

# The Plattsmouth Journal.

## DOINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**Reconsider the Parmele-Wescott Bond Case and Matter Will Be Appealed to Higher Court.**

From Tuesday's Daily. Eight of the city dads assembled last evening at the council chamber to assist in the deliberations of that body, Streight and Riechy being absent.

After the reading and the acceptance of the minutes of the last session the council began to get ready for business. A communication from Sam Shoemaker in regard to the grading of Eleventh street, near his home, was read and the matter ordered looked after as soon as possible.

City Attorney Tidd had a long statement of his position on the Wescott bond case, giving his reasons for opposing the dropping of the case and favoring it being carried to the state supreme court. The opening of this matter, which the council had once voted to appeal and then backed up on it, occasioned considerable argument among the different members, as Mr. Tidd had secured a signed statement from several attorneys denying they had ever said that the city could not win the case. This statement changed the views of a great many of the members, and after the point of order of Patterson had been overruled by the mayor the motion of Councilman Bajock to reconsider the former action of the council was carried by a vote of 7 to 1. On motion of Councilman Johnson to allow the city attorney to go ahead and appeal the case the vote stood: Yeas, 7; nays, 1; and the case will be appealed.

Anton Hrasny presented a petition to the council asking that the city survey and grade at his property in order that he may place a permanent walk there at once, and the street commissioner was instructed to see that the work was done.

The fire and water committee reported that they had had the furnace at the public library stripped in order to have it repaired, and it had been found in very bad shape, being cracked in several places, and the committee recommended the purchase of a new furnace, which could be secured for in the neighborhood of \$100, and as the men examining the old furnace had found it in such bad shape, it seemed advisable to the committee to have the council take some action in the matter. The report of the committee in regard to the furnace led Councilman Hallstrom to inquire as to whether or not the city council had the management of the affairs of the library in their charge and he thought that the board should look into the matter. Councilman Lushinsky explained that the ordinance to grant these powers to the library board was only on its second reading, but he stated that the committee wanted the different members of the council to visit the library before taking action on the matter. On motion of Councilman Buttery the matter was laid over until the next session of the council, and in the meantime the councilmen will look into the matter of the new furnace.

The fire and water committee also reported that the new street sprinkler purchased by the city had been delayed in arriving by the fact that it was necessary to manufacture one of the wagons for the city, as those on hand did not come up to the order given the Studebaker people by the committee, but that the new sprinkler would be here before long.

The police officers of the city made a request to the council that some place be secured where they could be reached by telephone when wanted, as at present there is no regular place to call for them, as the office of the police judge is off Main street, and some means should be taken to have a place on Main street

secured for the purpose of headquarters where a telephone call could reach the police. This matter met with the hearty approval of the council and the police committee was instructed to look the matter up and see what could be done.

The finance committee of the council reported favorably upon the following claims against the city and warrants were ordered drawn for their payment: John Waterman & Co., lumber, \$48.45; Wurga & Cecil, piping at city hall, \$1.65; same, three drinking fountains and installing same and repairs at city hall, \$116.40; I. N. Cummings, burying two dogs, \$1; Al O'Neill, street work, \$39; G. W. Haynie, same, \$38; Chris Gobelman, same, \$48; August Siltzman, same, \$8; Alvin Jones, same, \$23; Frank Kalasek, same, \$21.60; John Swanson, same, \$23.60; Mike Lutz, street commissioner, \$36; W. B. Bishel, street sprinkling, \$42.70.

The claims committee, which had a number of claims referred to them at the last session reported favorably upon the following: M. E. Manspeaker, livery, \$1; Fred Patterson, surveying, \$24.20; Nebraska Lighting Co., light at library, \$2.50; same, street lighting, \$429.50; same, light at city hall, \$8.25.

The ordinance for the levy for the coming year was read, and on motion, the rules were suspended and the ordinance passed.

