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## COMMUNITY BARGAIN DAY A BIG SUCCESS

### LARGER PART OF BUSINESS MEN FIND STOCKS DEPLETED BY THE BIG DEMANDS

From Thursday's Daily. Another of the special community sales days has been held in the city and which will be classed with the two previous very successful events of its kind which were held here in June and July.

The stores which had offered special features for the day in the way of extra bargains were taxed to their utmost capacity by the shoppers early in the morning and for the greater part of the day the eager purchasers were in evidence in all of the stores.

Several of the places were swamped of their special lines early in the morning and it was necessary to order more from the wholesale houses in Omaha in order to supply the demand. In cases where this was found impossible customers' orders were taken for delivery as soon as possible.

In addition to the featured lines many other very choice bargains were offered by the merchants which were taken advantage of to the utmost by the buying public.

The success of the sales has clearly demonstrated that their offerings are studied by the buying public and certainly have been as successful as the most enthusiastic booster could possibly have desired. The Ad club will at its next session review the sales of the past and discuss the plans for the next big event of this kind for the coming month.

## SOUTH SIDERS GIVE AN ALL NIGHT PARTY

From Thursday's Daily. An all night party was held by a score of South Siders at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Leapley near Benson. There was a big supper, a fine breakfast and refreshments in between. In the morning members of the party milked cows and gave exhibitions of wild west horseback riding.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. James Collins and family, Mrs. Francis Collins, Mrs. Spencer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Davis and family, Mrs. Minnie Howard, Will Callahan, Mrs. Carrie Tracy, Will Wilder, Mr. and Mrs. Everett McCart and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Leapley, Miss Nora Leapley, Frank McMur, Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Roberts and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Hovencamp, Mrs. Hilda Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harkins and family.—World-Herald.

## MILLS OF JUSTICE GRIND

From Thursday's Daily. The mill in the justice shop of Judge Archer was busy grinding this morning and the first to experience the contact with the court was Sam Beverage who had been taken in Tuesday night while returning home from Omaha. The charge of possession of liquor was placed on the docket against this gentleman and it was stated by the police that a quantity of the moonshine had been found in the handbag that Mr. Beverage was carrying. The court decided that it would cost \$100 and trimmings for the offense and this amount will be necessary to appease the injured feelings of the justice.

The police also took up James Wondra Tuesday night, claiming that he had sold liquor in the city and since that time the young man had been kept waiting trial. It was stated today that the case would be probably called for trial this afternoon.

## RECEIVES SAD NEWS

Mrs. E. A. Wurl of this city has received the sad news of the death at Rahway, New Jersey, on Tuesday night of her father, Philip Andreas. The deceased was for many years a resident of Omaha and Council Bluffs and well known in those two cities and had recently gone east to visit with the eldest daughter at her New Jersey home and while there was taken with a severe attack of gall stones that necessitated an operation and from the result of which he failed to rally.

So far no word has been received as to whether or not the body could be brought back to Council Bluffs, but it is expected that the body will probably be held until the funeral.

## HAS BUSY DAY

From Friday's Daily. Among the conveyances in the service yesterday hauling the picnicists to and from the grounds at LaPlatte, none was busier than that of Wayne Goucheon who made nine trips to and from the grounds and in the eighteen trips hauled some 112 persons. The greater part of the passengers that this enterprising young driver handled were young ladies and this made the task doubly pleasant to him.

We can furnish you blank books most any kind at Journal office.

## RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

From Thursday's Daily. Mrs. G. G. Hoffman returned this morning from Rochester, Minnesota, where she has been for the past four weeks recovering from an operation for goitre from which she has been a sufferer for years. The operation was performed at the Mayo Brothers' hospital and Mrs. Hoffman was required to spend an hour and a half on the operating table. She is feeling greatly improved now for the first time in years a relief from the suffering occasioned by the goitres of which three were removed. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haynie of Omaha accompanied Mrs. Hoffman back to this city.

