

# The Plattsmouth Journal.

## MAIN STREET LIGHTS ON FOR A MONTH TRIAL

A Test Will Be Made in Order to Arrive at a Cost of These Lights to the City, by Agreement of Company and Light Committee of City Council.

The light committee of the city council met last evening with Messrs. Abbott, Manlove and Woods, of the Nebraska Lighting company to discuss the status of the cost of furnishing the electric current to the city for the lighting of the streets. The company submitted to the committee a series of figures that showed the cost of maintenance and furnishing the current to the city, which it was desired should be investigated by the city in order that a basis of figures could be arrived at by both the company and council in taking up the question of lighting the streets.

It was also decided to turn on the street lights during the next few weeks while a test is made of the amount of current consumed, and for this purpose a meter will be placed to register the current passing over the lines in order to give the committee and city council exactly the amount of "juice" used, and on which they can base the cost of the lights to the city. During the time of making the tests of the current the city will be lighted and the meter will be in charge of the light committee, who will have it under the supervision of an expert to fully test and make the figures as to the amount of current used on the lights on the street and compare them with the figures of the company as to the cost of operating and maintaining the service to the city.

This city has had a great deal of agitation and annoyance for years past over the light question, and the citizens in general feel that they should receive their just dues in the matter of light, and at the same time almost everyone feels that the light company is entitled to receive a just amount for their service to the city, but no more than this, and the mayor and city council should give the question a thorough sifting to arrive at a conclusion that will be just to both the city and the light company, and submit to the company for their acceptance if they so desire. The average person understands but very little of what the cost of furnishing the service really amounts to and it behooves the city council to thoroughly weigh the matter of the cost to the city for their light, as well as the cost to the light company and its operating expenses before taking definite action in the matter.

The Journal desires to be fair with all concerned in the controversy, but wishes to see that the citizens are protected in the matter of the cost of their light.

## THE RAMBLERS BALL TEAM HERE FOR THE GAME NEXT SUNDAY

The Ramblers of Omaha, the leaders in the National league in that city, have been secured by Manager Johnson as the opponents for the Red Sox at the base ball park on next Sunday, and from their reputation in the metropolis should cause the local exponents of the great national game to "ramble" to defeat them, but the boys feel confident that they will be able to trim the leaguers and grab the big end of the gate receipts. The last two games have been annexed by the Sox, who are showing better form in their fielding and base running, but are still a little short in the batting department, but with practice they should soon be able to get their eye trained to hit the ball more regularly. With anything like good weather there should be a good-sized bunch of the fans out to witness the affray.

Sell your property by an ad in The Journal.

## ATTENDS BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION IN OMAHA

From Tuesday's Daily. While in Omaha yesterday C. C. Wescott was in attendance at a meeting of the Nebraska Business Men's Outing association, composed of the state associations of Nebraska retailers, who have arranged for this opportunity to enjoy a good time at Carter lake from Monday, August 2, to Saturday night, August 7, and during which time the members of the different lines of trade will be given an opportunity to join in meetings that will be filled with profit, as well as pleasure, along all lines of business. Each member of the associations, their families and clerks will be provided with tickets to the meetings and lectures, but outsiders will be required to purchase tickets to attend.

## HOLD LAST MEETING OF THE SEASON WITH MISS DORA FRICKE

From Tuesday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon the St. Mary's Guild of the Episcopal church held their last meeting of the season at the home of Miss Dora Fricke on Vine street. There were quite a large number present and the occasion passed very pleasantly in discussing plans for the advancement of the church work and the making of many dainty articles of needlework by the ladies. The Guild ladies have been very energetic in their efforts toward upbuilding the church and carrying on the needed work, and through their efforts a great deal has been accomplished and they hope during the coming months to aid greatly in improving the church property. After the business of the Guild had been disposed of and the parting hour was drawing near very dainty and delicious refreshments were served, which added very much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

## SOME SAY CHICKEN-POX WHILE OTHERS SAY ITS SMALLPOX

From Tuesday's Daily. In Weeping Water for the past month there has been quite an epidemic of what was given out as chickenpox, and the disease has spread quite rapidly among adults, as well as young, and all seems to have originated in that town, where the disease has been scattered. There are several cases outside of that city and one at the home of Bert Jameson, seven miles east of Weeping Water, where the disease has been pronounced as smallpox by the attending physician, and also in the vicinity of Avoca, where the parties have contracted the disease, it is stated, at Weeping Water, while they were there.

