

DEPUTY STATE FIRE COMMISSIONER CONDEMNS THE CASS COUNTY JAIL

Besides Being a Fire Trap, and Liable to Be Burned Down Most Any Time and Burn Several Prisoners, the Taxpayers Will Be Held Responsible for the Loss of Life.

From Saturday's Daily.

Among other buildings condemned by Assistant Fire Warden John C. Trouten yesterday was the Cass county jail. Mr. Trouten spoke in no uncertain terms regarding the condition of the dilapidated old structure in which the county houses its criminal class. If a fire should break out in the jail there is no doubt but loss of human life would result. There has been times within the last month when from eight to ten people have been confined within its walls, in addition to the keeper of the jail and his family. Should there be a fire, and with demented persons and the hard class of denizens lately incarcerated this may occur at any time, and loss of life result, the county would likely be subjected to large damage suits.

The section of the statute on which Fire Warden Trouten relies for authority for condemning the jail and other properties is as follows: 59850, Sec. 5—(Dangerous Buildings—Nuisances)—Any building or other structure, which for want of proper repair, or by reason of age or dilapidated condition, or for any cause, is especially liable to fire, and which is so situated as to endanger other buildings or property; and any

combustible or explosive material, or inflammable conditions, placed, kept, or existing in or upon any building or premises which is dangerous to the safety of said buildings or property, is hereby deemed and declared to be a nuisance; and any occupant or owner of such building who shall cause, continue or maintain such nuisance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding the sum of \$500.00, and the court shall order said nuisance to be abated. If any such owner, or occupant, shall fail to comply with said order, he shall be prosecuted for maintaining a nuisance, and said nuisance shall be abated.

The taxpayers of the county are taking a great risk in allowing the old shell to be used for the purpose of a jail, as the price of the new structure would be very small compared with the damage that might occur, and for which the county would undoubtedly have to answer should loss of life occur. And now that the old building has been condemned by the state authorities it would seem that a move should be made to build a structure in keeping with the needs of a county having the population and wealth that Cass county possesses.

INVADED THEIR PASTOR'S HOME

Give Him a Great Surprise, While He in Turn Gives Them a Cordial Greeting.

Rev. W. A. Taylor and wife were enjoying the quietude of their own home Tuesday evening, but at 7:30 a noise at the door attracted their attention, and before they realized what was happening about fifty of their co-workers and friends trooped in without even waiting for an invitation, well knowing that they were welcome. The "invaders" came armed with a large supply of provisions of all kinds, which they gave as a testimonial of personal friendship and appreciation of the pastor's service to the church. A few hours were spent very pleasantly and a nice luncheon was an enjoyable feature. Rev. Taylor requests the Ledger to convey to the donors sincere thanks for the honor of the visit, as well as for the valuable gifts, remarking that we couldn't express it too forcibly.

The visitors were: Messrs. and Mesdames William Hobaek, James Niday, W. B. Banning, William Wolfe, Dan Lynn, James Wilson,

Matt McQuin, R. H. Frans, Reese Delaney, W. R. Cross, John Lidgett, Mesdames Barbara A. Taylor, Vest Clark, James Taylor, Rachel Pell, Albert Johnson of Weeping Water, Mary A. Young, Ida Applegate, Steve Taylor, Chas. Woodard, Misses Glee Applegate, Hattie Taylor, Grace Taylor, Lelia Hobaek, Lois Johnson, Hattie Hobaek, Leona Taylor, Lottie Hobaek and Dorothy Delaney; Messrs. J. B. Lidgett, Joe Lidgett, Jr., Palmer Applegate, Chas. Hobaek, John Hobaek, Ray Frans, Ben Frans, and Martin, Alda and Elza Taylor.—Union Ledger.

Mr. Wilnot Released.

From Saturday's Daily.

Mr. Wilnot, the aged blacksmith, who was placed in jail two weeks ago for acting queerly, after eating ayppon weed seed, taken, as he said, for a cold, was released from jail yesterday and left for the home of his daughter at Omaha. Mr. Wilnot was of the opinion that there was no necessity for placing him in the jail, as he would have been all right in a few hours. It is unfortunate that Plattsmouth has no place to send anyone temporarily who is sick except to the corridor of the county jail.

