

## A VERY LARGE AND INTERESTING MEETING OF THE COMMERCIAL CLUB

Numerous Matters Taken Up For Discussion, Including Good Roads, the Holding of Another Banquet, and a Minstrel Show to Aid the Good Roads Building.

From Friday's Daily.

The Commercial club held its regular session last evening at its rooms in the Coates' block, and many topics of public interest were discussed. There was a fair representation of the live business men of the city present, and a lively interest was manifested in the objects taken up.

The building of the new road to the wagon bridge will not be completed in time to warrant a preparation for a public celebration of the event of the opening of the bridge. It was thought that with the road in its present condition it would not be advisable to attempt to handle a crowd such as would travel over the route between Plattsmouth and the bridge.

A movement is on foot looking toward the appearance in the city in the near future of a minstrel show, the proceeds to be used by the Commercial clubs of Plattsmouth and Nebraska City to better the road between the two towns. The production has been put on at Nebraska City and Syracuse, and is said to be very fine. Judge Travis and Frank Gobelman witnessed the performance at Nebraska City and were highly pleased at the high-class entertainment furnished.

It is now stated that the wagon bridge over the Platte will be

ready for travel during the first week in November. There will be an important meeting to the citizens of Plattsmouth held here about November 15, in which will be represented members of the Cass County Automobile association and the directors of the Platte River Wagon Bridge company, at which time many important matters looking to the improvement of the roads leading to the county seat will be discussed. This meeting is being encouraged by the Plattsmouth Commercial club, and the business men of the city, without exception, are taking a lively interest in this meeting.

One other matter which every business man in town will appreciate was an audible whisper of another business men's banquet, which will be pulled off soon.

The matter of a hospital for Plattsmouth was discussed to some extent last night, but nothing definite done. The matter has been talked some again of late, and may assume more definite form later. This is a matter that has been agitated for several years with no success.

The officers of the club and the executive committee are on the lookout all of the time and have their ear to the ground for any sound that may result in something for the town.

## ARRESTED ON THE CHARGE OF VAGRANCY

Arrested on Suspicion of Burglary and Were Chased for Some Distance.

From Friday's Daily.

Chief Rainey is using his best efforts to put a stop to the petty thieving going on in the city and this morning had the two men whom he caught Wednesday, after a chase with a two-horse team, before Judge Archer, and charged them with vagrancy. The young fellows, apparently about 22 years of age, both denied being vagrants. Both wore good clothes and claimed that their mother's could be communicated with in Omaha, where they reside.

They gave their names as George McDonald and H. B. Stilling. McDonald stated that they had by mistake gotten on the wrong train at Ashland Tuesday night and intended to go back to their homes at Omaha, and were surprised when they waked up in Plattsmouth. That they had never been in this city before and did not know just the direction they were from Omaha when they got off the train.

Both claimed to have work in Omaha and were anxious to get back to their jobs. Stilling claimed his father was in the asylum at Lincoln and he had been there to see him, when they got on the wrong train at Ashland. The men will probably be released, as the evidence against them for house-breaking is not strong and mostly circumstantial.

**University Alumni Meeting.**

The University of Nebraska folks who are planning on organizing next Thursday night at the home of Superintendent and Mrs. N. C. Abbott, are greatly pleased over the information that Assistant Attorney General F. E. Edgerton will be present to make a short address. Secretary Kline greatly regrets that he cannot come also, but has a meeting at Kearney for the same evening. Mr. Edgerton has been one of the most successful of the alumni of recent years. He has had a most successful experience since he graduated in 1900. For a number of years he was a High school principal and then went into newspaper work. He was called from service on a Lincoln paper to become private secretary to

Senator Brown, and recently returned from Washington to be an assistant attorney in the office of Attorney General Martin. A rich treat is in store for the alumni from Mr. Edgerton.

## A Crystal Wedding Party.

From Friday's Daily.

It being their fifteenth wedding day anniversary—the crystal wedding—yesterday, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Jennings entertained a large number of their friends at their home in the south part of the city in the evening in a very charming manner. A most enjoyable time was had, as games and dancing were participated in, which furnished plenty of amusement for all. There was some delightful music contributed by a number in attendance, which greatly assisted in the pleasures of the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Jennings were made the recipients of many very pretty and handsome gifts, which will assist them in remembering this, their crystal wedding. During the course of the evening's entertainment a most excellent wedding supper was served and which the guests likewise thoroughly enjoyed. A few moments spent in social conversation and then, after wishing the host and hostess many more as happy wedding day anniversaries, the guests departed for their homes, voting Mr. and Mrs. Jennings splendid entertainers.

