

The Plattsmouth Journal

Mother Takes Child, Causes Excitement

Forcible Taking of Child From Columbian School and From Custody of the Teacher.

From Thursday's Daily— The desire of a mother to regain possession of her child and the sequence of the domestic trouble of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Allen, caused several hectic moments yesterday afternoon at the Columbian school and gave Miss Betty West, teacher of the primary department a real fright as well as a rough handling by the parties striving to gain possession of the child.

The child, a little girl, has been here living at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Allen, for some time, being brought here by her father, who is located at Kansas City, where Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Allen have been located. The father placed the child with the grandparents and who had the little girl enrolled in the school here, she being assigned to the Columbian school and the teacher, which Miss Betty West is the teacher.

Yesterday afternoon while the little girl was at school a young woman appeared at the school and asked Miss West for the little Allen girl, the teachers of the school had been instructed not to permit any child to leave the school during the parties unless it was with the parents, accordingly the demand for the child being refused by Miss West. The mother and a man then appeared on the scene and demanded the child and they both being strangers to the teacher she refused to permit the child to leave and asked the men to see Superintendent Bailey or Miss Nettie Hawksworth, principal of the Columbian school. Instead the parties grabbed the child and attempted to leave, their efforts being resisted by the teacher in compliance with her orders and in the effort to gain the possession of the child the courageous teacher was rather roughly handled. The parties made a successful getaway with the child and loading her in a car disappeared from the scene of the trouble.

Miss West has suffered a very severe shock from the effort, her experience and was unable to continue her work for the afternoon as the result of the nervous attack brought on by the rough handling, while the little children of the school were also badly frightened with the experience and almost afraid to go on to their homes. In the struggle over the child Miss West lost her watch but which was later found by Chief of Police Johnson who was called to the scene of action, the watch being found lying in the yard.

SHOW PASSION PLAY

From Thursday's Daily— Yesterday afternoon at the Parmele theatre there was held a private showing of the Friedberg Passion Play, the oldest Passion play in Europe and which the management of the Parmele theatre are planning on showing in this city in the next two months.

The picture is one that is prepared in an impressive manner and shows the Passion of the Christ, His crucifixion and death and the resurrection again on the third day.

The cast presents the characters in a deeply religious manner and gives a last impression of the great events that marked the last two weeks of the life of Christ as a man on earth, preaching the doctrine of love and peace and the life everlasting through the belief and practice of the Christian teaching.

The showing was given before a large group of the clergymen, school people and teachers of the church schools and who were much impressed with the picture and its inspirational ideals that presented the life of Christ in its greatest sacrifice.

The date of the showing of the picture has not been announced as yet and the management will be at a great expense in securing this picture and feel that if the picture is helpful and inspiring in the teachings of the church that they will be well repaid in the good that the picture may do in the community.

DOINGS IN DISTRICT COURT

From Friday's Daily— This morning an action was filed in the district court house in which Claude Shoemaker of Los Angeles, California, is the plaintiff and George O. Dovey and William Goehner are the defendants. The plaintiff seeks the payment of a note for the sum of \$500 dated January 10, 1927.

The Standard Savings & Loan association of Omaha is plaintiff in two suits filed in the district court, one being against Cecil O. York, et al. and one against Claus Boetel, Jr. and Pearl Boetel, in which the plaintiff seeks judgment against the real estate of the defendants and on which the plaintiff has liens.

There is no slack business period for the merchant who advertises his goods the year 'round.

FOG HARD ON TRAVELERS

From Thursday's Daily— The life of the driver of an automobile was a hard one last night, when a heavy and blinding fog settled over this part of the state and made the highway a sea of the dense white fog through which the most powerful car lights were able to penetrate only for a short distance. The drivers of cars were compelled to travel at a very slow rate of speed and many were unable to keep in the roadway at times owing to the fog. The Interstate bus going north was off the road between this city and Fort Crook, but was able to swing back into the highway without damage or delay. Both the Plattsmouth-Omaha busses were compelled to travel at low rates of speed and were late in getting into Omaha and making the return trip due to the heavy sea of fog.

