

## CITY COUNCIL IN VERY INTERESTING SESSION

Many Matters of Importance Are Discussed, Among Which Was That of Increasing the Wages of Street Laborers, Which Was Granted.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The session of the city council last evening was one that was filled with a very thorough discussion of several important matters for the city, the chief of which was that of increasing the wages of the city employes from the scale now in force for street work. As a result of the efforts of the mayor and a number of the members of the council a more equitable rate of wages will be paid in the future to the employes of the street department of the city.

The local lodge of the Sons of Herman presented a communication to the council in which they stated that the bi-annual state grand lodge of the order was to meet at Columbus this month, and that they desired the city council and mayor to extend to the grand lodge an invitation to hold their next meeting in this city in 1918, and on motion this request was granted and the city will extend to the assembled lodges a cordial invitation to make Plattsmouth the meeting place in 1918.

Another communication received by the council was one signed by M. S. Briggs and forty residents of the city requesting the appointment of T. S. Clifford as inspector of paving on Third, Fourth and Fifth streets. This was placed on file to be acted on later when the work is gotten under way.

A petition from Mrs. Anna M. Livingston for grading for permanent walk on the south side of Oak street between Fifth and Sixth streets was received and on motion the prayer of the petition was granted and the work ordered carried out as soon as possible by the street commissioner.

Applications to operate pool halls were received from A. M. Arries and Dunbar & Co., and on motion the applications were granted, each being accompanied by a check for \$50 to cover the amount demanded for a license.

A stipulation was presented to the council from the C., B. & Q. railroad company in regard to the suit entitled the C., B. & Q. railroad vs. the City of Plattsmouth and John Cory, in which they agreed that the city could have the use of the land in the suit which is located on the river bottoms east of the right of way of the railroad company until such time as the Burlington should desire to use such tracts of land for railroad purposes, and the city was to deliver to said railroad company the property on a three days' notice and all leases of land were to be made with the stipulation of the rights of the railroad company. This matter was laid over until the next regular meeting of the council in order that the councilmen might have the opportunity to study the proposition over for action. In the meantime it will be looked into by the judiciary committee and the city attorney.

Chief of Police Barclay reported that during the month of April eleven arrests had been made; five paid fines, five worked it out and one had escaped from the city.

City Clerk John Nemetz closed his term with a most flattering report, having gathered in the sum of \$6,130.30, including the saloon licenses which had been paid to him.

City Treasurer H. M. Soemnicksen reported that the balance on hand in the various funds totaled the sum of \$14,000.

Police Judge Archer reported that during April in costs and fines the sum of \$36 had been collected and placed in the hands of the city treasurer by the violators of the law and order of the city.

Chairman Mauzy of the judiciary committee requested more time in the matter of the claim of James Dvorak against the city for damages due to closing up Clara street and this was granted by the council.

Chairman Bestor of the streets, alleys and bridges committee stated that the committee had investigated the work that the Missouri Pacific had

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## WILLIAM M'CAULEY FALLS AND INJURES HIMSELF

From Tuesday's Daily.

William McCauley met with a very painful accident yesterday at his home which in his weakened condition has affected him to a considerable extent. Mr. McCauley has been sick for the past several months but recently has been able to be up and around and enjoy a little of the springtime. Yesterday he was out in the yard at his home when he was suddenly taken ill and faint and fell to the ground, striking his forehead on the concrete step of the porch as he fell and cutting a small gash which, however, will not prove dangerous. He is getting along nicely at present.

## SUIT TO RECOVER INSURANCE IN BURLINGTON RELIEF

From Tuesday's Daily.

A suit was filed in district court yesterday entitled Mrs. Velma Cassidy vs. the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company and the Burlington Relief Department of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company. The plaintiff, in her petition, states that the relief department makes and issues certificates against accident and death of the employes of the railroad company. That on December 11, 1915, James H. Cassidy, husband of the plaintiff, was in the employ of the Burlington railroad in the Plattsmouth yards as switchman and met death by being crushed between two cars while at work in his capacity as switchman. Mr. Cassidy was at the time of his death earning \$95 per month, and was a member of the fifth class of the Burlington Relief and entitled to \$1,500 insurance under his policy. The plaintiff claims that the \$1,500 has not been paid to her as the widow of the deceased and beneficiary, and asks that a judgment for \$1,500, together with interest at legal rate from December 12, 1915, be given her. C. A. Rawls appears as attorney for Mrs. Cassidy in the action.

