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REPORT OF ALEX HUNTER'S ARREST PROVES TO BE A FALSE ALARM

Two Detectives Made the Mistake of Arresting the Wrong Man at Clarinda, and Allow Hunter Time to Escape—Mills County Authorities Still on the Hunt for Fugitive.

A gentleman from near the sheriff's office of Mills county, Iowa, was in the city last evening looking for Alex Hunter, the man wanted for the murder of John Wagner. The man stated that the report that the sheriff and deputy of Mills county had attempted to affect, the arrest of Hunter at Clarinda and got the wrong man a week ago was erroneous.

The men making the attempt and seizing their man before properly identifying him, were two detectives who were craving a little notoriety and so eager were they for their prey and so anxious were they to do all the work themselves that they made

the blunder of taking the Clarinda citizen who had not been guilty of any infraction of law. It is said that Hunter went to the hotel and changed his working clothes and decamped.

The report that he was afterwards caught several miles south of Clarinda is now denied, and would seem to be false, as the Mills county authorities are still on the lookout for the missing man. Neither the sheriff's office nor the detective force had a likeness of Hunter, but one was secured yesterday from a party in this city and cuts will be made and sent to papers in the surrounding towns and an effort made to locate Hunter.

WINDING UP IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE SEASON

Krug Building on Corner of Main and Fifth Streets, a Beauty, Inside and Out.

From Friday's Daily.
The men doing the concrete work for the Krug people, as well as the walk about the government building, completed the work at the Krug ice house today. The men have put in a concrete retaining wall north of the ice house, having commenced this improvement last Tuesday. This will prevent the storm water from the hill slope from getting about the house in the spring and summer season. The storage plant has been treated to a new coat of paint and the company's property in this city is now in first-class condition and could not be made better.

The painting on the interior of the office rooms in the building is progressing rapidly; the radiators have just been installed and the rooms will soon be ready for occupancy.

One room is set apart for a rest room for farmers and their wives, with comfortable seats and modern furniture and well lighted and ventilated. This will be a convenience much appreciated, as the room will be comfortably warmed and a pleasant place to rest after the ride in from the farm or after the shopping is done.

Social Workers Meet.

From Friday's Daily.
A most delightful meeting of the Social Workers of the M. E. church was held at the pleasant home of Mrs. C. S. Johnson on Rock street yesterday afternoon. Whenever invited to the Johnson home the members of this splendid organization always come prepared to have a fine time and we are reliably informed that they sure did. Then, too, there was an unusually large number in attendance. The regular business session was held and then the ladies spent the hurrying moments in preparing articles for the bazaar, which they intend giving this month. They also indulged in a social time, there being many amusements participated in, and those fortunate enough to be present had a most enjoyable afternoon. Mrs. Johnson served a most excellent luncheon at the proper hour.

Simon Clark Injured.

From Friday's Daily.
Simon Clark, foreman of the supply department at the Burlington shops, had the misfortune this morning to drop a heavy cast-iron box on his foot, crushing the instep and otherwise bruising and laming the same. The accident occurred about 8 o'clock. Mr. Clark was taken to the office of Dr. Livingston, where his injury was dressed. Mr. Clark will be off duty for several days.

C. F. Weber transacted business in the metropolis this afternoon.

Visits County Seat.

From Friday's Daily.
D. W. Fleshman and his son, C. W., of near-Avooca, came in on the M. P. train this morning to look after some business matters in the probate court. Mr. Fleshman has been a resident of Cass county for twenty-seven years and this is his first visit to Plattsmouth. He was unable to say whether the city had improved since his arrival in Nebraska or not. Mr. Fleshman and son were looking after the final settlement of his deceased son's estate.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DESTRUCTION

Ed Brantner's Residence Came Near Being Destroyed by Fire Last Night.

From Friday's Daily.
Ed Brantner, the Bell telephone manager, had the misfortune to have his dwelling in the east Third ward catch fire last night and it was damaged to the extent of \$300 or \$400. However, various estimates have been placed on the loss, ranging from \$150 to \$400.

Mr. Brantner happened to be at home when the fire started, or the loss would have been much heavier. The alarm was turned in, but when the department arrived Ed and the neighbors had carried water and thrown on the flames until it was under control, and the fire hose was not allowed to play on the flames, but notwithstanding the carpets and furniture suffered from water being dashed upon them and from dirt being tracked over the carpets.

It is understood the loss was fully insured. The origin of the fire is said to have been from the new furnace pipes which had lately been installed, the fire having just been started, and the overheated pipes set fire to the floor, which spread upward very rapidly. The dwelling had just been overhauled and everything made modern on the interior of the house. A new porch, costing Mr. Brantner \$250, had just been added. Coming as it did, at the beginning of winter, the fire is very unfortunate.

Mr. Limpp Departs for Home.

