

# The Plattsmouth Journal

## HEAVY RAINS SHOW A NEED OF GREATER FLOOD PROTECTION

More and Larger Inlets to New Sewers Needed on Sixth Street—Too Small on Avenues.

From Thursday's Daily. Twice in the space of a week the waters, pouring from the areas west and north of the city, swept down Washington avenue and filled down Sixth street for a block to a depth that reached over the sidewalks on the east side and stood until the rise of the waters forced them on to Main street where they were finally caught and carried off in the new sewers constructed by the city last summer at a cost of \$12,000 and which it was hoped at that time would remove the danger of overflowing of the streets.

What is the remedy is a problem that is agitating the minds of the taxpayers and particularly those who have interests in the main part of the city or reside along the avenue where the overflows have occurred with such alarming frequency.

A great many of those who have witnessed the overflows are of the opinion that, if given the opportunity, the two four-foot flood water sewers would be able to carry off the water as they were only about half full last night and on the previous overflow a week ago. Now, how to catch the water as it comes down the avenue and Vine street, and have it in the sewers before it reaches Main street, is the question, and to solve it there is a strong sentiment urging the extension of the inlets to the sewer along Sixth street as far as Vine street or even along Vine street up to the intersection at Seventh street, and to have longer openings so that there will be ample space for the water to seek its way into the sewers and preventing the high waters that like last night menaced the property on the east side of Sixth street. The present openings seem too small and are easily stopped up by the rubbish that rides the flood waters and which compelled the citizens to battle last night to prevent a serious flood. This is a matter that should have the earnest thought of the property owners as there is probability that some of these days there will be a rain of much greater force than that of last night and which would do serious damage if there is not some provision made to help get the flood waters into the sewers.

Another suggestion made is that of lowering the intersection at Sixth and Main street to some extent and also making higher curbs on the east side of Sixth streets but this would only bring the water down Main street for distribution rather than have it carried off in the intakes on Sixth street. To check the trouble on Washington avenue only a larger sewer extended to at least Thirteenth street would have much effect in holding the water and then it is a question if the vast amount of water pouring into the creek for many miles could be contained, but it would help a great deal and check the damage that is done to property and the fear that is constantly with the persons who have their homes along the avenue.

### ENJOYS CARD PARTY

From Thursday's Daily. Last evening Miss Jessie M. Robertson entertained a number of lady friends at her pleasant home on Vine street in honor of Miss Elva Douglas of Omaha, a house guest of Mrs. Roy J. Fuller. The ladies enjoyed the evening at high five and in this pleasing diversion Mrs. L. W. Egenberger and Miss Leone Becker proved the most successful while the consolation prize was won by Miss Amelia Martens. The Robertson home was very tastefully arranged with decorations of the summer roses and peonies, which added a very pleasing touch to the scene. Daily refreshments served at an appropriate hour added to the pleasures of the members of the party.

### MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

From Thursday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon County Judge Allen J. Beeson united in the bonds of wedlock Mr. Jewell Bacon of Mills county, Iowa, and Miss Elva Patton of this city. The wedding was a very quiet one and was witnessed by Mrs. Mahalah Patton, mother of the bride. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Patton of this city and has grown to womanhood in this community, where she is held in high esteem by a large circle of friends.

### ENTERTAINS FOR GUEST

Mrs. Roy J. Fuller, who is here from Florida for a visit with relatives, entertained very delightfully on Tuesday evening at the Newell home on North 5th street in honor of her guest, Miss Elva Douglas of Omaha. The evening was spent at bridge and Miss Minnie Gubman and Miss Elva Douglas were tied for first honors while the guest prize was won by Miss Helen Egenberger. During the evening dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

### AFTER WAR — FINES

From Thursday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon Judge William Weber passed on the cases of W. Galloway and W. O. Green, who had been taken into custody Tuesday evening by Officer William Hinrichsen, charged with fighting on Vine street near the corner of Sixth street and the officer at once hurried the young men to the lock-up to answer to the stern voice of the law for their violation. After hearing the statements of the parties involved, the court gave them the sum of \$5 and costs each for the demonstration.

## COMMUNITY PICNIC HERE ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

Will be Held at C. L. Wiles Grove a Mile West of City Which is An Ideal Spot.

To those who desire a real old fashioned observance of the Fourth of July in a genuine community picnic, Plattsmouth will offer an opportunity on the natal day of the nation, according to the plans that are now being perfected.