## PICNIC DAY MAKES CITY VERY QUIET

### All Business Houses of City Closed and the Citizens Gather at La Platte for an Outing.

From Thursday's Daily. A great silence and a half on the streets of this city today as the business men and clerks closed up their places of business, gathering for a day's outing and recreation period at the big picnic arranged for the occasion at Spring Lake park near La Platte.

Most of the stores closed at 10 o'clock sharp and from then on until noon the procession of automobiles traveling to the picnic grounds formed a steady stream. All of the picnickers carried with them baskets of lunch and these re-inforced by the ice cream, watermelons and other delicacies provided by the committee served to make the day one of the greatest of pleasure from the standpoint of the inner man.

The committee that has had the affair in charge for the last week, was on the grounds early arranging for the various events in which the business men and others were to disport in the races and contests.

The court house was not closed, owing to the fact that a number of the residents from out over the county were expected in to look after some legal matters there that would not permit the closing of the building so the officials might enjoy the day. The Journal force was also unable to join the picnic party due to the fact that it was necessary to issue the regular semi-weekly and daily issues of the paper.

## SHOWS SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT

Word has been received here by the friends of Mrs. William Ballance, from the members of the family who are now at Michigan City, Indiana, when Mrs. Ballance was first taken sick a week ago.

Mrs. Ballance on his arrival at the Indiana city found that the wife was very weak and this condition has caused a great deal of apprehension but at the present time she is showing some slight improvement. The patient seems to be threatened with an attack of pneumonia, but it is hoped to check the ailment before it has reached this stage. When Mrs. Ballance regains sufficient strength it is hoped to have her brought back home to Plattsmouth.

## VISITS RELATIVES HERE

From Thursday's Daily. E. R. Hunter, superintendent of schools at Spencer, Nebraska, with Mrs. Hunter, have been spending a short time in this city as guests at the home of Rev. A. V. Hunter and family. Mr. Hunter and wife have just returned from a 1,000 mile automobile trip through Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and Utah, and before returning to their home at Spencer decided to spend a short time with relatives in Cass County, at Weeping Water with the parents of Mr. Hunter and with the brother and family at Plattsmouth.

## PROTEST ON THE DUST

The business men who have property on Main street as well as the property owners residing along the paved streets of the resident section have been feeling that they are not given the proper shake in regard to the care of the paved streets. In many cases the streets are such that when the wind is blowing the dust is almost as bad as though there was no paving there and this dust sweeps into the business houses, homes and all the buildings adjacent to the paving and as a result proves very annoying. It is felt that the streets should be sprinkled, swept or flushed to get rid of the dust nuisance and particularly in the business section where the special levy is contributed by the business men to care for the streets.

## LEARNS OF BAD NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Hartwick, of this city have received the sad news of the death of their little granddaughter, Charlotte McLeod, the seven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McLeod, who passed away Wednesday at the hospital in Chicago, where she has been for the past week suffering from an attack of diphtheria. Mr. McLeod, who had returned home from Chicago a few days ago, was called back to the windy city by the sad news of the death of the little one.

## YOUNG AND OLD ENJOYED THE PICNIC

### MERCHANTS AND CLERKS PICNIC ATTRACTS LARGE CROWD TO THE GROUNDS

From the time of the closing of the stores in the city at 10 o'clock yesterday morning until late in the afternoon the stream of automobiles kept the road from this city to La Platte busy, conveying the loads of picnickers to the picnic grounds where the first big merchants' and clerks' picnic was being staged.

The picnic, however, was not confined to those engaged in business and their employes but everyone in the community was invited to be present and enjoy the fine time that had been provided for them by the live committee who had charge of the event. The attendance at the picnic numbered from 1,200 to 1,500 and there were over two hundred cars to cross the Platte river bridge to the picnic grounds.

The committee in charge had made every effort to have the car drivers solve the special rate tickets for the picnic by giving notices in the Journal of where the tickets could be procured, announcing in on the bulletin board at Fifth and Main street and also by having a man at the bridge, but despite this there were many who failed to avail themselves of the chance to secure the tickets.