Those in attendance were: Messrs. and Mesdames H. Steinhauer, Frank Sivey, Heston Green, C. Landis, D. Roberts, B. C. Hyde, R. Brisse, Mrs. C. Brisse and two daughters, Deine and Marie; Mrs. George Lamphear and son, Roy; Misses Grinnell, Silva and Mary Green, Mary and Ruth Heatherington, Metta Jennings, Messrs. S. Hawk, Clarence Donald, Silas Green and Henry Hyde.

## Grand Officers Here.

From Friday's Daily.

Mrs. Mayme Cleaver, grand chief of honor of the Degree of Honor, who resides at Lincoln; Mrs. Adelia Harding of Hebron and Mrs. Ella Hall of South Omaha were in the city and met with the auditing committee of the lodge. A reception to the grand lodge officers was had at the A. O. U. W. hall after the meeting of the lodge last evening. A very pleasant evening was spent with the officers of the grand lodge.

Mrs. W. L. Austin departed for Wahoo Friday afternoon, where she will be the guest of friends for a few days.

## A Public Hospital.

From Friday's Daily.

What a splendid article the Plattsmouth News-Herald contained last evening—"A Public Hospital." Yes, indeed, I speak with the writer, it would be not only a grand thing for our little city, but a most needed institution. Are not our hearts bleeding for our many friends and neighbors that have been taken from here and surrounding country who might have been saved could they have been cared for here at home, where we have the best of physicians and surgeons, where you could have your own trusted physicians right at hand? Every lodge and church society would surely be proud to name and furnish a room. Every farmer's wife in our county would be proud to donate something and thus help along. If taken into the hands of active men and women it will be no time before we could be proud of our undertaking.

Citizens, do not let this good idea pass over, but take hold of it and everyone feel that they can help. It may be that thus far you nor any of your family have needed hospital care, but do you know how long it might be till you do? No; then would it not be better to have your loved ones cared for in your hospital at home than away in some other city? How much easier it would be now, since our new bridge is available, to have a specialist called, if need be, than to transfer our patients to Omaha.

A Trained Nurse.

## Charles Martin to Move.

Charles E. Martin will move his barber shop from his present location, near the Bauer hardware store, to the location formerly occupied by Kuhney & Clark, between Fourth and Fifth streets. Some repairing to the building is being done before he can move. Jacob Mason and C. C. Koke will repair the building and jack it up a few inches, place new sills under it and make a foundation. The addition at the rear has been torn down and the cellar under it will be filled up. The building will be painted inside and out and refitted and placed in first-class condition for Mr. Martin's occupancy. The room formerly occupied by Mr. Martin will hereafter be used by Bauer & Son for a wareroom, and they are badly in need of the space for the storing of goods.

## Arrived Too Late.

From Thursday's Daily.

Rev. J. H. Steger returned last evening from West Point, where he was called Tuesday to attend the bedside of one of his former parishioners, Mr. F. Schroeder. Rev. Steger arrived two hours after his friend had passed away. He remained for the funeral, which occurred yesterday, and spoke a few words of comfort to the bereaved family at the conclusion of the funeral address of Rev. Henkin. The deceased friend of Rev. Steger was an old settler of Cuming and Dodge counties, having moved to Scribner in 1869, and for the last twenty-seven years had resided in West Point.

## Meet With Mrs. John Crabill.

From Saturday's Daily.

The Social Workers of the M. E. church held a most enjoyable meeting at the cosy home of Mrs. John Crabill yesterday afternoon. At the usual hour the regular business session was held. The business session was followed by a most delightful social hour or two; a portion of the time they industriously worked on articles for the bazaar, which the ladies of this church intend holding some time in November. Just previous to the close of this enjoyable meeting an elegant luncheon was served by the hostess. There were about sixteen of the ladies in attendance.

## Burlington Way-Car Robbed.

While making their usual stop to switch cars at Louisville last night the way-car of No. 36 was robbed. The car-breakers secured about \$50 worth of clothing belonging to the crew and \$20 in cash. Conductor Noble and F. R. Whitaker, engineer, are of the crew. The police of this city were notified to be on the lookout for the thieves.

Judge B. S. Ramsey had legal business in the metropolis this afternoon.