The day will be a genuine community picnic and it should be clearly understood will not be a great celebration of the day but a simple gathering of all of the residents of the community in a friendly get-together meeting that will be enjoyed by everyone and give them a chance to get thoroughly acquainted and establish friendly relations. The committee in charge of the preliminary arrangements have looked over the various places available in this locality, as it was desired to hold the picnic in Cass county rather than in Sarpy county where it was held last year, and after viewing the various sites and taking all the needs of the grounds into consideration, the fine large grove on the farm of C. L. Wiles, one mile west of the city on the Louisville road, was decided upon. This grove has an abundance of shade, plenty of grass, space available for parking cars and water rights on the grounds which is a very important matter in the arrangements. The ground will accommodate several thousand people should they desire to attend and is in fact as ideal a spot as could be picked in this part of the county. It is in easy driving distance of the city.

It is the intention to secure as many cars as possible for use in transporting parties to and from the grounds and the committee will see that water, ice cream and lemonade are provided for everyone during the day. This will be an occasion when the families can bring their lunches and spend the day very pleasantly with their friends in the cool and inviting shade of the finest groves in the state of Nebraska. Begin making your plans now to come out and take a real day of rest and recreation.

The committee in charge will have a program of sports arranged for the enjoyment of the picnickers.

## BOY SCOUTS ARE GOING TO CAMP

Will Proceed to Louisville Where Organized Scout Camp is Being Held This Summer.

The Boy Scouts of the eastern portion of the state are now being organized for their camp at Louisville and each locality will enjoy a ten-day period there at the well arranged and equipped camp. Permanent cooking facilities for the boys have been arranged and it will be much easier to handle the crowds of youngsters at this camp than at one less thoroughly organized. The Lincoln Boy Scouts are to proceed to the camp grounds next week and from June 26th to July 5th the Plattsmouth scouts, or at least a goodly number of them will be in attendance and enjoy the opportunity of the great outdoors. Scoutmaster C. H. Feden will accompany the boys and see that they are well cared for and given their full course of instruction in the scout work while the camp is on.

### PHILPOT-GLOVER

Cards were received here the first of the week announcing the marriage of Miss Vera Marie Glover to Mr. Lloyd E. Philpot on Sunday, June 3rd, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Glover at Garden City, Kansas, and they will be at home at Holcomb, Kansas, Rural.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Philpot. He was born and raised near Weeping Water. His cheerful, optimistic nature made him one of our most popular young men, and a host of friends will wish for him and his bonny bride all the best things in life, with only enough clouds to make the sunshine more beautiful.

## STORM BRINGS ON SMALL SIZED FLOOD HERE LAST NIGHT

After Intense Rain and Hail Storm Last Night the Main Street of City Filled with Water

From Thursday's Daily. Last evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, a very intense rain and hail storm swept over this city and the territory adjacent to the north of Plattsmouth and while the storm lasted only a very short time it brought with it a strong downpour and hail of considerable size fell during the early part of the storm. The gauge at the outlet of the rain-fall, after the storm showed that seventy-eight hundredths of an inch of rain had fallen in the city in a very few moments.

The rain and hail had subsided about the skies were clearing rapidly when the familiar cry, "Here it comes," was heard and the flood waters overflowing from the Washington avenue sewer swept into North Sixth street and thence on down Main street and on the crest of the street, mud-filled waters were boards, boxes, tin cans and a kind of debris that had been gathered by the water from the time it broke from the confines of the creek and sewer at Tenth street.

As the water rose the rubbish was sucked towards the inlets of the new flood water sewers and soon had them partially plugged up and the water raising continued on into Main street and north of the intersection of Main and Sixth it swept over the sidewalk at the west of the Coates block and interfered with the work of the citizens who were striving to keep the sewer inlets open and to save any serious damage from the flood waters.

The volume of water was very heavy, but after passing the intersection at Sixth and Main streets, it was cared for in very good shape by the intakes, although those on Sixth street were wholly inadequate to handle the water apparently. The fact that the intersection at Sixth and Main is considerably higher than Sixth street also served to hold back some of the water.

North of this city the waterfall was very heavy and the roads were made impassible by the overflowing creeks and the water rushing down the hillsides. The residents there stated that the water was of an extensive in volume at any time this season.

Jules Ruggert and family of Falls City had a very thrilling battle with the flood waters along the bottoms as they came into this city. They stated they had been advised at the wagon bridge that the roads were all right and later they struck the overflow that made it almost impossible to tell where the roads were and when crossing one of the bridges over the small creek there the current was so strong as to almost sweep their large adobe car into the angry water. The flood waters mounted into the car and killed the engine and it was only by the most desperate work that they were able to push off the bridge and to a point less dangerous.

