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AN IMPORTANT EVENT OF THIRTY YEARS AGO

The Killing of F. J. Meeteer by John R. Polin Remembered, No Doubt, by All Old Residents.

From Tuesday's Daily.

In the State Journal of yesterday we note the mention, in their thirty years' ago items, of an event that is quite familiar to the older residents of the city, and which created a great deal of excitement at the time, that of the shooting of F. J. Meeteer by John R. Polin, at that time owner of a restaurant, located in a frame building standing where the M. E. Smith factory is now located. The shooting occurred on Saturday morning, October 7, 1882. Polin called Meeteer, who was passing by, into his restaurant, and after a short argument, pulled a revolver and shot Meeteer in the head, inflicting a wound from which Meeteer died that same evening.

The trouble between the two men had been brewing for some time and was caused by certain relations that Meeteer was supposed to have had with a member of Polin's family. The case was tried at the fall term of the district court, which was held in what was then called Fitzgerald hall, now known as Coates' hall. The state was represented by the district attorney, Hon. John C. Watson, of Nebraska City, while Polin was represented by A. N. Sullivan, Allen Beeson and Edwin H. Wooley; the judges of the district court was Stephen B. Pound of Lincoln.

The trial attracted a great amount of attention, and the feeling in the matter was quite strong in the community, as both parties had numerous friends. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty and the prisoner was sentenced to death, but the sentence was suspended until the supreme court passed on the application for a new trial. The case was affirmed by the supreme court in the July term of 1883, and the prisoner again placed under the death sentence.

The friends and attorneys of Polin in this county secured a petition for his pardon, which was signed by almost every person to whom it was presented, and as a result of the display of public sentiment in favor of the prisoner, he was granted an unconditional pardon from the governor of the state. John R. Polin had many friends in Cass county and there was strong sympathy for him among the people. Many thought that under the facts shown by the testimony Polin was justified in taking the life of Meeteer, and the securing of the petition for pardon was an easy matter.

Mr. Polin later removed to Oklahoma, where he is one of the most highly respected citizens in the community in which he resides. Of the legal talent in the case, there are living only one, Hon. John C. Watson. Judge Pound, who tried the case in the district court; Judge Lake, who wrote the opinion in the supreme court, and Attorneys Sullivan, Beeson and Wooley, have all passed away from the scene of the crime in which they played so important a part.

CADE RODGERS OF CALIFORNIA IN TOWN

From Tuesday's Daily.

Cade Rodgers, well known to the older residents of this city, and one of the pioneers in this locality, dropped in last evening from California and visited for a few hours with his friends in this city. Mr. Rodgers is a resident of the Soldiers' Home in California and is en route for Glenwood, Iowa, where he will visit friends. Mr. Rodgers is quite crippled up, but otherwise has the appearance of a man much younger than he really is.

Typewriter supplies, such as paper, carbon, ribbons, oils and brushes, at the Journal office.

Another Social Dance.

The Cosmopolitan club has announced another of their pleasant social dances for the evening of Saturday, October 19. The M. W. A. orchestra will furnish the music for the dance. The hall will be given in Coates' hall. Remember the date, Saturday, October 19th.

D. O. DWYER OPPOSED TO THE PURCHASE OF SMALL BODY OF LAND

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Lincoln Journal says: D. O. Dwyer of Plattsmouth of the board of trustees having control of the state school for the deaf at Omaha, called Monday on members of the board of public lands and buildings and informed them that he did not desire the state officers to buy fifteen acres of land adjacent to the school for \$12,500 or for any other sum. He is opposed to the purchase, but says if it is desired to teach agriculture to deaf he is in favor of buying a quarter section of land somewhere in the country and attempting to make the institution as near self-supporting as possible by raising produce for use in the school. The other two members of the board of trustees have not expressed their views, but a meeting may soon be held for consideration of the subject. Mr. Dwyer is of the opinion that the fifteen acres offered to the state is not fit for gardening or for building purposes because of its roughness. One high point in the tract might do for a building site. It is on this site that Dr. Booth, superintendent of the school, desires to erect a new building.

