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## WORK ON ROAD TO THE RIFLE RANGE

County Has Promised to Have Their Part Looked After—City to Fix up 8th Street.

From Monday's Daily.

The fact that the government and the state are planning to use the U. S. rifle range north of this city very extensively during the coming summer makes the matter of fixing up the streets and road leading there one of much importance to everyone in the community.

The road traverses Eighth street to the city limits and this street, especially the northern portion needs some work to put it in good shape for travel and which should be looked after at once as the coming of the state national guard encampment in August will mean that not only the 1,500 men in camp will use the road but that hundreds of visitors will be here by auto to visit their friends at camp and to travel over poor roads would certainly be anything but a favorable advertisement for the city and its people.

If the road and Eighth street are placed in good shape it will require but little effort to keep it so up to the time of the encampment and the visit of the U. S. troops in September when the 17th infantry will be here for their course in firing on the range.

The county will see that their part of the road to the range is widened out so as to permit the passage of two cars easily and also provide for draining the road and the city will not be subject to such extensive work on their part of the job as 8th street is so that it will only require a small amount of labor to get it in first class shape.

This will be one of the best advertisements for the city that can be made and one that should be taken up and put across in a manner creditable to the city and its people.

## FUNERAL OF LITTLE ONE

IS HELD HERE YESTERDAY

From Monday's Daily.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rea McMaken, who has been very sick for the past week, passed away Saturday afternoon and the funeral services were held yesterday from the home in the north portion of the city at 3 o'clock and attended by the relatives and friends of the bereaved parents.

The services were conducted by the Rev. John Calvert of the First Methodist church, who spoke words of comfort to the parents, who have been visited by the shadow of grief in their loss of a bright little one, and during the service, Mrs. E. H. Wescott and Miss Clara Mae Morgan sang "That Sweet Story of Old" and "When He Cometh."

By the wealth of floral remembrance the deep sympathy felt for the parents of the little one was made apparent.

At the conclusion of the services at the home, the body was conveyed to Oak Hill cemetery, where it was laid to rest in the family lot.

## FILES SUIT IN COURT

From Monday's Daily.

This morning an action entitled T. H. Cromwell vs. Glen Vallery was filed in the district court in which the plaintiff seeks to prevent the defendant from disposing of a note which he has in his possession.

Edward S. Tutt vs. John Gakemeier and T. H. Cromwell is the title of another suit filed in which the plaintiff asks that he be given judgment against the defendants for a note for \$3,000 made by the defendant, Gakemeier, to Cromwell and which was later sold by Cromwell to Mr. Tutt.

## VISITING AT DES MOINES

Miss Edythe Wallengren, one of the accommodating operators at the exchange of the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co., is enjoying her vacation from her duties by visiting at Des Moines with her sister and family, and enjoying a well-earned rest from her arduous duties in the telephone work. Miss Wallengren departed Saturday afternoon and is anticipating a most delightful outing.

## RETURNS HOME

From Monday's Daily.

Mrs. James Ptacek who has been at the Immanuel hospital in Omaha for the past two weeks recovering from an operation for colitis, has so far recovered that she has been able to return home. Mrs. Ptacek is still quite weak from the effects of the operation but every indication is for her speedy recovery.

## ENJOY FINE TIME

From Monday's Daily.

The K. S. Sokol dramatic club last evening presented a most delightful comedy at the K. S. Sokol hall on west Locust street and the event was attended by a very large sized audience. The members of the company acquitted themselves in fine shape and the audience enjoyed the production to the utmost.

## A REAL CROWD

Saturday evening one of the largest crowds that has been evidenced in this city for some time, was busy on the main streets of the city and until a very late hour there was a large number stirring around and made a real metropolitan appearance. The farmers are kept very busy at their homes during the day and evening is the only time they find to drive in and look after the trading and other business matters and added to the usual Saturday evening crowds made an extra large number on the street.

## SHOP FORCES ON STRIKE NUMBER PRACTICALLY ALL

Of Crafts Affected by Strike Order, 394 Are Out and Only Ten Remain at Work.

The strike situation here today has shown practically a 100 per cent walkout on the part of the men and the registry at the local headquarters at the Labor temple shows that 394 of the men are out and only ten remain at their work in those departments which have been ordered to strike.