South of the city the rainfall was hardly noticeable, the residents there state, the storm having apparently moved in a streak. East of this city in Mills county, Iowa, the storm did much damage and Pony creek near Pacific Junction was way out of its banks and in Glenwood the rain was reported as exceptionally heavy and swelling the small sized water courses to a flood stage.

### SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Reports from the Immanuel hospital in Omaha state that H. N. Dovey, president of the First National Bank of this city, who had his left leg broken just above the knee, in an auto accident last Sunday, is now showing improvement. The long delay necessary to permit the leg healing is very irksome to Mr. Dovey, however, as it is the first real disability that he has had and interferes with his usual active business life.

### ASKS FOR FREEDOM

From Thursday's Daily. Today action was filed in the district court by Attorney O. G. Leidigh of Nebraska City, for his client, Mrs. Edith Lenard of near Elmwood, in which she asks that the bonds of wedlock between herself and John A. Lenard be severed by the law of the state. The petition of the plaintiff states that they were married on March 16, 1920, and gives as the cause of action non-support.

### ENJOY SLUMBER PARTY

From Thursday's Daily. Last evening Miss Ethelyn Wiles entertained very pleasantly at her home in the south part of the city at a slumber party in honor of Miss Violet Vallery of this city. The young ladies comprising the party enjoyed the occasion to the utmost and among those participating were Myrna Wolff, Violet Vallery, Margaret and Helen Wiles, Catherine Schneider, Helen and Edith Farley.

### HAS CLOSE CALL

From Thursday's Daily. Last evening, Claude Goucheour and a companion were driving homeward on Third street when the team of young mules which Mr. Goucheour was driving, became unruly and turning around broke the wagon tongue and doubletrees and threw Mr. Goucheour and his companion out of the wagon and started to run away and it was only by hanging on to the lines that the two young men finally succeeded in getting the animals settled down and were able to drive them on home after the damage had been repaired to the wagon.

## PRESBYTERIAN LADIES ROYALLY ENTERTAINED

Very Enjoyable Afternoon at Church Parlors and Interior of Building Nicely Arranged.

From Thursday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon, the auxiliary of the Presbyterian church was entertained by Mrs. Monte Streight, Mrs. J. W. Burnie and Mrs. J. F. Wolff. The church parlors had been transformed into a veritable garden of rare beauty—vines, arched and banks of foliage making an artistic background for the whole room and bringing out the beauty of the bright blossoms that were placed everywhere. Setting there during the cool afternoon one would almost think themselves in some botanical garden.

A rising vote of thanks was extended Mrs. Streight, whose ability as an interior decorator is recognized by many outside of the church ladies. A pleasing program had been planned, consisting of humorous stories and experiences told by Rev. and Mrs. McClusky, Mrs. D. C. Morgan, Mrs. John Gorder and Mrs. Fred Morgan. Catherine McClusky played a very pleasing piano solo. The hostesses were assisted by Misses Catherine McClusky, Helen Wurl and Helen Braun in serving.

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY HOLDS LAST MEETING

Very Pleasant Gathering Marks the Closing For Summer Months of Church Society.

From Thursday's Daily. On Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. A. Schneider occurred the last meeting of the year of the Presbyterian missionary society. The program was in charge of Mrs. H. G. McClusky and Mrs. John Wolff and was rendered by Miss Helen Farley read a very interesting letter from Miss Hughes, who is lecturing in Chenchow, China. Instrumental solos were charmingly rendered by Misses Helen Wiles and Catherine McClusky. Missionary news items were given by many of the members. At a suitable hour dainty refreshments were served by the committee in charge of the session.

The society has enjoyed a good year of work and study and after a rest during the hot months of the summer will enter into a new year with new zeal.

### VERY PLEASANT OCCASION

One of the most enjoyable of the pre-nuptial affairs honoring Miss Margaret Donelan, who is to be a bride in the late summer, was the 12 o'clock breakfast given by Mrs. H. N. Dovey and Mrs. George O. Dovey at the home of the latter, Thursday morning. The color scheme was of pink with beautiful peonies used effectively throughout. After the breakfast, bridge was enjoyed and prizes awarded each table, Mrs. G. E. DeWolf, Mrs. Searl S. Davis, Mrs. J. A. Donelan and Mrs. Reese Hastin securing high scores. Those present were: Mrs. Reese Hastin of Louisville, Mrs. Pollock Parmele of Omaha, Mrs. Wm. Goehner of Seward, Mesdames Searl S. Davis, G. E. DeWolf, J. A. Donelan, E. J. Richey, Waldemar Soenlichsen, J. S. Livingston, Misses Hazel Dovey, Mable White, Verna Leonard, Barbara Gering, Dora Fricke, and the guest of honor, Miss Margaret Donelan. Miss Donelan was presented with a box of imported handkerchiefs as a memento of the occasion.

