

The Plattsmouth Journal

SUPREME COURT CUTS DOWN FINES ON HOLMES, GREBE

State Tribunal Says Not Guilty of Usurpation or False Imprisonment, but of Assault.

From Thursday's Daily: The supreme court Wednesday set aside the conviction in Sarpy county of William F. Grebe, a Cass county constable and deputy state sheriff, and Fred Holmes, also a state law enforcement officer, on the charges of usurpation of office and false imprisonment, but held them guilty of the charge of assault upon William Schwartz.

The defendants had been fined in the lower court \$50 on each of two counts charging usurpation, \$250 in one charging false imprisonment and \$50 on one charging assault. The last named one struck, the court saying that the evidence was sufficient to uphold the verdict of the jury. The officers were charged with pulling their guns on Schwartz.

The deputies had gone to the Schwartz farm to investigate his conduct with respect to the liquor law, and testified that they found him engaged in the commission of an unlawful act, having more liquor in his possession than the law permits. He later paid a fine for this violation.

It was claimed that they represented themselves to be state sheriffs. The court says that there is no such office and that no criminal charge can be, therefore, Nor can one be convicted of usurpation of office without proof that his act was willful or mischievous. The governor is the chief law enforcement officer, and at that time Tom Carroll was chief deputy. The two defendants, however, had badges designating them as "deputy state sheriffs" furnished them by their chief. The court says that what they did was under color of office and that there was no intent to usurp any office.

The false imprisonment charge was based on the claim that the deputies told Schwartz to appear at the county jail. It also appeared that a deputy sheriff of the county was present, and gave Schwartz orders to appear at Pappilion. This cured, if it were necessary, any act of the defendants of the same character. The court says that false imprisonment is the unlawful restraint of a person without his consent, either with or without process of law, and this element was lacking in this case.

IN STORM DISTRICT

From Thursday's Daily:—The news of the terrific tornado that swept southern Illinois has caused a great deal of worry and anxiety to Mrs. M. D. Brown of this city, as her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Dunn, reside at Johnson place, near Murdock. The storm was very severe and where the press reports give 250 dead and 650 injured in the city, the population of which is 8,475. Telegrams were sent to West Frankfort this morning by Mr. Brown inquiring as to the fact that the family surviving in the storm it is difficult to get in touch with them.

MATTHEW EICKHOFF CALLED

From Friday's Daily:—For some time it has been known that Matthew Eickhoff, brother of Mrs. H. R. Schmidt, having his home at Anadarko, Okla., has been very ill and about the first of March his sister received a letter telling of his worse condition and the day following a message came telling of his passing away. Mrs. Schmidt and daughter, Miss Marie, departed for the south that evening and there attended the funeral, remaining for some ten days following.

Mr. Eickhoff was about 53 years of age and was born February 21, 1872, near Murdock, but has lived in the south for a number of years. Mr. Eickhoff lost his wife some three years ago, about two weeks following the death of his father, Mr. Louis Eickhoff, former county treasurer of Cass county. Mr. Eickhoff leaves of the children: Mrs. Manilla Hodge, Mrs. Albert Turner, Louis Eickhoff, Ralph Eickhoff, Fred Eickhoff, Norman Eickhoff and Matthew Eickhoff, and the girls, Diana, Ruth and Alvo. Brothers and sisters being Mrs. Rose Sherman, Mrs. H. H. Schmidt, Mrs. Esther Young, Jonas, Otto, Della Eickhoff and Mrs. Louis Eickhoff, second wife of the former Louis Eickhoff.

Mr. Eickhoff was connected with the Evangelical church during his earlier years and later had embraced the Christian Science.

FLOGGING WIFE BEATERS

Madison, Wis., March 18.—The senate committee on education and public welfare last night unanimously voted to recommend for passage the Gettelman bill for public flogging of convicted wife beaters. The bill provides for public whipping with the application of from five to thirty lashes of a leather thong.

Journal Want Ads pay. Say them.

MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

From Friday's Daily:—Last evening at 5 o'clock at the Cass county court house occurred the marriage of Miss Florence Edwards of this city and Jesse Blunt of Sedalia, Mo., the wedding being very quiet and the young people unattended. Miss Edwards, the bride, has resided here for the past few years and is well known to a large circle of friends. The groom has spent his lifetime in this city and has many friends who will be pleased to learn of his now found happiness.

