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OMAHA-PLATTSMOUTH-KANSAS CITY AUTO ROUTE—PLATTE RIVER BRIDGE OPENING

Representatives From the Nebraska City Commercial Club to Be Here This Evening to Assist in Preliminary Arrangements for Minstrel Show and Celebration Next Wednesday.

In our write-up of the Omaha-Plattsmouth-Kansas City auto route yesterday we neglected to state that the proceeds of the minstrel performance is to be equally divided between the Plattsmouth and Nebraska City Commercial clubs, to be expended jointly by the clubs on the road from Plattsmouth to Nebraska City. Wherever \$100 is needed to improve the road there this fund will be applied. Arrangements have been made to hold the afternoon meeting of the Omaha-Plattsmouth-Kansas City Good Roads association meeting in Coates' hall and the Elks' rooms will be thrown open to the visitors, where they can be entertained nicely.

This meeting should be attended by every citizen of Cass county who is interested in better highways, and by every owner of a vehicle having four wheels, and especially every owner or prospective owner of an automobile should be present and lend enthusiasm to the movement. The meeting will be called promptly at 3 p. m., at which time the men who have already done so much for the good roads movement in other localities will address the assembly and discuss plans and methods of improvement.

During the evening it has been suggested that it would add very

materially to the appearance of the city if the merchants will let their electric and gas lights remain on for the evening, instead of turning them off, as usual. The band concert, to be given by the popular B. & M. band, promises to be one of the pleasant features of the celebration on November 15. This will take place in front of the opera house before the minstrel performance opens.

The construction company nailed the floor on the last span of the new bridge this morning, and the approaches will be completed by Saturday night, so that on Monday next the public will be crossing the new structure.

Secretary Jackson of the Nebraska City Commercial club telephoned E. H. Wescott today that a delegation from their club would motor to Plattsmouth tonight for a preliminary meeting and to discuss arrangements. Enthusiasm is at the bubbling stage down there and there will be hundreds of the Nebraska City people present at the opening. A special train will be run from Nebraska City, beside a large contingent by auto. The Nebraska City band will accompany the delegation from that city and we will have the pleasure of listening to at least two bands on the night of the 15th.

BRIEF SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF JOSEPH SANS

Joseph Sans, a Highly Esteemed and Prominent Citizen, Called to His Reward.

Joseph Sans was born in Baden, Germany, April 5, 1835, and died at his home, near Murray, Neb., November 9, 1911, aged 76 years, 7 months and 4 days.

From Friday's Daily.

While yet a boy he learned the trade of cabinet-maker, serving an apprenticeship of two and a half years; he came to America in February, 1852, and first settled in Pittsburg, Pa., where he was employed at his trade for about two years. Here he was also employed at a brewery for a short time. He went to Columbus, Ohio, for eighteen months, where he worked as a carpenter, later going to Des Moines and Fort Dodge, Iowa. He continued in the carpenter trade for three years. Mr. Sans came to Cass county and located at Rock Bluffs in 1858, where he worked at the carpenter trade for a year, at the end of which time he went to Denver, Colorado, where he engaged at carpenter work and in mining, until about 1864, when he purchased a quarter of land and began farming. His landed holdings increased and he continued the business of farming until recent years.

February 13, 1862, Mr. Sans was married at Rock Bluffs to Miss Caroline Spiers, a native of Missouri; she died September 25, 1875, leaving five children, namely: Joseph V., Charles, Arabella, Lily and John. Mr. Sans was married again at Rock Bluffs on December 25, 1876, to Flora F. Frans, a native of that place, who survives him. To this union five children were born: Emma, Bettie F., Walter, Leona and Beulah, all of whom are married except Beulah, who lives at home. All the children were at his bedside when he passed away except Joseph V., of Colorado, and Lily, of Nebraska City.

Mr. Sans had been a resident of the precinct in which his home was situated for fifty years, and was one of the leading citizens of his community, always favoring those projects for the betterment of his community, and he stood

high in the estimation of his neighbors, who knew him best.

He was an exemplary citizen, a kind neighbor and affectionate husband and parent, who will be greatly missed from his large circle of friends. The funeral will be held from his late residence Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and interment will be made at the Horning cemetery.

