

# The Plattsmouth Journal.

## WILL PLATTS- MOUTH'S REQUEST BE GRANTED?

Hearing Before Railway Commission Was Well Represented From All Towns Interested.

From Saturday's Daily.  
The hearing of the application of the Commercial club of this city for more equitable train service for the citizens of the county coming into this city attracted a great deal of attention yesterday at Lincoln, when the matter was threshed out before the state railway commission, and a fine array of the leading men of the county were present to ask that the Missouri Pacific make some effort to provide better train service for this county. The following from the State Journal of this morning gives a very full account of the hearing. The matter will be decided later by the commission, and it is to be hoped that they will give us the long-needed relief:

"It matters not whether a man wants to go to Plattsmouth only to play poker," said Railway Commissioner T. L. Hall at a public hearing Friday, "if enough men want to go it shows there will be a demand for more train service. They might want to go to attend a football game or they might want to go on matters of business."

This statement was denied strenuously by E. M. Morsman, jr., attorney for the Missouri Pacific railroad, who is opposing a request of Plattsmouth citizens for train service that will permit people of the county to go to Plattsmouth and return home the same day. He contends that if people can transact business in a town that has train service, the railroad company should not be compelled to give additional train service to Plattsmouth. He said if people can buy groceries in a town near their home, the fact that they may desire to go to Plattsmouth to buy groceries is no reason why more trains should be run to Plattsmouth.

Commissioner Hall merely mentioned poker and football as something that first came to his mind to illustrate his point. There was no evidence that the authorities of Plattsmouth allow poker playing at that place, and there was no testimony showing that the game is prohibited in other towns in the county to the irreparable damage to the feelings of a large portion of the population.

It was a question of "demand" for train service to and from Plattsmouth, and witnesses were present from every town in the county to back up the "demand" of Plattsmouth complainants. A train from Union, connecting with the Lincoln train, to run to Plattsmouth in the forenoon, and a train to leave Plattsmouth at 2:45 in the afternoon to run back over the Union line and connect with the Lincoln evening train comprised the demand.

Each of the large array of witnesses testified that there was a "demand" for better train service from their respective towns to Plattsmouth, the county seat. Attorney Morsman objected to such testimony as being merely a conclusion of the witnesses. He was overruled by the commission. He then cross-examined each witness to ascertain how many times he had gone to Plattsmouth during the past three months. Most of them said they did not know, or could not remember. One said he had been there more than a dozen times in three months. He said he never went by train unless he could help it, and that if he was in a hurry he went in an automobile.

Several witnesses testified that they were compelled to go to Omaha and then south to Plattsmouth in order to get back home the same day.  
At the close of the testimony

for the complainant the Missouri Pacific attorney called Superintendent J. F. Russ of Falls City to the stand. The witness submitted a tabulation showing the amount of business done by the road in Cass county. He was questioned by Commissioner Hall in regard to the operation of motor cars. The witness said he had seen no motor cars on the Missouri Pacific, but he had seen them operated on other roads with apparent success. He said the St. Joe road took its motors off because they had too much trouble with them during the winter and found they were not useful during snow storms.

Commissioner Hall asked the witness about the taking off of a train from Omaha that formerly ran south through Cass county and back to Omaha. The witness said it was taken off before he became superintendent of his present division five years ago. Commissioner Hall thought this train had been taken off without permission of the railway commission but no one present could give the date of its discontinuance. Commissioner Hall said that train being taken off caused complaint and was the basis of the present formal complaint.

The case was taken under advisement by the commission. Commissioners Hall and Taylor were present, but Commissioner Clarke was absent during the hearing.

The Cass county people who attended the hearing were: Orlando Tefft of Avoca, A. L. Tidd, H. A. Schneider, C. C. Parmele, E. H. Westcott and Mayor John P. Sattler of Plattsmouth, Ed Betts and J. M. Adams of Eagle, Dave West and J. M. Palmer of Nehawka, C. S. Aldrich, M. H. Tyson, N. G. Penterman and B. I. Clement of Elmwood, W. B. Banning of Union, J. M. Teegarden and C. E. Tefft of Weeping Water, W. F. Gillespie of Mynard, Henry Creamer of Murray.

The Commercial club and citizens generally here feel very grateful for the splendid manner in which the representatives from our neighboring towns contributed their assistance in the matter of appearing at the hearing before the railway commission, and such assistance demonstrates the friendly feeling between the different towns, as well as the universal desire for more improved train service over the Missouri Pacific.

## ALL BIDS REJECTED FOR THE BUILDING OF POOR HOUSE

From Friday's Daily.

