

# The Plattsmouth Journal.

## CITY COUNCIL HOLD A GOOD LIVE MEETING

Talk Over Paving Bids, But Postpone Letting Contract for Another Week.

From Tuesday's Daily. The city council spent an hour and a half in a very strenuous session last evening in trying to settle the question of who was to put down the paving on Washington avenue and at the close of the session were no farther than before as it was impossible for the council to agree on the class of paving or who to reward the paving contractor.

The streets, alleys and bridges committee reported in favor of using the wire cut three inch brick block, class C, with asphalt filler, and the rewarding of the contract to the Monarch Engineering company of Falls City, the lowest bidders on this class of work.

Before the matter was taken up Mayor Sattler stated that it would be best to listen to the petition from a number of the residents in the proposed paving district, asking that the contract be awarded to J. H. McMaken. This brought on some discussion as to the merits of the report and the petition and at the request of the mayor the tabulations of the different figures on the paving on the basis of a straight curb was read as follows:

Brick Block, Class A.	Monarch Engineering Co., \$28,861.11
E. W. Geiger Const. Co.,	25,595.67
George Parks Co.,	28,650.04
J. H. McMaken	23,000.96
J. H. McMaken	29,103.26
E. W. Geiger Co., lowest bidder.	

Brick Block, Class B	Monarch Engineering Co., \$27,391.43
E. W. Geiger Const. Co.,	27,465.14
George Parks Co.,	26,993.40
J. J. Parks & Co.,	27,581.27
J. H. McMaken	27,644.33
J. H. McMaken	28,129.82
George Parks & Co., lowest bidder.	

Three Inch Wire Cut Brick Block, Class C	Monarch Engineering Co., \$26,713.11
E. W. Geiger Const. Co.,	27,125.98
George Parks Co.,	26,993.40
J. J. Parks & Co.,	27,581.27
J. H. McMaken	26,072.71
Monarch Engineering Co., lowest bidder.	

Three Inch Wire Cut Brick Block, Class D	Monarch Engineering Co., \$26,034.79
E. W. Geiger Const. Co.,	23,108.50
George Parks Co.,	25,297.61
J. J. Parks & Co.,	26,061.58
J. H. McMaken	27,281.33
George Parks & Co., lowest bidder.	

Councilman Bestor moved the adoption of the report of the committee and reward of the contract to the Monarch Engineering Co. for the Class "C" paving. The asphalt filler insured a smoother and better street certain to gather in the use of sand filler and presented a solid and water proof surface to the paving. The committee had visited Auburn and Falls City where the wire cut brick was in use and found it in the best of shape.

Councilman Mauzy, one of the members of the committee was in favor of the three inch wire cut brick which they had inspected very thoroughly and found to be giving the best of satisfactions where in use.

Councilman Bajek stated he had been very favorably impressed with the brick he had saw in the paving at Falls City and Auburn and this had decided the members of the committee to recommend the use of the three inch wire cut brick and the asphalt filler.

Mr. Jackson, representing the brick deniers association, was present and gave a short address along the line of the support of the three inch wire cut brick in preference to that of the brick block. He cited a number of cities where the wire cut brick had been used and among these were several streets at Lincoln where the brick was in use.

George Parks, city commissioner of Omaha, and one of the bidders, disagreed with Mr. Jackson and pointed out the advantages of the brick block or four inch brick as giv-

ing a greater wearing surface. It was best for the heavy travel he stated and should stand the test better than the three inch. He had several cars of the three inch wire cut brick rejected on a job he had done at Kearney, Neb.

John Crook of Falls City, stated that the three inch brick had stood the test when tried out and in Oklahoma there was places where it had been in use for six years and was in good shape.

On the motion of Bestor to accept the report of the streets, alleys and bridges committee, Mauzy, Patterson, Bajek voted aye; Weaver, Luschnisky, Shea, Johnson and Harris voted no and Buttery passed. The motion was then declared lost.

The final estimate of the engineer on the paving in district No. 11 was read and the total sum of work placed at \$7,758.28. The work was found to be first class in every way. On motion of Luschnisky warrants were ordered drawn for the amount in favor of the contractor, J. H. McMaken. This is for the paving on Third, Fourth and Fifth streets.

