

## THE COUNTY JAIL NEARLY COMPLETED

The Apartments Will All Be Finished in Fine Shape and Modernly Supplied.

From Friday's Daily.

The work on Cass county's new jail building is progressing in nice shape and it is a matter of only a few weeks until the structure will be in shape to see how really fine the building looks. The plasterers have finished up most of their work on the building and the carpenters and plumbers are now busily engaged in finishing up their part of the work that will place the building in shape to be turned over to the board of county commissioners.

The cell rooms are well made with steel and concrete that will defy the efforts of any prisoner to break out, and the steel cages which have been placed in the cell room will be used to hold the more desperate prisoners that may be lodged in the county bastille.

The second floor of the building will be devoted to a ward for the female prisoners and a hospital section, where the prisoners that are sick may be confined without injury to their health, while the front section of this part of the building will be devoted to the apartments of the jailor's family.

Throughout the most perfect sanitary arrangements have been made to keep the jail in perfect shape and there has been nothing omitted to make the jail strictly in compliance with the rules that govern most of the prisons of the country. Ample toilet and wash rooms have been provided, as well as places where the prisoners may bathe and keep themselves clean, which fact will be greatly appreciated by the person who has charge of the jail, as in the old building on Pearl street the conditions were simply unspeakable.

The commissioners have certainly done well with the amount of money that was appropriated for the purpose of putting up the jail and have secured a most creditable building that will be used to house the violators of the law.

## SUIT BROUGHT TO RECOVER OCCUPATION TAX FOR SELLING FIRE CRACKERS

From Friday's Daily.

This morning City Attorney Tidd brought suit on behalf of the city of Plattsmouth against Byron Golding for the collection of \$5 occupation tax charged against the defendant for the sale of firecrackers and fireworks at the Grand theater building. Mr. Golding refused to comply with the request of the city to dig up the sum asked and the action is taken to try and collect it from him. The case will be threshed out before Justice Archer. The city contends that inasmuch as the other business men of the city pay occupation tax there should be one secured from Mr. Golding, even though the business he is conducting will last only a few days.

### Fixing Up Office Buildings.

The building on upper Main street that is occupied by Dr. E. W. Cook and Drs. E. D. and F. L. Cummins with their offices, is being repainted and trimmed up in first-class shape, which adds greatly to the appearance of the building. The doctors who own the building do not propose to be left behind in the matter of public improvements and will see that their building is kept up in good shape.

### May Change Running Time.

It has been currently reported in railroad circles for some time that the Missouri Pacific contemplated changing the running time of their passenger trains through this city, but as yet there has been no official notice given. One of the changes reported is that the St. Paul-St. Louis flyer which reaches this city at 12:10, noon, and which under the schedule rumored would leave Omaha about 2 o'clock, reaching here between 2:30 and 2:45 p. m. It will not be known definitely as to the change until Sunday.

## CHARLES SPOHN, OF AVOCA PRECINCT FOR COMMISSIONER 2D DISTRICT

From Friday's Daily.

This morning a petition was received at the office of the county clerk asking that the name of Charles Spohn of Avoca precinct be placed on the ballot as a candidate for the office of county commissioner for the Second district on the democratic ticket. The petition was circulated among the friends of Mr. Spohn in the district and filed without his knowledge and the clerk at once mailed out an oath to the gentleman, which he can fill out if he desires to accept the petition of the voters. Mr. Spohn is at present road supervisor of Avoca precinct and is a gentleman well and favorably known throughout the district where he has made his home for years, and should he accept the nomination he will make a strong candidate for the office.

## A VERY STRONG TESTIMONIAL OF WEARING QUALITIES OF SUPPLIES

The firm of C. E. Wescott's Sons have on display in their west show window a very strong testimonial of the wearing qualities of the line of suit cases and travelers' supplies that they carry. It is a suit case which was purchased at their store by Pollock Parmele before he started on his tour of the world last September, and the suit case bears on its cover the legend of the many places visited by Mr. Parmele in the stickers of the different hotels, extending from New York through the large cities of Asia and the Pacific islands to San Francisco. It is easy to imagine the rough usage that a piece of baggage would receive in its handling at the many different places visited, and the condition of the suit case shows that it was all that was claimed for it, as the case is still in good shape and seems as though it could stand another trip around the globe.

### Runs Large Sliver Into Leg.

Yesterday afternoon Joe Libershall, while carrying a large fir stringer at the planing mill at the Burlington shops was unfortunate enough to run a large sliver from the stringer into his right leg which entered to quite a depth and necessitated the services of a surgeon to extricate the splinter, which was done and Mr. Libershall will be none the worse for the accident, save a slight soreness where the invading piece of wood had lodged.

