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PLATTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY ONE OF THE LARGEST AND BEST IN THE STATE

It is A Institution That is Well Supported By The Citizens of Our Town, is Remarkably Well Constructed and Contains More Volumes Than Any Library in Any Town The Size of Plattsmouth, in Nebraska.

At the regular monthly meeting of the board of the public library there were present Messrs. Tidd, Smith, Abbott, Misses Gering and Jones and Mrs. Parmele, by proxy. A report of the librarian, Miss Jones, was read, showing some loss of books. She was instructed to withhold the library privileges from any who abuse such privileges. After the routine allowance of bills the report of the librarian for the months of September, October and November, as well as a comparison of September of a year ago with this year, were read and placed on file. They show a gratifying use of the library and support the contention of our people that, for the size of the town, this is the best used library in the state of Nebraska and perhaps in the United States. Omaha rejoices when the number of cards in force equals the number of pupils in the public schools. The number of cards in force now is considerably over 2,000, or twice the enrollment of our schools.

The library will expend immediately the \$25 contributed by the public schools. Since the collection was taken up by the school there has been a larger increase in cards taken out than ever before in the same length of time. The board expressed its thanks for the many beautiful books that have been given recently. The new books just purchased have scarcely been left in the library at all.

The reports show the following gratifying results: Volumes accessioned September 1, 1910, 4,309; September 1, 1911, 4,549; volumes rebound, 61; magazines bound, 21; volumes worn out, 158; volumes in good condition, 2,395; in bad condition, 2,100; purchased, 102; donated, 70; registration of readers' cards in force September 1, 1910, 1,783; September 1, 1911, 1,972; books circulated for home use, 10,877; for use of city teachers, 59; country teachers, 40; call, estimated, 43,408; magazines donated and circulated to non-residents, 600.

The October report shows the following facts: Books circulated for home use, 991; for use of city teachers, 29; country teachers, 17; calls, estimated, 3,964. Books donated: By C. E. Wescott and wife, 21; Miss Olive Gass, 6; Miss Nora Livingston, 10. Magazines given by the library to country schools, 18. A greater number of pupils of the public schools are using the reference books than any previous year.

The November report shows: Number of books circulated for home use, 1,080; used by city teachers, 29; by county teachers, 19; callers, estimated, 4,320; number of new borrowers, 20. Books donated: Bishop Williams, 6; Mrs. Kuhn, 1; Miss Olive Gass, 1; books purchased, 130; sent to bindery, 103; magazines donated to country schools and out-of-town patrons, 401; Mrs. C. E. Wescott donated magazines.

A comparison of 1910 and 1911 for September shows increases for the present year thus: Cards registered, 1910, 14; 1911, 31; books circulated, 1910, 478; 1911, 909.

Settles With M. P.

W. T. Richardson, who was seriously injured, losing a foot and having his arm broken in a wreck which occurred near Fort Crook, on the Missouri Pacific railway October 15 last, yesterday affected a settlement with the company, which paid him for the damage he claimed. The settlement was very satisfactory to Mr. Richardson and was made out of court without the intercession of any attorney for Mr. Richardson, which makes the amount paid over by the company all go to the injured man. The company has treated Mr. Richardson very courteously and he appreciates their kindness in making good as far as possible the damage he received while riding on their train.

Markets Hogs at South Omaha.

T. E. Todd took a load of hogs to the South Omaha market this morning over the Omaha-Plattsmouth-Kansas City Senic Route, crossing the Pollock-Duff bridge with the first load of live porkers ever transported over the new highway. The wagon in which the swine were transported was propelled by horses, although it was stated in the presence of the writer that the hogs were loaded with a gasoline engine. However, this report has not been confirmed.

Held Preliminary Hearing.

George Lytle, the third member of the trio wanted for the robbery of Mike Tritsch's jewelry store and the bank at Wabash about a month ago, had his preliminary hearing before Judge Beeson today, and was bound over to the present term of the district court. Witnesses present from Louisville who identified the defendant as one of three men seen near the elevator in Louisville the evening before the store was robbed, were Paul Lumbely, Mrs. Masters, Tim Schlater and Mike Tritsch.

