

SPEEDING AUTO-MOBILE AT LONG BEACH, CALIF.

Well Known Plattsmouth Boy Makes Stout Time in Run of 300 Miles, Which Is Going Some.

Our former fellow townsman, Walter Thomas, who is manager of the Long Beach, California, auto company seems to have become quite a figure in the automobile world and from the following taken from the Long Beach Press seems to have had a great deal in lowering the speed record in the recent endurance contest held in that section of California with a record of 315 miles in nine hours:

"Left Long Beach 6 p. m., W. L. Thomas, driver, Hershall Thomas, mechanic, E. S. Gunby and H. J. Helps, official observers.

"Took course leading through Naples, Seal Beach, Westminster, Bolsa, arrived at Santa Ana at 6:45 a. m., thence to Tustin where we encountered wet pavements and roads to Los Pinos, about 50 miles; from Tustin our course ran to Irvine, El Toro to San Juan Capistrana, arriving at 7:28 a. m. along the bluff below San Juan, we encountered very sloppy roads with much slipping of wheels for 2.3 miles and finally had to put on chains to enable us to keep the road, losing 20 minutes of time.

From this point our route took us to San Onofre and we had 1.5 miles of wet muddy roads using our chains for 16 miles, arrived at Oceanside at 8:55 a. m. Between Oceanside and Carl had to make a detour over 1.5 miles wet roads on account of the new bridge being built across a salt marsh. From Carl our course took us to Encinitas, Cardiff, Del Mar, thence up the Torrey Pine grade, which we took on high with ease and celebrated at the summit with a lunch in which we used 25 minutes of our time.

From the summit we had dirt roads for 19.5 miles into San Diego, passing through La Jolla with some patches of slippery going. We arrived at San Diego at 10:50 a. m. and after a drive to the fair grounds and other places in the city stopped for lunch, speedometer reading 123 miles covered.

After lunch we took on eight gallons of gasoline, one quart oil and one pint water in radiator and at 12 o'clock, noon, turned our faces towards home, coming over same route to a point west of Santa Ana, where we detoured to Huntington Beach. We were delayed 15 minutes in the O'Neal ranch by the stalling of a truck until a road could be made to pass around, found our muddy soot of the morning sufficiently dry to allow free going.

Took on five gallons gasoline at Tustin on our return trip and arrived at Long Beach at 4:50 p. m., thence through Long Beach to Wilmington and on to Gardena, thence back to Long Beach over same road, arriving at the Long Beach Auto company garage at 5:30 p. m., and refilled the gasoline tank to overflowing with 8 gallons, no water or oil needed.

Summary: Speedometer reading 1923 miles at Long Beach, arriving 5:30 p. m. Speedometer reading 743 miles at Long Beach, leaving 6 a. m. Two hundred and eighty miles made on trip.

Twenty-one gallons gas, one quart oil and one pint water used on trip; elapsed time 11 hours 39 minutes; actual time 9 hours 20 minutes; with no mechanical troubles or adjustments or tire trouble, average miles per hour on trip 30.

John Crabill Much Better.

Yesterday Dr. Charles R. Kennedy of Omaha and Mrs. John W. Crabill motored down from the metropolis for a few minutes and they report that Mr. Crabill is showing very satisfactory progress, and while he is not entirely out of danger the conditions are much more favorable as to be very encouraging to the family. It is to be hoped that his present improvement will continue until he is completely out of danger.

Dennison's Christmas Boxes at the Journal office. Place your presents in a nice box. All prices and all sizes.

NELSON JEAN'S NEW RESIDENCE IS SHOWING UP

From Tuesday's Daily. The new residence of Nelson Jean on North Seventh street is progressing nicely and will soon be ready for the final carpenter work and the plastering and with favorable conditions should be ready for occupancy this winter. The carpenter work has been looked after in a most workmanlike manner and under the direction of Frank Konfrst and a force of very capable workmen. This new home will add greatly to that section of the city and be a home that is both handsome and comfortable and in its commanding situation gives a splendid view of the city from all directions. It is a bungalow with two stories and will be thoroughly equipped with all modern devices for convenience and comfort of the occupants.

