

# The Plattsmouth Journal.

## WASHINGTON AND LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAYS

The G. A. R. and Woman's Relief Corps Preparing to Celebrate Both Events at the Same Time.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
The commander of the Nebraska department of the Grand Army of the Republic has sent out to the different posts the request that the Grand Army members assist in the observance of the birthday of Lincoln and Washington's this year, and to stimulate the patriotic efforts that have been made for the more general observance of the birthdays of these two great Americans, both of which falls in February. In keeping with this request the local post of the Grand Army and Relief Corps are taking steps to make these anniversaries the occasion for a public observance of homage to the memory of the two men whose lives represents so much to the American people.

The plans for the observance of these two events are now under way and it is expected if possible to hold them on some date next week as the birthday of Lincoln comes on the 12th and that of Washington on the 22nd, so that another date will probably be chosen for the joint celebration. As a part of the program the Grand Army has arranged with Judge J. T. Begley to deliver a short address on the life of Lincoln, while Attorney C. A. Rawls will speak on George Washington and his work for the nation. In addition to these two very able addresses a short program of music and several readings will be given that will be patriotic in their nature and will aid in stimulating the interest in the proposed meeting. The old soldiers should have the hearty co-operation of the public in this work, as it is something that every patriotic American should feel a keen interest in and bring to the younger generation a clearer appreciation of the priceless gifts that these two great presidents have given to the republic—the one the leader in the war for independence, the other the leader in the struggle to settle the question of the solidity of the union of states. As soon as the meeting place is arranged for and the final details of the program settled, it will be announced through the Journal and the citizens can prepare to join in making it a great success.

## PAVING INJUNCTION CASE IS UP TODAY AGAIN

From Tuesday's Daily.  
The far famed injunction suit in which the residents of paving district No 12 are seeking to enjoin the city from levying and assessing the taxes for the paving on Washington avenue, was on trial today in the district court before Judge Begley and attracted a great deal of attention from the residents of that portion of the city where the paving is located. The various city officials, including Mayor Sattler, City Clerk Wargan, Councilmen Bestor, Buttery, Patterson and Luschnisky were all on the stand to detail the methods used in creating the paving district at the time it was passed upon by the council. The entire transaction was taken up in detail by the attorneys for both sides and the witnesses closely examined as well as the records of the city clerk covering the minutes of the meetings of the council. Attorney A. L. Tidd and D. O. Dwyer are conducting the suit for the protestants against the taxing for the paving, while the city is represented by Attorney C. A. Rawls and City Attorney J. E. Douglas. The case will consume the greater part of the day before it can be submitted to the court for judgment.

Joseph Zimmerer, the Avoca banker, was in the city last evening for a few hours visiting with his friends and attending to some business.

## FRANK GOBELMAN OPERATED UPON THIS MORNING

From Tuesday's Daily.  
Last evening Frank R. Gobelman was taken to Omaha, where he will enter a hospital in that city to undergo an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Gobelman has not been in the best of health for some weeks past and has been suffering from a chronic case of appendicitis that has gradually grown worse until it was decided that it would be necessary to have the operation performed in order to give him relief from his suffering. The many friends of Mr. Gobelman trust that he may soon be able to be up and around again and return home restored to his former good health.  
A message from the Methodist hospital in Omaha this afternoon states that Mr. Gobelman had been operated on this morning and was apparently in the best of shape and rallying nicely from the effects of the operation, and from present indications will recover rapidly.

