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## THE RIFLE RANGE AND THE STATE MILITIA

**A Matter That Should Be Looked After by the Commercial Club Immediately.**

Plattsmouth people are wondering whether or not the state is going to the expense of purchasing a rifle range near Ashland when the government rifle range near their own city is available for use at any time the state troops want it. The matter has been much debated in the Cass county seat, according to John Hatt, who was in the city yesterday. People there say that it is only throwing money away to make the purchase and that if the taxpayers of the state really knew conditions they would not approve the purchase. At present Alex Laverty of near Ashland is dickering with the department for a purchase of a large tract of land for the purpose. Other towns offered land for the same purpose, but the fact that the Laverty plot is nearer both Lincoln and Omaha is said to have been in his favor. The Cass county people insist that the matter should be fully investigated by the governor and other state officials before the decision to buy a new tract is made. Thus far it is said no concerted move has been made at Plattsmouth to take up the matter, but it is believed that several of the prominent citizens there will be asked to write letters and lay the matter before General Hall.—Lincoln State Journal.

The Commercial club should waste no time in looking after the matter. It is no use to put the taxpayers of the state to spend money for grounds, when the state militia can use the government grounds here, and it would be a waste of the people's money to do so. It would be well for the Commercial club to send a committee of two or three to interview the governor and state officials on the matter before any purchase has been made.

## WHY NOT AGITATE AN INTERURBAN ROAD THROUGH PLATTSMOUTH?

There has been for the past few weeks much discussion of the matter of the improvement of the lighting of the city, and this naturally leads to the question of why not attempting to secure an interurban connection and line through this locality. There is no better portion of the state where a line could be placed than through Cass county, and already one is projected to run through Louisville and the western end of the county, connecting Omaha and Lincoln, and the towns on the line through the county will prove of much benefit to them. Here the conditions are even more favorable than in the western part of the county, as here there could be secured many residents of Omaha who could make their homes here and at the same time keep their business interests in the metropolis. There is no question but that there are hundreds of families who would much prefer to reside in a small town than to be compelled to stay in the city during the hot summer months, and with a line giving quick service to Omaha there is not much doubt but that they could be secured for this city. This is a matter that should be given serious thought, and if possible some move should be made in the direction of securing it.

New Venice collars from 50c to \$3.00 each. Just in. Zuckweiler & Lutz.

**Bridge on M. P. Burned.**  
From Wednesday's Daily.  
This morning at an early hour one of the small bridges on the Missouri Pacific between Nebraska City and Auburn was discovered to be in flames and it required several hours' work to put the blaze out, and the early morning train from the south into this city, which is due at 6:20, did not arrive until 8 o'clock, as it was necessary to repair the bridge to allow the passage of trains over this line.

## THE FIRE BOYS ARE RENOVATING THEIR QUARTERS

**The Fire Department Being Put in Fine Shape, and Shining Up Everything.**

From Tuesday's Daily.  
The fire apparatus of the city has, in the past few weeks, been thoroughly overhauled and fixed up in fine shape for use of the fire department of the city in protecting the property of the residents here. The different hose carts, hook and ladder wagons and the other apparatus that is used in this line of fire fighting has been fixed up in fine shape with a coating of bright paint that will distinguish it and gives the different carts and wagons an appearance of beauty that they did not possess before. The work was done on the orders of the city council and was performed by J. C. Brittain and Harry Krueger, and they can certainly feel very proud of the neat job they have done on the equipment of the fire department and the work has been carried out without a great expense to the city government and the taxpayers of the city.

The fire department has in the past performed brave deeds in the discharge of their duty and the residents of Plattsmouth can feel a deep sense of gratitude to them for the work they have performed in the past and the boys stand ready at any time that duty calls to get out and fight for the saving of the property of their friends and neighbors. Chief of the Fire Department Braun has, since taking charge of the department, been one of the most tireless workers in the upbuilding of the department and in placing it on the highest possible plane of usefulness, and while his labors are slow in bearing fruit, owing to the many obstacles in the way, still he is gradually bringing the standard up and placing the department in far better shape than ever before in its history. There should be every aid given to the fire department in their work and the enterprising members encouraged in the good work of keeping the organization and equipment up in first-class shape.

## CITY PARK COMMISSION SETTING OUT TREES ON HIGH SCHOOL HILL

The city park commission today commenced the task of setting out a number of trees on High School Hill and the avenues to replace those which have been killed or destroyed by vandals during the past year, and in all some fifty trees will be used throughout the city by the commissioners. This work of killing the young trees that have been set out to aid in the beautifying of the city is something that should be punished in a very severe manner if the culprits are caught, and the authorities are looking for anyone who attempts to destroy any more of the young trees, as was done last spring along Washington avenue, and if they are caught it will go very severe with them.