From Friday's Daily.
A. J. Limpp, who has been in the city for the past four months buying and packing apples for Rundle, the apple man, departed for his home at Forest City, Missouri, this morning. J. E. Hopkins, who has assisted Mr. Limpp in the work here will leave for his home Saturday.

Mr. Limpp was on the ground to buy fall apples, on which his firm expected to make a little money, but the prices paid were a little strong, so that his firm lost \$2,300 on the fall apples, but have made a little money on their winter apples. Everyone dealing with the Rundle people were well satisfied with the treatment received, and only one man thought himself aggrieved. The firm paid out several thousand dollars at this point for apples, and should they see fit to open a market here next season these gentlemen will receive the patronage of the fruit growers in this vicinity. Both Mr. Limpp and Mr. Hopkins are pleasant gentlemen to meet and made numerous friends here, who will be glad to have them return.

Janitor Appointed.

From Friday's Daily.
Frank Claus has secured the appointment as janitor of the new postoffice building, the appointment having been made a few days ago by Postmaster H. A. Schneider. The position pays a salary of \$50 per month. The labors will not be distressingly hard, but the janitor will probably be on his job more hours than any other employe about the office. Mr. Claus is to be congratulated on his good luck and we doubt not but he will fill the bill and make a good custodian of the building.

Claude Mayfield was an Omaha passenger via Pacific Junction and Council Bluffs this morning, going on No. 4.

LIVED IN CASS COUNTY YEARS AGO

Former Citizen Says He Notices Many Changes in This Section Since He Left.

From Friday's Daily.
N. C. McClain, formerly a citizen of the west end of the county, residing six miles southwest of Elmwood, visited Plattsmouth yesterday for the first time in over thirty-two years. Mr. McClain does not find as much change in the county seat as he does in the appearance of the country in the vicinity in which he resided thirty-two years ago. The numerous groves of forest trees, the large barns and dwellings and the hills seem much higher and steeper than when Mr. McClain lived on the farm in western Cass.

Mr. McClain has resided in the Willamette valley (Lynn county) Oregon, for the past nine years, having moved there from Keith county, Nebraska, to which place he went when removing from this county. He has three sons residing in Keith county at this time, whom he visited just before coming to Louisville to visit relatives there for a short time.

He thinks the crops in this county excel those of any county west of Cass, and in the locality where his sons live there was no corn crop worth mentioning. Mr. McClain is well pleased with the Oregon country; farm lands there sell from \$75 to \$125 per acre.

Speak at High School.

From Friday's Daily.
Instead of the regular spelling work this morning the High school pupils enjoyed a double treat in listening to addresses by Rev. W. L. Austin and L. A. Downey of Lincoln. Under the McBrien administration Mr. Downey was a valued member of the state superintendent's office. Since that time he has been traveling for one of the great educational book houses that has its headquarters in Chicago. The central thought in Mr. Downey's remarks was that mind grows through food, exercise and rest, just as the body grows through the same. He allowed his hearers to figure out for themselves what the proper food and exercise for the body are, as well as for the mind.

Mr. Austin spoke with much feeling and force upon the intuitive nature of man and the value to the world of convictions. Mr. Austin said: "I believe in supernaturalism, but not in superstition. There is the psychic side of man, as well as the intellectual, and this ought really to be as highly and intelligently cultivated. Some time I believe the psychic life of man will be studied in the public schools. One should give heed to these psychic intuitions that one has. Out of these intuitions there often grow profound convictions and a conviction is the greatest thing in the world. It was a conviction that made Moses and Esther great. It was a conviction that sent Jesus to his death on the cross."

Carl Humphrey Promoted.

From Friday's Daily.
Again it is the Journal's good pleasure to report the success of another Plattsmouth young man, Carl Humphrey, who was reared in this city. Mr. Humphrey has been in the employ of the Standard Oil company, traveling on the road, having his residence at Burlington, Iowa, until recently, when he moved to Omaha temporarily. He has just been promoted by the company to the position of manager of the western district and stationed at Hastings, Neb., where he will move in a few days. Mr. Humphrey is a fine business man and the Standard Oil company has not been slow in recognizing in him a young man of much ability.

Ed Collins Improving.

Ed Collins, who had his leg broken in the Fort Crook wreck on the 15th of last month, is still in the hospital, but improving as fast as could be expected. His brother saw him on Thursday and was told that Ed would not be allowed to get about on crutches for two weeks yet.

THE PLATTE RIVER WAGON BRIDGE TO BE OPENED WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Arrangements Are Being Perfected for Appropriate Ceremonies on This Date and Large Delegations Have Signified Their Intention of Coming From Omaha, Nebraska City, Nehawka Union, Murray and Other Towns.

