

NEGRO BRUTALLY ASSAULTS A WHITE MAN

Knocks Him Down With a Piece of Iron North of Town and Robs Him of What Little Money He Had on Him.

From Friday's Daily.
A very brutal assault and hold-up occurred early this morning along the Missouri Pacific tracks, about half a mile north of the passenger station in this city, in which a man named Otto Sikes, who was making his way into Omaha by riding on freight trains on which he could catch a ride, was the victim and a negro tramp was the assailant.

The man who was injured, in telling of his experience, stated that he met the negro yesterday morning several miles down the line south in the vicinity of Auburn, when the negro had entered a box car in which Sikes was riding, and the negro entered into conversation with him and inquired his destination, and when Sikes told him he was bound for Omaha the negro stated that he was also going to that city and would accompany him. Upon reaching this city the negro told Sikes they would get off here and go and try and catch a freight over the Burlington, and accordingly they both got off, but the negro later was ordered out of town by Chief Barclay and Sikes did not see anything further of him until evening, when he went to the Missouri Pacific depot to try and catch a train north, when he discovered the negro, who asked him to start on walking up the track to the railroad bridge. As the two were passing through the cut the negro made a sudden assault on Sikes and struck him with a small section of an iron bar, which felled him and laid open a gash several inches long on the top of his head, and as Sikes attempted to raise himself from the ground the negro again launched a vicious blow at him with the bar and again struck him on the head. Sikes, while dazed and staggering, started to run and reached the end of the cut and was attempting to crawl through the barb-wire fence when the negro again struck him and knocked him into the fence, with the result that his clothing was torn badly and his throat lacerated in very bad shape by the sharp barbs of the fence and he became unconscious for some time, and while in that condition was searched by the negro and what money he had was taken from him by his burly assailant, who then beat it out north, as the negro is reported to have been seen crossing the Missouri Pacific railroad bridge over the Platte river.

Sikes recovered shortly after the negro left and was able to come back to this city, where Sheriff Quinton was notified and started north in search of the negro, who from his actions is a bad actor. Sikes was up and around after the assault, and when seen at the Burlington station about 8 o'clock was still covered with blood, while the deep wounds on his head and the torn condition of his throat must certainly have been causing him great suffering, and he desired to go into Omaha to have them dressed and await word from the sheriff in case the negro was located, but he was taken to the county jail by Chief of Police Barclay in order that his injuries might be looked after, as they were very serious, and he will remain there awaiting the outcome of the search for the negro.

The injured man appeared quite intelligent and well educated and was not a bad appearing fellow, although his blood-stained head and face and torn clothes detracted somewhat from his appearance. He seemed rather loth to talk of his home or personal matters, but stated that he was a veteran of the regular army.

The man was later taken from the jail to the office of Dr. E. D. Cummins, the county physician, where the wounds were dressed and found to be very deep and severe, and how the man escaped being killed seems a mystery. Two long and deep cuts were on the back of the head extending for several inches, and on the top of the head were two long gashes, one of which was shaped something like a horseshoe, but the man reiterated his

statement as to being struck by an iron bar in the hands of the negro.

The man seemed still desirous of going on into Omaha and repeatedly requested the authorities to let him go, but he will probably be detained here for a few days at least, in the hope of getting trace of the negro.

At the office of the surgeon the man stated he came from Atlanta, Georgia, and that he had served for twelve years in the regular army in several different regiments and that he had been in the Philippines, going there in 1899, at the time of the outbreak of the uprising of the natives in the islands. His talk was decidedly wandering, however, and little real facts could be gained from him, as his statements were very contradictory.

