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## Auto Party Makes Raid on Filling Station in This City

Station of the Plattsmouth Motor Company Visited by Thieves Last Night.

From Thursday's Daily—  
The Plattsmouth Motor company garage seems to be made the "goat" for raiding parties of auto bandits as the garage was the scene two weeks ago of a stickup of the night man at the garage and the taking of some \$75 from the cash register in the office of the garage.

Last night another raiding party visited the garage but this time they did not attempt the robbery of the garage proper, but broke into the gasoline filling station, situated just west of the garage building on Sixth street.

James Rishel, the night man at the garage heard a noise around the filling station about 2:30 this morning and securing his revolver and flashlight he started to investigate and as he came out of the garage building a large touring car with side curtains drawn drove away from the vicinity of the filling station. Mr. Rishel failed to find anything wrong at this time and naturally concluded that the parties had stopped there to use the free air service.

Mr. Rishel returned to the garage and about 3 o'clock was aroused by Officer Jackson of the night police force who stated that there was some parties around the filling station. Mr. Rishel and the police officer hastened to the station as the car that was standing near the station drove away. It was found this time that the parties had been scolded by Mr. Rishel on their first visit there.

The door of the station had been forced open and a check of the contents showed that there was two gallon cans of motor oil taken from the station and had not the garage keeper and the police arrived on the scene at just the time they did the night raiders would have doubtless made away with the rest of the supplies on hand in the station.

## RETURNS HOME

From Friday's Daily—  
Mrs. Albert Godwin, who has been for some time at the Wise Memorial hospital in Omaha recovering from an operation for the removal of an internal goitre, was so far progressed on the highway to recovery that she was able to return home this week. Mrs. Godwin has been in very poor health for several months and seemed to be suffering from a severe nervous breakdown and for which she was treated at a number of institutions but without any measure of success. On being taken to Omaha by Dr. Roeder, specialist in goitre and he decided that this was the underlying cause of the ill health of the patient and accordingly the operation was performed. Immediately after the operation the patient seemed much brighter and in a few days after the operation was well on the highway to recovery and her condition has more than pleased the members of the family and the attending physicians. The patient is now apparently thoroughly relieved of her former breakdown and is well on the highway to complete recovery. The family are loud in the praise of the surgeon who has made the recovery of the patient possible.

## SCOUT OFFICIAL HERE

From Thursday's Daily—  
Last evening Mr. Hesse, the regional scout executive officer for the district composed of Cass, Otoe, Nemaha and Richardson counties, was in the city consulting the local Scout leaders in regard to the work of the Scouts here and in this county.  
There has been a new readjustment of the Scout work in the state and which has created a district composed of the southeastern counties of the state in the new district and over which Mr. Hesse is placed as director. The headquarters of the new district is at Nebraska City.  
The towns in Cass county that are included in the new district are Plattsmouth, Weeping Water, Louisville and Union, and which will have as the object the centering of the scout activities from the new district headquarters.  
A camp has been established at Nebraska City and which the towns with the scout troops that are participants in the district activities will have a part, a small amount being entered each year by each of the towns.

## HOLD PLEASANT MEETING

From Thursday's Daily—  
The ladies of the St. Mary's guild of the Episcopal church were very pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. F. L. Cummins on Tuesday afternoon with a very pleasing number of the ladies in attendance. The ladies spent the time in the business of the guild and the plans for the next few months. At the conclusion of the afternoon a very dainty and much enjoyed luncheon was served by the hostess.

## SUFFERS INJURED FOOT

From Thursday's Daily—  
Ray Cavender, one of the young men employed at the local shops, is taking an enforced vacation as the result of a very severe injury that he received yesterday afternoon while at his work. A large block of iron fell and at the time the left foot of Ray was in the road, the result being that the toes and a part of the foot was quite badly mashed. The injured young man was taken to the office of a physician where the injury was dressed and he made as comfortable as possible altho it will be some time before Ray is able to use the foot to any extent.

## Aged Plattsmouth Lady Passes Her 91st Birthday

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Petty Passes Anniversary at the Home of Her Daughter Here.

From Thursday's Daily—  
Ninety-one years ago yesterday in Champaign county, Ohio, Elizabeth A. Haines first saw the light of day and yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wynn in this city, the estimable lady celebrated the anniversary amid the family circle and with a few of the old friends and neighbors.

