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CHRISTMAS TRADE IN PLATTSMOUTH VERY SATISFACTORY TO MERCHANTS

The People Tributary to this City Are Gradually Learning They Can Buy as Cheap at Home as They Can in Omaha.

It is very gratifying to the Journal to know that our merchants are much better satisfied with their Christmas trade this year than they were last year. Several from this vicinity who had previously gone to Omaha, priced such articles as they needed here, and after pricing the same articles in Omaha, came back to Plattsmouth and bought them.

We have interviewed most of the business men in regard to their trade this year, and they are generally of the same opinion that they have done a remarkably good business, and much better than they could possibly have expected. The Journal feels proud of this fact, because it has done its very best to keep the trade at home, and in a great measure have accomplished the desired result.

The Journal has always followed the motto, "Home first—the World Afterward," and the business men of the city seem to have appreciated our effort to the extent of giving us a very liberal patronage. We had an opportunity of billing several pages of the Journal with Omaha holiday advertising, but have refused all such

propositions. It would have been unjust to Plattsmouth merchants to thus attempt to induce people who live here, to go to Omaha to buy their holiday supplies, when we know they cannot get them any cheaper in that city than they can in Plattsmouth.

There is but one more day left to do Christmas shopping, and when that has passed, we are satisfied that our merchants will give the Journal credit for doing much in their behalf. We cannot complain at the manner in which we have been treated by them, but rather extend our thanks to each and every one of them for their liberality.

The Journal feels a great interest in the success of every merchant and every enterprise, in fact, in Plattsmouth, knowing full well that in their success depends our prosperity. And we feel that every citizen should feel as we do, that you cannot build up the town by patronizing those who do not spend a dollar in the town where you rear your families, school your children, and enjoy life here in Plattsmouth as well as anywhere under the sun.

Wedding at Elmwood.

A special from Elmwood, under date of December 22, says: "Miss Emma Davis and Guy Adams were married today at high noon at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Davis. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Davis, father of the bride and pastor of the M. E. church here. A two course luncheon was served in the church dining room to a party of about fifty friends and relatives. Mr. Adams is interested in the lumber business at Eagle and takes his bride to a new home just completed there."

HENRY R. GERING FOR PRESIDENT

Strong Sentiment on the Omaha Ad Club to His Election as President.

In reference to the future of the Omaha Ad club, the World-Herald has the following to say:

"The Omaha Ad club feels the need of a new constitution. The original document under which this live organization has been doing business during the four years of its existence has been outgrown, and at a meeting of the club next Wednesday noon a new constitution will be presented to the members for adoption or rejection. The club now has nearly 500 members.

"The annual meeting will be held the following week, when the election of officers and directors will take place. There is a lively interest in the coming election. In addition to five officers, a board of twenty-five directors will be elected and these directors will choose from their number seven members of the executive committee.

"The greatest interest naturally centers around the election of a president. R. E. Sunderland, who has served the club for two years, states that he is not a candidate for re-election, and in fact among the members indicates a considerable sentiment favorable to Henry R. Gering, the present vice president. Frank M. Blah is talked of by some of the members and there is no small likelihood that either Penn P. Podrea, Robert H. Manley and Edwin T. Swobe may prove favorites for presidential honor.

"For the office of secretary, A. L. Galt, of the Darlow Advertising agency, appears to have no opposition, and the same may be said of A. L. Galt for the office of recorder. Prominent among the names mentioned for treasurer are Lawrence Brinker, Sam Rees, Jr., and Harry O. Steele.

"The Ad club has big plans for the coming year, and this fact accounts for the keen interest shown by the members in the coming election."

TAKING ON TOO MUCH CHEER

George McPherson is Mentally Unbalanced.

From Friday's Daily.
George McPherson, who has been acting queerly of late was found by the night police about 9:30 last evening near the Burlington station with his clothing soaking wet and the man almost frozen. The officers took him to the jail, where he was locked up. Yesterday afternoon the man was seen a few miles south of Plattsmouth wandering aimlessly about, and it is presumed he was attempting to find his way home last night and got into the sewer at the lower end of Main street. He would, no doubt, have perished with cold had not the officers found him when they did.