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY OF CASS COUNTY LADY

Mrs. L. P. Greenslate, Former Resident of Elmwood and Plattsmouth Enjoys 80th Birthday

From Friday's Daily:—The following taken from the Riverside, (California) Daily Press, tells of the 80th birthday of Mrs. L. P. Greenslate, formerly a resident of Elmwood: Mrs. L. P. Greenslate of 163 Edgewood place, was made happy yesterday on the occasion of her 80th birthday anniversary by a radio party. She was one of the most interested of the hundreds in Riverside who listened to President Calvin Coolidge making an inaugural address.

During the day hosts of friends called to wish her many more happy birthdays and the rooms of her home were filled with a profusion of flowers, the gifts of those who knew her and call her friend.

Mrs. Greenslate was born in Wales in 1845, and came to America with her parents when five years of age. For many years after coming here the family lived in Elmwood, Cass county, Nebraska. For the past three years she has made her home in Riverside.

Birthday greetings came to the guest of the day from nearly every state in the Union.

Helping to make the day happier was the presence of her three children Mrs. Bertha Swearingen, Mrs. Fern Fletcher and Ellis Greenslate, all of Riverside. Mrs. Greenslate has another son, Dean Greenslate, who lives in Denver, and was not able to be present yesterday. Among the relatives who called to wish her many happy returns of the day was a great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Swearingen, another great-grandchild, who lives in the east, was not able to be present.

MOVED FROM GREENWOOD; OPERATING TWO FARMS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hiers have moved from the farm near Greenwood where they lived last year to what is known as the Howard Johnson place southwest of Louisville. They will farm the old home place of Mrs. Hiers' father, Fred Schliefer, but as the buildings are newer and more convenient on the Johnson place they will live there and Mr. Hiers will farm both places, 350 acres each.

Mrs. Hiers was formerly Miss Alta Schliefer. She was married to Mr. Hiers last spring and they went to housekeeping on a farm near Greenwood. Their many friends in this vicinity will be glad to know that they have returned and that their trading point will be Louisville. Mrs. Hiers came in last Thursday to attend the Ladies Aid society meeting at the M. E. church parlors and as she was formerly a member of this organization, she received a cordial welcome from the members.—Louisville Courier.

HEARS FROM RELATIVES

From Friday's Daily:—Mrs. M. D. Brown of this city was overjoyed this morning to receive a message from her brother, residing at the town of Christopher, Illinois, near the storm swept area of that state and which conveyed the good news that the relatives of Mrs. Brown had escaped uninjured from the effects of the great storm that swept through that area and including West Frankfort, where Mr. and Mrs. James Dunn, parents of Mrs. Brown, reside. The father also telegraphed Mrs. Brown from Chicago, where the family have gone since the tornado. They state that the loss of life at West Frankfort is estimated at 149. The tornado there swept through the business section of the city and did little damage to the heavily populated resident districts.

CELEBRATED HIS BIRTHDAY

Last Thursday, March 12th, was the 77th birthday anniversary of Wendel Heil and a number of their children came in to spend the evening and offer their congratulations. It began to rain early in the evening so the celebration was brief.

Mr. Heil is a native of Germany but has lived in this country since early childhood and is one of our highly respected pioneers. He retired from active farm life four years ago and moved to Louisville, where they own a comfortable home on North Hill. Their many friends will join in extending heartiest congratulations and best wishes for many more years of good health and usefulness.—Louisville Courier.

ASSESSOR IS PREPARING TO START THE YEAR'S WORK

Meeting Here on March 28th of the Various Precinct Assessors is Called.

From Friday's Daily:—County Assessor William H. Puls, who is making his initial book this year as the official guardian of the county tax listing, is preparing to take up the work in the next few weeks of arranging for the listing of the personal property of the county for taxation purposes. Mr. Puls has called a meeting of all of the precinct assessors which will be held at the court house here on Saturday, March 28th, and at which time the various assessors will discuss the plans for the assessing of the different classes of property that comes under their jurisdiction.

The new county assessor is now busy planning the classification of the property so that it will simplify the work of the assessors and enable them to get through the work speedily.

