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AROUND THE COURT ROOMS.

COUNTY COURT.

The suit of the Peru Plow Co., vs. H. J. Edson and A. S. Cooley on a promissory note for \$87.42, was filed in county court Saturday.

County Judge Ramsey rendered an opinion Friday in the suit Mrs. Eliza Siebold vs. C. M. Graves in the defendants' favor. The amount involved was \$10.

The last will and testament of the late Ann May Kern was admitted to probate in county court Thursday, and the hearing on claims was fixed for Oct. 5. The estate is valued at about \$4,000.

In the partnership suit of Geo. Bollen vs. Geo. Beam, wherein the plaintiff asked for a judgment for \$100 alleged to be due him from the profits of operating a threshing machine. County Judge Ramsey held that he had no jurisdiction in the matter, inasmuch as the district judge had already appointed a receiver for the firm and if Bollen had any profits due him it was the place of the receiver to make the allowance. It was also held that the defendant could recover a judgment for the costs charged to him in the suit from the plaintiff.

JUSTICE ARCHER'S COURT.

Chas. and George Rollins, the two young men arrested at Nebraska City on a charge of burglarizing a freight car at Union, were given a hearing before Judge Archer yesterday. The men claimed to have come from Denver to Omaha in search of employment, and got in a freight car at Union to ride south. The judge concluded that they were simply stealing a ride and discharged them.

COURT ROOM NOTES.

W. A. Swearingen was appointed in county court Saturday as administrator for the estate of the late Wm. Ince.

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REPUBLICANS ON TOP.

The Plattsmouth Democracy Given An Awful Lambasting.

REPUBS GET ALL THE PLUMS.

Archer, Independent Candidate for Police Judge, the Only Exception—Democrats Elect Messersmith, Sattler, Slater and Tutt to the Council and the Repubs Get Hinshaw and Steinkner—The Council Now Democratic.

The New City Officials.

Mayor—W. H. Newell, republican. Treasurer—Jno. I. Unruh, republican.

Clerk—B. C. Kerr, republican. Police Judge—M. Archer, citizens. Members School Board—E. W. Cook and D. B. Smith, republican.

The New Councilmen.

First ward—W. D. Messersmith, democrat.

Second ward—John Hinshaw, republican.

Third ward—F. H. Steinkner, republican.

Fourth ward—Jno. P. Sattler, democrat.

Fifth ward—Wm. Slater and Jno. D. Tutt, democrat.

Plattsmouth republicans had very much of a picnic Tuesday, almost everything going their way. Under ordinary circumstances the town is democratic—this fact is conceded—but the party was unfortunate in the possession of factional differences due to primary and convention wrangles, and yesterday it went down in defeat. The republicans were not slow to take due advantage of the dissension and it was an easy matter for their candidates to pick the plums.

The re-election of Police Judge Archer as an independent candidate after the democracy had turned him down at the city convention, was a surprise to many, but it only served to show that the town contains enough unprejudiced voters to elect a man who has made a good official.

The city offices, as will be shown by a perusal of the table elsewhere printed, all went to republicans by majorities exceeding one hundred votes, but in the councilmanic contest the democrats can take some consolation in the fact that they came off first best by electing four of the six candidates, thus making the complexion of the new council democratic by two majorities.

Weeping Water and Havelock.

WEeping WATER.—The city election passed off quietly. Party politics cut no figure. The issue was, as usual, on a "wet or dry" board. The result was: Mayor, Fred H. Gorder, dem., 3 majority; clerk, Theodore Schaefer, ind.; treasurer, T. M. Howard, rep.; police judge, E. S. Barnett, rep. Councilmen, first ward, Charles Baldwin and S. Rector, rep.; second ward, William Marshall, ind.; third ward, E. J. Moeser, dem. The hold-overs from last year are James B. Hungate in second and Wesley Davis in third ward, making a "dry" council by 1. The usual number of votes was polled.

