

The Plattsmouth Journal.

CITY COUNCIL HAS A VERY LIVELY SESSION

The Extension of Water Mains, and City Occupation Tax Ordinance Creates More Discussion.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The city council met last evening in regular session at the city hall with all present except the representatives of the First ward, but Mr. Straight came in later and was marked present. Mr. Patterson is in the east in attendance at the banker's convention. After the reading of the minutes of the previous session the dads took up the various petitions and communications that had been handed in to their august body. A petition was presented from Ed. Eggenberger asking permission to place his wagon in the city hall yard during the winter months as he had rented a barn near there and had no place to put his vehicle at nights. The permission was granted by the council. A communication was also received from Mrs. Lucetta Sayles asking that the council order the grading and proceed with the work of putting in a permanent concrete walk on the west side of her residence property at the corner of Main and Eleventh streets. Councilman Richey stated as the funds of the city were not overflowing with money and numerous other walks had been ordered by the council before. He thought those ordered first should be put in first but if the money was available he was not opposed to putting the walk down. Mr. Buttery, of the second ward, stated that the walk was badly needed, and that the city had several narrow escapes from being sued for damages on account of accidents on this walk and believed that the sooner it was fixed up the better. The council finally ordered the work started. Councilman Hallstrom voting no on the proposition.

A petition was also presented from the residents in the northeast section of the city, asking permission to make extension of the sewer from Fourth and Vine street north to Oak and then east to Third, which permission was granted.

The report of Chief of Police Rainey showed nineteen arrests for the month of September with different dispositions made of the prisoners.

City Clerk Wurl reported he had collected the sum of \$38.75 during the month which had been turned over to City Treasurer Cook.

City Treasurer Cook reported that the balance in the city strong box at the end of the month had been \$12,262.37.

Police Judge Archer as the result of his activities during the month of September, was able to secure some \$44.40 from the different parties who had appeared before him during that time.

The claims committee of the council to which had been referred the claims of the August Gorder estate for \$26 and that of Guy Patterson for \$1.00 for assisting in surveying, recommended the payment of the Patterson claim be referred to the city attorney as the bill was several years old, and it should be investigated more thoroughly before the council ordered the sum paid out. This report was adopted by the council by a unanimous vote.

The finance committee of the city council reported the following claims against the city and recommended their payment: G. W. Haynie, street work, \$44.80; Mike Lutz, street commissioner, \$49.50; Al. O'Neill, street work, \$32; Chris. Gobelman, street work, \$20.80; John Swanson, street work, \$25.80; Alvin Jones, street work, \$26; John Fitzpatrick, salary, \$20; Frank Neu-

mann, salary, \$65; W. B. Rishel, street sweeping and sprinkling, \$37.25; M. Archer, salary, \$30; Plattsmouth Water Co., fire hydrant rental, \$838.62; Plattsmouth Water Co., water for drinking fountains, \$1.42; Claus Boetel, burying three dogs, \$1.50; James Donnelly, salary, \$3; public library expense, September, \$1.63; Olive Jones, salary, \$35; Edward Svoboda, work at cemetery, \$5.60; John Iverson, repairing tools, \$8.40.

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BOB PROBST STILL SWINGING AROUND

Writes a Very Interesting Letter, Giving a Vivid Description of His Travels.

The Journal has just received another very interesting letter from our friend, R. L. Probst, who has been in company with his worthy helpmate enjoying an extensive tour of the east. The letter is as follows:

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 10, 1913. Editor Journal:

Having spent a number of pleasant days among the Adirondack mountains and on Lake Champlain, and after visiting many places of interest such as old Fort Ticonderago, Frederick and Montcalm's Landing and Larabee's Point, Vermont, we moved in toward Albany, one hundred and fifty miles from New York City, and a down pour of rain made getting around very disagreeable. We boarded a trolley car for Troy, and after a few hours in that city the weather became ideal, the sun came out and all nature seemed much refreshed. Later we returned to Albany, where the Sulzer trial was in progress but all interest in the matter seemed to have been lost by most of the population. The state capitol is a fine structure situated on a high elevation overlooking the river, and a goodly portion of the city. It is built of marble from Vermont. Leaving Albany we embarked on the steamboat, "Washington Irving," for New York. The river for some miles below Albany is very wide, but as you near the Catskill mountains it becomes narrow. The mountains are beautiful and situated on the west bank of the river. As you pass down the river, you see many small towns, the most important are Kingspoint, Poughkeepsie, at this last named place is located one of the highest bridges in the world, connecting the town with Highland. Newburgh and West Point are on the west side of the river. One has a good view of Sing Sing prison, situated at the base of a high hill, and close to the shore of the river. Tarrytown is beautifully located on the east bank of the river, and is the home of Helen Gould Shepherd, whose residence stands in plain view from the river. We next came to the home of the late John Jacob Astor, victim of the Titanic. This estate has been in the Astor family for a number of generations, and all the noted Astors have been born here. At the present time it is owned by Vincent Astor, eldest son of John Jacob Astor. Yonkers, seventeen miles from New York City, has a population of 60,000, and is really a part of New York City, but is cut off from that place by a narrow neck of water. Just here on a beautiful elevation, is the burial place of the Astors. On the opposite side of the river, are the Palisades, extending for some twenty miles down the river. We now enter the lower Hudson river and in full view of New York City of which I will perhaps speak of at some later date. Yours,