FORMER PLATTSMOUTH BOY SELECTED A FORD PEACE DELEGATE

From Tuesday's Daily. Among those selected to accompany the Henry Ford peace party on their trip to Europe from this state is a young man whom has a interest to the residents of this city as he comes from a former Plattsmouth family who were residents here for many years and where the young man was born. The gentleman is William F. Noble, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Noble of Omaha and he was selected for the trip to Europe in the interest of a peace movement by Chancellor Avery of the state university at which institution the young man is a student and a member of the senior class of the college of arts and sciences. The selection of Mr. Noble by the chancellor is a very fine tribute to his ability and worth and one that is afforded to but few of his age. The party will sail on Saturday on the "Oscar II" for the war riddled continent and will make stops at Copenhagen, Stockholm, Christina and The Hague, to interest the population of the peaceful countries in a movement to try and bring peace to their warring neighbors. A great many distinguished citizens of the United States are to accompany the party and do what they can to restore peace. The trip will occupy some six weeks.

COUNCIL BLUFFS HUNTERS HAVE EXPERIENCE IN GETTING TO CITY

From Tuesday's Daily. Saturday evening a party of gentlemen from Council Bluffs were engaged in hunting and having a good outing decided that they would put in to Glenwood and spend the evening there reveling in the pleasures of the dance but learned on their arrival there that there was nothing doing in the light fantastic, but that Plattsmouth the home of the dance was holding two of these pleasurable events and without delay the party started their auto truck westward toward the metropolis of Cass county. The trip was made without accident and the party landed on the ferry safe and sound but as the craft neared the Nebraska shore one of the party was not content to wait until the ferry anchored but leaped high in the air in a mighty effort to reach the bank of the river but sank deep into the water and mud with the result that he was completely deluged with water and mud and it was necessary on reaching the city to arouse one of the local clothing men from his slumbers at 2 a. m. to hasten down and save the party by giving them some new dry clothes. The obliging clothing man wrapping his top coat over his flowing pajunian came down and procured the clothes for the dampened hunter and everything was lovely.

W. F. Kinslow, owner of the Hotel Riley, departed this morning for South Dakota, where he will look over some land interests in that section for a short time.

THE CLOSE OF THE BURLINGTON DAMAGE SUIT

Gust Johnson Sues C. B. & Q. Railway for Injuries Sustained in a Fall From a Car.

From Wednesday's Daily. The damage suit of Gust Johnson vs. the C. B. & Q. railroad was dragged through the courts all day yesterday, when the plaintiffs finished their testimony and the defense took an in-nings by offering the statements as to the facts in the case as they saw them. There were quite a number of the shop men to testify in the case as to the accident and the question of whether or not the plaintiff had knowledge of the loose condition of the running board on top of the car, which caused his fall. The statements of the plaintiff and the defendant, Slatinski, as to this fact were quite different, as Mr. Johnson stated the man told him the car was finished, while Slatinski stated he told Johnson it was not. The defense offered in evidence in support of their case a statement signed by Mr. Johnson in which he had stated that he had not remembered the loose board, and Attorney Gering made an effort to compel the railroad company to produce a hand-written statement which had been made from the statements of Mr. Johnson on May 1, the day after the accident, and which the plaintiff alleged had been substituted for it the one made on the printed blank of the company at the orders of the shop officials. The court, however, ruled against the plaintiff. The closing argument of counsel was commenced shortly before 5 o'clock and was opened by Mr. Gering for the plaintiff, who attacked the testimony of the witnesses for the defense and pointed out the liability of the company for the act of their employe, Slatinski, and a plea for the granting of the amount of damages asked.

Attorney W. A. Robertson opened for the railroad with a statement of their side of the case and laid stress on the fact that Johnson, the plaintiff, had been careless and forgotten the warning as to the loosened condition of the running board. Judge Root also laid a great deal of emphasis on the carelessness of the plaintiff, as well as to his having a rather hot temper at times.

