

The Plattsmouth Journal.

ANOTHER FINE COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING

Many Important Matters Discussed, Including Good Roads and Weekly Band Concerts.

From Friday's Daily. There was a very fair attendance last evening at the meeting of the Commercial club, a number of the faithful braving the warm weather and attending the session of this live organization. There were a number of very vital and interesting questions discussed by the members, and it was near 10 o'clock before the meeting adjourned and the members wended their way homeward.

The committee which had been out looking after the securing of the necessary funds for the band concerts reported, through H. F. Goos, that they had succeeded in getting \$285 on their list, and there was quite a number to visit yet. The committee has, during their trip over the business section, found a few who have been insistent that the band concerts be held on Main street, but a big majority of the citizens seem to favor the plan as agreed upon—that of holding the concerts on the high school grounds. The idea that it is necessary to have everything that come in the line of amusement located on the main street of the city seems to be dying out, as there is no particular pleasure in camping on the hot, dirty paved streets for the concerts, as it is not only bad for the listeners, but the band is unable to produce as good music on the noisy street as in the quiet of a park.

The good roads proposition was discussed at some length by Mr. Pollock, who is on the good roads committee of the club, and he reported that the owners of land north of the city on the Platte bottom, had agreed to donate land from the Pickett farm around to Swallow Hill to construct a road through, and which would connect onto the rifle range road. The proposed road would run along the Burlington tracks and make a much cheaper and convenient road than the one proposed to be built over the hill by the commissioners, and the club passed a resolution to be presented to the county commissioners asking that they adopt this as the road along to the Platte bottoms. Mr. Pollock also reported that the Nebraska Telephone company had removed their poles back some few feet and the commissioners had ordered the ditch made over next to the poles, which would widen the road considerably and make it much better for traveling. He also pointed out the advantages to be gained by the construction of the road along the Missouri river bluffs in the direction of Rock Bluffs, as it would allow the farmers in that direction to come to this city to trade and many of them would avail themselves of this opportunity if the road was constructed.

Mr. Lushinsky, who has had the drinking fountain proposition in hand for the club, as well as the city council, reported that the city had ordered three of these fountains some time ago, through Mr. Wurga, of a firm in Lincoln, which had sent to Ohio to have them manufactured, and on their arrival in Lincoln it was found that there were quite a number of articles missing from the car in which they had been transported and the company had refused to accept the car and the fountains were tied up in this manner until the divergence between the Lincoln and Ohio firm were straightened out, but he hoped in a short time to have them ready to install in this city.

The committee that has had the question of better service over the Missouri Pacific from the county reported that they had been out in the county with petitions for better service and that they had met enthusiastic re-

ceptions in every town they had visited and that every town visited realized the need for better service and one of the petitions had been returned with a fine list of signers. Mr. Wurl stated that Mr. Barrett, the freight man for the Missouri Pacific, had been here a few days ago to look after securing additional freight business for the road and had been told of the situation here in regard to the people from the county being unable to get into this city at a convenient hour, and had agreed that the people here were entitled to better service and had promised to use his influence to try and secure a motor service between this city and Auburn that would connect at Union with the Lincoln branch trains and arrive here about 10 a. m. and run on into Omaha, returning in the afternoon about 3:30.

Mr. Pollock called the attention of the club to the fact that the county commissioners had ordered out all the telephones in the court house and the inconvenience it would cause to the taxpayers in the county, as it would be necessary to call anyone at the court house over the long distance telephone and a messenger fee would have to be paid, and if it was on matters that had to be looked up the official would be forced to make a second call and each time they were called up it would be very expensive to the taxpayers, as well as very inconvenient to the officials.

Mr. Arthur Huntington, who is here looking after securing a right-of-way for the electric light company for its line from Red Oak in line with the changes in the plant here, was present and was called upon for a few remarks, but stated he did not want to make a lot of promises, as it was impossible in a work of this kind to tell definitely just when the new improvements would be completed, but he said the citizens here could expect by October 1st to have relief from the present conditions, but he did not believe in giving out a lot of statements, but preferred to wait until they were ready to put their plans into execution. It is generally understood that the light company proposes to supply the customers here by a line from across the river while the plant here is being rebuilt this fall and winter. When the plant here is completed it will be called on to handle the business in this section. Mr. Huntington also gave a short talk on the value of the apple orchards in this section and how to prevent the spread of disease among the trees. He is interested in a large orchard in Montana and his talk along this line was very pleasing and interesting to the club members.

