

THE COMMERCIAL CLUB HOLD INTERESTING MEETING

New Officers Elected, and the Paving Proposition and Matter of a Fourth of July Celebration Discussed.

From Friday's Daily.

Several surprising changes were made last evening at the meeting of the Plattsmouth Commercial club at Cotes' hall, and among these was the resignation of President E. J. Richey and Secretary J. P. Falter, who pleaded that their interests would not permit them giving to the club the interest that they should, and for that reason they desired to have someone else selected to look after the guiding of the club during the coming year.

For the office of president the members of the club unanimously selected Mr. E. H. Wescott, who since the organization of the club has served as the secretary for a number of years and has always taken the keenest interest in the welfare of the business life of the city. Mr. Wescott stated to the club that his own business, as well as his health would not permit him to engage so extensively in the club work as he might desire, but that if these would be overlooked by the club members he would take up the work laid out for him, but rather with a feeling that someone else should have taken up the position. The feeling expressed by the members of the club present was that the newly-elected president should not be allowed to get-out of the job, and accordingly he was compelled to accept the position.

Following the remarks of Mr. Wescott, Secretary Falter informed the members of the organization that he, through the press of business affairs, was finding it impossible to devote to the secretaryship the proper attention and asked that the club select another of their number to take up the work. Mr. Falter took the occasion to place in nomination for the office T. H. Pollock, and the election of this gentleman came without a dissenting voice. The newly elected secretary stated that while he greatly appreciated the honor tendered him, he would have preferred that someone else had been drafted for the office, but promised to see that in the future he would devote as much of his time as was possible to the work of advancing the interests of the club and of the city.

Retiring President Richey announced that the committee on paving had had under consideration for some time the proposition of having the avenues of the city paved and had secured blue prints of the work, as well as the cost of an eighteen-foot pavement through the center of the avenues, and that these blue prints would be found accurate. The cost to the city for the paving of the intersections would not be great. The paving as projected was a strip of reinforced concrete eighteen feet wide, which would run on Chicago avenue from the intersection on Pearl street to Gold street; on Washington avenue from Vine street to the Missouri Pacific depot, and on Lincoln avenue from Third street to Patterson avenue at the south end of the shops. The cost would be more than repaid by the improvement in the streets, Mr. Richey stated. The matter was discussed for a few minutes. J. H. McMaken was of the opinion that a special levy should be made by the city to permit them to carry on the work of paving the intersections along these avenues if the work was to be gotten under way.

President Wescott, on assuming the chair, expressed his appreciation of the efforts of the outgoing officers of the club in their labors of the year just closed. He also urged that there be a more hearty co-operation of the citizens in the work of the Commercial club. Mr. Wescott stated that the club was not the property of the men doing business on Main street, but that it belonged to every citizen in Plattsmouth, and it was his earnest desire to see enrolled and working in the ranks every believer in a better city, whether it was a business man or artisan, and that all had an equal right to express themselves on the guiding of the affairs of the club in

the promotion of the best interests of the city. The affairs of the club should be presented and placed before the public so as to demonstrate the fact that it was an organization for the common welfare of the city. He asked that business men forget any small differences that might arise and put their efforts toward securing better results in the work of the club, and that the men who labored in the shops or in any industry join hands in the efforts for the uplifting of the city. The speaker stated that he hoped to see larger attendance at the meetings, which were open to all, and to have a free and impartial discussion of all questions that came up for consideration from time to time in the club. Mr. Wescott also remarked that he had noticed that mention had been made for the holding of a Fourth of July celebration, and he desired to have the expression of a number of the members on the subject.

William Barclay stated that on the Fourth of July celebration idea, he looked at it from a business standpoint, and that if the people of the town and surrounding country were compelled to go to some other town to find their amusements they would also likely choose to go to these places to trade. He thought that the business men of the community owed it to their patrons and friends to give them an entertainment and thought that the people expected and were entitled to it, and that a Fourth of July celebration would be the right line to go after.