TWO THOUSAND CARS OF APPLS IN SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA

From Tuesday's Daily.

L. O. Murdock, chief train dispatcher of the Burlington on the Wymore division, said in Lincoln Monday that the company would load 2,000 cars with apples this year on the 850 miles under the jurisdiction of his superintendency. Nearly all of these cars will be loaded east of Pawnee City. At the single station of Shubert 310 cars were loaded two years ago. A new apple loading side track has been put in there to accommodate the business this year. In some other places, notably Brownville, the number of cars sent out promises to be fully up to the capacity of the loading tracks. Most of the apples sent out from the southeastern corner of Nebraska go northwest, north and northeast. The Dakotas are the destination of a good many trainloads. Some of the fruit is sent to the nearby cities to go into cold storage.

SOLDIERS CREATE A DISTURBANCE AND ARE FINED

Last evening there of the soldiers who were in town concluded to celebrate and stationed themselves on lower Main street, stopping people who came along and otherwise making themselves very annoying. They stopped Frank Miller, a young lad who came along, and on his refusal to furnish them amusement, they proceeded to strike the boy several times and it was necessary for bystanders to interfere to save the boy from receiving a severe beating. When the police arrived they quieted the rioting and the soldiers were taken to the county jail, where they were kept until the arrival of officers from the rifle range, who took them back to camp to punish them. There is quite a heavy penalty attached to this and it will require a heavy fine to settle the matter with the military authorities. Such affairs as these are to be regretted, as heretofore the soldiers have conducted themselves in a very orderly manner, but the city authorities must take these steps to protect the citizens of the city.

"THE GIRL FROM LARAMIE" AT THE PARMELE

An Excellent Play, Rendered by One of the Best Companies in the Business.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Reynolds & Ross Stock company opened their three nights' engagement at the Parmele last evening with a most pleasing western comedy drama, "The Girl From Laramie," and the entire company gave a most delightful performance. Miss Mae Harding, who played the part of Robin Wetherford, a winsome little western girl, was charming in the role and brought with her acting the life of the great west in contrast with the cold English society life.

Henry Weatherford, as portrayed by G. E. Reynolds, was a most perfect type of the rapidly vanishing frontiersman, and brought a great deal of laughter by his clever comedy. Miss Bonnie Bernard and Justin McNabb, as Lady Violet Beauchamp and Sir Blakosley Beresford, were realistic types of the hard-pressed English society set, and were very clever in their respective roles. As the young American engineer, Archie Wintrop, Cleveland Bronner, the leading man, was a most delightful actor and was especially strong in the love scene with the little American girl. The whole show was very pleasing and the company deserves a good house during the rest of their stay here, as they are one of the best popular price stock companies on the road.

The new improvements that the owners of the theater have made on the building adds greatly to the comfort of the patrons and makes the theater one of the handsomest in the state. The company should be greeted by a large audience tonight and tomorrow night, as they truly deserve a good patronage.

V. F. WEST LOOKING AFTER INTERESTS OF HIS FATHER

From Tuesday's Daily.

V. F. West, son of George F. West, president of the Plattsmouth Water company, arrived in Plattsmouth yesterday for a few days' visit with J. W. Burnie, resident manager of the company. This is the first visit of the junior Mr. West to our city. He is interested and looks after a great deal of the business of the company in the east, his father being interested in numerous water companies, there is no small amount of business connected with the home office. After a brief visit in this city Mr. West goes west into Colorado, where business demands his attention. He will return home via Kansas City and southern Missouri, where they are interested in business of the same nature. The Journal was favored with a brief call from him this morning, in company with Mr. Burnie, and we found him to be an excellent gentleman, indeed.

Judge Travis Ill.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The many friends of Judge H. D. Travis will regret to learn that he is confined to his home in this city at the present time and is quite ill and unable to transact business. For some time the Judge has suffered from hay fever, and he has not really seen a well day since, but has managed to transact his official duties. While there are no indications that Judge Travis' illness will prove serious, it is hoped with a few days' confinement and care he will be restored to his usual health.

