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A GENERAL REMINDER OF DAYS WHEN STEAMBOATS PLIED THE MISSOURI

The Lower Missouri Has Now, and Has Had for Sometime, Regular Line of Steamboats Between St. Louis and Kansas City, Through the Efforts of the Latter City.

In a perusal of the following the pioneer citizens of Plattsmouth will call to mind the days when steamboats used to land at the foot of Main street:

Little Rock, Mo., June 19.—The Chester passed here at 3:15 o'clock this afternoon. This town is thirty miles from Boonville by river.

Arrow Rock, Mo., June 19.—The steamer Chester at 1 o'clock was reported a mile below this city.

Boonville, Mo., June 19.—The steamer Chester passed here at 9:30 o'clock this morning. It did not stop. The Unique pulled in with dispatches. Boonville greeted the Chester with a brass band, ringing bells and blowing whistles. Many persons were on the banks.

To which the Kansas City Star adds:

The Chester left Port Lupus, forty miles above Jefferson City, at 4 o'clock this morning and held its normal stride of seven miles an hour. The only stop that is planned for today is at Glasgow, where a barge towed up the river will be delivered to the Glasgow Sand company. The boat will make at least a mile more an hour after it gets rid of the barge. If it steams along this afternoon as it did this morning, the Chester will tie up tonight not very much more than 100 miles below Kansas City. A good run Tuesday would put the boat so near Kansas City a landing could be made at the foot of Delaware about 11 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Unique Had Same Trouble.

The engines and pumps have been working better today than since the boat left St. Louis. The same trouble the Chester has had was encountered two years ago on the Unique. Walter S. Dickey's private yacht; also a tunnel type boat. It will be remembered Mr. Dickey attempted to make the trip from Kansas City to Jefferson City with Republican leaders two years ago. The boat refused to work. Now it travels for days and weeks without mishap. It was a new boat then and had the same trouble the Chester is having with

its machinery and that all other new boats have on the first trip.

Steamboat pilots say that the average time required to run a new steamboat on its first trip from St. Louis to Kansas City has been two weeks. The Chester probably will be more fortunate in that respect than some of the old types of boats.

Easier on the Missouri.

The Chester has had less trouble and easier going since it entered the mouth of the Missouri than while on the Mississippi from New Orleans to St. Louis. At one place in the Mississippi a tugboat was required to pull it off a sandbar. Had it not been for defective steering gear and a crooked rudder the Chester would have come at least this far up the river, a distance of more than 200 miles, without even slacking its speed or encountering a single obstacle, so far as the river or the type of boat is concerned.

The construction of dikes by the government along the river, as is being done now below Jefferson City, where the channel is shallowest and where the flood waters of the Gasconade and the Osage rivers do the greatest damage, will make the Missouri river as safe and profitable to navigate as the Mississippi, old river men who are acquainted with the river, say. If a very small part of the money spent by the government on the Mississippi was spent on the Missouri there would be as many boats in the Missouri river trade as on the Mississippi, pilots say.

Now that river traffic is a sure thing on the lower Missouri river and boats are making regular trips from Kansas City to St. Louis, and frequently to New Orleans, we wonder how long it will be till the Journal can print reports, as above, of boats coming up the river from Kansas City to Omaha. It looks to most any person that if the Missouri river traffic can be made a success on part of the river it can be done on another, if the proper effort is made by the business men of Omaha, the largest city between Omaha and the head of the river,

are being made and the boosters

are out for the Old Settlers' picnic, to be held on the 19th of August, and all are alive to every situation for the betterment of Union and her people.

Mr. Schulhof returned from Alvo about 11 o'clock and we took up the homeward journey. Mr. Schulhof drives his own auto and is ready at any and all times to look after the pianos of Cass county, and is able to furnish the strongest references as a guarantee of his ability. He covers the entire county and is desirous of securing every piano owner on his list.

Coming to Plattsmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Newbranch and daughter, Miss Grace, are preparing to move to Plattsmouth. Miss Newbranch will teach in the Plattsmouth schools. Mr. and Mrs. Newbranch have resided in Lincoln for twenty years.—Lincoln Journal.

Mr. and Mrs. Newbranch are the parents of Mrs. N. C. Abbott, and also the father of Harry Newbranch, editor of the Omaha World-Herald. This family will be quite an addition to the social circles of Plattsmouth, and our people generally will extend them a cordial welcome. Miss Grace is an accomplished lady.

Lost.