It is a long time past the average allotted span of human life that Mrs. Elizabeth Petty has passed and her life has been laid among the most eventful pages of the country's history. When she was born Andrew Jackson was still the president of the United States and the most glorious advances of mankind in the way of invention and progress was as yet undreamed of.

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The family came to Plattsmouth twenty-eight years ago and here the husband and father answered the last call. Since the death of the husband, the past 12 years Mrs. Petty has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. John Wynn and family in this city. Seven years ago Mrs. Petty was injured by a fall and which has made it necessary for her to spend her waking hours in a wheel chair but in face of this she has been bright and cheerful and in appearance she does not show her great years. A stranger would not believe that she was more than seventy years of age, altho she is nearing the century mark.

## CELEBRATES 72ND BIRTHDAY

Honoring Mr. Robert L. Propst whose seventy-second birthday occurred October 15th, a lawn party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Propst in Lake Worth, Florida. The tables were set with the delicious dinner under electric light which illuminated the spacious grounds. A cake with seventy-two candles was presented for Mr. Propst to cut. Also one having sixty-two candles was presented to Mrs. Alice Cowles, whose birthday occurred last Sunday.

Those who enjoyed this memorable evening with Mr. Propst were Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Wilcox and daughter, Marilyn, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Propst and children, Alice, Jean and W. E., Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Elvin E. Greene, Jr., Miss Dorothy Cowles, Miss Florence Barber, Mrs. J. I. Wilson, Mrs. Alice Cowles, Mr. Frank McDaniel and wife, and Mrs. Dwight Propst and son, Neal.

## SQUIREL HUNTERS BUSY

From Friday's Daily—  
Yesterday the Journal is informed two of the well known residents of the business section of the city decided to lay aside the cares of business for a few moments and hasten out to the great open spaces where the squirrels and game wardens abound. The two gentlemen were not slow in getting into action when they arrived at the hunting grounds and they soon had the squirrels racing for shelter as well as the residents of the nearby territory that might reside in the zone of fire of the hunters. Seriously speaking however the boys secured a nice bag of game and today roast squirrel will be found at the Morgan Sweet shop as well as at the Buick auto agency as the result of the activity of the hunters.

## DOINGS IN DISTRICT COURT

From Friday's Daily—  
In the office of the clerk of the district court an action has been filed by Charles E. Martin, attorney for the plaintiff entitled Charles E. Meteer vs. Harry H. Carroll. The action is for the quieting of title in the plaintiff of certain real estate in Cass county.

## Boosting Suggestions for This Community

Greater Realization of the Needs of the Needs of This Section of the State Is Urged.

From Thursday's Daily—  
This morning received my Rogers Daily Post from the "Bear State." Notice that Hal Price, living four miles from Rogers harvested fifteen thousand pounds of grapes to the acre. At even three cents per pound returned him \$450.00 per acre. Nebraska grapes are better quality and heavier yielders. Looks as tho the grape industry is a great thing for our farmers.

At yesterday's auction on farm of Wirth a litter of ten pigs farrowed March 7th, this year, sold for \$396.00 and the sow was left to breed again. Rex Young also sold 34 young boars at an average of over \$50.00 apiece, Pretty neat!

The dairy cow with the chicken is the greatest source of cash revenue a farmer can have. This month Young has brought into Cass county for farmers, eight pure bred Holsteins. This is not only interesting news but valuable news. Dairies mean cash for the farmer twelve months in the year; cash buyers for our merchants; a more even distribution of prosperity and prospective creameries.

Yesterday Keller & Keeney bought 4000 chickens at Plattsmouth paying out \$3,000.00 cash. They paid ten cents for roosters; twenty-one cents for hens; nineteen cents for springs; and fifteen cents for ducks and geese. This just corroborates the statement above regarding the importance of poultry. Suggested to these men they try to make their buying days on our Bargain Wednesday days, so the sellers of poultry could at the same time receive the benefit of the bargains.

The public library yesterday brought this office a fine poster which we have hung in the window. It reads:

"Help your community by—  
Knowing it.  
Boosting it.  
Working for it.  
Be proud of your own.  
Make it proud of you."

