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SOME ONE TO BLAME SURLEY

WHETHER IT IS LODGED AGAINST
THE COMMISSIONERS OR
SOME ONE ELSE.

THE ROAD SURE IS AWFUL.

Plattsmouth Had Better Get After
the Responsible
Man.

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon, four men dropped into this city in a car, yes, dropped in, for they declare they cannot drive in, for some places between here and LaPlatte, the ruts and chuch holes are over a foot deep, and straight down. They tell that many people are avoiding this town, and going over the river at Council Bluffs, and then down the other side and crossing back to Nebraska City again. The men who were talking about the conditions were Fred Fritz and S. T. West of Johnson, and D. E. Morefield and C. M. Polk of Omaha. Mr. Polk, who seemed to be the spokesman, although all told the same story, said that if it were possible to find out who is responsible for the conditions, they would advise hanging him. They said that the people of this great commonwealth were entitled to a good road across one of the richest districts of this rich state. They said that unless the people here had local pride enough to see that the roads were made passable, and decent to pass over that some other force would step in and make it so themselves.

Polk and Morefield said that they have passed over the stretch between Omaha and Kansas City and that their traveling would be through Council Bluffs, and on the other side of the river. Every car that goes the other way is at the expense of the owner of the Platte river bridge of the garages in this city, as well as all the business interests which suffer from the loss of traffic. The matter is up to us, what are we going to do about it? It looks like a committee of citizens had better get after the matter and find who is to blame and have the matters mended.

Through the "Death Valley."

Joseph L. Thompson, the man at the bridge, which crosses the Platte river, has many experiences, and last night was no exception to the experiences which come nightly. Beginning about dark, cars would come out nearly to the bridge, and after stopping for a while would work back toward town, and cars of which he counted some half dozen, by their lights seemed to be camping along the road, and finally about eleven o'clock they disappeared. They came the secret of the mysterious cars for every car that would pass would ask about the signs which were along the road.

This morning Harry Clark was returning from Omaha, and noticed the signs, and invited the representative of this paper to take a ride, we did so to the bridge, coming back, we felt like we had been initiated into the Oriental Degrees of the Order of Sampararians, from the jolting we received. But that was nothing to what we saw. The first which was just this side of Tom Wills, was a sign which said on one side "War roars are hell," and on the reverse was "We are saving our money." Going on down the road at the turn in the road was a sign which said, "Roads Impassable, Stay at Home." There were no more then until one turned to go across the Burlington tracks, when a sign said, "This Road to the Pollock Auto Bridge, Buy Your Shock Absorbers at Pollock's Garage." After crossing the railroad, a sign confronts you with the question "Are You All In?" The next one gets a little stronger and says, "AIN'T THEY HELL?" This is just opposite to the Nord residence, and on a knoll by the side of the road, looking pretty respectably for a free ad, which said, Cass County Auto Club, evidently the meeting place of the good roads committee who were superintending the matter of furnishing flowers to the people who lose their tempers, if

not their lives there. At the point where one turns west to go to the bridge, was a large sign more pretentious than the others, and embellished by some drawings which have come from an other age, as they were skulls and cross bones. The reading on the sign is, DEATH VALLEY OF NEBRASKA. Here Lies

The Cass County Commissioners. At the culvert between the turn and the river bridge, was a sign, "Wanted First Aid Support, Good Roads," and near it was another saying, "Speed Limit 100 Miles per Hour." Passing the bridge was one which said, "Look out for your springs," and just opposite was one which advised "Look Out Ahead." The last one before coming to the bridge, read, "This Road Impassable, Go By the Way of Louisville."

As we started out over the road we asked Dr. Cook, who was passing to take a ride, and when we had returned, we felt rather sorry, as the poor man must have suffered over the "Rocky Road to Dublin."

We are not setting on this case as to who is responsible for the conditions which prevail, but it is a crime against society, which might just as well be wiped off the slate, for it is not impossible to fix the road into a boulevard, which would invite rather than drive people away from the city. Still it is here at our door step, what are we going to do about it? It is up to this city to see that the proper person or persons, get after the matter and get some roads that will lead to somewhere.

More On the Road Question.

The following letter was received from The Omaha Automobile Club, relative to the condition of the roads near this city:

Mr. T. H. Pollock, Plattsmouth, Nebr.
Dear Mr. Pollock:-
Nearly every tourist who comes over the K-T or Washington Highway from Plattsmouth registers a very severe kick on the deplorable condition of the road from the Plattsmouth bridge nearly into Plattsmouth. It is also bad through Sarpy County, but I believe you will agree with me that the stretch south of the bridge is as bad as it can possibly be.