Found—A long sleeve pair of ladies black gloves. Owner can have same by calling on Journal, proving property, and paying for this notice.

Man and Wife in Jail.

From Friday's Daily. Sheriff Bushnell and Deputy Edwards yesterday afternoon arrested Green Roach and Mrs. Alex Hunter on an information charging them with lewdness. They were living in a wagon on the Vanderpool farm, eight miles south of Glenwood, when taken into custody. A preliminary hearing will take place Friday or Saturday before Justice Edwards. It will be recalled that Mrs. Hunter was reported as saying that her husband had killed John Wagner. She has been going about the country for some weeks in company with Roach, and was arrested recently at Council Bluffs on a similar charge. Hunter and his wife are now both in the same jail. She is reported as not overly bright.—Glenwood Tribune.

FRED PATTERSON'S BARN DESTROYED

Corn, Carriage, Harness and Building an Entire Loss—No Insurance.

From Friday's Daily. County Surveyor Fred Patterson, had the misfortune to lose his barn, located on the home place south of Old Rock Bluffs, at an early hour this morning by fire. The origin of the fire is shrouded in mystery. Mr. Patterson was not at home, his presence being required at Plattsmouth in order to be in position to fulfill his official duties. The first intimation he had of anything wrong at home was a call to the Perkins' house 'phone, and on going to the 'phone Mrs. Patterson informed him of the fire and loss of the barn. The building and contents were almost all burned when the family awoke this morning, which was about 5 o'clock. No one had been about the barn, to the knowledge of Mrs. Patterson since last night.

There was in the barn this year's corn crop of 300 bushels or more, work harness, an almost new carriage, farming tools and other property. It happened that the horses were in the stock field, or the loss would have been much heavier. There was no insurance on either the barn or contents. The corn and other property in the barn were owned jointly by Mr. Patterson and his stepson, Mr. Thomas, who is living with his mother and running the place during Mr. Patterson's stay in Plattsmouth. The loss will be in the neighborhood of \$500.

Old Citizen Here.

From Friday's Daily. D. J. Dillehay of Oklahoma City, formerly a resident of Plattsmouth, arrived this morning from Oklahoma and will visit his brother, E. R. Dillehay, and John Wiles, near Murray. Mr. Dillehay was the second man to fire the boilers for the electric power house in Mercerville, years ago, and since that time has resided in Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Increasing the Spread.

That the \$25,000 state bounty for glandered horses is increasing the spread of the disease in Nebraska is indicated by the number and amount of claims filed with the state. Some contend that the state's action in insuring horses against glanders without payment of a premium from the owner of animals was an act of kindness and paternalism and that it will have the effect of soon wiping out the disease. The law intends that all glandered horses shall be killed and paid for by the state. Notwithstanding the slaughter of many diseased animals, the disease continues to exist. At this time a total of \$5,181.43 has been paid to the owners of diseased horses. This is more than one-fifth of the total bounty available and only five months have elapsed since the bounty law went into effect.

Buff Orpingtons.

We still have several fine pullets and cockerels for sale. First buyers have picking choice at 50c each. Try one for Christmas. Remember eggs are selling at 2 1/2c each. J. M. Young, Upper Chicago Ave.

Meet With Mrs. John Cory.

From Friday's Daily. The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church was entertained by Mrs. John Cory in the parlors of the Perkins house yesterday afternoon in a very charming manner. The early hours of the afternoon were devoted to their regular business session, during which time the total receipts of the bazaar, which the ladies held recently, were figured up and other matters of importance transacted. There was a good attendance, there being some fifty-five in number present, and all had a most enjoyable time. After the business session the remaining hours were very pleasantly spent in conversation and other amusements, and at which time an elegant luncheon, consisting of oyster stew, pickles, coffee, cake and the like, were served.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A TRAVELING SALESMAN

Arrived at the Home of August Gorder, Quite Ill, on Wednesday Evening.