The various crafts that are engaged in the strike are out in the strength shown below, according to the lists available at the strike headquarters:

	No. Out	Working
Carmen	291	5
Blacksmiths	41	2
Boilermakers	14	0
Mechanics	26	2
Electricians	3	0
Sheet Metal Workers	19	1
TOTAL	394	10

The headquarters state that all of the men below the rank of general foremen have been called out and four or five of the foremen have responded and it is hoped that there will be others to join this list.

The conditions are the best possible and the situation one of quietness and reflects the greatest credit on the workers in their conduct of the protest walk-out.

## JAPANESE TO CUT SIZE OF THEIR ARMY

Number of Divisions Not to be Reduced But Companies to be Decreased Somewhat.

Tokyo, July 4.—The Japanese army will be reduced by a total of 56,000 enlisted men, according to reorganization plans proposed by the war office and approved by the cabinet, it was announced today.

The total number of divisions in the army will remain unchanged, but the number of companies, squadrons and battalions will be decreased.

In the readjustment there will be slight increases in the railway, telegraph and aviation sections of the land forces, as well as in the heavy artillery corps.

Reduction in the army, it is estimated, will effect a saving of Yen 259,000,000 during the next twelve years and thereafter, Yen 23,000,000 annually.

Reorganization of equipment and changes in arms, such as the increasing of artillery and the employment of a greater number of machine guns, will entail an expenditure of Yen 23,000,000 spread over a thirteen year period.

## RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

From Monday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. John Wichman returned from Omaha where she has been for the past three weeks, taking treatment at the Immanuel hospital and is feeling greatly improved over her condition in the past. The occasion of the return of Mrs. Wichman has given her family and friends a great deal of pleasure and they are hopeful that she will soon be in her former good health.

## NEW BUSINESS FIRM

The cigar manufacturing firm of Ptak & Bajec, which has been a part of the business life of the city for a number of years, has been succeeded by the Acorn Cigar Co., with Messrs. John Bajec and Emmons Ptak as the heads of the new firm. The Acorn Co. will continue to make the same popular brands of cigars as in the past and will keep the output up to the high standard they have maintained in the past.

## VISITING IN THE CITY

Misses Josephine Aberley and Mable Gilchrist of Pasadena, Calif., are in the city guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Baird. The young ladies are enroute to the east and expect to visit at Chicago, Niagara Falls, New York, Washington, Boston and from there go to the Thousand Islands, Montreal and Quebec and thence to the west through Canada, and returning to California over the northern route.

## PEACEFUL WAY OF CONDUCTING THE WALKOUT

TO THE INTEREST OF EVERYONE THAT PROPERTY OF RAILROAD BE PROTECTED.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The splendid spirit that has been shown here by the striking members of the mechanical crafts of the Burlington shops, has been such as to reflect the greatest credit on the men and on the community in which they make their home. It is a matter of greatest concern to these men and to everyone in the city to see that the property of the Burlington at the shops is protected and this is the general spirit shown in the present situation by the clear-headed and earnest men who are in charge of the interests of the strikers as well as the Burlington and its here, who maintain their personal pleasantness despite the issues that may have arisen in the dispute that has led to the walkout of the railroad employees.

James Ptacek, president of the shop federation, and who is directing head of the strikers, when interviewed today, stated the position that is taken by the men relative to the property of the company and the preservation of order. "The strikers bear no ill will toward any of the Burlington officials in this city or the general officers of the railroad," said Mr. Ptacek. "We are out to win and expect to win the fight, and it is going to be in a peaceful and orderly manner, such as has characterized the state of affairs since the men walked out. Eighty per cent of the men are at their homes here in Plattsmouth and regard the Burlington properties as a charge to care for as they expect to return to them for employment and consequently they urge absolutely no action that in any way might cause injury or damage to the company property. The men have been asked to keep perfect order and decorum in their campaign of the strike and in presenting their cause to the general public and not the slightest disorder has marked the actions of any of the men."

"There are many rumors put about," said Mr. Ptacek, "that, on investigation, prove to be wholly unfounded, and anyone who hears these rumors of what has been done or may be done can verify their reports by calling at the strike headquarters where committees are busy all the time in handling cases where parties have been misinformed."

