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City Clerk Fox has several thousand copies of "Plattsmouth Illustrated," yet on hand which will be furnished free of cost to parties who desire to send copies to their out-of-town friends. These books contain several dozen half-tone engravings of the public and private buildings, besides descriptive matter, and everybody should send several copies away. The postage is two cents per copy.

Prof. Geo. Middleton, the boxing instructor, will be tendered a benefit by the pupils of his class on next Monday evening at the White opera house. The entertainment will consist of boxing bouts between members of the class and will conclude with a ten-round set to between Prof. Middleton and Arthur Rothery of Omaha. An admission of 50 cents will be charged at the door.

Cheap Excursion to Texas.
Another opportunity of visiting Texas at nominal cost! On March 13th the Burlington route will sell round-trip tickets at the one-way rate. Ask the company's local agent for full information, and make sure your tickets read "via the Burlington," the best line to all southern points. J. Francis, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, Omaha, Neb.

Remember
That owing to the hard times you can get a good heavy hand-made team harness for less money this spring than at any previous period in the history of Plattsmouth. We use nothing but the best No. 1 selected oak leather, and guarantee everything as represented or money refunded.
KEEFER & SCHMIDTMANN.

Postmaster Straight and wife are home from a two days visit with old friends at Red Oak, Iowa.

THE ANNUAL CONTEST

Our Young Orators Furnish Evidence of Their Talent.

DEATH OF BENNETT W. PIERCE.

Afflicted With Lung Trouble for the Past Year, He Succumbs to a Violent Hemorrhage at His Home Last Thursday—Notes.

The Declamatory Contest.
The second annual declamatory contest of the Plattsmouth high school was held Friday evening at the Presbyterian church, and an audience of several hundred people was present. Prof. G. W. Noble acted as referee, and selected as judges W. J. Fischer, of Omaha, County Attorney Travis and Rev. J. J. Williams, of this city. The following is the programme:

- ORATORICAL CLASS.**
"Mark Anthony's Address".....James Newell
"Spartacus to the Gladiators".....John D. Robbins
Music.
DRAMATIC CLASS.
"Searching for the Sain".....Lilly Mathews
"Vashti".....Maudie Maury
"The Switchman's Story".....L. Maude Rennie
"The Sergeant's Story".....Florence White
Music.
HUMOROUS CLASS.
"Pyramus and Thisbe".....Edith Buzzell
"Aunt Sophronia at the Opera".....Rose Hyers
"The Naughty Little Girl's View of Life".....Jessie Othman.
"Farmer Stebbin's Experience at the Fair".....Hilt Wescott
Music.

At the conclusion the judges awarded the grand sweepstakes prize and gold medal to Miss Rose Hyers, and that young lady will represent our schools at the district contest to be held at Beatrice on March 29th. In the oratorical class John D. Robbins was first and won the prize, \$2.50 in gold. In the dramatic class Miss Maud Maury was declared the winner of the \$2.50 prize, and in the humorous class Hilt Wescott was awarded the first premium of \$2.50.

All the numbers on the programme were well rendered.

Demise of Bennett Pierce.

Bennett Pierce, whose illness with lung trouble dates for over the past year, was suddenly taken Thursday at 5:30 o'clock with a violent hemorrhage of the lungs at his home on north Ninth street, and in a few brief moments the life spark was extinct. His death takes from Plattsmouth one of its most respected citizens, and, although the end has been expected for several months past, his departure is keenly felt by a host of friends. Mr. Pierce had seen 53 years of life, of which 24 were passed as a resident of Plattsmouth.

He was a member of lodge No. 8. A. O. U. W., and the funeral services were conducted under the auspices of that society at the Presbyterian church on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Jno. T. Baird officiated.

It Was Another Chas. Noyes.

LOUISVILLE, March 2, 1894.
EDITOR JOURNAL: Dear Sir—I wish you to make a correction from a notice you published in Monday's JOURNAL pertaining to one Chas. Noyes filling up on bad whisky, arrested and brought into police court, after languishing in jail a day or two, and fined \$10.35. I have been raised in this county and am the only one known, and I feel this has done me an injustice, as I have never touched a drop of liquor, much less languish in jail and brought into police court to answer for an offense. While this might have been a Chas. Noyes, yet I am the only one known in this county, and I regard a pure name above all else, and ask that you please make corrections in both your daily and weekly paper. Respectfully,
CHAS. NOYES.

The present sitting of the grand jury has given vile tongues the opportunity to spread libellous reports regarding respectable people. The slanderer can be punished as well as other criminals, and as a matter of justice there are none who more deserve punishment than the tongue-wagging scandal monger.