November 15th, one week from next Wednesday, is the date fixed upon for the ceremonies on the occasion of the opening of the Platte river wagon bridge and the Omaha-Plattsmouth automobile route to Kansas City. Mr. Pollock, president of the bridge company, stated this morning that there is one more bent of steel piles to be driven, and that the bridge will be ready for travel one week from today, but that it will require a short time to grade the approach to the bridge, after the engine and pile driver are removed, and that this preliminary work will all be completed by the 15th instant.

The Automobile association of Cass county, with representatives from every town in the county and many from outside points, will hold an important session in this city on the afternoon of the 15th. At this meeting prominent statesmen from the middle west will be present to address the association on the subject of roads and a plan whereby they may be obtained. This meeting will be attended by representatives of the Automobile associations of Omaha, Nebraska City, Kansas City and intermediate points.

The Motorist, a paper devoted

to the interests of the automobile associations of the middle west, in its last issue, has devoted considerable space to the opening of the new bridge over the Platte and the effect of the same on travel between the cities of the Missouri valley. The publication is issued in Omaha, and the editor has offered to devote its columns to the publicity of the date of the celebration and give due weight to the importance of the event, which would insure a large attendance of automobile owners on that day.

The minstrel show will furnish entertainment for the crowds in the evening, and will receive the patronage and encouragement of the auto association, which is interested in having as large a sum netted for the good road fund as can be obtained.

Let everybody boost for the celebration, for the auto association meet and for the minstrel show at night. There should be a large crowd in the city on that day and night, and if every citizen will do his full duty toward inviting his friends and opening their homes to the city's guests for the few hours they will be in town we will see the largest attendance on this occasion that we have ever had in the city.

COURT HOUSE BOILER IS OUT OF COMMISSION

And the County Officials Are Doing Business With Overcoats On.

From Friday's Daily.
The county officials transacted business in cold rooms, seated on cold chairs, today, and unless the repairs for the boiler arrive tonight may have to do so tomorrow also. A flue in the old boiler gave way last night and there are several others which are apt to play out at any time. The janitor has talked the matter over with members of the board and urged the necessity of a new boiler, but it was thought that the old one could be made to go through another winter. But when the pressure of the steam was turned on during the recent cold snap the flimsy shell gave way.

It is lucky the court and jury are not in session at this time, as the county would be put to the expense of hiring a hall to do the business. The board built a fire on its grate and went ahead with its work. The county clerk's grate being blocked with jury seats, could not be used today, but different arrangements will be made should the boiler flue be long on the way.

Six O'Clock Dinner.

From Saturday's Daily.
The members of the senior choir of the M. E. church were delightfully entertained at a 6 o'clock dinner in the church parlors last evening. The occasion was planned and executed by the Ladies' Aid society of this church to show their appreciation of the faithfulness and loyalty of each member of this organization, which furnished the music for the morning services of the church. Covers were laid for thirty-four guests. The decorations were chrysanthemums. After partaking of the excellent dinner served, a number of toasts, anecdotes relating to choir service and music were given. It was a late hour when the members of the choir separated, expressing their thanks to the Ladies' Aid society and renewing their determination to give more efficient service to the work of the choir.

Mrs. L. F. Smith, nee Miss Bertha Porter, of Norfolk, is in the city for an over Sunday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Porter.

Let Contract Yesterday.

From Saturday's Daily.
The county commissioners opened the bids for the grading of the new road leading to the wagon bridge yesterday and awarded the contract to George Poissal for removing the dirt. The contract price was 17 cents per yard. The contract for removing the steel bridge on the creek at the north end of the old road was also awarded to the same party. The work of removing the dirt will be commenced at once and pushed right along and the road put in shape for travel before the freezing weather sets in. The petition of J. Lawrence Stull to make the road run straight through on the line north was denied and the track will be as formerly, with the cut-off running east of the Missouri Pacific track instead of under it twice, as before. The appropriation for the expense of the grading is made from the inheritance tax fund and does not come out of the general road fund. A portion of the same fund has already been used near Nehawka and some of it near Weeping Water, and there can be no criticism against the officials for having this thoroughfare placed in the best of condition.

Temperature Low at Court House.

From Saturday's Daily.
On the door of the various offices on the first floor of the court house was posted today the following notice: "At County Commissioners' Office." If one wanted to obtain a marriage license today he had to go to the commissioner's office to get it. If there had been any infraction of the law in one's vicinity, the commissioners' office had to be sought to find the "corporation counsel," so that one's tale of woe could be poured into the ears of the state's salaried lawyer. On the stairs you could meet the busy clerks with a shovel of coal in the bottom of a hod climbing to the third story, where a smouldering fire was making an attempt to warm a large amount of space about a grate. Down in the boiler room you could hear the clang of the hammer against the metal, while the boilermaker, the only warm person in the building, was working at a flue. Next week it may be better.

Grading for a permanent sidewalk is being done on south Fifth street, adjacent to the cement factory of H. C. McMaken & Son, and if the weather permits the walk will be placed before winter.