## "BUCKS OF THE TIMBER" ENJOY PICNIC AT RIVERVIEW PARK

From Tuesday's Daily. A big time was enjoyed at Riverview park, near King Hill, south of this city, Sunday, when the Bucks of the Timber held their annual picnic and also initiated several new members into the mysteries of their order. There were about fifty present on the occasion and everyone who attended reported that they had had one of the times of their lives. A large table was spread beneath the large trees that cover that part of the country, and the viands placed on the tables were prepared by the housewives of that locality and made a feast fit for a king, and it was necessary to prepare the table twice to accommodate the hungry crowd of the Bucks and their families. Swings had been placed throughout the picnic grounds and furnished much amusement for the young folks. During the afternoon musical selections were given on a portable organ and the concertina, both of which were very pleasing to the jolly crowd, and it was with great regret that they saw the day draw to a close. Among those present at the gathering were: Mrs. Ada Ferris and family, Ed Slocumb and family, Mrs. Edna Beckner and children of South Omaha, Charles Reeves and family, Frank Grauf and family, L. E. Ranard and family, Mr. Fitchorn and family.

## CLEARING AWAY THE GERMAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BUILDING

The pupil and seats in the German Presbyterian church in this city have been removed by the church authorities, as the building has been purchased by Judge J. E. Douglass, who is having it remodeled, and the pulpit and seats will be shipped to Twin Brooks, S. D., where they will be used in a mission church owned by the German Presbyterian church. The work of remodeling the church was commenced yesterday by the firm of Peters & Richards, and they have gotten the tower on the building down and are ready to start in on the main structure. The bell, which was in the church tower, was taken down and will be shipped east to the headquarters of the church, where it will be assigned to some of the churches of that faith.

## BOY SCOUTS TO TAKE A "HIKE" NEXT SATURDAY

With Mr. George McLafferty as Scout Master, and Every Boy 12 to 18 Welcome.

From Tuesday's Daily. A scout master, Mr. George McLafferty, has been employed by a committee of citizens to direct the Boy Scout movement. Last Saturday a bunch of boys went with him about three miles south of town. He trains them in various exercises that every boy needs to know and do. The first degree in scoutcraft consists in a pledge to learning the composition and be loyal helpful, friendly, etc., in history of the United States flag and the forms of respect due it. First aid to the injured, those drowning, burned, etc. He must be able to go a mile in twelve minutes, alternately walking and running fifty steps; observe the contents of a store window one minute, then leave it and describe it in writing, cook one-fourth of a pound of meat and two potatoes in the open and eat them, earn and deposit one dollar in any public bank, learn the sixteen points of the compass. The second and third degrees consist of similar attainments. Every boy in town ought to learn these things.

The boys had lots of fun last Saturday in the above work, and in the latest games taught them by Mr. McLafferty. They returned about 4 o'clock. Mr. McLafferty is highly recommended for this work by the officials of the Y. M. C. A. of Omaha. He has won various medals and prizes and stands at the front in Boy Scout work in the state. It costs your boy nothing to go with him next Saturday. He will meet the boys at the court house at 9 o'clock. He wants sixty boys. For further information inquire of Will Egenberger, Dr. Marshall, M. S. Briggs, E. H. Wescott, the Drs. Livingston or Rev. M. W. Lorimer.

## WILLIAM BARCLAY ENGAGED IN MAKING MORE IMPROVEMENTS

From Tuesday's Daily. One of the newest improvements we note is the erecting of a large wall of concrete blocks that is being placed by William Barclay, one of our most enterprising citizens, along the west side of his residence property on South Fifth street, and which is adding greatly to the appearance of that section of the city. It is the intention of Mr. Barclay to place permanent walks along the property and the owners of the other properties north will take up the matter and give a permanent sidewalk along the east side of Fifth street from Main to the top of the hill. This will be very convenient to the residents of that part of the city, as well as a substantial improvement to the appearance of the city and shows the proper spirit of enterprise on the part of the roerty owners.

**Havelock Items.**  
From Tuesday's Daily. The following items taken from the Havelock Times of last week will be of great interest to Plattsmouth readers:

Mr. and Mrs. Guy McMaken, Miss Mary Peterson and Louie Rothman, all of Plattsmouth, visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook Sunday. Mrs. McMaken and Miss Peterson are sisters of Mrs. Cook.

Mrs. Louisa Stamm and son, Edward, left Tuesday afternoon for Moline, Illinois, in response to a letter stating that her son, George, was quite sick, and that he was going to Hot Springs, Ark., to receive medical aid, and wished her to come before he started.

"Suffered day and night the torment of itching piles. Nothing helped me until I used Doan's Ointment. The result was lasting."—Hon. John R. Garrett, Mayor, Girard, Ala.

