces is that when such is necessary the men laid off shall be the youngest in the service, preference being accorded married men with families.

Of the strikers at Havelock it was said that twenty-one of the number were boilermakers and the remainder helpers.

For the strikers, District President Jonas says:

"A committee of the boilermakers have been trying for some time to secure a conference with the Burlington officials at Chicago, but they have refused to arbitrate. In fact, we have never had the opportunity to present our grievances to the head men of the system."

The Burlington has shops at Plattsmouth, Wymore, Alliance, Sterling, McCook and Sheridan on the lines west. East of the river it is said the piece work system is more general. It is claimed by railroad officials that the piece work system is favored by the better workmen as by it they are able to make more money.

The boilermakers are said to have prepared a new schedule, lengthy and dealing with many matters not now in the present schedule.

Mechanists and blacksmiths have not taken the action of the boilermakers at Havelock who walked out at 9 a. m., yesterday, although it was rumored that they may do so. Soon after the walkout a meeting was held in the Havelock auditorium and a committee was appointed to draw up a specific statement of the demands. They have not been made public.

Quiet Since the Election.

Estimates sent out by the merchants' and manufacturers' association, an organization representing the brewers at Omaha, claim that they have gained materially by the contest in 200 towns in Nebraska. They estimate that in the results in 24 towns they have gained almost 20,000 population under the wet regime. The only authentic organization that could make estimates for the dries in the anti-saloon league, with headquarters in Lincoln. This organization is supposed to keep tab on the results in the towns in the state and to send aid when needed. Superintendent M. S. Poulson said yesterday, however, that his headquarters were receiving no telegrams on the results, and that he was making no deductions as to whether wet or dry was making gains in the state.—State Journal.

Mrs. A. L. Kennedy drove to this city from the vicinity of Murray this morning to meet her daughter, Miss Agnes Kennedy, who arrived in this city over the Burlington from Louisville at 10 o'clock. They will return to Murray this afternoon where Miss Kennedy will spend the day with her parents.

A Pleasant Event.

Last evening the home of Peter Mumm was the scene of great hilarity and enjoyment, the occasion being a surprise party for Mrs. August Mumm of Gillette, Wyoming, who is in this city as the guest of relatives and friends. The entertainment was in the nature of a postal card shower, many beautiful cards, mostly in leather form being in evidence. About forty-six guests were present and the evening was most enjoyably spent in playing cards and music.

Late in the evening dainty refreshments were served and at a late hour the party broke up with the unanimous decision that everyone had a splendid time.

## OLD MAN IS BADLY BEATEN UP

Two Young Men Arrested for Making the Assault.

Wild excitement prevailed this afternoon about 2:30 o'clock when the sound of blows and cries for help aroused the peaceful citizens who were transacting business on Main street. Following the sound of the disturbance, the old sleuth-like reporter of the Journal quickly located the scene of trouble just east of Westcott's store on 5th street, and hurrying over there found two of the frivolous youths of the community, namely George and Oscar Matthews, gaily and festively abusing and butchering an old man, one Henry Jacoby, the latter being too far gone to make a pretense of defending himself. The sound of the conflict quickly attracted the entire population of the city, or at least so it seemed, and it was only a minute before El Toro Ben Rainey appeared on the scene and proceeded to play havoc with the amusement of the young men, smiting them hip and thigh and reducing them to a state of incoherent desuetude. At first the victims of the law's minion, laboring under the obsession that all policemen are fools, attempted to resist, but were speedily convinced of the futility of such notions by the descent of the entire population of this law-abiding community on their juvenile and unsuspecting necks. After considerable difficulty they were lodged in the city bastille there to meditate on the way of the transgressor and to seek some means of checking the blood that the police had to make flow so copiously. Jacoby, the victim of the assault, was a sight to look at but it is thought that his injuries are not serious. He will probably file a complaint against his assailants in police court tomorrow morning.

Don't Shell Corn Now.

Great quantities of corn shipped to this market have turned "hot" before being unloaded or when in transit to other markets. C. Vincent of the Beal-Vincent Grain company, who is one of the best judges of corn in the west, says that shelling of corn in Nebraska and Iowa should be discontinued during the next sixty days. "The unusual amount of moisture in the corn this year, coupled with the unusually warm weather," said Mr. Vincent, "is throwing all shelled corn into the dangerous germinating period several weeks earlier than expected. The drying plants at every terminal point, including Omaha, are being worked overtime and have hundreds of thousands of bushels of moist and damaged and damaging corn awaiting its turn and getting in worse condition with every day it has to wait.

"The only safe place for corn during the next sixty days is in the crib. It simply will not keep in a bin without constant shifting and airing, and the farmer who shells his corn now, or in the near future, is inviting loss and all sorts of grief. Every operator of a corn sheller in Nebraska and Iowa should be fined \$200 for every day he operates his sheller during the next sixty days—unless there is some other way of stopping him."—World-Herald.

Death of Miss Bates.

Miss Elizabeth Bates died at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. Bachelor, three miles south of Plattsmouth, on Thursday afternoon. She was an elderly maiden lady, but we did not learn her ailment. The funeral occurred at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the home of the Bachelors, and interment was made at the Rock Bluffs cemetery, where her father and mother are buried. Particulars of her death will appear in Monday's issue of the Journal.

## NEW ELECTRIC ARC LIGHT IS SETTLER OF THE LIGHT QUESTION

Lamp Installed by the Nebraska Lighting Company at Sixth and Main Streets a Great Success.