HAVELOCK.—The election was the most exciting ever known. The main issue was license. Two tickets were in the field, citizens' and petition. The vote was as follows: Citizens ticket—George Anderson, 117; C. T. Ballard, 113; A. Emburg, 130; C. B. McCall, 87; R. O. Schleicher, 107. Petition ticket—S. L. Brower, 86; H. P. Coolidge, 101; M. G. Lysinger, 100; J. E. Palmeter, 78; A. W. Ryan, 102; for license, 74; against license, 118.

Thompson Case Dismissed.

The well-known damages suit of Mrs. Amos Thompson vs. the Missouri Pacific railway, wherein the plaintiff sought to recover \$5,000 for damages by reason of the killing of her husband in a railway accident at Union, took a somewhat unexpected turn Tuesday afternoon in district court. After the testimony of the plaintiff had all been introduced, counsel for the railway filed a motion to dismiss on the ground that the plaintiff's husband met his death because of contributory negligence and that the testimony introduced failed to establish sufficient cause to recover. The question was argued at considerable length and resulted in Judge Chapman sustaining the motion and dismissing the suit.

Matthew Gering, the plaintiff's

counsel, has avowed his intention of appealing the dismissal to the supreme court. A. N. Sullivan of this city and J. W. Orr of Atchison appeared for the railway company.

Polk Wins His Case.

The supreme court of the United States handed down a decision on Monday in the case of Alex A. Robertson, trustee, vs. Sam'l M. Chapman, Milton D. Polk et al. an appeal from the circuit court of the United States for the district of Nebraska, whose decision was affirmed with costs. The allegations in the case are somewhat sensational. The appellant, Robertson, who was trustee of the estate of Ella V. Davis, claims that acting under the advice of Chapman & Polk, his attorneys at Plattsmouth, he sold several pieces of valuable property in this city to Michael O'Donohoe for \$10,000. He asserts that under an agreement with Polk the property was immediately turned over by O'Donohoe to Polk, and that the Davis estate was defrauded by some \$5,000 by the transaction. He presented in evidence a letter from O'Donohoe to himself stating that Polk was agent for the property and made the deal with him to purchase it and subsequently turn it over to him. He asked that by reason of this alleged fraudulent practice the conveyance should be set aside. Chapman & Polk defended the suit in the circuit court and won, denying specifically all the allegations and bringing O'Donohoe to the stand to contradict his own letter. They affirmed that Robertson examined the property and himself ordered the sale; that O'Donohoe purchased in good faith and transferred when he could not comply with the terms of sale. The property in controversy consists of the lot on Main street on which the Leonard building now stands, the lot and building on Main street wherein Max Lemm's saloon is now located, the old surveyor general's office and half block of ground on Elm street, the present residence of Mr. Polk and the dwelling house adjoining, and the half block on which the Drummond residence is now located. This decision confirms Polk's ownership and removes the cloud from the title to the property, which has nearly all passed into the hands of subsequent purchasers.

"He Never Came Back."

A well-dressed stranger put in an appearance at the Jones livery barn Saturday afternoon and hired a horse and buggy. He left word with the stable hands that he would return in about two hours, but when Sunday morning rolled around and the horse had not yet been returned, the stable proprietor came to the conclusion that the stranger was a thief. The officers were put on the fellow's track and it has developed that he passed through Mynard at about six o'clock Saturday evening and was going west. Sunday morning at eight o'clock he was seen near Louisville and at about eleven o'clock he drove through Ashland. This is as far as the officers have been able to trace the man. Deputy Sheriff Myers and Mr. Jones went to Fremont Sunday night in the hope that the man would head in that direction, but they telegraphed to Sheriff Eikenberry Monday noon that no further trace of the fellow's whereabouts have been learned. The stolen horse was valued at about \$30.

Burglars at Work.

The residence of Joe McMaken on North Eleventh street was entered by burglars sometime last Friday night, and a silver watch stolen. Joe had his watch in his pantaloons pocket, and upon retiring had folded that part of his apparel and placed it under his pillow. But the nifty burglar secured it just the same, and Joe is very fortunate to have them leave the pants.

An attempt was made to effect an entrance at the home of Mrs. Newland, who lives in the same vicinity, but the burglar was frightened away.

The Mortgage Record.