The present legislature may enact laws which will affect the taxing of property and it is being watched very closely by the county assessor. The repeal of the intangible tax law will also affect the taxation question if it is passed by the legislature and give a larger property interest to be taxed.

PERFORMED TROJAN LABOR IN K. T. GRAVEL PROJECT

Searl S. Davis, President of Chamber of Commerce Deserves Much Credit.

From Friday's Daily:—It is, in the opinion of this paper, only fair that Searl S. Davis, president of the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce, be given some public recognition for the excellent work he performed in carrying out the work of raising money for the gravelling project on the King of Trails highway through the eastern portion of Cass county.

Mr. Davis was placed at the head of the committee to manage the gravelling campaign against his wish, but the wisdom of the other members in insisting on his service was demonstrated yesterday in the last hours of the intensive campaign to raise the necessary funds to assure the gravelling.

The president of the Chamber of Commerce has been at the head of the soliciting committee and while all of the members hereabouts have five wires at Murray and Union performed a service that entitles them to a debt of gratitude. Mr. Davis has been on the job in keeping the work under way and in the final completion of the task that was so important for those who had to make the sacrifice of time and money to see that it was a success.

Yesterday morning on the date selected by the board of county commissioners for the final submission of the \$4,250 needed to cover the gravelling project, there was still quite a little sum to be raised, as a number of those who had been depended upon to assist had failed to come thru, and it was in this part of the program that Mr. Davis was called upon to "do his stuff," completing in forty-five minutes the final amount among Plattsmouth people which allowed the committee to place in the hands of the commissioners the amount of donations asked and making possible the pulling of the highway out of the mud.

Everyone who had part in the campaign, either in soliciting or contributing, has the devout thanks of the community for making the new road possible, but Mr. Davis, who has made an especial sacrifice of time on this as well as many other community enterprises, should have special recognition. For this reason we say it in print, rather than with flowers, Mr. Davis.

ENTERTAIN AUXILIARY

From Friday's Daily:—The ladies auxiliary of the Presbyterian church was very pleasantly entertained on Wednesday afternoon at the church parlors by Mesdames Fred G. Morgan, John Meisinger, Jr., and Louis Born.

The ladies enjoyed two special features in the entertainment program of the day, a very charming reading by Miss Mildred Meisinger and also several vocal numbers were given by Miss Catherine Schneider in her usual artistic manner, which served to brighten the pleasures of the afternoon.

At a suitable hour the hostesses served very dainty and delicious refreshments and in the luncheon the St. Patrick's day colors and decorations were carried out most pleasantly. There was a very large number in attendance at the meeting and the greatest interest shown in the program of the afternoon of this very active branch of the church organization.

ARRANGING TO MOVE

Fred Ahrens and brother, Enno Ahrens of near Nehawka, were here today for a few hours, coming to look after the arrangements for Mr. Fred Ahrens to move to this section of the country to reside. Mr. Ahrens has bought the quarter section that was formerly owned by G. W. Snyder west of the Lowell farm, and which Fred is expecting to break and put into cultivation this year. This land has never been placed under cultivation.

GRAVELING OF K. OF T. HIGHWAY ASSURED

RUSTLING COMMITTEE RAISES SUM OF \$4,250, FULFILLING REQUEST OF BOARD.

MEANS BIG STEP FORWARD

Certified Check Delivered to Board of County Commissioners This Afternoon.

From Thursday's Daily:—The gravelling of the King of Trails highway from the Otoe county line southwest of Union to Plattsmouth was assured today when a certified check for \$4,250 was delivered to the board of county commissioners of Cass county, fulfilling the request of the board to secure the additional funds to pay over this badly needed road improvement in this section of the county.

With months of the year when the roads are impassable of travel the demand has grown that there be some definite steps taken to pull this part of the county out of the mud and it has been enabled in splendid shape by the progressive citizenship that resides in the vicinity of the highway and in the cities of Plattsmouth, Murray and Union.

The general committee that was appointed here some time ago, consisting of Searl S. Davis, T. H. Pollock, John P. Sattler, R. A. Bates and E. J. Richey, has been pushing the proposition and received some wonderful support from the residents of the territory adjoining the highway, and the proposition to be put over in great shape. This securing of the graveled highway is one of the really big things of the year for the residents of the county and one that every citizen will enjoy and appreciate more by the friends and neighbors and the advantages and benefits to every one who has to travel the highway either on business or pleasure.

