

# The Plattsmouth - Journal

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The Mink league is having a hard time with their umpires. Another one has been "fired."

Please notice that among those who voted against the election of senators by direct vote of the people was: Lorimer.

Potatoes are \$2 a bushel in car-load lots in Kansas City. Perhaps it is just as well that potatoes are not very good to eat.

Some persons are swiping flags from soldiers' graves, but they wouldn't dare do it to anything more athletic than a heap of decaying bones.

Six hundred socialist insurgents are to establish the Republic of Lower California. This will last until they have to go to work to get something to eat.

If, as the Omaha Bee says, the "pay-as-you-enter plan for United States senators is becoming unpopular," why not put them on the free list?

In about a month the college athletic will know how Manuel of Portugal feels on descending from his throne to look for a cheap boarding place.

A man at our elbow would like to know what the Fourth of July committees are doing. He seems to think they are somewhat slow in their movements. Wake up, boys.

Get up early in the morning and cut them detestable weeds. You know it is your duty to do so. Or are you waiting for your neighbors to cut them for you? Shame!

Missouri editors seem to be divided in the opinion as to whether the predictions of Irl H. Hicks, the weather prophet, should be regarded as a knock or a boost.

Carrie Nation left an estate estimated at \$10,000, and some heirs. If the latter are as good fighters as she was, this is certainly enough to inaugurate a good "scrap."

The conservative citizen who wants a Sunday automobile ride finds a period of about three hours, beginning at 2 a. m., when the highway is comparatively free of joy riders.

As the senate can't elect a president pro tem, we fail to see how it can let Vice President Sherman go to the ball games merely because of the funeral of his grandmother.

Old Cass county is in fine shape in every way you take her. She always shows up with the best of them in crops, cattle, horses, hogs, etc. Then what is the use of removing elsewhere and faring worse?

Two men are starting from Providence, R., to Rome, Italy, by a 25-foot boat. We foresee that if they get across it will be by a pedestrian trip along the bottom of the sea.

The resolution providing for a constitutional amendment for the election of United States senators by direct vote finally was adopted in the senate this week, although several heroic senators realized

they were signing their death warrants by voting for it.

King George will be impressive when he gets his crown on, but he won't step as high as some of our young sports when they first put on a plug hat.

If voters would speak their honest opinion about candidates when approached, which they ought to do, such candidate would know in a very short time on which side his bread is buttered.

President Taft is going west as far as Utah in September. He probably expects to get a month off after the senate has finished the first paragraph of the reciprocity bill, and before it takes up the second.

A couple was married in Los Angeles the other day while riding in an automobile, but most hard-working young men would prefer a girl who was willing to have the knot tied in a grocery wagon.

A St. Louis minister has moved to Detroit so as to enjoy good baseball. St. Louis is up against it, if it both can't play ball and can't get the consolations of religion for its failure to play ball.

You hear a great deal about June brides and preceive little about June grooms, but the grooms are always there with both feet, just the same—merely in eclipse for the time being, that's all.

If you took your little tooter and then lay aside your horn, there's not a sole in ten short days will know that you were born. The man that gathers pumpkins is the man who plows all day; the farmer lad who hustles gets the biggest crop of hay. The man who advertises with a short and sudden jerk is the man who blames the editor because it doesn't work. But the man who gets the business and who makes the scheming pay is the fellow with the adlet that you read from day to day.

## A POPULAR VICTORY.

The adoption by the senate of a joint resolution for a constitutional amendment for the popular election of senators means that daylight is in sight for a far-reaching reform of the utmost consequence. There is still the necessity of conference, of course, between the house and senate, as to what will be done with the Bristow amendment. But there is every reason for believing that, in the end, with or without the amendment the resolution will be adopted. That it will be ratified by the states, and as promptly as possible, is certain.

And this means the end of the United States senate as the citadel of privilege. Great states will no longer have imposed on them, against the will of the people, senators chosen by special interests which are able to debauch or wear out a legislature. If unfit men are hereafter sent to the senate it will be by the people themselves, and the remedy will lie always in the people's own hands.

The result will be a better and greater senate. Already, in recent years, the tone of the senate has been improved because in many states the people have succeeded in asserting themselves in the choice of senators. Even without

the amendment the day of the Lorimers and Guggenheims has been passing. Its sun will soon set altogether. The senate, like the house, will be truly representative of the people, in the sense, at least, that the people can make it such whenever they choose. And that will mark a substantial victory for the common people in their fight to emancipate themselves from the thralldom of plutocracy.—World-Herald.

Lots of wheat will be ready for the harvester next week.

In life, as in strawberry boxes, the largest have a way of working to the top.

Judge Gary makes it clear that the esteemed steel corporation loves the Sherman act, but not enough to quit restraining trade.

An old-fashioned Cass county farmer says if you don't hear any frog chorus you won't see any corn chop. What do you think about it?