## CARL AND DEWEY HUSTON ARE UP FOR HEARING

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon shortly before 4 o'clock County Attorney A. G. Cole filed a complaint in the court of Justice M. Archer against Carl and Dewey Huston, charging them with stealing seines, nets, fish and other property belonging to Floyd Richardson, Grover Elledge and a man named Nickerson from the banks of the Missouri river near this city. To the charge as read Carl Huston entered a plea of guilty and was committed to the care of the sheriff unless he could procure a bond for \$500 to cover his appearance at the next term of district court. Dewey Huston entered a plea of not guilty to the charges and asked that his preliminary hearing be had as soon as possible, and the case was set for hearing on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock before Justice Archer. He also was required to produce a \$500 bond to secure his release and in failure of this was committed back to the custody of the sheriff to await the outcome of the preliminary hearing.

As the district court term is now on it is probable that Carl Huston will be given his hearing at once and his case disposed of as he has entered a plea of guilty.

## Gets Good Price For Land.

From Tuesday's Daily.

C. H. Fuller has disposed of his farm of twenty acres west of the city to H. H. Cotton at the price of \$300 per acre, which is a neat sum for land. This is what was formerly known as the Ballou place and for the last few years has been occupied by C. H. Lewis and family. The land is located just west of the cemetery and is considered a very choice piece of land and just a pleasant distance from town. Mr. Cotton will probably put a number of improvements on the place as soon as possible.

## INTERESTING SUIT ON IN DISTRICT COURT

Involving the City's Right to Bottom Land by Accretion to the City.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The suit of the City of Plattsmouth vs. John Cory was the center of attraction in the district court today and the long standing controversy over the title to the land on the river bottom, east of the Burlington right of way, will be threshed out in the court. The city has a temporary restraining order on Mr. Cory to prevent his interference with their control of the land claimed by him and the city, and which is being operated as a public pasture for cows by the city government. The city is claiming the title to the land, through accretion to their land granted under the patent issued to the municipality by the federal government and by subsequent acts of the territorial legislature. The defendant claims that the accretion was from the east portion of the land and his possession by fencing entitles him to ownership, as well as the fact of his having paid taxes on the property in the years 1913, 1914 and 1915 to Cass county. The case is a very interesting one and the points involved exceedingly technical as to the changes in the river bed from the west side to its present channel, near the Iowa side of the river. There are a large number of witnesses to be examined on both sides of the case. The morning session was taken up with the opening statements of the attorneys and the introduction of the testimony of Chief of Police Barclay and County Surveyor Fred Patterson. Mr. Barclay testified as to the locking of the gate to the pasture owned by the city and the removal of the lock by Mr. Cory, and the city then taking off the lock of Mr. Cory and restoring their own lock, as well as the fact of the city collecting rent from the land for pasture purposes last year as well as this spring. City Attorney Douglass and Attorney A. L. Tidd appear for the city and Attorney D. O. Dwyer for the defendant.

## NEW BUILDING TO OCCUPY CORNER ON SIXTH AND PEARL

From Tuesday's Daily.

Another important improvement that is soon to be made in this city is in the form of a handsome new building at the corner of Sixth and Vine streets which T. H. Pollock will erect there in a very short time. The building fronting on Sixth street will be of pressed brick with a solid glass front for the sales room of the celebrated Buick automobiles and the windows will be constructed within four inches of the floor. Here will be displayed the autos and the business office, while in the rear of the room a fine dust proof room will be constructed where automobiles can be painted at any time without fear of dust or dirt. In this portion of the building a small repair department will be maintained for the use of Mr. Pollock. The basement that will be constructed under the building. The entrance to the paint and repair departments will be from the alley and the front entrance not used for driving cars in at all. The building will be 44x60 feet in size and will be strictly a modern auto sales room in every way.

It is not the intention of Mr. Pollock to embark in the garage business and he will not handle any cars in the building excepting his own and not allow for any storage of cars or supplies for autos.