Between Manley and Rock Bluffs, an automobile crank. Finder will receive reward by notifying S. O. Cole, Mynard, Neb. 6-15-31d.

Install Officers.

The Masonic lodge installed officers last evening after the regular business meeting of the lodge. The following named gentlemen were installed in the different offices, Past Master V. V. Leonard acting as installing officer: Oliver C. Dovey, W. M.; William A. Robertson, S. W.; George W. Thomas, J. W.; Carl G. Fricke, treasurer; M. Archer, secretary; Oliver C. Hudson, S. D.; Nelson Dean, J. D.; S. Ray Smith, S. S.; Fritz A. Fricke, J. S., and Thomas S. C. Dabb, Tyler.

FRED MAINES CONVICTED OF ASSAULT AND BATTERY

Which Means a Fine or Imprisonment, or Both at the Discretion of the Court.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The case of the state against Fred Maines, tried Monday, for robbery, brought in a verdict of assault and battery. The jury was then excused for the term. The other two defendants charged with similar offense had their cases continued to the December term of court, which convenes December 11. Joseph Schmatzer became surety for his son, Frank, the court fixing his bond at \$1,000. Roman Mejer gave a bond in a like amount which many citizens in the vicinity of Louisville became sureties upon.

The conviction of Maines for assault and battery will subject him to a fine or imprisonment, or both, and he is liable in damages to Mr. Parker, whom he assisted in beating up. Maines had been in the community but a short time when the robbery occurred, and although he was present and aided in the beating, it seems that the jury was of the opinion that the defendant had no intention of committing a robbery, and that he did not know a robbery was contemplated when the row started. The instructions of the court were to the effect that the intent to rob was an important element in the crime, and but two of the jury would vote to convict the defendant as charged in the information, and the result was that a compromise on assault and battery was effected.

The jury, as a whole, during the present term, has been one of intelligence and anxious to deal fairly with the parties in court, at the same time adhering to their oath in impartially performing their duties in finding the facts in the several cases tried in their presence.

Mrs. Swearingen in Jail.

From Tuesday's Daily.

On Monday evening Mrs. C. M. Swearingen of Sidney was placed in the county jail, her bondsman, John Horsley of Percival, having withdrawn from the bond. About two years ago Mrs. Swearingen was convicted by the district court of an assault with intent to do great bodily injury to the person of R. S. Williams. Several months before her conviction she shot at Williams on the northwest corner of the public square at Sidney, alleging that in a real estate transaction, he had defrauded her. As a result of the trial she was fined \$500 or 150 days in jail. She at once appealed the case and has since been out on bond pending the decision of the highest state tribunal, which has not yet been rendered.—Hamburg Republican.

The unfortunate lady is the one that Judge Ramsey went to Sidney to defend some time ago, and it is our understanding that Mrs. Swearingen is well known in sections of Cass county.

Buys Boat in Plattsmouth.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Henry Miller of Florence arrived yesterday morning on No. 4 and immediately began negotiations for the purchase of a boat. He finally purchased one from Tom Isner. The boat was placed in the river this morning and shortly after noon Mr. Miller loaded in supplies and departed for St. Joseph, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Brinkman returned from Lincoln on the afternoon train today, where they had visited friends for a short time.

WHERE THE PAROLE LAW DONE GREAT DEAL OF GOOD

Former Citizen, Paroled by Judge Travis a Year and a Half Ago, Doing Nicely.

Judge Travis feels very much gratified with his act in paroling Fred Thrall, who formerly resided in Union. Thrall was arrested and convicted of a serious charge, caused from drink. After he had been free from drink some days and was brought into court for sentence Judge Travis beheld a man that did not present the looks of one of bad character, and having a wife and children, he came to the conclusion that he would give Thrall a chance to make a man of himself, and therefore paroled him, with the understanding that he would write the judge once each month. The following is the last letter received by Judge Travis, and it will be seen that this is a case where the parole law has resulted in much good:

Omaha, Neb., June 17, 1911.

Mr. E. D. Travis, Plattsmouth, Neb.—Dear Sir: I thought I would drop you a few lines and let you know I am O. K. and doing fine. I am still working at the Brandeis store. It is easy work and I get \$50 per month and uniforms. I still live in the same place. I see Mr. Ramsey every once in a while. If you ever come up would like for you to stop in and see me. I am running the third elevator at the alley entrance of main store. Hoping these few lines will find you well I remain, yours truly,

Fred Thrall, Omaha, Neb. 2525 South Seventh street.