C. of C. Holds Luncheon at the Perkins Today

Amendments to the Constitution Made and Members of Committees Generally Arranged

From Thursday's Daily— This noon the directors, as well as members of the various committees of the Chamber of Commerce, who were able to join the gathering, were entertained at luncheon at the Hotel Perkins and some twenty-five of the active committee heads were present to discuss the plans for the coming year and to get their various committees in form for functioning this year.

President Wescott has completed the membership of all but two of his committees and will in a few days announce the membership to the public of the various men that will have charge of the different activities of the chamber of commerce.

At the meeting today there were several amendments made to the constitution and by-laws of the chamber of commerce to make a more workable body under the new plan of organization and all of these were unanimously adopted.

The membership committee were in their first day of the drive and were unable to give a report but hope by the next meeting to have a fine array of members to report for the chamber of commerce.

C. D. OF A. HOLD SOCIAL MEETING LAST EVENING

From Thursday's Daily— Last evening the members of the Catholic Daughters of America held a very delightful social meeting at the pleasant home of Mrs. E. A. Lorenz, on Oak street, and which was very largely attended by the members.

The hostesses of the evening, Mrs. Lorenz, Mrs. A. W. Viternik, Miss Anna Jirousek, Mrs. James Newasek and Mrs. William Woolcott, had arranged a very pleasant evening for the ladies, and in which all had a jolly time that they will long remember.

The evening was spent at cards, there being a great many tables of bridge, high five and rummy, and in these Mrs. F. M. Bestor was awarded the first prize at bridge, with Miss Helen Egenberger receiving the second prize and Mrs. J. A. Griffin the consolation prize. In the high five contests, Mrs. Elmer A. Webb was awarded the prize of the evening and Mrs. Harry Shiffer captured the prize in the rummy contest.

At the close of the evening the hostesses served delicious refreshments that added to the pleasure of the occasion, and all were loud in praise of the fine time they had enjoyed.

The Catholic Daughters are planning two public benefits in the near future, a bridge luncheon and a pancake supper, the latter to be held on Shrove Tuesday.

HOLD PLEASANT MEETING

From Thursday's Daily— Last evening the Parent-Teachers association of the Wintersteen Hill district held a very fine meeting at the school house and which was very largely attended by the members despite the fact that the weather was most unpleasant.

The meeting was opened with the community singing by all of the party and which placed the members of the party in the best of mood for the fine time that followed.

Mrs. Rachael Stone and Mrs. Hannah Milbern favored the members of the association with a very enjoyable piano number, "Sunny Jim," which was very much enjoyed by all of the party.

The lesson of the meeting was in charge of Arthur Blunt as leader and which brought out a number of interesting discussions on the subject of the evening.

After the business session a relay race and other games were enjoyed by the jolly crowd until a late hour when the serving of refreshments came as the climax of the evening and brought to the close the very fine time that was arranged by the committee in charge.

Plattsmouth Masons Hold 70th Anniversary

Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 Has Gala Occasion of Reaching Seventieth Year of Existence.

From Friday's Daily— It was on October 15, 1857 that a petition was circulated around the little community of Plattsmouth, then a village two years old, among the members of the Masonic order with a view of securing the establishment of a lodge in this city that would bring into the locality the principles of Masonry and start the foundation of a lodge that has played in the years long after the founders had passed on, a great part in the Masonic history of Nebraska.

This meeting was held on October 22nd, 1857 and adjourned from time to time until January 18, 1858 when a dispensation from the young grand lodge of the territory of Nebraska had been received and under which the members proceeded to organize a lodge of Masonry, known as Plattsmouth lodge and to which the grand lodge of the territory later granted a charter and assigned the lodge No. 6, the rank that it held in the number of lodges then in existence in the territory.

