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Glenwood Boosters Pay Friendly Visit to This City

Large Delegation Visit Here in Interest of Coming Fourth of July Celebration

The representatives of the Glenwood Chamber of Commerce and the fire department of that place, sponsoring the Fourth of July celebration, were in Plattsmouth for a short time Wednesday evening, meeting the local people and extending the invitation to join in the fine celebration that the Iowa city is arranging.

SUFFERS A HANDICAP

The persons who were in the office of County Judge A. H. Duxbury Wednesday afternoon were treated to a rather amusing spectacle at the close of one of the court's impressive wedding ceremonies.

FINED FOR POSSESSION

This morning in the county court Mrs. Ed Mitchell was brought before the court on a complaint charging possession of intoxicating liquor. The complaint was made Wednesday and the warrant given to Deputy Sheriff Rex Young who on visiting the Mitchell home on West Rock street saw the defendant attempt to pour out the contents of a jug, but enough was recovered for evidence.

FILING FEES HIGHER

The filing fees for chattel mortgages will be higher after August 1st, County Clerk George R. Sayles states, the new law raising the fee for filing from 20c to 25c after the first of August. The fee has been twenty cents for a number of years but hereafter there will be the nickle boost in the price.

ARRIVAL OF LITTLE DAUGHTER

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Stokes was made very happy by the arrival of a fine little daughter who arrived Wednesday morning, and with the mother is doing very nicely. Mrs. Stokes was formerly Miss Rachel Baldwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baldwin of this city.

PAY VISIT TO CITY

From Thursday's Daily— This afternoon Otho J. Worthman, former Cass county man, now residing at Cozad, Nebraska, was in the city and accompanied by his brother, C. S. Wortman, formerly superintendent of the Cass county schools, was in the city today and while here were callers at the Journal. Mr. C. S. Wortman is now a prominent attorney located at Pampa, Texas, and with his wife is visiting with the relatives in Nebraska and Iowa and from here will go to Illinois where they are to visit with relatives. The Wortman family were for many years residents of near South Bend and have many old friends over the county.

Schools Do Not Owe Any Paving Tax

Secretary of Board of Education States Amounts Paid Long Ago and So Credited

At the council meeting on Monday night there was some discussion of the matter of whether or not the board of education had paid in the paving tax in the street improvement districts in which the schools have property. The council decided to have the board notified as to this matter.

WILL SERVE AS COMMITTEE

From Friday's Daily— Mrs. E. H. Wescott of Plattsmouth, chairman for Cass county in the National Atwater Kent Radio Audition, has today announced the appointment of the following members who will serve as her committee: Mrs. Kruse of Eagle, Cora Williams of Elmwood, Mrs. Carl Day of Weeping Water and Mrs. Eugene A. Nutzman of Nehawka.

IMPROVES SURROUNDINGS

Fred Egenberger, who has opened the soft drink parlor at Fifth and Main street has contributed one act that is proving a great addition to that part of the city. Mr. Egenberger has had the old shed or barn that existed for many years at the rear of the building, torn down and which removed an eyesore to that part of the city and a general catch-all for dirt of all kinds. The old shed has been removed and the lot will be cleaned up and placed in first class shape and planted to grass or flowers so that instead of being a filthy and unsightly place will be a neat and well arranged back yard for the building.

TO VISIT IN WEST

Mrs. F. R. Guthmann departed Thursday evening for Boise, Idaho, where she is to spend some time, visiting with her sons and daughter, Charles F. Guthmann and family, who have made their home there some years as has Mrs. H. R. Nettzel, the daughter, and Henry A. Guthmann, former Murdock banker, who is now living in the west on account of his health which has not been the best. The trip will be one that Mrs. Guthmann will enjoy to the utmost and give her a fine opportunity of visiting the many points of interest in that section of the west.

PLACE NEW ROOF

Grant Wetenkamp is now admiring a fine proof roof on his home, the Mule Hide brand, being neat and attractive in appearance. The work was done by Louie and Herman Tiekotter, who have had a good deal of experience in such work. The material was furnished by our local dealer, Clويد Lumber and Coal Co.

