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A "REIGN OF TERROR" IN PLATTS- MOUTH FOR A SHORT TIME SATURDAY

Rumors of a Hold-up at the Big Cut, Near the Burlington Bridge
Causes Great Excitement, and About One Thousand People
Go Down to Get "Hoboes"

Last Saturday evening Plattsmouth citizens witnessed one of the most thrilling shoot-fests and sham battles ever pulled off since the pioneer days. The only wonder is that in an engagement in which so many troops were deployed, all carrying guns, that there were no fatalities, although many minor losses and narrow escapes were experienced.

About 4:45 Chief Rainey received a 'phone message from the bridge from the train crew of No. 79 that about forty "hoboes" had taken possession of an empty boxcar in the train and declined to get off when ordered to do so, and the chief was asked to come down to the station and route them out. It was also reported that a drawbar had been pulled and the freight stood on the big bridge for some time, so that No. 2 was laid out in the Plattsmouth yards for some minutes.

The chief and his men and Sheriff Quinton hurried to the cut, and when the car was reached began shooting holes into the blue sky, whereat the "wearies" began to unload on the opposite side of the train from the officers. Sheriff Quinton then observing the numbers, hurried back to town for more men and ammunition.

In the meantime Deputy Sheriff Manspeaker got together a few double-barreled shotguns and boxes of loaded shells and "drafted" H. M. Soennichsen's delivery wagon with the driver, Ed Kruger, and hurried to the scene of the trouble.

Rumors spread over the city like wild fire. One group of men heard that the sheriff and chief of police had been cornered and were being shot all to pieces. Another story was that No. 2 had been held up in the cut and had to back to the station. A third story was that the "hoboes" had held up a freight and had taken possession and were coming this way to take the town. The result was that the saloons and other places where men congregate were soon without a man except the proprietor, all having gone to the scene of the hold-up.

Colonel H. C. McMaken heard the news and loaded some of his best guns and ammunition into his light wagon and flew to the front, and it was no doubt due to his firm stand and quick action that the whole "caboodle" was finally trapped.

Ed Kruger was given a double-barreled shotgun by the sheriff's office and instructed how to load and fire the implement of war. Ed was told to fire low and save his ammunition, as the bill would have to be passed on by the commissioners, and they would stand for no unnecessary expenditure of powder and shot. Ed grabbed his gun and box of shells and started after the bunch, which by this time were lining the hills and small timber south of the big cut. He made a good chase, running two or three within a short distance of Union, when they were lost behind an osage fence. Ed got back in time to bring the rear

guard into camp.

At the big bridge Colonel McMaken turned the tide of battle. When he arrived there one of the "wearies" was arguing with the bridge man about getting back to the Iowa side, when Colonel McMaken drove up, unlimbered one of the large repeaters and called to the tramp to "throw up his hands," while at the same time he produced a loaded shell and proceeded to place it in the gun. His trampship did not wait longer, but "right-about faced" and made for the interior of the cut with the speed of a deer. He was not seen again until the entire drove were surrounded and brought to the jail.

John Hatt, jr., and R. A. Bates of the Journal had one of the narrow escapes. Mr. Hatt was going to the front with all speed in his auto and Mr. Bates, as war correspondent for the Journal, accompanied him. When near the big spring Mr. Hatt observed the "hoboes," turned by Colonel McMaken, coming toward him on double quick time. Quick as a flash he reversed his auto and began to back up into the canyon, when one of the rear wheels struck a stone and over went the auto, turning turtle right at a time when it should have been speeding the occupants out of the danger zone. To right the machine was but the work of an instant, and as none of the occupants were fatally injured, all could lend a hand to right the machine.

It is reported that twenty-two men were arrested by the force which went out with the officers of the law. The strangers were marched to the county jail, where the cells were emptied of the time men and given up to the visitors from Iowa. In the crowd was one colored man, who exclaimed, as he looked through the bars, "Yas, sah, it is jes like it is in Kansas—give a man lebben months and twenty-nine days for vagrancy."

The bunch was detained over night and given their breakfast early Sunday morning and then escorted to the river and placed on the ferry boat and invited to depart from the state. The men stated that they were only one-third of the number which had collected in Pacific Junction Saturday, as more went up on the other side of the river than attempted to cross with the Burlington freight. Three of the fellows were allowed to stay in town, as they appeared to be hunting work.