The Red Men expect to put in all their spare time from now on to the Fourth of July celebration. Plattsmouth will hold its reputation for good celebrations and the boys must work to that end.

One of our exchanges calls La Follette a busy little talker. When a man talks a whole week and is then termed a "little talker," we would like to know where they are going to find their "big talkers."

Among the most important advances made by President Bush of the Missouri Pacific, it should be noted that he has raised the wages of the section men from \$1.25 to \$1.50 a day. He ought to have raised it to \$2.

Mrs. Ella Young, school superintendent of Chicago, is teaching the girls how to alight from street cars. This would be wasted on our girl friends, who won't ride now in anything but an automobile.

New Jersey, the state which first adopted the resort of enriching itself by affording the big trusts an asylum, has discovered another way of making money. It has adopted and is enforcing a regulation which requires visiting automobiles to obtain a yearly license before they dare turn a wheel in Jersey territory.

If it has taken the government bureau of corporations three years to investigate one tariff-made trust and it is not ready to report yet, how long will it take a tariff board to investigate all the tariff trusts and be ready to report its conclusion to congress? There are not enough figures in any ordinary printer's shop to set up the number of years, and yet the standpatters would have the country wait until that commission reports before congress revises the tariff.

Habit! Here is what an old farmer friend of the Journal says about it: "A short time ago I concluded I would drag the road, as it was so rough. The next day when I passed over that road and it seem so nice and so smooth. Then I got over on the other part not dragged. I noticed a great difference. Only an hour to drag it. Since then I ran the drag over it two or three times and the habit was formed. Now when I go to the mail box I ride the drag—don't like to walk anyway. The road along my farm is smooth and level." Now here is an example, if followed by farmers generally the roads would be kept smooth and nice all the time.

The Plattsmouth Journal is hardly consistent. It bitterly condemns those who announced their

candidacy for governor and at the same time is booming its preferred candidate for United States senator. Have not the candidates for governor the same rights as those for senators?—Nebraska City News. The News is very badly mistaken. We have boomed no man for the United States senate, nor do we intend to until the proper time arises. But there are candidates being boomed for governor that are entirely too light in the upper story, and wouldn't know how to conduct the affairs if they were elected.

The Baldwin locomotive works has just inaugurated a system of life and accident indemnity insurance for its employees. The scheme is new in that it not only affords protection, but encourages thrift. The concern has established a savings fund department, paying interest at the rate of 3.65 per cent per year, compounded semi-annually. To depositors in this fund the company will pay the death benefits or injury indemnities, ranging from half wages for four weeks up to two years' pay, not to exceed \$3,000. It is an admirable arrangement, relieving employees of saving disposition from the payment of life and accident premiums and encouraging the economy of their earnings.

The Platte river wagon bridge is a sure thing now, and the Journal feels proud in knowing this fact, because it will prove a great thing for Plattsmouth in many ways. In the first place, all the north and south travel will come through Plattsmouth, as well as a great deal of the travel from Omaha to Lincoln, because it is just as near to come via this city as it is to go any other route. The promoters of the bridge propose to build one of the most substantial bridges that crosses the Platte. This structure will bring many people to Plattsmouth who never would think of coming here, and who have never been here, and when they behold the magnificence of our residence part of town, and our substantial business blocks, they will be surprised and they will tell what a good town we have and advertise it in a manner that will do the city a wonderful amount of good. Yes, give us the Platte river bridge as soon as possible. It will prove a paying investment to all who care to subscribe stock, and every business man who desires to "See Plattsmouth Succeed" should help it along.

## WHY THEY OPPOSE GOOD ROADS.

The Missouri man who sold his farm because his neighbors had voted to build a rock road in front of it, which would force him to have his horses shod, is typical of many who oppose good roads.

The process of reasoning on the part of this man is not more absurd than the familiar argument that good roads are intended only for the owners of motor cars; or that improved highways would answer no other purpose than to increase the taxes on farm lands. And a good many Missouri and Kansas farmers have advanced those arguments against good roads.

A Kansas man, writing to the Star, recently declared that he would favor good roads if the state legislature would pass a law prohibiting motor cars from using them.

An Oklahoma farmer protests against good roads not only because they would force him to keep his horses shod, but because driving on a hard roadbed would wear out his wagons and farm machinery.

But then, twenty-five years ago the people who believe in "letting well enough alone" were objecting to railroads because they would compel the payment of rent for pasturing cows which other-

wise might run at large without danger of being killed by steam "injuns."—Kansas City Star.

A good advertiser always makes good.

Nearly every boy is saving up money to burn—on the Fourth of July.

The democratic editors of Indiana have endorsed Governor Marshall for president.

According to the last report there are 2,070 inmates in the asylums of Nebraska.

Joe Bailey seems to have a grip on Texas. He is preparing to run for senator for another term.

