

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR OUR BASKET BALL TEAM

Our Boys Defeated the Auburn Boys
Last Night by the Score of
32 to 18.

From Saturday's Daily.
Last evening the Plattsmouth High school basketball team won their fourth straight victory when they secured a triumph over the boys from Auburn by a score of 32 to 18, in a red-hot contest of this great sport. The local boys were in the best of form and were able at all times to block the plays of the visitors, and the guards, Speck and White, proved a thorn in the side of the visitors, as they were always on the job in getting in the way of the visitors in the different plays. For the locals, Frank Marshall, the center, was very successful in securing baskets and added several sensational field goals to the credit of the team, while Larson was very effective in adding to the score by his shots from the baskets.

The showing of the team so far has been very gratifying to the fans and they are showing a form that will place them among the leading teams in this part of the state if they continue their splendid work, and will undoubtedly prove one of the strongest teams that has represented Plattsmouth in a great many years. The teams they have played so far—Bellevue, Havelock, Louisville and Auburn—are all good teams and especially those from Havelock and Auburn, and the success that the team has won certainly deserves a great deal of praise. The team will play at Papillion Tuesday evening next, when they tackle the champions of Sarpy county. A number of the followers of the team are expecting to accompany them and assist in cheering the boys on to victory. During the absence of Principal Eggenberger, Harris Cook has been looking after the coaching of the team and has had much success in getting the boys in fine form for the season. The attendance last night was very pleasing and a neat sum realized from the contest, which will go toward defraying the expenses of the team at the state tournament.

The line-up of the teams was follows:
Plattsmouth Position. Auburn
Larson..... R. F.Ellitt
J. Marshall..... L. F.Culdwell
F. Marshall..... Center.....Hughes
Zuckweiler..... R. G.Duston
Speck..... L. G.Hughes
Campbell..... Subs.....Harn
Dovey..... Subs.....Biggs
Referee—Coach Benjamin of Bellevue.

MRS. A. R. NOBLE SURPRISED ON BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

From Saturday's Daily.
Friday being the birthday anniversary of Mrs. A. R. Noble, she was made the victim of a most complete surprise by her neighbors and her daughters, Misses Golda and Fern. Miss Golda pretended that she had invited a club of girls called the "Queens," and was busy preparing for them, but instead had invited a number of her mother's friends to come to the Noble home and assist her in celebrating her birthday anniversary. After Mrs. Noble had somewhat recovered from the shock, the company indulged in various amusements, which were interspersed with social conversation, and made the hours pass all too quickly. At a suitable time delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. Noble was made the recipient of many beautiful gifts which will be constant reminders of this most delightful occasion. At a late hour the guests dispersed, wishing Mrs. Noble many more happy birthdays. Those in attendance were: Mesdames James Rehal, N. Long, H. Tiekoefer, C. Janda, Leonard Born, Burrows, Misses Minnie Born, Golda and Fern Noble.

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JAMES M. ROBERTSON ELECTED GRAND STEWARD

From Friday's Daily.
At the meeting of the Grand chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, held in Omaha this week, Nebraska Chapter No. 3 of this city was honored by the selection of one of their members, James M. Robertson, for the office of grand steward of the grand chapter. Mr. Robertson is one of the leading members of the order in the state and his selection to the position is a well deserved recognition of his worth as one of the strong men of the order.

PIONEER CITIZEN HERE FROM THE LONE STAR STATE

From Saturday's Daily.
Our old-time friend Sile Patterson, for many years a resident of South Bend but who for the past seventeen years has resided in southern Texas, favored this office with a short visit Monday. Mr. Patterson is almost seventy years of age but looks twenty years younger than when he left here seventeen years ago. He is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Harry Long, at South Bend, and will spend some time here visiting friends and old-time acquaintances. Since going south he has lived pretty much in the open, a fact to which he attributes his robust health. He is engaged in farming and stock raising and has prospered.—Louisville Courier.