We are very anxious to have some action taken on this matter and would like to have a suggestion from you as to who we could see or write to with assurance of some work. Will be glad to hear from you.

Very truly yours,
S. E. SMYTH,
Secretary Omaha Automobile Club.

GONE BUT NOT FORTGOTTEN.

From Friday's Daily.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Perry Koons, eight miles northeast of Weeping Water on Troy Wiles farm a little girl Wednesday evening, June 26, at 6 o'clock. After a short severe illness little Ethel May passed away at 6 o'clock Thursday evening, June 27.

Funeral took place at the house Friday afternoon. Brother E. A. Wachtel of Waverly, Nebr., conducted the service.

He spoke many comforting words which the family appreciate very much. The little one was laid to rest at Weeping Water, Nebr. The pall bearers were Herold Embury, Frank Straugh, Freddie Ronne, and Earl Embury.

NOT BOOZE BUT SPEED.

From Friday's Daily.
Dame Rumor was saying last evening that some arrests had been made for the violation of the prohibition law, but grandma was mistaken. The records in the office of the police judge this morning show, that the arrest of H. S. Munterfering and V. G. Nice, who were apprehended last evening and who spent the night in the city jail, was charged with violating the speed limit regulation, and were each assessed a fine of ten dollars and costs, which amounted to three in each case. This is adding \$26.00 to the funds which go to keep up the county expenses.

A. L. Neathwig and R. L. Flanagan, both state agents, were in the city last evening and this morning and it was they who made the arrests, of the parties charged, and arraigned then in court. The fines were paid and the men discharged.

Stationery at the Journal office.

ALLIED FRONT FROM ADRIATIC TO THE AEGEAN

FRENCH AND ITALIANS TAKE
BERAT IN ADVANCE IN HEART
OF ALBANIA.

Greek Army Threatens Bulgars
While Jugo-Slavs Prepare
to Rise.

Rome, July 12.—Italian and allied troops in Albania and Macedonia have succeeded in perfecting a single front extending from the Adriatic sea to Saloniki on the Aegean sea, a distance of some 200 miles, according to the latest reports published here today.

The French and Italians have carried their lines steadily northward into the heart of Albania. The town of Berat, the most important point in southern Albania, has fallen. It is reported large quantities of supplies were destroyed by the retreating Austrians.

Greek Army Threatens.
Official reports would appear to show that the advance of the French and Italians are reaching further and further east into the mountains and toward the rear of the Bulgarian positions around Monastir.

Serbian positions near that city have been savagely attacked by the Bulgarians, who after gaining a momentary foothold on the Serbian trenches, were driven out.

British monitors and Italian destroyers are co-operating with the Italian troops. These forces are flanked by French troops north of Koritso, while further east the Greek army, which is daily growing in efficiency, threatens the Bulgarian positions.

Austrian Troops Mutiny.

In Albania there are many Serbians and Montenegrins who have expressed their impatience to re-enter the struggle to reconquer their native countries. The Jugo-Slavs and the Czechoslovaks there are said to believe that their compatriots in the interior of Austria will be of assistance if the allied offensive continues successful.

A revolt of Austrian troops in Serbia is reported. The mutiny was suppressed only after hard fighting.

PLEADS GUILTY TO SEDITION.

From Saturday's Daily.
Last night on the return of Judge Begley from a trip to Nebraska City he heard the complaint from the county attorney, which was the result of charges lodged with his office, by people of Lincoln, charging Mr. E. E. Marshall of near Murdock, of having said something against the Liberty bonds, and when charged therewith, he said that what he was charged with is not just what he said, but that in order to get the matter settled he would plead guilty of the charges, which he did and drew a fine of \$25.00 and costs. If this or any other man is not guilty of sedition, he should not be fined therefor, but if again, he or anyone else is guilty, they should be made suffer the limit of the law, for if one is not for us he is against us.

SELLING MANY TRUCKS.

From Saturday's Daily.
John F. Gorder is selling many trucks at this time and during the past week has disposed of two of the International make, and as these trucks come from the factory, with the chassis alone, the bodies have to be built. The company which constructs the truck, do not build farm bodies, but only express bodies. Therefore the farm bodies have to be constructed. John Hirz is making an excellent body and Monday Nelson & Norden of Auburn are coming to this city to inspect the body built by Mr. Hirz with a view of having the same body built at their place.

CHILD DIES IN THIS CITY.