The county commissioners heartily supported the proposition to secure a good permanent highway and while all of the members hereabouts have five wires at Murray and Union performed a service that entitles them to a debt of gratitude. Mr. Davis has been on the job in keeping the work under way and in the final completion of the task that was so important for those who had to make the sacrifice of time and money to see that it was a success.

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DEATH OF OLD RESIDENT OF NEAR UNION

William Clarence, Residing North-east of Union, Passes Away Last Evening at Home.

From Thursday's Daily:—The death of William Clarence, one of the pioneer residents of near Union, occurred last evening at his home northeast of that place where he has been very seriously ill for the past two weeks from an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. Clarence has been a resident of this county for more than a half a century and was well known in the community in which he has lived in this long period of years. The deceased was born in Holland March 22, 1857, and came to the United States when seventeen years of age, locating in Chicago. In the late sixties he came west and engaged in farming in southeastern Cass county.

He was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Ervin of that community at Plattsmouth on March 30, 1874. Mrs. Clarence passed away January 28, 1917.

The deceased was a man held in the highest esteem by a large circle of friends who regret very much to learn of his passing.

He is survived by four children, all grown, Milton and William Clarence of Union, Mrs. William Taylor of Omaha and Mrs. Bert Everett of near Nebraska City.

FIVE FRIENDS VERY PLEASANT SURPRISE

Mr. and Mrs. Q. K. Parmele Assisted in Celebrating Thirty-sixth Wedding Anniversary.

From Friday's Daily:—The passing of the thirty-sixth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Q. K. Parmele as well as the fifty-seventh birthday of Mr. Parmele was made the occasion of a very enjoyable gathering at the Parmele home west of this city a few evenings ago and which all members of the party will long pleasantly remember.

The fact of the approach of the double anniversary had been learned by the friends and neighbors and Mrs. Henry Starjok and Mrs. Geo. W. Goodman, neighbors, arranged the delightful surprise that was carried out most successfully.

During the evening fun and enjoyment reigned supreme and several clever stunts were given by the friends of the guests of honor, Mrs. Starjok reading a copy of "The Moreoverville News," prepared for the occasion, which brought out a great deal of merriment, while Mrs. G. W. Goodman gave a special reading on "The Married Life of Mr. and Mrs. Q. K. Parmele," which was very clever and added to the fun of the evening. Henry Starjok also gave a selection, "In the Year of '82," which was much enjoyed, while Judge Allen J. Beeson extended the well wishes of the party to the estimable host and hostess.

In honor of the occasion the friends presented Mr. and Mrs. Parmele with several very handsome gifts and also a fine milk stool and pail was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Parmele and it is stated that they are now expecting to become the leading dairy farmers of that locality.

Those attending the pleasant occasion were: Messrs. and Mesdames Andrew Uhe and daughter, Mildred; Allen J. Beeson and daughter, Miss Helen; Ray Patton and son; Henry Starjok and son, William; Martin Nelson; G. W. Goodman; Oliver Harvey and two children, and Messrs. C. A. Harvey and Mike Renner, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Parmele.

INSTALLS NEW SIGN

The Buick service station here, which is operated by John B. Livingston, that rustling representative of the company, is having a new sign placed today on the exterior of the station at Fourth and Main street and which is being arranged so that it can be illuminated at night for the benefit of the motorists who are seeking Buick service. The sign is one that will attract the attention of the passersby and adds much to the general appearance of the station.

SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

The many friends of Mrs. Earl Schwenniker will be pleased to know that this estimable lady is now showing a very good progress at the Methodist hospital in Omaha where she has been for the past two weeks. Mrs. Schwenniker has been in very critical condition and her continued improvement is the cause of much rejoicing to her family and friends. Mrs. J. M. Henry of Kansas City, mother of Mrs. Schwenniker, has been at her side constantly since her operation.