MERCHANTS ENJOYED VERY GOOD BUSINESS TODAY

From Saturday's Daily.
The merchants of the city did a very thriving business today in their different lines of trade and there was hardly a store or place of business that was not crowded from early in the morning until this afternoon and as a result of the work of the shoppers there were a great many Christmas gifts purchased. The lines carried by the different business houses are full and complete of handsome lines suitable for Christmas trade and are deserving of the patronage of the people of Plattsmouth. There were quite a number in from the country to look after a part of their trading and to take advantage of the best lines of goods before they have been thoroughly picked over and the best of them laid away for the wise ones. There is little reason for anyone having to go away from home to secure their Christmas gifts if they will take the time to read the advertisements of the merchants and personally inspect their lines of goods.

TWELVE CARS FILLED WITH PARCEL POST XMAS PACKAGES

From Friday's Daily.
This afternoon the Burlington sent through this city a special parcel post train bound from Chicago to Denver, and the twelve cars were filled with Christmas packages that are being handled by Uncle Sam. The business in this line has become so heavy that it is impossible to handle it on the regular trains, and there will be a necessity for a great many of these special trains from now on until after Christmas. Other lines of railroad which handle the mail are experiencing the same difficulty and the number of packages going through on the parcel post route seems to be a record-breaker.

Notice for New Trial Overruled.

From Friday's Daily.
In the case of Gust Johnson vs. the C. B. & Q. Railroad company, a motion was heard yesterday by Judge Begley from the defendants requesting a new trial, and the motion was overruled. The defendants excepts and is allowed forty days to prepare and serve bill of exceptions.

THE ORIGIN OF THE RED CROSS SEALS

The History of This Great Movement Is Not Generally Known by People.

From Saturday's Daily.
Nearly \$2,500,000 has been raised by Red Cross Christmas Seals in the last seven years, and yet many people who will buy these holiday stickers at this eighth annual sale do not know how the charity stamp idea originated.

It was war that brought forth the charity stamp—our Civil war of '61 to '65. Some of your grandmothers first played "postoffice" with stickers similar to Red Cross Seals 'way back in 1862, when they conceived the idea of selling stamps at fairs for the benefit of the relief funds for the soldiers' hospital in Brooklyn, Boston and elsewhere. Nearly \$1,000,000 was raised in this way before 1865. After the war this method of raising money was discontinued in this country for a generation, although it found vogue in Portugal, Switzerland, Austria, France, Spain, Denmark, Norway, Russia, Sweden and other European countries. There are now several thousands of different types of charity stamps used in all parts of the world, as many as forty being used in Austria for children's hospitals alone.

Stamps or seals were first used to get money for the anti-tuberculosis crusade in Norway and Sweden in 1904. To Jacob Riis, the well known social worker of New York, and to Miss Emily P. Bissell, the energetic secretary of the Delaware Red Cross, jointly belong the honor of originating our American Red Cross Christmas seal. In 1907 Mr. Riis' interest was aroused by the receipt of a Christmas tuberculosis stamp on a letter from Norway. He published an article about this queer looking stamp in the Outlook and suggested some possible use for it in this country. Miss Bissell at once saw an opportunity here and prepared a stamp from the sale of which her society realized \$3,000 for tuberculosis work. So impressed was she with this success that she induced the American Red Cross to take up the sale in 1908 on a national basis. With very little organization and with hardly any attempt at careful advertising the sale that year brought in over \$135,000 for anti-tuberculosis work in various parts of the United States. In 1909, with more thorough organization, the sale was increased to \$300,000, in 1910 to nearly \$310,000, in 1911 to over \$330,000 and in 1912 to over \$400,000. In 1913 the sale was increased to nearly \$450,000, and last year, in spite of war and hard times, 22 per cent more, or 55,000,000 seals were sold, totaling \$550,000 for the anti-tuberculosis war.

It is fitting to note that war, inhuman and cruel, was the mother of the Red Cross Seal, and that now war for humanity against disease brings it back to its fullest usefulness.

Wagner-Kraft Wedding.