Mr. Gering closed by a most eloquent plea for his client and the justice of his cause and asked that the jury, if they were convinced of the right of the plaintiff to recover, that the verdict be one that would be sufficient to guarantee him being cared for if he were unable to labor. The arguments closing at 6 o'clock, Judge Begley decided not to give the instructions to the jury until this morning, and allowed them to go to their homes and boarding places for the night. This morning Judge Begley gave his instructions to the jury and at 9:55 they retired to deliberate over the case and at noon had failed to reach a verdict.

Uniform Valuations.

From Tuesday's Daily. Secretary Bernecker of the state board of equalization is conducting a campaign for uniformity of valuations by county assessors. He has compiled a table showing the variations in valuing automobiles, lives stock, farm lands and other items of property in Nebraska. He will attempt to secure more uniformity in fixing values in 1916.

Motor Up From Union.

From Tuesday's Daily. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Garrison and Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor and Mr. George Hastings of Spearfish, S. D., motored to this city from Union yesterday afternoon in the Garrison car to visit county seat friends and attend to some important business matters. Rev. and Mrs. Taylor were pleasant callers at this office.

FARM LOANS, at 5 per cent and 5 1/2 per cent. No delays. T. H. Pollock. 11-29 if d.

A MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS TREE AT GLENWOOD, IOWA

Our neighboring city of Glenwood has come to the front with a proposition of holding a municipal Christmas tree and the idea, which is an excellent one, seems to have met with much favor from the public-spirited citizens there and the committees to care for the taking care of the plans have been appointed and all are going to make it a rousing success. The matter of a celebration of this nature has been urged in Plattsmouth several times, but has never been taken up. The outcome of the celebration in our live little neighbor across the river will be watched with interest and should prove a great success in every way, as there is a lot of good workers there to make it go.

INSTALLING A NUMBER OF HITTING POSTS ON FIFTH STREET

From Tuesday's Daily. The city is installing a number of new hitting posts on South Fifth street just east of the Air Dome and which can be used by the farmers to tie up to when they are in town. These posts are placed on the side hill and will be found a great improvement over the present hitching posts near the corner of Main and Fifth streets which have for a long time been the source of considerable annoyance to the property owners there as well as detracting very much from the general appearance of the principal business street with dirty and refuse which was constantly before the public eye and the teams had worn down the street in places so that the refuse could accumulate even more easily than before and in the summer was decidedly anything but fragrant. The horses have become loosened and scattered all over the street making it very untidy. The removing of the hitching posts in this particular spot is a move that would certainly be appreciated to the fullest extent by everyone and spots just as convenient could be found for locating them.

THE BURLINGTON DAMAGE CASE STILL ON IN DISTRICT COURT

From Tuesday's Daily. The trial of the case of Gust Johnson vs. the C. B. & Q. railroad and Frank Slatinski continued in the district court yesterday and this morning and it seems probable that it will run well into Wednesday before the testimony is completed. Yesterday afternoon C. M. Parker, foreman of the freight car department, Frank Schuldice and Otto FINDER, truckmen in the employ of the railroad company in the shops and L. E. Vroman, piece work inspector and Dr. J. S. Livingston were on the stand to give the facts in the case as far as lay in their knowledge. A greater part of the testimony of Mr. Parker was in regard to the technical details of the construction of freight cars and the position of grab irons on the cars. Messers Schuldice and FINDER testified as to having assisted in carrying Mr. Johnson to the depot and accompanied him to the office of the company surgeon where his broken limb was set as well as assisted him to his home. The plaintiff had on exhibit a miniature reproduction of a running board of which is placed on the top of a freight car and the grab irons which will occupy such a prominent place in the contentions in the case. Dr. Livingston testified as to the character of the injuries of Mr. Johnson.

The railroad company will have a large number of witnesses in their behalf to testify as to the accident and this will occupy a greater part of the day tomorrow. The case has attracted a great deal of attention here where the plaintiff has resided for a great many years and its outcome will be awaited with interest.

Candy Boxes at the Journal office. If it is in the paper line you will find it here.

