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PAVING MATTER IS STIRRING MANY NEBRASKA CITIES

Other Communities that Have the Rough Granite Block Paving Want it Replaced.

From Monday's Daily.
From the accounts over the state it seems that other of the smaller cities that have the rough granite block paving similar to that which now graces the principal street of Plattsmouth, are agitating a change that will make traveling more comfortable and add to the appearance of the streets.

In our neighboring city of Nebraska City this matter is being pressed as it has been here and there they are considering the proposition of putting a coating of asphaltic concrete or sheet asphalt over the present rough blocks.

This proposition has been considered in this city in the plans for the remodeling of the street which it is hoped to put into execution in the spring, but here the soft base on which the paving rests has been offered as one reason why it might not be successful. The present block paving rests on the sand foundation and this in turn on the dirt that is affected by the cold and heat and with its contraction and expansion has caused many uneven places to appear in the paving especially with heavy traffic, that has caused the paving to sink in places and bulge up in others. The fact that in this city the main street acts as the carrier of large volumes of surface water has made it very easy for the water to penetrate into the paving and undermine the foundation.

Another reason why the present paving even if used again would have to be relaid several inches from what it is at present. This would not in the least detract from the appearance of the street and would make it much more sure that the flood waters could make their escape without doing damage as they have done in former years. The lowering of the street 608 is a little further precaution would not be amiss, as it is far better to be sure of safety than to be filled with regret.

As this matter is one that probably occupy the thought of the near future it would be well for the property owners to think the matter over very carefully between now and the time that the re-paving is brought up.

The city council has already created the district and the actual work of securing bids and letting the contract for the work will probably be brought up in the spring.

ENCAMPMENT OF ODD FELLOWS HOLD SESSION

Newly Elected Officers Installed by Dist. Deputy Elmer Johnson and Staff from Louisville.

From Monday's Daily.
The members of Mystic Encampment No. 31, I. O. O. F., held a very interesting session at their lodge rooms on Friday evening and which marked the installation of the newly elected officers for the coming year. The following officers were placed in the different stations: Earl M. Short, chief patriarch; Ezra Lynch, short warden; Frank Dettig, high priest; T. B. Peterson, junior warden; John Cory, treasurer; James H. Short, scribe.

The work of installing the officers was conducted by District Deputy Grand Patriarch Elmer Johnson and staff of Louisville and it was an impressive manner.

The mysteries of the Patriarchal degree were conferred on Brother Frank I. Fanger and the candidate given the most impressive induction into the mysteries of the order. At the close of the degree work the members were invited to the banquet hall, where the committee had provided a most pleasing luncheon and to which the members did the most ample justice and the feast lasted until long after the curfew hour.

SUGGESTS A WOLF HUNT

From Monday's Daily.
County Agent L. R. Snipes was over today from Weeping Water looking after the work of his office and while here offered the suggestion to the former service men of the community in which they might have some real sport and also to the community a good deal of good. This was the holding of a big wolf hunt by the members of the American Legion in the different portions of the county where the Legion and service men are found. There has been reports of a great many coyotes and wolves over the county and the agent believes the former service men could go a long way in reducing the number by holding these hunts.

An extensive line of high class stationery on hand at all times at the Journal office.

TAKES UP TRAINING

From Monday's Daily.
Miss Clara Mae Morgan, who was one of the graduates of the class of 1921 of the Plattsmouth high school, this morning took up her course of study for graduate nurse, at the Methodist hospital in Omaha. The course covers a period of three years and Miss Morgan will be found a lady well suited to this splendid line of work that has become such an important part in the caring for the sick and suffering at the great institutions over the land.

BURLINGTON WILL DISCONTINUE TRAINS

Among Changes Made is the Taking Off of No. 10 and Routing No. 5 via Council Bluffs.

From Monday's Daily.
The Burlington route will, commencing on next Sunday, make a number of changes in their train service and two of the trains operating through this city will be among those affected. No. 10, the Denver-Chicago train that arrives in this city at 3:20 a. m., will be taken off for the winter months and No. 5, the early west bound train that now arrives in this city at 7:30 a. m., will be placed back on its former route, going via Pacific Junction and Council Bluffs into Omaha, to replace the through train No. 1 which has been running on an hour's earlier schedule than No. 5, and which was routed via the Bluffs, but is now likewise removed.