R. L. Probst.

Henry Hiner and family of Wallhill, Nebraska, who have been here for a short time visiting with relatives, departed this morning for their home.

PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM COUNTY JAIL

Three Prisoners Break Down Door and Escape From the Ramshackle Building.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The venerable pile which for years has borne the title of the Cass county jail, last night yielded up its prisoners, and the result of some of the prisoners breaking off a bar from the cell, and forcing the bolts on the door as well as breaking the hinges, and then rushed forth free from the confinement in the loathsome prison. The men had planned their time for making the escape well, as Officer Neumann had visited the jail shortly after 7 o'clock to see how the men were getting along, and shortly before 8 o'clock Mrs. M. E. Manspeaker, the wife of the deputy sheriff who resides on the second floor of the jail building departed to attend a lodge meeting, and the prisoners were left alone in the building. They must have got busy at once with their attempt to force their way out of the jail, as about 8:30 parties passing the jail noticed the door standing open, came up town and informed Officer Neumann of that fact and he at once hastened to the jail to discover that the birds had flown. The prisoners Nelson Clark, John McGee and Tom Martin were fortunately not dangerous criminals but were in for small sentences.

As soon as the escape was discovered Deputy Sheriff Manspeaker who was at his livery stable, was notified, and the description of the men telephoned to the nearby towns in the hope of heading them off in their dash for liberty, but up to noon no word had been received of them or their whereabouts. Clark, is the man who attempted to make a getaway with a cloak from the Fanger store a few days ago, while McGee is in jail waiting the sitting of the district court to pass on his violation of his parole on the charge of wife desertion. Martin had only been in the jail since last Friday when he was sentenced to ninety days for attempting to beat a board bill. There are none of these men experienced criminals and the ease with which they made their escape demonstrates the weakness of the old pile of brick that has been called a jail, and the need for the erection of a new building to hold the county's prisoners from which they cannot escape whenever they feel like it. If the new building is not erected soon to confine prisoners in it, it will be necessary to have a constant guard on duty to see that the building is not torn down by the persons confined therein, and from the condition of the building, it is really a crime against mankind to confine any one in there. In the past few years there have been several parties made their getaway from the old building, and since the people have expressed their wish for the erection of a new jail, there is no reason why the building has not been started. The authorities are busy today trying to get some track of the men who escaped but it seems they have succeeded in covering their tracks well.

Turning Classes Doing Well.

Owing to the fact that German Day will be celebrated this week, there will be no turning classes held at the German Turner hall until next Tuesday. This is the second month of the turning and a fine men's class as well as a boy's class has been gotten into fine shape for the winter work. It is expected in a few weeks to have a business men's class organized for work on at least one night a week, and quite a number have signified their intention of being enrolled in the

Henry J. Meisinger, one of the staunch and reliable farmers from the vicinity of Cedar Creek, was in the city today looking after some matters of business.

Will Move to Idaho.

Philip and Nick Schaefer, from near Cedar Creek, were in the city yesterday looking after some business matters, among which was to call at the Journal office for the purpose of ordering some sale bills for the latter Mr. Schaefer, who is preparing to move to Fairfield, Idaho, where he will make his future home. As will be seen by advertisement in another column of this issue, Mr. Schaefer's sale will be held on Thursday, October 23, at his home near Cedar Creek.

FRANK R. GUTHMAN LAID TO FINAL REST

Funeral Services at St. John's Catholic Church Largely Attended.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The funeral of the late Francis R. Guthman was held this morning at ten o'clock at St. John's Roman Catholic church, and the service was attended by a large number of the old friends and associates of this most worthy citizen, who gathered to pay their last tributes of respect to one they had esteemed and admired during the long years of his residence in this city. The beautiful and solemn high mass of the church Mr. Guthman had loved so devotedly during his life time was celebrated by Rev. Father M. A. Shine, with Father John Vleck as deacon and Father H. J. Cassilly of Omaha, as sub-deacon. During the services Miss Opal Fitzgerald sang the well-known song "Lead Kindly Light," which had been one of the favorites of the departed when living. The wealth of floral tributes at the church attested the deep feeling of grief at the passing of this grand good man, and the esteem in which he had been held by all who knew him.