The council then drifted back to letting of the contract for the paving of Washington avenue and Councilman Harris moved that the contract for the work be let to J. H. McMaken for Class "A" brick block paving. This then developed the fact that the E. W. Geiger Co., was the lowest on the job and several of the councilmen as well as the mayor questioned the legality of letting the bid to one of the higher bidders and whether or not it would stick.

The motion of Harris was lost when put a vote, Harris and Shea voting for and Mauzy, Bajek, Bestor, Johnson and Luschnisky, against, with Patterson, Buttery and Weaver, passing.

It was finally decided to adjourn until next Monday when the bids will again be threshed over.

## WILL SCALE THE COURT HOUSE WALL TO TOP OF CUPOLA

From Tuesday's Daily. "Dare Devil" Derrill, who will be one of the attractions during the "Home Coming" week, was in the city yesterday afternoon sizing up the court house which he will scale on Thursday, August 31. This daring and death defying climber has been touring the south and is just coming north to put on a number of exhibitions. He is one of the most successful of the climbers in the United States and his feats have been witnessed by thousands of people in every city in which he has appeared. "Dare Devil" Derrill has scaled the sides of the Jefferson County National bank at Birmingham, Ala., a twenty story structure as well as the fifty story American National bank at Pensacola, Fla. While at Gallatin, Mo., a few weeks ago, Mr. Derrill had a very narrow escape from death while attempting to scale a three story building, and one of the oldest buildings in the city, when reaching the top of the building he found the cornice on the building to be old and unable to bear his weight and it was necessary to descend and the loose stone work of the old structure caused him to lose his hold and slip back several feet and almost fall to the brick paving which would have caused certain death.

This climbing act will be a real show in every way and one that should prove a great drawing card and "Dare Devil" Derrill will put on a real exhibition of this nature. With him are the two other members of his company who have a trick house act that will be given as a free attraction of the festival week.

## RAIN COMES TO CASS COUNTY

From Tuesday's Daily. At last the prayers and wishes of the residents of this part of the west was answered early this morning when a real sure enough rain storm made its appearance and brought relief to the threatened corn crop that has been very badly in need of rain for the last week. The pastures and all vegetation will be very much benefited by the rain and its value to the people of the county cannot be over estimated. The rain was general in eastern Nebraska from Falls City north.

## THREE BODIES TAKEN FROM MISSOURI RIVER

Mrs. Gertrude Letner and Harold Larson Recovered at Nebraska City, and Mrs. Swift at Rockport, Mo.

From Wednesday's Daily. The bodies of three of the victims of the LaPlatte automobile tragedy of Sunday were recovered yesterday afternoon and last night from the waters of the Missouri river where they have been resting since the accident early Sunday morning. The bodies of Mrs. Gertrude Letner and Harold Larson were recovered at Nebraska City yesterday afternoon, that of Mrs. Letner being found floating down the river near the railroad bridge where the watchers were gathered to try and recover the bodies that of Larson was discovered a short distance below Nebraska City by residents of that locality. The third body, thought to be that of Mrs. May Swift was landed near Rockport, Mo., last evening, and held pending the arrival of the husband from Omaha to identify the body. This is close to seventy miles down the river from where the accident occurred and the bodies have apparently been floating down the river since Sunday night to have reached the points where they were picked up. There is remaining the bodies of Willis Letner and his sister-in-law, Miss Grace Snyder, to be recovered when the members of the ill fated automobile party will have all been accounted for.

The hope of finding had been almost abandoned yesterday when the message was received in Omaha from Nebraska City announcing that one of the bodies, that of a woman had been landed at that point. Thomas Swift, the heart broken survivor of the automobile accident made all haste to the scene of the discovery hoping that it might be that of his wife and was accompanied by Thomas Quinlan of the Brandeis store, where Mrs. Swift had been employed. On their arrival it was found that the second body was found and Mr. Swift identified them as that of Mrs. Letner and Mr. Larson.