E. L. Rouse Honored.

Dean Rouse of Peru was yesterday accorded the highest honor within the gift of the Nebraska State Teachers' association by being selected president of this organization for the coming year. Prof. Rouse has many friends in this city as well as in different parts of Nebraska who will be pleased at his elevation to this distinguished place in the educational field in Nebraska. Prof. Rouse first came to Cass county as the superintendent of the Weeping Water schools and his success there attracted the attention of the board of education of this city, which elected him to succeed Prof. McHugh as superintendent of the Plattsmouth schools. After serving in this capacity for a few years he was promoted by being called to a professorship at Peru normal school, and is now dean of that institution. Mr. Rouse's popularity in educational circles has had a steady upward trend until the present and no doubt will continue.

Insanity Board Holds Session.

The board of insanity held a session yesterday afternoon at the apartments of Deputy Sheriff Manspeaker, over the jail, and heard testimony relative to the mental condition of Miss Eva Thierolf, a young lady who has resided near Cedar Creek all her life. Miss Thierolf has been in poor health for a long time, and for some months past has been in a private sanitarium, but her condition of late has been such as to give her friends uneasiness, and yesterday the sheriff went out to Cedar Creek and brought her to Plattsmouth. The board, after the hearing, made an order committing the young lady to the hospital at Lincoln.

Milton Erwin of Liberty precinct was a Plattsmouth visitor this morning and journeyed to Omaha this afternoon on important business.

Canon Burgess Improving.

The many friends of Canon H. B. Burgess will be pleased to learn that he is improving, and has so far recovered as to be able to sit out on the porch a portion of the time each day. The Journal hopes this grand old man will soon be himself again, and that his good-natured countenance and kindly greeting will be visible on the street and in the business houses again soon. No one citizen is missed as is our old friend among all classes.

POSTAL SAVING BONDS A COMPARATIVE FAILURE

First Sale of 2 1/2 Per Cent Bonds Issued Through New Agency, Fall Below Expectations.

A special from New York, under date of November 7, says: "The first sale of United States government 2 1/2 per cent bonds, issued through the postal savings bank department, has just been made on the market here, the bonds fetching only 92 1/2. It was realized by bankers from the time that the first of these postal savings bonds were issued that they would not be worth par, but the sale at 92 1/2 has put a lower valuation on them than some of the government bond dealers expected.

"It thus appears that the small depositor who takes bonds at par must hold his bonds until maturity, twenty years hence, or, if forced to realize on his holdings, must accept a heavy loss on his principal.

"For example, the holder of \$200 of these 2 1/2 per cent bonds who bought them last July for \$200 has now sold them for \$185, suffering a loss of 7 1/2 per cent of the principal invested four months ago.

"Bankers declare that it will be necessary for the government to adopt some change whereby the parity of these bonds may be maintained."

Will Help Us Boost.

Secretary E. H. Wescott of the Commercial club has just received a communication from the industrial and real estate department of the Burlington, informing the Plattsmouth Commercial club that anything that the industrial department of the company can do to assist in securing business enterprises for Plattsmouth will be cheerfully done, and all the club has to do is to acquaint the department with what is expected of it and it will be "Johnnie-on-the-spot," or words to that effect. It cheers the boosters to have expressions of willingness to aid tendered them in this manner, and they will be encouraged to still greater efforts by such communications.

Case Transferred to This County.

Judge Munger, in the federal court, has sustained a motion to remand the case of Julia Wanderholm, administratrix of the estate of Oscar Wanderholm, deceased, vs. the C. B. & Q. railroad to the district court of Cass county. The suit is for \$15,000 damages, claimed by plaintiff for the death of her husband, which she alleges was caused by being struck by a Burlington train at Plattsmouth, January 1, 1911.—State Journal.

Farms For Sale.

160 acres of Cass county land, located 3 miles south of Nehawka. This place is in excellent condition with 100 acres sowed to fall wheat, 4 acres of alfalfa, 30 acres of meadow and remainder in pasture, 7 acres being fenced hog tight. Improved with 8 room house, fine new large barn with accommodations for ten head of horses and fifty cattle; cribs and granary, 4 acres orchard and a splendid well with new mill. Beside the well there is a good spring and two small running streams. Would make a fine proposition for stock of diversified farming.

Also 160 acres rich Otoe county land adjoining the above farm; 135 acres under cultivation, most of which is bottom land and produces bumper crops; and 20 acres is in meadow. This is a good buy for somebody. For further information communicate with C. Beadon Hall, Nehawka, Neb.

