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COMMERCIAL CLUB HAS BUSINESS SESSION

About Thirty-five of the Prominent Business Men Present and Matters of Interest Discussed.

From Friday's Daily. The meeting of the Commercial club last evening at the rooms in the Hotel Riley block was attended by quite a large number of the residents of the city who are interested in the development of the city, and a great many interesting facts were developed in connection with several questions of importance.

The president, E. H. Wescott, at the opening of the meeting, when the report of the different committees were called for, asked Chief of Police W. M. Barclay of the lookout committee to give an outline of what he had discovered in his trips over the city. Mr. Barclay stated that he had the names of nine families that had come here in the past month to make their homes, and a number of the heads of these families were to engage in employment in the Burlington shops. He also touched on the use of the subway in going to and from the ball park and cited several instances where there had been narrow escapes from accidents in crossing the tracks, instead of taking the street through the subway. He stated that he had mentioned the matter to the station agent here, as well as Mr. Mullin, the division superintendent, and suggested to them the advisability of putting up a wire fence similar to that around the shop property, from each wing of the subway back for several feet to the fences of the city, and Mr. Stokes around their property, as this would stop the practice of many from using the subway. He also touched on the matter of having waste paper boxes placed on the street at convenient places, and if it was to be carried out to have the plans materialized at once. The hackmen and draymen were getting into the habit of keeping the rules of the road in driving along the streets of the city, and of this he was glad, and that there had been several occasions when he had to notify the drivers of vehicles of their being on the wrong side of the roadway and had always met with a ready response; even during the Saturday of the carnival there had been a careful obedience of the rules, and with from 150 to 175 cars coming and going there had been no trouble of any kind.

President Wescott stated that it was something to be pleased with that during the carnival, with such large numbers of strangers, there had been no disorder, and it spoke well for the law-abiding residents of the city, as well as the members of the carnival company.

The entertainment committee of the club filed an itemized report of their receipts and expenditures, which included the cost of the band stand, costing \$100, and several entertainments secured, as well as printing and other details.

In speaking of the contributions of the Burlington employes, Mr. Wescott said that they had been very generous in the past and this year had come forward to assist in securing the band concerts and free entertainments, and he felt that they deserved a world of praise for their splendid work. He also commended the entertainment committee for their efficient work, and while the committee had been merely an experimental one, it had fully demonstrated its need and had done a great deal of hard work in carrying out the plans of the club along this line. The rest room, Mr. Wescott stated, had been a most agreeable surprise and was used to a large extent by the ladies when down town or by the visitors from out of the city, to whom it filled a long-felt want.

J. P. Falter, to whom had been given the task of looking into the matter of the securing of an alfalfa mill, reported that he had not been able to get all the facts desired as to the cost of placing a mill here or the amount and cost of the consumption of power that would be necessary in a mill of the size and kind desired. He hoped to have it ready for the next meeting and would like to have a

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J. H. KUHN IS SUFFERING FROM A VERY SORE FINGER

From Friday's Daily. J. H. Kuhns, the genial foreman of the Burlington lumber yard in this city, is nursing quite a sore finger on the right hand as a result of an infection of that member that necessitated it being lanced this morning. Last evening Mr. Kuhns was sitting in the yard at his home, and seeing a friend passing playfully decided to throw a ripe apple at the friend, but as he threw the apple his hand came in contact with a barb wire fence, with the result that two barbs of the wire entered his finger and this morning it was swollen up to twice its natural size and necessitated the services of a surgeon. Joe is on the job at the lumber yard as usual, but finds it rather inconvenient.

DEATH OF FRANK COVALT NEAR COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA

From Friday's Daily. The following is a short sketch of the late Frank Covalt of near Council Bluffs, Iowa, who passed away at his home on Sunday, July 11th, after an illness of several weeks:

Mr. Covalt was formerly a resident of this city, having made his home here for a number of years, and while here was employed by the Burlington at the shops in this city. Later he removed with his parents to Council Bluffs, where he made his home. He was a carpenter by trade and was also a member of the Council Bluffs fire department for a number of years. Some few years ago Mr. Covalt moved to Crescent, Iowa, ten miles north of Council Bluffs, where he engaged in farming up to the time of his death. Mr. Covalt was united in marriage March 4, 1881, to Miss Jennie Thomas of this city, and the only sister of the late J. O. Thomas. To this union were born five children, Mrs. Alta Tallman, Mrs. Gusta Hodgson, both of Council Bluffs, and Misses Phyllis and Jessie of Crescent and a daughter, Alice, who died in infancy. The four surviving children, together with the wife and several brothers and sisters, are left to mourn the loss of this good man.

The funeral services were held at the late home Wednesday, July 14th, at 10:30, and interment made at Fairview cemetery, Council Bluffs.