Plattsmouth lodge had as its charter members, eleven of the leaders of the pioneer life in the great west, they being E. Donelan, Daniel H. Wheeler, J. W. Marshall, Thomas K. Hanna, Joseph Harper, J. C. Cummins, William B. Porter, J. Minehill, Sr., William H. Bassett, Elias Williams and William M. Slaughter.

The lodge receiving its dispensation elected as the first officers of the lodge: E. A. Donelan, worshipful master; Daniel H. Wheeler, senior warden; J. W. Marshall, junior warden; Thomas K. Hanna, treasurer; J. C. Cummins, secretary; W. B. Porter, senior deacon; Joseph Harper, junior deacon and George W. Colvin, tyler.

The first grand master of the Nebraska Masons was Robert C. Jordan of Omaha, who granted the dispensation to start the lodge at Plattsmouth.

Since the formation of the lodge here many distinguished figures have appeared in the lodge room of No. 6 and have participated in the activities of the order in this community and the lodge has in the years maintained its part in the community life and today is one of the most active and vigorous Masonic bodies in the great state of Nebraska and its members have had a great part in the Masonic history of the state.

In the early days of the city the Masons with the members of the L. O. O. F. erected the building at Third and Main streets which is still used by the Old Fellows and the Masons have long since moved their quarters to the building on the block between Fifth and Sixth street where they have one of the most handsome and attractive lodge rooms in the state.

Anniversary Program

Last evening the members of No. 6 entertained at their lodge rooms in honor of the seventieth anniversary and had to enjoy the occasion the members of the lodge and their families as well as several guests of distinction in the Masonic order of the state.

The seventieth anniversary of the local lodge of the Masons proved an event of the greatest pleasure to those in attendance and fittingly marked the long years that the order has been in existence in this city.

The anniversary program was presided over by William A. Robertson, past worshipful master, chairman of the committee, who introduced various features that marked the more than pleasing program.

The invocation was pronounced by Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church as the fitting opening of the evening.

Mrs. J. A. Capwell and Mrs. W. A. Robertson were heard in two very beautiful piano duets, playing the overture from the opera "Martha," as well as the inspiring number, "The Palms."

Leslie W. Niel, past worshipful master of No. 6, gave a short address in which he gave an accounting of the affairs of the lodge and its condition at this time which made it one of the most progressive lodges in the state.

Dr. R. P. Westover was heard in two very pleasing vocal numbers, "Mama," and "Dana," Miss Vestetta Robertson serving as the accompanist.

A very inspiring address was given by Attorney C. A. Rawls, touching on the part of the work of Masonry in this community.

E. H. Wescott gave two very delightful vocal numbers, "Toast to No. 6" and "Auld Lang Syne" with Mr. Wescott as the accompanist. Judge James T. Begley, past mas-

ter of No. 6, and one of the most thorough Masonic historians in the city gave a very able address that was enjoyed to the utmost by all of the members of the fraternity and their families.

Adding interest to the program was the illustrated song, "The Holy City," Frank Clodt giving the vocal solo with the piano accompanist Raymond C. Cook and the operating of the slides in the hands of W. F. Evers, a past master of the lodge and one of the five wives of the lodge.

A very fine group of vocal numbers were given by Harvey Johnson, "Love's Old Sweet Song" and "The Old Refrain," with E. H. Wescott as the accompanist.

Raymond C. Cook, present worshipful master gave a short address on "Looking Forward," which carried hope of the future years for the lodge and its uplifting work.

The Masonic quartet gave one of their inspiring numbers, "Remember Now Thy Creator" which was followed by the benediction by Rev. H. E. Sortor of the First Methodist church.