### BRYAN NAMES RADKE PRIVATE SECRETARY

Lincoln, June 6.—Governor Bryan today announced the appointment of Franz Radke, formerly of Hartington, and lately practicing law at Tecumseh, as his private secretary. Mr. Radke was a member of the legislature and of the constitutional convention. He is an ex-missionary.

## MINSTREL MUSICAL COMEDY JUNE 13-14

Given Under Auspices of Local Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The Daughters of the American Revolution have made a contract with the Payden Producing Co. of Dallas, Texas, to give a home talent ladies' minstrel musical comedy at the Parmele theatre, Wednesday and Thursday, June 13th and 14th. The cast will consist of seventy-five married and single ladies of Plattsmouth, fifteen of which will don burnt cork and rattle the bones, beat the tambourines, sing songs, tell jokes and cake walk in true minstrel style. This minstrel, first part, will be supported by a chorus of sixty voices. The second half of the program will be of the nature of musical comedy specialties, introducing unusual dancing choruses and specialty numbers in attractive costumes.

The proceeds from the entertainment will be expended for the library.

The following people are taking part in the entertainment: Misses Elsie Nelson, Donice Vroman, Helen Wiles, Marguerite Willes, Alice Ptak, Geraldine Lison, Dorothy Cowles, Mary Margaret Walling, Helen Clements, Ursula Herold, Ruth Shannon, Olive Bonge, Virginia Beeson, Helen Beeson, Janet Bajefck, Marvel Whitaker, Ethel Babbitt, Helen Ashford, Sylvia Noble, Sarah Rector, Laura Elizabeth Eaton, Harriet Peacock, Violet Begley, Edith Begley, Edith Felick, Florence York, Eleanor Burie, Edna Mae Gorder, Helen Pfoutz, Helen Westcott, Alice Louise Westcott, Violet Vallery, Helen Farley, Mable Lee Copenhaver, Florence Balsler, Jessie M. Robertson, Mesdames P. J. Flynn, Frank R. Gobelman, Fred Lugsch, James T. Gorder, Charles S. Dovey, Jack Sedwick, John E. Schutz, O. Sandin, Will Heinrich, George E. DeWolf, James W. Holmes, Hilt Martin, Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Lonsdale.

## FIND WALLED CHAMBER EXCAVATING FOR CELLAR

From Friday's Daily. The workmen who have been engaged in the extension at the rear of the store building of Philip Thierolf, a few days ago unearthed a mysterious walled chamber in the depths of the earth some fourteen feet below the present cellarway of the store.

The workmen were making an excavation for the extension of the cellar and had gone down to a considerable depth below where the present cellar is when they suddenly came on what seemed like a brick floor, but after the dirt was cleared away it was found that it was apparently the top of some cellar or vault and an iron-covered entrance was found. After some discussion the hole was opened up, but it was impossible to see much aside from the fact that there was some water in the hole and later Phil Harrison made his way into the mysterious vault as far as he could go, owing to the fact that there was more or less water in it, and from what could be seen, the interior had been plastered quite smoothly and the top was of stone arched type and composed of brick. A further investigation was prevented by the filling up of the hole before the water was pumped out and a thorough investigation made. Mr. Harrison states that the interior of the vault was apparently about twelve feet square. Early residents here state that at one time a large creek flowed just a few feet east of the vault along where the present Farmers State Bank and the building of R. A. Bates is located and on the site of the store of Mr. Thierolf was the old Brooks House and later the Saunders House which was burned down a great many years ago, and it is probable that the vault was constructed at the time when one or the other of these pioneer hotels were erected.

### RETURN HOME TODAY

From Friday's Daily. This afternoon Mrs. James G. Mauzy and little son returned home from Omaha, where they have been at the Methodist hospital since the birth of the little one some weeks ago. Mrs. John H. Hallstrom, mother of Mrs. Mauzy, and Mrs. Henry Mauzy, together with James Mauzy were in Omaha to assist the wife on her return home. The new son and heir is doing nicely and is the object of the greatest admiration to the relatives.

### DECLINE IN AMERICAN BIRTH RATE IN 1922

Washington, June 7.—A decline in the birth rate and a slight increase in the death rate in 1922 was shown in provisional census bureau figures for the year, announced today by the department of commerce. For the twenty-four states reporting birth figures the rate for 1922 was 22.7 for each 1,000 of population, against a rate of 24.4 for 1921. For thirty-three states the death rate last year was 11.9 against 11.6 for 1921.