Cass county's mortgage record for March is as follows: Farm lands—filed, \$114,250.17; satisfied, 62,913.90. Town property—filed, \$7,783.88; satisfied, \$9,634.23. Chattel mortgages—filed, \$21,085.47; satisfied, \$12,621.14.

The distillery project, which has been under discussion in Plattsmouth for some little time, appears to be on the eve of a consummation, and the inhabitants of that picturesque town are in daily anticipation of a big, solid boom. A genuine boom at the present time would astonish the world and attract sight-seers from the four quarters of the globe.—Junction Recorder.

SAD CASE OF SUICIDE.

An Ex-Plattsmouthian Takes His Life At the Lincoln Asylum.

THE BUSINESS MEN'S BANQUET.

Landlord Hamilton Of the Hotel Riley Provides a Bounteous Feast—Fireman Rutherford's Close Call—Other Jottings.

Robert Donovan Suicides.

Word was received in this city on Saturday night that Robert J. Donovan, who has been confined in the hospital for the insane near Lincoln, had suicided by hanging. The Lincoln Journal has the following to say of the sad affair:

He retired to his room at eight o'clock Friday evening, in apparently his usual spirits, but when the attendant opened his room Saturday morning at 5:30 he was horrified to see Donovan hanging from the bars of his window by a curtain cord. The body was cold and death had evidently occurred several hours previous.

Donovan, who was thirty-seven years of age and married, was a locomotive engineer on the B. & M., with his home in Plattsmouth. He was sent to the hospital October 10, 1888, and has been in what is known as the quiet or chronic ward for some time. He ran away twice and was captured each time at his former home and brought back. A close watch was kept on him on that account, but none of the attendants or officials at the hospital believed that he was dangerous or apt to commit suicide.

Last week he was assisting in house cleaning and it is thought that he secured the curtain cord at that time. His act was evidently premeditated and carried out with the recognized secrecy of a crazy man.

When the remains were cut down and a search made, a letter addressed to the superintendent and others was found in an inside pocket. It was composed of the usual mixture of sentences, but contained one which showed that he had evidently been thinking of taking his life. It said: "I am not hung and this is not suicide." The letter also referred to Charles Marshall and J. W. Irving in a disconnected way.

Coroner Crim visited the hospital Saturday, but on learning the facts of the case he concluded that there was no necessity for an inquest, and so informed Superintendent Hay.

The remains were brought to this city Sunday forenoon and taken to the Livingston residence, where funeral services were held Monday morning, and the body interred at Oak Hill cemetery.

A Sumptuous Spread.

Saturday night's banquet at the Hotel Riley was certainly an enjoyable affair, the attendance numbering some fifty or sixty of the town's business and professional men accompanied by their wives. The fore part of the evening was given up to social converse, cards, dancing and other amusements and at eleven o'clock the party adjourned to the dining hall where Landlord Hamilton had prepared a feast which did great credit to both himself and his excellent hotel. Supper over, an hour or so was given to toast-making, responses being made by Messrs. A. N. Sullivan, Matthew Gering, F. E. White, W. H. Newell and H. D. Travis and the Mesdames C. S. Sherman and H. D. Travis, the festivities being concluded by extending a unanimous vote of thanks to the host and hostess for the agreeable manner in which all had been entertained.

He Missed His Mark.

Charley Rutherford, the fireman on the switch engine in the B. & M. yards, had an adventure early Monday morning that came near causing him a headache, to say the least. During the night he and the engineer, together with several switchmen, were in the switch shanty, where they were comparing time by their watches, leaving their engine standing on the track near by. Rutherford had left the shanty and climbed aboard the engine and was shoveling in coal when a coupling-pin whizzed past his head, just missing him and striking a lantern sitting in the gangway of the engine. The coupling-pin had been thrown by someone on the other side of the engine, and Rutherford looked out in the darkness and just made out the outlines of a man disappearing over the embankment toward the river. His vision was obscured by the fact that he had just been looking into the fire box, but he pulled his revolver and fired three shots at the retreating figure, but without effect. The coupling-pin was evidently thrown by some tramp, but what the purpose was

cannot be surmised unless he intended robbery. The police overhauled a fellow Monday, but Rutherford was unable to identify him as the man who attempted the assault.

