

## FINED FOR NOT COMPLYING WITH LAW

The Collins Oil Company Plunks Down \$384.50 For Disregard of the Laws of the State.

From Friday's Daily.

The S. L. Collins Oil Co., of Nebraska, which has been engaged in doing business in this city for the past year or two, yesterday got themselves tangled up in the meshes of the law as a result of receiving and selling coal oil and gasoline which had not received the inspection of the state of Nebraska. The first car was received on May 29, 1914, and since that time there have been five other cars received here and which were disposed of by the company to their patrons in this city. Deputy Inspector Kimball visited this city a short time ago and reported the case to County Attorney A. G. Cole, who at once proceeded to get busy and prepare the complaint against the oil company, and yesterday afternoon the sheriff proceeded to serve the papers on Fred Dawson, the local agent, who, however, has himself nothing to do with the suit aside from the fact that he is the representative of the oil company and in that much is responsible for the handling of the oil. The state law provides that a company or corporation receiving a car of oil or gasoline which is not inspected or stamped by the state oil inspector and who does not report the fact of the car not being inspected to the state oil inspector's office, shall be liable to a fine of \$50 for each such offense. On this the Collins company was found guilty yesterday afternoon by Judge Beeson on five counts and the fine amounted to \$250 for receiving the uninspected oil without notifying the state of the fact. On the charge of selling the oil which had been brought to this city in the five cars, the company was found guilty on five counts, receiving a fine of \$10 a car for this, amounting to \$50, and as a result of their failure to have the oil inspected the Collins company will be out a fine of \$300, as well as paying the fees of \$84.50 which would have been the cost of having the oil inspected. The oil company has notified Mr. Dawson to pay the fine and settle the case.

This is the first case of its kind to be filed in this city and those who desire to violate the pure food and inspection laws should be very careful that it does not prove a very costly experiment.

## WORK ON THE AUTOMOBILE ROAD NORTH OF CITY COMMENCED

From Friday's Daily.

The county has commenced active work on the fixing up of the automobile road north of this city to the Platte river automobile bridge by having the Lehmer road grading outfit placed there to carry on the work and put the highway in fit condition for travel and to keep the road open for use during the spring and summer. The Burlington has built the ditch to assist in draining the land near its right of way which might keep the road in bad shape for teams or autos by allowing the water to stand in the road and cause sink holes and mud to block the travel on the roadway. The matter was taken up with County Commissioner Pitz, who desired to aid the good roads movement, and he at once got busy with the two remaining members of the county board and had the work ordered to be done at once in order that there might be no delay in the work of promoting this part of the program for better roads for Cass county. The auto road will be graded up so that the roadway will be high enough so as to escape the high water in the wet season and allow the free use of the road at all seasons of the year. This is one of the best moves in the direction of providing a good road that has been undertaken and Mr. Pitz and the board of commissioners, in their efforts to put the road in good shape, are to be commended for their attitude in the matter.

## C. J. MULLIS, OF OTOE COUNTY, CANDIDATE FOR FLOAT REPRESENTATIVE

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon C. J. Mullis of Dunbar, one of the candidates for the office of float representative on the democratic ticket, was here visiting and looking over the city as well as meeting a number of the democratic voters of the county. Mr. Mullis is a new figure in the politics of Cass county but in his home county of Otoe he is one of the wheel horses in the work of fighting the battles of democracy. Mr. Mullis is chairman of the county committee of Otoe county and in the last campaign rendered the most valuable services to the party at the election. Those who were able to meet Mr. Mullis were well pleased with his appearance and he will doubtless receive a large number of votes for the position, although Cass county has three candidates herself for the Democratic nomination who are all strong men and well liked in the sections of the county where they make their respective homes.

