

# The Plattsmouth Journal

## RUNAWAY BOYS ARE FOUND TO BE FROM OMAHA

### Two Young Lads Picked Up at the Platte River Bridge Found to be From Orphanage.

From Friday's Daily.—The two young boys who were picked up at the Platte river bridge a few days ago when they stopped to get a feed, have been located as being two boys who ran away from the Masonic orphanage in Omaha last week.

The two boys walked across the wagon bridge and stopped at the home of Joe Thompson, caretaker of the bridge, and asked for a hand-out as they were hungry and had not been fed for a long period of hours. The Thompson family very kindly gave them food and also called up the county attorney, and Sheriff Stewart motored out and brought the two boys to the city where they were cared for at the jail until their relatives or friends could be located. The boys gave addresses in Omaha as their homes which on investigation were found to be false and this morning the county attorney received information that two boys were missing from the Masonic orphanage at Omaha and getting in touch with the authorities there discovered that the two boys were from that institution.

This afternoon representatives from the orphanage came on down and secured the boys and took them on back to the metropolis where they will be given another trial at the institution from which they escaped.

## BARNEY BARDWELL IS VERY SEVERELY INJURED IN WRECK

### Word Received Here Tells of Serious Injury to Former Resident of This City.

From Saturday's Daily.—Last night word was received from Bloomington, Illinois, of the serious injury of Barney Bardwell, a well known baseball player in the years that he made his home here.

Mr. Bardwell has been firing on the Illinois Central railroad out of Bloomington and the report states his injury was sustained in a railroad wreck near that place.

The facts as to the accident that resulted in the injury of Mr. Bardwell were very meagre and merely stated that he had suffered a very severe injury to his head and was being taken to Chicago on a special train and Mrs. Bardwell was accompanying her husband to the hospital.

The announcement was received here by Harry Posaill, brother of Mrs. Bardwell and was very brief as it was sent just as the train was leaving for Chicago and no details were given that the condition of the unfortunate man was very dangerous and he was in a most critical state.

## INTERESTING PAPERS

From Friday's Daily.—C. C. Despain of this city has brought to the journal several very interesting old newspapers that he has preserved for a great many years. One of these is a copy of the Council Bluffs Bugle, of April 10, 1855, when this part of the country was still the domain of the noble red man and Omaha a mere village while Plattsmouth was just being organized as a settlement. The paper has few local items that are of interest save one that tells of the election in Mills county when even at that early date an attempt was being made to move the county seat from Glenwood but which was defeated as have many attempts since that time.

Another of the papers is one printed in Vicksburg, Mississippi, during the siege of that place in July, 1863, and the paper of one page is filled with a number of incidents of the struggle which was raging outside of the city between the southern and northern armies.

## JAIL IS CROWDED

From Friday's Daily.—Deputy Sheriff Rex Young and his wife are conducting one of the best patronized boarding houses in the city in the county jail building, but the capacity of the building is now almost filled to the limit as the result of the activities of the county officials. There are now twelve persons confined in the jail and they have every available space well filled and a few more arrests will make necessary overflow meetings for the prisoners. All of the cell section as well as the upper floor of the jail section of the building is filled up. Three of the prisoners are awaiting to be taken to the state reformatory as soon as there is room in that institution for them and this will help lighten the burden of the jailer. This is the largest number that has been in the jail for the past few years.

## HAS AUTO ACCIDENT

From Friday's Daily.—William J. O'Brien, former head of the state fisheries at Gretna, and well known over this section of the state, was with Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Jason Straight, the victim of a very severe auto accident on last Sunday and which resulted in the serious injury of Mrs. Straight. The party was returning to South Bend from Fremont about 8:30 in the evening and the accident occurred on the D. L. D. highway near Ashland. There were two buses passing at the time of the accident and Mr. O'Brien turned his car out of the way of one of the buses only to be hit by the other. Mrs. Straight was thrown out of the car and received a severe scalp wound of several inches in length and which was very deep. Besides a few bruises Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien were uninjured.