Banquet on Tap.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Young Men's Bible Class of the Methodist church is making arrangements to hold their second annual banquet and will be able in a few days to announce the exact date of the "feed." The banquet last year was such a delightful affair, both socially and intelligently, and the attendance taxed the seating capacity of the banquet room of the church.

First of Assemblies.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mrs. Everett Eaton gave the first of her series of dancing assemblies Saturday evening at the M. W. A. hall, on Sixth street. There was a large number of young people present and a most enjoyable time was had by the dancers until the midnight hour. Mrs. Eaton is a splendid entertainer and always makes her guests have a delightful time, and no doubt these assemblies will become very popular during the winter months.

CITY SCHOOLS ARE PROSPERING NICELY

Patrons Should Feel Proud That the City Schools Are Under Such Able Management.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The board of education met last night at the Plattsmouth State bank in regular monthly meeting. Aside from the allowance of bills, which amounted to about \$500, they ordered turning poles and swings installed on the Central school grounds and listened to an extended written report by superintendent Abbott.

The board granted the use of the High school, as recommended by the superintendent, for the art exhibit and the senior entertainment. The matter of attendance by the teachers on the State Teachers' association was laid over till the next meeting of the board. Meanwhile instructions were given that the wishes of the teachers in that regard be ascertained. The board agrees with the superintendent that the association is a valuable affair, but regrets exceedingly that school must be discontinued for two days in November if teachers are to attend. The usual Thanksgiving recess was ordered.

The report of the superintendent was filled with many important and interesting facts, among which was that showing the enrollment of the school for the first month as follows: Enrolled first day, boys, 113; girls, 176; total, 289. Enrolled to date, boys, 134; girls, 185; total, 319. Aggregate attendance, boys, 8,079 days; girls, 9,406 days; total, 17,485 days.

The receipts of the schools from tuition and other sources are very satisfactory and indicates that the total will be larger than last year, when the receipts showed a total of \$1,495. The estimate for the present year is: Non-residents, \$1,215; normal training, \$350; superintendent's collections, \$100; total, \$1,665.

The Plattsmouth schools are growing better year by year and it is a source of great pleasure to the patrons of the schools that they have such an able and infatigable worker as Superintendent Abbott at the head of the schools of the city, as he is constantly on the outlook for anything and everything that will aid in the advancement of the schools.

W. C. T. U. Social Meeting.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. held their social meeting yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. E. Kerr, on West Pearl street. This meeting was very largely attended by the members and friends of this organization and was in the nature of a musicale, a very pleasing program of instrumental and vocal selections, interspersed with readings and recitations, being rendered. Those participating in this program and assisting in making it such an excellent one were: Mesdames George Dodge, Mattie Phebus, L. A. Moore and Ida Campbell. A discussion as to how the Temple fund would be paid off was held, after which plans and arrangements were made for the matrons' contest, which the ladies will hold next week. The flower for the occasion was the pansy, and there was a world of them. Delicious refreshments were served and a little later the ladies dispersed, distributing bunches of pansies to the sick and shut-in on their way home.

D. M. JONES FORMER CITIZEN PASSES AWAY

A Resident of Plattsmouth for Thirty Years, Where He Could Count Friends by the Score.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The Journal was greatly shocked and grieved this morning to receive a telegram announcing the death of our old friend, D. M. Jones, at the home of his sister in Franklin, Indiana, last evening at 8:30. Mr. Jones had been a sufferer from that dread disease, consumption, for several years, and his recovery had been despaired of by the physicians for some time.

D. M. Jones was a resident of this city for over thirty years, and during that time made many warm friends, who will learn with deep regret that their old friend is no more. During the time Mr. Jones was in this city he was engaged in the brick contracting business, and in his dealings with his fellow men was the soul of honor and integrity. After the death of his wife, several years ago, he traveled quite extensively, finally deciding to make his home with his sister at Franklin, Indiana, where he continued to reside until his death.