## DEMOCRATIC CITY TICKET PROVES WINNER

**Democrats Elect Sattler Mayor, Soennichsen Treasurer and Nemetz Clerk.**

From Wednesday's Daily.  
The city election yesterday was one of the most exciting that has been held here in the past few years, and the result in general was a victory for the democratic city ticket, and in several of the wards the candidates for councilman were elected by a very narrow margin. The vote for Mayor Sattler was very good all over the city, he carrying all the wards with the exception of the first, which gave his opponent, Mr. Baylor, eight majority, and the total majority for the mayor will be 139.

The closest contest on the city ticket was that of treasurer, where two of the most popular men in the city, Dr. E. W. Cook and H. M. Soennichsen, were opposing each other, and the contest was watched with great interest by the friends and supporters of the respective candidates, and it was not until the last ward had registered its expression that it was possible to tell how the race was coming out, and the final result showed that Mr. Soennichsen was the lucky man by the margin of seven votes.

That John Nemetz was something of a race horse was shown by the vote that he received, he carrying every ward, and totaled the city with a majority of 158.

In the different wards the race for councilman proved more exciting than had really been expected at first, and the newcomers in the race got into the game in great shape. In the First ward Rae Patterson was re-elected over John Linderman by a majority of thirty-two, but Mr. Linderman did not make an active campaign for the office. In the Second ward was where one of the surprises of the day was sprung, when Charles Hula ran a neck-and-neck race with Councilman Frank Buttery, one of the strongest republican candidates in the city, and Hula only suffered defeat by a margin of five votes. The one ward where there was no need for the candidate to worry was in the Third, where Frank Bestor, the democrat, was the only candidate, and as a result didn't have to lose any sleep over the final outcome. The Fourth ward was another close battleground on the question of councilman, as C. A. Johnson, the present incumbent of the office, was re-elected by a majority of three votes over John Kopp. The Fifth ward, where George Klinger and Rob't. Harris were lined up against each other, gave a majority of twenty-one for Mr. Harris, who had made a very thorough campaign of that ward and the effectiveness of this is shown in the vote he received.

One of the pleasant features of the campaign was the absence of any bitterness or ill-feeling on either side, and while all the candidates did their utmost to secure the election there was no personalities indulged in by any of them, and this speaks well for both the democrats and republicans who, while opposing each other for the city offices, after the contest will all pull together for the best interests of the city and its future welfare.

The votes for the different offices by wards is as follows:

**First Ward.**  
For Mayor—Sattler (dem.) ..... 62  
Baylor (rep.) ..... 68  
For Clerk—Nemetz (dem.) ..... 70  
Rawls (rep.) ..... 60  
For Treasurer—Soennichsen (dem.) ..... 57  
Cook (rep.) ..... 74

For Councilman—Patterson (dem.) ..... 80  
Linderman (rep.) ..... 48

**Second Ward.**  
For Mayor—Sattler (dem.) ..... 153  
Baylor (rep.) ..... 82  
For Clerk—Nemetz (dem.) ..... 150  
Rawls (rep.) ..... 79  
For Treasurer—Soennichsen (dem.) ..... 129  
Cook (rep.) ..... 108  
For Councilman—Hula (dem.) ..... 113  
Buttery (rep.) ..... 118

**Third Ward.**  
For Mayor—Sattler (dem.) ..... 133  
Baylor (rep.) ..... 102  
For Clerk—Nemetz (dem.) ..... 142  
Rawls (rep.) ..... 94  
For Treasurer—Soennichsen (dem.) ..... 122  
Cook (rep.) ..... 111  
For Councilman—Bestor (dem.) ..... 180

**Fourth Ward.**  
For Mayor—Sattler (dem.) ..... 97  
Baylor (rep.) ..... 68  
For Clerk—Nemetz (dem.) ..... 72  
Rawls (rep.) ..... 72  
For Treasurer—Soennichsen (dem.) ..... 71  
Cook (rep.) ..... 82  
For Councilman—Kopp (dem.) ..... 74  
Johnson (by petition) ..... 77

**Fifth Ward.**  
For Mayor—Sattler (dem.) ..... 57  
Baylor (rep.) ..... 43  
For Clerk—Nemetz (dem.) ..... 64  
Rawls (rep.) ..... 35  
For Treasurer—Soennichsen (dem.) ..... 53  
Cook (rep.) ..... 50  
For Councilman—Klinger (dem.) ..... 41  
Harris (rep.) ..... 62

The results on city engineer and the bonds cannot be given with accuracy, as the returning boards in the Fourth and Fifth wards failed to take the vote on these two propositions, and it will take the official canvass on Monday night to determine just the exact figures of the engineer and bond question. Fred Patterson, the democratic candidate for engineer, has a large lead over his opponent and is probably elected by a good majority, while the bonds are beaten without a doubt by a majority in the neighborhood of 150.