MANY ENJOY DANCE

From Friday's Daily:—The Gradoville orchestra was playing at Murray last evening at the dance given at Peterson hall and one of the largest crowds of the season was present at the delightful occasion. There were many from this city motoring down for the dance while young people from Union, Nehawka and Weeping Water were present to take part in the dancing treat. The dances this season at Murray have been quite successful and the persons attending them report a most delightful time.

BARGAIN WEDNESDAY BRINGS LARGE CROWDS TO CITY

Despite the Unfavorable Condition of the Roads Many Are Here to Take Advantages of Prices.

The regular community bargain day held yesterday was one that brought in a very large number of the residents of the outlying districts to take advantage of the exceptionally fine opportunities of real money saving bargains, and this, in the face of the fact that the roads at this time are far from what is desirable for traveling.

The Ad club, members of which are participating in the bargain day offerings, were unable to get out with their regular monthly mailing list this month owing to the fact that the list is being checked and a new and up to date list prepared for circulation of the special bargain sheets but this will be resumed as soon as possible.

The advertisements of the special monthly bargain offerings have appeared in the Journal, both in the daily and weekly editions, and those of the residents of the county who are not subscribers of the paper can, by writing the Journal or R. W. Knorr, secretary of the Ad club, secure copies of the bargain sheets for the April community sales day that will be held on the third Wednesday of April.

The residents of the community have found these special days real money savers and the prices that are offered are as cheap as can be found anywhere in good, dependable merchandise and a comparison of prices here and in large cities or other towns shows that there is opportunity to make the dollar go a long way farther by trading in Plattsmouth than by going to the larger cities. A check of prices shows that Plattsmouth merchants are giving the people real service in every way.

OLD VETERAN OUT

Yesterday afternoon Asbury Jacks, who was taken quite ill on the streets last week, was able to be down town for a few hours, enjoying the nice spring weather as well as visiting with his many friends. His many friends were well pleased to learn that Mr. Jacks was showing such improvement and trust that it may continue until he is entirely recovered from his severe sick spell. At the advanced age of Mr. Jacks his attack has been quite serious and caused him a great deal of suffering.

Buy your ink and pencils at the Bates Book and Gift Shop.

DECLAMATORY CONTEST AT HIGH SCHOOL

Large Number Present to Enjoy Fine Program Arranged by Contestants in the Event.

From Friday's Daily:—Last evening the high school auditorium was filled with a large and very much interested audience to enjoy the declamatory contest arranged among the young people of the city schools and in which an unusually high standard of numbers were given.

The high school orchestra, one of the best musical organizations in any of the eastern Nebraska schools, was present and gave several numbers that were very much enjoyed by all of the members of the large audience.

The extemporaneous class, composed of Roland Thomas, Norris Cummins, George Swatek and George Thacker, were given their subjects only an hour before the opening of the program and each of the young men made a very effective presentation of their subjects. The award in this class was given to Norris Cummins, who has been the winner in the last two contests in this class.

In the dramatic class there were also four contestants, Misses Gretchen Warner, Ruth Tidball, Helene Perry, Helen Beeson. In this event there were very artistically given selections that reflected the greatest credit on the young women taking part and in which Miss Helene Perry was given the first prize for her number, "How the LaRue Stakes Were Won."

The humorous class comprised three of the young ladies of the school, Misses Frances Field, supervisor of music, gave a selection that was much enjoyed and the young men comprising the organization made a most pleasing hit in their first public appearance.

The boys' quartet, composed of Clyde Graves, Edgar Wescott, James Jean and Frank Godwin, also gave a number that was much enjoyed. The presentation of the medals was made by R. G. Campbell, principal of the high school.

The winners of the local contest will go to the Eastern Nebraska district contest at Omaha on April 10th and from the exceptionally gifted talent of the city schools here they should make a fitting representation of Plattsmouth.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mrs. D. C. Morgan, of this city, who has been at Lincoln for the past few days visiting with her sisters and also taking treatment there at the sanitarium, was operated on Tuesday for the removal of her tonsils that have been giving her a great deal of trouble of late. The operation was a thorough success and it is thought that the patient will secure a great deal of relief from the operation. The many friends here are pleased to learn that she has stood the ordeal so nicely and trust that she may soon be able to return home restored to her former good health.

Advertisement for The First National Bank featuring a 'Save 25%' sign and the slogan 'Glad To Meet You!'.