### DOINGS IN THE DISTRICT COURT

From Friday's Daily. In the office of the clerk of the district court today an action entitled Kathryn Hilt vs. Oran S. Thompson et al. was filed. This case is an action to quiet title to real estate owned by the plaintiff, who is represented in the cause of action by Attorney J. M. Leyda. In the case of D. O. Dwyer vs. C. D. Quinton, sheriff, involving the question of the possession of a cash register taken on an execution from the Frank Foreman store, which has been in court for some time, was decided yesterday by Judge Begley in favor of the plaintiff.

## COMMITTEE ON JULY 4TH PICNIC IS GETTING BUSY

Lining Things Up for a Good Old Fashioned Time—Safe and Same Celebration.

The committee that is starting the Fourth of July picnic on the way to success is putting forth its utmost efforts to make this one of the biggest affairs of its kind ever held in this part of Cass county and one that will be very pleasantly remembered by those who attend. It is planned by the committee to get in touch with every lodge, society and church in the city and to have them get in and boost the project and enjoy the day in the open with their friends and relatives. The various civic organizations will cooperate in getting the plans perfected and to see that the day is made one notable in the annals of the community.

One of the interesting features suggested is to have the avenue and road leading to the picnic grounds decorated at frequent intervals with the American flag so that the crowd can "follow the flag" to the grounds, where the day will be spent in a real old fashioned get-together meeting.

### MARRIED IN CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Freley, of Los Angeles, California, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Florence, to Mr. George L. Stone on Friday, May 4th, at Los Angeles. The wedding was a very quiet one, Mr. and Mrs. Freley being the only attendants. After a wedding breakfast, the bride and groom departed for the Catalina Islands for a brief honeymoon.

Mrs. Stone received her education in the schools of California and is socially recognized in the musical world as an artist in the whistling line. The groom, George L. Stone, is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Stone of Alvo. He attended the University of Nebraska and is a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Mr. and Mrs. Stone will be at home to their friends after July 1st at 1314 West Alhambra Road, Alhambra, California.

Fred H. Mumm, wife and little son departed Friday for Omaha where they will enjoy a day's outing there visiting with relatives and friends and looking after some matters of business.

## SLUMP IS SHOWN IN 1921 INCOMES OF NEBRASKANS

Number Who File Returns Falls Off More Than 25 Per Cent—Earn Over \$126,000,000 Less.

Nebraska taxpayers earned \$126,457,193 less in 1921 than in 1920, according to a report just made public by the statistical division of the income tax unit, internal revenue department. Less than 75 per cent of the number of Nebraskans who filed income tax returns in 1920 filed such returns in 1921.

Reduction in the amount of tax paid in 1921, as compared with 1920, was \$5,035,160, or a falling off of 60.2 per cent.

In 1917, 82,472 persons filed income tax reports in Nebraska; in 1919, 87,343; in 1920, 97,729, and in 1921, 71,853. The report also shows that the average income of persons subject to payment of income tax in Nebraska in 1921 dropped from \$3,135 in 1920 to \$2,504, after it had kept above the \$3,000 mark since 1916.

Similar falling off, both in number of returns and in amount of earnings was reported from all over the country. Total number of federal income tax returns filed by individuals in 1921 was 6,662,176. Net income amounted to \$19,577,212,528, and the tax was \$71,387,106.

According to the 1921 returns, 55,398 Nebraskans have incomes ranging between \$1,000 and \$2,000 a year. These were the most numerous. Next come the \$2,000 to \$3,000 incomes, consisting of a group of 22,978.

One Nebraskan, according to the report, has an income between \$150,000 and \$200,000 a year, while three have incomes of between \$100,000 and \$150,000, and two have incomes between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

Fifty-seven persons in the state have incomes ranging from \$25,000 to \$50,000; 61 incomes from \$30,000 to \$40,000, and 23 incomes from \$40,000 to \$50,000.

Total incomes reported for the state were \$179,905,513.

### ARE OFFERING PRIZES

The Bargain Wednesday June brides are all going to enjoy a great deal of popularity, according to the plans of the Plattsmouth Ad club, and each one is going to give prizes suitable to the occasion and which the committee will see is so divided that each bride will have her share of various remembrances of the Plattsmouth merchants. The Bauer garage will see that the first bride has the opportunity of traveling where she wishes in an auto and John Hatt has offered to donate a fine, juicy soup bone to the list of other gifts that the bride will receive on this most auspicious day. The date is June 20th and the Cass county girls alone are eligible for the prizes. The Ad club has appointed a committee of Bert McElwain and Edwin Fricke to assist in the arrangements of the bridal feature of the day.

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