ALBERT WATKINS REPRESENTING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

From Friday's Daily.
Albert Watkins of the Nebraska State Historical society, was in the city today gathering some data on the early territorial history of Nebraska, which he is preparing, and while here was a caller at the Journal office for a few hours. Mr. Watkins is interested in trying to ascertain facts in regard to the movement in 1857 which involved the question of the location of the state capital, and in which Cass county played a prominent part through its representatives, E. A. Donelan, T. M. Marquette and Lawson Sheldon. The legislature of 1857 split on the question of capital location and a part of the legislature adjourned to Florence, where they met in session, while the other remained at Omaha, then the seat of state government. At a result of the Florence session there sprung up the idea of creating a town on the hills near the Platte valley, south of Fremont, to be called Neopolis, and in this plan there was a great deal of interest taken by Mr. Donelan and others from Cass county and several houses and a sawmill were built there to start the seat of state government, but this was dropped on the arrival of the new governor, Hon. William A. Richardson, of Illinois, who quieted down the strife and the capital remained at Omaha until statehood. It is to secure more interesting facts regarding this that Mr. Watkins was here, trusting to get in touch with a few of the pioneers, and especially Captain Isaac Wiles, but was disappointed, as Mr. Wiles is in Minatare, Neb., and he was unable to secure what information he might have on the matter. Mr. Watkins departed this afternoon for Omaha to attend the banquet at the Fontenelle of the State Historical society.

UNCLE BILLY BUSTER ENJOYING VISIT AT ROCKPORT, MISSOURI

From Friday's Daily.
A card has been received here from W. M. Buster, one of the pioneers of the county, who for years resided in the vicinity of Elmwood, who is now enjoying a visit at Rockport, Missouri, where he resided at the time the civil war broke out, and from where he enlisted in the southern army. Mr. Buster states he is having a fine time and is right on the warpath. He is now making his home at Ashland, but spends a great deal of time in traveling among the old scenes and visiting with old friends.

TAKING OUT THEIR FINAL CITIZENSHIP PAPERS

From Friday's Daily.
In the office of the clerk of the district court application for final citizenship papers have been made by Christian Jensen and Jens Christianson, both former citizens of the kingdom of Denmark and residents of Weeping Water. The clerk also received the declaration of intention of A. A. Skanris, a native of Denmark, and Jens Peter Jensen, also a former subject of the king of Denmark, who desires to become a citizen of the United States of America and to forsake allegiance to all foreign princes and rulers. The last two named gentlemen are also residents of Weeping Water.

AN INTERESTING MATTER TO FOREIGN CITIZENS

Do Not Become Fully Naturalized Citizens Unless They Have Taken Out Their Last Papers.

From Friday's Daily.
United States Naturalization Examiner J. M. Gurnett, who yesterday examined the naturalization records at Plattsmouth, directs attention to the fact that alien residents of this county who have filed declarations of intention to become citizens of the United States are permitting them to expire through carelessness.

Under the federal naturalization law any alien who has declared his intention to become an American citizen since September 26, 1906, must file application for final certificate of naturalization within seven years after the date of his declaration or his rights under the declaration are lost, and he must make a new declaration before he is again eligible to the application for citizenship.

The examiner states that there are fifteen aliens now residing in Cass county who are in possession of worthless declarations, as they failed to petition for naturalization before their declarations became seven years of age. According to the examiner, there are some fifty-nine aliens living in Cass county holding declarations of intention which will become worthless in a very short time unless the holders make application for full citizenship. These persons may, by applying to Mr. James Robertson, clerk of the district court, at Plattsmouth, obtain, free of charge, full information concerning the steps they must take to become fully naturalized. The cost for filing application for final certificate of citizenship is \$4.

The naturalization of foreigners is in charge of the Bureau of Naturalization, Department of Labor. This branch of the government service is conducted by attorneys who have made a specialty of laws relating to naturalization, and the purpose of the bureau is to insure the legal naturalization of aliens of good moral character who have lived in the United States more than five years and are desirable as citizens. It is not necessary for a foreigner desiring to become a citizen to employ an attorney for this purpose, as the services of the Bureau of Naturalization are at the disposal of the applicant, without cost to him.

For convenience in the administration of the law the entire United States is divided into districts, each of which is under the jurisdiction of a chief examiner. Nebraska is in the St. Louis, Missouri, district. Any communication relative to naturalization addressed to the Chief Naturalization Examiner, Custom House, St. Louis, Missouri, will receive prompt and careful attention from attorneys who are expert in naturalization law.