At the grounds large counters were erected where the refreshments provided by the committee from the donations of the merchants were distributed. Loads of the great re-heated watermelons that would have delighted the heart of the lover of the favorite summer fruit, hundreds of gallons of real ice cold lemonade and ice cream were also given out to the throng of merry-makers during the course of the day.

Those going in the morning to the picnic grounds had come provided with their lunches and in the pleasant shade of the trees along the St. Mary's creek they enjoyed their dinner in the open with appetites whetted by the drive out to the picnic grounds.

The races and other events of the day were great successes with a large number of cash prizes as well as merchandise was given away to the fortunate winners.

In the fat man's race Carl Schmidtman proved the most fleet of foot, doing the mile in nothing, which establishes a great record. As contender in the lean men's race, Maldon Brown, the jeweler, gave evidence of his army training by distancing all contenders for first place.

The Ford slow race was won by Otto Wohlfarth as the committee was greatly disappointed in not having Clay and other motorists enter in the contest.

There were a number of boy races for the small lads as well as the older boys and among the winners of these events were Edgar Wescott, Charles Majors, Marshall Cole and Robert Bestor.

In the girls race Iola Kopsichka proved the winner of the affair and was awarded the prize. Joe Buttery was the winner in the three-legged race and in the sack race John Kubovic was the winner with "Doc" Sandvin a hot second in the race. In the shoe race Francis Weherbein was the winner of the heat.

Mrs. J. E. Wolf won the ladies' race in the first part of the program and in the second race Miss Powell captured first place. Richard Schlicke was awarded the prize as the fastest pie eater, although "Jake" Adams was probably the allround champion eater of the crowd by unofficial averages.

The tug-of-war which attracted a great deal of attention was won by the south side with ease as they pulled the northsiders all over the lot. Owing to lack of space the scheduled ball game was devoted to indoor baseball played outdoors and also to save the hands and persons of the merchants from the damage that they might receive from the league ball. How the score of the game finally resulted is a deep mystery as the committee failed to keep a check of this important event.

The jolly crowd commenced returning home about 5 o'clock and by dusk the grounds presented a deserted appearance as the picnickers transferred the activities back to the city. The evening portion of the program was staged at the K. S. park where a free dance was enjoyed by a large crowd of the young and old and which lasted until the approach of the midnight hour.

The picnic was a very pleasant event throughout and in the time allotted to them to arrange the event the committee did some splendid work and cheerfully gave their time to the labor that was necessary to get the big event started and making a success in every way. It was the general sentiment of those attending that there should be more of these pleasant events held in this city as it served to bring everyone together. All classes of the city were represented, merchants, lawyers, doctors, clergyman, farmers and rail-

## ROAD MEN BEING ON HAND TO ENJOY THE FUN

Visits relatives here. George W. Rhoden and family of this city are enjoying a visit from two nephews of Mr. Rhoden, A. A. Rhoden of Fairbury and J. A. Rhoden of Watertown, South Dakota. The gentlemen are sons of James Rhoden of Endicott, Nebraska, the eldest one of the original Rhoden family and who is still hale and hearty at the age of seventy-six years. The two gentlemen reached this city too late to attend the funeral of their uncle, W. A. Rhoden which was held on Wednesday at Elmwood.

## GEO. GREBE DIES AT HIS HOME SUDDENLY

### Retired Last Evening in Usual Health and Passed Away During the Night Sometime

From Thursday's Daily. The community was shocked this morning to learn that George Grebe Sr., one of the old residents of the city had passed away at his home on Windersteen hill during the night, death coming suddenly and unexpectedly to this fine old gentleman.

Mr. Grebe has been in the employ of the Burlington shops here for a great number of years and has always been apparently very strong and robust in his health and had never complained of feeling any sickness to his family or friends. Last evening he retired at the usual time and apparently in the best health. Shortly after 11 o'clock, the son William Grebe returned home and at that time the father was sleeping and did not show signs of sickness or suffering. Later in the night Mrs. Grebe noticed that her husband was not breathing as strongly as usual and she called William to the bed room where the father was sleeping. The son at once saw that something was wrong with the condition of the father and a hurried examination failed to disclose any signs of life. A physician was summoned but the aged gentleman had passed away apparently some time previous, death having visited him about 3:30, as it was shortly after that time that the wife had awakened and discovered that he had ceased breathing.