## GUESSING CONTEST ON LUMP OF COAL DECIDED

### The Tidball Lumber Co. Makes Award for the Successful Winners in Contest.

From Thursday's Daily.—The guessing contest that the Tidball Lumber & Coal Co. has been conducting for the past few months was closed yesterday when the awards in the contest were made and the prize winner selected from the lists of those guessing on the weight of the large lump of coal that has been on exhibition in front of the office building.

The lump of coal was one of the largest that has been brought to the city and has attracted a great deal of attention as it was a decided novelty and the guesses covered a large range, some being far and away below the exact weight and others several hundred pounds over weight.

The Tidball Co., selected C. C. Westcott, president of the Ad. Club, Emil J. Weyrich and Frank H. Smith as the committee to examine the guesses and make the awards to those who guessed nearest the exact weight. The ticket giving the weight of the lump of coal was sealed in an envelope and placed in the Plattsmouth State bank where it remained until yesterday afternoon when it was opened in the presence of Mr. Tidball and all of the members of the committee. The weight of the lump was 2570 pounds.

The check of the list of guesses showed that Mrs. Frank Rebas was nearest correct as her guess had been 2545 or within five pounds of the correct amount and the second was that of Mrs. W. A. Galloway who had guessed the weight at 2560 or within ten pounds of the correct weight. The third nearest guess was Fred Geis and D. T. Habner, both of whom made the 2550 as their guess and these two will have to draw lots to decide the winner.

The first prize will be one ton of coal, the second prize 1,000 pounds and the third prize 500 pounds.

## STRANGERS GET NIPPED

From Thursday's Daily.—This morning two strangers, who are supposed to hail from the fair city of Syracuse in Otoe county, were nabbed by Constable Tom Svoboda and Chief of Police Hinrichsen and are now lodged in the city bastille to answer to the charge of violation of the prohibition law. The two men had driven in here and apparently under the influence of liquor to a greater or less extent and this attracted the attention of Mr. Svoboda, who camped on their trail closer than a candidate after the election year, and in the course of time the two men grew aware that all was not well and that they were being watched, and accordingly they were seized with a desire to conceal the incriminating liquor and made the attempt but the constable spotted their cache and at once proceeded to retrieve the liquor and place the men under arrest. They were taken to the city jail as the county prison is overflowing and will remain there until the return of County Attorney Caspell from Weeping Water when they will be given their airing before the courts. It was stated by the police that the men face a charge of possession, from the county, and a charge of driving a car while intoxicated, from the city.

## ENJOYS HUNTING PARTY

From Thursday's Daily.—A hunting party composed of Herbert Drexel of the Drexel Shoe Co., Dr. C. F. Schmidtman and Mr. Norton of Omaha and William Schmidtman, Jr. of this city, were engaged a few days ago in hunting the festive squirrel on the William Reynolds place near Union. The hunters secured a goodly array of the squirrels and had a very fine time out in the open. On their return home the hunters stopped at the Oscar Gaper home where they enjoyed one of the famous chicken dinners that Mrs. Gaper has specialized in and which have been enjoyed by a large number of the residents of this locality.

## OTOE COUNTY PARTIES DRAW DOWN SOME STIFF FINES

### Glen Sackley Receives \$116 Fine and Ray James One For \$20 and Costs.

From Friday's Daily.—Last evening, Justice William Weber had up for consideration at his court the cases of Glen Sackley, charged with being intoxicated and in possession of liquor, and Ray James, charged with being in the state of intoxication contrary to the peace and dignity of the people of the state of Nebraska.

The two men claimed their residence as Syracuse and were caught yesterday morning by Chief of Police Hinrichsen and Constable Svoboda with a large flagon of corn juice on their person and lodged in jail for the day until the return of the county attorney who filed the complaint against Sackley for possession and intoxication while James was fined under the city ordinances for being drunk.

The defendants did not deny the fact that they had the corn juice or that they had imbibed too freely of the beverage that cheers and also causes a great deal of trouble. The fines were paid and the parties sent on their way sadder but wiser by the experience.