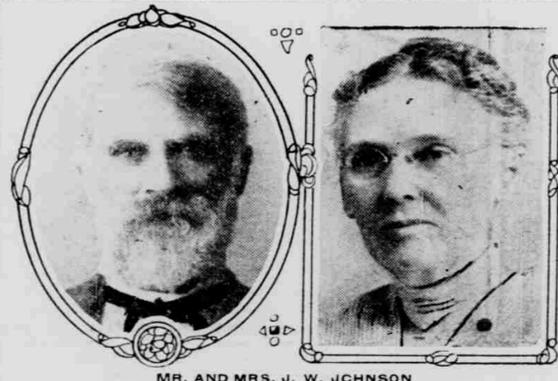
As far as can be learned the first case was developed in Weeping Water from a young man who had come there from Cozad, Neb., where an epidemic of smallpox was raging, and from this a great many of the "chickenpox" cases seemed to have developed. It seems strange that if the cases are chickenpox, as claimed, that so many adults have fallen victims to it and also that cases similar in other localities have been pronounced as smallpox. The cases at Weeping Water, it is stated, have been quarantined rigidly, but still the malady has spread rapidly in both the city and nearby country.

If the cases are really smallpox, as it would seem to be quite probable, an investigation of the matter should be made and efforts made to stamp it out, instead of allowing it to be scattered by the parties who, not knowing the nature of the disease, are not careful in preventing others from catching it. The state board of health reports that there was quite a large number of cases of smallpox at Cozad at the time the young man mentioned above left there, and it seems as if it was shortly after his arrival that the first appearance of the malady was noticed in Weeping Water.

## MR. AND MRS. JOHNSON'S GOLDEN WEDDING

The Children Present to Enjoy Happy Event and Old Friends and Neighbors Extend Congratulations.

From Wednesday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon, in the residence where so many happy years have been spent and where the children have grown to manhood and womanhood, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Johnson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, and from 2 until 6 o'clock several hundred of the old friends and neighbors of these two estimable people visited the home to shower them with their good wishes and congratulations on the completion of fifty years of wedded life, and while Time, with his brush of years has



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brought silver to the hair of the bride and groom, it has not dimmed the love that has made their lives so full of happiness, and it was good to see these two splendid people showered with the many wishes for future years full of joy.

The bride and groom of fifty years ago received many handsome golden remembrances of the occasion that they will cherish in the years to come as tokens of the love and esteem in which they have been held by their friends in the community where they have spent the years of wedded bliss. The guests were received in the parlors of the home, which were profusely decorated with the beautiful flowers of June, and roses and ferns, with carnations and golden snapdragons, vied with each other in the beauty of the happy occasion.

Assisting Mr. and Mrs. Johnson in the reception of the guests were the children, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Johnson and son, Terry, of St. Joseph, Missouri; J. E. Johnson and wife and son, Edgar, and daughters, Miss Lorene Johnson of Omaha and Mrs. Josephine Bagnall of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Johnson and son, Walker, of Weeping Water; John W. Chapman and wife of this city. One son, A. B. Johnson and family, of Lincoln, were unable to be present at the golden wedding. The guests were served with very dainty refreshments of ice cream and cake, the cream being in yellow and white of the golden wedding. The members of the "Hikers" club done the serving.

The lives and hearts of Joseph W. Johnson and Miss Mary Henton were joined at Plattsmouth on June 8, 1865, at the home of the parents of Mrs. Johnson, which was located within a block of the present Johnson home, the ceremony being performed by Rev. George C. Betts, and since that time the husband and wife have made their home in Plattsmouth and their whole interest in life has been here in the town where they first started on life's journey together.

The lives of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson cover the most interesting phases of the development of the great west, and in the progress of their own community they have had a great part.

Mrs. Johnson was born at Logansport, Indiana, November 22, 1847, but came west with her parents when but a child of tender years, and the family for a time resided across the river in Iowa, near the present site of Pacific Junction, and then later moved to Plattsmouth and were residing here at the close of the civil war, when

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were married. The mother of Mrs. Johnson passed away a few months ago at the age of 89 years.

Mr. Johnson was born at Leesburg, Highland county, Ohio, January 19, 1825, the son of good old Quaker stock. His forefathers founded the town of Lynchburg, Virginia. His grandfather, who was called Governor James Johnson, came to Ohio and settled on Leeschick, Highland county, and built the first log house and laid out the town of Leesburg on his own farm. The journey westward of the subject of our sketch was one that was filled with perils and hardships, and he arrived in Plattsmouth March 17, 1857, with his two companions, Russell Van Pelt and Joseph H. Cox, after walking across the state of Iowa. Afterwards Mr. Johnson drifted down through Kansas, Indian Territory and Missouri, later returning to St. Mary's about four miles north of this city, but which has long since been swept away by the Missouri river, and from St. Mary's he started with an ox team and several companions to make the trip to Pike's Peak, but finally located at Canon

## BEAUTIFUL JUNE WEDDING YESTERDAY

Miss Emma Falter, One of Our City's Most Popular Young Ladies, Is United in Marriage to Mr. Chauncey W. Smith of Lincoln.