Death of Ed Lewis Wrapped in Mystery

Several Conflicting Stories as to the Death of Former Resident of Plattsmouth

From Thursday's Daily— The members of the Lewis family in this city have received little definite information that would shed any more light on the mysterious death of Edward Lewis of Syracuse, whose death occurred while he was conveying a car of poultry from his home town to Schneckady, New York.

One story that has been received is to the effect that railroad men at Little Falls, New York, noticed the door of the chicken car open when the train arrived at that place Monday night and that the dead body of Lewis was in the car and removed it at that place. No cause of death was given.

Later messages from Little Falls indicated that the body found was that of Lewis and it was thought he had been hit by a train. Relatives and friends here in view of the circumstances of the case are of the opinion that the death was caused by an attack and probable murder of Mr. Lewis but no definite information has been received as to this fact and as the body is being sent to the home at Syracuse at once it would seem the New York authorities have considered the death accidental.

RETURNS FROM CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Todd and son, Albert, who have spent the winter at Long Beach, California, where Albert has been attending the high school, have returned home to Nebraska. They left Long Beach on June 11th and had a most pleasant journey and are delighted to be back home on the farm and Albert is now busy assisting in the farm work and at which he finds a great deal of pleasure. The Todd family were ready to start home on the day that the schools closed and with the son getting out of school at 2 p. m. the trip was at once started home. They came via the route from Los Angeles to Salt Lake City and thence through Denver to Nebraska, stopping for a short time at Fort Morgan, Colorado, and also at Kearney, Nebraska, where they are guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. Todd and family. The many friends are glad to welcome this estimable family back home to spend the summer on the farm and to have the pleasure of their presence for the new few months.

ENTERTAINS FOR VISITORS

In the last few days several social events have been given in honor of a number of visitors from Minneapolis who are here to enjoy a stay with the relatives and the old friends, the guests being Mrs. F. E. Woodward, Mrs. Annie Britt and Mrs. Raymond Keller. On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. H. F. Goos was hostess at a very charming bridge party at her home in honor of the visitors. Mrs. Woodward being a sister of Mrs. Goos. There were four tables of bridge and in the contests Mrs. J. A. Donelan was awarded the first prize and Mrs. Frank L. Cummins the second honors.

Mrs. E. J. Richey was hostess at her beautiful home on North Sixth street yesterday at a picnic bridge and the ladies spent the time most delightfully in playing this fascinating game on the spacious porch of the Richey home and where the luncheon was served. In the playing the prizes were awarded to Mrs. Barbara Holm of Newton, Iowa, and Mrs. William Schmidtman, Sr.

SECURES COYOTES

From Thursday's Daily— C. W. Fahenstock, Avoca banker, has joined the ranks of the Cass county residents who have helped rid the country of the coyotes and for whose scalps a bounty of \$2 each is given. The scalps were turned in at the office of the county clerk today and the southern part of the county freed of two of the animals that cause more or less trouble for the farmers.

Band Concert Wednesday Night

Complimentary Band Concert on Court House lawn Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock by Plattsmouth Elks Band, under direction of W. R. Holly. All stores of city open to serve you. See ads, inside pages this issue.

Stores to Close at Noon on the Fourth of July

Retail Section of the Chamber of Commerce Votes to Take Half Day on the Fourth

The retail section of the Chamber of Commerce of the city at their session Thursday voted to close the stores on noon on Saturday, July Fourth, the fact that the date fell on Saturday making it impossible to close for the entire day. This will enable the owners and clerks to enjoy a part of the day and to aid in the celebration of the national birthday.

PIPELINE WORK COMPLETED

The repair work on the ditches of the natural gas pipelines, has in the past two weeks furnished employment to a large number of the local people, but the work is now completed and the force laid off. The pipe line trenches were very badly washed over the eastern part of Cass county and the fills in many cases required a great deal of work. The washing of the ditches exposed the pipes in many cases and made necessary repairs on the pipelines themselves. The present dry weather has been a great aid to the natural gas companies in doing their repair work and if the rains do not come too soon and permit the settling of the dirt, all will be well, otherwise a heavy rain will mean the doing of the work all over again.