Damage to the buying power of the south equal to the effects of ten Florida hurricanes will be the result of the record breaking cotton crop this year, unless some way is found to lift the market price above the cost of production. Thank your astrological stars that you were landed in Nebraska. Cotton can't be turned into money thru steers and hogs, or thru cream and butter. Pretty nice state, this! This cotton proposition emphasizes the supreme folly of the "one crop farmer." Even corn, or hogs, or beef, or apples, or berries, or potatoes, can be as disastrous when used as a one crop. Diversification, corn, wheat, oats, alfalfa and sweet clover, with hogs and poultry, and butter fat is a combination along with the fruit that absolutely can't be beaten. Try it out.

We stop to call your attention to the fact this office receives daily inquiries from men wanting work, corn husking or any employment available. Take advantage of this by listing your needs with us. Telephone 2 rings on number eleven.

They say down in Mexico ten men were shot for being implicated in the murder of one American citizen (according to the Louisville Times) which also adds that on this side of the line we would have arrested ten, tried four, convicted one, and paroled the convicted man.

Indifference is the slow death of any enterprise; of happy lives; of churches; of cities; of civic projects, of business; it is like "Steve says," A firefly is a brilliant bug, but his headlight's on behind. There is a great work to be done for Plattsmouth but to succeed it requires interest, enthusiasm and support of ALL our citizens, men and women, not just the faithful overworked handful who are always on the job in every city and community with their courage and vision.

Did you ever watch a man try to pull out of a hole with a team in which one horse was balky? Well it was a fizzle! The harness, wagon, and man's temper badly "busted."

W. G. DAVIS,  
Secretary,  
Are you a member of the Chamber of Commerce?

The Dennison line offers you year-round entertainment goods. Picnics, lawn parties and outdoor events can be supplied as well as interior decorations. Bates Book and Gift Shop is exclusive selling agents for Dennison goods in this territory.

## SUFFERS PAINFUL INJURY

From Friday's Daily—  
Yesterday afternoon Vern Arn, of the S. S. Chase meat market suffered a very painful injury while he was engaged in cutting meat and which will make his hand very sore and painful for the next few days. Mr. Arn was engaged in cutting meat with the large cleaver and as he was cutting the meat his left thumb got into the path of the cleaver and suffered a very severe cut that made necessary the services of a physician to take care of and which will keep Vern on the partially retired list for a few days.

## Pushing Plans for Big Power Co. Sub-Station

Nebraska Gas & Electric Company Getting Ready for Start of \$85,000 Plant.

From Friday's Daily—  
Yesterday F. H. Brooks, general manager of the Nebraska Gas & Electric Co., and Chief Engineer Shoemaker of the United Light & Power Co., the owners of the local light and power plant, were here to complete the preliminary work of getting ready for the erection of the large \$85,000 power plant that will be erected on the plot of ground at the south boundary of the city for the sub-station of the Nebraska Gas & Electric Co., and which will connect the high voltage line from Iowa to Lincoln and a similar line to be built from Omaha to this city.

The new sub-station which will be modern in every way will be placed near what is known as the "Horn" just south of this city at the junction of Lincoln and Chicago avenue. This station will be used in the transmission of light and power current to the various points on the lines served by the Nebraska Gas & Electric company in Iowa, Missouri and eastern Nebraska, and the high voltage current from the Lincoln plant as well as the power plants along the Blue river will be passing through this station as well as the new lines of high voltage that will be erected from Omaha to this point. The company will erect in addition to the power plant and station a cottage that will be occupied by the engineers in charge of the plant and will allow them to live right on the scene of action to look after the care of the plant and maintaining of service through the medium of the two lines of current.

The plant will be one of the best in this part of the west and certainly will be a great addition to the service of the company in seeing that their patrons are supplied at all times with the electricity for light and power and will be a great addition to the service that the Nebraska Gas & Electric company have given and which is the best that any company of its kind has given in the west.

## ENJOYABLE HALLOWEEN PARTY

From Friday's Daily—  
Last evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Bach was the scene of their pleasant gathering of friends who had a real old fashioned Halloween party held amid the most appropriate surroundings.  
The large and modern garage had been arranged in the decorations of the Halloween season, the black and orange colors and autumn leaves being used in making the setting for the jolly party of some twenty guests. The time was spent in playing games and dancing at which a great deal of enjoyment was derived by all of the jolly party until a late hour.  
The refreshments of doughnuts, apples, sandwiches and cider and coffee served to complete the evening of the greatest pleasure to all of the members of the party.