The court house and the different business houses of the city were closed during the hours of the funeral out of respect to this gentleman who has been a resident of Plattsmouth during a long period of years. The body was laid to its final rest in the Catholic cemetery in this city.

"BABY MINE" THE NEXT ATTRACTION AT THE PARMELE

The success of two continents, "Baby Mine," Margaret Mayo's play of a thousand laughs, is announced for presentation at the Parmele next Tuesday night, October 21. "Baby Mine" has to its credit one solid year's run at Daly's Theatre, New York. It has also achieved phenomenal success at Sir Charles Wyndham's Criterion Theatre, London, and in Paris, Berlin and Vienna. "Baby Mine" holds the distinction of being absolutely clean from start to finish, the comedy situations being none the less laugh provoking because of the absence of suggestiveness. Wm. A. Brady, Ltd. makes the production, which is sending a gale of laughter around the world.

Little Girl Baby Passes Away.

Saturday the little girl baby of Mr. and Mrs. William Ferguson, aged three months and twenty days, passed away at the home of her parents at 1:30 p. m. The funeral of the little one was held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home, and the interment made at the Horning cemetery south of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson reside a few miles south of this city, near the big island, and in their loss of their little daughter will receive the deepest sympathy of their friends and neighbors.

The Journal does job work.

THE PRESENT LIGHTING SYSTEM IS ON THE BUM

And the Patrons of the Plant are Not Going to Stand the Poor Lights Much Longer.

During the past few days there has been much complaint throughout the city as to the electric light service furnished in this city to the patrons of the light company. There has been several occasions in the past few weeks when the lights were so dim as to be useless for the purposes of illumination, and to those who use the electric current for power it was impossible for them to run their machinery. This is a condition that the Light company should try and remedy as the users of the electric current are entitled to have some assurance that they will not be laid out any time without warning, and if the Light company expects to increase their patrons in this city they must give some active demonstration of their intentions to fit the plant up here so that it will be able to carry the current and not make this city a mere adjunct to the power plants several miles away in Iowa. The citizens in general and the patrons of the Light company in particular, are entitled to have the intentions of the company made plain as to whether the plant and service of this city will be improved or allowed to drag along with the same kind of service that has been handed out during the past. The company has made preparations to rewire the city, but what is needed more is the fixing up of the plant so that it can carry the amount of current used without having the lights go out, or be so dim that it is impossible to use them and while the public has been very patient in the matter, they should be given the assurance of the company of their intention to improve the service in this city.

HAS JUST FINISHED GRADING CONTRACT

From Wednesday's Daily.

J. H. McMaken of this city, has just finished his grading contract with the Burlington in this city in placing some 2,500 yards of earth in the new fill that the railroad company has made at the approach to the shop yards on the north. This fill is to complete the improvements made by the installing of the large concrete sewer to carry the water from the creek on Lincoln avenue, and displaces the old wooden culverts that were used by the company for so many years. The work of Mr. McMaken was most satisfactory to the Burlington, and the improvement made by the railroad company is one that adds greatly to the appearance of their shop and railroad yard as well as making it much more convenient and safe for the employees. The superintendent of shops, Mr. Baird, has been working on securing this improvement for some time and his constant efforts has finally borne fruit, and the new addition to the years' improvements is one that will reflect much credit upon the efforts of the superintendent.

OUR SILK SALE

left us with a large quantity of remnants. These we offer at a cut price. Many 2 and 2 1/2-yard pieces in 36-inch width, just enough for a waist or petticoat. ZUCKWEILER & LUTZ.

Andy Lutkins departed yesterday afternoon for Louisville where he will look after the business of the Nebraska Lighting company in that city.

Mrs. Nolting Still Improving.

The condition of Mrs. Fred Nolting who has been in Omaha for some weeks taking treatment is reported as being much better and her family and friends feel much encouraged over the prospects for her recovery. The operation which Mrs. Nolting underwent was a most severe one, and for a time her recovery was quite doubtful, but she seems now to be improving rapidly and the hopes for her complete recovery are very bright.