COMPLETE EXTENSION OF WATER MAINS IN WEST PART

From Friday's Daily.
The extension of the water mains in the west part of the city from Fifteenth and Oak streets west for 500 feet along that roadway has been completed and will be ready in a few days for service to the residents of that section of the city in case of fire. This is an improvement long needed there and will be very much appreciated by the residents of the west portion of the city who have been without adequate fire protection for some years, and is a step in the right direction. As fast as possible and the financial condition of the city allows these extensions are made and the city gradually provided with the proper number of fire hydrants.

Attends Banquet at the Fontenelle.
From Friday's Daily.
Father Shine left this afternoon over the Missouri Pacific for Omaha to attend the banquet given by Hon. John L. Webster at the Fontenelle hotel to the members of the committee for the 1917 jubilee celebration of the admission of Nebraska into the Union.

COL. J. H. THRASHER IS ABLE TO BE ABOUT TOWN AGAIN

From Saturday's Daily.
Col. J. H. Thrasher is now able to be out and around again, after having been laid up for the past week with a siege of rheumatism, which settled in his left knee and has been causing him untold pain and suffering, and this is the first day he has been able to be around without the aid of a cane. He is, however, feeling much better.

THE OLD SETTLERS REUNION AT UNION ON AUGUST 13-14

From Saturday's Daily.
The citizens of Union have commenced preparations for the holding of the twenty-seventh annual Old Settlers' reunion of Cass and Otoe counties, and the date has been fixed upon as Friday and Saturday, August 13 and 14, when all the residents for miles around can gather and enjoy a pleasant time in each other's company, and to the older residents of the county the time of "Old Settlers" has become an event eagerly looked forward to in the meeting of old friends and neighbors and the recounting of old times and to recall those who will come no more and who had so great a part in the upbuilding of the county. Union, situated as it is, with the grand old hills and tracks of woodland makes an ideal place to hold the reunion, and here each year the steps of the older residents, as well as a large number of the younger, turn to enjoy the two days' outing and celebration prepared for them by the Union citizens. G. W. Cheney has been selected as president of the association this year and Louis Anderson as secretary, while Jack Patterson will serve as the treasurer.

PLATTSMOUTH LADIES ENTERTAIN IN HONOR OF GUESTS

From Friday's Daily.
Last evening a very delightful dance was given at Coates' hall by Misses Helen Gass, Edith Dovey, Lillian Dwyer, Lillian Bajek, Janette Patterson and Miss Rosecrans in honor of Misses Catherine Wilcox of Omaha, Hilda and Meta Eigenbrodt of Lincoln, Gertrude Draper of Iowa City, Marion Tyler of Lincoln and Frances Howell of Omaha. The evening was spent by the young ladies and gentlemen in the delights of the dance to the bewitching strains furnished by the Holly orchestra, until the midnight hour, and the occasion was one of the rarest enjoyment to the nineteen couple who took part in the dance. This was one of the most delightful events that has been given by the younger social set in honor of their guests.

WILL CELEBRATE THE FOURTH AT PARADISE PARK SUNDAY

From Saturday's Daily.
There will be a celebration of the Fourth of July held at Paradise park, north of this city, on Sunday, July 4th, under the supervision of the Koukal Brothers, who have arranged to afford the people coming there a royal good time, and a big dance platform will be the main attraction of the day, and here the Plattsmouth orchestra will discourse sweet music during the day that will be thoroughly enjoyed. All kinds of cool, refreshing soft drinks will be served during the day and the occasion is sure to be most pleasant. In the evening there will be a display of fireworks. Automobiles will be run from the Propst garage during the day, which will convey parties to and from the park for 15 cents a single person, or 25 cents a couple.

George Kaffenberger and wife came in Saturday from their farm home west of this city and spent a few hours here looking after some trading with the merchants.

DEATH OF MRS. HENRY HIRZ JR. THIS MORNING

Relatives and Friends of This Most Estimable Lady Greatly Shocked at Her Sudden Death.