Past Masters In the years of its existence Plattsmouth lodge have had the following presiding officers in the chair of the worshipful master and who have had a part in the Masonic history:

- \*E. A. Donelan, 1858.
\*J. W. Marshall, 1859.
\*Daniel H. Wheeler, 1860 '61 '62 '71.
\*E. C. Adams, 1863.
\*E. T. Duke, 1864 '65 '66.
\*R. R. Livingston, 1867 '68 '73.
\*J. Vallery, Jr., 1869 '70 '72.
\*Francis E. White, 1874 '75 '76 '77 '78 '79.
\*F. Finley Johnson, 1880 '81.
\*V. V. Leonard, 1882 '83 '84 '85 '90 '91 '92 '93 '94 '95 '94.
\*G. R. Richey, 1886 '87 '88 '89.
\*Henry J. Helms, 1895 '96 '97 '98 '99.
\*Adam Kurz, 1900.
\*Michael Archer, 1901 '02.
\*Wm. L. Pickett, 1905 '06 '07.
\*Oliver C. Dovey, 1908 '09 '10 '11 '14 '15 '16.
\*Wm. A. Robertson, 1912.
\*G. W. Thomas, 1913.
\*Wm. J. Streight, 1917.
\*Nelson Jean, 1918.
\*John McLean, 1919.
\*Wm. F. Evers, 1920.
\*James T. Begley, 1921.
\*Leon L. McCarty, 1922.
\*Leslie W. Niel, 1923.
\*Gale W. Jones, 1924.
\*Oliver C. Hudson, 1925.
\*W. R. Holmes, 1926.
\*Raymond C. Cook, 1927.
\*Deceased.

The present officers of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6 embrace the following: Worshipful Master, Raymond C. Cook; Senior Warden, Henry F. Gale; Junior Warden, A. H. Duxbury; Secretary, L. W. Niel; Treasurer, Frank A. Clodt; Senior Deacon, Dr. R. P. Westover; Junior Deacon, H. L. Gayer; Tyler, L. F. Terryberry.

HOME BADLY DAMAGED

From Friday's Daily— The residence property owned by the John H. Albert estate and located at the corner of 7th and Granite street, just northeast of the Presbyterian church, was badly damaged yesterday afternoon by fire and the house will be a considerable expense to place back in its former condition.

The residence was occupied by the Otto Keck family and the fire which originated in the upper part of the house, gained a good start before it was discovered and spread very rapidly through the space between the ceiling of the upper rooms and the roof and a greater part of the roof was damaged by the flames. The fire department were able to check the flames and preventing the destruction of the entire building but the loss, which is partially covered by insurance, will be considerable.

It is thought that the fire was caused by the electric wiring and the flames spread rapidly through the upper part of the house.

Through the efforts of the firemen and neighbors a great deal of the furniture such that it was necessary to remove from the lower floors and escaped the effects of the fire and water that was necessary to use in stamping out the blaze.

MRS. CONNORS POORLY

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MRS. PTAK OPERATED ON

From Thursday's Daily— This morning Mrs. Emil Ptak of this city was operated on at the Methodist hospital in Omaha, by Dr. C. R. Kennedy, eminent surgeon, and where a small tumor was removed. The patient came through the operation very nicely and this afternoon was reported as doing as well as could be expected so soon after the operation, and with every hope of a speedy recovery.

SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

From Friday's Daily— The reports from the Methodist hospital at Omaha state that Mrs. Frank Mullen, who was operated on Monday, is showing a very pleasing improvement and while still in serious condition her rallying from the effects of the operation has greatly encouraged her family and friends that she may soon be on the highway to complete recovery and be restored to her former good health.

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Small Towns Sought as Sights for Factories

Industrial Development Aided by Power Lines and Plants in the Smaller Towns.

"Industrial development is rapidly spreading out from the centers of population into the smaller cities and villages," notes a local observer of manufacturing and economic conditions throughout the United States. He tells of big factories, as the Ford automobile factories at Dearborn, being built twenty or thirty, or even more, miles from the big cities. Land is cheaper, homes may be better, the atmosphere is clearer, sanitation is improved, and general living conditions are much better for the employes of the mills and plants in the suburban or rural communities.