WILL RESUME CASE

From Saturday's Daily— The trial of the case of Mrs. Mary Mast vs. Ada Murray and Edward Murray, which was postponed two weeks ago, will be resumed Monday morning for a visit of several days with his father, T. B. Bates. Mr. Bates will be remembered by a number of the old school mates as he attended school here some twenty-three years ago, but in recent years he has been making his home in the west, where he has been very successful as a forger and is notified to be on the outlook for the wanted man.

HERE TO VISIT FATHER

From Friday's Daily— Milford B. Bates of Los Angeles, who has been in attendance at the grand encampment of the Knights Templar, at Minneapolis, arrived this morning for a visit of several days with his father, T. B. Bates. Mr. Bates will be remembered by a number of the old school mates as he attended school here some twenty-three years ago, but in recent years he has been making his home in the west, where he has been very successful as a forger and is notified to be on the outlook for the wanted man.

ASKS FOR DIVORCE

From Friday's Daily— In the office of the clerk of the district court this morning an action was filed entitled Elizabeth Chrisados vs. George Chrisados, in which the plaintiff asks for a decree of divorce from the defendant. The petition of the plaintiff claims neglect as the cause of action and states that they were married at Greeley, Colorado, October 18, 1926. The voluntary appearance of the defendant has been entered in the case.

Job Printing at Journal office.

Police Rescue Young Man from Drowning

Young Man Takes Bath in Cistern and Owes Life to Police Officer Hearing Cries for Help

That George Slapneck, young man making his home at the residence of Mrs. Amelia Slapneck, in the care of the living, is due to the prompt work of Officer Joe Libershal and Chief of Police Elliott, who rescued the young man from a near watery grave.

Friday afternoon Mr. Libershal, who resides near the Columbian school, was going to his garden some distance from the house, as he started to the garden he was startled by the cries of "Help! for God's Sake Help!" and in a tone of voice that indicated that the person calling was in real distress. Mr. Libershal ran in the direction of the noise and at first was unable to locate the sound of the cries, going to the unoccupied house of Mrs. Wynn from where the noise seemed to come. Another appeal for help was sent out and Mr. Libershal discovered that the cries were coming from a cistern and investigation showed the young man in the cistern and in a condition of exhaustion. In the meantime, Mrs. Libershal also hearing the appeal for help, had called Chief of Police Elliott and who arrived on the scene a short time after the young man was found in the cistern. The officer, assisted by Mrs. H. A. Shiffer, a resident nearby, secured a section of wire clothesline and this was lowered to the young man, and as the neighbors withdrew the two police officers drew him to the surface and in a state of collapse.

To the officers the young man stated that he had been working in the garden at the Wynn place and becoming heated decided to try and cool off by taking a bath in the cistern, sliding down the pipe of the water into the ten feet of water contained in the cistern. The water proved very cold and after a few moments in the water the young man was well exhausted and had started to cry for help. He had been in the water almost an hour when rescued by the two police officers and the water held to the pipe of the pump to keep from sinking beneath the waters of the cistern.

The residence property where the cistern is located is some distance from the other properties in the neighborhood and that his cries for help were heard is a pity matter of good luck for the young man. In assisting in effecting the rescue Chief of Police Elliott was the chief sufferer as he lost a pair of spectacles in the cistern as he and Mr. Libershal drew the victim of the cistern bath to safety.

BOWEN GOING STRONG

William Bowen, for a fortnight resident of this city, is carving a large place for himself in the annals of forgery and crime, the latest of his exploits being the securing of a new auto at Davenport, Iowa, and for which he gave a forged check. The information of his latest forgery came to the officers here Friday in a letter from the chief of police of Davenport, Iowa, telling that Bowen on June 9th had purchased a car in that city and gave what purported to be a cashiers check drawn on the Farmers State bank of this city and signed by the forged name of R. F. Patterson, cashier. The check was refused here as a forgery and later the man on whom the check had been passed turned the matter over to the Iowa authorities, but so far Bowen is still unconfined and gone, no man knows where.