Mr. Richey favored securing a good live man to look after the interests of the city and to promote the different projects that might be brought forward to aid in developing the city and the business interests. There was lots of opportunity for good work, Mr. Richey stated and he thought the business men should be willing to contribute to a fund to secure a man for the position that would place the matter in the proper light before the people of the city. One of the things that retarded the development of the town was the fact, Mr. Richey stated, of the ignorance of the common people of the moves that other towns in the state had made.

Mr. McMaken stated that he thought that someone not a resident of the city should be secured for the position, as they could find a better response from the residents than could be found in anyone who had made their home here, as the citizens did not seem to take to the advice and work of a home man as readily as that of a stranger.

Mr. Richey, in confining on the paving proposition, stated that after figuring the proposition out, he had reached the conclusion that the city and taxpayers would in the end save a great deal of money in the curbing and guttering and paving if, instead of the present method of placing a curb and gutter, they would put in a single curb and then pave the entire street, as the work would not cost more than twice as much as the present curb and gutter, and would do away with the troubles over the unpaved streets. He favored the use of concrete paving, as it was fully as good as any, and where tried had been found successful.

In speaking of the road question, Mr. Falter pointed out the obstacles that lay in the way of the county commissioners in doing the amount of road work that might be asked, as the law did not permit them to make a levy sufficient to really care for the needs of the county. He pointed out that in Knox county they had overcome this difficulty by the precincts themselves voting a special tax of 50 cents an acre on their land, and which allowed the raising of enough money to permit the roads in the precincts to be kept up in the proper shape. Unless this relief was afforded it was a hard matter to accomplish anything in the road work.

The club also decided to secure the Parole theater for the use of the old soldiers for the Decoration day services on Monday, May 31.

Gypsies Pass Through.

From Friday's Daily.

A regular old-time caravan of gypsies passed through the city this afternoon headed for the east. The occupants of the different wagons, with their gaudy colored costumes and general aspect of dirtiness attracted a great deal of attention. Several of the women in the party made a scouting trip along the street, seeking to find those who desired to have their fortunes told.

Files Suit to Quiet Title.

From Friday's Daily.

This morning a suit was filed in the district court entitled Joseph Skaluk and William Wyan vs. Joseph McCreary, et al. This is a suit to quiet title and involves property owned by the plaintiffs in the south part of the city in that section known for many years as "Billingstown." A. L. Tidd appears as attorney for the plaintiffs.

GROWING SENTIMENT IN FAVOR OF GUTTERING NORTH FIFTH STREET

From Friday's Daily.

There seems to be a growing sentiment among a large number of the residents of the north part of the city that one of the next steps in the way of public improvements should be that of the curbing and guttering of North Fifth street in order that this street of handsome homes can compare favorably with that of Sixth and Third streets, both of which have been curbed and guttered and placed in first-class shape. This is one of the principal streets of the city and touches on the streets that have in the past three years been improved and placed in an up-to-date condition by either paving or curbing and guttering, and the fixing up of Fifth street would certainly add greatly to the appearance of the city in general and prove a good advertisement for our town with the strangers who come here from other points, either to visit or to make their home here. It would eliminate the gullies on either side of the street that wash out as the result of rain storms, and allow the residents to fix their street up in a manner that it should be and avoid the washing down on the paved streets of the mud and debris that at present makes it an expense to the city to keep cleaned up. The residents of that section of the city are well able to have the work carried out and it certainly would be an improvement that would be lasting. Let the good work be pushed until this street is made into as neat appearing a thoroughfare as the city boasts of.

REV. LOU GAGE, FORMERLY OF THIS CITY, FORGING TO THE FRONT IN MINNESOTA

From Friday's Daily.

The friends in this city of Rev. Lou Wallace Gage, former pastor of the Presbyterian church here, will be pleased to learn of his advancement and success in his new charge at Virginia, Minnesota, as the following from the Daily Enterprise of that city shows:

The Cleveland avenue Presbyterian church of Virginia yesterday completed a membership campaign that will probably stand as a record in northern Minnesota, when with the reception of 15 new members at the morning service it reached the complement of 100 members received in three months, since the beginning of the pastorate of the Rev. Lou Wallace Gage, D. D.