From Saturday's Daily.
The seventeen months old child, Robert Gotsay, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Guy Gotsay, of Pacific Junction, Iowa, died at the home of B. J. Reynolds this morning just before ten o'clock. The little one with his mother came here to visit nearly three weeks since at the home of B. J. Reynolds, Mrs. Gotsay being the step daughter of Mr. Reynolds, just after they arrived the little one was taken sick, with dysentery, and has continued to grow worse, until the end came this morning. The father Guy Gotsay, has been stationed with the National Guards at Camp Kearney, California, and arrived Thursday in response to a message telling of the sickness of the little son. The remains of the little child was taken to the home of the parents this afternoon, where the funeral is to be held from at a date not yet determined upon.

BUSINESS HUMMING AT O. K. GARAGE

From Saturday's Daily.

During the past few days the trucks of the O. K. Garage as far as possible for the roads have been as busy as they can possible be, with the transportation of stock to market. During the warm weather the trucks are used at night to carry the stock to market. They took two loads of hogs to Omaha today or rather last night for they carried them in the night, for C. A. Meisinger. They have a contract for carrying of one hundred hogs from the feeding pens of Ralph Haynie to the stock yards, which he is just now turning off. The hogs will be carried at night, as is the practice, and thus they are enabled to carry them with less liability to loss.

ANOTHER AMERICAN SOLDIER HERE

From Saturday's Daily.

Yesterday morning there arrived at the home of Ira Stull and wife, a little stranger, claiming relationship to the happy parents, and shouting loudly for American, and the Stars and Stripes. He was greeted with a happy smile from the father and the mother looked the pleasure from her glad eyes, and all are happy even the hired girl and doctor were glad the stork arrived. The little boy is feeling fine, as is also the fond parents.

VISITING WITH HER SON.

From Saturday's Daily.

Mrs. M. S. Briggs departed this morning for Lincoln, where she goes to visit for the day with her son Leland S. Briggs, who is in the service, and in special training at the State Farm. At Lincoln, Mrs. Briggs will meet Mrs. Elisha G. Ozbun, and daughter who will also visit with Leland and return with Mrs. Briggs to this place for a visit with her and mother Mrs. Elvira Ozbun, who is spending the summer here with her daughter.

RALPH LAIR WRITES.

From Saturday's Daily.

Miss Leta Lair who is working in the book shop of Earl Stanfield, today received a letter from her brother, Ralph in which he says that he had just received a picture which she some days since and which a comrade of his had walked seven miles to deliver to him giving an example of the friendship which exists between the soldier boys.

INJURED BY A HORSE KICKING.

From Saturday's Daily.

Yesterday while Mrs. Walter Beyers and Mary Burnett were driving to this city, and had gotten along near the W. A. Taylor farm, and the horse began kicking, and kicked severely Mrs. Beyers, who with the other lady soon got out of the rig, while Mrs. Beyers is just able to walk after the kicking, she is pretty badly bruised and very sore from her experience. She did not receive any broken bones but was injured very severely, and she was all but kicked out of the buggy. She is feeling some easier today but just able to get around and that is all.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

These tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. If you have any troubles of this sort, give them a trial and realize for yourself what a first-class medicine will do for you. They only cost a quarter.

FRENCH CAPTURE LONGPONT VILLAGE AND PUSH AHEAD

GERMAN POPULATION HAS
ENOUGH OF RAIDS BY ALLIES
ON OPEN TOWNS.

British Patrol Better Positions and
Take Prisoners in Kemmel
Sector.

Paris, July 12.—The British fighting forces in France now aggregate two million men, says the Havas correspondent on the British front. This equals the number on the front in 1917.

French Take Town.
Paris, July 12.—The village of Longpont, on the Suveries river, east of Villers Cotterets, has been captured by the French, says the official statement from the war office today.

The French also continued their progress north of Chavigny farm and east of Faverolles. Jacage farm northeast of Faverolles, also was occupied.

Fifteen Prisoners.
In raids north of Montdidier and in Champagne the French captured fifteen prisoners. The official text reads:

"Our troops continued their progress north of Chavigny farm and east of Faverolles. Last night our troops occupied the village of Longpont and the Jacage farm."

"Two raids, one north of Montdidier and the other in Champagne resulted in the capture of fifteen prisoners."

"The German artillery was rather active on the left bank of the Meuse, (Verdun region)."

British In Raids.

London, July 12.—Further raiding operations were carried out by British troops last night, notably in the Flanders area, near Merris and Metere, the war office announced today. Prisoners were taken in a patrol encounter in the Kemmel sector on this front.

Another British party raided the German lines near Hamel, south of the Somme. A patrol clash in the neighborhood of Gacelle, northeast of Arras also resulted in the taking of prisoners.

In their operation in the vicinity of Merris the British took 120 prisoners. The statement reads:

"In the successful minor enterprise taken by us yesterday southwest of Merris we captured more than 120 prisoners and ten machine guns."

"A raid attempted by the enemy yesterday south of Bucquoy was repulsed."