## HATCHERY PLANS BOOMING

N. A. Morrow, who is to locate his large chicken hatchery plant at this city, writes to Secretary Davis of the Chamber of Commerce, that the large special incubators for the hatchery have been ordered and they will be shipped about the first of December to this city and the hatchery then be started on the work of hatching out the chicks. Mr. Morrow also has a party interested in the Hofeld chicken farm that he is bringing up to look after the securing of the farm and if successful will develop this plant to a much larger sphere of activity.

## FINDS MOTHER IMPROVED

From Thursday's Daily—  
Louis S. Papp of the music department of the Plattsmouth city schools, returned home yesterday from Franklin, Nebraska, where he was called by the illness of his mother, and on his arrival at the home at Franklin he found that while very poorly the mother was some better. Mrs. Papp it is thought will be brought to Omaha in a short time to enter one of the hospitals there for an operation.

## Congressman Morehead Pays City a Visit

Faithful Representative of the First District Greeted Throughout the County.

From Saturday's Daily—  
Yesterday John H. Morehead, congressman of the first Nebraska district, was visiting northern Cass county and receiving a greeting that was a real kindly and neighborly visit and one that pleased the able and efficient congressman as it brought him in a more intimate touch with the friends and acquaintances and the great mass of the people of this section of the district.

With Congressman Morehead the visit over the first district has been in the nature of a report of the elected representative of the people to the district that had honored him and the occasion was devoid of the usual bombast and flag waving that characterizes the usual line of the professional politician which is not the manner of Governor Morehead who is a plain and deeply interested citizen who has been selected as his district's representative at Washington and is home to chat and talk over the situation with the home folks, to gather their viewpoint that he might see that their very best interests were served in the coming congress.

The first district has confidence in their representative as is shown each day in all parties and ranks of life where the slogan is "Morehead is the man for congress."

The tour yesterday opened at Greenwood and closed at Murray late last evening with speeches by the former governor at Greenwood, South Bend, Louisville, Cedar Creek and Plattsmouth. The meeting at Louisville was marked by the fact that Congressman Morehead was introduced to the citizens by Editor Lee Mayfield, a republican, showing the great non-partisan feeling that is sweeping over the district to send John H. Morehead back to congress.

The meeting here was held at the district court room and which was comfortably filled with a deeply interested audience of members of all political faith who had gathered to hear and meet their old friends and neighbors.  
Joseph A. Capwell introduced the speaker briefly with a few incidents of personal appreciation of the guest of the evening who is making his aim at Washington real service to the people of his district.

Congressman Morehead gave a brief and very frank statement of many of the conditions at Washington and his desires to be of the greatest service in putting across the measures that would be of the most benefit to his people. Long service at Washington was one of the means of acquiring influence in the halls of congress through the committee appointments and which with the return of Mr. Morehead this fall will give him a strong standing in the democratic members of the various committees. One rule in congress that the congressman hoped to see changed was one that would require a record vote of the congressmen on all legislation and appropriation bills instead of the present system. This would have a tendency to cut down the appropriations if the congressmen were compelled to go on written record instead of a "aye" and "nay" vote.

The congressman also urged that senators and representatives who advocated measures of reform should themselves follow these reforms and set an example personally to their people by living in compliance with the law and the constitution. The speaker deplored the tendency of many candidates to make claims and promises that were broken after they arrived at Washington. The failure of public officials to live up to their pledges had caused a disregard for the elective officers on the part of the people and a feeling that the officials were lack in the performance of their duties which should not be as there should be sympathy and cooperation between the law maker and the law enforcer and the citizenship.

Mr. Morehead touched briefly on some of his experiences as the governor of the state of Nebraska from 1913 to 1917 and including the efforts that had been made that secured the re-investment of the school fund and the bringing of this fund from \$8,000,000 to \$13,000,000. His stand had been for the economy in the state government and which he was proud of having been able to accomplish by cutting down the tax eaters. This same system of handling the federal government could be followed the speaker stated.

The business of government was not a partisan matter but the officers of either party must be surrounded by careful and capable men to secure the best of results in a safe and economical administration of the governmental affairs.

In the west the speaker urged the formation of a militant group of the western representatives of all parties that would strive to secure the legislation needed by the great agricul-

tural west for the prosperity of this great producing section of the nation. The domination of the eastern interests would be shook by the determined stand of the west that would compel the recognition of the west and its interests.

