

The Avoca Department

News Items Gathered Each Week by a Special Reporter for This Department of the Semi-Weekly Journal

For that cough use A. D. S. cough syrup.

Clyde Graham was here several days this week.

W. H. Betts, jr., was at Omaha Tuesday with cattle.

Clyde Jenkins was down from Manley Tuesday evening.

Theron Malcolm and wife visited relatives at Cook last week.

William Wulf was visiting relatives near Nehawka last week.

John Bogard returned Tuesday from a visit with Iowa relatives.

E. Nutzman, sr., was a Nehawka business visitor Tuesday.

Matthias Meyers has been under a doctor's care for the past week.

Orlando Tefft was a north-bound passenger Tuesday morning.

Miss Lola Malcolm of Tangeman visited Miss May Bogard over Sunday.

Miss Marie Sealbloom of Stockton, Kas., is visiting friends in Cass county.

Pete Jorgensen was on the Omaha market Wednesday with a car of cattle.

The two "Johns"—Schmidt and Busch—are all smiles on account of the cold weather.

Joseph Secat has purchased the seventeen-acre farm of George Westlake, north of town.

Miss Emma Marquardt left last week for Brady, Neb., where she will teach in the schools.

Mrs. Roy Combs of Lincoln visited her sister, Mrs. Ora E. Copes, a few days last week.

Prof. Brannigan froze one of his ears last Sunday evening while driving over from Weeping Water.

Mr. and Mrs. John Weaver and little daughter, of Washington are visiting at the W. A. Hollenberger home, Mrs. Hollenberger and Mrs. Weaver are sisters.

A card from Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rowland to friends in Avoca states that they are living in tents at Center Point, Texas, on account of Mrs. Rowland's health.

Peter Jorgensen has purchased one of the stock yards at Weeping Water and is now prepared to buy hogs and cattle. Mr. Jorgensen has placed I. N. Hunter in charge of the same.

Eugene Spencer and son, Bernard, left Monday for their home at Huntley, Neb. Mrs. Spencer and baby will stay until she is able to travel, having been sick

for nearly two weeks.

Miss Pearl Harmon, the accommodating lady clerk at Ruhge & Gillen's, was unable to attend to her duties at the store Tuesday on account of coming suddenly in contact with the edge of the lid to a dried fruit bin, making some ugly abrasions on her forehead and lip.

The 500 club was entertained at the home of Mr. Tefft last Monday evening, and in spite of the cold, all members reported present. A very delightful evening was spent. Light refreshments were served. B. C. Marquardt's luck deserted him and he was credited with one lonesome game.

Mrs. O. E. Copes entertained the R. N. A. Kensington last Friday afternoon, but it was so cold that only two of the ladies brought their work. Those present were: Mesdames Robert Nickle, Marsh Wollen, Gus Ruhge, Louis Ruhge, jr., Chas. Jacobsen, Henry Behrus, W. A. Hollenberger, James Dunbar. Refreshments, consisting of sandwiches, salad, pickles, coffee, nabiscoes and mints, were served.

CLAUDE GRAHAME-WHITE.

English Aviator Who Will Give No More Flying Exhibitions.



Photo by American Press Association.

GRAHAME-WHITE TO QUIT

Will Cease Flying and Will Make Flying Machines.

New York, Jan. 11.—Claude Grahame-White, the English aviator, will give up exhibition flying and devote his time to the manufacture of aeroplanes. He has bought a license of the Wright brothers and is now free to fly and sell machines.

FARMERS ADVISED TO BUY AT HOME

Co-operation is Keynote of Conference at Omaha.

Omaha, Jan. 11.—"Co-operation" and "home patronage" were the keynotes of the first session at the Rome of the joint convention of the Nebraska Farmers' congress, the Nebraska rural life commission and the Farmers' Grain and Live Stock State association.

Something over 200 men attended the opening meetings. The convention will continue to Saturday noon.

O. G. Smith of Kearney, president of the Farmers' Cooperative Grain and Live Stock State association, presided.

David Coe, president of the Commercial club, gave the delegates two surprises in his welcome on behalf of the club, first by calling them thieves and second, by telling them not to send their money to Omaha to buy goods, but to buy in their home town.

"I have seen Nebraska land advance in price from \$10 to \$125 an acre," he said, "but it produces now less than it did at first, for you have kept raising corn year after year, impoverishing your soil. You have violated the commandment, 'Thou shalt not steal.' Crop rotation should be practiced.

"When you want to spend a dollar for something, don't send it to Omaha. Buy from your home merchant. Home trade will build up your town and the better your town is the greater will be the value of your property when you come to sell it."