The local officers have sought Bowen for a forgery committed here on passing a check and descriptions of the wanted man were broadcast as well as a reward offered, but the man appears to be able to elude all efforts to capture him. The last heard of him prior to the Davenport deal was from Springfield, Missouri, so he is covering a great deal of territory. A new foe has been added to the list of those seeking Bowen, the bonding company that has the bank bonds is preparing to set out on the path of the wandering check forger and will see that all banks and financial institutions are notified to be on the outlook for the wanted man.

HORSES SUFFER FROM HEAT

From all parts of the county comes the reports of horses and mules that have died in the past week as the result of the intense heat that has prevailed over the eastern part of Nebraska. The farmers are busy with their work and which has brought a demand on the horses and mules in the fields and in many cases the animals have dropped where they were working. The result has been an added burden to the farmers who have been compelled to make purchases of new animals right in the midst of the planting and cultivating season and at a time when the farm products were at a low ebb in price.

TO STUDY IN MEXICO

From Saturday's Daily— This morning Miss Helen Wiles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wiles, of this city departed on the M. P. for Mexico City, being accompanied by Miss Margaret Firth, a school mate of Miss Wiles and who has been teaching with Miss Wiles in the schools at Lexington, Nebraska. Miss Wiles will take a special course in Spanish at Mexico City, she being language teacher in the Lexington school, while Miss Firth is a teacher in the grade schools of that city. The young ladies will spend six or seven weeks at the Mexican capital city, studying and also at each week end being given the opportunity of visiting many of the points of interest in and near Mexico City.

Occupation Tax to Stand Court Test

Ordinance Prepared by Fremont Will Be Tested Out—Other Cities Await Action

A number of the cities in eastern Nebraska several months ago held a general conference in this city and also at Nebraska City to discuss the occupation tax that should be levied in the various communities and which would enable the communities to secure a just and adequate tax on the various concerns that have made the heart of the city and its wards into the smaller cities and selling them.

At the meetings there were representatives of Plattsmouth, Nebraska City, Fremont, Falls City, Auburn, Blair, Weeping Water, Syracuse and several other smaller places, it being agreed that an ordinance should be prepared that in the opinion of the legal advisers of the cities would stand the test of litigation. The city attorney of Fremont was selected to draft an ordinance and which was now in the hands of the city council of that city, but no sooner was the measure enacted than the city was restrained by a suit filed in court by several Omaha concerns, from the enforcing of the provisions of the measure as it affected them. The matter is now in court and the outcome of the case is being awaited with interest by the other cities as affecting the adoption of ordinances of this kind.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

The third anniversary of Master Leslie Niel, Jr., was observed on Thursday at the family home and where a large number of the little friends gathered to spend the passing hours with the little guest of honor, bringing many very beautiful and attractive gifts. The time was spent in games of all kinds and which with the balloon favors of the day made a very happy time for all attending. Dainty refreshments with the birthday cake was served at an appropriate hour. The children attending were: Pearl Skelton, Anita Lee White, Lars and Ray Larson, Raymond and Mary Evers, Edward, Donald and Rosemary Steppatt, Dick Johnson, Leon, Betty and Bobby Dale Sharp, Gwendolyn Sharp, Elva Loraine and Jean Sharp.

NEW OIL STATION MANAGER

From Saturday's Daily— The Sinclair oil station at Sixth and Vine street which has been operated by Richard Beverage, has been disposed of to A. F. Meisinger, who has for the past several years been engaged with the Ofe Oil Co., of this city. Guy C. White, who has had charge of the tank line of the station will continue with this line of the business and to serve the patrons as in the past. Mr. Meisinger entered on his new work today and with his experience in the oil business should make a most capable manager of the Sinclair station.