The matter of constructing the building at the county farm seems to be very doubtful this season, as the county commissioners, at their meeting Wednesday rejected the bids that were made for the erecting of a suitable building and ordered the architects, Messrs. Fisher & Lawrie, of Omaha, to prepare new plans and specifications for the building that would be covered by the appropriation of \$7,000 made by the commissioners. There were three bids for the erection of the building as follows:

Parson Construction Co., of Omaha—Original plans, \$14,325.00; revised plans, \$11,718.00.

Peter & Richards, Plattsmouth—Original plans, \$12,654.60; revised plans, \$9,962.20.

L. G. Larson, Plattsmouth—Original plans, \$13,345.00; revised plans, \$10,817.00.

From the plans prepared it was very difficult to secure anyone who would be willing to take up the job for \$7,000 and give the county the kind of a building they desire.

**New Concrete Contractor.**  
Phillip Harrison is now engaging in the concrete business, having just finished the construction of two concrete floor coal bins for the Journal publisher, and the job is one that is right up to snuff. Mr. Harrison will be glad to take any jobs that may be offered him, at a reasonable figure, and anyone desiring work of this kind should call on him.

## ADDITION TO THE KROEHLER BROS.' HARDWARE STORE

A New Addition in the Rear of Building in Order to Make Necessary Room.

The hardware firm of Kroehler Brothers has been compelled by their rapidly increasing business to have a new addition some 20x28 feet erected in the rear of their present building. The work on the concrete foundation is already under way and as soon as the weather settles it is thought that the work of putting up the walls of the building will be gotten under way. The structure will be made of either brick or concrete blocks and will be a splendid place for this enterprising firm to establish their tinning department, as well as the bath and plumbing fixtures store room. Under the present crowded condition of the store room it is almost impossible for the firm to adequately handle the business they have built up, as it requires a very large stock of goods, such as it is almost impossible to handle in the present cramped quarters which they occupy.

This addition, while it is not so very large, is an indication of the growing business of the town and shows that the business interests of the town are constantly expanding and growing larger each year in steady, conservative growth and establishing itself firmly little by little on a larger basis, and there are a great many of the firms in the city who have in the past year advanced to the front with new additions to their buildings and new equipment to their store fixtures, as well as enlarged stocks of goods, which all tend to place them on a more modern and up-to-date basis than ever before in the history of the city. Let the good work go on and in a few years the city of Plattsmouth will be ready to take its position in the front ranks of the live, up-to-date cities of the state.

There is no limits to the possibilities that the future holds for this city and its business interests if a united effort is made to advance all along the line and the citizens and business men unite in trying to bring the best possible results out of what we already possess and reach out to secure new additions to the business life of the city. The spirit of jealousy of competition has to a great extent died out of the business life of our community, and there is no dealer in any line of goods in the city, who is not willing to stand on his own merits and meet all competition, and Plattsmouth can today boast of as fine and modern stores as almost any town in the state.

Visiting Here From Ohio.

A. L. Huffer of near Mynard is enjoying a short visit from his sister, Mrs. Clara Strader, of Pickering, Ohio, who is visiting here for the first time in several years. Mr. and Mrs. Strader were living in the district in Ohio that was visited by the floods this spring, and all their belongings except the house in which they lived were destroyed by the water and they have just their automobile and stoves fixed up from the damage they sustained in the flood. Mrs. Strader will be well remembered here by the older residents as Miss Clara Huffer, having attended school here in 1884 and 1885. Mr. Huffer was a caller at the Journal office Saturday, bringing in some enormous peaches raised by him on his farm, and they beat any we have seen so far this year that were raised in Nebraska.

Mrs. Fern Pitzer of Nebraska City came up last evening and is a guest at the E. H. Westcott home for a few days.

Is Getting Along Nicely.

From Friday's Daily.  
The many friends in this city of Mrs. Harmon Bestor will be greatly pleased to learn that she is getting along nicely from the effects of an operation which she underwent in one of the Omaha hospitals on Wednesday. She stood the operation in splendid shape and came out of it feeling as well as could be expected. Mrs. Bestor has been in poor health for some time and the friends are hopeful the operation will result in her recovering her former good health.

## THE KNIGHTS AND LADIES ENJOY A PLEASANT TIME

The Installation of Officers Attended by Large Number of the Members.

From Friday's Daily.

The members of the Knights and Ladies of Security held a most pleasant session at their hall last evening on the occasion of the installing of the officers for the ensuing year, and there were present some 100 members to take part in the enjoyment of the evening. The new officers were installed in a very impressive manner by George L. Farley, state deputy of the order, and he was ably assisted by Col. J. H. Thrasher, who officiated as conductor for the different officers as they received their obligations.