From Friday's Daily. Floras Bartlett, traveling salesman for the Westfield (Mass.) Whip company, who has been making Plattsmouth for the past twenty years, died at the home of August Gorder at 10:30 Thursday night. Mr. Bartlett came to Plattsmouth from Nebraska City Wednesday night, and was very ill when he arrived, and, as he had frequently visited at the home of Mr. Gorder during the past seven or eight years, he went there from the M. P. station. He had been a sufferer from diabetes for a number of years and had dieted himself for that trouble, and would not consent for Mr. Gorder to call a physician until Thursday noon.

The condition of the patient grew rapidly worse until the end came last night. The deceased was a widower, his wife having died about thirty years ago, and while his home has been Westfield, Mass., all those years, yet he has traveled in the west nearly all of the time, making it back east about once a year. He has no children, but leaves a brother at Lewiston, Me., who was notified by wire of the death of Mr. Bartlett, and Mr. Gorder is awaiting instructions as to what disposition to make of the remains, but the presumption is that the body will be sent to Massachusetts for interment.

Mr. Gorder received a reply to his message, sent last night to Silas Bartlett, the brother, at Lewiston, Me. The message reached Mr. Gorder about 10 o'clock this morning and requested that the remains be embalmed and kept until he could arrive. The brother of the deceased left Lewiston for Plattsmouth this morning, and will arrive here Sunday night or Monday morning. The deceased salesman was a man in comfortable circumstances, and his brother is a retired business man and president of the Eastern Poultry association.

Entertained Friends.

From Friday's Daily. Eddie McCullough entertained a number of friends (young ladies and gentlemen) at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zuckweiler last night. Music, both vocal and instrumental, games and charades charmed away care until a late hour. Appetizing refreshments were served during the evening, and a royal good time was enjoyed by all present. Mr. and Mrs. Zuckweiler and Eddie were voted the finest of entertainers, and the company regretted the arrival of the time for departure and vowed they would return on the slightest provocation.

Those present were: Misses Della Everetts, Amy Mullis, Edith Miller, Fannie Will, Celia Taylor, Hannah Burggren, Mollie Godwin, Anna Wolfarth, Alleen Rennie; Messrs. Don Seivers, Ratio Taylor, James Rebal, Elace Phibus, Tom Stokes, Charles Ault, Otto and Henry Lutz and Walter Moore.

Forest Rose Flour. The next time you need a sack of flour try a sack. You will find it the best on the market.

JOHN MURRAY, FORMER PLATTSMOUTH CITIZEN, PASSES AWAY AT STANTON, NEB.

Born and Reared in Cass County—He Was Well Known to Most People of This City, Where at One Time He Was Chief of Police, and By Trade a Carpenter.

From Thursday's Daily.

John Murray, formerly a resident of Plattsmouth, and at one time chief of police of the city, died suddenly at his home at Stanton, Neb., yesterday afternoon and his remains will arrive in this city tomorrow afternoon at 1:12. The deceased was a native of this county, having been born on the old Murray homestead, near Rock Bluffs, fifty years ago last June. After arriving at mature years, while yet a young man, he went to Osawatomie, Kas., where he engaged in the carpenter trade. There he was married on May 28, 1884, to Miss Cora Karnes, daughter of L. H. Karnes and wife, now of this city, who survives him. Of this union three children survive, they being Alvin of this city, George of San Francisco, now in the U. S. navy, and at the government hospital recovering from a severe illness, and Blanche of Omaha. One sister, Mrs. Gertrude Echl, of Omaha, and four brothers, Tom, Henry, Pete and Pude, residing in Kansas survive him.

Mr. Murray has resided at Stanton for the past three or four years, where he had been engaged as a carpenter and builder. About two months ago he received an injury from a fall, two ribs being fractured, but had since recovered and was supposed to be in his usual health until Thursday evening, when he was taken home from his work very sick. The trouble seemed to be with his stomach, and his condition did not improve but instead, he grew worse until death relieved his suffering.

His remains will be taken to the home of his son, Alvin, on their arrival here tomorrow. The funeral will probably be Monday from his son's residence and will be conducted by Rev. W. L. Austin of the Methodist church. The deceased was a member of the Modern Woodmen, in which he carried a policy. He was a good citizen, a kind father and husband and an obliging neighbor and leaves a large circle of relatives and friends who will sincerely mourn his loss.

