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## SUPERVISOR OF CENSUS HELVEY TO HAVE FIRST WARD RETAKEN

**Finds That Whole Families Had Been Missed by Enumerator So Decides to Allow New Canvass of That Ward.**

Supervisor of the Census, Frank E. Helvey, of Lincoln, who has charge of the count of this district, came down from Lincoln this morning to inspect the work which has been done by the enumerators of this city. He found the conditions such as to justify complaint from the citizens here, especially in one ward. In the other four the work had been better done and was more satisfactory, although doubtless many were overlooked in them.

The work in the First ward was the one which came under the most severe condemnation. Whole families were missed, and these included the oldest and best known citizens of the city. A number of them county officers, business and professional men, as well as Burlington Shop employes were overlooked in the count and the result meant a big loss to the city in population.

Mr. Helvey's investigation revealed this state of affairs and he at once took necessary steps to correct the situation, and do as much as he could toward improving conditions and giving the city a fair count. Miss Petersen, who conducted the census in one of the other wards, was assigned by Mr. Helvey to this ward and will make a complete re-canvass of it. She is a very intelligent lady and one thoroughly capable

and doubtless will give the inhabitants of that part of the city much more satisfactory service.

On behalf of the city, as well as the census authorities, The Journal appeals to the people to give the enumerators all possible assistance. Do not be backward about seeing your name is on the list, and not only your own but all the residents of your household, and inform the enumerator of any in other localities who may have been overlooked. The census is not used for taxing purposes, nor for any purpose which might be detrimental to the person furnishing the information. It is entirely secret and protected from public gaze and is to be used solely as the basis of determining the apportionment of representation in congress and for gathering statistics of the vital importance to the welfare and progress of the country.

Plattsmouth should and doubtless does feel under obligations to Mr. Helvey for his prompt investigation of the complaint here and for his prompt work in relieving conditions which he was in no manner responsible for. That the new count will help in getting somewhere near the correct figures on the local population is believed and the result will be to put Plattsmouth in the class where it belongs.

## NEW JAIL IS BADLY NEEDED

**The Old One is Again Being "Fixed" by the County**

From Friday's Daily.  
The county jail yesterday got a few minor repairs which were absolutely necessary on account of the structure having been flooded some days since by rain. A patent combination of muslin and tar and such truck was applied by Alf. Edgerton in a vain effort to get the roof of the structure in such shape that the elements could be kept from invading and mingling with the prisoners. The new repairs are expected to last as long as the dry weather keeps up or as long as necessary if Halley's comet is to brush us all off the earth. Otherwise it is highly probable the commissioners will have to later call upon the repair fund for more money.

The condition of the public jail in this county is a shame and a disgrace to the community. A new jail is needed and that very badly. Should a jury be called in the near future, it is almost certain they will visit the present structure and apply the fitting and proper terms to it and also recommend that it be abandoned and that a fitting structure be erected. There is scarcely a farmer coming to the city who has taken the pains to visit the jail and examine its miserable condition but who has expressed himself as favorable to a new building. It is not alone dangerous for the confinement of criminals but it is absolutely unfit for occupancy and is very unhealthy. The agitation of building of a new jail which has been underway should be pushed further and steps taken to insure it. The site north of the court house is both handy and convenient and is far and away healthier than the present location.

### Visits Old Home Friends.

From Friday's Daily.  
Ed. Stokes came in this morning for a short visit in the city and vicinity with relatives. He ran down to South Omaha yesterday, from his home at Plainview with a carload of hogs and took advantage of the occasion to come on to this city where he has a great many relatives and many friends. Eddie is doing well at his new home and his load of hogs yesterday brought him a fancy price and cleared him a neat sum. He reports that the Plattsmouth contingent at Plainview as getting along nicely and doing very well. They asked to be remembered to their many friends here.

### Greenwood Offender.

Constable Jerome Andrus of Greenwood, mention of whose visit to the city is made in another place, brought down with him from that place one of the Havelock men who took on too much of the variety of tanglefoot which is handled at Greenwood and who in consequence made such a spectacle of himself as to peeve the good constable of the town. In consequence of all this Jerome seized upon said Havelock inebriate and proved to him that the majesty of the law was little short of that of Halley's comet and was most terrible in its consequence to the malefactors who disturbed it. The said personage from Havelock did not make any resistance to Jerome in his official stand for law and morality but came down to the county seat peaceably and will spend time in the donjon keep sufficient to account for the statutory fine of ten simoleons and costs which the justice at Greenwood heaped upon him. It has been suggested to the Journal man that the Havelock contingent who will persist in becoming enemies of the public peace and disorder come directly to this city from that point and give our local authorities a chance. There is a special brand of justice in pickle here for them if they will come down and test it and, as they get down here anyway, they could save the county some trouble and expense and also save the wear and tear on Jerome and the good town of Greenwood, by heading in here at the commencement of their period of debauchery.