The matter of running the Schuyler train into this city was discussed and the information conveyed that the Burlington was willing to put on an extra coach for this city on the Schuyler and have it switched off at Oreapolis, but as the company intended to fix up a depot at that place, the club decided that the coach would not improve the service and the depot would serve to take care of the passengers until more improved service could be arranged for.

MORE CHANGES IN RESIDENCE PROPERTY

From Friday's Daily. The changes in property which have been going on for some time in this city still continues and the latest change to be made is the sale of the J. E. Douglass property on High School Hill to George R. Sayles. The Douglass home is one of the nicest in the city and Mr. Sayles is very fortunate in securing it for his future home. Mr. Douglass has retained a lot and a half of the property and it is understood will erect a new modern cottage on the lots he owns next to his present residence. This property is located at the corner of Main and Eleventh streets and is within easy walking distance of the main business section of the city and is very desirable for residence purposes.

HEAVIEST RAINSTORM OF THE SEASON

From Saturday's Daily. This city was visited by one of the heaviest rainstorms of the season yesterday, starting about 3:30 and continuing with only a short relief until about 8 o'clock. The rain came down in torrents and in a very short time the water was running down the street quite lively, but without doing any damage, as the lowered streets were amply able to carry off the water as it fell. The farm of Thomas Stokes on the sand bar east of the city received a horrible flooding as a result of the storm, however, the sewer located just south of the Burlington subway pouring its stream of flood water out like an angry river, was turned by the base ball fence and washed over to the Stokes place and his cornfield was deluged by the water. The water also swept over the base ball grounds, although it was protected slightly by the back fence, but the water stood for several feet over the diamond during the early part of the evening. There should be some steps taken to protect the base ball grounds from being flooded whenever there is a heavy rain, and a means of diverting the water found, as it has a clear sweep from the sewer opening to the fence and sweeps right over the entire park.

DAD BOWLBY VIEWS THE MATTER IN PROPER LIGHT

The Nebraska Press association has decided to issue boom editions of their papers some time during the fall to advertise the state. The best boom for any community is the local paper, and in the community where they are lucky enough to possess one there is but little need of boom editions as a specialty.—Plattsmouth Journal.

The Journal takes the right view of the question. We don't need any boom editions, neither do we need any paid secretaries. Editors have the best and only method they need to help the state and themselves along. All they have to do is to fill their editorial columns each issue with good, sound, logical arguments favoring anything or everything they need, and soon they will realize all they are after. The press does not want a paid lobbyist nor a paid representative at home or abroad, and it is simply graft to pull the legs of editors to get money to hire such a man. It may be a nice take for one who is looking for a job or for one who is unable to help himself without assistance; but for the average able-bodied editor to use his money to hire another man to do that which the editor can do better himself, is simply folly. Pay a secretary for his services during the annual meeting in preparing the program and publishing the annual report and then stop. Let the secretary return to his job or tripod, as the case may be, and become a useful citizen.—Crete Democrat.

MORE MONEY VOTED FOR SCHOOL HOUSE AT UNION

An election was held in Woodman hall Monday evening for the purpose of voting upon the proposition to issue an additional \$5,000 bonds for building expenses, and although there was but small attendance there seemed to be but one idea—to furnish enough money to give the district the very best there is in the way of school facilities. At the time the first bonds were voted the law would not permit voting a sufficient amount to erect and equip the building, but the last legislature opened the way to meet such emergencies as confronted the district. The vote on the proposition to issue the second bonds carried by a vote of 25 to 1.—Union Ledger.