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AROUND THE COURT ROOMS.

DISTRICT COURT.

The trial W. A. Kurtz of Lincoln on the charge of forgery, has been set for trial in district court on Monday of next week.

Lawrence Stull has another suit in the courts. This time the Plattsmouth Land and Improving company is the defendant. Lawrence filed his case in district court Monday; and in his petition asks for a judgment for \$1,225, with interest at 7 per cent for three years.

The suit of County Attorney Travis vs. Benjamin F. Lang was first taken up in district court on Tuesday and upon the waiving of a jury the case was tried to the court. Testimony was introduced and Judge Chapman rendered a judgment for the plaintiff in the sum of \$854.75.

The \$20,000 libel suit of Joshua Murray vs. Henry Hennings was booked for trial in district court on Tuesday and by reason of the salacious testimony which the case would produce, the court room was crowded. However, shortly before the hour for the opening of court, the opposing attorneys put their heads together and as a result the suit was compromised—the plaintiff to dismiss and the defendant to pay the court costs being the terms of dismissal.

Joshua Vancleave vs. the C. B. & Q. railroad was tried before a jury in district court on Tuesday. The plaintiff is a resident of Greenwood and alleges that he commenced garnishment proceedings against one, Wilson, an employe of the railway, and served notice upon the company that such proceedings had been instituted and to hold Wilson's wages. It was further alleged that the company's agent at Greenwood paid no attention to the notice of garnishment, that Wilson's wages were paid by the company, and that the plaintiff lost his entire account, amounting with court costs to \$56. He therefore sought a judgment for that amount. The jury found for the plaintiff in the sum of \$52.

JUSTICE ARCHER'S COURT.

Judge Archer Monday rendered a decision in the case of Hathaway vs. Nida, in which he gave plaintiff a judgment for \$85.25 and taxed costs to defendant. The amount sued for was \$200.

COUNTY COURT.

License to wed was issued in county court Tuesday to Jno. P. Todd and Miss Laura Barrett. The groom is the son of L. G. Todd, the well-known Liberty precinct farmer, and was born and reared in Cass county. THE JOURNAL extends its best wishes to the young people.

COURT ROOM NOTES.

W. H. Pool, of Elmwood, is in town attending court as a member of the petit jury.

Attorneys Haldeman and Douglas, of Weeping Water, B. A. Gibson, of Lincoln, and G. W. Clark of Greenwood were in town Monday attending district court.

The contract for building the county bridges for the coming year was let this afternoon by the commissioners to J. R. Sheely & Co. of Lincoln at the price of \$3.80 per lineal foot.

The supreme court in passing upon a Lincoln garnishee damage case, held yesterday that the law giving the Nebraska laborer exemptions and preventing the sale of his debts into other states for the purpose of garnishment, was constitutional.

W. S. Ward, who was bound over to the district court for disposing of some mortgaged corn, was released from custody Monday and allowed to go to Sarpy county, where he is wanted as a witness. Attorney Byron Clark became surety for his appearance here for trial.

Filbert Case Still Hangs Fire.

A decision was expected by the supreme court yesterday in the Filbert habeas corpus case, but a telegram to THE JOURNAL yesterday afternoon from Clerk Campbell states that the court adjourned, without passing on the case, until March 20th. It is thought more than likely that at the coming session the case will be acted upon.

The presses and engine are being removed from the ruins of the Herald office building today, and will be set up in the Drew building on lower Main street, where the Herald office will be located hereafter.

DOINGS OF THE DAY.

The March Term Of the District Court Convenes Monday.

GRAND JURY IS NOW IN SESSION

John D. Marshall's Bond Is Declared Forfeited to the State—Meeting of the Democratic City Central Committee—Notes.

District Court in Session.

The March term of district court convened Monday morning, with Judge Chapman on the bench. The day was occupied in arranging the preliminaries and preparing the work for the term. In the morning R. W. Hyers, S. P. Holloway, Elmer Eikenbary, Geo. Dearing and Charley Sullivan were appointed and sworn in as bailiffs. In the afternoon the grand and petit juries were called and given permission to make excuse if they so desired, but none availed themselves of the privileges. The jurors were dismissed and the grand jury ordered to appear at four o'clock for instructions. The docket for the term was then called and the usual number of cases stricken off, continued and ready for trial.

The case of J. D. Simpson vs. C. E. Wescott was dismissed without prejudice because plaintiff had failed to give bonds for costs. The case of Calvin G. Tabor vs. Seth M. Cole was also dismissed without prejudice and restitution of property ordered.