Mr. Grebe was some sixty-eight years of age and was born in Germany, coming to America when a very young man and had resided in Canada for a short time before coming to Plattsmouth, this city, some years ago. To mourn his death he leaves the wife and the following children: Mrs. Carl Kopsichka, Plattsmouth; Mrs. Agnes Drucker, Eastside, Nebraska; George and Con Grebe of Portland, Oregon; William Grebe, Plattsmouth; John Grebe, Mitchell, Nebraska; Mrs. Anna Hrusch, Mitchell, Nebraska; Mrs. Frances Alexander, Roseville, California; Joseph Grebe, Portland, Oregon.

The children residing at a distance have been notified of the death of the father and the arrangements of the funeral will be held until definite word can be received from them.

## YOUNG MAN GIVEN NEW ADVANCEMENT

### W. K. Fox, Jr., Receives Appointment as Supt. of Distribution of Light Co. Here.

The announcement is made by the Nebraska Gas and Electric company of the appointment as superintendent of distribution of service in this city of William K. Fox, who has for the past several months been in the employ of the company in work in the out-state points.

Mr. Fox scarcely needs any introduction as he was born and reared and made his home here up to a few years ago when he went west to follow his line as an electrical worker.

The young man was for a few years engaged in this line of work at Portland, Oregon, and other points in that state as an employee of the Oregon Power company, and later on returning to the old home in Nebraska, was with the power company at York for a short time.

Of late Mr. Fox has been with the Nebraska Gas and Electric company at their offices at Stella, where he was in charge of the distribution of service and general supervision of the work out of that place. In his position here Mr. Fox will look after the repair work on the lines and see that the service is maintained over the city and adjoining lines as well as have general supervision of the plant and offices during the absence of Mr. Kuykendall, the general manager of the company in this city. The many friends of Mr. Fox will be more than pleased to see him turn to this city and be with them out more and the company is to be congratulated on securing his services.

## DRAWS DOWN FINE

From Friday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon James Wondra was released from the custody of the police after having been held on a charge of selling liquor and put up a bond of \$50 with the police to satisfy the demands of the law.

## AN IMPORTANT PART OF EARLY STATE HISTORY

### DEATH OF ONE OF ORGANIZERS REPUBLICAN VALLEY CO. J. V. PATCH LAST ONE

The death of John F. Black, Nebraska pioneer, at West Palm Beach, Florida, has refreshed in the public mind, one of the landing movements in the state toward settlement of Nebraska, 1871, the organization of the Republican Valley Land Co., and of the officers of which there is only one member living, J. V. D. Patch of the Nebraska Masonic Home of this city.

The story of the settlement of the Republican valley is not unlike that of other portions of the unsettled west of the late sixties and early seventies and which tells of the hardships of the pioneers, who seeing ahead of their time attempted to provide a suitable colonizing movement. This company was organized in October, 1871 at Nebraska City and the objects of the company as stated in their prospectus issued at that time was to lay out and enter town rights in the Republican valley of Nebraska, organize colonies and conduct them to the valley to settle up that fertile region.

The capital stock of the company was fixed at \$100,000, a large sum in those days and a large number of prominent men of Nebraska City as well as Plattsmouth were interested in the proposition. At the first meeting the officers were elected: Royal Buck, president; J. Sterling Morton, vice-president; B. M. Davenport, secretary; J. V. D. Patch, treasurer. Of these officers Mr. Patch is now the only living member as Mr. Black, who was a director has just passed away. Mr. Buck was at that time the editor of the first republican paper in Nebraska City and one of the leaders in public life of the state.

J. Sterling Morton was also one of the educational and political leaders of the state and destined later to be one of the most distinguished men that the state has ever produced. Mr. Davenport was an attorney of Nebraska City and also the son-in-law of Alexander Campbell, the founder of the Christian church in North America.