### Visiting Wm. Rauth and Family.

E. V. Bergman and wife of Toledo, Ohio, are visiting the former's uncle, William Rauth, and family at Wabash for a few days. Messrs. Rauth and Bergman motored to this city in Mr. Rauth's car today for a visit with county seat friends, and while here made this office a very pleasant call, visiting the various departments of this office. While here Mr. Rauth had his name placed on the Plattsmouth Journal list and will be kept posted on the happening in the county, and it gives us much pleasure to place his name on our list.

## THE PLATTSMOUTH BUSINESS COLLEGE

First Term of the Work Closes Very Satisfactory to Those Who Have Attended.

From Friday's Daily.

The Plattsmouth Business college today closes its first term of school and the work of the college has proven most successful in the very able instruction given the young people who have attended the school. The courses given the students were very thorough and efficient and the result has proven very satisfactory.

The college has employed a most competent corps of instructors in the different branches of a business education, such as typewriting, bookkeeping and shorthand and the manner in which the students have taken up the work has been the source of great pleasure to the instructors who have had charge of the college. The Draughton colleges in the different parts of the country have gained an enviable reputation for the excellent work done and the large number of students turned out of their institutions and the one established here in Plattsmouth is up to the usual high standard maintained in the other colleges. The school will reopen here on September 1st, when a large number of new students are expected to enter the college to take up the different courses that will fit them to take up positions in business offices, where they will be well qualified to hold down any position that will be offered them.

The location of the business college in this city has been one of the best things for the young people of the community that has been brought here in recent years, as it gives them an opportunity of securing a practical business education without being compelled to go to Omaha or some other large city to secure this line of instruction, and the citizens here should see that all possible aid is given this excellent institution.

## THEY TAKE SNAP JUDGMENT ON THEIR MANY FRIENDS IN MARRIAGE

From Friday's Daily.

Last evening Mrs. C. S. Johnson returned home from Long Beach, California, where she, in company with her daughter, Miss Mildred, have been for some weeks past. Mildred did not return home with her mother, as they were met in Kansas City yesterday morning by Wayne Propst and the wedding ceremony performed in that city, making Miss Johnson, Mrs. Propst. The young people will spend their honeymoon in Kansas, visiting with friends in different parts of the state. The best wishes of the host of friends of these two most estimable young people will be extended to them on this very happy event and they can rest assured they will receive a royal welcome home from the friends on whom they stole such a march. Mrs. Johnson also brings the news from the coast of the marriage at Long Beach two weeks ago of Arthur Helps, formerly of this city, whose wife was killed in the great calamity, the collapse of the pier at Long Beach two years ago.

If you want to sell your farm, list it with me. I have buyers for good Cass county farms. T. H. Pollock, Coates Block, Plattsmouth.

Mrs. Peter Rochka was among the passengers this morning for Omaha, where she will spend the day looking after some matters of business.

### Issues Marriage License.

From Friday's Daily.

A marriage license was issued this morning by County Judge A. J. Beeson to Mr. John D. Hughes, aged 27, of Dunbar, Neb., and Miss Amanda E. Royer, aged 17, of Avoca. The wedding will take place Sunday at the home of the bride's parents at Avoca. The bride is one of the most popular and charming young ladies of that locality, who is very highly esteemed by a large circle of friends, while the groom is a very prosperous young farmer of Otoe county, residing near Dunbar, where the young people will make their home in the future.

## UNION SERVICES TO HELD DURING THE HEATED SEASON

The Protestant churches of the city have decided to join together during the heated months in holding union services each Sunday evening at Garfield park, as it is found much more pleasant than holding them in the heated interior of the church buildings. The bandstand in the park will be used for the choir that will be used at these services and all the singers of the city are most cordially invited by the committee in charge to occupy seats there and assist in the music of the services. Each minister of the different churches will occupy the preaching time on alternate Sundays, the first being Rev. F. M. Druliner of the Methodist church, who will preach the coming Sunday, and will be followed on July 12 by Rev. H. H. McCluskey of the Presbyterian church, and on Sunday, July 19, Rev. A. G. Hollowell of the Christian church will occupy the pulpit, and Rev. W. S. Leete of the Episcopal church on Sunday, July 26.

The pastor of St. Paul's church, while not having a part in the preaching service, will render all the assistance possible to the move, which should prove of much benefit to the members of the different organizations in bringing them together and getting acquainted with each other in true Christian spirit. These services will start each Sunday evening following the close of the Christian Endeavor and Epworth League services.

All parties owning camp chairs and who can find it convenient are requested to bring them to the park, as the seats there are not sufficient to accommodate the crowd that will be in attendance.