Two recent developments in industry are contributing toward decentralization of manufacturing. One is the universality of transportation and the other, and perhaps the more important, is transmission of electric power.

Small towns within distribution areas from cities having large power plants have few disadvantages and many advantages over their city competitors who are manufacturing the same line of goods. And this condition is gradually becoming apparent in Nebraska and other middle-western states.

In a community of central Nebraska, where a certain cereal crop is especially productive, there has been a general letting down in cultivation and production of late years because of heavy freight charges to the factories and the ultimate markets. Just now a survey is being made of the possibilities of establishing a factory in the heart of the producing territory, thereby saving cost in transportation, by sending out the condensed product rather than in the bulkier, heavier, natural state.

Almost ninety per cent of the flour mills of Nebraska are now being run with electric power from high-tension lines. The printing offices, the machine shops, laundries, canning factories and, in fact, practically all of the shops and factories of the state are purchasing electric power from the large central stations in preference to making their own power with steam or internal combustion engines.

One of the most striking examples of this is afforded at Louisville, where the new cement plant will not only use electric power from the Nebraska Power company, of Omaha, but every machine will be individually motorized. Their gross consumption will be exceeded by only one Omaha concern—the Cudahy packing plant.

The development of small town industry in Nebraska is coming slowly—the natural result of caution on the part of men who have seen too many failures in manufacturing enterprises in the past. The conservative investor is about ready to admit that Nebraska has become a safe place for investment in industries appropriate to the supply of raw material, or to the local demand for the finished product. The availability of cheap and reliable electric power, they consider, is one of the first essentials in industrial development.

HAVE FEATURE PICTURES

The Parmele theatre in this city has long carried out the policy of securing the latest and best pictures for its patrons and the local theatre has presented many fine feature pictures before they have been shown in Omaha and Lincoln. This is shown by the fact that the great romantic drama of John Barrymore, "When a Man Loves," which was presented here on December 27-28th, is now being offered at the Riata in Omaha, the opening showing being held on Saturday and in connection with the Vitaphone.

The Parmele is striving to give their patrons the very best in the way of movies and securing some of the best first releases for their use.

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Treasurer—Mrs. John J. Svoboda. Recorder—Mrs. James Bullin. Inside Watch—Mrs. B. G. Wurl. Outside Watch—Mrs. Henry Ofe. Usher—Mrs. Thomas Svoboda.

After the business session of the day the ladies enjoyed a short social time before departing for their homes and voting the occasion one of the greatest interest and pleasure.

ENTERTAINS FOR MRS. PETRING

From Saturday's Daily— Mrs. George K. Petring was hostess Thursday evening at a very pleasant afternoon bridge, given in honor of Mrs. Ralph Petring, formerly Miss Florence Kenyon of Nebraska City.

There were six tables of the ladies and about the very attractive settings of the beautiful home the afternoon was most agreeably spent by the members of the party. The color scheme was in pink, this being carried out in the sweet peas and pink candles that formed the table decorations.

In the playing the first prize was awarded to Mrs. William Schmidtman, Jr., and the second prize to Mrs. John Sattler, Jr. Mrs. Ralph Petring was presented with the guest prize.

The refreshments served at an appropriate hour carried out the color scheme of pink. Miss Esther Petring of Nebraska City was an out of town guest of the afternoon.

C. W. Weckbach Dies Friday Night

Crete Banker, Formerly a Resident of Lincoln, Passes Away Following Operation Sunday

From Saturday's Daily— Charles W. Weckbach, sixty, president of the City National bank of Crete, died in Lincoln at 11 p. m. Friday. He had submitted to an operation Sunday and pneumonia set in, which was given by relatives as the cause of death.

Beside the banking position at Crete Mr. Weckbach was a director of the Lincoln Joint Stock Land bank, a member of the Crete Rotary and the Crete Community club. He was a member of the Catholic church.