Mr. Swift returned to Omaha, and last night the message from Rockport, Mo., was received announcing of the finding of the body supposed to be that of Mrs. May Swift and from the description as well as the fact of the victim having a wrist watch, such as Mrs. Swift was accustomed to wearing, it was thought that the body must certainly be that of this unfortunate lady.

In the meantime the search for the two remaining bodies is being carried on with great vigor and every effort will be made to try and locate them as soon as possible. Paul Wohlfarth of this city with his motor boat made a trip down the river as far as Nebraska City this morning to learn if any of the bodies had been washed ashore or stranded on sand bars down the river. He was accompanied by the sheriff of Sarpy county.

## MOURNING THE LOSS OF SEVENTEEN FINE CHICKENS

J. M. Young, residing on Chicago avenue, is mourning the loss of seventeen of his fine full blooded Buff Orpington chickens, which apparently have been the victims of a weasel or skunk, judging from the appearances of the bodies of the chickens as found by Mr. Young this morning when opening up his chicken coop. The bodies of the chickens were all lying in a pile with their throats cut and several had their heads eaten off. The coop where the fowls are kept has been made as tight as possible against the animals but they dug under the screen door and proceeded with their work of destruction. The chickens were getting to be of good size and Mr. Young states they were worth \$15 to him as they were of the best Orpington throughbreds.

When baby suffers with croup, apply and give Dr. Thomas's Electric Oil at once. Safe for children. A little goes a long way. 25c and 50c. At all drug stores.

## THE BROADWAY GIRLS ARE PLEASING EVERYONE

From Wednesday's Daily. The crowd at the Airdome last evening was well pleased with the performance given by the "Broadway Girls" company and Mr. Harry Ches-hire, the ballad singer as well as Mr. Bert DeVaile, the female impersonator, received repeated encores and gracefully repeated. The show throughout is very pleasing and allows of the introduction of a number of clever specialties and numbers. The program will be completely changed this evening with new songs and jokes and the amusement loving public can find in the show a most delightful recreation.

## BIG TIME PLANNED AT UNION NEXT WEEK

From Wednesday's Daily. The bills for the Old Settlers' reunion which will be held at Union on Friday and Saturday, August 11 and 12, have just been turned out by the Journal office and will be distributed throughout the county to advertise this big event. "Old Settlers" is an event that is looked forward to each year by the old residents of the county with the greatest of pleasure and the good people of Union see that the comfort and best interests of their visitors are looked after in a most satisfactory manner. The Hugo shows will be at Union during the reunion and a fine band of this organization will furnish the music for the event. The picnic will be held in Barnum grove southwest of the town and here the exercises will be held. A number of good speakers and special entertainment features have been secured. The committee have made arrangements whereby the fast train for the north due at 7:15 in the evening will stop for the passengers for Plattsmouth and Omaha. This will be a great accommodation to the visitors from this city who will make the trip to the reunion and permit a large number to be in attendance.

## THE STOCK SHOW FEATURE OF HOME COMING FESTIVAL

From Wednesday's Daily. The stock show feature of the fall festival and "Home Coming" celebration is being pushed by the committee in charge headed by Dr. O. Sandin, and the event promises to be one filled with much interest to the farmers of the county and of the neighboring territory that will be here for the festival event. The stock show will be held in the large feed yard near the Amick garage on Vine street and here the committee will have every arrangement made for the exhibition of cattle, horses and hogs as well as a section for the fine poultry of the county. A large tent will be provided for the hog exhibition where the animals can be cared for and be kept out of the heat of the sun and accommodations for eighty of the fine porkers of the county will be arranged for by the committee. The stalls for the cattle and horses will be provided that will allow of placing twenty-six horses and twenty-six cattle in them for exhibition purposes. With the hundreds of fine horses, cattle and hogs that are raised on the farms of Cass county there should not be any trouble in securing a fine exhibition on these products of the farms. There are no finer cattle raised in the state than those which the progressive Cass county farms produce and the owners should take a pride in seeing that they are placed on public exhibition. The poultry owners are also asked to take part with an exhibition and by notifying the committee, reservations will be made for them. Cash prizes will be given by the committee to the animals and poultry exhibited at this big event and the further announcement should be watched with interest.