McPherson resides in the north part of the city, and some weeks ago began to show evidence of an unbalanced mind, but his actions have been harmless thus far. The board will doubtless hold an inquiry within a day or two and ascertain his condition.

A Christmas Carol.
To you this night is born a child
Of Mary, chosen mother, and mild,
This little child of lowly birth
Shall be the joy of all the earth.

'Tis Christ, our God, who far on high
Hath heard your sad and bitter cry
Himself will your salvation be—
Himself from sin will make you free.

He brought these blessings long ago,
Prepared by God for all below,
Henceforth his kind, open stands
To you as the angel bands.

These are the tokens ye shall mark,
The swaddling clothes and manger dark,
There shall ye find the young child laid
By whom the heavens and earth were made.
Wm. McQuilkin, Masonic Home.

Married in This City.

From Saturday's Daily.
Mr. Earl Wiles and Miss Pearl Moore, both Cass county young people, came to Plattsmouth yesterday and secured a license to wed and repaired to the residence of Rev. L. W. Gad, who performed the ceremony uniting the two young people for life. Mr. Wiles is a son of George Wiles, residing northeast of Weeping Water, while the bride is the daughter of Mr. Perry Moore, of near Cedar Creek.

Provides for Comfort of Customers.

John Hatt & Son, the enterprising grocers and produce dealers have fitted up a nice comfortable room at the rear of their store which will be used as a rest room for lady customers from the country. The room has been neatly painted, papered and carpeted and is a very pleasant place to wait, and no doubt will be appreciated by tired shoppers and children who often are required to spend some time in the city after their trading is done.

Dr. Gilmore Improving Nicely.

Dr. A. E. Walker came up from Murray today, driving up in his auto, to catch the afternoon Burlington for Omaha, where he went to see Dr. Gilmore, who is in the Immanuel hospital. Dr. Walker says that Dr. Gilmore is getting along remarkably well, and will soon be "his former self again." This is good news to his many friends, not only in Plattsmouth, but all over Cass county.

Mr. T. Taylor Buck and Miss Dovie Smith, both of Union, were granted a marriage license by Judge Beeson yesterday, the ceremony to occur Christmas eve. The groom is a son of Theodore Buck formerly of near Union, but now residing in Wyoming.

THE COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR CITIES

Many Cities Have Adopted This Form of Management of Affairs, and It Would Be Well for Plattsmouth Citizens to Investigate

A great many towns are discussing the commission form of government, better known as the Galvesion plan. Duluth is one of the latest cities that has been investigating that form of government. Committees of the Commercial club and the city council made a thorough investigation of the plan as worked in other towns and they gave several good reasons why Duluth should adopt it. They recommended it.

"Because it facilitates and expedites business and under it the city is operated as any large commercial corporation would be, thus eliminating political interests of all kinds.

"Because it centralizes responsibility so it cannot be evaded.

"Because it facilitates and expedites the transaction of business and the making of public improvements.

"Because it naturally follows that greater economy will result from such a purely business administration.

"Because it provides that the commissioners shall give all their time to the city's business, and that they shall be paid salaries sufficient to attract the right kind of men.

"Because the provision of the referendum, initiative and recall give

the citizens greater responsibility and greater interest in public affairs with a greater incentive to participate in them.

"Because it abolishes the ward system by electing city officers from the whole city, makes them responsible to all parts of the city and compels them to take care of the needs of all parts of the community."

To the above the Omaha News gives another reason for the adoption of the commission form, as follows:

"Because it makes it impossible for any class or clique to run the city. Public service corporations could not gain favors except with the consent of a majority vote of the citizens. While this is a business form of government, it would not be controlled by business men, but by people generally. The laboring men and the middle class could force a square deal as against selfish interests, which now often control. In a word, the commission form is a government by the people as a whole—home rule in the widest sense."

It would be an excellent idea for the citizens of Plattsmouth to investigate the workings of this plan of city government. Many cities that have tried it say it is the proper thing.

DEATH OF A FORMER PLATTSMOUTH LADY

From Friday's Daily.