Mr. Jones was a man hard to become acquainted with, but to those who enjoyed his friendship he was true as the day is long, and no task was too difficult for him to perform for those he held in the circle of his friends, and it was with regret that his acquaintances saw him leave this city to find a home in the east, and little did they imagine at that time that the parting was destined for all time. Peace to his ashes and may his awakening be in the glories of the endless day.

HARRY COOLIDGE DIES IN LEAD, SOUTH DAKOTA

From Wednesday's Daily.

Harry Coolidge, for many years a resident of this city, died Tuesday evening at his home in Lead, S. D., as the result of a stroke of apoplexy. The death came as a great shock to the friends of the family in this city, Mr. William Ballance receiving the telegram conveying the sad news yesterday. Mr. Coolidge while a resident of this city was employed in the Burlington tin shop, and has many friends and acquaintances among the shop employes. He removed to Lead about twenty years ago and has been engaged in the hardware business in that city since that time. The funeral will be held tomorrow at Lead. Mr. Coolidge was married in this city to Miss Lizzie Newell, daughter of Richard Newell, and she, with several children, survive him. Mr. Coolidge also has two brothers, Will Coolidge of Rosalie, Neb., and Joe of Omaha, all of whom are former residents of this city. There are a number of other relatives residing in Glenwood, Iowa.

THE KRAFT COMPANY QUIT CLOTHING BUSINESS

From the Glenwood Opinion we note that the Kraft Clothing company of that city are going to quit the clothing business and will close out all their stores in the numerous Iowa towns. At the time this firm bought the F. J. Morgan stock in this city and for a number of years thereafter they were operating something like ten or twelve stores in Iowa. All these stores will be closed out and it is their intention of operating a chain of 5 and 10-cent stores over the country. It is claimed that the company will embark into the 5 and 10-cent business on a large scale and establish stores in many towns in both Iowa and Illinois.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of October, 1912.
THOM. WALLING,
Notary Public.

THE ADVANTAGE OF A FARMER'S LIFE

When Trouble Comes and Business is Paralyzed the Farmer is the Last One to Feel It.

From Wednesday's Daily.

There is a time coming—and it is not very far away—when, unless the drift from the farm to the city is checked, there will be trouble for the city dweller. The high price of food when delivered in the home means a constant demand for higher wages; and every demand for higher wages, whether the result of a strike or not, means an advance in the cost of living, and this creates a demand for still higher wages; and so on until something happens which will not be pleasant, says Wallace's Farmer.

Has the farmer ever stopped to consider the advantage he enjoys when something does happen, say a panic, a short crop, or a period of depression? Let us think it over. The laborer in the city must pay house rent. It is either pay the rent or move out, and to get another house he must pay a month's rent in advance. The house rent of the tenant farmer is included in the rent of the farm. (Even the farm owner fails to figure house rent as part of the income for which the farm should be credited. The city man must live out of the store and the market. The farmer lives largely out of his garden, his orchard, his poultry yard, his cow stable and his hog pen. It is the failure to realize the difference between living off the farm and living out of the store, that lures many farmers to retirement long before they need to retire. The farmer during hard times can put off buying many things until he actually has the money. Not being obliged to dress as well as does the townsman, he can make the old overcoat last another year. His wife can wait another year for the new carpet or piano. With some repairs, the old plow will last another year, and the harness likewise. All this may be unpleasant, but it is not so unpleasant as to be out of a job, or to be refused credit, or to worry over where the house rent is to come from, or the taxes.

As long as farmers are spending freely times will be good, but when farmers take to saving or economizing, it is not long before there is big, black trouble in the store, the shop and the factory. Farming has its dark side as well as its bright; but when trouble comes and business is paralyzed, the farm, whether it be owned or rented, is the most secure haven that can be found. If the farmer could look at things a while from the standpoint of the townsman, he would be much more contented with his lot; and if the townsman realized the advantages of the farm in times of trouble, he would be even more anxious than he is to share in those advantages.

Sweater Found.

A large size gentleman's sweater found on the road between my home and Murray. The owner may have same by calling at my home and paying for this advertisement.
Wm. Oliver.