## FRED W. YOUNG WITH-DRAWS FROM THE COMMISSIONER RACE

Fred W. Young, who a few days ago filed for the office of county commissioner from the Second district, was in the city Friday and stated that he had decided not to enter the race, owing to conditions that had arisen in his home precinct since the filing of his name. Mr. Young does not believe, under the existing conditions, that in justice to himself he should be a candidate for the office, and accordingly will get out of the race and allow someone else to make the campaign. He feels grateful to his friends for their support and assures them that their efforts in his behalf will be gratefully remembered by him. The withdrawal of Mr. Young leaves Charles Spohn as the only democratic candidate for this position.

Miss Seva Johnson returned to Omaha this morning after a short visit in this city at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gust Johnson.

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## BATTLE ROYAL WITH A NEGRO DESPERADO

After Shooting a Man at the M. P. Depot He Proceeds to La Platte, Where He Shoots Boy.

The Fourth of July was signaled here by quite a serious shooting affray at the Missouri Pacific depot, and which later led to a pitched battle at La Platte between the man doing the shooting and Sheriff Quinton and Chief of Police John Briggs of South Omaha.

The trouble at the Missouri Pacific depot occurred Saturday morning shortly after 6 o'clock, when a negro and two white men became involved in a quarrel, and which resulted in the negro shooting Fred Low, a quarryman from near Nehawka, through the right wrist, and also in the right ankle. As soon as he committed the deed the negro lit out in a northerly direction, following the Missouri Pacific track toward the Platte river. The operator at the depot, as soon as he discovered the trouble, called Officer Neumann by telephone, who at once notified Sheriff Quinton of the shooting, and that officer started in pursuit of the fugitive in his automobile.

The wounded man stated to the police, when he was brought to the city, that the trouble arose when the negro asked them for a cigarette paper, and when it was given to him began to quarrel with Low and his companion, named Hawkins, and suddenly pulling his gun from the holster opened fire, the bullets taking effect on the person of Low. The wounded man was brought to the city to have his injuries dressed, but when the physician attempted to treat him he fought quite vigorously and it was impossible to do anything with him and he was taken to jail, where he later allowed the injuries to be dressed.

The negro made his way across the Platte river to La Platte and when he arrived there he proceeded to add to his list of crimes by stealing a horse that was standing near a stand where soft drinks were being sold by a young man named Dean Wall, and who attempted to stop the negro, who at once opened fire on the boy, shooting him in the left shoulder, and it is only due to the fact that the young man threw up his hand, deflecting the course of the bullet, that he was not killed.

Chief of Police John Briggs of South Omaha, who was camping at La Platte, was in the neighborhood of the shooting and at once ran to the scene of the trouble, arriving there about the time Sheriff Quinton arrived, and securing another automobile the two officers started in pursuit of the negro, the sheriff shooting at him and inflicting a wound on his head, and he sought flight in the bushes and weeds along the Missouri Pacific tracks, and was pursued by the officers, several times shooting at Sheriff Quinton, who was in the lead of the pursuers. He finally dodged behind a tree, from whence he fired several times, but was finally winged by Chief Briggs, who shot him in the right arm, and the officers then ran up and secured him. The South Omaha chief grabbed the man's gun and rapped him over the head, which subdued him in short order, and he was handcuffed and placed in the custody of the sheriff to be returned to this city. Sheriff Quinton and Charles McCauley guarding him on the trip here, where he was placed in jail under guard.

The negro, during the pursuit, found that the officers were gaining on him and jumped from the buggy, taking flight in the bushes and high weeds, and as he ran along the Missouri Pacific right-of-way the sheriff snipped him with a bullet from his revolver,

the bullet hitting him in the front of the head and came out at the back of the head, traveling under the scalp, but this wound did not lessen his fighting spirit in the least, as he continued the battle. Most of the shooting done by the negro was while he was running, and to this is probably due the reason that he did not injure Sheriff Quinton, who was hotly in pursuit of him, and upon whom most of the fire of the negro was directed.

Dean Wall, the young man shot at La Platte, was hurried to Omaha at once after the shooting, to be placed under the X-ray, as it was feared that the bullet had lodged in one of the lungs.

Fred Low stated at the jail that he had been working at Nehawka for the past two months and that his home was at Sherman, Texas, but he had been roaming around over the country for some years and really had no established residence. His injuries were not very dangerous and were dressed by Dr. Martin, the county physician, at the jail shortly after he was taken there.

John Hawkins, the man who was with him, was also from Nehawka, and both of them were very much under the influence of liquor when brought to the jail by the police, but the negro did not seem to have been drinking and was evidently a very bad character as his actions show.