## FRED BUSCH FILLS A LONG-FELT WANT

For the past few years with the constantly increasing demand for ladies' ready to wear garments, the ladies of this city have found themselves faced by the necessity of going away from home in order to purchase even a ready made skirt as there was nothing that could come anywhere near satisfying the demand in this city. The Busch tailoring company has stepped into the breach and is preparing to offer to the ladies of Plattsmouth a relief from the former conditions which made it necessary for them to go to Omaha or send to Chicago or New York for ready-to-wear skirts and suits. The Busch company has placed a full line of high class skirts in their tailoring establishment which will go a long way toward filling the long felt want of the ladies of the city for a place where they might secure tailored garments when they desired them. The stock being placed in the Busch store is of high quality but very reasonable in price, and should be satisfactory to the patrons and for those who desire something special in the way of ready-to-wear garments it will be possible to have their choice ready for them in a very short time. The line of suit samples will be shown to anyone desiring a suit and the order filled in less time than it would take to go to Omaha and spend the day trying to find a satisfactory suit. Mr. Busch is an expert tailor and can be depended upon to make any alterations or changes in the garments that may be necessary and will have the assistance of his wife to fit the garments and with her splendid judgment she will prove a valuable aid to the ladies in selecting their clothes and seeing that they are fit in the proper manner.

This is one line of trade that has been sadly neglected in this city, as none of the dry goods stores could in their limited space carry a line of ladies' tailored garments which in any way would be satisfactory, and therefore the business life of the city has been deprived of a great deal that was coming to it owing to the fact that it was necessary to send away or go in person to other places where the goods could be purchased. Mr. Busch has the announcement of his new line appearing elsewhere in the Journal and this should be carefully looked over by the ladies of the city.

Goes to Consult Specialist.

From Friday's Daily.

Mrs. Mollie Hanson, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Florence, were passengers on the early Burlington train for Omaha where Mrs. Hanson goes to consult a specialist in regard to her health. She has been a constant sufferer for some time and it was decided that it was best to consult a specialist in regard to her ailment in the hopes of receiving relief.

Sales bills gone quickly at the Journal.

## BOND PROPOSITION IS ABSORBING QUESTION

Matters That Should be Taken Into Consideration Before the Bond Election Next Tuesday.

From Saturday's Daily.

There seems to be no doubt or argument that the pressing need of our city's present high school system is a high school building which will be of sufficient size in point of room and equipment to properly care for the enrollment which is now 210 and will certainly be more next September. The building now used for high school purposes, that is, for the ninth to the twelfth grades, is entirely too small to handle the present enrollment and courses of study. The recitation rooms are overcrowded and insufficient in number. There are but three of them, whereas there should be more than twice that number. Classes are now compelled to use the laboratories and hallways for recitation rooms and one class finds it necessary to recite in the assembly room during a study period when that room is supposed to be used for other purposes. The commercial department cannot be accommodated in the building at all, and the work is carried on in an improvised room at the Central building, thus causing inconvenience, loss of time and insufficient results. This crowded condition hinders the work of both students and teachers, and cripples the influence of the entire system. The laboratories are inadequate in size and equipment and positively cannot serve the purposes that they should for the present demand.

It is entirely possible that Plattsmouth may lose her standing as an accredited high school in a short time if more ample and modern accommodations are not furnished. Requirements are constantly being raised and we must advance to be able to meet them. The question of preparing our graduates for teaching by reason of an accredited normal training course in Plattsmouth and when we fail to do this the loss will be sharply felt, and our city humiliated in educational standing.

It is proposed that the new building shall accommodate the seventh and eighth grades and the high school grades which are the ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth.

The cost of the building, \$50,000, must of necessity be met by the taxpayers, and the question for each to decide is not "can we afford it?" but "can we afford to be without it?" The attention of the voters is urgently called to this matter and especially are the women of the city who have either real estate or personal property upon which they pay taxes or have children of school age—urged to be at the polls and give expression on this important subject.

The places and time of voting is given in the notice of bond election now running in the Daily Journal. The additional cost to the taxpayers will be \$2,000 on each \$1,000 worth of property upon which taxes are paid. This will be sufficient at our present valuation to pay the interest of \$2,500 and also create a sinking fund of \$2,500 annually for payment of the bonds. It is proposed that the bonds shall run not to exceed twenty years and that payments shall be made at regular intervals during the life of the bonds so that the amount necessary for interest will be steadily decreasing.

Plattsmouth must furnish more room and better equipment in her school system or she will suffer an irreparable loss educationally.

Motors From Lincoln.