More than a score of persons congregated at Main and Sixth streets last night to witness the grand illumination made by the new regenerative flaming arc light, installed by the Nebraska Lighting company yesterday afternoon. The lamp is the latest product of electric lighting invention, and is a decided improvement over the old style arc lights. Not only are these new lamps new in Plattsmouth, but in almost every city in the United States. It is only the big metropolitan cities that have them in big numbers.

The light at Sixth and Main street was brought here for the two fold purpose of illuminating a hitherto dark corner, and of showing the merchants what can be done at a comparatively small outlay. The Nebraska Lighting company will not install any more of these lamps unless the merchants of the city desire them, in which event the latter will be asked to contribute toward their purchase.

There are eighty merchants on Main street that would alike be benefited by three of these new lamps. Three are all that would be necessary and these can be hung thirty-five feet from the ground for an outlay of \$5.50 a year by those whose places of business would be illuminated by them from dusk until midnight each night in the year.

The original type of flaming arc light carried a 5,000 candle power flame but this has been reduced to between 2,000 and 3,000 candle power.

The flames burn in an enclosed chamber which gives life to the carbon for seventy hours. The life of the carbons in the old style lamps was never more than fourteen hours. The carbons for the new lights are slightly different and cost a trifle more. The cost of the sample lamp at Main and Sixth streets was \$100 without carbons, and maintenance. It burns 550 watts per minute and is calculated to give light 2,000 hours a year. Carbons will have to be renewed every seventy-two hours, and this will cost approximately \$20 a

year. Maintenance of the lamp will necessitate a further outlay of about \$14 a year.

The initial lighting of the new lamp last night created a scene in miniature to that enacted on the streets of New York when Thomas Edison first turned on the current that illuminated the big metropolis on the Hudson with electric lights. The study of electricity had been delved into but slightly then, and the great inventor had not taken the precaution to insulate his wires. As a consequence, they were as full of danger as of electricity. The crowd that congregated, naturally felt curious enough to handle the long copper coils that hung down in the middle of the street and the result of turning on the current was several dozen men and women rolling through the throes of convulsions in the middle of the street. Some of these died of their injuries but the noted inventor was never prosecuted.

The crowd at Sixth and Main streets last night appeared to know more about electricity than to attempt any such fool-hardy experiment. Of course, had they done any such thing it would not have proved dangerous as the wires were all very heavily insulated. For more than two hours the crowd around the lamp increased and at 9 o'clock almost everybody on Main street talked about it.

There seems to be no question in the minds of those who have their places of business on Main street that three such lamps would greatly improve the city. It is generally admitted that more than three would be in the way and would be of no use whatever. The one now in use here hangs too low but as others are added, they will be strung from poles thirty-five feet high. This will cause the illumination to be thrown a much greater distance. The cost of these lamps and the number of merchants here to contribute toward their purchase and maintenance is so favorable that it is probable that more lights will be installed before the summer is fairly on the way.

## GETTING THE BOYS IN LINE

For Some Hot Ball Playing in Plattsmouth This Season.

The local base ball situation is beginning to warm up and in a short time the people of this city will have the pleasure of hearing the crack of the bat as the would-be Ty Cobb smears the ball, and the cheers of the fans will echo from the bleachers as some diamond favorite makes a sensational slide to second. With a game today between the local high school team and the team from Ashland, and a tentative game between the Red Sox of this city and Don Despain's Antelopes, it looks as if the local fans would soon come out of his shell in earnest.

In addition to the Lincoln game, the date of which is still in doubt on account of difficulty in making train connections, Manager Brantner has the assurance of games with the teams from Glenwood, Louisville and several of the surrounding towns, all of which have teams that can put up an interesting game. The material that the manager has under control in this city has been out every night this week for a work-out and as soon as a practice game can be arranged for, the boys will be given a chance to show what they can do, and a captain will be selected to develop the team work. This matter of team work is a department of the game wherein the local team has always been weak, the tendency in the past having been that of all amateur teams, to play individual, rather than team ball, and the manager hopes this year with the assistance that the early season will give him, to develop a team that will excel in every department of the game and place Plattsmouth on the base ball map again. If the team this year is

a success, there is a good prospect that next year we can get in one of the minor leagues of this vicinity, and thereby give the local fans a chance to see real base ball without going to Omaha and spending all their money away from home. At the present time the old men on the team are showing up fine, and as Manager Brantner has several youngsters on his squad, and among them material for several good batteries, it only remains for the fans to put us in right.

The first ball game of the season will take place this afternoon at the Chicago avenue grounds, at 2:30, it will be between the Plattsmouth high school and Ashland high school, and the admission will be 25 cents, 15 cents for high school students.

Take Your Choice.

Senator Tanner of the South Omaha Democrat, got cute this way the other day: "A woman who wears a petticoat with ravelings hanging here and there and who runs her shoes out at the heels will never make a neat housekeeper. This is a pointer for men who are sneaking around looking for a wife." To the above the very capable woman who edits the Norfolk Press came back in this truthful wise: "A man who wears out the seat of his trousers doing heavy sitting around, whose fingers are stained with nicotine, who loves work well enough to sit in it all day, whose main recommendation is his father's money will never be able to provide a house for his wife to keep and the fool that marries him will inherit the petticoat and shoes or earn them by taking in scrubbing. This is a skull and cross bones warning to the maiden sighing for her heart's affinity."

Coon F. Vallery came in this morning from Stanford, where he has been visiting for the past few days, and where he met several old Cass county people. Among whom was Fred Horn who sent by Mr. Vallery \$1.50 to renew his faith in the Journal.