## FOURTH OF JULY IN PLATTSMOUTH WAS RATHER QUIET

The celebration here of the Fourth of July was decidedly of the quiet order, as there had been no attempt to put on any celebration of any consequence and all that was staged was the numerous private entertainments at the homes and picnic parties for the visitors from out of the city who sought rest and recreation here in the quiet of the country from all the noise and turmoil of the city. The day was a most delightful one, not being excessively warm, and was one that could be taken the fullest advantage of in camping and picnicking. The ball games furnished a pleasurable treat to those who love these kind of events and were well attended. The Bohemian residents of the city enjoyed a fine picnic at the T. J. Sokol hall and park in the west part of the city during the day, it being given by the Z. C. B. J. lodge, and in the evening the T. J. Sokol society gave a most pleasant dance at the hall which attracted a large crowd of dancers and a good time was had by all in attendance. A platform dance at the Koukal grove, north of the city, was also the occasion of much pleasure to a large number in attendance. During the evening there was a splendid display of fireworks at the different homes of the city and it was on a more extensive scale than ever before.

### German Ladies' Aid Meets.

The Aid society of the German Lutheran church at Eight Mile Grove met at the home of Mrs. E. J. Engelke Friday afternoon and the manner in which they were entertained in this hospitable home was very pleasing to the large number of ladies who were present at the meeting. At a suitable hour very tempting and delicious refreshments were served that added greatly to the pleasure of the members of the society. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Jacob Buechler.

### Parlor Musical.

The Q. Z. society of the Presbyterian church will hold a parlor musical at the home of Mrs. C. L. Rundstrom Wednesday afternoon, July 8th, at 3 o'clock. Everybody invited. Mr. Phillip Hudson, instructor at a musical college in Iowa, will render several selections and a number of the local talent will assist in this program. This program will be rendered at 3 o'clock sharp. Admission, 25c.

Blank books of all kinds at the Journal office.

## CHARGED WITH MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE

A Portion of the Evidence Taken During the Preliminary Examination and Up to the Hour of Going to Press.

The preliminary hearing of George Barr, who was charged by the county with murder in the first degree, as well as an assault upon Chief of Police Rainey, drew out a crowd that packed the district court room to its capacity at 10 o'clock, when the case was called before Judge A. J. Beeson, county judge. W. J. O'Brien, stepfather of M. A. Bunker, the young man killed here on June 24th, was present, as well as was the wife of Barr and the children of the defendant.

Attorney Gering, representing the defendant, moved at the opening of court that the state designate upon which count the defendant be tried, and that the court so order, which motion was overruled.

W. J. O'Brien was called to the stand and stated his name and residence, as well as his occupation and his relationship to the young man who had been killed.

Dr. J. S. Livingston was the first witness to testify at length on the case, describing the nature of the wound and its course through the body from the time of the entrance of the bullet into the chest on the left until it lodged under the skin along the spinal column. He had first seen the body on the lawn at his office, where it was carried from the river road. He had removed the clothing from the chest of the injured man and found the wound; at this time Bunker was dead. The body had been taken to the undertaking rooms of M. Hill for the autopsy, which had been performed by him and Dr. E. W. Cook. The bullet had passed clear through the body, lodging just under the skin at the back, near the shoulder blade.

Before the cross-examination of Dr. J. S. Livingston, Mr. Gering asked that Mr. O'Brien describe the weight and height of his stepson, which he did, stating he was about five feet, ten inches in height and weighed 178 pounds.

Dr. Livingston stated, on cross-examination, that the body of the young man was of good proportions and apparently that of a clean-cut young man. He had not made a thorough examination of the body on the lawn. At the autopsy the entrance of the bullet was found to be slightly higher than that of the point where it was found lodged in the body. Thought bullet had been slightly deflected from its course by a part of the vertebra. In reply to the question of Mr. Gering, the doctor stated that a man who was injured in the manner that Mr. Bunker had been could only live a very few minutes, as the hemorrhage would ensue from the wound, and not over two minutes at least. He had not noticed who were in the crowd at the office, but thought that Officer Neumann was present. The autopsy had been at the Hill undertaking room, at which Dr. Cook, himself, County Attorney Taylor and J. P. Sattler, the undertaker, were present. The bullet had taken a practically straight course through the body, with a slight downward tendency.

Chief of Police Rainey was then placed on the stand by the state. He stated he had held the position of chief of police for the past five years. Knew Barr for the last 22 years. He was on duty on June 24th. He had been called to Donat's saloon on account of some trouble there. Donat had told him that Floyd Richardson and George Barr had been engaged in fighting in the saloon. Richardson had been near the door when he came in and when he went back out on

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