He organized the bank of which he was the head in 1910. Prior to that he was cashier of the First National of Crete.

Mr. Weckbach was born in Plattsmouth. Approximately twenty years later he came to Lincoln where he remained eleven years, being connected with two or three banks, the longest time with the First National.

Most of his time in late years was spent between Lincoln and Crete, although he was well known over the state and at Omaha.

He is survived by his wife, two young sons, Clark and Charles, Jr.; four daughters, E. J., of Denver; E. H. of San Francisco; Louis G. of Los Angeles; and Joseph of New York City. There are also five sisters, Mary, Lydia and Agnes of 1709 L street, Mrs. Mathilda Costelloe, also of Lincoln, and Katherine, Sister Mary Leon, Council Bluffs. The body is at 1709 L street, the home of the Misses Weckbach, pending the arrangements for the funeral.

SUFFERS SEVERE INJURY

From Saturday's Daily— Miss Irene Pfoutz, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Frank Emory Pfoutz of Fremont, former residents of this city, was very severely injured on Thursday night while en route with a party of friends in an auto from Fremont to Wahoo to attend a basketball game. The car was run into a ditch in the vicinity of Wahoo and Irene was thrown against the windshield that was shattered and the unfortunate young lady received several cuts about the face, but none of which were very deep. The young lady also suffered a severe shaking up and complained of a pain in her side after the accident and as soon as she has recovered from the shock she will be taken to Omaha for an examination and treatment.

G. E. DEWOLF IMPROVED

From Saturday's Daily— The Plattsmouth friends of George E. Dewolf, former superintendent of the Plattsmouth schools and now at the head of the Creston (Iowa) schools, will be pleased to learn that Mr. Dewolf is now recovered nicely from his recent operation for appendicitis and is able to resume his activities in the schools after several weeks absence due to the operation and his recuperation.

Mayor C. A. Johnson and City Attorney J. A. Capwell departed last evening for Kansas City where they will consult the valuation engineer as to the rates that will be necessary to apply in the new water rate ordinance.

Platters Take Hot Game from Glenwood Five

Score of 23 to 21 Marks Meeting of Blue and White with Glenwood Five Last Evening.

From Saturday's Daily— Last night at Glenwood the Blue and White of Plattsmouth added another score to their list of victories, when they nosed out the fast Iowa aggregation and chalked up a 26 to 21 win.

The game was staged in the large armory building and the floor which is also used for dancing, proved a stumbling block for the locals in the opening half of the game and with the familiarity of the Iowa players with the floor they were able to work with greater speed than the Platters.

The Platters were trailing the Glenwood quintet 15 to 8 at the half and the crown of victory seemed to be resting with the Iowans, but in the second half of the game, the Platters staged a great fight and with their stout form were able to pull down the lead of the Glenwood five and sweep out in front with a brilliant victory.

The first score for the Platters came when Perry captured a free throw, and a few moments later Galloway, Blue and White gained raced up to being in a field goal. Wescott and Perry each secured a field goal later in the half, which with another free throw by Perry made the sum total of the scoring in this part of the game. Roberts, center and captain of Glenwood, was the chief factor in the scoring machine of Glenwood, as he broke through the Plattsmouth defense for three field goals and with two by Jackson, right forward, made the chief factors of the Glenwood lead.

When the Blue and White quintet came on for the second half, there was much doing and the Glenwood quintet found that they had practically a different team facing them and which outplayed and outsmarted the Iowans at all stages of the game. In this part of the game, Roberts, Glenwood captain, was banished from the game with four fouls. Perry and Wescott featured in the basket shooting in this half and Hat and Hadraba each added a basket apiece, while Galloway, Wescott, Hatt and Perry were successful in their gift shots.

The game was refereed by Nichols of Malvern, Iowa. The tabulated score of the game was as follows:

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