The attendance at the church taxes its capacity and worshipers have been turned away at both the morning and evening services for several weeks. A new church will be necessary to accommodate the needs of the congregation within the present year at the rate of growth now being manifested.

Easter music, Easter flowers and two fine sermons by the pastor made yesterday's services at the Cleveland Avenue Presbyterian church especially enjoyable.

Mrs. Morgan Very Low.

From Saturday's Daily.

Mrs. Miles Morgan is quite ill at her home in this city and her condition is such as to cause her family a great deal of apprehension and worry. Mrs. Morgan has been in very poor health for the past year and does not seem to improve, as it was hoped she would, and has steadily grown weaker. The serious condition of this most estimable lady certainly will be learned of with the greatest regret by her many friends here, who have known her for so many years.

THE DEATH OF A TRUSTY POLICEMAN OF PLATTSMOUTH

John Fitzpatrick, Former Merchants' Police in This City, Dies in Omaha Hospital.

From Saturday's Daily.

A message was received this morning by August Bach, jr., from the St. Catherine hospital in Omaha announcing the sad fact that the doctors at the hospital had abandoned all hope for the recovery of John Fitzpatrick, formerly merchants' police of this city, and that his life was measured by only a few hours. The patient, who has apparently been in about the same condition as when taken to the hospital, suddenly developed a change for the worse and the unmistakable nature of his affliction—cancer of the stomach—made itself apparent. The message was a severe blow to the friends of this worthy gentleman, who had been hoping that perhaps their old friend would be preserved to them for a number of years yet. Up to a few weeks ago Mr. Fitzpatrick was constantly on duty until the onsets of the disease caused him to be compelled to abandon his duties as a guardian of the peace. In his service to the city Mr. Fitzpatrick has certainly done his duty at all times and under all circumstances.

This afternoon shortly after the noon hour, a message was received that the end had come to Mr. Fitzpatrick and that his suffering was at an end. This closes the career of one who has been a member of the Plattsmouth police force almost continuously for the past twenty-five years, and a more faithful member of the force this city has never had in its service.

Mr. Fitzpatrick was a native of Ireland and came to America when a young man and lived in a number of eastern cities before coming to Plattsmouth some thirty years ago. He leaves to mourn his death a son, John Fitzpatrick, jr., of this city, and one daughter, Nellie, an invalid, who has been at a hospital in Council Bluffs for the past few years. Mr. Fitzpatrick was 76 years of age at the time of his death. There has been no definite arrangements made as to the funeral, but it is expected to bring his body here for burial beside that of his wife.

THE ELKS TO INAUGURATE A SYSTEM OF LANDSCAPE GARDENING

From Friday's Daily.

In keeping with a policy of making their property an object of pride to the city, the Elks' lodge has decided to inaugurate a system of landscape gardening that will add greatly to the surroundings of their handsome club house on North Sixth street. On the north side of the building several plants of the creeping ivy have been planted that will be trained to climb the walls of the building and add to the appearance of that portion of the structure. Several large window and porch boxes will be added to the general decorative scheme, as outlined, and flowering plants and ferns will be used in making the exterior of the building one of harmony and beauty. There will be several large hanging baskets placed on the porches that will be filled with flowering plants which will, when in bloom, display the colors of the order, purple and white, and make a striking picture of beauty. The grounds surrounding the club house will be sown to grass and care devoted to develop a handsome lawn. This will certainly be a step in the right direction and add much to the appearance of that section of the city.

Fine Hogs.

From Saturday's Daily.

J. C. Knabe of Nehawka, one of the largest hog raisers of Cass county, marketed a load of Chester Whites this morning that landed at \$7.40, the day's best price. They averaged 251 pounds.—Drovers' Journal-Stockman.

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Secures Marriage License.

From Saturday's Daily.

This morning the marriage license department of the county judge's office issued a license to Joseph E. Rudolph of Otoe county and Miss Pearl T. Estes of Eagle. The affidavit for the license was sent in from Eagle, where the wedding will be performed at the home of the bride. Both of the young people are well known in their home communities and the news of their coming marriage will be most pleasing to their host of friends. The groom-to-be is a young farmer residing across the county line in Otoe county.