From Saturday's Daily.
The community this morning was most profoundly shocked to learn of the death of Mrs. Henry Hirz, jr., one of the best known and well loved ladies in this section of the county. The death of Mrs. Hirz occurred at Mrs. George Meisinger, in this city, at 1:30 this morning, after a few days' suffering from an attack of peritonitis, following an operation on Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Hirz had not been in the best of health for some time, but it was not thought that there was any danger to her until Monday, when she arrived at the home of her parents and was taken sick there and a specialist summoned from Omaha, and it was decided that it would be necessary to operate upon the lady, as her case was very acute. Following the operation Mrs. Hirz seemed to be improving nicely and only last night seemed to be showing every sign of betterment in her condition, but near the midnight hour a sudden change for the worse dashed the hopes of the family for her recovery and she gradually grew worse until death came to her relief shortly after 1 o'clock.

The death of this well loved lady was a blow that fell most heavily on the bereaved husband and two little daughters, aged 5 and 2 years, and deprived them of a loving wife and tender and devoted mother, whom they idolized, and in their hour of deepest grief the sympathy of the entire community goes out to them, as well as to Mr. and Mrs. Meisinger, the parents, who are bowed by grief over the loss of the well loved daughter.

Mrs. Hirz was born in this county twenty-four years ago and had made her home in this community during her entire lifetime, and six years ago was united in marriage to Mr. Henry Hirz, jr., and their wedded life has been one of the most complete happiness, they making their home on the farm in Eight Mile Grove precinct, which has been rendered desolate by the taking away of the wife and mother.

Besides the husband and two little daughters and the parents, four brothers and one sister are left to mourn the death of this estimable young lady, as follows: John R. Meisinger, George J. Meisinger, Henry G. Meisinger, Fred W. Meisinger and Mrs. George Kraeger, all of whom reside in this county.

MISS LILLIAN DWYER ENTERTAINS YOUNG LADY FRIENDS

From Friday's Daily.
On Wednesday afternoon Miss Lillian Dwyer entertained in a very pleasant manner at her home in honor of Misses Meta and Helia Edgenbrodt and Marion Tyler of Lincoln and Miss Catherine Wilcox of Omaha. The afternoon was spent very pleasantly in games and proved most enjoyable to the guests assembled to enjoy the hospitality of the Dwyer home. At a suitable hour very delicious and tempting refreshments were served that proved a most delightful feature of the occasion. The dining room was prettily arranged with decorations of crimson Rambler roses, interspersed with white daisies, which made the room most charming in appearance. Those present to enjoy the delightful event, in addition to the guests of honor, were: Misses Edith Dovey, Janette Patterson, Nora Rosecrans, Emma Cummins, Lillian Bajek, Elizabeth Beeson, Grace Beeson, Ribbin Richardson, Phene Richardson and Helen Gass.

FOR SALE.
A two-seated surrey, is good as new, at bargain. T. H. POLLOCK. 6-28-2td-1tw

Services at St. Paul's Church.

The funeral of Mrs. Henry Hirz will be held tomorrow afternoon at 1:30. The members are requested to bring the hymn books with them, as usual to our German custom, the congregation will sing a number of hymns.

THE ATHLETICS DONE TO A FINISH BY HAVELock SATURDAY

Saturday afternoon the team representing the Havelock machine shops, came down to engage the Athletics in a game of the great national pastime, and as a result of their visit were able to hang the scalps of the Athletics on the fence by a score of 8 to 0, and the local boys were unable to do business with the fast fielding and hitting munch from the Lincoln suburb, who at all times had the jinx on the Athletics. The game went finely until the fifth inning, with neither side scoring, and in this inning the visitors were able to gather in a run on errors in handling the hits made by the batters, although Long, on the mound for the Athletics, pitched a good gamet throughout, but the support he received was decidedly ragged, and though twelve of the visitors were struck out, but they were able to romp around the bases on little hits that were not handled fast enough. The grand blow-up of the Athletics occurred in the eighth inning, when six runs were tallied by Havelock, and with their other two made them the neat total of 8, while the locals were shut out, only one player reaching second base. Pickard, the pitcher, Walters at third and Brew at short were the tars of the visitors, who were a fine, gentlemanly bunch of boys in every way.