There was never a thing so good that it could not be improved. Times are good now—everybody is prospering—but if you were shown a way to make times better for you, it would interest you just the same. Now wouldn't it? Go to Chase County with Rosencrans on August 13.

## GOOD MAN TO REPRESENT US IN LEGISLATURE

The Democratic Candidate for Representative is a Man of Prominence and Ability.

From Wednesday's Daily. John Murtey, of Alvo, whom the democrats have nominated for a member of the legislature from Cass county, is a gentleman and scholar and will make a typical member of that body. His ability is of the highest quality, being a genuine good business man, well versed in any matters in which the people are interested, possesses the faculty of making friends, and will wield a great influence among the members. He bears a commanding appearance and will always be found at his post of duty, ever ready to support measures that is calculated to benefit the masses of the people of the state of Nebraska. The democrats certainly made no mistake in placing John



Murtey before the voters of Cass county for that very important position. Mr. Murtey is an enterprising and energetic business man, and always bore the confidence of the community in which he resided. We do not believe the democrats could have made a better selection for this very important position, and with the united effort on the part of the democrats he will surely be elected by a large majority. He lived for several years in Clay county, and the paper published at Clay Center has the following to say in reference to this gentleman:

Word reaches us that our former fellow townsman and friend, John Murtey has filed as a candidate for the lower house of the state legislature down in Cass county. We believe that if the people of Cass county are as well acquainted with Mr. Murtey as the people of Clay county he will represent that county in the next legislature.

Mr. Murtey located here in 1893 engaging in the lumber and coal business. He built up a fine business and later sold it at a nice premium and located in Verona, this county, where he was very successful.

Some five or six years ago he sold out and located at Alvo, Cass county. Mr. Murtey is vice president of the Commercial State bank of this city and this business connection brings him to our city quite frequently. He always receives a cordial welcome.

If every legislature could be made up with hard headed conservative, clear thinking farmers and business men like John Murtey, we would have fewer foolish laws on the statute books.

He was always an independent in the grain and coal business, allowing no association to dictate the price he should buy or sell at. He always boosted for any enterprise and at the present time holds quite a block of stock in the Center Opera house. Several young men in this locality, who now own good farms are thankful to John Murtey for financial assistance and advice that started the men the road to prosperity.

## A COUPLE OF DRUNKS TAKEN UP BEFORE JUDGE ARCHER

Last evening Chief of Police Barclay received a call to go down to the spring near Happy Hollow, where two drunks were reported as holding a small sized celebration, and accordingly the chief hastened to the scene and gathered in the two men who were far advanced in their orgies and unable to get around with any degree of safety. They were locked up in the city jail and this morning one of the men, who claimed to be employed in the quarries at Cedar Creek, was released and allowed to go on his way and at once hastened to catch a train for his home to resume work. The other man was held in the hope that he might be able to secure work and settle his account with the city.

## MORE MACHINERY FOR FOUNDRY AND MACHINE SHOP

The Western Machinery and Foundry company of this city has just received a car of pig iron that will be used in the new foundry just installed by Mr. Sharp in the machine shops and plant. The foundry which is being prepared for handling the work that is piling up, will be one of the main features of the plant as there is a constant demand for all kinds of work that requires a foundry and makes it necessary to have one of sufficient capacity to handle all orders. Mr. Sharp has orders from several large manufacturing plants for work that can be handled in fine shape in this city and he will see that the work is turned out in first class shape.

Several pieces of machinery from the plant of the Duff Engineering company of Nebraska City has been moved up here and installed in the Western Machine company plant and will add to the efficiency of the company in handling their business. With these improvements in the equipment of the plant it has become one that the city can feel proud of and will now be in a position to go after the business that they were compelled to pass up before on account of lack of room and machinery to handle it.