From Saturday's Daily.
The wedding of Miss Mollie Kraft and John Wegener occurred last Sunday morning at the German Lutheran church, Rev. T. Hartman officiating. A large number of friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony. A fine dinner was given at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Anna Kraft, to which only relatives and near friends were invited. These young people represent two of Cass county's best families, and are very popular among a large circle of friends. They will have a wedding trip to California, and upon their return will begin house keeping on the farm of the groom's father, William Wegener, as the latter will move into their newly remodeled home in Louisville.—Louisville Courier.

STRAYED—A red bull calf, 6 months old. Anyone knowing anything as to the whereabouts please notify Joe Wagner, Mynard Route.
12-13-2twkly

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

DEATH OF MRS. MATIE THIEROLF AT CREIGHTON, NEB.

The family of Henry Thierolf, residing near Creighton, Neb., has been visited by a very severe bereavement in the loss of a daughter, Miss Matie Thierolf, who passed away at that place December 14th, after a short illness. Miss Thierolf was born at Plattsmouth November 1, 1886, and resided here until her family removed to Creighton several years ago, where she took up her home there. She was the fifth child of Mr. and Mrs. Thierolf and was a young lady of much personal charm and her many friends in this county will regret very much to learn of her death. To mourn her loss she leaves the father, mother and three brothers, all of whom were present at the time of her death and attended the last services that laid her to eternal rest.

KNIGHT TEMPLARS ENJOY FINE MEETING AND BANQUET

From Friday's Daily.
Last evening the members of Mt. Zion commandary No. 5, Knights Templar, enjoyed one of the most pleasant meetings that has been held for many months and the occasion was honored by the presence of two of the distinguished members of the Masonic order representing the grand commandary of the state, Charles L. Shook of Omaha, representing the grand commander, and A. C. Stem of Chadron, grand captain of the guard.

At 6 o'clock the members of the commandary and their guests partook of a most sumptuous banquet served in the dining room of the Masonic temple, where a feast that was most delicious had been prepared by the St. Mary's Guild of the Episcopal church. The table was decorated very handsomely with flowers, and over the scene the candles cast a soft glow, making a scene of beauty, and the banquet was most pleasing to the knights present to partake of the delightful occasion.

Following the banquet the commandary adjourned to the lodge room, where the work of the order was put on for several hours portraying the degree of the temple, one of the greatest Masonic degrees. There were some fifty persons present to take part in the pleasures of the evening, including a number of guests from other commandaries. W. S. Cornet, eminent commander of the Nebraska City lodge; W. H. Achenbach, past eminent commander; H. R. Thorpe of Nebraska City, I. M. Wolf and J. H. Kuhns.

The gathering will long be remembered as one of the most pleasant in the history of the order in this city, and the members of the commandary feel well pleased with the success and pleasure derived from it.

FAMILY IN DESTITUTE CONDITION AND SHOULD BE LOOKED AFTER

A case of destitution is reported in the city that is most urgent and should be given the prompt attention of the authorities, as well as any charitable organization that can look after the parties in any way. It seems that the head of the family has been out of the city for some time, being reported as working over in Iowa, while the wife and seven children have been here getting along as best they might, and their condition has gradually been growing worse as their supply of fuel and food diminished, and the condition of the family is now reported as being most serious, so much so that the county attorney and chief of police will look up the case to see what relief can be given them. It was reported that they were absolutely without any food or fuel and not even a lamp or light to see with after darkness. The case did not come to the attention of the neighbors until a few days ago and it was then finally brought to the attention of the county authorities, who will look the matter up and see what can be done to relieve the family.

A "SALES DAY" NEXT IN ORDER FOR PLATTS-MOUTH MERCHANTS

From Friday's Daily.
The holiday season will soon be over and in less than three weeks the merchants of the community will be preparing to close out winter lines and prepare for their spring and summer offerings, and it seems that this would be a good time to get together in holding a sales day to give the residents of the country and city the opportunity of securing some special bargains and get them in touch with the lines of goods carried by all of the stores. Every line of business could get into the sales day and make it a pleasant time for all, and for the occasion each store could offer some special line of their goods at a price that would prove attractive and interest the careful buyers. The lines of goods carried by the stores in this city are as complete as can be found in any town of the same size, and anyone will find it to their advantage to inspect them when they are looking for good values for their money. The mid-winter sales day proposition is well worth looking into as an attractive means of stimulating the trade of the merchants during the months following the holidays, and it certainly could be made a success in every way if handled properly, as the residents of the country districts could get into the city with ease and a greater part of the town people would be glad to avail themselves of the opportunity.