EXCITING RUNAWAY DURING RAINSTORM

From Saturday's Daily. Some excitement was created yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock at the height of the rainstorm, when the horse belonging to Andy Harwick, which has been used by the water company to haul material to the pumping station, was seen dashing down South Sixth street, having evidently been scared by the thunder and lightning, and the animal, which was supposed to be as gentle as a lamb, displayed as much spirit as a Kentucky thoroughbred as it sped along, and the people along the street feared to rush out and stop its flight for fear of being dashed to pieces beneath its hoofs, but the animal met its Waterloo as it reached the corner of Sixth and Pearl streets, as M. S. Briggs was coming along there with his trusty umbrella, and as the animal advanced he rushed toward it with open umbrella and Maude S. proceeded to attempt to stop, with the result that she fell down and was overpowered by Mr. Briggs and Q. K. Parmele, the horse tamer, and after the harness had been taken off the animal it proceeded homeward as tame as a kitten. It is claimed by bystanders that the loud commands of Mr. Parmele and not the umbrella caged the horse to make the sudden stop.

THE LIGHTING PLANT TO BE GREATLY IMPROVED

From Saturday's Daily. The improvement that has been proposed by the management of the Nebraska Lighting company in this city will add greatly to the service given the patrons of the company here, and when the new plant is completed it will be one of the best in this part of the state. The company proposes to run service to this city from Red Oak until the plant here is ready to put in operation, and when the plant is finished it is thought probable that this city will be the chief plant of the company, furnishing power to the quarries west of the city along the Platte river, as well as the towns east of the river. This is the most logical point for the establishing of the main plant, and when the new plant is established there will be no town in the state better equipped with a lighting plant.

MRS. H. D. TRAVIS IS ELECTED SECRETARY OF STATE P. O. E. SOCIETY

From Saturday's Daily. The state convention of the P. O. E. society, which has been meeting at Hebron, Neb., for the past few days, concluded its session yesterday by the election of officers for the ensuing year, and Chapter F of this city was honored by the selection of Mrs. H. D. Travis as corresponding secretary of the organization. Mrs. Travis is president of the local chapter and has been for years one of the leading members of the society and has contributed greatly to the success of the chapter here, and her election to the office of secretary will be a source of great pleasure to her friends in this city, and a more worthy selection could not possibly have been made. Mrs. Travis was in attendance at the convention, accompanying Mrs. C. A. Rawls, who was the delegate from the chapter here to the state meeting.

H. C. VanHorn has secured a new attachment for the Edison phonograph called the Diamond Reproducer, and will give a demonstration of this new device that has made the phonograph the finest talking machine made, at the store of John Nemetz Saturday afternoon. Come in and see the machine. 64-19-d21-wt/Nix.

Sticking to Cass County.

A few weeks ago Al and Syl Hathaway, a pair of our jolly bachelors, sold out their old home place of forty acres, northeast of town, intending to look for a better location and more land, and after investigating far and near they at last found what they wanted and didn't have to look more than three miles from their former home to find it. A few days ago they closed a deal whereby they became the owners of the 80-acre farm of Blair Porter, one mile west of this village, paying therefore the sum of \$7,000, so there is yet a chance for some Union lassie to find a home and a mighty good husband (or two) with it.—Union Ledger.

NEW DEPARTMENT AT THE H. M. SOENNICHSEN STORE

From Thursday's Daily. The big daylight store of H. M. Soennichsen has just been added to by the finishing up of the china department in the basement of the store and the firm has in stock one of the largest stocks of china and glassware that has ever been brought here, and it is well worth making a trip to the store to view this department. Every variety of china from the finest imported to the common china is there and the room is completely filled from top to bottom and the counters completely covered with the fine exhibition of chinaware. The whole store is crowded with one of the finest stocks of groceries and dry goods in this part of the state and there are few towns three times the size of this that can boast of as fine a store as this one, and it is filled from early till late with customers who have received satisfaction in their dealings with this firm.