## CONVICTION OF CARL GOUCHER WAS PROPER

### Says That Traveling Man Had Fair Trial and That Evidence Sustains Jury Verdict.

From Friday's Daily.—Attorney General Spillman has filed with the supreme court his printed opinion that the conviction of Carl E. Goucher for forging and abetting Arthur S. Allen, former county clerk of Lincoln county, in committing a forgery, was proper and is fully sustained by the evidence. Goucher was an agent of the Omaha Printing company, which sold a large amount of supplies to the county.

As the story is told by the state, Goucher was handed certain warrants in payment of legal claims of his company against the county, but that instead of handing them over to his employer, he endorsed them and used the proceeds; that later, when checking up the account of his company with the clerk, he was astounded to find how much he owed his employer; that he then and there asked Allen to fix things up for him, so that the county would pay more than it owed, and later he would pay it back.

The attorney general says that because of the misconduct of certain county officials the people of the county were so wrought up that he did not get a fair trial. He says that while it is true the newspapers did print a great deal about the cases Goucher wasn't tried for nearly a year and that the question of whether he should have been tried in another county was one resting within the sound discretion of the trial judge.

As to the claim that County Clerk Allen did not secure the money for Goucher in the way that the testimony indicates Goucher had suggested and that, therefore, he could not have aided or abetted him in what he did, the attorney general says that the means are immaterial, especially where the defendant had asked him to help in some way. The complaint is based on a fraudulent warrant for \$850 that Allen issued to the printing company.—State Journal.

## HAS NEW COUPE

From Friday's Daily.—Miss Estelle Geis, the efficient stenographer in the office of Attorney William A. Robertson is the possessor of a fine special Dodge coupe, which she has just purchased and which will furnish the means of travel over the hills and valleys of this section of the state in the future for the owner. The car is a very fine one and Miss Geis will find a great deal of pleasure in it in the future.

## RAFFLES DOILIES

Some time ago Mrs. C. C. Neff presented to the American Legion post of this city a fine hand made doily and also a fine buffet set that was the handiwork of her skill. At the recent festival the articles were raffled off by the ladies of the Legion Auxiliary and Mrs. Mike Hild was the winner of the doily and Mrs. Robert Reed of the buffet set. The articles were very beautiful and the kindness of Mrs. Neff will long be remembered by the service men and women of the community.

Mrs. William Budig returned to Omaha today after a short visit here with the old time friends.

## MAY FACE OTHER CHARGES

From Saturday's Daily.—Mathias Marvix, who is serving out a sentence in the county jail here for stealing a set of harness from the barn of Ray Becker of near Union, faces a longer stay shut in from the sunshine and pleasantness of the autumn days. Mr. Marvix was found, when arrested, to be in possession of a team of horses that were claimed by parties living near Valley, Nebraska, and for this offense he still has to answer. His term here is drawing to a close and when he steps forth from the Cass county jail it will be into the welcoming arms of Mike Endres, sheriff of Douglas county, who will take him to Omaha to arraign him on the horse stealing charge. This offense is very serious and will probably mean that Marvix will get out to Lincoln to dwell for some time at least.

## ROARIN' GULCH CLOSES WITH A LARGE CROWD

### American Legion Post Has Splendid Support in its Carnival the Past Four Days.

From Thursday's Daily.—Last evening the American Legion Roarin' Gulch festival closed its doors after four nights of unabated success and interest and the Earles hall, where the carnival was staged, was packed to the doors from 7 o'clock to midnight by the residents of the community to assist the service men in the success of their enterprise.

The members of the Hugh J. Kearns post of the American Legion feel very appreciative of the loyal and enthusiastic support in which the people of Plattsmouth and in all Cass county responded to their festival and assisted in making it the great and unqualified success that it has proven to have been. From Saturday or through to last night there have been large and pleasing attendances at the festival and the American Legion feel to do something for the service men who were sponsoring the entertainment.

There were many donations for the festival and persons who volunteered and assisted in the work of running the carnival and furnishing the entertainment while the services were invaluable and could not be measured in money cost to the Legion.

When the last dance of the evening was played last night the workers and the committee of the Legion felt that they had done up everything except the bunting and decorations and every booth sold out and many of these had been closed earlier in the evening when the stocks were exhausted.

