GROWTH OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

From Small Reading Room It Has Grown Into Large and Useful Public Institution

At this time when the public library movement is so general all over the country and conventions are being held that attract the attention of so many educators, it seems like attention should be called to the existing condition in our own city in this respect.

The public liberary here is one of the oldest institutions of the kind in this state, having been founded on February 25, 1885, as the Young Ladies' Reading Room associaiton. At first it was established merely as a reading room and it was not until January 1, 1886, that it became a circulating library. At the time of its establishment the library was supported by the members of the organization. In 1893, the city was interested in the proposition and induced to contribute to the support of the library and it became known as the public library. It was first started in the building on Main street between Fifth and Sixth streets, where Dr. Elster now has his office then in the Union block, then it was moved to what was at that time known as the Rockwood block, then it was moved again to the same rooms in the Union block, where it remained until January 1, 1901, when the new building erected by the city was formally opened and the beginning was made of the present city library. Since that time the library has continued to grow and flourish, and the little building on Fourth and Vine streets has become the greatest point of interest for at least a great many of the young people and now a few of the older ones in this city.

There are in all about 4,000 books in the library in good condition and the average daily circulation of these books is very large for the size of the library and of the town, being about forty-three each day on the average. In addition to this circulation, which means the taking of books from the library, there is a large amount of general reference work being done every day. There is a great preponderance in the extent of circulation in favor of the juvenile work. Next to this of course, comes the work of fiction, comprising some of the best standard works and a fair amount of the modern "best sellers." In connection with these two departments, the management of the public library is especially proud of the fact that for research work and for all kinds of scientific work.

There are 19 periodicals received at the libary at the present time, all of which after being in the house one week are put into circulation. These periodicals are widely read, a great many of the patrons of the library using them constantly.

At present the library is supported by a tax upon the city of one and one-half mills, and this could be increased with profit by the city owing to the fact that the library is used so largely as a reference library by the children of the public schools. In the debates of the past and previous winters, the library has been the greatest use to the students, and an arrangement has been made whereby the teachers are allowed to take the books from the library for the accomodation of their classes. And in the matter of the salary paid the librarian this city is considerably behind cities of the same size in this state, the salary here being ridiculously low for the amount of work involved. But on the whole the conditions are better here than most of the towns of the same size and there is every prospect that this institution will experience a still greater growth.

PUBLIC SALE.

The undersigned will sell at public auction at his home 3½ miles south of Plattsmouth, on **Friday, April 22** the following described property, to-wit-it:

FOUR HEAD OF HORSES.

Two work horses, one colt, 2 years old; one colt, 3 years old; Sixty chickens, seven head of hogs, one farm wagon, one carriage, one buggy, household furniture and numerous other articles.

This is a bonafide sale, as I am going to leave the county and everything must be sold.

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In the District Court of the County of Cass, State of Nebraska.

Charles E. Schwab and Mary C. Schwab, Plaintiffs

—vs.—

James Kidwell, Dorothy A. Ramsey, William B. Ramsey, Hugh B. Ramsey, Lawrence P. Ramsey, Charles D. Ramsey, John Ramsey, James Ramsey, sole surviving heirs of John Ramsey, deceased, Spratlen, Davis & Company, a firm composed of William H. Spratlen, William P. Davis and A. H. Argyle, first and real name unknown, their successors and assignees; W. P. Davis, Samuel Chambers William H. Spratlen, William P. Davis, A. H. Argyle, first and real name unknown, non-residents of the State of Nebraska; the unknown heirs and devisees of James Kidwell, deceased; the unknown heirs and devisees of William H. Spratlen, deceased; the unknown heirs and devisees of William P. Davis, deceased; the unknown heirs and devisees of W. P. Davis deceased; the unknown heirs and devisees of A. H. Argyle, first and real name unknown, deceased; the unknown heirs and devisees of Samuel Chambers, deceased; the unknown heirs and devisees of Susanna Brock deceased, Defendants