ENTERTAINS FOR VISITORS

Thursday afternoon Mrs. R. W. Clement was hostess at a very delightful bridge party at her home on Granite street, honoring Mrs. Annie Britt, sister of Mrs. Clement, Mrs. Raymond Keller and Mrs. F. E. Woodward of Minneapolis, who are the guests of relatives here. The home was very tastefully arranged in the early summer flowers and made a very pleasant setting for the delightful social afternoon. With the playing the prizes were awarded to Mrs. Margaret Kidder and Mrs. J. A. Donelan. In the serving Mrs. Clement was assisted by her daughter, Miss Helen.

Bank of Murdock Robbed Today of \$1,300 in Cash

Highwaymen Stick Up Miss Mary I. Tool and Compel Her to Turn Over Cash in Bank

From Saturday's Daily— The first daylight bank robbery in Cass county was enacted today at 10:55 a. m. when three bandits robbed the Bank of Murdock, thirty miles west of this city, of \$1,300 in cash and made their escape from the scene of the crime.

Two young men, apparently farmer boys, entered the bank just before 11 o'clock and approached the counter where Miss Mary I. Tool, daughter of the cashier, Henry A. Tool, was working, she being the only occupant of the bank at the time. The men coming to the counter suddenly pulled revolvers and covered the young lady clerk saying, "take it easy and you will be all right," at the same time demanding admittance to the office part of the bank. Under cover of the guns, Miss Tool was compelled to open the door that led back to the counters and the men then commanded her to gather up the cash that was on the counters and also to go to the vault and secure what cash was on hand at the time, amounting to some \$1,300 in currency and which the men stuffed into their pockets. The two robbers then forced Miss Tool to enter the vault and they closed the door of the vault, but fortunately the young woman was able to get out as the door did not catch, and made it possible for her to give the alarm in a few moments. While the holdup was in progress Miss Doret Schlophoff entered the bank on some business and was at once marched by one of the bandits to the back room of the bank and locked in.

The robbery completed, the two bandits fled through the rear door of the bank building to their car which was parked near the bank and where a third member of the gang was setting and ready to start the car on its flight with the robbers. The car, a Chevrolet coach, was reported to have gone east on Highway No. 1. The car was bearing an orange and black license plate but the numbers of the license was not taken by those who observed the passing of the car.

As soon as Miss Tool could extricate herself from the vault she gave the alarm and the office of the state sheriff at Lincoln was called as well as the office of the county sheriff in this city. Deputy Sheriff Rex Young left at once for the scene of the robbery and to join in the efforts of the state officers to apprehend the fleeing robbers. The two men that entered the bank were clothed in coveralls and overalls and appeared to be in the neighborhood of twenty or twenty-one years old, Miss Tool stated.

TO ENJOY FINE TRIPS

E. P. Stewart of this city, who is one of the well known bandmen of the east part of the state, has two playing engagements this summer which will afford two very pleasant trips. He is a member of the band of Tangier Temple of the Shrine at Omaha, expecting to accompany the band and the patrol of Tangier temple to the national gatherings in Cleveland, Ohio, they leaving on July 15th. Mr. Stewart has also been engaged as a member of the band of Omaha post No. 1 of the American Legion and will accompany that organization to the American Legion national convention at Detroit in September.

EXPECTED HOME SOON

From Friday's Daily— Attorney D. O. Dwyer, well known member of the Nebraska bar, who has been at the sanitarium of Thornton & Minor at Kansas City, taking treatment for the past ten days, is expected to be home in the next few days. Mr. Dwyer is doing very nicely and feeling very much improved over the course of treatment that has been afforded him. That he has done so well will be the source of a great deal of pleasure to the many friends over this section of the state.

PLEASED WITH TREATMENT

In speaking of the visit of the Glenwood boosters here on Wednesday evening, the Glenwood Opinion has the following to say: The Plattsmouth police officers who assisted in handling the traffic during the parade of the Glenwood visitors: "The band boys declare that Plattsmouth is one town who has a traffic cop who is all right as he brought out the drinks to them at the close of the concert."

CARD OF APPRECIATION

I desire to express my sincere thanks to those who so kindly served to save my home when same was struck by lightning last Saturday night. Also to the members of the Plattsmouth Fire Department for their prompt and efficient work. —Mrs. J. C. Ellington.