Jesse Perry received a telephone message this morning about 7 o'clock heralding the sad intelligence that Mrs. J. E. Dudley had just passed away. The deceased is a sister of Mrs. E. B. Perry, and that lady has been caring for her sister for the past two weeks. No particulars were received as to where the funeral would take place, or where interment will be made. Mr. and Mrs. Dudley are former residents of Plattsmouth, where Mr. Dudley was employed in the Burlington shops. They removed to Havelock several years since, where he has since been employed in the shops there. The friends and acquaintances of the deceased lady in this city, will regret to learn of her demise. The Journal will probably give further particulars in tomorrow's issue.

Married in Omaha.

The many friends of Mrs. Harriet Crouch may be somewhat surprised to learn of the marriage of this estimable lady, which took place in the metropolis Monday. Mrs. Crouch went to Omaha that morning where she was met by Mr. Geo. A. Nichols, of Deadwood, S. D., and the marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Dean Beecher. We are informed that they will make their home in Deadwood, where Mr. Nichols has a splendid home already prepared for the reception of his bride.

The bride is well known in this vicinity, being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Chalfant, one of the most highly esteemed pioneer families of the county. Mr. Nichols is one of the wealthy and influential citizens of the city of Deadwood, engaged in the stock business. Their acquaintance began some time ago when Mrs. Crouch was visiting in Wyoming, resulting in their meeting by appointment and marriage in Omaha, only a few friends being aware of their intentions. The Ledger extends hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Nichols.—Union Ledger.

Distributes Xmas Presents.

The stork was a busy bird in this city last Saturday night distributing Christmas presents early to avoid the rush. At Joe Zitka's home was left a fine boy, who no doubt will grow up to be a comfort to his proud parents. At the home of John Racek a sweet little girl baby came to be a blessing to its parents; and at the residence of I. B. Green another bouncing boy who will take up his abode with Mr. and Mrs. Green for twenty-one years, contributed to their happiness.

Mr. C. Berger, the Main street baker, was called to Omaha on important business this morning.

Does Good Work Draying.

Walter Scott, the drayman, who had the contract with the M. Ford company for unloading the paving blocks, did some good work along the draying line. He had but four days' lead on the colored boys who laid the brick when they commenced. Each of the men could lay about 20,000 per day. There were forty-one carloads of the blocks, or about three hundred and six thousand blocks. Mr. Scott performed the feat of unloading the forty-one cars in eighteen days, or about twenty thousand per day. To do this, Mr. Scott had to work early and late. Out of the forty-one carloads the city engineer says he found about 3,500 culls, which he condemned. Mr. Baysar said that only fourteen bricks were thrown out on the Seward job, which would indicate that Plattsmouth got much better value for the money invested than did the city of Seward.

Senator Banning.

The State Journal of Thursday morning prints the pictures of several state senators, and among them is that of Senator Banning, accompanied by the following: "W. B. Banning, of Cass county, is in the lumber and grain business. Mr. Banning has lived in Cass and Otoe counties for the past forty-one years. He lives at Union. His career as a public official has been service as a county commissioner from 1902 to 1905, and state senator in the 1909 session, being re-elected to the session of 1911. Mr. Banning stands for legislation along the line of the initiative and referendum, non-partisan control of state charitable and penal institutions, improved road laws as called for in the democratic platform, and the repeal of the direct primary law."

"Sport" Carried Away.

"Old Sport," a member of Yard Master Johnson's crew, has begun his Christmas celebration early and yesterday must have been on a toot, as while the transfer was being made at Oreapolis to No. 33, "Sport" got into the baggage car of the Schuyler train, a thing he has never done in all his railroad experience before, and before the crew realized it he was being whirled away toward Schuyler. Mr. Johnson had no provision made to fill "Sport's" place to-day and as soon as he arrived in Plattsmouth wired the conductor of the Schuyler at Ashland to put "Old Sport" off at Ashland, so he could get a ticket in time to catch No. 14. The message was complied with and last night when No. 14 arrived it brought in the main guy of the yard crew. Mr. Johnson can not account for "Sport's" making the mistake only on the theory that he had been taking too much booze.