## ONE MISSOURI PACIFIC CASE, SETTLED OUT OF COURT

Heirs of Miss Lillian Frances Kanka, Victim of the Wreck, Settle for \$4,750.

From Saturday's Daily.

The claim of the father and mother of Miss Frances Lillian Kanka, as heirs of her estate, who had their son, Anton, appointed special administrator of her estate in the county court yesterday, against the Missouri Pacific Railway company, has been settled.

The special administrator met the claim agent of the company in Omaha this morning and the matter was adjusted in a friendly suit, in which the company confessed judgment for \$4,750. The only persons interested in the settlement are the parents of the deceased lady, as she was unmarried and left no issue.

The Missouri Pacific claim agent was in the city Thursday and talked the matter over with Mr. and Mrs. Kanka, and reached a basis of settlement in the sum above named. The parents believed they might recover more in a contest with the company, but the uncertainty of the outcome and the long chase through the courts, with the additional expense of witnesses and court fees and a large per cent for attorneys, who would be entitled to pay for valued services, was considered, and the conclusion was reached that it would be better to accept the amount stated than to spend so much in a legal battle.

Anton Kanka, the administrator, went to Omaha on the Missouri Pacific last evening, where he met his attorney, H. C. Taylor, at the Paxton hotel this morning, and with the company's agent the matter was adjusted as above stated.

## Loses Potato Crop.

From Saturday's Daily.

Last spring our friend, A. Trifly, went to some trouble to procure some fine potatoes for planting and proceeded to plant them on his lot, which dips at an angle of 45 degrees to the north. He had a bushel of the seed potatoes left, which he disposed of to B. A. McElwain and A. L. Tidd, who released a dollar bill and planted the bushel of potatoes. For their labor the last-named gentlemen have a crop of ten or twelve bushels of as fine spuds as one would wish to see. A sample was shown Mr. Trifly recently and he would not believe that such potatoes grew here, and even doubted the veracity of the successful agriculturists, and so expressed himself in no diplomatic terms. He declared there were no potatoes on his vines, and dared the others to find any in his patch. Mr. McElwain suggested that the potatoes had grown there all right, but the dry weather had cracked the hills and the potatoes had fallen out.

## Corn Yield Good.

A gentleman was in from Murray this morning and boarded the early train for his home at Council Bluffs, who talked with William Philpot of Mount Pleasant precinct yesterday, and stated that the farmers had commenced to crib their corn. In every instance, so far, the farmers are gathering from ten to fifteen bushels of corn more per acre than they expected. This sounds good and corroborates our friend, E. M. Godwin, who drove twelve miles into the country last Sunday and estimated the corn crop from thirty-five to forty bushels per acre as an average.

## To Check Up Accounts.

D. O. Dwyer went to Nebraska City this morning to meet with the board of trustees for the blind and check over the expenditure of monies in improvements last summer. A \$9,000 heating plant was placed in the school building, and in addition several thousand dollars were expended in new porches and other improvements. The last legislature made an appropriation of \$20,000 for the benefit of the institution at Nebraska City.

Julius Pitts and John and Joe Libershall visited Omaha friends today and took in the great land show for a few hours.

## THOSE WHO SIGN MORTGAGES MAY HAVE TO PAY DOUBLE TAXES

Provision In Act Makes It Incumbent Upon Mortgagor to Liquidate on Property and on Instrument Both, When It Is Not Intended By the Mortgagor.

The following we take from the Lincoln State Journal, simply to post those of our readers who are interested, that they are liable to misinterpret the mortgage law passed by the last legislature, as many, perhaps, have already done. The Journal, contains the following interview with the assessor of Lancaster county:

"People who sign mortgages believing that under the new law the valuation of their real estate for assessment and taxation will be reduced to the amount of the mortgage, should be careful to read the instrument signed," said County Assessor Miller Wednesday. "Yesterday I received a letter from a man out in the country who stated that he had mortgaged his farm for \$3,200, and requested that the valuation of the property for assessment be reduced to that extent next year. I looked up the mortgage in the office of the register of deeds and found that in the body of the instrument there had been printed these four words: 'And on this mortgage.'

"Those four words make it incumbent upon the mortgagor to pay the tax not only upon his farm, but upon the mortgage which he has placed upon it, for they make him agree to pay all taxes upon the property, 'and on this mortgage.' He had evidently read over the parts of the instrument which were written in, but had failed to read the printed portion, which is in fine type, and is generally considered to be of a formal nature. He is by reason of this oversight upon his part made liable for taxation upon \$3,200 which he supposed the mortgagee would have to pay and his interest rate is increased to that extent."