MRS. HOWARD YOUNG'S OPERATION VERY SUCCESSFUL

From Saturday's Daily.
Last evening Mrs. Howard M. Young was taken by automobile to Omaha, where she was operated on last night for rupture, from which she has been a sufferer more or less during the last three years. The operation was apparently most successful and the lady was reported last evening as resting easily and every indication pointed to a speedy recovery. Mr. Young was a passenger this morning for Omaha, where he goes to spend the day with his wife at St. Joseph's hospital. That she is getting along so nicely will be most pleasing to the many friends of this lady and they trust she may continue to improve.

THE MAN ASSAULTED BY NEGRO IS ALLOWED TO DEPART

From Saturday's Daily.
Last evening Otto Sikes, the man who was beaten up so badly by a negro near the Missouri Pacific depot early yesterday morning, was allowed to go on into Omaha on the 7:45 Missouri Pacific train, as he claimed to have friends there and was desirous of reaching them as soon as possible to secure aid. There had been no further trace found of the negro who committed the outrage, and as the injured man was broken down and weak from his experience and desired to be in the hands of his friends, it was thought best to allow him to proceed on his way, and if needed he agreed to return to this place.

Ben Beckman, one of the leading citizens from south of this city, and one of the best gentlemen in the world, was here Saturday for a short time looking after some matters of business and calling on his friends.

NOTICE!
Farmers who ship cream direct may leave their cream at our store. We will deliver your cream to the depot and return your empty cans, without extra charge.
E. G. DOVEY & SON.

THE FIRST SATURDAY AFTERNOON ENTERTAINMENT

A Large Crowd in Town and Everyone Seemed to Enjoy the Program Very Much.

The first of the series of Saturday afternoon entertainments planned by the Commercial club and citizens of Plattsmouth, was held on Saturday, and the event proved a great success in every way, as there was a crowd of several hundred on the streets from the surrounding portions of the county, and a great many from twelve and fifteen miles away drove in to enjoy a few hours' outing and get acquainted with the Plattsmouth people and the business men who had been among the strong movers for the holding of the Saturday afternoon special attractions.

The event opened promptly at 1:30, when the Burlington band gave a short concert at the intersection of Sixth and Main streets in the new stand provided for that purpose, and after half an hour of pleasing music the stand was moved to Fourth and Main, where another concert was given, which was very much enjoyed and given in a pleasing manner by the band boys, under the direction of Prof. Ed H. Schulhof, and for the opening concert of the season the boys gave a fine program.

Ben Hankinson, adept slack wire artist, was placed on for a special feature, and on the platform erected on Main street between Fourth and Fifth, gave a very entertaining and clever exhibition of slack wire walking and the use of the unicycle, which is most difficult, and which was carried out in splendid shape by this clever gentleman.

The rest room for the ladies, which was fitted up in the Hotel Riley block, was well patronized by the ladies from the country, who found here every comfort and convenience at hand that they might desire, and they appreciated it to the fullest extent and it was found one of the best moves that has been made so far to provide for the comfort of those visiting the city from out in the county.

As a result of the special entertainment there was a marked increase in the number of automobiles coming into the city and a correspondingly large number of visitors to enjoy the day. The program was a most creditable one and an even better one is figured on for the coming Saturday, when a balloon ascension will be made one of the features of the entertainment if it is possible to secure a good aeronaut for this purpose, and this will be a very interesting feature for the residents of this city and county alike.

EVERY TOWN GETS THE BIG SHOWS BUT PLATTSMOUTH

From Saturday's Daily.
This city appears to have been "sidestepped" this summer on the circus proposition, as there have been a large number shows at points all around this city, but none here, although our neighboring town of Nebraska City will have the great Hagenbeck-Wallace shows there and a number of smaller circuses have visited around at the towns in a range of twenty-five and thirty miles. The question of proper grounds seems to be the chief stumbling block that keeps a great many of the circuses from coming here, as they have always been very generously patronized when they have showed here, but the last attraction of this kind had a grievous time in getting set up on the thos ld O'Neill place, south of the shops, as they were handicapped by wet and soggy roads. It really seems as though there should be some tract of land which they could be allowed to use for this purpose, and the bottom land east of the Burlington depot would be the ideal place.

P. A. Horn was among those visiting in the city Saturday for a few hours, looking after some business matters with the merchants.