MEMORIAL SERVICES OF B. P. E. O. NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

From Tuesday's Daily. The memorial services of the B. P. O. E. will be held on next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Parmele theater when Plattsmouth lodge, No. 739 will pay their tribute of love to the memory of the departed brothers of the order. The service will be open to the public and will be in the same order as that of last year when the impressive ceremony was carried out in such a beautiful manner. It is a tender and beautiful custom to each year gather to pay this tribute to those who come no more to share the joys and sorrows of their fraternal brothers and is a ceremony peculiar to the Elks. The program is one of great interest and the address of the day given by Rev. Arthur C. A. Buxton, of Council Bluffs, chaplain of the Council Bluffs lodge and the eulogy will be given by Hon. Norman S. Gening of Glenwood. The service will be commenced at 3 o'clock and the members of the lodge will march in a body from the club rooms on Sixth street to the theater where they will occupy seats in the front rows of the parquet. The program to be given will be as follows: Selection..... Orchestra Opening Ceremonies..... Lodge Officers Vocal—The Rosary.....Nevin Miss Barbara Clement. Ceremonies..... Lodge Opening Ode..... Lodge Invocation..... Chaplain Selection..... Orchestra Vocal—The Lord Is My Light..... Miss Kathryn Bauder Violin Solo..... Selected Miss Agnes Knofleick. Eulogy.....Borther N. E. Gening Brass Quartet—Pilgrim's Chorus..... Wagner Address.....Rev. A. C. A. Buxton Closing Ceremonies..... Lodge Dextology. Benediction..... Rev. W. S. Leete Selection..... Orchestra

THE REVIVAL MEETINGS AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

From Tuesday's Daily. Last evening at the Christian Church, Rev. PerLee preached to an intensely interested audience, one of his strongest sermons which is entitled, "Seeking Religion Up a Tree." This is a picture drawn from the incident of Zachaeus, who climbed up a sycamore tree, being of small stature, that he might see the Master pass by. When he had been told to dine with him that day he hastened to obey, and accepted his Lord and became his follower. In this Rev. PerLee drew a picture, of the lost condition of not only this man, but all men who find they are lost. Telling of an incident in which he figured while climbing Long Peak, in Colorado and getting lost at night while attempting to return. When the party found themselves, he lingered to the time when a sinner has returned to acknowledge the Lord, and accept his pardon.

Much interest was manifested in the meetings, and with the progress they are growing. The subject for the meeting this evening will be of "Two Cities." This will be an interesting sermon and should be heard by all. There will be good singing and excellent music, and a committee has the matter in hand who will see that nothing is left undone that will insure its success. The meetings begin at 7:30.

Getting Along Very Nicely.

From Tuesday's Daily. James Holly, who was operated on a few days ago at the Immanuel hospital in Omaha, is reported as getting along nicely and is now on the highway to recovery and the operation seems to have been most successful and it is hoped will result in restoring him to complete health. Mr. Holly has not been in the best of health for some years past and the operation was found necessary to afford him the desired relief from his suffering.

Everyone reads the want ads.

DEATH OF LITTLE CLIFFORD NEILSON THIS MORNING

A very sad blow was given to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Neilson this morning when their little three-months-old son, Clifford Franklin Neilson, was taken from them by death and in their sorrow and grief over the loss of the bright little son will receive the deepest sympathy of their many friends and neighbors. Little Clifford was born on September 1st and had apparently been in the best of health until last night about midnight when he developed what seemed to be pneumonia and despite all that could be done for his relief he steadily grew worse until death came to end the story of his childish life of only a brief space of a few months. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of the parents.

VISIT PLATTSMOUTH FOR FIRST TIME IN TWENTY-ONE YEARS

From Tuesday's Daily. Yesterday two former Plattsmouth residents were in the city for a short time to look over the old town and visit with their old acquaintances in this city, where they had passed so many happy years. The men, John Young of Omaha and Leonard Anderson of Salida, Colorado, were here some twenty-one years ago and have not since their removal from the city been able to visit here. They were most agreeably surprised with the general appearance of the city and the apparent improvement over that which had prevailed while they were living here in the early nineties. Both men were employed in the Burlington shops in this city and were somewhat disappointed in the fact that a great many of their old associates had been called away since their removal, and it was with difficulty that they found anyone whom they knew.