The mortgage act passed by the last legislature is as follows: "A mortgage on real estate in this state is hereby declared an interest in real estate for the purpose of assessment and taxation. The amount and value of any mortgage upon real estate in this state shall be assessed and taxed

to the mortgagee or his assigns, and the taxes levied thereon shall be a lien on the mortgage interest; and the excess in value of the real estate above the mortgages thereon shall be assessed and taxed to the mortgagor or owner of the premises, and be a lien on the owner's interest. The mortgagee or his assigns may pay the tax levied on the interest of the owner and have a lien thereon secured by the mortgage to the extent of the amount so paid with lawful interest thereon. The mortgagor or owner may pay the tax levied on the mortgage interest, and the amount so paid shall be claimed and held to be a payment on the indebtedness secured by the mortgage, and it may offset against any interest due thereon."

The law, however, contains a provision as follows: "When it is provided and agreed in any mortgage that the mortgagor shall and will pay the tax levied upon the mortgage or the debt secured thereby, that such assessor or county clerk shall not enter such mortgage for separate assessment and taxation, but both interests shall be assessed and taxed to the mortgagor or owner of the property mortgaged."

Immediately after this law became effective many of the mortgage companies had new forms printed, these containing the words quoted by the county assessor, and as shown by letters and verbal statements coming to that officer many real estate owners have executed such mortgages, not knowing that they become liable for the tax on the same.

Another new form of mortgage now being filed binds the mortgagor to pay all taxes assessed against the real estate "except the tax on this mortgage or the debt secured thereby." Just why this provision should have been placed in the instrument is not plain. It exempts the mortgagor from paying the tax on the mortgage, and the law itself frees him from this obligation. It is an apparent error on the part of the person inserting the new proviso.

## W. C. T. U. Social.

Mrs. Charles Troup entertained the W. C. T. U. on Monday afternoon in her usual excellent way. Her rooms were profusely decorated with flowers from her own beautiful garden, and a heaped-up plate of pansies stood waiting to make buttonholes for the adornment of each guest, and which Mrs. Troup proceeded to pin on as they entered the social circle in her home. There was no program prepared, as most of the members had been busy at the Sunday school convention; so after the devotional the president read some letters and selections sent to her from Lincoln, with invitation to attend the suffrage convention. Be it remembered that all Temperance Unions are advocates of woman's suffrage, having learned from sad experience that temperance laws cannot be enforced by our "male protectors of our children and homes," and in order that our world may grow better in the future than it is now, we must gain the power to do for ourselves for centuries our masculine better-halves have tried and failed to do. The meeting was an enjoyable one, and after tea and other refreshments were served the benediction service was repeated and all went to their respective homes.

Mrs. J. E. Vandercerk,  
Secretary.

## Work on Bridge Resumed.

From Friday's Daily.

The engine which went into the river several days ago at the new bridge, was fired up yesterday and the contractors are again driving steel piling. Mr. Smith, of the company, has now fixed November 3 as the date when the bridge will be ready for travel.

## W. T. Richardson Holds His Own.

From Friday's Daily.

William T. Richardson, the Mynard merchant, who had his right ankle badly crushed and his arm broken in the wreck Sunday, seems to be holding his own. One of his physicians said yesterday that so far the patient was holding his own nicely and that so long as no infection set in it would not be necessary to amputate his foot. The damage from infection will not be past for a week or more, and it cannot be determined yet as to the necessity for such an operation.

## Married Here.

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon the Schuyler train brought from Pacific Junction a young couple bent on matrimony. They were Ralph Plumb of Henderson, Iowa, and Miss Mina M. Towne of Carson, Iowa. They were accompanied to this city by the groom's brother, Clifford Plumb and wife, of Henderson. The wedding party procured a license from the county judge and made their way to the home of Rev. Gade, where the ceremony occurred.

## Viewed Andy's Comet.

From Friday's Daily.

Claus Boetel and W. Blackburn, two of McMaken & Son's enterprising drivers, were out of bed at 5 o'clock this morning and took a peep at the comet Andy Moore discovered while star-gazing a week or so ago. Claus and Wes say they were well repaid for their effort this morning, as they had doubted that Andy had really seen a comet.

Raymond Mayfield of Eight Mile Grove precinct was a Plattsmouth visitor this morning.