Casualties.

Sheriff Quinton's party, six broken suspenders, many exploded shells.

Alex Binand, sore scalp from muscular action hair rising, etc.

John Hatt, badly frightened auto, equilibrium lost.

Ed Kruger, yard and a half cuticle lost in jumping hedges and other obstructions.

J. T. Melburn, badly sprained shoulder, supposed to have occurred in getting his "hands up."

Doc Young, collar button broken and wind exhausted.

in his power to give the people good water. The stem-pipe has been thoroughly cleaned, and in doing all the work that has been done the water naturally would become a little muddy. There will be no further trouble in getting good water, at least for some time.

Funeral Hickson Babe.

From Monday's Daily.

The funeral service over the remains of Elson Hickson, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hickson, aged 6 months and 14 days, was held yesterday afternoon at their country home at 5 o'clock just after services at the Masonic home. Canon Burgess conducted the service.

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CAN THIS BE TRUE OF OUR FORMER CITIZEN?

Or Has Henry Changed to Be a
Republican Since Leaving
Cass County?

Our excellent friend, William Rummel, was in the city last Saturday and made the Journal office a brief call, and before taking his departure left in our possession a copy of the Plainview (Neb.) News, from which we take the following, referring to our former citizen, Mr. Henry Hoffart:

Henry Hoffart, who has been mentioned in connection with the republican nomination for county treasurer this fall, was a pleasant caller at this sanctum Wednesday. Henry says that he has concluded not to be a candidate for the office, although many of his friends and neighbors have asked him to become a candidate. While he feels pleased that they have the confidence in his honesty and ability that they evidently have, yet he feels that he could not afford to leave his farm, if elected, and move to the county seat to look after the duties of the office. He has a section of the best land in the famous Eden Valley country, and such a place needs his attention to make it "blossom as the rose" and bring forth large crops as it has been doing for years past. There is nothing better than a good, productive farm, and he realizes it as well as anybody.

Now, what puzzles our friend, Rummel, is the fact that Mr. Hoffart came very near being a candidate for the office of county treasurer on the republican ticket. When Mr. Hoffart resided in Cass county he was considered almost as strong a democrat as Mr. Rummel, and both gentlemen being brothers-in-law, they pulled in the democratic harness in harmony. Now, that Mr. Hoffart came very near securing the nomination on the republican ticket, it puzzles Mr. Rummel to know just the sort of doctrine those Plainview republicans have been giving him. Mr. Rummel is rather inclined to believe they have the wrong man and the whole thing is a mistake.

Here From Plainview.

From Monday's Daily.

Fred Ebinger and daughter, Miss Louise, accompanied by Miss Edith Schaffer, who makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Ebinger in Plainview, arrived in the city last evening about 11 o'clock. The trip was made from Plainview in their auto, and they were met in Omaha by Mrs. Ebinger and Miss Anna Weidman, who returned to Plattsmouth with them.

Hans Goose came as far as Omaha with Mr. Ebinger and came on to Plattsmouth over the B. & M. for a short visit with relatives and friends at the old home. Mr. Goose is in the general merchandising business in Plainview and is doing nicely.

Mr. Ebinger reports a very pleasant trip from Plainview down to Fremont, where he entered into the sixteen mile strip that was visited by a heavy rain Saturday night, and traveling by the auto route was very poor. He consumed about four hours in coming the sixteen miles, the mud being so deep. Fred will remain a day or two and return with Mrs. Ebinger and Freddie Weidman.

A Pleasant Time.

The T. J. Sokol dance, given at their hall last Saturday evening, proved a very pleasant occasion, even though the very warm weather did keep a great many away. The attendance was quite large and excellent music, furnished by the M. W. A. orchestra, was, as usual, the feature of the evening. The T. J. Sokols are noted for their pleasant dance events, and are always greeted by a large attendance.

Mr. Walter Mann of Lincoln, connected with the engraving department of the State Journal, spent Sunday in this city, the guest of his cousin, George Mann.

For the First Time.

From Monday's Daily.

W. H. Newell has been getting along so nicely that for the past week he has been able to walk about the Newell premises with the aid of a cane. Yesterday he was entertained at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. B. Shopp, at dinner and was able to walk back to his home. Mr. Newell was able to come down town this morning for the first time since the accident, which has many friends will be very much pleased to learn. It is just nine weeks today since Mr. Newell met with this distressing accident.