Death of Old Engineer.

Michael Donnelly, one of the oldest engineers in the employ of the Burlington railroad, and one of the old settlers of the state, died at 6:30 Thursday morning at the family home, 231 North Sixteenth street. He was 60 years old. He was ill less than a week. He was taken with a pain in one of his lungs Saturday evening. On Sunday evening pneumonia developed. Mr. Donnelly was in the employ of the road for forty years. He did not like road work and was given charge of a switch engine. For more than thirty years he was engaged in this work, a good part of his service being performed in the Lincoln yards. He was a familiar figure in the passenger yards, where he was employed for a long time. Mr. Donnelly is declared to have run the engine which pulled the first train to the fair grounds when the Burlington was constructing its extension from Plattsmouth to Lincoln in the early 70's. He is survived by a widow and four children. Funeral arrangements have not been made.—Lincoln Journal.

The deceased, who made his home in this city in early days, was well known to all the older citizens of Plattsmouth.

Will Have Box Social.

School district No. 37, in which Miss Helen Trilley is teaching, will give an enjoyable box social Saturday evening, December 16. There will be an interesting program taken part in by the pupils of the school. The young people of the vicinity cannot afford to miss this event, as Miss Trilley does not do things in a half-way manner, and the program arranged by her will be exceedingly entertaining.

Enjoy Taffy Pull.

From Saturday's Daily. The senior choir of the Methodist church met with Miss Leona Brady last night, she having invited this body of musicians to her home for an evening's recreation. Owing to illness, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wescott could not be present and participate in the social event. The rehearsal was postponed, and the time wholly devoted to mirth and amusement. There were games, guessing contests, with the dedication of Miss Brady's new piano, interspersed. The feature of the evening was a taffy pull, in which each member was required to wash their hands and pull their own taffy and then eat the result. No physician was called and no serious cases of illness reported, but those who were present had one swell, sweet time. Guests of the choir were Jesse Brady and wife and Mrs. John Beeson.

Smash Their Auto.

While returning home from a visit with friends at Plattsmouth Sunday evening, four young Havelock people met with an automobile accident in which the machine was considerably damaged, but fortunately the occupants escaped injury.

The party, composed of Misses Edna and Edith Kroehler, Leon Berry and Charles Chaney, left Havelock quite early in the morning in Mr. Berry's car and motorized to Plattsmouth, where, after spending a few hours with friends, left for home.

When about four miles east of Louisville the light on the machine, which had been burning poorly, was extinguished, and in attempting to cross a bridge the driver became confused in the darkness and ran the car into the abutment of the bridge. The front wheels of the machine were wrecked, but it did not turn over.

Telephone connection with Havelock were secured and W. R. Johnson and his automobile went to the relief of the belated party and brought the young people to town about 11 o'clock.—Havelock Times.

Thirty Years Ago.

In the "Thirty Years Ago" column of the Omaha News of Friday appeared the following interesting item: "The Plattsmouth board of trade entertained at a banquet at the Perkins house. The following Omaha people attended, being transported in the private coach of Superintendent Holdrege of the Burlington & Missouri railroad: Mrs. "Senator" Saunders, Miss Mamie Saunders, Miss May Wood, Miss Jessie Crouse, Miss Burley, Judge E. S. Dundy, Marshall Bierbower, United States Attorney Lamberston, Superintendent Holdrege, J. G. Taylor, W. A. Redick, J. L. Webster, Governor Nance responded to the toast, "The State of Nebraska." Dr. G. L. Miller, George S. Smith, J. L. Webster, Mayor John O'Rourke of Plattsmouth and Dan H. Wheeler, president of the Plattsmouth board of trade, also responded to toasts. The membership of the board of trade was fifty-four.

Governor Nance, spoken of above, and the youngest governor Nebraska ever had, died in Chicago yesterday, in which city he had been a resident for many years.

Hogs Wanted.

I wish to buy a few hogs, weighing not less than 60 pounds. Inquire at the restaurant rear of Donat's saloon. Frank Zetopek.