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## PLATTSMOUTH AUTO CLUB HAVE MEETING

Members Talk Over Matters of Importance, Especially the Road Question.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
The Plattsmouth Auto club held a short and interesting session Saturday afternoon, at which many interesting facts in regard to the needs of improvements to the different roads in this locality were taken up and discussed by members in regard to the best steps to take to keep the roads up. The road north of this city leading to the wagon bridge was called to the attention of the club and the manner in which it had been allowed to run down when a little work on the part of the road supervisor and those working on the road would have kept it in good shape.

Only a short time ago a stranger was traveling through this city from Topeka, Kansas, and when he reached the road near the bridge he ran into a rut, with the result that the axle of his automobile was twisted and he was compelled to lay his machine up for repairs before he could continue his journey to Omaha. Another example of the poor condition of the road was shown when one of our prominent citizens, accompanied by his wife and family, were out driving along this road, and as the dust was very thick it was almost impossible to see the road clearly and the first thing the driver knew his machine was in one of the ruts that ornament the roadway, and when the car struck the rut the lady in the back seat was thrown up in the seat and came near having her nose broken on the roof of the car. These are matters that could easily be remedied if the proper care was given the road, as a great highway like this one deserves, and some steps should be taken to see that the road is kept up in proper shape.

It is the intention of the Auto club as soon as the funds from dues and new memberships are in to look after this kind of work themselves when it is impossible to get the authorities to take it up, and every automobile owner in the county should get into the club and assist the good work along. The club also adopted the following resolution in regard to the regulation of speeders and the lights of automobiles:

Resolved, That the Plattsmouth Auto club is opposed to fast and reckless driving, particularly within the city limits; that the city authorities be requested to enforce the state law in regard to lights on automobiles, as the safety of the public demands the enforcement of this law.

That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes, a copy given to the daily paper, and a copy sent to the mayor of the city of Plattsmouth.

(Signed)  
T. H. Pollock, President.  
Wm. Baird, Secretary.

### Back to Cass County.

(From the Union Ledger.)  
Chas. S. Stone was in town a few hours Tuesday, calling on his friends and waiting patiently for a train to carry him to Nehawka. His wife was on the south-bound train, going to Kansas for a visit with relatives. They have resided in Yampa, Colo., the past few years, where Mr. Stone has been engaged in the banking business, but having sold his interests there they have been enjoying a rest and visit among relatives and friends the past few months. He has not yet definitely decided where they will locate, but will no doubt soon select a good town and again get into the banking business.

When baby suffers with eczema or some itching skin trouble, use Doan's Ointment. A little of it goes a long way and it is safe for children. 50c a box at all stores.

### "Saturn" Passes Down River.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
The famous steamboat, the "Saturn," which has been doing business at Omaha for the past few months, until the edict of Chief of Police Dunn in regard to the regulation of affairs on the boat in regard to liquor selling caused them to have to tame down, passed this city this afternoon en route to Kansas City, the winter quarters of the vessel. The boat was stuck on a sand-bar near the mouth of the Platte for several hours this morning, but managed to get off about 12 o'clock.

## MARRIAGE OF MR. AUGUST W. BRADWAY AND MISS LYDIA B. HUNGER

From Tuesday's Daily.  
Yesterday afternoon at the residence of Rev. W. L. Austin of the Methodist church occurred the wedding of two of Plattsmouth's young people, Mr. August W. Bradway and Miss Lydia B. Hunger. The wedding was a very quiet one and was witnessed by Mrs. Bertha Hunger and Mrs. Anna E. Geiser, mothers of the bride and groom, and the words that united these worthy young people were delivered by the minister in a very impressive manner. The wedding had been expected by the friends of the contracting parties for some time and they will receive the best wishes of their host of friends in this city on their matrimonial venture. The newlyweds will make their future home in this city. The bride is a native Plattsmouth girl and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hunger, and has during her lifetime here made many friends by her genial temperament. The groom is a most worthy young man, who is employed in the tin shop of the Burlington in this city and is highly respected by all who know him.