The company started an exploring expedition into the Republican valley in November, 1871, that territory being unsettled and not charted or surveyed by the government. The section visited was that which is now known as Red Willow county, and which received its name as due to Mr. Patch of this city, who was selected to devise a proper name for the section in which the pioneers were to locate. Mr. Patch decided after much study on the translation of the Indian word, "Kinnikinnick" which means a preparation for smoking used by the Indians from the bark of the inner sumac or the red willow, and thence Red Willow was the name bestowed on the county and which still proudly bears and of which McCook is the county seat.

The exploring party that first visited that section sent a very glowing report back to the company of the possibilities of the country and their hopes have been verified in the result of the progress of years in the Republican valley, but the first years were ones privation to the settlers of that locality from grasshoppers, drouth and financial panic. The explorers reported that they had progressed as far as seventy miles west of Lincoln, over the B. & M. R. R. and at School Creek secured teams to continue the journey on into the valley lands. In three days the party arrived at Fort Kearney and then struck southwest to the Republican river. They reported the country as being prairie, destitute of water or timber but capable of being used for stock feeding. Many miles were passed where the bleaching skeletons of the buffalo were found along the prairie where they had probably lain after the exodus of the great herds to the farther west.

Much game was reported especially wild turkey and chickens and the committee comprising the party reported strongly on the prospects of the country for fruit raising and in fact urged that large amounts of fruit trees be sent out there for use by the settlers.

The boom had no more than started in the Republican valley when the panic of 1872-73 visited the country and with the drouth in the west served to hold in check the development of the Republican valley country until the late seventies.

## ACTIVITY HALTS TRADE ON THE BERLIN BOURSE

New York, Aug. 17.—The Berlin bourse has temporarily suspended operations because of the recent high pressure of activity, according to advices received today by international banks.

In the last three weeks speculation on the bourse has attained enormous dimensions, exceeding in volume almost any pre-war period. Shares of numerous industrial companies have been favored on reports that control is being sought by foreign interests.

Blank Books at the Journal Office.

## PLEASED WITH LA PLATTE

From Friday's Daily. Those who attended the picnic at La Platte yesterday thought for a time that this city was to suffer the loss of one of the business men of the city who had become very much impressed with the possibilities of the soft drink industry at that point, and for a time it seemed as though the might acquire an interest in one of the emporiums, where the soft, but innocent beverages are handled, but when the other members of the Plattsmouth caravan got ready to return home he was prevailed upon to return home to the bosom of his family.

## LAND OPENINGS COME NEXT MONTH

### 274 Irrigable Farms in Wyoming and Nebraska—Ex-Service Men Get Preference.

15,000 acres of government irrigated land is to be opened for settlement in the North Platte valley at Torrington, Wyoming, September 6, 1921. A preference right of application for water rental and permanent water right for 60 days is given to ex-service people (men and women) of the late war, provided they are qualified to make homestead entry. This land is divided into 221 farms, averaging about 80 acres each, of which 291 are under the Fort Laramie canal in Wyoming and the remaining twenty under the interstate canal in Nebraska, in which division the permanent-water charge has been fixed at \$75 per irrigable acre. Applications may be filed between September 6th and 9th, and a deposit of \$1.75 per acre is required as a minimum water-rental on Aug. 13, 1921, after an illness of five weeks, though he had been failing in health for about five years.

He was a charter member of both the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges of Elmwood, and at the time of his death was Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star lodge at Wakeeney, Kansas. The funeral service was held at the church of Christ in Elmwood, on Wednesday, August 17, 1921, under the direction of minister, J. F. Hay, and the body was laid away in the Elmwood cemetery. The funeral services at the grave were under the direction of the Masonic Order.


## MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

From Friday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon at the office of County Judge Allen J. Beeson occurred the marriage of Mr. Hately Herman and Miss Stella Kreeklof. The ceremony was performed by Judge Beeson in the presence of Fred Kreeklof and Frank Dostel. The young people reside at Louisville where they are well and favorably known to a large circle of warm friends.

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