The building will fill a long felt want on this corner and will fill up one of the few vacant spots in the business section of the city.

## Pasture Notice.

I have room for 15 head of stock in pasture. Inquire of E. M. Ruby, Weeping Water. Phone 1403.

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Office supplies at the Journal office.

## CARL HUSTON SENTENCED BY JUDGE BEGLEY TO THE PENITENTIARY

From Wednesday's Daily.

This afternoon the preliminary hearing of Dewey Huston, charged with being implicated in the stealing of the fishing outfits of Floyd Richardson and other parties was held in the court of Justice M. Archer. The young man entered a plea of guilty to assisting in concealing stolen property and was given a sentence of thirty days in the county jail. Carl Huston was arraigned in the district court this afternoon before Judge Begley and entered a plea of guilty and received a sentence of from one to seven years in the state penitentiary at Lincoln.

## COUNCIL BLUFFS IMPERIALS TO PLAY HERE NEXT SUNDAY

From Wednesday's Daily.

Arrangements have been made for the Council Bluffs Imperials to appear here on next Sunday and engage the Red Sox in an exhibition of the national pastime at the base ball park. This aggregation from the Iowa city has been playing some very good ball this season and two weeks ago won a fourteen inning game from the Dunlap, Iowa, team by a score of 3 to 1, and those who are familiar with their work state that the Imperials will be able to give the fans a run for their money and furnish a good, fast game of ball. With the new improvements in the seating capacity of the bleachers, it makes it much more comfortable for the fans and the new fence erected in front of the bleachers keeps the crowd from swarming out on the diamond during the game, which was one of the greatest detriments to the game last season. Come out Sunday and enjoy a few hours very pleasantly as well as assist the local team in their good work on the diamond.

## ARRANGE FOR DECORATION AND MEMORIAL DAY IN THIS CITY

From Wednesday's Daily.

The preparations for the observance of Memorial day in this city are going on steadily and one of the most extensive and pleasing programs that has ever been given here will mark the day. The school children, as well as the members of the Daughters of the American Revolution chapter of this city will assist the Grand Army of the Republic in carrying out the exercises of the day that marks the nation's tribute to its fallen heroes. The morning will be devoted to the placing of flags and flowers on the graves of the fallen soldiers of the great conflict, both Union and Confederate, and in this the children will join the old soldiers in their task of love and memory as the thinning ranks and increasing burden of years will not permit the boys in blue to take such an active part in the exercises of the day.

The public services will be held at the Parmele theater on Tuesday, May 30, and will consist of the musical program by the school children in chorus under the direction of Mrs. Mae Morgan, and the childish voices will render the patriotic songs of the great American republic during the course of the afternoon's program. The orator of the occasion will be ex-Governor Chester H. Aldrich of Lincoln, who will speak on the spirit of Decoration day and its lessons. The reading of the Gettysburg address of President Lincoln will also be given. In the evening the declamatory contest of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be given in the theater for the benefit of the public and the medals awarded to the young people taking part.

For one week only we will sell high grade Lawn Mowers at Ten Per Cent Below Cost, as we find that we are overstocked. This is your chance to get a high grade mower for a little money. J. L. Barton Co. 5-8-1wk

## PLATTSMOUTH AS A CITY IN 1870

Compare the Old Town Now With That of Fifty Years or More Ago.

From one of the old residents of this city we have secured a brief outline of Plattsmouth, taken from the Nebraska Herald in 1870, and which gives a sketch of the city as it was in 1870 when the writer first settled in this section. The difference now and then is quite marked and the description of the town one that is most interesting. The article appearing in the Herald was as follows:

Where the Hotel Riley now stands C. E. Metteer, who was shot by Poland, kept an old shed there for agricultural implements; the high school was where Fitzgerald's block now stands; there was only five brick stores on Main street, and no bridges or sidewalks in the city. When floods came the whole of Main street was submerged in water, cellars used to be filled to overflowing, and plenty of losses were sustained thereby.

The population was only 1,700 in the census taken by Cap Murphy. "Cap," as he was familiarly called, was our Mike's brother; he now lives in Arapahoe.