## YOUNG PEOPLE TAKE GREAT INTEREST IN LIBRARY

From Tuesday's Daily.  
One of the points of interest in the city for the young people is the new Carnegie library, and it is worth a treat to see the boys and girls gather there to enjoy a journey into the works of some of the great authors. A person can hardly realize the good that the library does or the important part that it takes in the lives of these young people until they visit the library and witness the many school boys and girls tramping in to secure their books from the shelves of the library. Coming from their studies in the public schools they find here a spot where they can enjoy a treat in looking over and reading the gems of the masters of literature of all nations and all times. Miss Olive Jones, the librarian, is the friend and confidant of the many boys and girls who visit the library and through her splendid effort the best books find their way into the hands of the youngsters. It was only yesterday when a striking example of the interest of the young people was shown, when the librarian was handed an envelope containing \$2, and which represented the dues of the U. S. A. club, composed of Alice Pollock, Emma Wohlfarth, Clara May Morgan, Virginia Beeson and Theodosia Kroehler. The young ladies had decided to add their part to the betterment of the library and gave this sum to the library for the purchase of new books, and it is certainly a splendid showing of the interest of the Plattsmouth boys and girls in the library.

## NATURALIZATION DAY IN THE DISTRICT COURT

From Tuesday's Daily.  
Yesterday was naturalization day at the district clerk's office and the applications of several for their second citizenship papers was passed upon by Judge Begley in district court. Of the applicants for citizenship only one was able to come under the wire a full fledged citizen of the United States, and that was Tim Wooster of this city. The government regulations for citizenship are becoming more strict each year and it is no easy matter to secure the papers that entitle one to citizenship. All over the country there is a rush of foreign-born residents of the republic to become citizens in case that a state of war should develop between this country and any foreign power. The greater part of the applicants for citizenship are from the Danes, Swedes and Austrians. The tendency of the federal laws is to be more strict with the would-be citizen and he must be able to have a clear idea of what the principals of the American republic are founded on and a knowledge of the constitution of the republic.

Have you tried the Special Sunday Dinner at the Hotel Riley?

## SEIOUSLY INJURED WHILE ASSISTING IN CLEARING WRECK

From Tuesday's Daily.  
Don Bagnell, of Lincoln, who is employed in the Iowa district of the Burlington route, was injured very seriously Sunday near Cromwell, Ia., while assisting in clearing the road of the wreck. Mr. Bagnell fell from a bridge on which he was working and his injuries were of a serious nature and for a short time it was feared that he might not recover from the effects of them, but is now showing some signs of improvement although still in a dangerous condition. Mrs. Bagnell was called to Creston where the injured man was taken to the hospital and was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. J. E. Johnson, of Alliance, and they expect to remain at that place until Mr. Bagnell's condition shows some improvement. The injured man is well known in this city where he has been a frequent visitor at the home of his wife's grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson.

## MRS. R. W. KNORR SURPRISED ON ANNIVERSARY

From Tuesday's Daily.  
Last evening Mrs. R. W. Knorr was given a very pleasant surprise by a number of her friends on the occasion of her birthday anniversary, and the occasion was one that was filled with much enjoyment to everyone present to take part in the jolly event. The friends proceeded to the Knorr home during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Knorr, and when the "victim" of the surprise reached home she was completely surprised to find the house filled with the members of the jolly party, but at once entered into the spirit of the occasion and enjoyed to the utmost the pleasant evening. The time was spent in playing games of all kinds as well as in the enjoyment of several very delightful musical numbers until an appropriate hour, when the visitors produced from numerous baskets a most dainty luncheon, which was enjoyed to the utmost by the members of the party. Mrs. Knorr was presented by her friends with a handsome pearl necklace as a remembrance of the happy event, and received several other beautiful gifts as well, which will be long treasured as tokens of the esteem in which she is held by her friends. It was a late hour when the guests departed homeward wishing Mrs. Knorr many more such happy events.

## SEVERAL DIVORCES GRANTED IN THE DISTRICT COURT

This morning in district court a decree of absolute divorce was granted to Elizabeth Miller from John Miller on the grounds of abandonment, neglect and non-support. In the petition it is stated that the parties were married at Beatrice on July 15th, 1916, and that on October 15, 1916, the defendant deserted the plaintiff and has not provided in any way for her care or support. The maiden name of the plaintiff, Elizabeth Walker, was restored in the decree of the court.  
A decree of divorce was also granted to John F. Hoover from Luella Hoover. Both of these parties reside in the vicinity of Elmwood.  
Aside from the proceeding in the divorce cases the time of the court was occupied with the continuation of taking testimony in the injunction suit of the city and the property owners along Washington avenue. This case will occupy the greater part of today as there is still a large number of witnesses for the city including real estate men and property owners from different parts of the city.