Incidentally as regards these rumors that of Monday evening when it was alleged that cars had been stoned, proved to be much enlarged upon when the simple truth was known, and no member of any of the striking crafts was implicated in the affair aside from being near the scene when the car was taken into the shop yards. Some young boys threw a stone at the car as it passed the Granite street crossing and this broke a window, but the car was not in anyway molested aside from this and this the union men are absolutely innocent of. This is where the individual citizen can do his part by keeping order and not allowing the damage to the property of the company. The strikers are not in the spirit of destruction or injuring anything and the general public should be as careful as the men themselves are.

As we have stated this is a matter of the greatest importance and vital to all of Plattsmouth, no matter what our wishes or desires in the present situation may be, or what the outcome may result in for victory for either side, one thing stands out as self evident and that is that the men who are out now wish to return to the shops for employment and this should be a reason for all to assist in seeing that the property is amply protected from damage of any kind. There is no quarrel with the Burlington system or its officials and the settlement of the issues is all that is involved and in either case it means that the shops will continue to be the chief industry of the city.

## PURCHASES RESTAURANT

The restaurant which has been owned for several months by Lewis & Lewis, was sold Saturday to W. C. Foster and possession given yesterday to the building and business. This restaurant is the one formerly conducted by Lew Russell and one of the popular eating houses of the city. Mr. Foster will endeavor to give the people of the community a restaurant that will be of the very best in service to its patrons.

## HAS SOME BOY

On Saturday evening the stork made a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Kalasek in the west portion of the city and left in their care one of the finest little boys that boys that could be desired. The mother and little one are doing very nicely and Julius is feeling well pleased over the arrival that has come to the family circle.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET

From Wednesday's Daily.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of county commissioners was held today at the court house and took up the usual routine business, principally that of allowing bills.

## BLANK BOOKS AT THE JOURNAL OFFICE.

## SUFFERS SEVERE INJURY

Saturday afternoon while Mrs. W. T. Melbern was engaged in picking some cherries from a tree at her home she was unfortunate enough to fall from the step ladder on which she was standing and as the result sustained a fracture of the left ankle that has kept her confined to her home since that time. The accident while not dangerous has been very painful and caused the patient more or less suffering. Mrs. Wineberg, a daughter of Mrs. Melbern, arrived here Tuesday to visit with the mother and assist in her care.

## MERCHANTS AND TAFFE DRUG TEAM DIVIDE HONORS

Council Bluffs Team Wins Opener, 3 to 0 While Locals Cop the Second, 14 to 3.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The double header at the ball park yesterday afternoon was a fifty-fifty split with the visitors, the Taffe Drug Co. team of Council Bluffs, taking the opener by the score of 3 to 0 while the locals were the winners in the second game by the lopsided score of 14 to 0.

In the first game the visitors gathered in two of the runs in the second inning on three hits and a pass and aside from this one inning the battle was hard-fought and the visitors earned all they got in the way of scores. Sorenson, the mound artist for the visitors, was very effective in the pitcher's box and had excellent support and the locals were on the job in backing up Connors in his work in the box.

The second game proved very soft for the local team and they were worn out by their foot races around the bags and the falling shades of night brought the conflict to a close and brought the victory to the Merchants by the score of 14 to 3. Mason was in the box in the last half of the double header and had the Iowa lads guessing and as well receiving the best support from his mates. McCarty is left and Sprecher in the centerfield were there in both games in handling the drives in their territory and which nipped many a bright prospect for the visitors. Fletcher, the centerfielder of the visitors, was very effective in his batting and away with a great many chances. The Taffe team used Boyd in the last game in the box but he was hit freely and the visitors were somewhat up in the air on their fielding as several errors in the infield added to the general unsteadiness and allowed their scores to mount sluggishly to fatten their scores.

The crowd was very poor for the holiday as a great many were attending the celebration at the K. S. park while others were out of the city to enjoy the Fourth and as the result the faithful old guard of the dome were about all that were present at the park.