MAY BE SENT TO DIPSOMANIAC HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT

From Friday's Daily.
The man White, who created so much excitement at the Plattsmouth hotel Wednesday night, has since been kept under guard at the county jail, as his condition was such after his long spell of drinking that it was hardly safe to allow him to be alone. The case is a very regrettable one, as the young man, when not under the influence of any drink or other stimulant, is a most pleasant and agreeable man, but with a few drinks in him it is very hard for anyone to do anything with him and this was clearly shown in the trouble at the hotel.

While it would be possible to put a serious charge against him for the carrying and threatening people with dangerous weapons, the authorities feel that the man was not really accountable for what he did and that his punishment should be as light as possible if he will make an attempt to try and reform from his ways and take a brace for himself. It is very probable that he will be sent to a hospital for treatment in an attempt to cure him of his unfortunate habit, and if this proves successful it will be well worth the trial. The charges, however, will be kept in such a shape that should the man cause any more trouble they can be brought into action to restrain him from doing any one damage.

He stated to the authorities that it had been his intention when he secured the revolver to make away with himself, as he was very despondent and downcast.

IOWA PARTIES MARRIED AT THE COURT HOUSE

Saturday afternoon at the court house Judge Beeson was called on to perform the wedding ceremony that united the hearts and lives of R. F. Fawble of Harlan, Iowa, and Miss Martha Kirchoff of Lewis, Iowa, who arrived in this city on the 2:41 Missouri Pacific flyer, and being married, returned to Omaha at 4 o'clock, from where they will return to their home at Harlan. Mr. Fawble is a wealthy stock man and farmer in the vicinity of Harlan and his bride has been engaged in keeping house and caring for the family since the death of his wife some two years ago. The two children of Mr. Fawble accompanied them to this city.

"SAFETY FIRST" IN COASTING SEASON

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Carlson had a very narrow escape from being badly injured while coasting last evening. It is reported that they lost control of their sled while running at a terrific speed of seventy-five miles per hour, throwing them down a steep embankment and crushing the life out of their sled but fortunately the occupant escaped any personal injuries. However, it was found upon examination that Mr. Carlson will be obliged to have an operation performed on his trousers, several stitches and patches being necessary to put same in serviceable condition again.

OMAHA COUPLE MARRIED AT THE COURT HOUSE SATURDAY

Saturday afternoon Mr. F. A. Ritter of Omaha and Miss Mary Elizabeth Madison of Council Bluffs, came down from their homes and were united in marriage at the office of County Judge A. J. Beeson at the court house. They were accompanied by George Murray, a close friend of the young people, who assisted in entertaining them while they were in this city. Mrs. J. A. Murray entertained the bridal couple at a very pleasant dinner party at the restaurant following the wedding and several hours were passed very pleasantly before the newly weds departed on the 7:45 Missouri Pacific for their future home in the metropolis. The bride is a most charming and accomplished young lady and her large circle of friends in her home city will be greatly surprised to learn that she has decided to make her home in Omaha in the future as one of the matrons of that city. The groom is one of the employees of the United States postoffice in Omaha as a mail clerk, and is a young man held in the highest esteem by those who know him best, and the best wishes of the legion of friends will accompany the young people in their future life on the sea of matrimony.