### Death in Iowa.

Henry Smith, an aged and highly respected resident of Mills county, Ia., living near Emerson, died at his home on Wednesday evening after an extended illness of more than two years. Old age was the immediate cause of death. Deceased was the father of Harry Smith and A. W. Smith, both living here and both well known. The aged man had reached the ripe age of 81 years, most of which time had been spent on the farm where his life ended. The Journal will print a further account of the life of this estimable gentleman later.

Harry Smith was called to the bedside of his father on Wednesday evening just a few hours before his death and was present when he breathed his last, returning to this city yesterday afternoon. The Messrs. Smith have the deepest and most profound sympathy of all in this community in their bereavement.

Z. W. Shrader and Dick Christwiser departed this morning for Furnas county where they are interested in horses and where they have real estate matters to look after. The gentlemen expect to be gone several days as their business is important.

## HALLEY'S COMET DRAWING NEARER

**Something of Interest to Those Who are Watching It.**

In view of the approaching of Halley's comet to the earth the weather bureau at Washington has issued a special letter of instructions to their observers to watch and report any phenomena which may occur and this is something of interest to the general public. Below will be found a summary of what they want observed and it is printed so that the manifestation of any of the phenomena may be observed and reported. The department calls attention to the fact that May 17, 18 and 19 is the best time for seeing the comet and observing any phenomena which may take place. Below is the letter:

**Auroral Displays**—Auroras serve as indicators of the electrical state of the outer atmosphere, and as this state possibly may be affected by the tail of the comet as we pass through it, auroras should be watched for at that time. The location, color, shape, extent and other features, as well as the time of appearance, changes and disappearance should all be carefully noted.

**Meteoric Trails**—The number, times of appearance, lengths of duration and directions and lengths of visible paths of meteors should be noted on all three nights, but especially on the night of the 18th.

**Bishop's Ring**—This curious 'dust' halo was seen around the sun after the eruptions both of Krakatoa and Mont Pelee, and conceivably might also follow the passage of the earth through the tail of the comet. It therefore should be carefully looked for on the days specified, and, occasionally, for some days thereafter. As the light of this ring is rather faint, observations of it are best made when the sun is hidden behind some steep or other opaque object.

**Color of the Sun and Sky**—Both the general color of the sky and the color of the sun depend on the dust and other contents of the atmosphere and should be carefully noted on the given dates.

**Twilight Phenomena**—Twilight colors, their distribution and order of changes depend largely on the dust in the atmosphere, and consequently these are phenomena that need to be observed on the days indicated.

**Luminous Clouds**—Neither the material of these clouds nor the cause of their light is definitely known. They seem to belong to the very high atmosphere and, therefore, should be looked for at night in connection with our transit across the comet's tail. These clouds are cirrus-like in appearance, but may be distinguished from true cirrus by the fact that they are brighter than the background of the clear nocturnal sky. During the forepart of the night they are seen above the northwestern horizon.

**Zodiacal Light**—From work recently done at the Lick and at Mount Wilson observatories it seems probable that the zodiacal light is caused by reflection of solar light from dust in and near the plane of the ecliptic. If so then a change might be expected in it at the time of the comet's near approach to the earth and, therefore, the extent, brilliancy and other features of the zodiacal light as they approach at that time should be carefully noted.

**Gegenschein (counter glow)**—But little is known of the cause of this faint glow seen in the ecliptic at a point directly opposite to the sun, or along the shadow of the earth. Presumably it has the same origin as the zodiacal light, and consequently may be modified during the transit of the earth across the tail of the comet. At any rate it should be observed on the nights mentioned, and its brilliancy at these times compared with that on nights when these certainly is no cometary disturbance. To locate the gegenschein at any hour of the night look in the direction where the sun was twelve hours previously.

**General Phenomena**—Solar and lunar halos and coronas and all appearances that may seem unusual and worth noting.

L. E. Smith of Long Pine, Neb., one of the members of the board of trustees of the Masonic home, is in the city to spend the day and looking after business matters in connection with the home, having come in last evening.

### Will Play at Cedar Creek.

Manager Roy Holly of the M. W. A. orchestra this morning closed an arrangement with the Cedar Creek ball team over the telephone by which the orchestra will furnish the music for a dance to be given on the night of Monday, May 30th, by the ball club in that village. The orchestra is glad to know that they have so thoroughly satisfied the public in that locality and that they are so much in demand. The good people around Cedar Creek are proud of their ball team and doubtless the attendance at the dance will be large enough to insure them some funds for its maintenance.