## NEW FIXTURES FOR THE C. C. WESCOTT'S SON'S CLOTHING HOUSE

From Tuesday's Daily.  
Among the improvements contemplated in the business houses of this city in the next month is the installing of some modern dust-proof cases for clothing by Wescott's Sons. Mr. C. C. Wescott, while in Chicago last week, entered into the contract for the new fixtures in the way of clothing cabinets. The new fixtures are revolving, with glass doors that can be slid back into the sides of the cabinet when it is desired to get into the cabinet to exhibit the clothing. Each cabinet will hold 180 suits and keep them free from dust in every way. They are constructed of Amburg oak and are the last word in the line of store equipment, and when installed will make this store one of the most modern in this section of the state, and shows the spirit of progress of the owners. The new fixtures will be shipped in the next thirty days and will be placed in the store at once.

### Entertained in Colorado.

The following, taken from the Sterling (Colorado) Press, will be of interest to the readers of the Journal: "Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Spies entertained the following guests at their home Sunday afternoon in honor of her father: J. C. Peterson and wife, Messrs. W. B. Persing, John Morris, Charles E. Winey and their wives. The rooms were tastefully decorated with cut flowers. Music was enjoyed until 5:30 p. m., when the hostess served cakes and ice cream."

### Picnic at Eagle.

The Sixth Annual Picnic will be held at Eagle Thursday, August 21. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to come and enjoy themselves. All kinds of amusements. Accommodations for all. 8-11-3twkly

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Session Was Made as Short as Possible and No Very Important Business Transacted.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
There was not a great deal of importance on tap at the council meeting last evening save heat and talk, and most of the dads spent the time trying to save themselves from being melted by the close and heated atmosphere of the council chamber.

One of the chief entangling features of the evening was the discussion between several of the members of the matter of a new occupation tax ordinance, which has been in a state of preparation for several months. Councilman Hallstrom started the matter by inquiring what was going to be done in regard to this matter, and if the new ordinance was not going to be prepared that the clerk be authorized to collect under the old ordinance.

Councilman Streight of the judiciary committee, which has had the ordinance, arose to reply to Mr. Hallstrom and stated that the committee and city attorney had been trying to fix the ordinance up in a manner that would equalize the different amounts paid by the merchants. He also said that the business men were compelled to bear the burden of everything that came up in the way of public enterprise and that he personally was opposed to the occupation tax, that taxed the home merchant to do business and allowed the traveling agents to come in here and sell articles. He stated that while opposed to the ordinance, he was assisting in the work of getting it ready and that the committee would have it on hand for the next meeting of the council.

Mayor Sattler voiced the opinion that he was not in favor of an excessive occupation tax, but thought that a small, well-equalized tax should be prepared. He was also in favor of allowing the clerk a reasonable commission for the collection of the tax, as it was a very arduous task, as well as disagreeable task.

Councilman Hallstrom stated he was one of the committee that had prepared the old ordinance for the occupation tax and had spent much time with the other members of the committee in the work and had tried to make all the amounts levied upon the different business interests of the city as near equal and fair as possible.

Councilman Richey inquired why the Standard Oil company had been reduced in the ordinance from paying a tax of \$100 to \$50, and why this had been done. Mr. Lushinsky arose and replied that this company had presented figures to the committee of the different cities of the state in which they had operation and that the committee had taken \$50 as the amount levied in most of the other cities, and the old company had expressed their willingness to pay this amount, but refused to pay \$100. The motion of Hallstrom for the collection of the taxes under the old ordinance was lost.

Councilman Johnson made the motion that the judiciary committee have the new occupation tax ready for consideration at the next meeting of the council, and an amendment was placed on the motion by Lushinsky to include that the city clerk be allowed a reasonable per cent for the collection of the sums, and the motion was carried. City Attorney Tidd informed the council that much as the clerk deserved some reward for his work in collecting, the statutes did not allow him to receive any fees such as was proposed.