CITIZENS ARE MUCH WROUGHT UP OVER WRONG IMPRESSION

From Friday's Daily. The residents along Washington avenue, where the new sewer extension is being made, were very much wrought up yesterday when a large section of sheet steel which is used in the construction of the forms for the concrete, was carelessly thrown in the creek, and the impression was given by this fact that the sewer to be constructed was to be much smaller than that in use at the present time. The steel which is to be used in supporting the forms will be later placed in the proper position, when it can be seen that the difference between the mouth of the present sewer and the portion under construction will be only a few inches, which is based on the figures of the engineer, allowing for the lessening of the volume of water that will pass through the sewer when it has been extended a block farther west.

Chimney Looming Up.

From Friday's Daily. The new chimney which is being constructed by the Plattsmouth Water company at their pumping station north of this city, is now assuming the proportions which makes it visible from the Burlington passenger depot with ease. The old chimney had been standing for a great many years and was becoming in such condition that it was necessary to have it repaired, and it was decided to erect a new chimney entirely, as more in keeping with the fine plant of the water company which is maintained here.

YANKEE ROBINSON'S ADVANCE MAN IS IN THIS CITY TODAY

From Friday's Daily. Today W. H. Rainey, the advance man for the Yankee Robinson circus, was in the city to make the arrangements for the appearance of this famous circus company here. The date for the appearance of the circus has been set as Monday, August 9th, and the tented city will be pitched on the river bottom east of the Burlington tracks. At their last appearance here the Robinson shows were very pleasing and now have a number of additional features that makes it one of the best of the smaller circuses in the country. As this is the first attraction of its kind to visit here in two years it is unnecessary to say that they will have a big crowd and is certain to give thorough satisfaction in every way. Mr. Rainey is a very pleasant gentleman and believes his company will more than please the residents of this city and vicinity.

ARE NOW CANVASSING THE BUSINESS SECTION OF THE CITY

From Friday's Daily. A committee from the Commercial club is making a canvass of the business section of the city today to secure from the business men on Main street expression as to their desire to have electroliners installed on the principal street. This is being done with a view of giving the lighting committee of the council an opportunity to reach a settlement of the light question that has been the cause of much discussion for the past year, and the council finds it necessary to have the electroliner matter settled in order to make their decision on what is needed in the way of city lighting. It is hoped to have the canvass completed in time to lay it before the council at its meeting Monday evening, and then it may be possible to secure some definite action.

"CINDERELLA IN FLOWERLAND" SUCCESS AT NEHAWKA

From Saturday's Daily. Last Tuesday evening the operetta, "Cinderella in Flowerland," produced by Mrs. Mae S. Morgan of Plattsmouth, was given under the auspices of the Busy Workers' society of the Methodist church.

The play was composed of small children, most of all of whom were under 12 years of age. Everyone had his or her part excellent and the costumes were all fitted for the occasion.

About 40 took part and it would be almost impossible to mention the talent of each individual. The different colored lights helped wonderfully to show off the costumes and that which was to be represented. It was one of the best entertainments of that character ever staged in Nehawka, and Mrs. Morgan especially is to be congratulated in the way the affair turned out.—Nehawka News.

W. H. SEYBERT SPORTS A NEW FORD AUTOMOBILE

From Friday's Daily. This morning W. H. Seybert and family came in from their home near Cullom in the new Ford car of Mr. Seybert, which he purchased a few days ago, and the new car is being enjoyed to the utmost by the family, who can now travel whenever the desire takes them. Mr. Seybert handles the machine like an expert and is anticipating a fine time in traveling over the county in the new automobile. The list of auto owners in Cass county is constantly on the increase and the progressive and up-to-date farmers who do not possess an automobile are few and far between.

WILLIAM J. RAU, MANLEY BANKER, GETS MARRIED

From Friday's Daily. William J. Rau, cashier of the Manley State bank, and Miss Celia Breckenfeld, of Elmwood, were married on Wednesday, July 21, at the St. Patrick's church, Utica, Neb., Rev. Father W. L. D. Higgins of Manley officiating. The bride and groom are excellent young people and well known in both Manley and Louisville, where they have hosts of friends who will learn with pleasure of their marriage and who join us in extending heartiest congratulations. This estimable young couple will be welcomed in Manley society, where they will begin housekeeping in the A. J. Keedy residence, which Mr. Rau has rented and furnished.—Louisville Courier.

"FEAST" FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES AT COURT HOUSE

From Saturday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon the deputies and clerks at the court house, as well as the officials, were treated to a rare pleasure in a watermelon "feast" which was tendered them by Bruce Rosencrans, the efficient deputy county clerk, and it is needless to say that in a very few minutes the toothsome melons were only a memory, after the onslaught of the hungry bunch. This came as a very pleasant treat after the hot and tiresome afternoon and was thoroughly enjoyed by the jolly crowd.