## AN INCIDENT OF EARLY HISTORY IN CASS COUNTY

Young Man Went to Idaho, Killed by Indians and Brought to His Old Home for Burial.

From Wednesday's Daily. The following chapter from the early history of the west is taken from the World-Herald of Sunday and relates to the tragic death of Alec Rhoden in Idaho, who is buried in the old Eight Mile Grove cemetery in this county. The aged mother of the deceased lives in this city with her son, George Rhoden:

In the old cemetery at Eight Mile Grove, a pioneer inland town of Cass county, deserted many years ago, stands a moss-covered shaft of marble bearing the peculiar inscription:

"John B. A., son of W. A. Z. and N. B. Rhoden. Born in Schuyler county, Missouri, January 2, 1863. Shot by a Bannock Indian at Rossfork, Idaho, November 23, 1877."

Many of the old settlers still live who remember when in '76 young Rhoden reaching man's estate left his home in Cass county to seek his fortune "out west." Alec, as he was familiarly known, possessed an uncontrollable love of adventure and brave to a point of recklessness he was thus led to the wildest part of our unsettled west.

In Idaho he found employment on the Bannock or Broken Moccasin reservation. His immediate superior at the agency was a Frenchman by the name of Teapunch. It was only a year after leaving home that his body was returned with the sad message: "Shot from ambush by a Bannock Indian. Arrow pierced body and he died instantly."

The killing of Alec Rhoden at Rossfork, Idaho, a point near Fort Hall, marked the beginning of the Bannock Indian war.

A sketch in "The Handbook of American Indians" gives this account of the Bannock Indian outbreak, in which young Rhoden was killed November 23, 1877: "During the exciting times of the Nez Perce war the Bannocks were forced to remain on their inhospitable reservation to face continued encroachment of the whites, and subsist on goods provided from an appropriation amounting to 2 1/2 cents per capita per diem. During the summer a drunken Indian of the tribe shot and wounded two teamsters. The excitement and bitter feeling caused by his arrest November 23, 1877, resulted in the killing of an agency employe. Troops were called for and the murderer pursued, captured, tried and executed. This episode so increased the excitement of the Indians that fearing what was assumed to be threatening demonstration, the troops surrounded and captured two Bannock camps in January, 1878. A vigorous campaign under General Howard resulted in the capture of 1,000 of them in August, and the outbreak came to an end after a fight September 5, at Clark's ford, where twenty Bannock lodges were attacked and all the women and children killed."

It was late in the winter of 1877 when the body of Alec Rhoden was returned to his people in Nebraska by the Masons of the territory of Idaho and placed at rest in the country church yard at Eight Mile Grove. His family were pioneers in Cass county, coming to the territory from Missouri in 1865. The late Dr. R. L. Rhoden of Fremont was a brother of Alec Rhoden. His mother, a vigorous woman at a greatly advanced age, lives with one of her sons at Plattsmouth and still reflects with sorrow upon the loss of her son thirty-five years ago.

**Murdock's Store**  
For new line Post Cards, good Toilet Soaps, Talcum Powder, Peroxide and many things you need.

## On Pleasure Bent.

Walter Shreiner and wife and sons, Dee and Charles, and their wives, arrived in this city yesterday from Chicago, coming in two automobiles on a pleasure trip west. They left Chicago a few days after the Fourth and have had a most enjoyable time on the trip. While in the city Walter Shreiner and wife visited for a few hours with their old friend, Dr. E. W. Cook and M. S. Briggs, they all having formerly resided at Salem, Iowa.

## Homeward Bound.

Mrs. Bella R. Waterman and daughter, Miss Ethel, who have been visiting at the home of Basil S. Ramsey and Mrs. Ramsey, left on the M. P. evening train Friday for Omaha, where they visited for a short time. From there they go to Ord, Neb., for a visit with Mrs. Waterman's daughter, Mrs. Ruth Bolin, after which they go to their home at Hay Springs, Sheridan county, Nebraska, where Mrs. Waterman will look after her large land interests.