William Otterstein of near Mynard was in the city today for a few hours looking after some matters of business with the merchants.

## CONSOLIDATION OF THE RURAL SCHOOLS

The Patrons Very Interested in the Matter—Big Meeting Was Held in Eagle Saturday.

From Wednesday's Daily.  
The question of school consolidation among the rural schools of the county is one of the absorbing topics in the country districts throughout Cass county and the agitation for steps in this direction in the different districts is growing very rapidly.  
The patrons of the schools in the vicinity of Murdock are planning a consolidation meeting on Monday evening at that place, at which time the question of uniting several of these districts into one will be thoroughly discussed, and a representative of the office of the state superintendent will be present to assist in the meeting and explain the phases of the plans to the school patrons.

Last Saturday evening Miss Eda Marquardt, county superintendent, was at Eagle in attendance at the meeting of the school districts, and here the question of the uniting of the schools was taken up and discussed by Mr. Dickson of the state superintendent's office, who pointed out the advantages of that system over the present one in use, as it gave, for a very small amount of money expended, a great deal better schools, and made it possible for the young people of the country districts to enjoy a high school education as well as the boy or girl in the city. A number of the patrons and members of the Alvo consolidated school board were present at the meeting and gave a detailed account of the work of handling a school of the size of that of Alvo and Eagle. The Alvo schools have become very efficient under the consolidation plan and the standard of the work has been raised greatly by the fact that more teachers for the higher grades have been secured, and now gives the boys and girls a full high school education at the home school. At Alvo, too, the children are hauled to and from school in bad weather, and conditions in handling the scholars are almost perfect in their detail.

Superintendent Worley of Alvo was present at the meeting and laid the figures of the cost of operating the schools, as well as the courses of study and the management of the consolidated system before the Eagle school patrons in a very convincing manner and his statements were followed very closely by those who were interested in the work.

Not only is the interest in this consolidation movement growing in the western portion of the county, but all over the different country districts this is being taken up and discussed, and from present indications there are a large number of the districts that figure on uniting and securing a more efficient school system in every way. The cost of maintaining the consolidated districts is only a few mills greater than that of the old district system, and it gives several additional teachers and the four high school grades to the school, which increases its usefulness to the community fully 100 per cent.

## THEFT OF 72 HOGS IN BUNCH CHARGE AGAINST BOY OF 18

Omaha, Feb. 5.—Stealing seventy-two hogs and spiriting them away from Nebraska City to South Omaha is the phenomenal theft charge up against Frank Moore, 18-year-old stripling, who now faces the indictment of grand larceny. Moore, who says his home is in Eldora, Ia., was arrested at the South Omaha yards by Sheriff Fisher of Nebraska City and Sergeant Manning of South Omaha.

Leo Weber, proprietor of the Nebraska City Hide and Tanning company, says the hogs were stolen from his place Monday night. Frank and Bertram Gillispie, of Weeping Water who were arrested with Moore while he was trying to sell the hogs, say Moore asked them to come along with him and share in some of the spoils.

## WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS ENTERTAINED BY MRS. MOSTIN

From Wednesday's Daily.  
The members of the Woman's Relief Corps were entertained very pleasantly yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Betty Mostin with Mrs. Mostin and Mrs. Asbury Jacks as the hostesses of the occasion. The afternoon was devoted by the ladies to the transaction of the business of the organization and in the enjoyment of a real pleasant social time among the members. The Mostin home was well filled by the ladies of the Corps and the afternoon passed very pleasantly to all. During the afternoon dainty and delicious refreshments were served that added to the further enjoyment of the members of the party. The members of the Relief Corps are assisting in the planning of the planning of the Lincoln-Washington birthday celebration and in this they are to be joined by the D. A. R. and the Boy Scouts as well as other patriotic societies who will see that the occasion is made a notable one in the history of the city.