At the appointed hour—four o'clock—the jurors were called and duly sworn in, B. C. Kerr having previously been chosen as foreman. Judge Chapman, in a short address, admonished the jurors as to their duties, and they particularly were instructed to investigate all violation of the liquor laws of the state. The judge's instructions concluded, the jury retired to commence their labors in charge of County Attorney Travis and Sheriff Eikenbary.

Declared the Bond Forfeited.

Several months ago one John D. Marshall was placed under arrest charged with bigamy. Marshall lived near Murray, and his wife No. 2 is a daughter of Geo. Adams. Constable Thrasher arrested Marshall and he was taken before Justice Archer for examination. A continuance was asked and granted, and the defendant released on bond of \$200, which was furnished by Father-in-law Adams. When the date of continuance rolled around Marshall failed to appear, but his bondsman appeared and the case was continued until last Monday, in order to give him an opportunity to locate Marshall. No appearance was made Monday and Judge Archer declared the bond forfeited.

Democratic Committee Meeting.

The democratic city central committee met on Saturday night at the police judge's office, with all the members of the committee present except the member from the fifth ward, Mr. Schlater.

The meeting was called to order by D. C. Morgan, chairman, and Chas. A. Miller was chosen secretary.

On motion it was decided to hold the ward primaries on Friday, March 16th, from 7:30 to 8:30 o'clock, at the following places: First ward, Sherwood block; second ward, school house; third ward, Richey's lumber office; fourth ward, police judge's office; fifth ward, school house.

The date of the city convention was fixed for Monday evening, March 19th, at 8 o'clock, at White's opera house, and the representation was fixed on the vote given J. Sterling Morton for governor in 1892, as follows: First ward, twelve delegates; second ward, fifteen; third ward, fourteen; fourth ward, fourteen; fifth ward, six; total, sixty-one.

Small Cyclone in Western Cass.

During a heavy thunder storm Sunday afternoon between 2 and 3 o'clock George Reitter's farm one mile west of Eagle, was visited by a small cyclone and scattered to the four winds his large barn and implements. Mr. Rieter who witnessed it from his residence twenty rods away, says the wind lifted a wagon near the barn just as if it were a feather, and the next instant his barn, 80 by 30 feet was rent asunder and scattered, leaving the teams standing unharmed.

Coal at Clark's.
Plenty of good coal at Timothy Clark's coal yards, for cash only. No CASH, NO COAL. T. CLARK.

Two Hundred and Costs.

During the morning session of district court Judge Chapman called up Z. T. White, who was convicted for hanging J. Sterling Morton and his son Carl, in effigy, and asked him if he had anything to say why sentence of the court should not be passed upon him. For some reason Zack did not give the judge a respectable answer, stating that what he wanted was to get into another court, and the judge then said that probably Mr. White had misunderstood the question, so he repeated it received about the same answer. The judge then reviewed the whole case, dwelling particularly on the fact that about the worst insult possible to give a man was to hang him in effigy; he explained what was meant by such a hanging, then referred to the damage done Mr. Morton and the stain upon Nebraska City's fair name. He was confident the prisoner had not realized the enormity of the crime he had committed, and was therefore entitled to mercy, and so the court would only fine him \$200 and to pay the costs of prosecution.

Attorney Sloan was on hand and after making a motion for a new trial, which was overruled, proceeded to file the necessary papers to carry the case to the supreme court. Mr. Sloan claims that there is no law in the state to convict a man of hanging another in effigy.—Nebraska City News.

Hill Costs Too Much.

Considerable talk has been indulged in of late about the efforts of Matt Gering to get a new trial for Murderer Hill. It is hoped that such a calamity will not fall on Cass county; it is very doubtful if Hill would live to see the end of it. The people have refrained from interfering with the matter as long as the law in such cases was being cared for in proper shape. He was tried, found guilty and condemned to a legal hanging. Should a new trial be ordered, he will never live to see it finished.

In the meantime this man Hill should be kept for his ornamentation of the hangman's rope at less cost to the county than at present prevails. It is safe to say that \$5 per day will not cover the bill, when he could be accommodated with nice quarters at the state pen for one-tenth that amount.

Cass county has paid enough good money out already over the two worthless vagabonds who robbed Matt Akeson of his life and blighted forever the happiness of his family. A solitary cell in the pen is good enough to hold his miserable carcass until the hang day comes in April.—Weeping Water Eagle.

Incendiarism at Glenwood.