The change on No. 5 will be found very inconvenient for travelers from the east who desire to reach this city, as it will mean a wait of some time in Pacific Junction for train No. 10 in order to reach this city. No. 10 will also be missed as this has been a very popular train with the theatre goers who visit Omaha and find it most convenient to return on this train.

Trains No. 41 and 42, operating between Omaha and Lincoln, will also be taken off for the winter season, according to reports received here.

ALL HAVE FINE TIME AT MASK BALL SATURDAY NITE

The first mask ball of the season was staged in this city on Saturday evening at the K. S. hall in the west part of the city and it was an event that drew one of the largest crowds ever in attendance at a similar occasion.

The costumes were very numerous and of the most artistic and comical offerings and the dance floor where it was possible to dance on account of the crowd, was filled with the merry makers. In the grand march the spectators had a splendid chance to view the many different costumes and these showed great skill on the part of those designing them.

The judges, in making their awards gave the first prize to Jack Neitzel as "Uncle Sam," while Ralph Wooster as an Indian, secured second prize. The first ladies prize was divided between Miss Rose Sedlak and Miss Janca as the "Girls in Red" and the second ladies prize went to the Victoria Koutske, Bertha Schubeck, who were attired very artistically. The comical prize was won by Earl Neitzel as a "Jew" and a most life-like representation.

HERE FROM THE OLD WORLD

From Monday's Daily.
Herman Reichstadt of this city has been enjoying a visit from his brother Otto Reichstadt, who recently arrived in this country from the old home at Olden, Switzerland. Mr. Reichstadt arrived in this country some two months ago and is now living with his brother in Omaha and Saturday decided to come to Plattsmouth and look us over. He is an electrical engineer and is now studying at the night schools in Omaha to master the English language and be able to take up his work at his trade. The young man is thoroughly interested in the United States and soon thought that the proper place in the land of which he intends to become a citizen. He reports that the situation in Europe as regards the workingman is very poor and many out of employment.

OIL BRINGS RESULTS

Two of our well known citizens are feeling well pleased over the result of an investment they made some time ago in stock in one of the Texas oil companies, as one of the parties has received several dividend checks already on his investment and both of the parties received checks Saturday as dividends on stock that they own jointly in the company. The dividends to date amount to eight per cent on their investment, with prospects good that they will be higher as the oil well develops.

Blank Books at the Journal Office.

CITY COUNCIL NAMES MAN FOR POLICE FORCE

ADOPTS REPORT OF POLICE COMMITTEE, AS TO JESS ELLIOT FOR NIGHT POLICE.

From Tuesday's Daily.
The city council had a very short session last evening and in the gallery of the legislators two were missing. Councilman Knorr of the third and Councilman Brittain of the fourth ward being absent.

The usual array of communications were missing and the members at once dropped to the reports of the various city officials for the month past and which showed that each of the city representatives had not been asleep on the job. Chief of Police Alvin Jones reported that during the month past the sum of twenty-six iron men had been secured and turned over to the keeping of the city treasurer.

The report of City Clerk Duxbury showed that he had collected the sum of \$3,244.56, which had been placed in the treasury of the city.

City Treasurer Hartford reported that the balance in the city treasury as of the close of December was \$37,681.75 and that there were outstanding at the close of December 21st Registered warrants in the sum of \$131,657.24 against the city.

Mayor Johnson after the reading of a report of the treasurer paid a well deserved tribute to the official, as well as to the clerk for their work in keeping the funds in good shape and seeing that warrants in the various improvement districts were retired as rapidly as the money accumulated in the funds.

In regard to the petition of A. F. Knoflick and others regarding the opening of a street in the west part of the city, the streets, alleys and bridges committee reported that the law provided that streets that were open in 1907 should be considered as streets unless otherwise ordered and that as the street in question was opened and used after that date that it was still a street of the city and that action by the council was unnecessary.

Councilman Schulhof of the lighting committee reported that his committee had drawn up what they considered a fair and just rate for street lighting but this had not been approved by the manager of the light company and therefore they would have to ask further time to secure an agreement as to the rates and this extension of time was granted by the council.

Councilman Howe of the police committee submitted a report in regard to the merchants' police which has been the subject of discussion at several of the meetings and recommended that the city pay the sum of \$50 and the merchants a like amount. The committee also recommended that Jess Elliott be named as night merchants' police and by the unanimous vote of the council this nomination was confirmed.

City Clerk Duxbury was instructed to notify the Ad club of the action of the council and submit it to the endorsement of the choice of the council and their willingness to comply with the raising of the extra \$50 per month.