LAW REGARDING THE SALE OF EXPLOSIVES ON THE 4TH

Dealers Must Confine Sales to
Those Articles Mentioned
in the Law.

The indications are that the people of Nebraska will enjoy a safe and sane Fourth of July, if the dealers confine themselves to the law. And woe be to he who does not. Below we give the section of the law in reference to the sale of explosives, that he who runs may take note. Section 2337 of the statute reads as follows:

"No person shall use, sell, offer for sale within this state any toy revolvers, shooting blank cartridges, blank cartridges for toy revolvers, or firecrackers more than five inches in length and more than three-fourths of an inch in diameter; provided caps containing dynamite may be used, kept for sale or sold when needed for mining purposes, or for danger signals, or for other necessary uses.

"The fine for violation of this law is not more than \$100 and imprisonment in jail not to exceed thirty days."

Mayors of many cities and towns are issuing proclamations calling the attention of dealers to this section of the law, so that dealers may save themselves from any trouble that may arise.

JOE WEST REMOVED TO THE COUNTRY SUNDAY

Young Man Whose Foot Was
Nearly Severed by Binder Cycle
Getting Along Nicely.

From Monday's Daily.

Joe West, the young man who was so seriously injured by being cut on a binder sickle, was taken to the farm of Mr. Bert Jameson yesterday morning. The lad suffered a great deal Saturday night, but he wanted to go back to the farm Sunday morning. He has worked for Mr. Jameson for the past two years and it is the place that seems like home to him.

While the accident only happened Saturday morning it may seem rather early to move him so far, but the attending physicians thought it would be much cooler for him on the farm than in town, and consented to the boy's wishes. Mr. Jameson and Dr. Gilmore were with him and he was taken home in the auto.

While Mr. Jameson was in no way responsible for the accident, he felt it quite keenly and will do everything in his power to make the lad comfortable during the time he will be unable to work, no matter how long. The physicians have every reason to believe that the young man will recover rapidly, and will regain complete control of the injured limb.

File for Road Overseer.

From Monday's Daily.

Mike Lutz filed this morning as candidate on the republican ticket for Plattsmouth precinct and Ben Beckman filed as candidate on the democratic ticket for West Bluffs precinct. Both men desire to fill the office of road overseer in their respective precincts and will be voted upon at the primary on August 15.

Announcement.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of the office of sheriff, subject to the decision of the voters at the coming primary. I ask them to place me in nomination on the democratic ticket.

D. C. Rhoden.

CONTRACT LET FOR PLATTE RIVER BRIDGE

Nebraska Construction Co. of Lin-
coln the Lowest Bidders and
Get the Contract.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Plattsmouth Wagon Bridge company yesterday opened and considered the bids for the construction of the bridge, there being eight different companies bidding for the job. The following named firms were represented by the gentlemen named: The Western Bridge and Construction company of Omaha, T. J. Birss and H. W. Anderson; Western Construction Supply company of Omaha, Russell S. Harris; Standard Bridge company of Omaha, O. M. Stonebraker; Empire Bridge company of Falls City, R. P. Thomas and I. N. Lyon, jr.; Canton Bridge company of Kansas City, George G. Pemberton, L. C. Peters and W. F. Forebe; Nebraska Construction company of Lincoln, Glen H. Smith; Nebraska Bridge Supply company of Omaha, George Rasmussen; Omaha Structural Steel Works of Omaha, Ed M. Flanagan.

It was found on investigating the bids that the Nebraska Construction company of Lincoln had placed the lowest bid, and Mr. Smith's company was awarded the contract. A bond of \$15,000 was required by the company. Mr. Smith ordered the material this morning and the work will be commenced within the next six weeks.

Many of the more substantial business men of the city are of the opinion that the completion of the bridge will be one of the best enterprises for this city which has been contemplated for some time. It will mean a new wagon route from Omaha to Kansas City and the automobile traffic will be large during the summer season.

THE AMERICAN BOY AND THE GLORIOUS FOURTH

Does the Present Law in Nebraska
Give the Boy a Chance to Dis-
play His Patriotism?