## RELICS OF ANCIENT DAYS IN AND AROUND OLD ROCK BLUFFS

That the bluffs along the Missouri river in this county is rich in historical data and relics of the past when the Indians roamed through this section of the west has been demonstrated by a visit of the Harvard university party to the vicinity of Rock Bluffs. There has been many important discoveries made throughout this part of the county that aids in the knowledge of the early days here, and the great hills south of this city still hold many interesting relics of the past. The following from the World-Herald gives a few facts of the recent trip of the Harvard party:

The Harvard university archeological party, under the direction of Prof. Fred H. Steens, which has been doing research work at Fort Calhoun, arrived on the river east of Murray Wednesday and so far has made some very interesting discoveries. In the dooryard of William Shera, in the old village of Rock Bluffs, three entire human skeletons imbedded in hard clay were removed. Nothing but small chips of flint were found with the bones. A mound sixty feet in diameter on Rock Point, just north of the village, was dug into. In one test excavation three feet square a crudely made arrow point, great quantities of flint flakes, and calined human and buffalo bones were found at depth of four feet in the bottom of the mound.

## BURLINGTON PUTTING IN NEW CONCRETE BRIDGE TO REPLACE WOODEN ONE

From Wednesday's Daily. The Burlington has been very busy for the past two weeks in the construction of a large concrete bridge over the creek at the north end of the shop yards, which will replace the present structure of wood, which has been in use for a number of years. This bridge is used a great deal and the wear and tear on the structure has been quite severe. The work was ready to begun some months ago, but it was necessary to secure the consent of the county commissioners before proceeding with the work, and after it was secured the railroad company at once started in on the work, which will be a very substantial improvement. It would be a mighty good idea if the county would follow the example of the railway company and replace the bridge at the foot of Wintersteen Hill with a concrete structure similar to that used on the leads into the shop yards.

Accidents will happen, but the best regulated families keep Dr. Thomas' Eclectic Oil for such emergencies. Two sizes, 25c and 50c, at all stores.

## GLEN RHODEN IS ASSAULTED ON WAY HOME FROM MYNARD

Claims to Have Been Attacked by Two Men and Hit on Head With Beer Bottle.

From Wednesday's Daily. Last evening about 6:30 Glen Rhoden, a young farmer residing in the vicinity of Mynard, was brought to this city, suffering from what he claimed was an assault made upon him by two men who were riding with him. Mr. Rhoden was engaged yesterday in delivering wheat to the elevator at Mynard, and about 5 o'clock started home and was accosted on the road by two men, who asked him to allow them to ride with him. As they were on the road between the George Snyder and Joe Adams places, west of Mynard, young Rhoden claims one of the men produced a bottle of beer and asked Glen to have a drink, and as he was placing the bottle to his lips, he was struck by one of the men and was unconscious until they reached the home of William Wetenkamp, when he came to and the fellows were still in the wagon and one of them was stooping over him. The men got out here and young Rhoden proceeded on home and was later brought to this city by his brother, Gailen Rhoden, and taken to the office of a physician, where the injury to his face and head was dressed and he was taken to the home of his father, George Rhoden, where he remained over night.

Parties residing near the scene of the assault claim to have seen the three men out in the road near the Snyder farm, but saw no attempted assault, either on the part of the two men or Rhoden. The sheriff visited the vicinity of the affair last evening, but could secure no definite evidence on the matter, and will await the filing of a complaint by Mr. Rhoden before placing anyone under arrest for the assault.

Glen was reported as feeling very badly bruised up and sore this morning, although it is not thought he has sustained any serious injuries as the result of the affair.

## MR. AND MRS. T. M. SCARBROUGH RETURN FROM CALIFORNIA TRIP

Last evening T. M. Scarbrough and bride returned from an extended honeymoon trip to the Pacific coast, visiting at San Francisco, Los Angeles, Bakersfield and Long Beach, and they report a most enjoyable time during the time they spent on the coast. They will start to house-keeping at once in the cozy little home they have prepared on North Third street, and will be at home to their friends. The many friends of this worthy young couple were delighted to see them return safely from their trip and wish them a most happy and prosperous wedded life.

**Good Crowd at Show.**  
At the Gem theater Monday evening there were some 275 children of less than 14 years of age admitted free, as the guests of Attorney Matthew Gering, and it proves that the public carefully read the announcement that appeared in the Journal. The management of the theater did not look for more than seventy-five or eighty and was greatly surprised at the large crowd of youngsters that swarmed down to attend the show.

**Farms for Rent.**  
One 200-acre farm and one 240-acre farm for rent. Apply at the Journal office.

Sell your property by an ad in the Journal.