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon Dr. E. D. Cummins and wife motored down from their new home at Lincoln to spend a short time here with their friends and relatives. It is needless to say that the friends were more than pleased to meet them again. They are well satisfied with their home at the state capital.

C. F. Vallery, the genial road overseer, was here Saturday for a few hours looking after some matters of business and calling on his friends.

## LAWRENCE STULL WINS SUIT AGAINST BURLINGTON

From Friday's Daily.

The case of C. Lawrence Stull vs. the C., B. & Q. railroad, which was on trial in the district court at Nebraska City for the past three days was closed yesterday afternoon when the jury returned a verdict finding for the plaintiff on the two causes of action, amounting to \$115.75 in one and \$65 in the second, for the destruction of hay belonging to the plaintiff which was claimed resulted as the effect of sparks from a locomotive belonging to the defendant railroad. There were some fifteen from this county present to testify in the case. Attorney D. O. Dwyer of this city appeared for Mr. Stull and W. H. Pitzer of Nebraska City for the Burlington. This case was taken from Cass to Otoe county for the trial by jury.

## THE CITY ELECTION A VERY QUIET AFFAIR THIS YEAR

The city election this year appears to be one of the most quiet that has been held in recent years, with a dignified campaign conducted by all candidates for the city offices not interesting themselves greatly over the outcome of the result. It is probably just as well that there is no heated campaign made for the offices, which are only for a term of one year, and no matter who is elected to the offices they will strive to give the best possible administration of their office for the welfare of the taxpayers. The trend in the last few years has been toward a quiet campaign in the city elections, and as a result the city in the last eight years has been gradually advancing in the conduct of their civic affairs by the selection of capable men for the council and those who could devote their efforts to seeing that the city's interests were looked after in the way they should be and eliminating all feeling of partisanship in the city business matters. It is this hearty co-operation between republicans and democrats in the council and in the city offices which has placed the city where it is and will tend to allow it to advance in the future.

## NEW LIBRARY BUILDING

IS GOING UP RAPIDLY

From Friday's Daily.

The new Carnegie library is beginning to take on the proportions of a real building and the contractors are getting along very nicely with their brick work in the basement part of the building. This part of the building is finished in a dark shade of ornamental brick and will be a very acceptable setting for the remainder of the brick work which will be of fancy mottled design and which will shortly be ready to start in on. The basement part has gone through without any difficulty and the ease with which it has been put through has been very encouraging to the members of the library board as well as the contractors who have the work in charge. The work on the interior of the building will be of a nature that cannot be carried on as rapidly as that of the brick work and therefore it is desired to have the exterior of the building in shape as soon as possible in order that the work on the interior may be closed up before the fall and have the library ready to occupy by winter.

The Proper Man.

It is well for the democrats to consider J. G. Wunderlich of Nehawka as the candidate for nomination at the coming primary election. Keep in mind this fact, he is a man that should be nominated and elected. He is a man of the people, fair and square interested in law and order, a man that will make good in the office of sheriff. You like a man that has the traits of Mr. Wunderlich. Meet him once and you know him, for you are thoroughly impressed with his honesty of convictions in the office he seeks. You have met him and will support him.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

## TWO LIVES ARE LOST IN AN OMAHA TRAGEDY

Killed Himself After Dangerously Wounding Mrs. Morrell With Three Shots — Patrolman Good Killed Instantly.

Omaha, Neb., April 1.—Patrolman William Good, a member of the police force since 1902, was shot and killed Friday afternoon by Oliver P. Morrell, a former city fireman, who afterwards shot and dangerously wounded his wife and then took his own life. Good had arrested Morrell for beating his wife. Morrell broke away and when the officer ran after him, fired, instantly killing him. He then returned to his home where he shot his wife three times and then blew out his own brains.

Policeman Good was an old friend of Morrell's. Probably because of this fact, Good did not search the man when holding him at a drug store, after calling for the patrol wagon. Morrell in a frenzy pulled a revolver and shot Good in the mouth, killing him instantly.

Morrell and his wife had been having domestic trouble frequently lately. He accused her of coming home from a dance at the Swedish auditorium last night with another man and it is said the quarrel over this resulted in the call for the police.