C. C. WESCOTT ADDRESSES CONGREGATIONAL BROTHERHOOD AT WEeping WATER

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church held their regular monthly social meeting Tuesday evening in the dining room of the church. A large group of men and boys assembled, the special feature being the presence of the boys as guests of the members of the Brotherhood. The banquet served by the ladies was of an excellent and was very much enjoyed by all present. Five new members were received, which brings the membership well up toward the hundred mark. Mr. C. C. Wescott of Plattsmouth was the speaker. His subject was, "The Investment of Life." He spoke of the fact that ten men win a competency by investing wisely their small savings, where one gets rich by speculation. He drew a picture of an ideal young man at 16 and then gave a study of his investments, his time, his body, his mind, and his soul. He presented a very clear and broad conception of life and all present felt that life was something very greatly worth while. Mr. Wescott made many warm friends for himself and his ideas and we hope that he will come again soon.

The program committee have something good in the planning for the next social meeting, which will be the last until September.—Weeping Water Republican.

WILL PLATTSMOUTH CELEBRATE THE GLORIOUS FOURTH THIS YEAR?

From Saturday's Daily.

There is beginning to be some agitation of the question of holding a Fourth of July celebration, and this is certainly the time to begin to get busy to insure a complete success. As was well said by one of our prominent citizens, the residents, not only of the city, but the surrounding country, look forward to Plattsmouth having at least one day of entertainment for their people, and the residents of the county, and there would be no more appropriate occasion than the Fourth in which to invite here the farmers and their families to spend the day with us and enjoy the hospitality of the city. The amount of money could easily be raised if the Commercial club secures a live committee to handle the matter and prepare a program of entertainment for the visitors.

There is no doubt but that the residents of the county like to come to this, the largest town of the county, and we are always glad to welcome them at any time, and by preparing a suitable program of entertainment should make the day a splendid success in every way possible. Let us agitate the matter and hear from our citizens on the matter, both business men and the rank and file of the people, who have a right to be heard on this subject. It is the intention to try and secure an expression on this subject, and the meeting of the Commercial club next month should be attended by those who favor the holding of the celebration, as at this time the matter can be settled, and it is up to those who desire to see some move in this direction to be present and aid in their work and advice.

Dr. E. W. Cook was a visitor in Omaha yesterday, where he spent the day with his son, Harris, at the Immanuel hospital, where the young man is getting along nicely from an operation for appendicitis.

DOINGS IN THE DISTRICT COURT UP TO SATURDAY

The Telephone Case From Elmwood Decided in Favor of Charles Quinn.—Two Divorces Granted.

From Saturday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon the jury in the case of the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co. vs. Charles Quinn, which had been occupying the attention of the district court for the past two days, returned a verdict finding for the defendant. The case was appealed to the district court from the court of Justice Neihart at Elmwood, where the telephone company obtained a judgment for the sum of \$11.60, with interest from December 31, 1913, and the decision of the jury reverses that of the lower court.

The plaintiff claimed that the sum of \$11.60 was due them for telephone rentals for a telephone at the farm home of Mr. Quinn, as well as at his residence in Elmwood, and this was denied by the defendant, who set forth that he had refused to accept the telephone installed in his farm home on line No. 5 out of Elmwood, and had so notified the company; that the instrument placed in his house had been an old, out-of-date make and had been placed in the residence without his knowledge and consent and was installed by the employees of the plaintiff during his absence. He had refused to pay the rental on the phone from May 13 to December 31, 1913, and so notified the company. He had also maintained a telephone in the residence of his mother in Elmwood, and in September, 1913, notified the telephone company to either fix the telephone in his farm home so that he could use it or have both telephones taken out.

In the matter of the application of Emma O. Pettit for a decree of divorce from Frank J. Pettit, the court, after hearing the evidence of the plaintiff, granted the decree as prayed for. The cause alleged is that of cruelty.

A decree of divorce was also granted to Janie McGee from John McGee, on the ground of desertion and non-support, and the non-appearance of the defendant entered and decree issued.