From Wednesday's Daily. One of the most beautiful weddings of the June season occurred last evening at 7:30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob P. Falter, when their daughter, Miss Emma, was united in marriage to Mr. Chauncey W. Smith of Lincoln. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of relatives and friends of the bride and groom.

For the occasion the Falter home had been arranged most beautifully with a profusion of flowers that made a beautiful setting for the event that marked the uniting of the lives of these two estimable young people. In the parlor, where the ceremony was performed, an arch of green and red roses had been formed, beneath which the ceremony was performed, while throughout the different rooms roses added to the handsome appearance of the home.

Promptly at 7:30 Mrs. John W. Falter sang very sweetly, "It's for Love of Thee," and the beautiful voice of the singer filled the room with its melody, and as the solo ceased Mrs. George H. Falter began the strains of the Mendelssohn wedding march which heralded the coming of the bridal party. The groom, with the best man, Mr. Grant Lamphere, of Lincoln, entered through the study to the parlor, where they took their stations beneath the canopy of green to await the bride, who entered on the arm of her father, descending the stairs slowly and met the groom at the altar. The bride was preceded by the bridesmaid, Miss Elizabeth Falter, a sister, and her little niece, Suzanna Falter, as ringbearer, carrying the golden band in a dainty basket of roses. As the bridal party stood Rev. J. H. Steger of the St. Paul's Evangelical church pronounced the words that made these two young hearts as one, and the ceremony was most impressive, as in the hush of reverence the sacred vows were read by the minister and repeated by the young people who were joining their lives and hearts for all time. Mrs. George H. Falter played very softly during the ceremony.

At the close of the ceremony the guests showered upon Mr. and Mrs. Smith their heartiest congratulations for a life full of happiness and love. Assisting the bride and groom in receiving the guests were Mr. and Mrs. John W. Falter, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Falter, parents of the bride; Mrs. Smith of Lincoln, mother of the groom, and Miss Elizabeth Falter and Mr. Lamphere.

Following the congratulations the guests were served at a very delicious luncheon, which was served in the dining room, which was arranged in a very tasty manner that was in keeping with the general artistic settings of the wedding, and centerpieces of the beautiful carnations were used in the decorations on the tables. Misses Myra Thierolf, Ellen Windham, Edith Dovey, Kathryn Windham and Vesta Douglass assisted in the serving. The ice cream was in pink in the form of doves.

The bride was gowned most beautifully in silk net trimmed in satin with court train of net, and bows of orange blossoms were used in the trimming of the dress. The long flowing veil was made with cap effect, with a wreath of the orange blossoms. The bride was most charming in this dainty costume.

Miss Elizabeth Falter, the bridesmaid, was attired in pink and white Pompadour silk and carried a large bouquet of pink roses.

Little Suzanna Falter, the ringbearer, was gowned in white embroidered chiffon trimmed with bows of pink ribbon, and carried a basket of roses and ferns.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Falter and is a young lady of rare talent and charm of personality that has won her many friends, and it is with regret that the friends part with her, but trust that in the future years she may have all

the happiness that she so well deserves. Mrs. Smith has been very prominent in musical circles and her absence will be keenly felt.

Mr. Smith, the groom, is a most estimable young man and a graduate of the University of Nebraska and a gentleman possessing in the highest degree the respect and esteem of a large circle of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith will make their future home in Lincoln.

## WORK ON THE SUBWAY COMMENCED AFTER SOME DELAY

From Wednesday's Daily. The work on the improving of the subway road has begun, after some delay on account of the bad weather, and the task of putting the approach to the subway on the east side in good shape will be undertaken by the contractors, Messrs. Peters & Richardson, at once. This has been an eyesore for several months past and the council has taken hold of the matter and decided to have the work done with as little delay as possible. From the plans made it should make a great improvement to this, one of the principal thoroughfares entering the city, and aid greatly in encouraging the residents from the east side of the river in coming here to trade, as it will complete the last really bad piece of road between this city and the ferry, and when the concrete paving has been placed as outlined by the city there will be a nice driveway extending from the subway clear to the river. The entrance to the subway has always been a very sloppy and muddy place, owing to the washing out of the approach first placed there, but with the new work placed according to the plans this should be overcome to a great extent.