After shooting Good, Morrell ran with revolver in hand, followed by a big crowd to his home where he shot his wife through the stomach, head and breast and then went up stairs and committed suicide by shooting. Mrs. Morrell is expected to recover.

Her husband had been in charge of the Cass street oil filling station of the Standard Oil company for a year and was regarded as trustworthy. He was fifty years of age and leaves three small children. Policeman Good was forty-seven years of age and leaves a widow and two children.

## A. E. PAILING WITH-DRAWS FROM REPRESENTATIVE RACE

County Clerk Frank Libershal has received notice from A. E. Pailing of Greenwood, who filed as a candidate for the office of float representative on the democratic ticket for the primary election, that he desired to have his name withdrawn before the ballots were prepared. Mr. Pailing is one of the bright, able young men of the county and greatly interested in the welfare of his party and to this end he has decided to withdraw to leave the race to others. The ability of Mr. Pailing is such that he will doubtless be of great force to the party in the future as a candidate for some of the county offices as he is well qualified to hold any of them. The action of Mr. Pailing leaves only two candidates for this office in Cass county, M. G. Kime of Nehawka and L. G. Todd of Union, and C. J. Mullis of Otoe county on the democratic ticket. And we understand that Mr. Kime is thinking of withdrawing. If he does this leaves one candidate in each county.

## PLATTSMOUTH CITY BONDED INDEBTEDNESS TO DATE

During the past few days in the discussion of the proposed issue by the board of education of \$50,000 school bonds the question of the city's bonded indebtedness has been referred to, sometimes correctly and very often incorrectly. The city treasurer states that the bonded indebtedness of the city June first will be \$167,000 which includes all former school bonds and that under the present sinking fund operation, this amount will be reduced in 1920 to \$142,000. These figures are presented in order that the voters may be correctly informed in this matter.

John Wunderlich and wife came up yesterday from their home near Nehawka and spent a short time with their daughter, Mrs. Clayton Rosenkrans, as well as with other friends.

## NEW DAUGHTER AT HOME OF MR. AND MRS. TIM WOOSTER

From Saturday's Daily.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Wooster received a visit from the stork which left in their care a fine new daughter of the regulation size and weight and who the parents state is just about the finest little lady in the land. The many friends of the family will tender to them their best wishes for the new daughter and trust that she may be a joy and comfort to them in the years to come. The proud father is kept busy with plans for the welfare of the new daughter as he merrily works at his trade in the Fetzer Shoe store and has a broad and lasting smile.

## A VERY PLEASANT SOCIAL EVENT AT THE EIKENBARY HOME

From Saturday's Daily.

A very pleasant social time was enjoyed last evening at the cozy farm home of Mr. Henry Eikenbary, south-west of this city, when Mr. Eikenbary and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Johnson entertained the members of the United Brethren church choir, who met for their weekly practice. The evening was one of the greatest pleasure, with singing and a general good time to pass the fleeting hours away. One of the features of the evening which was very much enjoyed was the debate on the subject, "Resolved, That Preparedness is Essential to the Life of the Nation." M. S. Briggs was chosen for leader of the affirmative side, while the negative was led by W. T. Adams. Those taking part in the debate were: Bryan Snyder, Will Richardson, Robert Walling, Arthur White and Rev. Cuger. After the question had been thoroughly threshed out and all the points of the great issue brought out by the speakers with clearness and force, the matter was referred to the judges, B. W. Livingston, W. T. Richardson and J. E. Wiles who reported at once as they were strictly neutral their decision being that no debate had been produced. At a suitable hour dainty and delicious refreshments were served, which aided greatly in making the evening one of the rarest pleasure.

Those in attendance were: Messrs. Richardson, A. L. Huffer, W. S. Jean, Oscar Gopen, W. H. Verner, B. F. Wiles, S. A. Wiles, J. E. Wiles, W. B. Porter, J. E. Gruber, B. W. Livingston, Misses Nellie Wiles, Helena, Edith and Mattie Gopen, Elizabeth Beeson, Helen, Rachel and Margaret Livingston, Mary Wetenkamp, Nellie Brown, Mrs. Mattie Wiles, Messrs. John Livingston, Myron, Glen and Elbert Wiles, Frank Riggs, Bryan Snyder, Will Richardson, Guy, Harley and Howard Wiles, Robert Walling, Arthur White, Oscar Gopen, Jacob Adams, M. S. Briggs, W. T. Adams.