In District Court.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Judge Travis entered orders this morning allowing fees in the criminal cases where affidavits of poverty had been made by the accused. In the case of the State vs. Perry and the State vs. Becker, Mr. D. O. Dwyer was allowed \$35 in each case. In the case of the State vs. McCauley and the State vs. Maines Mr. C. A. Rawles was allowed \$35 in each case.

Petition was filed a few days ago by D. O. Dwyer, attorney for plaintiff, in the case entitled John W. Nickols vs. C. W. Royer, in which the plaintiff, who is owner of farmlands occupied by the defendant, under written lease, seeks to enjoin defendant from disposing of his crop before paying the plaintiff the rent for the farm. The case will be tried in the court next week.

Will Test Evidence.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The case pending in the county court yesterday and this morning wherein James N. Jordan, et al., were plaintiffs and J. Lawrence Stull, defendant, was almost completed this morning. The evidence was about all in and the case argued to the court by W. A. Robertson for plaintiff and A. L. Tidd for the defendant. After hearing the testimony and arguments there were some points not quite clear to the court, and he announced that he would reserve his decision for three days, and go to the land and take a view of the wheat and observe the land where the hay stacks stood. This arrangement was perfectly satisfactory to the litigants and the court adjourned to decide the case later.

Married in Oakland.

From Tuesday's Daily.

William Grebe has just received a letter from his brother, Joseph, informing William of Joseph's marriage on June 6 to Miss Margaret Fleming of Oakland. Joseph Grebe is a Plattsmouth boy and a fine machinist, a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Grebe of this city. He has been on the Pacific coast about a year and has an excellent paying position with the Southern Pacific Railway company. Mr. Grebe has numerous friends in this city, who will be pleased at the announcement of his marriage. The Journal extends congratulations.

Mr. Charles Fetzer of near Louisville, accompanied by his nephew from Wisconsin, was in the city today looking after business matters at the court house.

Burlington Officials Here.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mr. Torrey of Chicago, superintendent of motive power; R. W. Way, chief clerk to the superintendent of the Omaha division, and James Emmerson, roadmaster, were in the city today in a special car attached to No. 15 this morning, and looked after business matters at the local plant.

A TRIBUTE OF RESPECT TO THE DOCTOR

He Fights His Grim and Silent Battles With Death Without the Applause of a Crowd.

The lawyer we take into our confidence when we get good and ready; the clergyman we admit to parlor and dining room; but the doctor goes into bed rooms unannounced. He goes in at a time when the house, temporal and spiritual, has not been set to rights for his reception, but if what he sees there surprises him, he seldom lets it be known. In the healing of bodies he has opportunities for healing souls which could never come to a priest, and with which many a priest could not deal. He is the lay father confessor, regardless of creed. In cities his capability is famous. He always fits. Any club member is always safe in replying to any other's salutation, "Good evening, doctor." He is a safe man on committees; he can turn his hand to any public business, and, if left alone, discharges it creditably. He knows more psychology in five minutes than the philosopher in a week, and he is without the least emotional of men. For when the lawyer is in tears before a jury, and the parson is leading out paths from his pulpit, the doctor, cold and pale, is keeping his nerve. The peculiar thing about him is that while fighting his grim and silent battle with death without the applause of a crowd, often without pay, and sometimes without even gratitude, he seems superior to all these considerations. He is responding to a higher sort of noblesse oblige which is almost unintelligible to the average man, not for the average prizes. Compared with the impetuosity of military men, the ecstasies of religious leaders and the silent fortitude of starving artists, the frozen enthusiasm of the doctor is a very curious manifestation. It may be something in the training he gets, for no matter what the youngster may have been, if his practice as a physician does not bring it out. And to him belongs the final reward of service, which is the increased opportunity for service.

Missouri Pacific Plans.

Superintendent De Bernardi of the Missouri Pacific was in Omaha last Friday and made the statement that this fall the road will put on a new fast train between Omaha and St. Louis that will make the run between Omaha and Kansas City in six hours and a quarter. That is about three-fourths of the present time. The tie renewals between Omaha and Union are to be completed by July. New eighty-five-pound rails have been laid all the way from Kansas City to Omaha on the "high" line via Plattsmouth and Nebraska City. Ballasting will be finished this fall, part with material from Joplin and part with crushed Platte river stone. Then the fast trains will come. Time for rebuilding the "low" line via Weeping Water has not been set.