Councilman Bestor of the finance committee presented two resolutions covering the transfer of funds from special improvement districts that were completed and to the general fund of the city and the same were unanimously adopted.

The opinion of City Attorney Rawls as to the right of the mayor and council to issue paving and intersection bonds or registered warrants was then read and in which the city attorney held that the law passed by the legislature conferred on the council this right and that the power lay with them to do this.

The ordinance to cut down the width of Smith avenue was then read and on motion of Mayor Johnson its second and third and passed by the unanimous vote of the body. Mr. Maurer stated that as soon as the city ascertained the cost of the proposed making of the street conform to the provisions of the ordinance that the property owners would pay the same.

The paving of Main street had a short inning before the council and in which the city dads and the mayor discussed the matter. Mayor Johnson thought that the proposed warrants should reach some agreement as to the kind of paving they might desire on the street and get this before the council so that definite action might be taken. As Councilman Plasek suggested that the hills leading to Main street also should receive some attention, the mayor thought it a fine thing for the streets, alleys and bridges committee to get out and look over what was needed in this line of work so that it could all be done at one time.

Councilman Bestor brought up the matter of a new ordinance book as the present book is one that was printed in 1900 and out of date, and that it was almost impossible to find this book any of the ordinances they had been repealed, amended or changed, so that a new book would be necessary to give the councilmen the proper kind of a book from which to find ordinances that were now in force.

Councilman Maurer called the attention of the council to the lighting company poles on Smith being out in the street and the clerk was ordered to notify the company to get them back on the curb line.

The finance committee recommended the following claims which were allowed:

Platts. Water Co. fire hydrant rental	\$220.00
Neb. Gas & Elec. Co. L. 228.65	
Platts. Journal, Pr. and misc.	270.16
Commonwealth Insurance Co. premium	32.58
O. L. York, St. work	9.00
Neb. Gas & Elec. Co., lights to city jail	5.80
Lin. Tel. Co. service	5.25
C. E. Howard, expenses for bond sale	32.54
W. A. Swatek, supplies	6.25
Weyrich & Habraba, supplies	2.15
W. A. Swatek, supplies to the police	5.00
Ed Burton, meals jail	2.50
Frank Dettig, taxi service	.75
W. A. Swatek, misc. to the fire dept.	2.00
Platts. fire dept., benzolmen	6.00
Platts. Storage Battery Co., recharging	1.55
E. J. Richey, supplies	5.50
W. A. Swatek, supplies	1.72
1st dist. Cass Co., repair culvert	63.75

D. A. R. HOLD MOST PLEASANT MEETING

Entertained at Home of Mrs. H. R. Cole—Discuss French Wars—Boost Memorial Tablet.

From Tuesday's Daily.
Last evening the ladies of Fomento chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution were entertained at the home of Mrs. H. R. Cole and for the evening a program of the early French wars were discussed. Miss Bernice Newell being the leader, and the ladies listened with interest to the story of the long fight that had darkened the North American continent when the English and French governments struggled for control of the continent, and the part that the Indians had played in the wars as the allies of the French.

The meeting was opened with the usual prayer and after the flag, while the ladies sang the American national anthem, the features of the D. A. R. work.

Mrs. William Baird gave the review of the D. A. R. magazine that was thoroughly enjoyed and this was followed by the regular routine business.

The ladies are anxious to complete their project of the memorial tablet for the Cass county service men who died in the war and which they desire to place in a public place as a permanent mark to the memory of the fallen heroes and for this purpose they will continue their campaign in the city and county.

At the close of the evening, dainty and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess that added a pleasing touch to the thoroughly enjoyable evening.

VACATION IS NOW OVER; STUDIES RESUMED TODAY

From Monday's Daily.
This morning the Plattsmouth city schools resumed their activities after the Christmas vacation that has extended to New York for a short time. During this time the pupils as well as the teachers have had an opportunity of enjoying a very pleasant time and many social festivities have marked the season of rest from the regular school work.

The resumption of work marks a long period of study as the only break will be in the spring vacation. The teachers, who have been visiting at their homes in the different parts of the state, commenced their return yesterday and were on the job today.

LEAVES FOR IRELAND

From Tuesday's Daily.
Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sullivan and little daughter, Catherine Ann, of Omaha, departed from their home for Chicago and from there go to New York for a short visit before sailing for Ireland where they will visit at the home of Mr. Sullivan's father and other relatives of the Sullivan family. The World-Herald of Sunday contained a fine picture of little Catherine Ann, which was of particular interest to the Plattsmouth people as Mrs. Sullivan was formerly Miss Hattie Flight of this city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Flight. The friends here will wish the family a safe journey and a pleasant visit in the few months they are to spend in the Emerald Isle.