CASS COUNTY PEOPLE INJURED NEAR LINCOLN

The following account of the narrow escape of several Cass county people in an automobile accident near Lincoln, appears in the State Journal of this morning. It was most fortunate that the members of the party were not seriously, if not fatally injured in the accident:

An automobile containing a man and four women turned a somersault eight miles east of Lincoln at 10:30 yesterday morning and landed right side up without seriously injuring any of its occupants. Mrs. H. F. Ost of Nehawka, was driving the car, and her wrist was sprained. The other members of the party, H. F. Ost of Nehawka, Clede Berger and Marguerite Berger of Nehawka, and Mrs. James Brown, of Murray, were not seriously injured beyond a severe shaking up. The party was on its way to Lincoln to take in the German day festivities and to visit Mrs. E. M. Steiner at 853 North Twenty-third avenue. They will visit with Mrs. Steiner, Mrs. Ost's cousin, until their machine is repaired and they are able to drive back to Nehawka. They all laughed over the accident last evening, but admitted that they were lucky to get out of it with no more serious injuries. Describing how the accident occurred, Mrs. Ost said: "We were driving rapidly along East O street toward Lincoln and were about eight miles from town when the accident occurred. I was driving and tried to turn out for another automobile. The road had been graded up recently and the car started skidding back and forth. Before I could choke the engine and stop it it skidded crosswise with the road and the car had completely passed over us. It seemed to fly right over us. None of us was unconscious and we got up and went to the car without difficulty. It was uninjured save for a broken axle. We could have run it in to Lincoln had it not been for this." Dr. E. B. Finney, of Lincoln was visiting at the Anderson farm nearby. He and others rushed to the assistance of the Ost party. Dr. Finney dressed the sprained wrist and assured himself that none of the others was injured. He then hooked the Ost machine behind his car and hauled the party to Lincoln.

PHILIP HIRZ HAS THUMB OF RIGHT HAND BROKEN

From Wednesday's Daily.

Monday afternoon as Philip Hirz was engaged in driving around the field at his farm near this city, he received a very painful injury. The team he was driving became frightened and started to run and in doing so threw Philip out with the result that the thumb of his right hand was dislocated. He came to this city and had the injured member dressed, and made as comfortable as possible, although it will be some time before he regains the full use of his hand.

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A MENACE LOOMS LARGE IN NEBRASKA

Breakers Ahead in Nebraska Says The Milling and Grain News, of Kansas City.

There are breakers ahead in Nebraska for every manufacturing industry, according to the following taken from the Milling and Grain News, published at Kansas City:

A menace that looms large in Nebraska at this time is one that threatens every manufacturing industry of the country, though not, perhaps, in the same form. It is not the danger of being compelled to have the laws governing our industries made by individuals and bodies who are totally ignorant of the conditions under which the various manufacturers produce their wares.

The Net Weights and Measures Law, which has just gone into effect in the God-fearing state of Nebraska is but another of the spikes in the crown of thorns that is being pressed upon the brow of the long-suffering miller. The Nebraska law provides that the miller must brand his package with the net weight of its contents, and that he must stand responsible for the contents equaling the net weight shown thereon, even after it has passed out of his possession, into the hands of a second, third or even a fourth party, no matter how long a time has elapsed since it has been in commerce.

The injustice of such a ruling concerning a commodity of the character of flour, which is known to shrink with age, borders on the preposterous. It would be just as reasonable for the law to provide that the farmer must guarantee that the wheat he raises and sells to the local elevator be of the some weight after it has passed through the hands of several grain dealers, lain in storage for months, and finally reaches the miller.

There is nothing in the law that tells the miller any way in which he can avoid the shrinkage which the nature of the commodity makes it certain will take place if the goods are kept on hand a certain length of time, or are subjected to certain atmospheric or climatic changes.

The measure has only been in force for a short time, and so far it caused no trouble, but the Nebraska state officials are said to be keenly on the alert. It is probable, however, that little difficulty will be met with this season, owing to the conditions under which the wheat crop was harvested this year, as well as the conditions under which most of the flour was ground, up to this time. As the harvest season was an unusually dry one, the wheat contained only a minimum amount of moisture, and the continued hot, dry weather which prevailed during the first months of grinding the new crop resulted in the drest milling of many years, so that flour ground before the recent precipitation has less chance for shrinkage than usual. There is liable to be another story, nevertheless, about flour ground during wet weather, for, as the wheat was unusually dry, the absorption element of the flour will be correspondingly greater. Even during ordinary seasons, when rainfall is moderate, flour absorbs a certain amount of moisture from the atmosphere, which naturally evaporates in time if the flour is stored in some warm, dry place, but in an unusually wet season, the absorption is naturally greater, and if, after such a season, the flour is carried through a dry season, the evaporation is greater. In which event, the Nebraska State Government sleuths will be able to get in some of their fine work, and make things entertaining for the Nebraska miller.

The Journal ads pay.