Horse Returned.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Constable J. R. Denson went out to the home of Mr. Rice, near Murray, yesterday with an order on Mr. Rice to deliver over to the officer one large driving horse, the property of Rex Young. The horse was turned over without trouble and everyone is satisfied. It seems that the horse had been loaned by Rex to his father-in-law, who declined to give the horse up without an officer came for it. So Mr. Denson was employed to bring the animal to its rightful owner.

For Commissioner.

From Tuesday's Daily.

We are authorized to announce C. M. Seybert of Louisville as a candidate for commissioner from the Second district, subject to the will of the democratic voters at the primary election in August.

Mr. James Stander of Louisville arrived in the city today and looked after business matters for a time.

NOT DOING MUCH RAILROAD BUILDING IN NEBRASKA

Slow to Spend Money for New Lines—Nebraska Will Get Some New Mileage.

Railroad building is lighter at this time than for a number of years past, according to authorities that keep track of this phase of commercial activity in the United States. Unless the last half of the year shows a decided bulge it is predicted that the record for the year will be far lighter than that of any year for ten or twelve years past. The first half of the present month showed a decided betterment in the steel rail demand, many of the roads that ordinarily place orders in the early spring having delayed placing orders until June. A number of heavy steel orders are said to be still held, the hope being entertained, however, that they may be placed before the end of the first half of the calendar year. The waiting policy, however, seems to have been adopted by those who order things.

Usually during May and June the big systems shut down on expenditures as much as possible, that the showing in the year's report, which ends on June 30, may be made as favorable as possible, the heads of the systems having a decided regard for the pleasure of the directors and stockholders when the figures are placed before them.

Railroad extensions in Nebraska this year has been confined entirely to the Union Pacific. The Missouri Pacific is doing quite a lot of betterment work, and some betterments are being made by the Rock Island. The Burlington has confined its activities in this line to needed maintenance work, and this expense has been held to a low level. The Union Pacific has done quite a lot of double tracking within the state, has spent a considerable sum for other betterments and now has about sixty miles of new road, possibly a little more, under way in two extensions, the extension of the North Platte river line from Northport to Gering and the extension of the Callaway line to Gandy. The Missouri Pacific work so far has been confined to track improvement, getting ready for heavier steel, and standardizing its roadway in the eastern part of the state. The Rock Island is now completing a big job of track raising and flood protection work along the Platte river bottoms.

Bishop Comes in July.

A special from Lincoln says: Father William Bradley of this city has returned from Wichita, Kansas, where he had a conference with Bishop-elect Tihen in regard to his coming to Lincoln, which will be July 19. A religious installation will be held at that time, to be followed by a civic reception. Bishop Tihen will travel to this city in a special car in company with several other priests of this and other dioceses. Bishop Hennessey of Wichita, who will conduct the consecration services for the new bishop, will accompany the party here, also. Of the newly elected bishop Father Bradley said: "He is a western man and a western bishop. He is domestic and of easy approach to all corners, of a calm and even disposition and altogether devoid of what some are pleased to call 'side.' Above all things he has the highest interest of religion at heart."

Will Paper and Paint.

Landlord Cory of the Perkins hotel is having the dining room of the hotel repapered and the woodwork painted. Mr. C. N. Shultz is the artist on the job. When the work is completed Landlord Cory will have one of the neatest dining rooms in the city.

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A PLEASANT TRIP TO UNION AND RETURN

Prof. Ed Schulhof Takes Journal Publisher on a Joy Ride, Which He Truly Enjoyed.

From Monday's Daily.

Yesterday morning the Journal publisher accepted the kind invitation of Mr. E. H. Schulhof for an automobile trip to Union, and we must say it was a very pleasant trip and we enjoyed a few hours' visit with our numerous Union friends. Mr. Schulhof being in the piano tuning business, he had some business matters to look after over near Alvo, where he has a great many pianos under his care, while we remained in Union for a couple of hours.

For the brief time we had to remain in the flourishing little south Cass town, we made good use of it and visited nearly all the business men of our acquaintance. We found them all happy and prosperous and all doing a pretty good business for the season of the year. Union has every appearance of prosperity, the new and substantial brick buildings that have been erected within the past few years, the up-to-date stocks of goods, the condition of the nearby farms, all indicate this fact. There are numerous new buildings in the residence district that are soon to be erected, and the railroad company is preparing to lay a lot of new side tracks to accommodate their heavy business at that point. Preparations