CLASS ENJOYS MEETING

From Tuesday's Daily.
Last evening the parlors of the Presbyterian church was the scene of a most delightful gathering when the classes of Misses Clara Weyrich and Pearl Staats and that of George L. Farley enjoyed a social evening. The time was enjoyably spent in games and music and dainty refreshments that aided in heightening the pleasures of the evening for the forty young people who were in attendance.

ACCEPTS NEW POSITION

From Tuesday's Daily.
Miss Eleanor Hiber, who was graduated from the Omaha Business college recently, has accepted a position in this city with the Plattsmouth State Bank and is now entering on her duties. Miss Hiber is a graduate of the city schools and has completed her educational work in the metropolis.

NEBRASKAN FOR A HALF CENTURY

James M. Robertson, Clerk of the District Court, Now in the Pioneer Class of State.

From Wednesday's Daily.
It was fifty years ago yesterday, on January 10, 1872, that James M. Robertson, then a youth fresh from the smiling lowlands of Scotland, first set foot in Nebraska and Cass county, and since that period of time he has grown into one of the leading citizens of the community and a nationwide known figure in the political and Masonic history of the state.

Mr. Robertson arrived at the then end of the railroad on the east bank of the Missouri river on the morning of January 10th, and he states that it was a far different day from that prevailing yesterday, as he was transported in a hack over the ice-bound river to Plattsmouth, and that time little dreamed that he would one day to live amid the hills that dotted the banks of the mighty river.

His stay on this occasion was limited to one hour as he boarded a train at this point for Lincoln and on arriving there took up a position as freighter between that city and Cass county to become the resident, coming to Louisville where he was engaged as a foreman for the work of William Stout, one of the early contractors of the state, and Mr. Robertson was in charge of the work there which included the operation of the quarries as well as the construction of the stone building known in later years as the "Stout House." It was expected when the building was started that it would be used to house convicts engaged in work in the quarries but the legislature stepped on the proposition of farming out the convicts and Mr. Stout used the building to house his workmen that he had brought from various sections for operating the quarries. Mr. Robertson remained there until 1888 when the Stout interests closed out their holdings and he then went to Weeping Water to superintend the quarries there for the Nebraska Stone Co., and in 1892 returned to Louisville and engaged in the sand and stone quarry business for himself. In the year 1895 the republicans of Cass county nominated Mr. Robertson for county clerk and he was elected in the fall of that year and then moved to Plattsmouth where he has since resided. He has received repeated honor at the hands of the citizens of Cass county and holds the warm friendship of, not only his own party but that of other political organizations of the county, through his splendid and efficient handling of his office.

It certainly is the wish of the host of friends over the county, among whom the Journal is pleased to be numbered that the genial and efficient county official may enjoy many more years of usefulness to the people of Cass county and the state of Nebraska.

At the present time Mr. Robertson is clerk of the district court and is also president of the Nebraska Masonic Home association and in these offices he has made the important and pleasant and courteous treatment of all with whom he has come in touch.

POPULAR LADY CONTEST

Agnes Bajcek	115.900
Catherine Novotny	111.000
Eileen Schulhof	36.700
Rosa Wooster	30.100
Georgia Matous	5.100
Rose Schissel	1.100
Viola Archer	500
Mildred Schlater	200
Betty Peterson	200

FILES SEVERAL SUITS

From Tuesday's Daily.
This afternoon there were a number of actions filed in the district court and county court by Fred E. Bodie, receiver of the Bank of Cass County, covering notes that had been carried by the bank and on which the receiver is seeking to recover as much as possible. The suits cover the sum of \$6,319, and are the first to be filed as the receiver will file others in a short time covering the indebtedness of parties to the bank.

DOINGS IN THE COUNTY COURT

From Monday's Daily.
This morning in the court of Judge Allen J. Beeson a petition was filed asking for the appointment of an administrator in the estate of Conrad D. Rasp, Sr., of near Greenwood and also in the estate of James Reeves, deceased, of near Union. In the last case Attorney Charles L. Graves appears for the petitioners.