Chief of Police Rainey reported six arrests for the month of July, and his report was referred to the police committee, as was that of

Police Judge Archer, who has had a very profitable month, reporting eleven cases, seven of whom paid fines, while four were suspended, which netted the sum of \$56 to the city treasury.

The city treasurer filed his monthly report of the condition of the city treasury, which showed a very pleasing condition of the city's finances, there being a balance of some \$17,000 on hand at the first of the month.

The matter of the stopped-up condition of the sewer creek was called to the attention of the council by the mayor, and on motion of Councilman Richey the street commissioner was instructed to take his force of workmen there and have the way into the river opened up so that the stagnant sewerage could be conveyed into the river.

The finance committee of the council, after due consideration of the following claims recommended their payment: Harry Gouchenour, nozzleman at Lorenz fire, \$1.50; Harry Krueger, nozzleman at shop and Lorenz fire, \$3; Gus Carlson, same, \$3; J. C. Brittain, nozzleman at Lorenz fire, \$1.50; R. W. Toogood, nozzleman at Lorenz fire and repairing hose, \$2.40; William Gravitt, nozzleman at shop fire, \$1.50; Clifford Forbes, nozzleman at Lorenz fire, \$1.50; Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Co., rents, \$5.50; M. Archer, salary, \$30; Olive Jones, salary, \$35; public library, expenses for July, \$2.15; James Donnelly, salary, \$3; Tom Vailing, jr., work at library, \$5.50; Plattsmouth Water Co., water for fountains, \$2.18; John Fitzpatrick, salary, \$20; Alvin Jones, street work, \$23; Chris Gobelman, same, \$46; Al O'Neil, same, \$15; Chas. McBride, same, \$9; G. W. Haynie, same, \$25; Frank Kalasek, same, \$17; John Swanson, same, \$10; Mike Lutz, street commissioner, \$36; William Hassler, repairs, \$6.90; Cass county, boarding city prisoners, June, \$1.05; same, July, \$4.05; Nebraska Lighting Co., light at library, \$2.50; same, light at city hall, 50c; Ben Rainey, salary, \$75; August Sitzman, burying one cat, 50c; I. N. Cummings, burying two dogs, \$1; W. B. Rishel, street sprinkling and cleaning streets, \$43.40; Frank Neumann, salary, \$65; H. M. Soenichsen, merchandise, \$1.10; R. W. Clement, freight, \$14.67; Smith & Son, new grader, \$142.

The claims committee reported favorably upon the claim of John Bauer for \$6 and warrant was ordered drawn for the same. The finance committee made a recommendation to the council that the sum of \$1,000 be transferred from the business tax to the general fund, as there was a large amount of money accumulated in the business tax fund, while the general fund was overdrawn, and the recommendation was adopted by the council.

On motion of Streight, the chief of police was instructed to try and stop the automobile speeding on the highways of the city and arrest those violating the state law in this respect.

There was considerable discussion among the members of the council in regard to the matter of repairing the furnace at the public library or whether it would be more economical to purchase a new one. The matter was thoroughly threshed over between the different members of the council and it was finally decided to order the repairs and try and patch up the old furnace for the winter.

The council ordered quite a large amount of street work done and then, as the hour was growing late, the "dads" decided to adjourn.

### Has Fine New Bar Fixtures.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
The saloon of Edward Donat, the handler of the celebrated John Gund beer, has just been equipped with a fine massive bar that is the latest thing in this line. The back bar is of handsome mahogany finish and the woodwork is finished in fine shape and a large mirror extends the whole length of the bar, making a very striking appearance.

If you need anything for harvest call on Ed Donat. He will treat you right.

## JOHN MAJOR PLACED UNDER ARREST TO KEEP THE PEACE

From Tuesday's Daily.