## THE STRIKE SITUATION CALM

**No New Developments Either at Havelock or in This City**

From Friday's Daily.  
There have been no new developments in the strike situation on the Burlington today, either in this city or at Havelock. Speaking of the local situation, it can be said that all danger of a strike in this city is over and done with. The men have taken a strong stand against such a course here and are proceeding along in the even tenor of their way. They have taken steps for mutual protection and have established an organization among themselves which will insure their remaining at work and keeping this city peaceful.

There is no talk here at all favorable to strike or to disturbances and there seems little or no likelihood of any. As long as conditions remain as they are, Plattsmouth will be the safest and best town on the Burlington system for work. With public sentiment united against any disturbances here, with the men loyal to the company and anxious to work and a determination on the part of the authorities and the citizens generally to stand behind the men who want to work, trouble here is dipped in the bud.

At Havelock arrangements had been made to serve the injunction which was issued day before yesterday upon the strikers as they answered roll call at their headquarters in Havelock today. Special deputies have been employed in addition to the regulars and H. P. Haze of Omaha is among those who are in the shop town helping the local authorities serve the injunction.

The understanding which prevails here is that the injunction which has been issued applies here as well as at Havelock. The jurisdiction of the court which issued the injunction prevails over this part of the country. Judge Munger being one of the federal judges of this state. This injunction would restrain the men from any hostile demonstration against the local men and they would have to come within the scope of it or be subject to punishment at the hands of the court for its violation. This is said to be gratifying to the men in the local shops as they are all averse to having any trouble of any kind. The effect of the injunction is to make an additional safeguard against disturbances just as wanted here.

### Pleasant Birthday Surprise.

Tuesday was Dr. R. L. Newell's thirty-fifth birthday, and while the dental dentist was at Murray a very pleasant surprise party was planned upon him at the home of Miss Jessie Todd, a few friends being invited to take six o'clock dinner with him. Upon his return from Murray the doctor was summoned to the Todd home, where he found his friends who had called to remind him that it was his thirty-fifth birthday. The evening was passed very pleasantly, one of the features being the excellent luncheon which was served. Those who were present to enjoy the social event were John C. Hansell, wife and daughter, Ed Leach and wife, Alva Stites and wife, Miss Rose O'Donnell, Miss Jessie Todd and Mrs. Fannie Eikenbary.—Union Ledger.

### St. Paul's Church.

At the business meeting which was held yesterday afternoon in the church the following officers of the society were re-elected:  
President—Mrs. A. Martens.  
Vice President—Mrs. J. Martens.  
Secretary—Mrs. P. Mumm.  
Treasurer—Mrs. M. Hill.  
The commemoration day Stifungfest of the society will be held on Sunday, May 22nd.

## BURGLARS PAY VISIT TO CITY

**Enter the Home of Oliver C. Dovey on North Sixth Street**

From Saturday's Daily.  
Plattsmouth suffered a visitation from burglars last night although the miscreants got little for their trouble and did small damage aside from the fright they administered to a number of timid ladies. The first place to get their attentions was the residence of Oliver C. Dovey on north Seventh street where a party was in progress. During the time the guests were making merry in the parlors of the handsome residence, the burglars entered the house opinion being divided as to whether they came in through the library window on the ground floor or by the porch at the rear of the building. They evidently took their time to the job at this place as they rummaged over the upper rooms and took a number of pieces of jewelry from their caskets besides securing some eight dollars in money. Evidently the miscreants suffered from fear of being identified by the jewelry they left that behind, a hand some and costly gold watch being left upon the window-sill of the room. The robbery was discovered very shortly after it was committed and while the house was yet ringing with the merry laughter of the guests all of whom were ladies. The police were called and Officers Henry Trout and H. Young responded. The burglar had been gone too long, however, to afford them any definite clue. The discovery of the burglary threw the guests into a semi-panic and spread alarm into the many homes in the city where they belonged. City Treasurer Fricke was the only man to be present shortly after the affair and he had quite a task looking after the nervous ladies.

The second visit made was to the home of Miss Louise Gorder on north Third street. Here the visitor was unusually bold. He entered the house through a window in the north wall of the parlor on the ground floor. From this room he passed into a bedroom immediately adjoining it on the west where Miss Gorder was sleeping, and got busy with the bureau. He was rummaging through it when his movements awoke Miss Gorder who stirred in her bed and attracted the attention of the burglar. He turned and looked in the direction of the bed peering under his right arm at her. Seeing her awake he hurried through the room, protecting his face with his arms until he reached the parlor, where he could get through the window and escape. Miss Gorder as soon as he had passed from the room made some remarks intended to reach her sister who was sleeping up stairs and who had heard the steps of the burglar in the house. The latter lady at once started down stairs to where the sister was and heard the window of the parlor when it fell as the burglar went out. According to the story as told by the ladies, the man lingered about the window for several minutes afterwards and heard Miss Louise Gorder declare to her sister that she knew who it was, then he fled.