"We carried out a successful raid during the afternoon northeast of Merris."

"During the night Welsh troops raided the German trenches in the vicinity of Hamel and captured sixteen prisoners and a machine gun in addition to destroying many dugouts and inflicting casualties on the enemy. Successful raids were carried out by us also near Metere. Further prisoners were taken by our troops in these engagements and also in patrol encounters in the neighborhood of Gacelle and in the Kemmel sector."

Enough Air Raids.

Genva, July 12.—Another campaign has been undertaken along the Rhine to prevent allied bombardment of Rhine towns.

The Landtag of the Duchy of Baden has been asked to request the Grand Duchy to exercise its influence with the imperial authorities to come to an arrangement with the belligerents to abandon the aerial bombardments of town outside the zone of military operations.

Commenting on this new campaign the Lausanne Gazette declares the Germans have bombarded London and Paris more than a hundred times while the allies during three years for various reasons were unable to reply, but did not whine. Now the Germans, it adds, after only a few

months of bombardment of their open towns are crying "kamerad."

HAS HAD SOME EXPERIENCE.
From Saturday's Daily.
This is the way an Omaha Banker looks at the matters of the road leading into this city from Omaha. Comments on the matter is not necessary:

Omaha, July 12, 1918.
Mr. George O. Dovey,
First National Bank,
Plattsmouth, Nebr.
Dear George:-

Please accept my thanks for the courtesy shown me on my visit to Plattsmouth last Sunday. I appreciate your invitation to come again, but good Lord man, I do not know that I would live through the bumpy roads for another trip. My poor little Ford groaned frightfully and I have been tightening bolts since.

An I could not bring my mother down again (she usually goes with me on all my short trips) because she would be scared to cross the rickety bridge again.

Why don't you get busy and improve the roads to Plattsmouth? It would be a mighty pleasant drive except for the bumps and the bridge. Plattsmouth is too good a town to let the thing stand as it is.

Unless I hear from you sooner I will phone you about Monday afternoon when the little matter in which I am interested blows off.

Hoping that you will not fail to drop in for lunch with me the next time you are in the City.
Yours truly,
W. B. HUGHES.

FAN BLADE BREAKS PLATE GLASS WINDOW

From Friday's Daily.

The electric fan was foxy last evening at the store of the Westcott Boys, when one of the clerks, Lawrence Spreacher, in an endeavor to draw a curtain over the show window to keep the sun out, he accidentally struck one of the blades of the fan on the entrance recess, breaking it, and with the force with which the fan was turning, it was hurled through the plate glass window, making a hole about five inches across, the blade going into the inside of the window, but not breaking the glass elsewhere.

MAKES PURCHASE OF HOME.

From Friday's Daily.

Charles L. Martin yesterday purchased through the A. C. Mutz agency, one of the Bungalows on Washington avenue, which was some time ago, built by C. C. Parmele, and which has been occupied by A. C. Davis for some time. The consideration being \$2,800.00. This is a very desirable piece of property, and one which will make Mr. Martin and wife a good home.

CONGRESS WILL TAKE VACATION UNTIL AUG. 20

SENATE LEADERS AGREE TO
POSTPONE PROHIBITION AND
SUSPEND BUSINESS UNDER
THREE-DAY RECESSES.

Washington, July 12.—An agreement was tentatively reached today by senate leaders for postponement of prohibition legislation until August 20, for a vote late today or tomorrow on the administration wire control resolution and for suspension of senate business until August 19 under a "gentleman's agreement" for three-day recesses.

No agreement could be reached with house leaders for a definite adjournment of congress, but it is expected that the house also will have continuous three-day recesses after disposition of urgent business.

Under the agreement, virtually concluded today, the prohibition measure would be brought up August 20 and held before the senate until a vote is reached.

Wire Control to Be Voted.

With the roll call in prospect tomorrow, approval of the wire control resolution was conceded in spite of opposition that has been voiced on the senate floor.

Importance of final action on prohibition legislation because of its possible effect on the new revenue bill soon to be framed by the house ways and means committee was brought to the attention of President Wilson tonight by Senator Simmons, chairman of the senate finance committee, and Representative Kitchin, chairman of the house ways and means committee. They gave the president estimates of loss of revenue to the government, which prohibition would cause with the request that they give it careful study before the prohibition legislation is brought to a vote in the senate.

DEPART FOR HOME IN WEST.

From Friday's Daily.

Mrs. James Marasek and little daughter, who have been here for some time on account of the sickness of her mother, Mrs. Anna Good, who was taken sick in Minneapolis some time since, departed last evening for their home at Grant. Mrs. Anna Good, the mother is now making good improvement and has about regained her normal health again, which is good news to her many friends.

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