NEW IMPROVEMENTS FOR PLATTSMOUTH WATER WORKS

Orders to Go Ahead With Improvements and Complete Same as Soon as Possible.

The new waterworks franchise remains in almost the same condition of a few weeks ago, but from the following message from Mr. West, at Portland, to Mr. James W. Burnie, manager of the Plattsmouth plant, certainly demonstrates that Mr. West still has all confidence in the people of Plattsmouth doing the right thing by him as owner of the plant. He intends to move right along making the necessary improvements in the plant to guarantee the supply of water to be good and sufficient for every demand that can possibly be made by the consumer and for the fire protection of the city. The following was received by Mr. Burnie yesterday evening and we have secured his permission to print the same simply to show that Mr. West is going to do his share and even more, although he has no assurance that he will be permitted to operate his plant upon a business and paying basis only for a limited period:

Portland, Nov. 9. Mr. James W. Burnie, Manager Plattsmouth Water Co.:

Your letter of Nov. 6th received. Go ahead and close contract for all your concrete work; also contracts for tank pipe fittings, valves and reinforcing steel, if prices and deliveries are reasonable. Advise me promptly estimated cost of filter pump, houses and foundations complete. Complete this fall all the work you can.

Geo. F. West. This certainly demonstrates that Mr. West has no other point in view than that the people of this city will meet him half way. He expects the people to favor him with a reasonable franchise, under which he can operate and maintain a water plant in the city upon purely business principles, one that will render him fair returns upon his investment. Mr. West is ready to expend many dollars upon the plant and is doing so, and we are informed by Mr. Burnie that the work referred to in the above message will be commenced tomorrow morning, and the instructions of Mr. West will be carried out to the letter. All work that can possibly be completed before cold weather sets in will be done. It is true that we have a few people who are in favor of delaying the franchise, some thinking that twenty years is too long a time, others, but very few, are in favor of municipal ownership, but the majority of the taxpayers of the city are in favor of granting the franchise to Mr. West just as it is, giving the city the privilege of purchasing the same at every five-year period, which in reality is only a five-year franchise. These terms give Mr. West but one assurance and that is he will not be compelled to make application for a new franchise for twenty years. Can this be more than justice to him? Can you find home capital that will take the chances that Mr. West has volunteered to do? Where can you find another man that will invest his money even under more favorable conditions that are asked in the new franchise? He has reduced the rates all along the line and depends solely upon the more modern plant saving in running expenses, making up the deficiency, if there be any, from the old scale of prices. We believe that if the people of the city will take the time to call at the water office, consult Mr. Burnie or Mr. Weber, they will be glad to explain the conditions of the franchise, and they will look upon the matter in an entirely different light. Compare the interests of Mr. West away back in Maine with that of your own, and if you do not come to the conclusion that he is more than willing to meet us half way, we miss our guess. This is a duty you owe yourself. Look into the matter. Do not let it be said that you do not understand the requirements of the franchise, or your own responsibility connected therewith.

Cigars and tobacco at Bookmeyer & Maurer's.

ALEX HUNTER DENIES THAT HE KILLED JOHN WAGNER, THE FISHERMAN

He Talks Freely About His Association With Wagner the Day Before the Latter's Death, and Their Trip From Plattsmouth in the Direction of Pacific Junction—Grand Jury to Consider the Matter on November 21.

The following is taken from the Glenwood Tribune, wherein Alex Hunter denies killing John Wagner and gives a statement in which he attempts to free himself from all connection with the murder:

Monday's Tribune told briefly of the arrest that morning of Alex Hunter, wanted for the murder of John Wagner. Deputy Sheriff A. S. Edwards arrested him at the farm home of a man by the name of Taylor, near Craig, Mo., and he was brought to Glenwood and placed in jail that evening.

Hunter had been shucking corn for Taylor for a week, having gone there direct from Clarinda, where he gave the local officers the slip.

A man by the name of Allen, a former resident south of Glenwood, lives near the Taylor farm and Hunter went to his house. He told Allen that the Mills county officers were after him to send him to the inebriate hospital at Knoxville.

No date has been fixed for Hunter's preliminary hearing, but the time is short when the grand jury will take up the matter. The grand jury will meet a week from next Tuesday. Genung & Genung have been retained to defend Hunter.

Denies Killing Wagner.

Hunter denies killing Wagner, and he talked quite freely with Deputy Edwards regarding his associations with Wagner on the day and night preceding the latter's death.