WE DIDN'T GET THE JEFFERSON HIGHWAY BUT STILL BOOSTING

From Friday's Daily.
The good road boosters in this section of the country were rather disappointed in not securing the Jefferson highway, which was projected to run from New Orleans to Winnipeg, Canada, but the selection of the route through the state of Iowa to Des Moines from Kansas City is much closer and in good weather is a great deal better than that proposed as the highway, and by going by way of Omaha and Sioux City the distance to Winnipeg is lessened some 200 miles from that through Iowa. The Kansas City-Omaha scenic route passing through this city lessens the number of miles necessary to travel in order to reach the Canada city and also gives a splendid opportunity of side trips to Yellowstone park and other western routes that are closer than by the cork-screw route through the state of Iowa. The counties in Nebraska through which the scenic route runs should see that they keep their roads in proper shape for travel and the natural meridian route from north to south cannot be deprived of the travel of the automobile tourists, as it lies along the Missouri valley in Nebraska.

Here From Weeping Water.

From Friday's Daily.
Henry Kehne of Weeping Water came over to this city this morning to attend to some business matters, returning home this afternoon. Mr. Kehne was a pleasant caller at this office and while here had his subscription extended for another year. Mr. Kehne has just recovered from a severe attack of pneumonia and this is the first time he has been able to get as far as Plattsmouth since his recent illness. We were sorry to learn of Mr. Kehne's illness, but we are glad that he is able to be about again.

INCARCERATED IN MEXICAN DUNGEON FOR 27 WEEKS

Young Man Visiting His Uncle, H. C. Long, at Murray, Tells a Horrible Story of Mexican Prison Life.

A story of the conditions in Old Mexico that gives one a little idea of the horrors and outrages that prevail in that war-swept and bandit-infested republic, was related by Curtis Dearing, who was visiting last week at Murray with his uncle H. C. Long.

Mr. Dearing has spent several years in Mexico, where he was employed by the International & Great Northern, with his home at Monterey, in the state of Nuevo Leon, in the northern part of the republic, about half way between the border and the capital city, and when the city was captured by the Villa forces he fell a prisoner into the hands of these persons, who are described as being brutal in the extreme in their handling of the unfortunate ones whom they had in their power. At the time Mr. Dearing was arrested he had on his person a money belt with \$800 in it, and this was taken by the followers of Villa. He was then cast into prison and into one of the dungeons which was filthy and unsanitary in the extreme and into which only a faint glimmer of light could penetrate.

Here under these awful conditions he existed for twenty-seven weeks, along with a large number of other Americans and other foreigners, and 300 of them put in the days hoping that each day would be the last, so intolerable had become their surroundings. Vermin and filth prevailed in the dungeons, which were damp and clammy with their filth and dirt, and it seemed like a thousand years to the unfortunates confined there until the long process of red tape secured their release. Each day they were served a small bowl of soup, which was the only food they were allowed, and not a minute's fresh air or exercise.

Mr. Dearing, who is still comparatively a young man, suffered very much from his experience in the prison horrors, and when he at last was released he was almost blinded, it being several days before he could stand the light of day, and there was not a hair left on his head, as it had all become diseased and fallen out from the confinement in the prison.

Mr. Dearing, after his release, spent several weeks in making his way to the border, where he was received at the United States government hospital at El Paso, Texas, and cared for until he could regain a little strength from his experiences in the hands of the blood-thirsty Villa. On his arrival at El Paso Mr. Dearing was attired in an old pair of overalls, a ragged shirt and with only the remnants of shoes on his feet. The government gave him a ticket to his home at Kansas City after he regained sufficient strength to make the trip, and he has been there for the past few weeks, until coming to Murray. His son, who was secretary of the Standard Oil company at Monterey, disappeared during the sacking and capture of the city by Villa, and his fate is unknown to the father, and whether he is dead or living in some hellish prison in the hands of the bandits is not known.

Mr. Dearing is to take up his work as engineer running out of Memphis, Tennessee, and hopes in a short time to be able to visit Mexico and try and locate his son if living, or at least learn of his fate. His feeling on the matters of the conditions in Mexico is most intense and there is no word too severe for him to apply to General Villa, the bandit leader of the revolutionists, who has drenched his country with blood and made a tour of pillage and rapine through the central and northern parts of the republic.

Mr. Dearing had not been at Murray since 1888, when he, as a lad of 14 years, was employed on the farm of H. L. Oldham, and it has been twenty-six years since Mr. Long has enjoyed a visit with his nephew.

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