## ST. PAUL COUPLE MARRIED AT THE M'MAKEN HOME

From Wednesday's Daily. Last evening at 5 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. McMaken, occurred the marriage of Mr. J. E. Zeigler and Mrs. Maggie Hagman, both of St. Paul, Neb. The wedding was a very quiet one, only the members of the family being present to witness the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. J. H. Steger of the St. Paul's Episcopal church. The McMaken home was very prettily decorated with roses in a color scheme of pink and white, and the wedding ceremony performed with all the beauty and solemnity that the church gives to the celebration of the wedding ceremony. Following the wedding ceremony the bridal party were entertained at a most delightful luncheon that was most pleasant to all present. The bride is a sister of Mrs. McMaken and a daughter of Frank Busche, and a former resident of this city, and the friends of the contracting parties in this city will extend to them their well wishes for a long and happy married life. The newly weds departed this morning for St. Paul, where they expect to make their future home.

## TO GIVE AWAY A SKUDDER CAR TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS

From Wednesday's Daily. Manager Peterson of the moving picture theaters in this city has arranged to give away a Skudder car to the boy or girl receiving the largest number of coupons each week, and the first car to be given away will be on next Monday night. The coupons are given away with each ticket to the Gem, Grand or Air Dome, and they can be voted for the favorites of the ticket-holder. This will be a fine opportunity for some boy or girl to secure a nice little car that will prove a splendid amusement, and the management of the theater will give the young people of the community a rare chance to secure one of the cars by getting out and securing coupons of their friends. One car will be given away each week, beginning with next Monday.

## THE STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AT BROKEN BOW

The state convention of the Nebraska State Sunday School association will be held this year at Broken Bow, on June 15 to 17, and a very large attendance is looked forward to from every section of the state, and the most intense interest has been created among the workers. The program this year is one of the best that has been presented at any of the meetings and includes an address on Tuesday morning by John L. Alexander, the great boy student and teacher, of Chicago, who has made boys his life study. On Tuesday afternoon a great parade of all the Sunday school workers will be held, and the Winnebago Indian quartet will furnish the music for the occasion. On Tuesday evening a great pageant, "Two Thousand Miles for a Book," will be given by the Christian Winnebago Indians, and the people of Broken Bow for the entertainment of the visitors. The citizens of Broken Bow will provide the means of caring for the visitors and looking after their entertainment and have made much preparation along this line. The delegates from this city desiring to attend can leave here at 3:20 p. m. and catch No. 3 at Ashland and arrive in Broken Bow the same night, and this will be the best possible connections that can be made.

## SOME PEOPLE HAVE STARTED IN TO SLAY THE WEED CROP

Several days ago mention was made in the Journal of the matter of the extensive weed crop that has grown up around in different sections of the city, and since that time the weeds on Winterset Hill, of which mention was made have been attacked by the residents of that part of the city and removed. This is a move in the right direction, and in every part of the city the property owners should see that the weeds are cut in the yards and also along the walks adjoining their property, as there is nothing that so detracts from the appearance of a piece of property as to see it overrun with weeds. When the cutting is attended to in time the weeds do not get so rank a growth and are far easier to cut and get out of the way. A stroll over the different sections of the city shows a great many places that certainly should be looked after before the weeds are allowed to grow up any higher, and those residing there should take the time and cut down the unsightly weeds. It will add to the looks of your property and also add greatly to the general appearance of the city. Get busy!

## THE SLINGSHOT AND THE BOY DOING MUCH MISCHIEF

The police in the past few days have received a great many complaints from property owners in the different parts of the city affecting the use of slingshots by young boys of the town, and of numerous windows that have been broken through these wicked little weapons, and the situation has become such that it will be necessary to take some action to stop the practice, and for this reason the police have given warning to stop the use of the slingshots or else some of the boys will find themselves "pinched" for the offense against the peace and dignity of the city and the state. The slingshot is at best a very dangerous weapon in the hands of a mischievous boy and the practice of shooting out the windows in residences is certainly to be condemned, and if any of the persons doing this are found out it will go rather hard with them, as a fine will be given them, as it should be. The use of the weapons also makes it quite dangerous for persons traveling along the streets, as they are at any time liable to get struck in the face by one of the missiles fired from the slingshots. It would be a good idea for the boys to cut it out.

FOR SALE—Fawn and White Indian Runner duck eggs, white egg strain, \$1.00 per 13, \$5.00 per 100. Inquire of A. O. Range, Route 1, Plattsmouth, Neb. 4-5-tf-wkly