There was a report circulated today that republican straight tickets were counted for Johnson in the Fourth ward, and it may be that a recount of this vote may be necessary.

## TWO MORE CANDIDATES FILE FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER

From Wednesday's Daily.  
This morning two more candidates for the office of county commissioner from the Third district filed in the office of the county clerk, being C. R. Jordan, the present occupant of the office, and Dietrich Koester of Weeping Water precinct. Both of these gentlemen are democratic in politics and are well known throughout the county, having been prominent in the political life of their respective localities, and they are both good, clean men and would fill the office in splendid shape if elected. This makes the third democratic entry into this office, C. T. Richards of South Bend having filed a few weeks ago for the same office. There will probably be a number of republican candidates get into the field before the time for the primary election, and a stirring contest may be looked for among the different candidates.

**Residence for Sale.**  
Two-story brick on Main and 8th streets, contains 8 rooms, not including bath room and closets. Beautifully located and modern fixtures. Five and a half lots, with trees, barn and out-houses. For further particulars address Silas Long, 648 N. 26th St., Lincoln, Neb. 4-8-1mo-d&w

## VILLAGE OF NEHAWKA WILL NOT INCORPORATE

**The Matter Came Up Before the Commissioners This Morning and Turned Down.**

From Tuesday's Daily.  
The question of the incorporation of the village of Nehawka occupied the attention of the board of county commissioners this morning and the hearing of the matter brought out a great many persons to attend the hearing. The petitioners for the incorporation were represented by John I. Long, who appeared as representative of the Commercial club of that place, and stated the position of that organization, which had taken the first steps for the legalizing of a city government for that place. Mr. Long merely appeared as the representative of the club, which, after the consideration of a number of plans, had adopted the one presented to the board.

The incorporation was opposed by a committee of the residents, who were among those who were to be placed in the limits of the proposed village, and among these were Isaac Pollard, Frank P. Sheldon and E. A. Kirkpatrick, who addressed the board, protesting against the limits proposed and also to the signing of the names by those who they claimed were merely temporary residents of the place and had no right to place their names on the lists of the petitioners.

After hearing the different statements offered by those interested, both for and against the petition, the county attorney gave his opinion to the board that either they could reject the petition or give the petitioners further time to bring evidence of the fact that the quarrymen and other petitioners were bona fide residents of the village. The matter was finally disposed of when, on motion of Commissioner Jordan, the petition was rejected and the village will remain unincorporated for the present at least.

## MATTHEW GERING MENTIONED FOR THE STATE SENATE

From Wednesday's Daily.  
Matthew Gering of Plattsmouth, "Black Eagle of the Platte," attorney, orator, chess player, globe-trotter and several other things which cannot be classified by this newspaper, was in Nebraska City yesterday and it is believed he is interviewing his friends for the purpose of sooner or later announcing his candidacy for the state senate. As the Press stated some time ago, Mat had a hankering for the legislature, and it is believed he still has it. If he runs for the senate as well as he orates, plays chess and tries lawsuits he will surely make the other fellows realize they are not doing any Doc Cook polar expedition stunts. It is quite likely that he will announce his candidacy in his usual fervent and oratorical manner in a few days, through his home paper, the Plattsmouth Journal.—Nebraska City Press.

While Mr. Gering has given no public expression here of his intention to enter the race for the state senatorship should he do so there is not the slightest doubt that he would make anyone opposing him set up and take notice, and if elected to the position would represent this district with ability and dignity. All that the Press has said in regard to the ability of the eminent attorney is well deserved and his friends here would be very much pleased to have an opportunity of voting for him.

## Lecture by Prof. E. L. Rouse.

Tomorrow evening is the date for the lecture to be delivered by Prof. E. L. Rouse of the Peru Normal school before the Loyal Sons class of the Christian church, and the friends of this well known educator are invited to be present and meet him and have the benefit of hearing his able lecture, which will be one of the best ever delivered before this class. The meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Briggs.