Each and all of the above named non-residents of the State of Nebraska, and each and all of the above named unknown heirs and devisees, defendants, are hereby notified that on the 19th day of March, A. D., 1910, plaintiffs filed their petition in the District Court of the county of Cass, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is to confirm and quiet their title in them and against you, and each of you, in and to the following described lands, situated in the county of Cass, State of Nebraska, by reason of open, notorious, exclusive, peaceable, continuous and adverse possession thereof by them and their grantors, for more than twenty-five years, towit: The north half (n½) of the southeast quarter (se¼), and the north half (n½) of the southeast quarter (se¼) of the southeast quarter (se¼) of section thirty-one (31), township eleven (11), north, range fourteen (14), east of the sixth principal meridian, and to bar you and each of you from having or claiming any right, title or interest in or to said described real estate, or any part thereof, and for equitable relief; and to confirm and quiet their title in them and against the unknown heirs and devisees of Susanna Brock, deceased, to the following described real estate, situated in said county and said state, by reason of a mortgage deed, executed and delivered by plaintiffs to one Susanna Brock, now deceased, to secure the payment to her of an annual sum during her lifetime upon said real estate, to-wit: Lots two (2), nine (9), thirteen 13), and fourteen (14), all in the northeast quarter (ne¼) of the northeast quarter (ne¼), and the south half (s½) of the northeast qnarter (ne¼), and the northwest quarter (nw¼) of the northeast quarter (ne¼) all in the section township and range hereinbefore described, said mortgage being unreleased of record, and also to bar you, the said unknown heirs and devisees of Susanna Brock, deceased, from having or claiming any right, title or interest in or to said last described real estate, or any part thereof, and for equitable relief.

You and each of you are required to answer said petition on or before the 2nd day of May, A. D. 1910. In default thereof, judgment will be entered confirming and quieting title to all the real estate, above described, in plaintiffs herein.

Charles E. Schwab
Mary C. Schwab,
Plaintiffs

By their Attorneys
Ramsey & Ramsey.
(First publication March 21, 1910.)

ORDINANCE No. 475.

An ordinance calling a special election in the city of Plattsmouth, county of Cass, state of Nebraska, for the voting of bonds in the sum of $3500.00 for the paving of the intersections of Fourth and Vine streets, of Fifth and Vine streets, of Seventh and Vine streets, and of the alley and street intersections of Fourth and Fifth streets, said alleys running east and west through block twenty-eight (28) and twenty-nine (29), all in said city of Plattsmouth and known as paving district number 3.

Be it ordained by the mayor and council of the city of Plattsmouth, state of Nebraska.

Section 1. That a special election be and the same is hereby called to be held in the city of Plattsmouth, county of Cass, state of Nebraska on Tuesday, the 3d day of May, A. D., 1910, at the usual polling places in said city to-wit:

First ward, at the county court house; Second ward, at Turner hall; Third ward, at A. O. U. W. hall; Fourth ward, at the council chamber; Fifth ward, at the store building of A. G. Bach & Co., on Lincoln avenue. The polls in said wards will be open at 9 o'clock a. m., and close at 7 o'clock p. m., of said day.

Section 2. At said election the following proposition will be voted upon, to -wit:

Shall the city of Plattsmouth in the county of Cass, state of Nebraska, issue its bonds in the sum of $3500.00 in the denomination of $500.00, each payable to bearer ten (10) years after date with interest coupons thereto attached not to exceed five per cent, payable annually, but redeemable, or any part thereof, on request of said city any time after one year from date of issue. Said bonds shall be dated the day of their delivery and interest and principal payable with New York Exchange.

Said bonds shall be issued for the purpose of paving the intersections in paving district No. 3, of said city of Plattsmouth to-wit: The intersections of Fourth and Vine streets, of Fifth and Vine streets, of Seventh and Vine streets, and of the alley and street intersections of Fourth and Fifth streets, said alleys running east and west through blocks twenty-eight (28) and twenty-nine (29).

And shall the mayor and city council, in addition to all other taxes make a levy upon all the taxable property of said city of Plattsmouth to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 3. As soon as practicable after the issue of said bonds is authorized as herein provided, the mayor and city council shall offer said bonds for sale to the highest bidded after giving such notice of sale as they may deem proper and to the best interests of said city, but said mayor and city council shall reserve the right to reject any and all bids for said bonds, and in no case shall said bonds be sold for less than par value.

Section 4. When said bonds are sold, the proceeds thereof shall be paid to the treasurer of said city of Plattsmouth and placed to the credit of the paving fund of paving district No. 3.

Section 5. The form of the ballot in which the question shall be voted on is as follows:

"For Paving Bonds."
"Against Paving bonds."

Section 6. There shall be judges and clerks of election appointed by the mayor and city council for each said polling place in said wards and said special election shall be held in the same manner as a general city election.

Section 7. Notice of said special election shall be published in the Plattsmouth Semi-Weekly Journal for four consecutive weeks prior to said day of election.

Section 8. This ordinance shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage, approval and publication according to law

Passed and approved this 28th day of March, A. D., 1910.

John P. Sattler,
Mayor.

Attest, W. B. Elster,
City Clerk.

Grand Ball.

The T. J. Sokols will give another of their grand balls at their hall on next Saturday evening, April 23rd. A good time is in store for all. Good music has been secured. You are invited to join them. Gents tickets 50c; ladies free.

AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE BANK OF MURDOCK.

At a stockholders meeting at the Bank of Murdock, Murdock, Nebraska, held on the 19th day of February, 1910, at which meeting all of the stock of the bank was present. It was unanimously voted to amend Article IV which now reads:—"The amount of capital stock of this corporation shall be ten thousand ($10,000) dollars divided in one hundred shares of one hundred dollars each," all of which shall be paid in before the commencement of business to "the amount of capital stock of this corporation shall be fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars, divided in one hundred and fifty shares of one hundred dollars each, all of which shall be paid in."

Witness our hands and seal this 10th day of February, 1910.

F. Wolf, President.
H. R. Neitzel, Cashier.

State of Nebraska }
ss.
County of Cass }

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the amendment to the original articles of incorporation of the Bank of Murdock, Murdock, Nebraska.

H. R. Neitzel, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of February, 1910.

Herman Gast,
Justice of the Peace.

MERCHANTS TAKE TO ARC LIGHT

Large Number Sign Agreement to Maintain Three Lights.

Plattsmouth has at last vindicated itself as a growing municipality and half of the merchants and business men on Main street came forward yesterday and announced themselves as willing to contribute their share toward the installation and maintenance of three flamable arc lights such that now is burning nightly at Sixth and Main streets.

The light was put there about a week ago as a free sample but none of the people of the town took kindly to it, and so the Nebraska Lighting company decided to remove it. Tiding of their intention were printed in the Journal last night after which it was practically demonstrated how eagerly every line printed in this paper is read by the citizens of the town.

More than thirty-five merchants on Main street informed the lighting company of their sincere regret and so fast did the sympathizers give out this information that the manager of the lighting company decided to leave the light where it is until those interested are given a chance to sign the petition to keep the light and install three of them on Main street.

One of the merchants, when signing the petition said that the amount to be pledged is so ridiculously small that he cannot understand how anybody can object to promising to pay it. All it amounts to is fifty cents a month for one year, after which the cost will be very much less, since the first year subscriptions of fifty cents a month will be made to pay the cost of the lights.

Eighty names are needed before the lights will be ordered although it was said at the office of the company this morning that to facilitate matters, the names of those who have not yet signed, will be depended upon to do their duty, and that the order for the lights will be sent in within a few days. By that time it is expected that the full eighty will have their names on the petition.

Those who have so far avowed their willingness to have the city illuminated at their small expense are:

William Barclay, W. E. Egenberger, Bank of Cass County, Parmele theater, Nemetz & Co., R. A. Bates, Journal, J. E. McDaniel, J. S. Livingston, M. Hild, Kroehler Bros., E. G. Dovey & Son, John Cory, Peter F. Goos, M. L. Johnson, J. E. Mason, John Schiappacasse, F. H. Dunbar, C. L. Herger, J. P. Falter, E. B. Meyers, H. M. Soennichsen, John Bauer, Weyrich & Hadraba, Fricke & Co., Plattsmouth State Bank, First National Bank, Falter & Thierolf, Gering & Co., Ed. Egenberger, A. Geise, Jos. Fetzer, Kuhney & Clark, E. Brantner, August Gorder, A. G. Bach & Co., Plattsmouth Laundry, L. B. Egenberger, News-Herald Pub. Co., Herold Book & Stationary.

Mrs. Conrad Schlater was a passenger this morning on the early train for Havelock, to visit with her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Tighe for some time.

Charles Reihart of Louisville, is in the city today looking after some business matters and shaking hands with his numerous friends at the county seat.

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Short Locals

From Friday's Daily.

Mrs. Fred Spangler went up to Omaha on the morning train to spend the day.

Mrs. George Snyder was among those who took the afternoon train today for Omaha.

Floyd Patridge was among those who went to Omaha this morning to spend the day.

Will Richardson of Mynard, was among those who transacted business in this city yesterday.

A. S. Will was among those who took the early train this morning for Omaha, going to that city on business.

John Hockstrasser was a passenger this morning on the early train for Omaha, going up to look after business matters.

Mrs. O. A. Davis and Miss Fay Oldham of Murray, drove up this morning to do some shopping, returning this afternoon.

R. V. Pepperburg, formerly of this city but now a resident of Lincoln, was in this city this morning looking after business for his father, J. P. Pepperburg, the cigar man.

It is reported in this city that 4½ inches of rain fell in the vicinity of Union last evening. This is enough to have shared with this section, where it barely sprinkled but threatened a pour-down.

Mrs. O. E. McDonald of Murdock, departed this morning for her home after a short visit in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kelly, Mrs. Kelly accompanied her daughter as far as Omaha.