Talking to the Journal man, Miss Gorder declared that she knew the burglar well and that he was a prominent young man of this city. She identified him in a certain way, although she did not at the time of the burglary know his name. The police were called immediately following the discovery of the burglary and hurried to the house. To them, Miss Gorder told her story and they visited the home of the young man where it was explained that he had been absent on business, the nature of which was told the police. This matter will be carefully investigated by the police, Chief Rainey this morning taking it up himself.

The Dovey burglary appears to many to have been the work of porch climbers who may have followed in the wake of the show which is here today or who may have just drifted in from the road. The strange feature in both cases, however, is the apparent familiarity with the premises in both cases which the burglar showed and his almost certain knowledge of just where to go to find the valuables. In the Dovey case nothing was taken save some eight dollars in money while nothing was taken at Gorder's, although the burglar evidently supposed a package in

the bottom of one of the bureau drawers to be valuable.

Chief Rainey and Sheriff Quinton are working together in gathering evidence in the two cases and have had several suspicious parties under surveillance, in one case examining a man who answered the description given by Miss Gorder. He satisfactorily accounted for himself, however. It seems now that there is practically little or no reason to believe the young man living here who is referred to above as being suspicious, is in any way concerned. Miss Gorder has since altered her description of the man so that he appears to have been an entirely different appearing personage. However, the matter is being closely looked into and there seems a chance to get the party wanted. In the meantime people are advised to beware of leaving doors and windows unlocked and to be careful of valuables until the suspicious parties now in the city are gotten rid of.

### Watch the Comet.

A number of people in this city including ye reporter, H. C. VanHorn, and others witnessed a peculiar atmosphere phenomena last night. A white, transparent band or belt resembling much in detail the tail of the comet rose in the heavens about nine o'clock and soon reached the moon which showed through it with a halo about it resembling the appearance of the sun upon frosty morning. The white belt gradually reached across the sky until it extended from the northwest to the southeast. Later it passed off to the south of the moon and at about ten o'clock disappeared. It is believed to have been a luminous cloud such as the weather bureau spoke of in its letters to observers as it came from the proper direction and resembled the cloud in all details. It gave the moon a very odd appearance for some time and bore a very striking resemblance to the appearance of the tail of the comet. As an evidence that the letter of the weather bureau is read several people called the attention of the reporter to the phenomena this morning and reminded him of its appearance as described in the letter. A large number of people rose early this morning to get a look at the comet but were disappointed as the eastern skies were clouded with a heavy cloud. According to the Chicago Tribune, astronomers in that city assert that the comet should commence to be visible in the west from now on at eventide. It will get much brighter and larger as the days go on.

### Funeral of J. A. Hamilton.

Yesterday brief mention was made of the death at Omaha of J. A. Hamilton, formerly of this city. The funeral took place yesterday, the services being conducted by Rev. B. Fellman, pastor of Grace Baptist church. The text taken was John 14-1 "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me." The sermon of Rev. Fellman was an able one and full of comfort to the bereaved widow and children. Among those attending the services from this city and vicinity were A. W. Atwood and J. L. Burrows who represented the local camp of the Modern Woodmen and who acted as pall bearers. L. E. Renard and wife and Mary Welch, the latter a sister of the deceased, also attended the services from near Rock Bluffs. Deceased leaves surviving him a wife and four children, viz: Manford, aged 9; Carl, aged 7; Daisy, aged 5 and Marion, aged 18 months.

Deceased carried a policy of \$2,000 in the Modern Woodmen which comes as a great help to the widow and children, his long illness having left them in rather straitened circumstances. W. W. Doten of Omaha, a cousin of Mrs. F. G. Morgan of this city, extended much aid and comfort to Mr. Hamilton and his family during his illness and his financial aid kindness to them was much appreciated. Deceased was interred at o'Frest Lawn cemetery, Omaha.

### Enjoy an Outing.

The members of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades of the Central building and their teachers are enjoying an outing this afternoon in the woods south of the ball park. Various outdoor games and sports are being indulged in, the most interesting and perhaps the most exciting being the base ball game by the boys of the three grades. At an appropriate hour a delicious picnic supper will be spread on the green.

If you want help or have anything to sell, advertise in the Journal