## CAPPER DENIES HE IS A CANDIDATE FOR U. S. PRESIDENCY

Topeka, July 1.—The flat declaration that under no circumstances would he become a candidate for the republican nomination for president in 1924 is contained in a letter written by Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas to a Topeka newspaper man, which was authorized for publication here tonight.

A persistent rumor, to the effect that the senator was preparing to toss his hat into the political ring as a presidential candidate was widely circulated here recently when it became known he had completed plans for a Washington edition of one of his farm publications.

## MEXICAN TROOPS ROUT REBEL BAND

Several Bandits Killed in Clash With Federal Soldiers Near Aguada Camp in Tampico District

Washington, July 2.—Rebel forces were defeated and scattered by federal troops near the Aguada camp of the Cortez Oil company in the Tampico district of Mexico on June 30, according to a message received by the state department today from Consul Shaw at Tampico. The latter said his information was based upon a report he had received from oil company officials yesterday.

There were two actions, the consul said, in which five or six rebels were killed, three taken prisoner and 60 of their horses and mules captured. The federal troops, he added, according to his advice, were preparing to follow up the rout of the rebels while other federal troops, he understood, were coming into the district.

Mr. Shaw, in his message which was filed at noon yesterday, did not mention the name of the commander of the rebel forces, but it was assumed here it probably was General Gorozava, who recently took several of the employees of the oil company prisoners and seized much destructible property for the concern as "security" for the payment of 15,000 pesos. The situation now was apparently well in hand by the troops of the Obregon government, the consul stated.

## CANAL TOLLS NET UNITED STATES ELEVEN MILLIONS

Balboa Heights, Panama, July 1.—Tolls from the Panama canal netted the United States \$11,197,000 in the fiscal year which ended yesterday.

During the year the canal passed 2,740 vessels with the approximate weight of 10,850,000 tons. Traffic was 3 per cent less than the previous fiscal year but about the same as the calendar year of 1921.

## ENJOY FINE TIME AT THE K. S. PARK ON JULY FOURTH

Celebration Held Yesterday is Very Largely Attended by Residents of This City.

The Fourth of July was observed quite extensively at the K. S. park yesterday afternoon and evening and one of the largest crowds that has attended any gathering of its kind was present in the scene of festivities from the early hours of the morning until the last moments of the celebration last night.

The program was opened with the parade of the visiting turners, the K. S. society and the members of the various labor unions, headed by the Elks band, through the business streets and out to the K. S. park, where the formal exercises of the day was opened.

Frank Vostrejs presided at the park and in a few well chosen words introduced the Mayor C. A. Johnson, who welcomed the visitors and the guests to the very enjoyable gathering.

Judge James T. Begley was then introduced and made the formal address of the day, dealing with the foundation principals on which the American republic had been founded and the present situations that marked a great awakening and desire on the part of the people of the nation to take a greater interest in the affairs political.

Owing to the fact that Father Vallery, District of Lawler, Iowa, was unable to be present, Father Ferdinand Suesser of this city gave a few brief remarks.

The Elks band furnished a very pleasing concert during the afternoon and evening as well as a few introduced in the morning which were much enjoyed by all of the large audience.

During the noon hour there was a very delightful dinner party served by the ladies of the society at the hall and which was enjoyed by some 400 persons and also in the evening a fine luncheon was served.

During the afternoon from 2 until 4 o'clock the turning exercises were held, the ladies' classes from the neighboring cities participating and the men of the society later giving some very clever apparatus work. At the close of the afternoon program, James Ptacek gave a short address to the gathering in which he made an earnest plea for the cooperation of the public in the present strike to see that order was preserved and that all strive to win by the presentation of their claims. He also urged a regard for the property of the railroad company at all times and under all conditions, as a matter of personal importance to everyone of the shop employees.

Father Ferdinand Suesser as well as Father John Vranek of Omaha spoke very briefly.

In the evening there was a fine social dance held and this feature of the evening lasted until a late hour.

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## RETURN FROM COAST

From Wednesday's Daily.  
This morning E. H. Wescott and son, Edgar, who have been spending a few weeks at Los Angeles at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wescott, parents of E. H. Wescott, returned home. Both Hilt and Edgar have enjoyed very much their outing and the opportunity of visiting with the relatives in the charming coast country. They report Mr. and Mrs. Wescott, Sr., as doing very nicely, altho Mr. Wescott is feeling somewhat his advancing years.