The Journal office carries all kinds of typewriter supplies.

Were Badly Burned.

Mrs. William Henriksen returned from Omaha Thursday evening, where she had been for two weeks nursing her sister, Mrs. Robert Melvin and daughter, who were badly burned several days ago from an explosion of a coal-oil can. The explosion occurred while Mrs. Melvin was lighting a fire by pouring oil out of the can. Her husband and daughter heard the noise of the explosion and Mrs. Melvin's screams and hurried to her assistance. They found her enveloped in flames and both the husband and daughter had their hands badly burned in trying to extinguish the blaze. Mrs. Melvin was in a critical condition for several days and her sister, Mrs. Henriksen, went to her bedside at once.

ENGINEER WHITTAKER RECEIVES PROMOTION

Named to Succeed J. E. Johnson on Burlington's Omaha Division.

Engineer F. R. Whittaker, who has been in the Burlington freight service for years, has been named to succeed J. E. Johnson as road foreman of equipment on the Omaha division. The appointment, effective January 1, was announced yesterday by Superintendent of Motive Power T. Roope. Mr. Whittaker has recently been employed in the local freight service on trains No. 29 and 30, running to Plattsmouth. J. E. Johnson was recently made trainmaster of the McCook division.—Lincoln Journal.

Mr. Whittaker and family have been residents of Plattsmouth for some time and have made many warm personal friends, who will regret it if this promotion will necessitate the removal of this excellent family from our city. And at the same time they congratulate Mr. Whittaker upon this most worthy advancement.

Bankers as Fire Wardens.

State Fire Warden Randall has written a letter to bankers asking them to co-operate with him in preventing loss of property by fire. The letter says: "If one of your customers has an old, dilapidated building, if it is worth repairing, advise him to repair it and put it in a safe condition; if it is not worth repairing advise him to tear it down so that it will not jeopardize his other buildings and the buildings of his neighbors. If he is permitting rubbish and paper and other inflammable material to accumulate in and around his buildings, inform him of the dangers that lurk in the rubbish pile and advise him not to permit it to accumulate. If he is emptying his ashes on the streets and alleys or piling them up against buildings or storing them in a dangerous manner, advise him to get a tight metal can to put them in. If he is selling or using gasoline, caution him against the careless storing and handling of it."

Held Without Bail.

From Saturday's Daily.

The preliminary hearing of the complaint against Henry Burrows for the wilful and premeditated murder of William A. Sayles, in this county on last Sunday afternoon, was had in Judge Beeson's court this morning. The accused man met W. A. Robertson in the county court room and arrangements were made for his defense. Burrows waived his preliminary hearing and there was nothing to do but remand him to the custody of the sheriff until the court meets January 22, when Burrows will have a trial, unless he changes his plea of not guilty to guilty. He has confessed his guilt to the sheriff and to others, and just what has induced him to plead as he did is not apparent.

Joseph Sinnott Improving.

Joseph Sinnott, an employe of the Burlington in the steel car shop, who has been laying off for almost a month with blood poison, is improving. The trouble was brought on by a slight scratch on his arm from a rusty angle iron. At first the scratch was given little attention and infection set in, which has knocked Joseph out of work ever since. He and his wife were passengers to Omaha on the morning train today to spend the day with friends.

Herman Kijetch, the Weeping Water flour manufacturer, was in the city Thursday and Friday, departing for his home via Louisville Friday afternoon.

Thank You!

For your patronage the past year, and hoping you will favor us with the same this coming year. We wish A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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BURLINGTON CASUALTY REPORT FOR THE YEAR

Thirty-nine Persons Killed on Lines in Nebraska During 1911, as Against 57 in 1910.

An amended report to the 1911 annual report of the Burlington railroad has been filed with the state railway commission, the added figures giving the number of deaths which occurred on its lines in this state for the year ending June 30, 1911. When the annual report first came in the figures in this table were lacking, the result of the Indiana wreck, which occurred May 29, not being listed. The commission in consequence was forced to call upon the officials for corrected figures in this table before the report could be filed as complete for the year.