The court of Justice M. Archer was the scene this morning of the hearing of the case of the State of Nebraska vs. John Major, in which the state asked that the defendant be placed under a peace bond to stop his breaking the peace. The case grew out of some trouble that occurred between the defendant and his wife Friday afternoon at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Frank Sheldon, near Mynard. Major and his wife have not been on the best of terms for some time, and Mrs. Major, who made the complaint Sheldon home, and although she had been visiting at her daughter's for some time and that on last Friday Major drove out to the Sheldon home, and although she had tried to avoid him, he finally met her and they got into an argument, and as he was crowding up toward her she put out her hand to ward him off and he then struck her, knocking her down and causing her nose to begin to bleed as well as inflicting several severe bruises on her body. Further trouble between the husband and wife was prevented by the son-in-law, who stepped in between them. Major testified in his own behalf, and made a sweeping denial of the charges of his wife, stating that he did not know she was at the Sheldon home, and that she had struck him first and that he had simply pushed her off and that she had not injured herself in falling, but had fallen down with ease. The daughter, Mrs. Sheldon's, testimony, bore out that of the mother in most of the details, she testified that Mrs. Major had received a very severe fall from the blow struck her by Major and that a severe bruise had been given her on the head, as well as causing her nose to bleed profusely. The judge, after hearing all the evidence in the case, decided to place Major under a \$100 bond to keep the peace toward the public and particularly toward his wife. The defendant seemed inclined to appeal the case to a higher court and was given today to raise the necessary bond.

## ONE SPOT THAT NEEDS THE ATTENTION OF AUTHORITIES

From Wednesday's Daily.

If there is one spot in the city more than another that needs the attention of the street commissioner's department, it is the vacant lot at the corner of Sixth and Pearl streets, where the weeds have grown up to the size of small trees and anyone venturing into the lot for any distance would have a hard time to find his way out again, so dense is the rank growth of the weeds. There is an ordinance against the allowing of such nuisances as this, and if the owners of the property do not have them cut, as they should, the city ought to take the matter in hand and see that they are removed. As a large crowd of visitors are expected in the city the last of the week it would be a fine idea to have the weeds cut at once in order that they may not gather a false impression of the condition of the city. These matters are something that hurts the appearance of a city and cause much unfavorable comment among those visiting here, as well as being a nuisance to those traveling along South Sixth street. Let this matter be looked after at once.

### Having Pleasant Visit.

From Wednesday's Daily.  
Judge Allen J. Beeson and family, who have been enjoying a two weeks' vacation at Edison, Neb., are expected home this evening, coming overland in the new Ford automobile of the judge's. Letters from them to their friends have showed that they were having a most enjoyable time of it visiting around Edison.

### Has Accident to Foot.

From Wednesday's Daily.  
Quite a painful accident befell Helen, the little 8-year-old daughter of Gus Knoflicek, Monday evening at the home in the north-west part of the city. The little girl was playing around the yard and was unfortunate enough to step on a rake that was lying turned up on the ground, and two of the toes penetrated her left foot, one of them coming clear through the foot. The little girl was brought to this city and the injury dressed.

## BUGGY AND AUTOMOBILE COME TOGETHER LAST NIGHT

What Might Have Been a Very Serious Accident Occurs Last Evening.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Last evening during the down-pour of rain a collision occurred at the corner of Sixth and Pearl streets that might have had a fatal termination. The automobile driven by Guy McMaken was coming south on Sixth street trying to make the Bauer garage on Pearl street, while Oliver Osborn was driving east on that street with a horse and carriage, and as the automobile turned the corner the two vehicles came together, with the result that the lights on the automobile were broken and the horse received some very severe injuries, while the driver of the buggy was thrown out and bruised up quite severely.

The accident brings forcibly to mind the fact that the law in regard to the regulation of automobile and other vehicles is not observed in this city as it should be and that parties drive across the street or on the wrong side without any regard to the safety of others driving along the highway. This applies perhaps more to the drivers of teams than it does to automobile owners, and a little more care shown would save much trouble, as in time, the disregard of the regulations in regard to driving along the streets and roads will result in the injury of someone. The automobile drivers generally keep up the rule in regard to keeping the right side of the street, but their greatest fault seems to be that of trying to see how much speed they can get out of their machines, and both of these matters should receive the attention of the authorities and the violators made to toe the mark.