Among the articles on Hunter's person when arrested was a ring belonging to Wagner, and he stated Wagner had given him the ring two weeks before the death. Wagner's death took place some time during the night of Friday, October 13—an ominous date.

Wagner's home was in Platt-

smouth, and Hunter states he was with Wagner the afternoon of Friday, and the two men were drinking considerably.

About 5 o'clock that evening Wagner went to the "Q." depot with Hunter, who was to return to Pacific Junction on No. 2. The men decided they wanted more liquor, and Wagner was sent up town for another half pint of whiskey, each contributing 25 cents for its purchase.

Returning to the depot, Wagner was persuaded to accompany Hunter to Pacific Junction. The train arrived at the latter place at 5:15, and shortly afterwards the two men started to walk west along the tracks—Hunter to his home on the Harry Lincoln farm, and Wagner was to return to Plattsmouth.

Hunter says that they had gone but a little ways from the Junction when a switch engine came along. He stepped to one side and allowed the engine to pass, but says that Wagner, who was walking a ways in front of him, failed to get out of the way, and was "bumped" to one side of the track.

Wagner, he says, was not much injured, and the two men started on their journey. Arriving at the wagon road crossing, a mile west of the Junction, they tarried there for a time.

They had bought some bread and bologna sausage in Plattsmouth, and the men ate a lunch at this point.

Hunter states that it was between 7 and 8 o'clock when they had finished their lunch and their visit. He started south on the wagon road to his home, located a mile to the southwest.

Hunter says that Wagner then proceeded west along the railroad track on his way to Plattsmouth, and that was the last he saw of him.

A Pleasant Surprise Party.

Last evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hall on Orchard Hill, was the scene of a very pleasant surprise party, the occasion being in honor of Miss Margaret Rishel. About forty of her friends gathered at the Hall home about 8 o'clock and gave her a most complete surprise. The evening was spent in games, music and social conversation. A very pleasing amusement was the old-fashioned spelling contest, which resulted in James Rishel receiving the booby prize and Miss Ferris York getting "the" prize of the evening. Mrs. Hall took the part of the old-time schoolmaster and was a most successful one. At a late hour a delicious three-course luncheon was spread, to which all did ample justice, after which the happy company of young people departed for their homes, trusting that they will be invited to the Hall home again in the near future, as the Halls are royal entertainers.

Injured at Shops.

N. Kelly, the baseball player, who is also an employe of the Burlington shops in the brass foundry, had the misfortune this morning while working at an emery stone, which was going at a high rate of speed, to have the little finger of his left hand thrust against the stone and the flesh ground off to the bone. Mr. Kelly had the finger dressed by the company surgeon and will lay off for a time.

William Feibelman in Town.

William Feibelman, the smiling traveling salesman for the Feder-Silberberg company of Cincinnati, O., was in the city today showing William Holly his celebrated "Lion Made Clothing." This is a house that sends out strictly up-to-date clothing and they are fortunate in having Mr. Holly for a customer.

At the M. E. Church Parlors.

The church parlors of the M. E. church were the scene of a large gathering of the members and friends of the Ladies' Aid Society yesterday afternoon. They were most delightfully entertained by Mesdames E. F. Benson, Crabill and I. N. Cummings. The first feature of the afternoon's entertainment was the regular business session, which the ladies usually hold and at which various matters of importance were discussed. After this the large number present, there being something like fifty there, participated in various amusements, all having a most enjoyable time. The hostess then served a most excellent luncheon, to which all did ample justice.

Nebraska City Special.

The Missouri Pacific will run a special train from Nebraska City to Plattsmouth on the occasion of the minstrel show at the Parnole theater and the celebration of the opening of the Platte river auto and wagon bridge. The train will leave Nebraska City at 5 o'clock p. m., and returning will leave Plattsmouth at 2 a. m. A large crowd is expected to accompany the minstrel company. It will be a gala day and night for the old town. It would be well for our home people to get their tickets in advance of the date in order to be sure of a seat.

Canvass the Vote.

County Clerk D. C. Morgan called to his assistance as canvassing board to take the official count of the ballots cast at the election, L. D. Hiatt and James Donnelly, and yesterday the count was made. There was no material changes in the result from the unofficial returns.

Ice cream, with the finest fruit flavors, at Bookmeyer & Maurer's.