The court adjourned yesterday afternoon until Monday at 9 o'clock, when the case of James L. Wiles vs. Solomon C. Keckler will be called for trial before the jury.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT AT ELMWOOD LAST SUNDAY

Last Sunday evening a runaway accident occurred when the rig occupied by Miss Ruth Bailey and Mr. Appleman ran away. When near the Christian church in some manner the lines got caught and while Mr. Appleman was attempting to loosen them the team became frightened and started to run. They had gained considerable speed, and when near the Roettger home Miss Bailey jumped from the buggy, and in doing so sustained a badly broken ankle. She was taken to the Roettger home, where her injuries were given medical attention.

Mr. Appleman was unable to stop the team, and thinking the team would dash into the stone bridge, he also jumped from the buggy and fortunately received no injuries.

The team continued to run until they reached the O. M. Ward place, when one of the horses fell down and they became entangled in the harness. Mr. Ward succeeded in getting the horses straightened out. The buggy was somewhat damaged.

Miss Bailey was taken to her home at Alvo and according to the last report was getting along nicely.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

William A. Robertson and wife departed this morning for Fremont, where they will attend the funeral of the father of Mrs. Robertson, Judge E. F. Gray, who passed away yesterday at his home in Sioux Falls, S. D.

MRS. AUGUST TARTSCH CALLED TO FINAL REST

Passes Away at Her Home in This City After an Illness of Several Years' Duration.

Peacefully and gently, at her home in this city yesterday afternoon, Mrs. August Tartsch fell asleep to awaken no more upon this earth, and the end came as gently to her wearied spirit as her life had been gentle and loving to those with whom she met. For years Mrs. Tartsch has been in very poor health and for several weeks her condition has been quite serious, but the end was without warning, as only a short time before she had been conversing with her family and seemed really better than for several days and had just laid down to rest when summoned to her Maker.

Mrs. Tartsch was born in Hanover, Germany, July 7, 1838, and spent her girlhood in that country, later coming to America and located in Wisconsin, where, on April 16, 1863, she was united in marriage to Mr. August Tartsch, and it was just a few days past two years ago that these two estimable people celebrated their golden wedding and their wedded life has been one of happiness to both, and the taking of the wife and mother home has been the first cloud on a most loving home life of both the parents and children, and the grief and sorrow at the taking away of the wife and mother has been most intense.

Mr. and Mrs. Tartsch came to Plattsmouth some thirty-seven years ago and have since their home here, where they have been among our most respected citizens. To the broken-hearted husband and children the sympathy of the community will be extended in this their bitter hour of parting, and in their grief the children can look back in memory to a mother's love of rare Christian virtue and love that holds a promise of a meeting in another land some day.

Besides the husband, four children—H. H. Tartsch of Sioux City, George Tartsch and Miss Della Tartsch of this city and Mrs. Charles Thornberg of Sioux City—are left to mourn the passing of Mrs. Tartsch, as well as one granddaughter, Miss Ailee Thornberg. Mrs. Thornberg is in San Francisco at present, having spent the winter there, and will not be able to reach here for the funeral services, which will be held at the home tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. H. Steger. The casket will be opened at the home from 10 o'clock to 1 p. m. for the friends to take a last farewell.

IMPROVING THE OLD SHERWOOD BUILDING ON MAIN STREET

From Friday's Daily.

Carl Kunsmann, the owner of the building occupied by Frank H. Dunbar with his pool hall, is making some very extensive improvements in the building that will add greatly to the structure and make it one of the handsomest on Main street. He is having the second floor remodeled and expects to make his home there as soon as the work is completed, which will require some time. The changes will make a most comfortable home for Mr. and Mrs. Kunsmann, who recently disposed of their residence property on West Locust street, and they will locate here where it will be handier to the business section of the city. A new modern heating plant is also to be installed in the building, which will contribute greatly to the comfort of the occupants during the winter months.

For Sale.

Eggs for hatching and day-old chicks from Single Comb Rhode Island Reds. Eggs, \$1.00 per 15, \$5.00 per 100; chicks, 10c each. Special mating prices upon request.

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