CLASS HOLDS ELECTION

From Tuesday's Daily.
Last evening Mrs. Edward Ofe was hostess to the members of her class of young girls at her cozy home on North 4th street and the event one filled with much pleasantness. The business session was devoted to the election of the officers and was followed by a very delightful social time in which games were played and Miss Marjorie Pickett favored the class with a number of piano selections that were much enjoyed. An old-fashioned taffy pull completed the very enjoyable evening of pleasure and profit.

DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH INSTALLATION

Omaha Staff Carries Out Work of Installing the Newly Elected Officers of the Order Here.

From Wednesday's Daily.
Eud of Promise Lodge, No. 40, I. O. O. F., held one of the most interesting and largely attended meetings of the year at their hall on Monday night and which was graced with the presence of a large number of out of town visitors and the degree staff of Omaha.

The meeting was called for the purpose of installing the officers of the lodge and the occupants of the various stations were given a thorough examination and were found to be 100 per cent in the point of efficiency by the examining officers. The officers installed were: Mrs. Emma Olson, noble grand; Mrs. Ollie Lynch, vice grand; Sanford W. Shom, secretary; Miss Sophia Seivers, treasurer.

The installing officers were Mrs. Jennie Short, district deputy president; Mrs. Jennie Paddock, deputy marshal; Mrs. Gretchen Tidell, deputy warden; Mrs. Violet Sorenson, deputy grand secretary; Mrs. Helen Winter, deputy grand treasurer; Mrs. Salina Shipley, deputy grand chaplain; Miss Esther Ove, deputy grand guardian; Mrs. Ida McCray, Mrs. Veta McCool, Mrs. Louisa Spraker, Miss Clara Keiler, Mrs. Ida McCray, piano. All of the installing officers with the exception of Mrs. Short were from the Greater Omaha lodges and carried out the ceremonies in a most impressive manner and one of the most beautiful that the members of the Eud of Promise lodge have had the privilege of enjoying.

There were a number of other visitors present from the nearby towns, Glenwood, Havlock and Omaha, and among those from Omaha were Mr. and Mrs. Paddock, Mr. and Mrs. McCool, Mr. and Mrs. Timperley.

At the conclusion of the installation ceremonies the members were granted to a number of very delightful vocal numbers by Mrs. Winters, who was accompanied by Mrs. McCool at the piano.

Mrs. Helen Wallick of the local degree staff presented Mrs. Jennie Short, the district deputy, with a very handsome bouquet as a token of the appreciation felt for her splendid work with the lodge here.

The lodge room was very profusely decorated with the national colors while in the banquet hall the colors of the Rebekahs, pink and green, were carried out in streamers that added a pleasing touch to the scene.

Mrs. Helen Wallick, chairman of the entertainment committee, with her assistants, had prepared a dainty two course luncheon that was served to the delighted members of the party in the banquet hall and came as the happy conclusion of a most delightful evening.

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AUTO LICENSE LEADS TO TROUBLE FOR GYPSIES

Sheriff Quinton and Chief Jones Round up Party Who do Not Have 1921 License.

From Wednesday's Daily.
Yesterday afternoon excitement of the most intense character prevailed along Main street when Sheriff Quinton and Chief Alvin Jones moved down the thoroughfare escorting four foreign appearing men and steered them in the direction of the court house. Visions of auto loads of sparkling liquor nabbed by the officers, highway robbers and other daring criminals floated through the mind of the onlooker as the men were led toward the building wherein blinded justice presides in all her dignity.

All guesses as to the cause of the "pinch" however, were wrong as the men were part of a band of "tourists" or gypsies who had made their advent in the city and sought some spot where they might park their cars and spend the night and when they stopped, the fact that their cars were without the mystic numerals that the state has set aside for auto owners, was noted by the hxy-eyed officers of the law and the male portion of the party were invited to proceed to the court house, wherein Michael Tritsch deals in the auto license and to procure themselves one of the plates that would enable them to travel the highways and give the merry laugh to those who would stop their progress. However, the hour was too late to secure the license and the party compelled to remain over night camped in the old brick yard on Washington avenue, on the site of what we hope to make Hero Park.

The members of the wandering Romany tribes surely have found this city one that rough and trying as they had many experiences in the summer months attempting to sneak in and get away with a few dimes by fortune telling only to run into the strong arm of Chief Jones. However, it's a great life if you don't weaken.

BORN

To Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Woodward on January 7th, a son, at Davenport, Iowa. Mrs. Woodward was formerly Miss Lillian Cole of this city and a daughter of Mrs. W. T. Cole.

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