The B. & M. shops employed only eighty men, but the wages from the lowest, even the roustabouts, were not less than \$2.00 per day; section hands got the same wages and every one was flush. Real estate far higher than now. John Fitzgerald, offered Joe Scater \$8,000 for the 44 feet on Main street on which U. V. Mathews' and M. D. Polk's stores now stand. John Shannon refused \$6,000 for the opposite corner where the postoffice is. The Platte Valley House that was built out of an old boat, occupied the present site of the opera block. The Brooks House, the leading hotel of the city, occupied the place where the Herold block now stands. There was seventeen saloons in the city, and every grocery store had its supply of whisky. Mike Murphy was city marshal and a partner with Dick Streight's father in the harness business. Mike is a daisy at making a set of harness.

Twenty years ago John Simpson learned how to cultivate onions; for further information ask him of his experience.

Twenty years ago we commenced building the present high school so that travelers over in Iowa might be attracted in consequence of our high state of civilization. Twenty years ago the Herald was edited by Hathaway, the present proprietor of the State Journal, and Fox & Filliove edited the Watchman. Fox was father of our present city clerk and a lawyer of very remarkable ability.

Twenty years ago corn was 40 cents a bushel and cattle 5 cents on foot and steak no dearer than now. Was it not for our fine buildings I would like to see those good old times again—plenty of work, no poverty, prices good and low taxes.

Let it be recorded that I am The Ancient.

## ANTON FISHER DEAD AT HOME IN TOBIAS, NEBRASKA

A message was received today by L. W. and E. A. Lorenz, announcing the death at Tobias, Nebraska, of their brother-in-law, Anton Fisher, at his home there. The news was quite a shock as there had been no intimation of Mr. Fisher being ill, and he was present at the funeral of Mrs. W. J. Lorenz at Odell last week, in apparent good health. The message did not give the cause of the death of this estimable gentleman. The funeral will be held at Odell and the interment had in the Lorenz family lot in the cemetery at that place, which was so recently visited by the members of the family on such a sad mission. Mr. E. A. Lorenz was at Odell a week ago to attend the funeral of his sister-in-law and little expected that in such a brief space of time another death would be recorded in the family.

For the Simon Pure Benjamin Franklin Lightning Rod, call on T. W. Vallery, or write him at Murray, Neb. 4-24-1mowky

## MEXICAN WILL WORK OUT FINE ON THE STREETS

From Wednesday's Daily.

This morning Rito Gower, claiming to be from Jacific Junction, was in Judge Archer's court to answer to the charge of being in a state of intoxication, and to this charge was forced to plead guilty. The Nebraska corn juice did not seem to mix well with the Mexican temperament and caused Rito to reach a stage where he was in need of a guiding hand and he was gathered into the strong arm of the law and lodged in the city jail. He has been over here a number of times and has been released by the police on his promise to stay in his own home and not return to Plattsmouth, but this time he will spend several days here as the judge presented him with a fine of \$5 and costs, which he will work out for the city and which will require several days.

## DEATH OF MRS. LAURA H. MEREDITH AT KANSAS CITY

From Wednesday's Daily.

The death of Mrs. Laura Hill Meredith occurred Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Coates, 2810 Tracey avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, where she has made her home for the past two months, coming to Kansas City from Enid, Oklahoma. Mrs. Meredith will be remembered by a great many of the residents of this city, where she was a frequent visitor during the time that her daughter and family resided in this city, and to all who knew her she was held in the highest esteem as a cultured lady and a kind and devoted friend.

About a year ago Mrs. Meredith suffered a nervous breakdown and has not been in good health since that time. Last September, in attempting to walk a short distance without assistance, she fell, lacerating her hand in such a manner as to almost sever one of her fingers. From this wound blood poison developed and for a time the physicians thought it would become necessary to amputate the hand. In her weakened condition she could not withstand the shock, and this with other complications caused her death. In the devoted care of her mother Mrs. Coates became seriously ill and was able to return from the hospital only a short time before her mother's death.

She leaves to mourn her death her daughters, Mrs. H. M. Tichenor, St. Louis; Mrs. Julian Voorhees, Wyoming City, Illinois; Mrs. W. W. Coates, Kansas City; two sons, J. H. Meredith, Reeds Springs, Missouri, and Park Meredith, White Sulphur Springs, Montana. The burial was held at Kansas City yesterday.