In the 1,500 that filled the hall there were a half dozen out in the county, the farmers of this section and their families, the men of the Burlington shops and their wives, families and sweethearts and the business men and their ladies and citizens in general of Plattsmouth representing a half dozen of the best of the community. The crowd joining in the final big boost for the Legion.

One of the chief attractions of the evening was the drawing for the capital prize—the Fordor Ford Sedan and in the drawing that was held by the child, seated from the crowd on the floor, the car was awarded to Walter Salsburg of Louisville, who held the lucky number, 650, which was drawn as the one winning the car. This makes the second time that the Legion car has been won by residents of the outside towns as the one last year was won by Marion Pittman of Avoca.

The large crowd was largely engaged in the patronizing of the booths and the genial carnival spirit prevailed until late in the evening when the well known orchestra of the festival and the Kettle-son orchestra furnished the music for the occasion.

## AUXILIARY HOLDS MEETING

From Saturday's Daily.—The Woman's Auxiliary of the St. Luke's parish of the Episcopal church held a very delightful meeting yesterday at the home of Miss Dora Fricke on North Sixth street which was very largely attended by the members of the church society.

The ladies are this year studying one of the well known works on "China" in which is covered the many changes that have come in the form of government of this ancient nation that is now in the throes of awakening and adopting the plans and methods of the more progressive western nations.

The program was in charge of Mrs. J. M. Roberts who led the discussion of the national life of China, its people, religious work, customs and reviews of the possibilities of the future in that land which is so little known in the outside world. A number of very interesting papers were given along the line of the topic of the afternoon and which were followed with the greatest interest by the ladies.

Refreshing refreshments, served at an appropriate hour added to the enjoyment of the program of the afternoon.

## BARGAIN WEDNESDAY AGAIN PROVES VERY SUCCESSFUL

### Despite the Threatening Weather of the Morning Very Large Crowd Visits Stores.

From Thursday's Daily.—The monthly community sales day yesterday was a very pleasing success in every way for the business men of the city and demonstrated the power of advertising and the offering of real bargains in various lines that are carried in the stores of the city.

The opening of the day was most unfavorable as far as the weather was concerned as in and near this city there was quite a heavy rain that checked the volume of trade in the morning hours but this was more than made up for when the clouds rolled away in the afternoon.

Starting in the early afternoon the cars commenced to roll into the city from the nearby trade territory and bringing whole families in to participate in the buying opportunities that were offered and from the afternoon until the closing hour last night the stores were well filled with the shoppers seeking to take advantage of the bargains that were on display.

The business houses generally report a much better bargain day than was anticipated and many strangers here to become acquainted with the advantages of Plattsmouth as a trading center.

## DEATH OF FORMER RESIDENT OF THIS CITY LAST MONTH

### J. W. Schnellbacher, Who Was Born Here, Dies—Prominent Citizen of Billings, Mont.

The death of J. W. Schnellbacher, well known resident of Billings, Montana, who was born in this city and passed part of his boyhood here, occurred at his home in Billings in September following a sudden illness and operation and occurred so suddenly that the mother, brothers and sisters failed to reach his bedside before the arrival of the grim reaper.

Mr. Schnellbacher had made his home for a greater part of his life at Billings where he was very prominent and was at the time of his death a candidate for the state legislature there on the republican ticket. He was also very active in the Masonic order and in the Lions club and a man held in the highest esteem.

The Schnellbacher family were in the early eighties residents of Plattsmouth and William Hassler of this city is an uncle of the deceased gentleman.

The following sketch of his life is given by the Billings (Mont.) Gazette.

John William Schnellbacher was born in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, in 1853. He lived in Nebraska until he was fourteen years old, when his family moved to Colby, Kansas. In 1905 he was graduated from the Colby high school, later taking a normal course at Emporia, Kansas. For a few years he taught school, and then he went to the University of Michigan to take work in law. He received his degree from the university in 1911, beginning practice at once.