BETTER GROWERS SATISFIED

Kinkaid Presents Sworn Statement From Scottbluff Club Head.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Representative Kinkaid appeared before the sugar trust investigating committee and laid before Chairman Hardwick a sworn statement sent to him by C. A. Morrill, president of the Scottbluff Commercial club, regarding conditions of the sugar beet industry in the North Platte valley.

The point made by the statement which was offered to controvert former testimony in which the Scottbluff people objected, is that the sugar beet growers are treated fairly by factories handling their product and that they consider them as very beneficial and profitable institutions of the community.

Parker Expedition Ready to Start.

New York, Jan. 11.—With the summit of Mount McKinley as its goal, an expedition, headed by Professor Horschel C. Parker, will leave New York within the next few days. The expedition will have as its station for supplies a trading post on the Sustina river, 150 miles from the mountain.

Cowell Offered Omaha Postmastership.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Robert Cowell now has the acceptance of the Omaha postmastership before him. He has been tendered the appointment by Senator Brown, who is supported in his choice by Postmaster General Hitchcock.

R. O. Richards Announces Candidacy.

Centerville, S. D., Jan. 11.—Richard Olsen Richards at a public meeting held here announced himself a progressive candidate for United States senator in the Republican primary to be held next June.

A NARROW ESCAPE FROM BEING BURNED TO DEATH TUESDAY

H. N. Isbell Experiences a Close Call From the Overturning of His Mail Wagon and Horses Run a Considerable Distance With the Overturned Vehicle and Hot Stove.

N. H. Isbell, rural carrier on Route No. 4 out of Plattsmouth, met with an accident Tuesday while making his rounds which he will not want repeated, as he had a very close call for his life and narrowly escaped being cremated alive in his mail wagon. Mr. Isbell had reached about the half-way place of his circuit, near which he feeds his team at noon, when his team shied, throwing one side of his wagon upon a bank, overturning it, and the horses ran, dragging the wagon on its side, in which was Mr. Isbell, a hot stove with fire in it, and the mail in the pigeon holes. He could do nothing to stop the team, nor could he get himself in position to open the side door above him.

Mr. Isbell realized his grave peril, and knowing the road thoroughly, anticipated that he would be instantly killed when a certain stump in the road about a quarter of a mile ahead, was reached. When the wagon struck this obstruction it tore the top

away, spilling Mr. Isbell, mail and stove out and scattering them along the route for some distance.

On gathering up the remains of the wreck some of the letters and papers were found to be charred and there is little doubt that had not the stump intervened when it did and knocked the cover off the wagon, flames would have resulted from the charred paper and Mr. Isbell would have been burned to death. As it was, he escaped with numerous bruises, but no serious ones. His team was captured some distance away from the place where Mr. Isbell and the stove were thrown out.

The wagon was so badly wrecked that he cannot use it without considerable repair. Today he secured the wagon of one of the other carriers to make his rounds and will use this until his own wagon is put in shape. Mr. Isbell feels that his escape was a very narrow one, and his position in the wagon with the stove and inflammable material was a most perilous one.

Receives Nice Picture.

Charles Cook reports having received from William Besser of Long Beach, California, a fine family group of Mr. Besser and his wife and son and a fine pair of twin boys. Charles was well pleased with the picture and said the folks all looked natural except the twins.

Not Quite So Well.

Colonel H. C. McMaken, who has been confined to the house for several days with a bad cold and complications incident to his age, has not been quite so well for the past two days and has kept to his bed.

C. J. Taylor and wife of Estevan, Canada, who have been guests of E. C. Hill and family for a few days, departed for Iowa this morning, where they will visit relatives for a time.

THE WEATHER.

The readings below are taken at the Burlington depot, where the thermometer is placed under conditions similar to those used by the United States weather bureau:

Temperatures in Plattsmouth.

8 a. m.	—10	1 p. m.	—10
10 a. m.	—10	2 p. m.	—10

— Indicates below zero.

Forecast.

For Nebraska—Snow Thursday, continued cold. Friday, unsettled.

Byron Reed, from near Rock Bluff, drove in against the biting north wind today and looked after business at the stores. Mr. Reed says that the farmers in his neighborhood put up their ice last week, and secured the finest kind of ice, eighteen to twenty inches thick and clear as could be.

FIRE BOYS HOLD ANOTHER ELECTION

To Select Foremen of Hose Carts and Their Assistants—New Members Taken In.

The members of the fire company had a very interesting meeting Tuesday night at the council chamber. Six new members were voted into the organization and four or five others have applications in the hands of the committee on membership. One of the important matters disposed of was that of the foreman of any hose cart acting as nozzleman and drying hose. As the foreman is the only member of the hose cart company who gets a salary, for him to take hold of the nozzle and prevent a fireman from earning the nozzleman's wages, was considered not right. Accordingly, a motion was made and passed fixing the rule that no foreman is to hold a nozzle or draw pay for drying hose.