## MAY PARTY GIVEN AT THE LUSHINSKY HOME

A very pleasant May party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lushinsky last evening, in honor of Madeline Van Fleet. The evening was very pleasantly spent in singing and playing games. At 10:30 a delicious three course luncheon was served, to which all did ample justice. At the midnight hour the merry company dispersed, having had a most delightful time.

Those in attendance were Misses Mildred Brittain, Milly Harris, Hilda Harris, Alice Myers, Margie Rinker, Clara Rinker, Grace Owens, Gladys Higley, Lily Rinner, Madeline Van Fleet, Messrs. Eugene Parker, Percy Warthan, William Hall, Max Duda, Dewey Brittain, Carl Rinker, Dewey Hobson, Charley Lowe, Ernest Newman, Frank VanFleet, Ernest Buttery, Jimmie Smith, Asa VanFleet, Paul Hatt.

## Lost Notice.

Lost, Tuesday evening on the K. C. Omaha automobile road, a rear tandem cushion from motorcycle. Lost within two miles of Plattsmouth. Reward paid for return of cushion to the Journal office or Harold E. Daley, Nehawka, Nebraska. W2w

Come to The Journal for fine stationery.

## FROM OMAHA TO NEW ORLEANS IN A BARREL

A Rather Risky Proposition For Any One, But Will Be Undertaken, Just the Same.

A trip in a barrel from Omaha to New Orleans on the Missouri and Mississippi rivers sounds like a rather risky proposition, but that is what Harold E. Lewis of Omaha proposes and his unique craft is all ready for the big trip that it is estimated will require four months to consume. The queer craft will be started Sunday morning from the Douglas street wharf and consists of a steel barrel, four feet ten inches long, twenty-six inches in diameter, and twenty-two inches across the head. The start will be made at 10 o'clock and Captain Lewis with his craft expects to reach the landing here about 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon on the first lap of the long trip gulward. The barrel will be brought up to the city and exhibited at the Grand theater where a short lecture will be given by the navigator on his trip. Mr. Lewis is the sole occupant of the craft and carries only a small paddle to keep him in the current and also to push off of sandbars in case the vessel lodges on any of them. He will also have a small stock of provisions with him to last from one landing place to another and expects to stop at only the larger towns along the river enroute south. Captain Lewis weighs 155 pounds and with his long experience as a sailor on the ocean feels that he is in the best of condition for his trip. His first real experience in this line was in 1888 when he embarked as a sailor from San Francisco for the South Pacific islands and since then he has made several voyages on the Pacific to Alaska and the Arctic regions. On reaching the Mississippi river Captain Lewis expects to travel much faster as the current here is swifter than on the Missouri and the river much more open for navigation.

He carries a letter from Mayor Dahlman of Omaha to the mayor of New Orleans which he will deliver on reaching the Crescent City.

The trip is a unique one and the arrival of the navigator will be awaited with interest here. S. Sikes of Omaha, who is traveling in advance of the barrel boat, was here today completing arrangements for the theater in this city. On the barrel used by Captain Lewis appears the slogan, "From Growing Omaha to New Orleans."

## J. R. TRAVIS AND MISS JOSEPHINE CRAIG ARE MARRIED IN OMAHA

Last evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard N. Craig, in Omaha, occurred the marriage of Mr. J. R. Travis and Miss Josephine Craig, the wedding being a very quiet one and only the immediate families of the contracting parties were present to witness the ceremony that made these two estimable young people as one.

The groom is a Plattsmouth boy and a son of Mrs. Elizabeth Travis of this city, and is possessed of a large number of warm friends here who will learn of his marriage with the greatest of pleasure and extend to him and his charming bride their most sincere wishes for a long and happy married life. Mr. Travis is one of the tellers in the United States National bank at Omaha where he has been employed for the past several years, and is held in the highest esteem by those with whom he is associated.

The bride is one of the talented young ladies of the metropolis and has been very prominently identified in musical circles there for the past few years as a vocalist of rare ability. Of charming personality, she is known to a large circle of friends in her home city.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis, after a short honeymoon trip will return to Omaha where they have a cozy home awaiting their coming.

Read the want ads in the Journal.