If we are to have a regenerated Fourth of July it is necessary to give the American boy some positive field for red-blooded activity in order to charm his attention from the beloved dynamite firecracker and deadly toy pistol. Simply prohibiting certain kinds of fireworks is merely challenging the ingenuity of our resourceful youth, who outnumber "the police 50 to 1, and are as easily to be rounded up and put to bed at 9 p. m. as a colony of little eels.

It is one of the traditions of our race, dating back beyond the dawnings of history, to have some day of public frolic and merry-making, when the ordinary rules of sober go-to-meeting citizenship are discarded. Young America seized on July 4th as offering an outlet for this instinctive habit. But if you can beguile him with ball games and running races that morning he will keep himself in training by peaceful snoozing the night before.

Candidate for Governor.

The Aurora Sun, one of the leading democratic papers of the state, in reference to Pool's candidacy, says: "We sincerely trust that Charley Pool will not try to become a candidate for the governor's office—that is, not on the fusion ticket. If he does make the trial, and if he wins, we are strongly of the opinion that he would defeat the party. Editors who secretly believe he is unfitted for this office should say so in open meeting, that we may not have a repetition of the gubernatorial campaign of 1910."

Depart for Lakes.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mrs. Rae Patterson and babe, accompanied by Miss Celia Pollock, Mr. and Mrs. Trusdale and babe, departed this afternoon for Marble Lake, Quincy, Michigan, for a month at the lake. Mrs. George Dovey accompanied the party to Omaha.

Enjoy Family Reunion.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mr. and Mrs. George Schoeman returned from Louisville this morning, where they have visited relatives for a few days. Sunday a family reunion was participated in by the Schoeman family at the home of Will Hoover, a son-in-law. There were present: William Swalm and wife of Denver, Sid McCool and wife of Alliance, John Schoeman and wife, Fred Krecklow and wife and the families of each. A fine time was had visiting among the relatives.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Large Attendance and Rev. Gade
Speaks Feelingly of Ordina-
tion of Canon Burgess.

In spite of the intense heat yesterday the services at the Presbyterian church were largely attended. At the morning service Rev. Gade announced the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Canon H. B. Burgess on Thursday of this week and stated that the members of St. Luke's parish extended a most cordial invitation to the members of his church and congregation to attend these festivities. Rev. Gade urged his congregation to attend this celebration and extend their congratulations to this grand old man, who had reached the 50th year of his pastorate. Rev. Gade also said that on this day Canon Burgess would celebrate the 38th anniversary of his pastorate of the St. Luke's church of this city and that being the pastor of the same church for such a long time was not like the ship that passeth in a night, but was a pastorate which would long be remembered.

Rev. Gade preached a splendid discourse, the subject of his sermon being, "The Only Foundation," to which his congregation gave the closest attention. The choir rendered a most excellent anthem, which assisted in making the morning service at this church very interesting.

The evening service, which was in charge of the Christian Endeavor society, was attended by a large number and was fully as interesting. Miss Olive Gass was the leader and the subject for the evening was "Missions in China." On the last Sunday of each month the Endeavor society has a subject along the line of missions, and since the first of January have been taking a trip around the world and making a study of the conditions and work being done in the mission fields. Miss Alison Johnston has been conducting these missionary meetings, and under her efficient leadership the Endeavor society have studied the conditions and work in Japan, Korea, India, the Mountain Whites of the south, the Negroes, the Indians, the Philippines and others. The night study was "Missions in China," as we have stated above, and the usual fine program was given. Prof. H. S. Austin rendered a splendid vocal selection, which was very much appreciated by the Endeavors and their friends.

Celebrate Birthday.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The relatives and friends of Mrs. E. K. Pretz drove to the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hild, ten miles west of the city, Sunday to aid her in the celebration of her 75th birthday. A fine dinner and supper was served, consisting of all sorts of palatable dishes so easily made by the energetic housewife on the farm. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Lutz, Otto Lutz, Henry Lutz and Helen and Katherine Lutz, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sattler and daughters, Amanda, Katie and Freda, and also their son, Johnnie; Miss Katie York, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mason and son, Ralph; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wurga, Mr. Philip Schaefer, Miss Emma Pappe of Union City, Oklahoma, and others. Notwithstanding the very warm day all enjoyed the outing and the day spent on the farm.

Swan Munson, a former Plattsmouth citizen, but now of Omaha, was shaking hands with old-time friends in Plattsmouth today.