In the selection of officers for the different hose cart companies there was almost a complete change in all of the companies. Following is a list of the officers elected: White hose cart, W. H. Mason, foreman; Ray Henry, assistant foreman; Paul Wolfarth, captain; red hose cart, P. H. Kinnannon, foreman; Henry Lahoda, assistant foreman; Gus Carlson, captain; Wideawake cart, S. N. Gochenour, foreman; William Mendenhall, assistant foreman; Frank Koubek, captain; West Main street cart, A. D. Standley, foreman; Joe Kanka, assistant foreman; Ed Kruger, captain; hook and ladder wagon, A. F. Braun, foreman; C. P. Richards, assistant foreman.

Successful Hunters.

Ed Barker, junior member of the sporting firm of Streight & Barker, was called to Omaha on business for the firm this morning. Mr. Barker was quite jubilant over the results of their last duck hunt "up north," from which the firm had just returned. "The mush ice is a great place to kill ducks," said Mr. Barker, and if the thermometer had not got so busy they would have done much better. The firm starts south next week in quest of mud-hens, and if the cold wave does not beat them to it, a successful campaign is anticipated.

Observe Week of Prayer.

At the Methodist church the week of prayer is being observed and good congregations meet each night in the parlors of the church and will meet Thursday and Friday nights. Everybody is invited. Rev. Austin is progressive in church work, and as this week is being observed by all churches everywhere, he has not allowed the frigid weather to interfere with his arrangements for the week of prayer.

New Barber at the Riley.

Floyd Smith, a genial young gentleman of Aurora, Neb., has accepted a position with Perry Thackston at the Riley barber shop and will be found at his post at all times. He is a skilled workman in his line and those patronizing the shop will be pleased with his work. Mr. Smith will bring his wife to Plattsmouth as soon as a suitable house can be rented.

Saturday night, January 27th, is the date of the dance to be given by the Burlington Band, and Coates' hall is the place. Everybody invited to come. A good time is assured.

All Trains Late Today.

On account of a wreck of a freight on the Burlington main line between Waverly and Greenwood, No. 6, due at 7:56 a. m. from the west, arrived four hours behind time. No. 4 was made up in Omaha and arrived half an hour behind the schedule time. A derailment east caused No. 1, due shortly after 6 a. m., to be six hours late. The Rock Bluff special, which is famous for being on the dot, was ten minutes late today. One man said it was due to a frosted rail, while another thought it was because John Wynn had to push.

J. B. Cotner in Town.

J. B. Cotner, a former Cass county citizen, arrived last night on No. 2 to visit his sons, Lee and John, and their families. Mr. Cotner met with a serious accident last May, in which his leg was broken, and he is now just beginning to get around with comfort. Mr. Cotner is 78 years of age and for a man of his years has remarkable vitality and recovered nicely from his injury.

Lives Plattsmouth Laundry.

George Ballance of Lincoln, on January 10 wrote F. E. Pierson of the Neilson laundry of this city that he had compared the work of the Plattsmouth laundry with the same kind of work he had done in Lincoln and that the work done in Plattsmouth is just as good as the Lincoln laundries can do.

A health man is a king in his own right; an unhealthy man is an unhappy slave. Burdock Blood Bitters builds up sound health—keeps you well.

Mrs. H. E. Becker is spending the week in the city, a guest of Mrs. John Bauer and family.

Semi-Annual Clearance Sale

Time, tide and opportunity wait for no man; you know it; you never had an opportunity wait for you; this one won't. If clothes quality is what you want, here's your chance to get the best, and save from 25 to 50 per cent of the regular price. Finer goods you never saw; and such prices for them were unheard of before:

\$10 buys Suits or Overcoats which sold at \$15 and \$16.50

\$14 buys Suits or Overcoats, which sold for \$18, \$20 and \$22.50

\$18 buys Suits and Overcoats which sold for \$25, \$27.50 and \$30



Station Hats

Manhattan Shirts

A Few Pay-Day Specials During Our

1/2-Price Sale!-1/2

- New Sweater Coats at 39c
- Men's Fleece Lined Underwear 38c
- " Flannel Shirts 90c
- " Men's Wool Pants \$1.85
- " Fine Jersey Shirts 43c
- Children's all-wool Bradley Sweaters 39c
- Ladies' Wool Sweaters sold at any price in order to close them out.

As we do not care to carry over any of our Winter stock we are going to offer these goods at the lowest possible price during this sale.

Knit Goods, Sheep lines Coats, Hats, Caps, Underwear, Men's, Ladies' and Children's Shoes, Overshoes and Rubbers, must be closed out during the month of January.

We are also carrying a large line of Suit Cases, Valises and Trunks.

Come in and let us show you our numerous lines of goods and prices that we are making on them.

FANGER'S Department Store

V. ZUCKER, Manager

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