## FIFTH NEBRASKA TO RETURN TO FORT CROOK TODAY

The Fifth Nebraska of the Federal Militia which has been doing service on the Mexican border for the past eight months is to return today to Nebraska to be quartered at Fort Crook until the government decides on what course to take in regard to mustering them out of the service. John Palneck of this city is one of the members of the Lincoln companies and will return with the boys from the front. The troops will reach Omaha and the fort at about 6 o'clock and from the route followed by the Fourth Nebraska will probably be sent via the Burlington through this city.

The federal government is taking every step possible to safeguard the bridges on the great transcontinental lines and special guards will be stationed at the Illinois Central and Union Pacific bridges in Omaha and also at the Burlington bridge in this city to see that they are protected and that no one without a pass is allowed on the bridges. These bridges are on the highway to the west and over which the government will transport munitions and troops in case of actual warfare and their guarding is very strict to see that the lines of railroad are kept open for travel.

## THE WATERWORKS TIED UP ALL DAY TUESDAY

The Plattsmouth Water company had an unfortunate experience in having one of the castings in the middle valve of the pump at their power station break, and which put the pump out of commission for several hours and created a shortage in the water supply to the city, although the supply at the standpipe was able to carry the service until in the afternoon. The management of the company did their utmost to have the damage repaired and were able to secure the new casting shortly after 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and by 7 o'clock the pump was hard at work filling the standpipe, and the residents of the city were given the usual service at their homes and places of business. It was very fortunate that there were no fires during the period of the water shortage, and for which everyone can feel thankful, and the patrons of the water company are appreciative of the prompt action that was taken to give them service.

## COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
The board of county commissioners assembled this morning for their regular monthly grind, and at once got down to business. A large number of claims were taken up by the board and passed upon as well as other routine business that was demanding the attention of the commissioners.

## MOVING BACK TO CASS.

Albert Satchell, who for the past several years has been on a farm near Stanton, Neb., has decided that he will return to Cass county, and will during the coming season be located on the Chris Metzger farm near Mynard. The many old friends of Mr. Satchell will be pleased to learn of his decision to once more make his home in their midst. Mr. Satchell was in the city yesterday and called at the Journal headquarters, where he subscribed for the Old Reliable, to be sent to his daughter at Stanton.

## AUXILIARY SPENDS PLEASANT EVENING AT THE MANSE

From Wednesday's Daily.  
Last evening about 6:30 the Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church their husbands and a few friends wended their way to the Manse on West Rock St., to spend the evening with Rev. H. G. McClusky and family. A number of the ladies had gone to the Manse during the later part of the afternoon to prepare the supper and as the company entered the Manse with their sharpened appetites, a most delicious supper and one which the ladies of this splendid organization, only know best how to prepare was ready to be served. After supper had been served and the good things to eat had disappeared, the remainder of the evening was spent in a social time, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, this program being manipulated in a most capable manner by one of the ladies of the organization.

The ladies decided they would spring a surprise on Mr. and Mrs. McClusky and the guests were requested to bring a pound of something and as each guest arrived at the manse, these various pounds were placed on the dining room table. During the evening Mr. McClusky was requested to be seated at one side of the table and Mrs. McClusky at the opposite side and to guess what each package contained. This guessing contest created considerable amusement and merriment for the jolly company. Marion Dickson, Miss Maurine Hughes, Mrs. G. L. Farley, Mr. and Mrs. McClusky and a quintet composed of Messrs McClusky, Frank Clويد, R. W. Knorr, G. L. Farley and Carl Schmidtman contributed a number of musical selections, which greatly added to the evening's pleasures and were most thoroughly appreciated by the company. Mr. Z. E. Sutley and Mr. Stryker, who are strangers in our midst, gave short talks in which they spoke of enjoying these occasions and that the members of the Ladies Auxiliary surely made them feel at home as they had participated in many such occasions in their old homes. Mrs. Nellie P. Agnew, who was formerly a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, but who has been residing in California for the past 15 years, spoke of being glad that she was with them again and although she had resided in California for so many years, preferred being in Plattsmouth with her old friends.