POSSIBILITY OF OIL IN CASS COUNTY VERY FLATTERING

From Saturday's Daily. The possibility of oil being found in this section of Cass county has been of much interest to the citizens since the visit here of Mr. Baker of Des Moines, Iowa, and he has been making a very thorough investigation of the possibilities that might be in store in the hills of old Cass county in the way of a paying flow of oil or gas, and it has so far encouraged him that in a short time he will probably close a lease for oil lands with some of the land owners and sink an experimental well to thoroughly test out the possibilities of there being oil. While heretofore it has been thought that oil might exist in this county, there has never been any extensive work done to develop it and the result of the experiment of Mr. Baker will be awaited with great interest. Several wells and creeks in this part of the county have had a great deal of oil floating on their surface, but this has never been traced down to see whether or not beneath the surface of the land there might be a paying flow of oil found. The oil fields which have been developed in the west and southwest have been in land not any more favorable than that in this country, and it would not be surprising if oil in small quantities was found, if not a large flow of the fluid that has become in such great demand.

BEN HANKINSON INVESTS IN NEW AUTO TRUCK

From Saturday's Daily. Ben Hankinson of the Basket Store has just purchased of the Francis Cullis Auto company a fine new auto truck that he will use in the handling of the rapidly increasing business of his store. The truck will come in very handy for Mr. Hankinson in moving the large quantities of fruit and vegetables handled by his store and in making deliveries to the residence section of the city. Since coming here Mr. Hankinson has built up a very lucrative business, and with the new trucks to make transportation of his goods easier, expects to add much to his trade. The truck is a fine one and the largest that has yet been placed in use by any business house in this city.

CASS COUNTY REPRESENTED AT IOWA SHOOT

Boys Go by Auto to Tabor and Report a Splendid Time and Well Pleas-ed With Their Luck.

From Saturday's Daily. Cass county was well represented at the Iowa shooting tournament held at Tabor on July 22d, and the showing made by the marksmen was one that was most creditable to them. The gentlemen representing the Cass county squad were: Messrs. J. L. Terryberry, John Gauer, J. F. Wolff, J. R. Noyes and Mr. Erhart, and they shot through the entire program, including a special event of twelve pairs of doubles and twenty-five singles.

In the main event of 150 targets the high gun was 145, which was a very fair score for amateurs. Forty-two shooters from Omaha and Des Moines and western Iowa were registered and shot the program through. John Gauer was at the lead of the Cass county squad with a score of 139; J. L. Terryberry, 134; J. F. Wolff, 125; J. R. Noyes, 124, and Mr. Erhart, 119.

In the twelve doubles Mr. Gauer took first with twenty out of a possible twenty-four, while Mr. Wolff was second with 16. Messrs. Terryberry and Noyes did not get into the money class.

In the last event of the day a special twenty-five target match was pulled off and in which the Cass county boys made themselves distinguished when Gauer again took away first money with a straight score, and was followed by Wolff, with 24, which is a very creditable showing to make.

The Tabor Gun club are a fine bunch of gentlemen and offer everyone the hospitality of their city. The Ladies' Aid society served hot dinner on the grounds, which was very well served and heartily enjoyed by the sportsmen.

The trip to Tabor was made by auto and to say the trip was made in comfortable fashion puts it very mildly, as the big Mitchell Six owned and driven by John Gauer, was pressed into service. The entire party voted it a most enjoyable trip and look forward with pleasure to the event next year.

NOT A CENT DEMANDED OR ASKED TO PROBE FOR OIL

From Saturday's Daily. Cass county now has the oil fever and has an expert there looking the ground over to see if a "gusher" could not be located. He has been in the vicinity of Mynard and Murray and says the appearance of the country greatly resembles that of the old fields of the east. Nebraska City had a severe attack of this "oil fever" and expended many dollars in sinking a well. There were many "indications" found, but we regret to state that oil in any quantity was not found. However, the well is in good condition and some public-spirited man may conclude to sink it a few feet deeper.—Nebraska City News.

Mr. C. H. Baker, who is here from Des Moines, came unsolicited and without the asking on the part of anyone here, and his investigations are conducted on his own initiative and if any wells are to be sunk or further work done to attempt to probe the soil for oil he expects to do it himself at his own expense.

ELBERTA PEACHES.

These are the finest Southern Peaches that will be offered in Plattsmouth this year. Don't delay, for the PEACHES are going to sell fast. Telephone your order now. Phone No. 53 or 54. H. M. SOENNICHSEN.