Congressman Morehead also took a stand for the Missouri river navigation and recited the stand that the Nebraska delegation had taken that and compelled the house to include this upper part of the Missouri program in their bill and which was now awaiting the action of the senate.

The great slush funds were also touched upon and denounced as the speaker stated that the great contributions given were in the expectation of favors in matters of legislation and which was one of the methods that the interests used in fostering their hold on the legislation of the state legislatures and congress. He cited the fact that \$5,000,000 had been sent into this district two years ago to aid in trying to accomplish his defeat.

Congressman Morehead urged a nation of home owners as a national defense and stated that after all the main aim was to see that the persons who formed the citizenship of the country had the means of enjoying prosperity, owning homes and this in disregard of party lines or measures. He favored not large standing armies but the saving of this money that it might be used in the care and comfort of the soldiers and widows of 61-65 and the relief of the service men of other wars.

## FORMER RESIDENT PASSES

E. G. Clements, for many years a photographer in Lincoln, died at Eugene, Ore., Saturday as a result of injuries sustained in an auto accident recently, according to word received by Guy B. Gould of Havlock. Mrs. Gould is a daughter of Mr. Clements. Mrs. Gould had been visiting her father in Eugene and had left, two days before his death on her return trip, thinking her father nearly recovered. She was notified of his death while in Los Angeles and has returned to Eugene.

Mr. Clements came to Lincoln in 1869 and had his studio on the west side of Eleventh street between O and N. He lived in Lincoln at 647 North Thirteenth until ten years ago when he moved to the west coast. Mr. Clements was one of the early photographers of Lincoln and has presented many old photographs to the state historical society. At the time of his death he was eighty-five years old.

Mr. Clements was injured when he was struck down by an automobile about September 1, and has been under medical care since. Besides Mrs. Gould, he is survived by a son, Dr. Frederick E. Clements of Santa Barbara, Calif., who was one time connected with the University of Nebraska and the University of Minnesota. No definite arrangements have been made concerning the burial according to Mrs. Gould.—State Journal.

Covert Jean, who has been located at McAllen, Texas, for the past year and engaged in clerking in one of the stores of that growing Rio Grande valley city, came in this morning from the south and will visit with his mother at Omaha and the old friends in this city.

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## Reception is Tendered New M. E. Pastor

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Sortor Guests at Pleasant Event Held at First Methodist Church.

From Friday's Daily—  
Last evening the parlors of the First Methodist church was the scene of a very delightful social event in the reception that was arranged by the ladies of the church in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Harold Sortor, who have just recently come here to take charge of the conduct of the local church.

The parlors of the church had been very prettily arranged for the occasion the bright hued autumn leaves with the streamers of the Halloween colors of black and orange being used in the decorative plan of the evening.

The parlors were filled with a very large attendance of the members of the church congregation and a number of friends from outside the church to have the pleasure of meeting the new pastor and wife and other of the newer church members who were in attendance.

In the receiving line were Rev. and Mrs. Harold Sortor, Superintendent and Mrs. R. E. Bailey and Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce W. G. Davis and Mrs. Davis, the guests being introduced by C. C. Westcott of the official board of the church.

A short and very interesting program was presented by the members of the Epworth League, "The Bachelor's Evening" which was very cleverly given and much enjoyed by all of the large number in attendance.

Brief remarks were made by Rev. and Mrs. Sortor, Mr. Davis and Mr. Bailey that assisted in the further enjoyment of all of the members of the party and assisted all in getting more thoroughly acquainted.

Mrs. E. H. Westcott gave one of her always pleasing vocal solos that proved an added feature of the program and Mrs. Westcott also assisted in the direction of the group singing during the evening.

Not the least of the features of the evening program was the two vocal numbers offered by W. G. Davis and which was a real revelation to the members of the party.

At the conclusion of the evening refreshments of pumpkin pie and coffee were served by the committee headed by Mrs. W. R. Holmes and which finished an evening of the greatest pleasure.

## RECEIVES PROMOTION

Dr. G. H. Gilmore of Murray, who has held the rank of major in the United States army medical corps for the past two years has been given a promotion and well deserved recognition of his work in the medical line. Dr. Gilmore has been assigned to inactive duty with the 54th medical regiment of the seventh division of the regular army. The new assignment makes the very able Murray physician subject to call to service at any time and is a marked advancement from his work in the reserve corps.

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