Mr. H. A. Schneider, not being a stranger, told of the Presbyterians having troubles in the past and still having troubles, that in years gone by had often spoken of wanting a Manse for their pastor and then after looking around the various hills about the city of Plattsmouth, concluded to locate their pastor's home on West Rock St. He then said they were still having troubles in that the pastor and his family resided so far from town, and now they were going to win the Ford car given by the E. G. Dovey & Son store and an appeal was made for each to put their shoulder to the wheel and push push hard. It being a late hour this jolly company dispersed, declaring they never did have such a good time and in hopes that they might have more of these get together social affairs.

## FRANK GOBELMAN IMPROVING.

Reports from the Methodist hospital in Omaha state that while Frank Gobelman, who is at that institution recovering from an operation for appendicitis, has been suffering a great deal of pain, it is thought by the attendants that he is on the way to recovery. It will be several days before it will be possible to tell anything definite as to the case however.

## MATTES SPEAKS FOR FOREIGN BORN MEN

Well Known Citizen of German Birth Tells Where He and Others Stand.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 6.—John Mattes, president pro tem. of the state senate, and one of the best Germans in the state, asserted today that no matter how dark the clouds of international difficulty become the intention of foreign-born citizens to stand firmly and courageously for their adopted country, will grow brighter and more determined.

"No country and no form of government can escape criticism for its course, even though that course is one adopted in the hour of severest trial," he said.  
"I am pained beyond expression that my adopted country which, only a few weeks ago, seemed to me the guiding star to the haven of world-wide peace in a world at war has found it necessary to take a step which I sincerely hope may not lead to more serious complication and results.

"Whatever the future may have in store for us, those among our own citizenship who made their own country and their home by voluntary choice, the country of which they chose citizenship and to which they swore allegiance, will in the test of this or any other hour, show a loyalty equally as deep and sincere as the most patriotic of the country's native-born sons and perhaps superior to that of many who did not make a voluntary choice of citizenship here, but accepted without thought the citizenship which was fortunately conferred by birth on this soil.

"The exhibition of lofty patriotism by the adopted citizens of our country may at all times be the less spectacular, but their deeds will speak all the louder in every hour and in every national emergency.  
"I entertain the thought that our universal citizenship, native or foreign-born, has received invaluable inspiration and cherishes as a sacred national tradition the memory of the valor and the loyalty exhibited by Lafayette, Kosciuszko, Von Steuben, Sigel, Schurz, and many others who left to succeeding generations the heradage of their works, their counsel and their ready and patriotic sacrifices."

## FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY CLUB HOLDS LARGE MEETING

The Community Center club of the Fairview school district west of this city held a very interesting meeting last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Haworth, and one that was thoroughly enjoyed by the large crowd present. The evening was spent in a social way and in the discussion of several matters of interest to the community, and in a general good time. One of the features of interest in the gathering was a fine oyster supper, which was served to the delighted members of the party, and it is needless to say that everyone did ample justice to the treat prepared for them. The club will hold a meeting this evening at the Tritsch school, at which D. R. Ellis, secretary of the Farmers' Union of Nebraska, will be present and give a short talk for the benefit of the members of the club along the lines of community interest. The occasion will be one of more than usual merit and the members of the club are anticipating a rare treat in the remarks of Mr. Ellis. This club is taking up the work of the community needs and desires and the members are showing great interest in the meetings and developing a spirit of better understanding and appreciation of each other in the community in which they reside and to lift the standard of life in the locality.

Mrs. May Loughridge of Murray is in the city today, being called here to look after some business matters for a few hours.