DOUBLE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED AT THE T. J. SOKOL HALL

From Wednesday's Daily. Last evening was a golden occasion at the T. J. Sokol hall when two of their members, in whose hair the silvery touch of time has been felt, as well as one of the more useful members, gathered to celebrate their joint birthdays, and the occasion was one of the rarest pleasure to all who graced the festal event. Andrew Matous and John Svoboda, sr., were each 72 years of age and Anton Homola had just crossed the line at 26 yesterday, and the celebration held was one long to be remembered. The guests of honor were introduced to the gathering and compelled to respond to the greetings of their friends, which they did in a most eloquent manner, and were received with the greatest of enthusiasm. The event was thoroughly enjoyed and it was a late hour when the party adjourned and wended their way homeward, wishing their friends many more such happy gatherings.

The Rye Crop.

From Tuesday's Daily. According to figures tabulated by the Nebraska state board of agriculture the 1915 rye crop amounted to 3,002,011 bushels and the cash value is estimated at \$1,200,804. The acreage was 93,408 and the average yield per acre was 32.13 bushels.

Build Paved Road.

From Tuesday's Daily. Inmates of the state penitentiary Thursday completed eleven blocks of state paving on Holdrege street. Governor Morehead planned to test the ability of the convicts in constructing highways, and the engineers have pronounced the experiment a success in every way. The scheme seems to have possibilities, and farmers of Nebraska and displaying keen interest.

Dennison's Tags, Seals, Stickers and Christmas Cards at the Journal office.

EX-GOVERNOR GEORGE L. SHELDON IN TOWN

Greets Many of His Old Friends, Who Are Always Pleased to Take the Former Governor by the Hand.

Yesterday ex-Governor George L. Sheldon of Nebraska, was in the city for a few hours en route from his old home at Nehawka to Chicago, where he will spend a few days looking after some matters in regard to his business interests. The ex-governor is looking as hale and hearty as when he was with us, and the chief executive of this great commonwealth, and the life in the south seems to have agreed with him wonderfully. He is now a planter in Mississippi, where a fine home has been established, and where the family are now enjoying life. Mr. Sheldon is of the opinion that a great future awaits the south and that they are just really beginning to realize the great opportunities that lie in wait for them in that wonderful fertile region. The conditions growing out of the civil war have gradually been did away with and the younger generation of the south has commenced to grapple with the big question of the development of their part of the United States in a spirit that means success and one of the greatest industrial revolutions when the spirit of the new south gets in the saddle. The negro, always a part of the problem of the southland, has gradually been put in a place where he does not hamper the advance of the community and is given the fullest opportunity to better himself, but not to impose intolerable conditions on the white population by which he may be surrounded.

The ex-governor is the same genial and clever gentleman that made him one of the most pleasant men that ever filled the executive chair of the state, and his visit up north has been one of much pleasure to his old friends and they are legion through Cass county, his old home, and it will be a hard matter to displace George Sheldon in the hearts of the residents of old Cass.

In returning from Chicago Mr. Sheldon expects to be able to stop here for a visit with his friends for a few days before returning to the south. He was brought to this city in an auto by his brother, Frank P. Sheldon, the Nehawka merchant.

POLLOCK-DUFF BRIDGE CO. DOING SOME NECESSARY IMPROVING

From Wednesday's Daily. There has been a great deal of improvement made near the Platte river auto and wagon bridge, by the Pollock-Duff company, the owners of the structure, that will add very much in making the bridge much more substantial and eliminate a number of possibilities of danger from high water in the spring. A large willow mat 200 feet long has been woven and placed from the Burlington railroad bridge to below the wagon bridge and this has been used as a retainer for the river bank and to prevent it caving in and to protect the wagon bridge and the residence of the toll keeper at the south end of the bridge. At this end of the structure an additional span of fourteen feet has been built as the bank here was in such shape that it was thought best for the bridge, to cut back and put in the additional spans which will lighten the pressure of the dirt on the last pier of the bridge and also make a much better approach to the bridge. New planks have been placed wherever needed and the bridge in general placed in first class shape for the winter and early spring. The work of rip-rapping was done under the supervision of John Frederickson, one of the bridge men of the Burlington, who has had long experience in this line of work.

County Superintendent Miss Eda Marquardt was among those going to Omaha this morning, where she will visit for the day.