## ASKS FARMERS TO CHECK THE STOCK DISEASE

**State Desires to Assist in Work of Saving Disease in Stock.**

Governor Morehead has issued an appeal to the farmers of the state to get into touch with the State Live Stock Sanitary board as the best means of keeping diseases out of the state. He says:

Realizing that Nebraska is an agricultural state and that a large percentage of the wealth brought into the state comes through the agricultural resources, I am exceedingly anxious to aid the Sanitary Live Stock board in any way I can, and to bring to the attention of the farmers the necessity of using every means to prevent disease of stock and to stamp it out should an epidemic be started.

If the farmers in any part of the state desire a veterinarian to give them instructions along this line of work and they will write the deputy veterinarian, the president of the Sanitary Live Stock board, or myself, will be glad to arrange to send a man into their community. The farmers realize, as well as we do, that it will be necessary to get a sufficient amount of interest aroused in the community, as a lecture in an empty hall will be of no value.

The appropriation for this department was not a large one, and I have never thought it advisable to send out several men at a big expense to the state unless the farmers feel that they have the time to give to this work. If any section of the state desires assistance from the department we will be glad to cooperate with them in every way possible to improve the conditions of the stock in the state.

## BISHOP WILLIAMS OFFICIATES IN CONFIRMATION AT ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

Last evening at the St. Luke's church the Right Rev. Arthur L. Williams, bishop of the diocese of Nebraska, officiated at the confirmation of a class of twelve persons, who united with the church. The impressive service of the church was attended by a very large number of the members of the parish and the sermon delivered by the bishop was one of the most able that has been heard at the church for some time. Bishop Williams is one of the hardest working bishops in the church and is constantly on a tour of the different churches of his diocese, and to his untiring efforts may be traced the growth and strength of the church in the state, and he has especially favored the church in this city, as whenever it is possible he has given his best efforts to assist personally in building it up. His sermons are filled with deep thought, and the one last evening was especially adapted to the occasion and will long be remembered by all those who heard it.

A new assortment of neckwear. Zuckweiler & Lutz.

## A FORMER PLATTSMOUTH BOY MARRIED

**Miss Martha Payson of Green River, Wyo., Favored Bride of Mr. Emil Droege.**

Last Sunday night at the home of County Treasurer G. H. Hardin and wife, took place a wedding ceremony at 10 o'clock, which made Mr. Emil Droege and Miss Martha Payson man and wife. Father Schillinger of the Roman Catholic church conducting the services.

While this couple had been going together for a number of months, and their many friends anticipated that Cupid was playing a winning hand, nevertheless, the marriage was a complete surprise, as they were married and gone before anyone (with the exception of those who were present at the ceremony) knew anything about it.

Miss Ruth Elliott and Mr. John Wydrop of this city were witnesses of the ceremony.

The bride is a sister of Mrs. Jack Evers of this city and stood high with all who know her, while the groom was a popular young man, who was one of the star players on the undefeated ball team of last season, and has been employed by the Union Pacific at this place as a car inspector for the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. Droege left on No. 3 the same night of the wedding for the west on their honeymoon trip.—Green River (Wyo.) News.  
The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Droege of this city and is a young man of whom there cannot be too much said, as he is a young man, a bright, genial gentleman, and all whom he comes in contact with he numbers as his friends. He was born and reared in this city and received his education in the Plattsmouth schools and afterwards engaged in the cigar making business for a number of years until he removed to Green River, Wyoming, where he has since been employed by the Union Pacific, and in his new home has made many friends. His friends here will be greatly pleased to learn of his wedding and trust that he and his wife may enjoy a long and happy wedded life.

## ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF NEWLY ELECTED B. P. O. E. OFFICERS

The annual installation of the newly elected officers of Plattsmouth lodge No. 739, B. P. O. E., was held at the club rooms in the Coates block on Tuesday evening and there was a large number of the members of the order present to witness the impressive ceremonies, which were conducted by District Deputy Dr. J. S. Livingston. The new officers all took their respective stations and the different parts of the very impressive ritual of the order was delivered by the new officers in a fine manner that showed the deep thought they had given to the positions to which they had been elected. The officers installed were:

Exalted Ruler—James K. Pollock.  
Leading Knight—Nelson Jean.  
Lecturing Knight—Judge A. J. Beeson.  
Secretary—George Weideman.  
Treasurer—Rae F. Patterson.  
Tyler—C. K. Bestor.  
After the installation ceremonies there were a number of candidates conducted into the mysteries of the order, following which a most enjoyable social time was had and a very tempting lunch served to the members, which was enjoyed to the utmost by all who were lucky enough to be present.