## BOOZE PARTY PAY DEARLY IN COURT

Escapade Near Greenwood Costs Upwards of \$500—State Sheriff Hyers Brought Them In.

From Wednesday's Daily.

This afternoon the temple of justice of Judge William Weber was the scene of a general clearing house of a party of booze handlers and their friends, who were taken into custody near Greenwood Monday night by State Sheriff Gus Hyers on information secured by Sheriff Quinton. The party had been reported as having made several trips to Greenwood and Sheriff Quinton getting wind of the habit of visiting that portion of Cass county by the dealers in hooch, arranged to have them picked up.

The parties brought here today were Wilfred and Anna Wilson, of and Emma Crawford and Harry Wallace of Omaha, and Dennis Clark of Council Bluffs. The cars used by the parties were Fords and owned by Clark and Wallace.

The judgment of the court was that the parties should pay dearly for their violation of the prohibition law. Wilfred Wilson drew \$100 and costs; Melvin Petersen, \$100; Anna Wilson, \$10; Emma Crawford, \$10; Stephen Crawford, \$100; Harry Wallace, \$100 and Dennis Clark, \$100.

State Sheriff Hyers was here in charge of the party of tourists and remained until they were given their trimmings by the court.

## SELL STANDER STORE

Frank Vallery, the hustling real estate dealer of eastern Cass county, Saturday closed up a deal between James Chilton of North Platte and John Stander of this city whereby Mr. Chilton takes over the Stander store here and Mr. Stander secures a part of the Countryman farm south of Murray. The value of the deal is something like \$25,000 and all parties to the deal including the genial real estate man feel well pleased over the deal.

## TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

From Wednesday's Daily.

Yesterday, Ruth, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Pickett, was taken to Omaha where she was placed in the Methodist hospital there for treatment. Little Miss Ruth has been very poorly for the past week, having been taken sick while on a visit with relatives. The little one is in very serious shape and the friends of the family are hopeful that a change for the better may occur soon.

## VALUE OF MARK AT A NEW LOW RECORD

Berlin, July 1.—The mark today slumped to 400 for \$1, a new low record.

It was reported that Von Haimel, of the finance ministry, and Ambassador Houghton conferred on the situation at the American embassy and that the German official was making an eleventh hour attempt to stop the decline.

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Mr. Elihu M. Ben-Dror, a special representative of the Thomas A. Edison Laboratory, Orange, N. J., arriving here today, brought news of the latest inspiration of the great brain of Mr. Edison.

It appears that Mr. Ben-Dror is here to visit owners of the New Edison phonograph and explain to them the New Edison Service clubs.

The idea is to have every catalogued Re-Creation circulate among the owners. Comparatively few people have heard even a small proportion of the nearly two thousand selections contained in the Edison catalogue. Hundreds of these would doubtless find favor if they could be heard. How impossible it would be for the busy man or woman to sit in the shop for a sufficiently long time to hear these Re-Creations played, but by having twenty of these selections for two days each month the owner can, eventually, hear all of them. Duplicates of those that appeal to the owner can be secured from the local dealers, Messrs. Weyrich & Hadraba, who are to maintain the Library headquarters.

One of the best features of the Library plan is that every member of one's family, and friends, can hear and discuss each selection in the comfort of the home at the same time. There is no cost to anyone, or obligation. It can be seen that the almost unbreakable quality and durable surfaces of the Edison Re-Creations make this plan possible.

Twenty Re-Creations or forty playing sides, will give each owner nearly three hours of the world's best music each month.

The time of Mr. Edison's representative here is limited, and it is advisable that every owner make sure that Messrs. Weyrich & Hadraba are in possession of his correct address, otherwise the representative might miss him. A post card to the local firm will assure a visit.

## FINE LITTLE SON

From Wednesday's Daily.  
This morning there arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hilt, Jr., a fine little American citizen and the little man, who is the first child in the family, is the object of a great deal of admiration from the happy parents as well as the delighted grandparents and other relatives of the little one. The many friends will extend their well wishes for the future of young Mr. Hilt.

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