Mr. Taft has just had a silver wedding, and if he expects us to print the family poet's verses we can hardly deviate from regular rates.

The republican senate has been in session two months and a half and if it has done one thing to earn its pay we should like to know it.

While we never approved of lawless Carrie Nation, it is no worse to throw dead stones into a saloon window than to throw live men out the door into the gutter.

They are objecting to a woman as principal of the city schools in Omaha. They can find no fault with Miss McHugh only that "she is a woman." A very slim excuse, indeed.

This vicinity was visited by a fine rain last night, and just the kind that does the most good. Crops, and especially the corn, will "pop" up now.

The steel trust probe shows J. P. Morgan has great power. The American people won't do anything about it if he allows the ball games to go on.

The committees are busy on the Fourth of July celebration, and the Journal hopes they will make good and give the people a celebration worth coming many miles to witness.

June weddings have been more numerous in Plattsmouth and vicinity than for several years, and from the present outlook there are several more to come before the month ends.

The harvester trust still claims to be an infant and that the "industry would be ruined" if the people were not taxed to keep it going, although its sales run a little over \$40,000,000 a year.

New York City kicks on the noise at night of the garbage cars. They would kick still worse if they invaded the forenoon hours scared to sleep in metropolitan sporting life.

Our old friend, the fur seal, is the subject of another conference at Washington. He has served the purpose of a fresh air and foreign travel fund for two generations of statesmen.

Some people want the Panama canal zone wider. However, if anyone has the nerve to try blowing up the canal, he will probably find some means of getting over the fence wherever it is located.

George W. Berger is mentioned as a probable candidate for governor next year. Mr. Berge has many friends throughout Nebraska, and if he gets in the race proper he will be a hard man to beat. One thing certain, none of the "small fry" candidates can down him.

## WILL SURE HAVE FIRE PROTECTION VERY SOON

Louisville People Highly Elated Over the Election for Water Works.

We are pleased to note that the water works question is now settled in Louisville, and that at the recent election it carried by a vote of 118 for to 48 against. The Courier is highly elated and has just cause to be, for its editor labored hard and long to this end. The Courier says:

"The water works bonds carried. Great news for Louisville, wasn't it?"

"Everybody and his neighbor is pleased and nothing could have happened that could have been of as much value to our town as when our people decided, by a vote of 118 for to 48 against, to have established water works. Water works means many things for Louisville's good. In the first place, there will be \$15,000 expended in our midst for this improvement and part of this will go to our workmen who will be employed in constructing the plant, and that helps some. Next, our fire insurance will be lowered as soon as the water works are installed. Then there is that safe and comfortable feeling that one enjoys who can go to sleep feeling sure that if there is a fire in our midst that there is water on hand to fight it with.

"The new water works means that Louisville will go ahead and not stand still. It means that many will invest here who were afraid to in the past on account of the danger of being burned out. The new venture means that after so many decades past Louisville is really coming into her own and will grow now as never before."

## Poultry Causes Trouble.

From Saturday's Daily. The citizens of west Plattsmouth were in police court this morning airing their grievances. It appears the poultry belonging to Joseph Havers had been committing trespass upon the garden of Joseph Ashenbrenner, which, added to the extreme drought, caused the small cabbages of the latter to dwindle away and come to naught. After heated arguments between the parties in language not considered legal, Mr. Ashenbrenner caused a warrant to be issued out of the police court, and the strong arm of the law fell across the path of Mr. Havers and he was "fetched up" in court to explain the thushness of the whole transaction. After hearing the evidence Judge Archer arrived at the conclusion that the chicken ordinance had been smashed and that it would require at the very least one hard, round dollar to repair the fracture, which, added to the expense of the officer and court in bringing justice to pass this way, aggregated the sum of \$4.50, all of which the defendant cheerfully paid and departed the court a wiser, if poorer man.

## Elmer Smith and Wife Here.

Elmer Smith of Denver and wife and Mrs. R. L. McGinnis and Mrs. N. P. Pratt, Jr., also of Denver, arrived in this city last evening, having motored from Omaha yesterday afternoon, where they arrived yesterday morning. Mr. Smith and party left Denver June 1 on a wager that he could make the round trip from Denver to Plattsmouth, via Sioux City and Omaha, and return in two weeks. Mr. Smith had been on his journey two weeks and was only half over the ground. He and his party had encountered all sorts of difficulties—bad roads, punctured tires and disabled machinery. In going to Sioux City he lost his course and traveled fifteen miles too far east and had to retrace that distance. In coming from Omaha last evening he encountered the rain near Louisville and his car, on arriving at the Riley at 9 o'clock last evening, was loaded to the guards with Cass county clay. Mr. Smith and party departed on the return trip today.

Mr. F. C. Weber departed for Fon du Lac, Wisconsin, this evening on No. 2, where he will visit his parents for a time. On his return trip Mr. Weber will stop at Chicago to attend the session of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers' convention.

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