The first few years of practice were spent in California. In 1914, Mr. Schnellbacher came to Billings where he opened an office. He was married in this city to Miss Inez Richtman. One child, a little girl, Lael, now three years old, was born.

During his residence in Billings, Mr. Schnellbacher was active in local and state civic affairs. He was a member of the local bar association. He served a term as president of the Lions club, which organization had him under consideration for an international office at the time of his death. During the last primary election, Mr. Schnellbacher was a candidate for the house of representatives.

Besides Mrs. Schnellbacher and the daughter, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. A. M. Ulrich, of Colby, Kansas; five sisters, Mrs. Margaret Howard, of Grass Range; Miss Lavinia Ulrich, 419 North 29th street; Mrs. William Eber, Holyrood, Kansas; Miss Augusta Ulrich, Houston, Texas; and Miss Lena Ulrich, a student at the state university of Berkeley, California; and five brothers, Claude Schnellbacher, Colby, Kansas; Henry Schnellbacher, Page, Kansas; George Ulrich, Houston, Texas; John Ulrich, Holyrood, Kansas; and Philip Ulrich of Colby, Kansas.

Rev. Frank Emory Ploutz and wife, Mrs. R. B. Hayes, Mrs. Ed Roman and Miss Ella Kennedy were in Omaha for a short time attending the missionary convention that is meeting there today.

## BOND IS FILED BY BUS OWNER

From Thursday's Daily.—The first bond to be taken out by a bus line owner in Nebraska and filed with the state railway commission, as ordered by that body some time ago, is furnished by Henry Essert of Weeping Water. He operates a line between that town and Omaha. The bond turned over by Essert carries \$5,000 maximum liability to any injured person, \$20,000 total for all passengers, and \$1,000 for property damages as the result of accidents. The premium paid was \$38.50 for injury risk and \$80 for property, or \$118.50 in all.

Notice has been received by the railway commission that W. W. Townsend of Hastings is arranging to file a similar bond. Owners of bus lines have been given until October 20 to file surety instruments.

## FATHER LEETE TO SERVE ON COMMITTEE

### Will Be One of Number of Prominent Members of Clergy Selected to Assist at Denver.

Father W. S. Leete of the St. Luke's church of this city has been selected as one of the clergymen from in and near the central west to become a member of the general committee of the Evergreen, Colorado, conference of the Episcopal church, which has charge of the conferences for lay people.

Father Leete has been at the sessions of the conference in the past which are held at Camp Neesho near Evergreen, and from his interest and helpfulness in the cause he has been selected for the position of the committee that will carry out the plans for the enlargement of the field of activity of the conference and a greater facility for the work.

The conference has purchased additional grounds near Camp Neesho which will furnish greater facility and ability to care for those who will come for the summer conference from all over the United States. This will permit the conference the next year to become more general in its nature and take in a number of its groups instead of just the one group that has been held there in the past. The clergy school which is held at the camp or retreat each summer for the members of the priesthood is one of the strong features of the meetings.

Father Leete will leave on Sunday for Denver to attend the first meeting of the committee which will be held at the St. Mark's parish house, on Tuesday October 28th, and will remain there until the work is completed on outlining the plans of action.

## SIXTH STREET NOTES.

From Friday's Daily.—The Halstead meat market of which B. J. Halstead is the manager, and which has been closed for the past few weeks has again opened its doors for the trade and Mr. Halstead is once more at the helm and offering his usual line of goods of substantial meats and groceries.

The W. P. Cook barber shop in the Modern Woodman building is one of the new business houses in that portion of the city and Mr. Cook while a veteran at the barber business has a very attractive new place in this location.

Miss Evelyn Newbranch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Newbranch, departed for Kansas City, where she will try out on Orpheum time vaudeville in a song set which is being sponsored by Gus Edwards.


Miss Newbranch sang for Mr. Edwards when he was at the Orpheum theater here a week ago. At that time Edwards declared her singing of character songs was superior to that of many well known artists. As a result he has assured her that if she enjoys the work and cares to continue she can obtain a year's contract and an option on a second year.

Miss Newbranch has taken the stage name "Jane Vyrne."—Omaha Bee.

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