## T. C. S. DABB CELEBRATES SEVENTY-SEVENTH BIRTHDAY

From Wednesday's Daily.

Today Thomas C. S. Dabb is celebrating his seventy-seventh birthday anniversary and for thirty-five years he has been one of our useful citizens and it is the wish of his host of friends that he may be able to live to celebrate many more such occasions. Mr. Dabb was born in England, but while a mere lad came to this country in 1851 and lived for a time at Prince Edward Island, N. B., and later came to New Jersey, where he was married, and with his wife came west to Plattsmouth, where Mr. Dabb was employed in the Burlington shops up to a few years ago, when his age made it necessary for him to retire. Mr. and Mrs. Dabb have resided for the past thirty-three years in their home on West Main street.

### Native Alfalfa Seed.

Native Alfalfa Seed, \$9.00 bu., re-cleaned, test 99 per cent pure, free from noxious weeds. Samples and "Alfalfa Book" sent free. New Fall Rye, \$1.00 bu. Iowa re-cleaned Timothy, \$3.00. Clover, \$12.50. Blue Grass, \$2.25. Seamless, 20c. Johnson Seed Co., Nebraska City. 8-14-1t-wkly

## A VERY INTERESTING WINDOW DISPLAY

Now on Exhibition at the Real Estate Office of W. E. Rosencrans & Son.

From Wednesday's Daily.

A very interesting and clever window display has been prepared at the office of W. E. Rosencrans & Son, the real estate firm who do things. The display consists of a miniature edition of a town having as its chief feature a little railroad train which travels around on a track, the power being furnished by electricity, and which adds a very realistic touch to the scene. An artificial lake has been constructed in which two live ducks sport around in the flowing water and make a very pleasing feature to the window. The window has been dressed to represent a scene in Texas, where the firm has large land interests, and the miniature village is decorated with shell roads which are used to such a great extent in the Lone Star state. Patches of green representing the alfalfa crop of the section of Texas in which Jordanton is located, and where the firm has done a very successful business in selling lands and town lots.

The window has been cleverly arranged and makes a most pleasing sight, and has attracted a great deal of attention. In the background a large view of Jordanton has been placed, which displays the advantages of the prosperous and growing little city where a large number of our citizens have made purchases of property from the firm. A panorama view of San Antonio, the metropolis of Texas, which is located some forty miles from Jordanton, is also displayed, and the two views give one a very fair idea of the wonderful development of that part of Texas. The window is well lit up and makes a very pretty sight at night.

## SERIOUS ILLNESS OF MISS CLAIRE BOOKMEYER IN OMAHA

From Wednesday's Daily.

This morning W. J. Bookmeyer was a passenger for Omaha, being called there by a message announcing the serious illness of his sister, Miss Claire, who was taken very sick Monday evening and it was necessary to remove her to a hospital where an operation was performed yesterday. Miss Bookmeyer left here Monday noon with her sister, Miss Lillian, to visit with her a few days in the metropolis, and was taken sick shortly after reaching that city. The family have not received word as to the exact nature of her sickness, but it is thought to be appendicitis. The many friends of Miss Bookmeyer here will await with much anxiety for further reports as to her condition and trust that she may recover speedily.

### Goes to Omaha Hospital.

This afternoon Mrs. J. A. Murray departed for Omaha in company with her son, George, and she will enter one of the hospitals in that city for treatment. Mrs. Murray has been in very poor health for the past year and hopes to find relief in the treatment at the hospital. That Mrs. Murray may be restored to her former health will be the sincere wish of her many friends in this city.

Never can tell when you'll mash a finger or suffer a cut, bruise, burn or scald. Be prepared. Thousands rely on Dr. Thomas' Eclectic Oil. Your druggist sells it. 25c and 50c.