Wash Beveridge, of Eight Mile Grove precinct, was in the city today, looking after business matters for a few hours.

TAYLOR BENNETT AT THE PARMELE

"At Cozy Corners" Remarkably Well Rendered, and Pleased the Auditors.

From Saturday's Daily.

There was not a very large attendance last night at the Parmele to witness the rendition of "At Cozy Corners," but those who were present were very well pleased. There were several familiar faces with the company, those who were here with the William Grew company several months since. Miss Edith Spencer is one among the number that has frequently appeared here, and she has always made good, the same as she did last night in the character of "Avis Merrill," one of the leading parts in the play. He acting is fine, and her appearance on the stage is indeed charming. Miss Ira Bowman, in the role of "Amanda," was right in her element and played the part to perfection. Taylor Bennett himself was right "up to snuff" in the character of "Mark Granby," as was also Charles Withers, in the part of "Deacon Pettibone." He was superb in this character, and carried out his part to the letter. We would like to specify more extensively, but space will not permit. Suffice to say that all were comparatively good in their lines. The specialties by Charles Withers and James Doulan were up-to-date and pleased the audience remarkably well. Take the performance through and through, the company is much better than the one that appeared here under the management of William Grew, and should have been better patronized. Mr. Bennett expects to bring his company to the Parmele every Friday night, and the Journal hopes to see a large attendance greet them, simply because they deserve it. One reason there was not a larger attendance was the near approach of Christmas, and people had use for all their spare change in buying presents. The company went from here to Omaha this morning, where they will play "The Struggle" at the Gayety tonight. This is the same play they will produce next Friday night, December 30. This is one of the finest plays ever produced in Plattsmouth by a stock company, and we feel no hesitancy in appealing to the people to attend.

George M. Hild, who resides west of Mynard, was a business visitor in the city today. He was a pleasant caller at this office and while here renewed the subscription of Albert Pappo, who resides at Union City, Oklahoma, for another year, which we appreciated very much.

STABBING AFFRAY THURSDAY NIGHT AT LOUISVILLE

A stabbing affray occurred at Louisville Thursday night in which John Franc, an Austrian, was almost stabbed to death by William Washnes, a Russian. Both men have been employed for some time in the Murphy quarry at that place. The affray occurred about 7:30 p. m. as the parties were returning to their bunks, having been over to the village to get groceries. There were no eye witnesses to the trouble, but Franc stated to the county attorney that his assailant leaped upon him without warning, bore him to the earth and struck him blow after blow with a knife, cutting him about the head and face in a terrible manner. Dr. Worthman was called and dressed Franc's injuries. Constable Cam Seybert, of Louisville, arrested Washnes at the quarry yesterday and brought him to Plattsmouth and landed him in the jail. This morning Franc appeared before the county attorney and signed a complaint charging Washnes with assault with intent to wound, the penalty for which is from one to twenty years in the penitentiary.

Franc says there was no bad blood between himself and Washnes prior to the cutting, and that they had had no words. That both occupied bunks at the quarry, although not together. There were twelve men, Mexicans, Austrians and Russians, in the same bunk house, but so far as Franc knew all were peaceable.

County Attorney Taylor filed an Information before Judge Beeson this afternoon, and arraigned the prisoner, who pleaded not guilty, and waived his preliminary examination and was bound over to the next term of the district court in the sum of \$1,000. In default of bail defendant went to jail and will board with Mr. Manspaker until next April.

Dies At Edgemont.

From Saturday's Daily.
Mr. Emil Walter received a wire this morning as an official of the Red Men informing him that a brother of the lodge, R. D. Reznor, died at Edgemont at 4:20 a. m. on the 23rd inst. The remains will pass through Plattsmouth this evening on No. 2. The local order of Red Men have procured a \$10 bouquet of cut flowers and will have it at the Burlington station this evening when the remains arrive. Interment will occur at Kirkwood, Illinois.

Your friend will appreciate an Edison phonograph as a Christmas present. See O. P. Monroe for prices; he has the agency for this instrument. 12-9-6td2w.