The musical program given was most delightful in every way and the young people taking part more than covered themselves with credit in the delightful manner in which they carried out their part of the entertainment. Miss Helen Livingston presided at the piano during the vocal selections and pleasant instrumental numbers were given by Mrs. Charles Barnard as well as Miss Helena Gopen and Miss Mary Wetenkamp.

Visits Old Home.

W. B. Holmes motored in Saturday from his home at David City with his family to enjoy a short visit with old friends and relatives in this section. Mr. Holmes is a son of John B. Holmes, one of the pioneers of the county, and for a great many years the family resided near old Rock Bluffs and the father was engaged in the freighting business between this point and Denver. Mr. Holmes is a cousin of Mark Furlong and will enjoy a short stay here with other relatives and friends.

C. L. Creamer drove up this afternoon from his home south of the city to spend a few hours looking after some trading with the merchants.

Nicholas Halmes of Weeping Water was in the city Saturday for a short time, motoring in to attend to some business affairs in the county seat.

## CASES DISPOSED OF IN THE STATE SUPREME COURT

The state supreme court which has had a number of cases from Cass county under consideration before the court and the commission, Saturday handed down their decision in a number of the cases which had been argued before them.

In the case of the City of Plattsmouth vs. C. E. Westcott, et al., the supreme court has upheld the judgment of the district court and affirmed its decision, which was in favor of the defendants and against the city. This was a suit to recover on a bond given to cover certain franchises for furnishing gas and electricity and the city sued to recover for the failure to carry out the performance of the agreement. In the trial in the court here the case was decided in favor of the defendants and is now affirmed.

In the case of Emma Kaufmann vs. T. E. Parme, the supreme court has reversed the judgment of the district court and remanded the case for retrial in the district court here. The case was one in which the plaintiff sought to recover \$15,000 in stock of the Norfolk Long Distance Telephone company, which it was alleged was the property of William Volk and had been given by him to the plaintiff and which stock had been placed in the Bank of Commerce at Louisville. The defendants in their case represented that the late William Volk had used the stock as security for borrowed money and that the stock had been disposed of in this manner, it being necessary to retain the stock to cover the different amounts which Mr. Volk had secured from the bank and had failed to pay back to them.

## DEATH OF WILLIAM T. ELLIN, A FORMER RESIDENT HERE

The news of the death of William T. Melvin, a former resident of this city, has just been received here by old friends of the family and the message brought to the many friends a most profound regret. Mr. Melvin passed away at the United States Soldiers Home where he had been making his home for the past few years. Mr. Melvin and family resided in this city for twenty-one years, removing in March, 1904, to Idaho, where he took up a homestead which he proved up on and where he resided for a number of years, later going to Tacoma, Washington, where a number of his children had located, and he has since resided there and in the soldier's home at Retiel. At the time of his death he was eighty-four years of age and had not been in the best of health for some time, gradually growing weaker until the end. He leaves besides the aged widow four children, Gorge S. Melvin, Charles H. Melvin, Tacoma; Mark M. Melvin, Ford, Idaho; Mrs. Rosey C. Roufs of Bremerton, Washington.

Mrs. Melvin, who has felt greatly the death of her helpmate of so many years, will make her home in the future at Tacoma with her son, Charles H. Melvin. Mr. Melvin was a veteran of the civil war, having served during that conflict as a member of the Union army, and while a resident of this city was very active in the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Quick Work in Settlement.

From Friday's Daily. Today W. B. Rishel, local clerk of the Workmen of the World, received a draft from Omaha for \$2,000 from the head office of the Workman of the World in payment in full of the policy carried in that order by Marvin E. Tyler, who was a member of Camp No. 211 at South Omaha. This is pretty quick work in handling the claim as Mr. Tyler died a week ago today in Omaha and was buried here Monday afternoon, and the claim has been looked after with dispatch and as a result the draft was turned over today to the mother of the deceased young man who was named as the beneficiary.

Read the want ads in the Journal.