M. Tritsch, refracting optician, at Gering & Co.'s Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Examination free.

ASKS THAT HER BROTHER BE SENT TO SOME ASYLUM

From Friday's Daily. This morning a complaint was filed in the office of the district court by Mrs. Mary Gouchenour asking that her brother, Sampson Russell, be declared of unsound mind and sent to some institution where he may be cared for in the proper manner. Mr. Russell has been affected for several years with mental trouble and it has become impossible to do anything with him and to care for him, as he makes attempts to run away from home and has threatened several times to make way with himself and requires constant care, which it is impossible to do here. The matter will be laid before the county board of insanity for them to take action upon.

NEBRASKA'S NEW WAREHOUSE LAW AND ITS RESULTS

Nebraska's new warehouse law bids fair to make a world of work and expense for country elevator men who are disposed to store grain for farmers longer than ten days. The state commission has ruled that if a grain dealer stores a farmer's grain longer than ten days he must take out a license as a public warehouse. It does not matter that the farmer's delivery of the balance of his crop has been delayed by bad weather. The commission holds that the elevator man must buy it on the tenth day or become a public warehouseman. In view of the rulings of the commission it would seem as though free storage of farmers' grain is doomed in Nebraska. This will be a good thing for the elevator men, who have been forced by competition into lending storage room much needed by them in the conduct of their own business. Last year a number of elevator men were so greatly encumbered by the large amount of wheat held in store for farmers that they could not sell. They did not dare ship and sell the farmers' grain because of the wild markets. The dealers who had stored wheat free for the farmers and shipped it out without hedging against it suffered untold losses because the grower, favored with free storage, insisted on the right to sell his grain whenever it suited his whim; some of them are still holding. Any legislation which puts a perpetual check on free storage of grain in country elevators will help not only the grain dealer, but also the grain grower. The farmer would be much better off to sell his grain as he hauls it to town. The old practice makes his too much of a speculation.—Grain Dealers' Journal.

"The next in ascending order comes Trenton limestone; this is fairly crowded with swarming forms of life, is impure and is a great source for producing gas and oil. "The Pennsylvania or Trenton rock is the productive horizon in Penn., and the lower beds have yielded oil and gas in great quantities throughout Kansas and Oklahoma. These sandstones are not folded in synclines and anticlines. The entire formation is monoclinical and dips to the northwest, caused by the Ozark uplift, and the same stone and shale beds make excellent reservoirs. At Sioux City the same is devoid of organisms as far as can be, and the Cambrian rock offers no more fruitful find than does the basement upon which they rest. The dolomites and Saint Peter sandstone are as barren of life forms as the rock below them, and it is hopeless to look for oil or gas below the top of the Saint Peter sandstone. "It matters not how reliable this horizon of the Saint Croix sandstone may be as a producer of artesian water, they are equally as certain to bring failure for commercial quantities of petroleum or natural gas. "If these conditions extend as far north as Cass county, Nebraska, which only the drill will determine, and if gas and oil is produced at Plattsmouth, we can enjoy the same financial benefits as other parts of the country are enjoying which produce these conditions. In speaking of the production of oil wells in the United States the government reports has the following to say: "American oil wells broke all records in 1914, the total product being 290,312,535 barrels. California held first place, though the enormous output of the Cushing pool in Oklahoma made that state a strong second. Wyoming showed the greatest relative increase over 1913, 48 per cent, but that did not lift it from the ninth rank. The average price of the oil fell from 9.54 cents in 1913 to 8.06 in 1914, so in the product marketed was worth about \$23,000,000 less than in 1913."

Asks for Divorce.

From Friday's Daily. Joseph L. Padnos, local attorney is defendant in a suit for divorce begun in district court by Mrs. Julia A. Padnos, who alleges extreme cruelty as grounds. The couple were married at Wahoo, March 25, 1913.—Omaha Bee. Mrs. Padnos will be remembered here by a great many, as she made her home here for about a year prior to her marriage at Wahoo.

MORE REGARDING THE OIL SITUATION HERE

A Short Outline as to the Location of Oil Lands, Which Would Indicate Cass County in Line.

In speaking of the probability of oil or gas being found in Cass county, Mr. C. H. Baker of Des Moines, who is conducting an investigation along that line in this county, was in Saturday, and in speaking of the general conditions that may indicate the presence of oil, gave a short outline of what has been accepted as the general outline of what is considered oil-bearing rock or soil. In speaking of the matter Mr. Baker says:

The Sioux quartzite is a fine granitic rock. This is built from fine grains of sand closely cemented with siliceous matrix. This is penetrated at Sioux City to a depth of 750 feet. At the times the sand of this age were being laid down on the sea bottoms there was no forms of life present in the water. Oil and gas are conceded to be organic matters, plant and animal, which has suffered decomposition in the rock, and there could be little if any oil or gas formed in the rock deposited during that time. Beneath the Algonkian rock are also turned igneous rock of Archean age. Saint Croix rock are rather barren of fossils and are largely sandstone. Sandstone forms excellent reservoirs for oil and gas, which has been generally formed from some underlying productive rock.

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