The officers installed for the ensuing year were: President, Mrs. Laura Thrasher; first vice president, Viola Ward; second vice president, R. B. Windham; prelate, C. H. Taylor; recording secretary, A. O. Moore; financier, August Clويد; guard, Paul Lutz; conductor, Mrs. Carrie Leyda; sentinel, Miss Clara Wohlfarth. After the close of the ceremonies of installing the new officers of the order had been completed the members were invited to the dining room, where a delicious luncheon had been prepared by the committee in charge of Mrs. Allen J. Beeson, and the ladies on the committee certainly did themselves proud in preparing the delicious repast, which the members loudly praised and which served to add very materially to the enjoyment of the evening, and the ladies can feel that they have contributed much for the good of the order in serving the tempting refreshments.

During the evening a very pleasing program was given by different talented members of the company present, including a vocal trio by Miss Ellen Windham, B. A. McElwain and R. B. Windham, which was received with loud applause from the company, as were also a number of other musical offerings given. The younger members of the lodge decided to have a short dance for a time, and as there were a number of talented piano players present there was soon quite a large crowd on the floor tripping to the music furnished by them, and the young folks enjoyed this amusement until a late hour.

Our Old Friend Remembers Us.

Saturday afternoon the Journal was the recipient of a nice lot of peaches sent in by our good old friend, Geo. W. Shrader, from his farm, near Union. Mr. Shrader is a staunch friend of the Journal and whenever he has anything extra fine he always sees that this newspaper is remembered, and we feel very grateful to this grand old gentleman for his kindly wishes, and trust he may be able to visit with us whenever in the city, as he is one of nature's noblemen and an equal to "Uncle George" will be hard to find.

Dave Young, from south of this city, was in town today for a few hours looking after some trading with the merchants.

Paints and oils. Gering & Co. Phone 36.

## THIEF FAILED TO MAKE HIS GET-A-AWAY

Has Goods Wrapped Up and Then Returns for Same and Tries to Get Away Without Paying.

This morning about 9 o'clock a stranger entered the department store of M. Fanger and asked the clerks to show him some ladies' cloaks, which they did, of course. The man looked over a number of garments and remarked to Miss Della Moore, who was waiting on him, that his wife had bought a number of suits there and that they had been very satisfactory, and asked that the garment he picked out, a \$16 coat, be wrapped up and laid aside, as he would return in about a half hour and secure it. The coat was wrapped up, and while Miss Moore was gone over to the postoffice the man returned and secured the garment from another clerk and started out, and the clerk, not knowing him, at once notified Mr. Zucker of the affair, and he at once got busy, as the man was unknown to any of the employees of the store, but he had vanished from sight by this time. Mr. Hiatt and Miss Moore were standing at the door a few minutes before No. 4 arrived at the depot, when they saw the man dash out of one of the stores on lower Main street and make for the depot, and Mr. Zucker and Miss Moore at once started for the depot, arriving there as the train came in, but there was no sign of the mysterious stranger. They boarded the train and came on the man in the smoking car, where he was identified by Miss Moore and a search developed that he had the coat concealed beneath him. He was taken from the train by Mr. Zucker, with the assistance of John Hatt, jr., and brought up town, where he was turned over to the police authorities. The man, when apprehended on the train, claimed he was a railroad man employed at the Junction and was going to take the coat over to have his wife try it on, although at the store he stated he resided in the country near this city. He offered to pay for the coat, but as he only had \$2 was unable to do anything in that line, and will be compelled to face the music. It was due to the quickness of Miss Moore that the man did not succeed in making his getaway and the coat was saved to the store.

While at the Fanger store the man gave his name as Charles Novak, which was evidently an assumed name, as the man gave different names at the other places visited. He was a caller earlier in the morning at the McElwain jewelry store, where he stated his name was H. M. Miller and he desired to purchase a Howard watch, and after considerable hesitation decided upon a \$65 timepiece, but as Mr. McElwain said he would have to order the watch, he requested the man to deposit some money on it before the order was sent in. The fellow remarked he would go out and get the money, but the next saw of him was when he was brought up the street in custody of Messrs. Zucker and Hatt, en route to the police headquarters. The man was evidently an old-timer at this line of work, and but for the quickness of Mr. Zucker and his clerks would have made his escape from the city.

The fellow, who stated to the authorities that his name was Nelson Clark, and his residence as Omaha, was taken to the county jail to await the filing of a complaint against him, which will probably be done this afternoon by the county attorney, charging him with obtaining goods under false pretenses or petty larceny.

M. Tritsch, refracting optician, at Gering & Co.'s Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Examination free.

William Stockham in Town.

William Stockham, of Tucker-ville, Neb., arrived in Plattsmouth yesterday afternoon for a brief visit with friends here and to look after some business matters. Mr. Stockham has been a reader of the Journal for many years, and, of course, did not fail to pay us a brief visit. He tells us that he has been doing well in the western part of the state, but this year the crops were pretty well burned out and corn will make an average of about 15 bushels to the acre. Mr. Stockham lived down near Nehawka for a great many years prior to four years ago last spring, when he moved to Custer county, where he has since resided. He goes to Nehawka this afternoon, where he will make a week's visit with friends and relatives, being a guest at the home of the Ingwerson families, these gentlemen being brothers of Mrs. Stockham. We were very much pleased to meet our old friend, and more pleased to learn that he is getting along so nicely in the new home.