Attorney C. L. Graves came up from Union on the early morning train to look after some legal matters at the court house, returning on the 10:25 train. While here Charley paid his respects to the Journal headquarters, where he always receives a warm welcome.

The Missouri Pacific is hauling cars of steel through here en route north to be used in the construction of a new bridge across the Platte river. The company propose to put in a steel bridge in place of the wood structure which they have used for years.—Nebraska City News.

From Saturday's Daily.

W. E. Rosencrans was among those who came in on No. 6 from Omaha today.

Miss Gertrude Long from near Murray is among those who are in the city spending the day.

W. Parker and family were passengers this morning on the early train for Omaha, going up to spend the day.

Mrs. C. F. Vallery was among the many who went to Omaha today on the morning train, going up to spend the day.

Frank Cook and Harry White were among those who took the early train, going to Lincoln to spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Justus Lillie were passengers this morning on the early train for Omaha, going up to spend the day.

Mark White came in from his home at Rock Bluffs this morning to look after some business matters and visit with friends.

Mrs. W. E. Renner is among those who are spending the day in the metropolis, having been a passenger on the early train.

Walter Britton was a passenger this morning on the early Burlington train for the metropolis, where he will spend the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Christ Parkening and Miss Anna Parkening were among those who took the early train for the metropolis this morning.

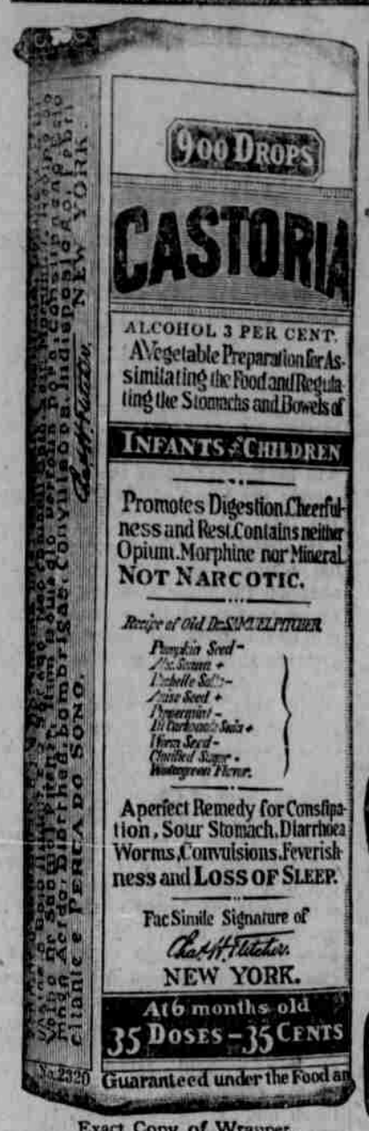
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kaufman came down this morning from Havelock, where Mr. Kaufman is employed in the Burlington shops, and will visit their parents for a few days.

E. G. McCullough of Greenwood, came down this morning to visit his parents, south of the city. While in town en route to the home of his parents, he called on the Journal and renewed for another year.

C. W. Stoehr, one of Cass county's thrifty young farmers, was in the city today and renewed allegiance to the Journal. Mr. Stoehr lives west of town, and he says no well-regulated family can get along without the Journal.

Professors C. A. Robbins, E. B. Conant and A. E. Sheldon, all of the law school at the university of Nebraska, were passengers for Lincoln this morning, after spending the night in this city. These are the gentlemen who decided last evening's debate in favor of Plattsmouth.

L. D. Brown, mayor of Kenosha, was in the city today and gave the Journal a call. Lig says he doesn't object to Rock Bluffs receiving all the glory it is entitled to but he wants it understood that Kenosha is still on the map—more so, at least, than Rock Bluffs.



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Fritz Lutz from near Murray, is in the city today.

Will Jean from south of town is in this city today.

Wm. Puls, Sr. and Charles Herren from near Murray, were Plattsmouth visitors today.

E. H. Obernalter was among those who came in from the county this morning on business.

Chris. Metzger of Celar Creek is among those who are transacting business in the city today.

J. T. Porter, one of the Journal's best friends from near Murray, is attending to some business matters in the city today.

Marvin Tyler of Omaha, was among those who took the fast mail train this afternoon, going back to his work after a visit with his parents in this city.

R. C. Dill of Lyons, Neb., arrived in the city yesterday morning for a short visit with his father and mother, A. Dill and wife, He returned to his home this afternoon.

G. W. Goodman of the Burlington machine shop, had the misfortune this morning to have a wheel stick, used in the shop, fall and strike him on the head, cutting a small gash in his scalp and necessitating several stitches.

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