The report shows that during the year there were eight trainmen killed and 343 injured on the Burlington lines in this state. This was out of an average of 1,702 men which were employed daily on the various lines. There were no shopmen killed, but two were injured during the year, out of an average of 2,941 men employed daily in that line of work. There were three trackmen killed and thirteen injured during the year out of an average of 3,321 men employed on the Burlington tracks every day of the year. Of other employes there were two killed and nineteen injured during the year out of an average daily employed list numbering 2,367 men. Of the total number of 10,869 men employed on the road for each working day of the year, there were fourteen men killed and 349 injured. In 1910 in the same classes the annual report of the road shows that there were twenty-four employes killed in the same period of time and 178 injured.

The 1911 report also shows that during the year there were six passengers killed and seventy-five injured, two postal clerks killed and nine injured, and sixteen other persons killed and fifty-seven injured, a total of twenty-four killed and 141 persons injured other than the employes. The grand total for the year shows that there were thirty-nine employes, passengers and other persons killed during the year and 1,445 persons injured on the various Burlington lines of the state. In 1910 the grand total amounted to fifty-seven killed and 1,251 injured.

During the year the Burlington paid out on account of the injuries or death of employes the sum of \$98,567, while for the death or injuries of passengers the total amount was \$29,851. For the in-

jury or death, of all other persons, there was a loss of \$26,517 paid to the victims or their beneficiaries.

Louis Oltinat an Editor.

A special from Nebraska City under date of December 29, says: "The Staats-Zeitung, the German weekly newspaper which was recently sold at public auction, after a precarious existence, has been bought by George Maurer, a tailor of this city, and will be conducted by him in the future. Louis Oltinat, a decorator, who is one of the prime movers in the German-Alliance organization, is announced as the new editor of the paper."

Louis Oltinat resided in Plattsmouth for a number of years, and his numerous friends here join the Journal in extending congratulations upon his elevation to the editorial chair and wish him all kinds of prosperity.

Spends Day in Plattsmouth.

From Saturday's Daily.

A. L. Etheridge of Pleasantville, Iowa, for eleven years a resident of Plattsmouth, alighted from No. 15 this morning and spent the day with his sister, Mrs. S. E. McElwain and son, Mr. Etheridge left on the Schuyler for Greenwood, where he will spend the New Year holiday with relatives. Mr. Etheridge came to Plattsmouth with his parents when he was 4 years old, and after living here for eleven years they removed to Greenwood. Later he went to Iowa, where he has lived since.

Fair Warning!

In company with Councilman Neuman and Fire Chief Manners, Deputy State Fire Commissioner John C. Trouten visited a number of places while in the city that proved to be the worst kind of fire traps. Notice will be sent to these property owners of the danger and asking them to tear down and erect more fire-proof buildings, and it is expected that these people will comply with the state law in reference to such matters. The deputy fire commissioner desires the Journal to give all parties fair warning.

Miss Florence McElroy, who has been spending the Christmas season with her father and sister, returned to Lincoln yesterday afternoon. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Genevieve.

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J. S. Howard Here.

J. S. Howard of Benedict, Neb., a prominent farmer of York county, has been a guest of his nephew, Roy Howard, for a couple of days, departing for his home this morning. Mr. Howard had never paid Roy a visit before, and took this opportunity to do so. He reports the crop in York county last season as very good and spoke highly of that county as an agricultural county. Mr. Howard was also pleased to find his nephew very prosperous, he having raised a fine corn crop in a dry season.

Dr. Walker Visits the City.

From Saturday's Daily.

Dr. W. C. Walker and wife of Chicago, who have been guests of Mrs. R. H. Patton and family, Mrs. Walker's sister, will depart for their home tomorrow. Dr. Walker and Mr. Patton went to Lincoln today on business, and returning Mrs. Walker will meet them in Omaha, to return to Chicago, where Mr. Patton will take his son, Roy, for treatment at a Chicago hospital. It is thought he will receive much better care than at present.

Roy McKinney in Town.

From Saturday's Daily.

Roy McKinney, formerly clerk at the Riley hotel of this city, came in from his home at Lincoln this morning and spent the day in shaking hands with his friends. Roy is on the road for the Arbuckle coffee people, with the west half of the state as his territory.

D. B. Smith transacted business in the metropolis this morning, going on the early train.

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