## FARMER HAS TROUBLE IN THE HARVEST FIELD

From out in the vicinity of Murdock and Alvo comes the report of a slight altercation between one of the farmers in that section and a young man, and which has been brought to the attention of the county attorney for investigation and action. It would seem from what has come to the attention of the county attorney that the two parties to the controversy were loading oats a few days ago and the farmer was engaged in pitching oats onto the wagon while the young lad was engaged in straightening out the load. While the farmer was pitching the oats he ran onto a water jug and tossed this onto the wagon, and this is the cause of the difficulty between the two men. The younger one of the two began to monkey around with the jug with the result that some of the water was either spilled or thrown on the man who was pitching the bundles and this moved him to anger and in a few minutes there was something doing, as he reached up with the pitchfork handle and proceeded to land several good hard raps on the anatomy of the lad who was straightening out the load. This led to considerable argument and discussion between the parties interested and as the boy who claims he was struck by the pitchfork is a minor, it was decided to bring the matter to the attention of the county attorney and try and have him see that the affair was straightened out. The case is now being looked into in order to establish the merits of the affair before a complaint is filed against either one of the parties.

Misses Gertrude Sturm of Nehavka, Lillian Johnson of Omaha and Helen Tulley of Anselmo, Neb., are guests of Miss Marie Robertson in this city for a few days. The ladies are members of the Delta Delta Delta sorority at the University of Nebraska.

William Hiner was among those going to Omaha this afternoon to visit his cousin, Albert Rouse, at the St. Joseph hospital where he is recovering from the injuries received in the explosion of a boiler at Gretna a few days ago.

## CELEBRATES SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

Col. Thrasher Having a Good Time and Says He Will Be At Home Soon to Enjoy Life, at 76 Years of Age.

The many friends of Colonel J. H. Thrasher will be pleased to earn from the following letter that he is having a most pleasant time in the west where he is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Arthur Keffler at Missoula, Montana, and taking in the sights of that wonderful scene portion of the great west:

Missoula, Montana, July 30.  
Col. M. A. Bates, Plattsmouth, Dear Colonel:

Missoula is certainly a beautiful place, with the business houses and streets all kept up to date and in splendid shape.

We drove to Deer Lodge and back, about 120 miles through the most beautiful country that could be imagined and the scenery was perfect in its rugged beauty. The industry though the country was wonderful, the lumber mills especially and trout fishing was fine. I am certainly having the time of my life, but still I would like to be back to old Nebraska right now. She beats them all. As next Wednesday is my birthday, Agnes says I must stay over with her as she is going to have a swell dinner for me. I will be 76 years old. We are going to take a 100 mile drive tomorrow to Medicine Springs right up the mountains.

I have met a good many old soldiers here and they are all for President Wilson, but one. I can tell you that Wilson stands high in this country. The Elks home here in Missoula is a very beautiful one and they have a lodge of 600 members. I spend some of my time there. I have the rheumatism in my knees but have not laid up with it. This country is not good for rheumatism.

On returning home I expect to go by the way of Yellowstone park, and will reach Plattsmouth the 15th of August. Regards to all my friends. Yours truly,

J. H. Thrasher.

## COMMISSIONERS LOOK OVER BRIDGES NEEDING REPAIR

The county commissioners yesterday afternoon drove down in the vicinity of Murray where they looked over a bridge that was in need of repair as well as several jobs of road work that was demanding their attention. The members of the board had intended to go out to Eight Mile Grove precinct today to look over the bridge work and the roads but the rain interfered with their plans somewhat and they adjourned and departed homeward.

The bridge and road work problems is one of the biggest propositions that the county commissioners have to handle and the large amount of money that is necessary to carry on the work makes it hard to keep the roads of the county up in the way that they would like to have them, but the amount of work that can be done is limited by the funds that are available for the use of the county. Every person in the county feels that they have the right to have their road kept in first class condition all the time, and as a matter of fact it should be but the amount of money at the disposal of the county will not permit the grading and dragging of all the roads when it is needed.

## EAGLE PICNIC

The ninth annual picnic will be held at Eagle Wednesday and Thursday, August 9 and 10, with a program consisting of music by the Havelock Military band, speaking by Keith Neville and others, base ball games, automobile parade, tug-of-war, and sports of all kinds. Liberal prizes are offered. Plan to attend. 8-3-3twkly

Read the want ads in the Journal.