## FINE ENTERTAINMENT AT THE METHODIST CHURCH LAST NIGHT

The Church Crowded to Utmost Capacity to Enjoy a Very Fine Musicales.

Last evening the Methodist church was filled to its capacity by those who had gathered to enjoy the evening of music given by the members of the Young Men's Glee club and the Euterpean Glee club, and they were well repaid for their attendance, as the music furnished by these two young people's organizations was of a high character and served well to take the place of the evening preaching hour, and the sacred music brought out a feeling of deep and helpful thought. The program was entirely impromptu and gotten up to supply the vacancy caused by the absence of Rev. W. L. Austin at the conference in Lincoln and served to fill the place in most pleasant manner, and the excellent music rendered was very much appreciated by the audience. The Methodist church in this city has one of the finest musical organizations of any town in the state, and when all the choirs and glee clubs are united there are some seventy voices, and their efforts have contributed greatly to the work of the church and has advanced the interest of that church perhaps more than any one feature of the church work. Most of the choir-isters are young people and by careful training they have been brought up to a high standard of musical excellence, where they are a source of great pride to the members of the church. The Young Men's Glee club fills a great need for male voices in the musical work of the church organization and the young men composing the club are advancing very rapidly in their training and to hear them is certainly a rare treat.

## WEDDING AT HOME OF BRIDE'S PARENTS IN ALVO

A marriage license was issued Saturday evening by County Judge Allen J. Beeson to Mr. Ralph E. Uhley, aged 24, of Elmwood, and Miss Alletha Rouse, aged 19, of Avoca. The young couple were married yesterday at the home of the bride's parents, J. P. Rouse and wife, at Alvo. Both of these young people are well known and very popular in their community and their many friends will be delighted to learn of their nuptials and trust they may enjoy a long and happy married life.

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## THE BOOSTERS "WALLOP" THE HAVELOCK TEAM

Boosters Greatly Outclassed the Havelock Team, as the Score Fully Demonstrates.

Yesterday afternoon the far-famed aggregation of ball players representing Havelock visited this city, with the result that their slaughter was something awful, as the Boosters seemed to take on new life when put up against the bunch, and some of the boys batted in the 500 class. There was quite a good-sized crowd in attendance, despite the chilly wind, and they greatly enjoyed the humiliation of the boys from the Lincoln suburb, although the contest was really too one-sided to be of interest. The Boosters far out-classed their opponents, both in the batting and fielding features of the game, although in the last innings the playing lacked the vim shown in the opening part of the game. There were a number of very clever plays pulled off, but the big hit of the afternoon was the return by Mason in left field of a fly that had been knocked clear to the fence, and he threw the ball into the infield in time to nail the runner at the home plate and the play was greeted with much applause by the large crowd of fans.

In the opening spasm of the game Plattsmouth succeeded in securing two runs, and repeated on this in the second inning, and in the fourth the agony was added to when five of the Boosters found the Havelock twirler for safe hits and succeeded in registering them at the home plate. In the fifth one more was added to the string of figures, and in the seventh the Boosters made their score thirteen by pushing over three more men, and making it impossible to lose the game, although their playing toward the close was far from what it should be. The local boys should have hung a shutout on the Havelock bunch, as they were far out-classed and were unable to do business successfully with Connor's delivery until well in the game, when, on a small hit, they succeeded in getting a man around to third and he came home on a passed ball by Carle and rang up their first run. In the seventh they succeeded in getting two more scores, which was very pleasing to them and made the humiliation of their defeat a little less. A home run to the left field fence in the eighth added another run to the Havelock string and made the score at the final inning 13 to 4 in favor of our sterling athletes.

There was much rag chewing in the sixth inning over a stunt pulled off by one of the Havelock players, there being two men on the bases, with two out, when the batter knocked a long drive into center field and the two runners came home, while the gentleman making the hit passed by first base without touching it and raced on to second. The play was noticed by Connor, and as soon as the ball was returned he fired it to Smith at first and the player was called out, which retired the side and prevented the scores being counted for the Havelock side, all of which caused them to show great anger toward Dr. Sendin, who umpired the game very satisfactorily, but after a short conference the game was resumed, the visitors recognizing the fact that a bone-headed stunt had cost them two scores.

Clarence Cotner and Lester Chriswiser departed this morning on the early Missouri Pacific train for Omaha, where they will enter an automobile school and garage for the winter, taking up a course in the handling of automobiles.