The second attempt by an incendiary to burn the Robert Hale row of frame buildings at Glenwood was in a measure successful. Fire was placed beneath the floor of Moore's billiard parlor and had gained such headway that despite good work by the fire company the entire row was gutted. The principle losers are: W. F. Luraway, jeweler; M. W. Rogers, bath rooms; T. W. Moore, billiards; William Alton, lawyer; H. A. Tolles, justice of the peace, and the American Bible society.

February Mortgages.

Cass county's mortgage record for the month of February is a splendid showing. The totals are as follows: Farm land—filed, \$66,731.24, satisfied, \$57,522.10. Town property—filed, \$3,688.17; satisfied, \$7,570.00. Chattel mortgages—filed, \$7,713.90; satisfied \$27,093.80.

The Elmwood Echo says: John Soler, a young man living south of town, went out in the field to shoot some prairie chickens Wednesday, but came back much worse for the trip. As the gun, which was a Winchester repeating shot gun, was discharged the little cover slide on the top of the barrel, near the breech, flew off and struck John a terrible blow in the face. It crushed sideways through his nose and into the right cheek-bone under the eye. John picked up the piece, shouldered his gun and walked home. He was then brought to town and Dr. Hobbs dressed the wound, taking out a piece of bone and taking several stitches. All of this was stood without hardly a flinch. His face will be marked, but he will get along all right.

The Greenwood Tribune says: Mrs. M. A. Doane entertained a company of fourteen at high-five last Saturday evening in honor of Misses White and Fricke of Plattsmouth. Elegant refreshments were served, the guests returning home in the "wee sma" hours after enjoying a delightful evening.

Dr. Marshall, DENTIST Fitzgerald block.

CLOSED THE DEAL.

The Business Men's Committee Contract for the Free Ferry.

THE C. B. & Q. IS NON-SUITED.

Judge Chapman Rules Against the Company in the City Case—Wedded at High Noon—Other Items of Interest to Readers.

Closed the Ferry Contract.

The business men's committee on the free ferry yesterday closed the contract with Ferryman O'Neill, whereby he will operate a free ferry during the coming season across the Missouri river. The ferry will be free to people living on the Iowa side and from this city, but transients will be required to pay toll. Sundays are excepted, when everybody crossing will have to pay.

O'Neill now has a new boat under construction, the motive power to be furnished by a fourteen horse-power gasoline engine.

The new ferry will be in operation at an early date, and Iowa people are invited to make free use of it.

The "Q" is Non-Suited.

District court yesterday heard the case of the C. B. & Q. vs. the city of Plattsmouth. In this case the railroad company seek to recover a portion of city taxes paid since the year 1886, on the grounds that the city council have no authority by law to levy a separate assessment for the purpose of paying fire hydrant rental and gas and electric bills. The company contends that these claims should be paid from the general fund, and the law fixes a limit of ten mills on the general fund levy, which amount alone would not pay the hydrant rental and light bills.

The attorneys for the city raised the point that the taxes had been paid by the B. & M. company and not by the C. B. & Q., on which decision was reserved and the plaintiff allowed to continue their showing. Yesterday the judge decided the case by non-suiting the company, thus throwing the case out of court.

Messrs. Beeson & Root and City Attorney Davies appeared for the city and Byron Clark for the C. B. & Q.

Wedded at High Noon.

The ceremony which will unite the fates and fortunes of Mr. J. B. Carter and Miss Etta Schildknecht was performed by Rev. Davis yesterday noon at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Schildknecht, in the presence of the relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The groom is a resident of Mills county, Iowa. The bride is the youngest daughter of Dr. Schildknecht, and is well and favorably known in this city, where she has lived since childhood.

After the ceremony the contracting parties and guests repaired to the dining room and partook of a sumptuous dinner prepared by Mrs. Schildknecht, to which full measure of justice was done.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter will make their home in Mills county, residing in the large stone residence at the base of the bluffs, five miles south of Pacific Junction.

THE JOURNAL extends congratulations and best wishes.

"I have always observed," said a well-known grain buyer, "that I have been able to buy more corn when the price was low than when it was high, and it really seemed that farmers were more anxious to sell when corn was worth 20 cents per bushel than when it could be sold for 40 cents. I bought more corn during the season of '87-8, when it was worth 16 and 17 cents per bushel, than I ever have done since, and it was sold with apparently more readiness. The trouble is when the price is high, growers expect it to go still higher and in consequence hold it for several years only to be obliged to sell many times for half what they were once offered. Of course it pays to hold corn until it can be sold for a reasonable price, but it don't pay to hold it too long."

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