PLEASANT SURPRISE PARTY AT THE LOUIS G. MEISINGER HOME

A most pleasant surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis G. Meisinger, west of Mynard, on June 6, it being Mr. Meisinger's thirtieth birthday. The evening was whiled away most enjoyably in various amusements and social conversation, and it is needless to say that all present were highly delighted with the manner in which Mrs. Meisinger entertained them. At an appropriate hour a delicious luncheon of ice cream, cake, bananas and lemonade was served, and after an evening of enjoyment the guests departed, wishing Mr. Meisinger many more such happy birthdays. Those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames George A. Meisinger, George H. Meisinger, John M. Meisinger, Emil J. Meisinger, Ed Lohnes, William Heil, Henry Heil, L. H. Heil, C. H. Vallery, Glenn T. Vallery, Roy E. Howard, Albert A. Welenkamp, P. P. Meisinger, Steven Barker, Verner E. Perry, Grant Hackenberg, Joe Bird, Misses Lizzie Heil, Anna Heil, Helen Heil, Lizzie Bergman, Manota Perry, Edith Perry, Hortense Shepherdson, May Barker, Glenna Barker, Grace Nolting, West Lehubst, Helen Vallery, Marie Evelyn Vallery, Messrs. Willie Nolting, Will Heil, Guy Heil, John Bergman, Rudolf Heil, Jesse Long, Jesse Vallery, Charles Howard, Bernard Meisinger, Ed Meisinger, Mr. and Mrs. Louis G. Meisinger and daughter, Ellen Nora.

Hearing Had on Claims.

This morning the county court was taken up with the hearing of claims in the estate of Mrs. Ella F. Ingwerson, deceased. John Wunderlich, the administrator, came up this morning from his home at Nehawka to look after the matters that came up.

Mrs. Kittie Tucker departed today for her home at Fort Morgan, Colorado, after being here for several months in attendance on her mother, the late Mrs. Gussie Nix.

MOST DELIGHTFUL MUSICAL EVENT

Given by the Junior Guild of St. Luke's Church at the Henry Herold Home.

From Friday's Daily. One of the most delightful musical events of the season given in this city was the moonlight fete given last evening on the lawn at the beautiful Henry Herold home by the Junior Guild of St. Luke's parish, and the event was quite largely attended by the music-loving public of the city and the occasion was pronounced one of the most pleasant that has been held in the city.

The program was given in a most delightful manner by the different artists present and the large audience was delighted by the selections given. Miss Catherine Dovey, who has just recently returned from New York, where she has been studying music for some months, gave as her number "Volleys of Laughter" in a most charming manner and her voice, which is exceptionally sweet and clear, was heard at its best in this selection. Miss Dovey responded to an encore with the song "Tis All I Have." Miss Emma Cummins rendered a very pleasing piano solo, and was enthusiastically encored, responding with a selection of her own composition which was one of the finest on the program. Miss Honor Seybert also gave a fine piano selection and her encore was one of the compositions of Miss Cummins and its beauty was remarked by everyone present. Miss Edith Dovey, one of our most talented young vocalists, gave "Sunbeams" as her number on the program and responded gracefully with another selection, "Hasheen," a very beautiful song, which, given in her charming manner, was much appreciated by the company. Miss Gretchen Donnelly, who has a very sweet voice, was one of the most delightful numbers on the program, giving "Birds in the Rose," and as an encore "You and I," both of which were remarkably well suited to her voice and her charming manner of rendering them made them particularly pleasing to everyone.

One of the rare treats of the evening was the artistic numbers given on the violin by Miss Grace McBride of Omaha, one of the most gifted violinists in the metropolis, giving the always beautiful "Shepherd's Song," and responded with an encore as charmingly given as the first number. Miss Mathilde Vallery, always a favorite with Plattsmouth audiences, gave one of her beautiful solos, which proved one of the most delightful features of the evening, as did also the numbers of Mrs. H. S. Austin, "Moonbeams Low" and "The Land of the Blue Sea," both of which were received with much pleasure by the audience.

The young ladies of the Guild served delicious refreshments to the guests during the evening and the event will long be remembered as one of the most delightful given in this city. The lawn was very handsomely decorated with Japanese lanterns and made a scene of much beauty and a splendid setting for the delightful program given.

Stricken With Paralysis.

Mrs. Mary Everett, residing three miles northeast of town, suffered a paralytic stroke yesterday morning at 5 o'clock, and only the prompt attendance of physicians prevented fatal results at that time. Soon as her serious condition was discovered Dr. Huston of Union and Dr. Gilmore of Murray were both called and have apparently succeeded in holding the ailment in check. So alarming is Mrs. Everett's condition that a telegram was sent to her son, Edward Everett, at Glendive, Mont., requesting him to come immediately. Our latest report is that Mrs. Everett is slightly improved, but by no means past the danger point.—Union Ledger.