Murderer McGinn's Sentence Suspended.

The supreme court yesterday suspended sentence of death in the case of Barney McGinn, who shot and killed Edward McKenna on the streets of Omaha July 29. Attorneys for McGinn filed a petition in error yesterday and in consequence the court issued an order of suspension, to remain in force until further orders. The accused was tried and convicted of murder in the first degree before Judge Scott and sentenced to be hanged April 13. McGinn's case is peculiar in that the deceased had a dog and the killing of the owner seems to have resulted from this fact. McGinn was formerly a workman in the Union Pacific shops at Omaha, and at the time of the killing was janitor at the Saratoga school. The deceased was a carpenter living near McGinn's boarding house. McKenna was arrested by McGinn for keeping a cross dog. A few days afterward the two men met and some hot words passed. They met again on the street, a scuffle ensued and McGinn killed McKenna instantly by shooting. He walked to the police station, gave himself up and was tried, convicted and sentenced to be hanged. His attorneys' petition sets up sixty-five errors in the court proceedings, the document comprising eleven typewritten pages.

It Causes Them to Worry.

Plattsmouth's new free ferry across the Missouri seems to worry the merchants on the other side of the river. The Junction Recorder views the matter as follows:

"The inauguration of a free ferry across the Missouri river by the enterprising merchants of the neighboring Nebraska town, has awakened the county seat merchants to a realization of the importance of the trade of the farming community along and contiguous to the 'bottoms.' As an offset to the free ferry, the discussion of better and improved highways to the county seat has received great impetus, and without doubt the energy and enterprise of Mills county's business men will be directed to that important movement with the promptitude and decision of which they are famed. Good roads will bring greater returns than new railways."

Bryan Bothered by Delay.

Representative Bryan is somewhat at a loss to know what is the cause of the continued delay in the filling of the Plattsmouth and Pawnee City postoffices, writes Billy Annin to the Lincoln Journal. He made another trip to the postoffice department on Monday and earnestly interviewed Mr. Bissell upon the subject. This is the third visit which he has made since his return from Nebraska, and the results were not any more definite than in the two preceding instances. Mr. Bissell stated that he had not yet reached these cases, but expected to soon, and with this assurance Mr. Bryan was forced to content himself.

Will Deliver Glasses Monday.

Prof. Ponder, the Omaha optician, closed his engagement in this city yesterday, after fitting quite a few of our best known citizens with glasses. The professor will return on Monday next to deliver glasses, and all parties wishing their eyes either tested or fitted will find him on that day at the Hotel Riley, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 6 p. m.

CARD OF THANKS.

To the many friends whose kindness was so sympathizingly bestowed during the sorrow attendant to the death of our little daughter, Florence, we desire to extend our sincerest thanks.

MR. AND MRS. JOEL MESSERSMITH.

This morning's Lincoln Journal says: The state board of public lands and buildings held a meeting yesterday and a report was formulated in regard to the suicide of the patient from Plattsmouth, Robert G. Donovan, who hanged himself with a curtain cord which he had secreted in his cell. The board attaches no blame to anyone at the asylum and reported that every reasonable precaution had been exercised by the superintendent and attendants.

In the case of Cowin & McHugh against Seth T. Winch, tried in the court presided over by Judge Blair, the jury yesterday returned a verdict for \$2,667, the amount being the bill for attorney fees in a case which was hotly contested some years ago.—Omaha Bee.

TWO IRATE HUBBIES.

They Cause Much Grief to a Plattsmouth Young Man.

THE DISTRICT DECLAIMERS.

Plattsmouth Fails to Secure a Place in the Contest For Oratorical Honors at Beatrice—A Mock Trial Threatened—Notes.

Who Is Frank Brigham?

Last Thursday's Council Bluffs Globe says: One of the Bluffs hotels, the Ogden house, was the place where an interesting scene drawn from an excited little coterie of real actors was enacted Wednesday evening, that gave every promise for a few minutes of developing into a decided and most emphatic sensation of a racy nature. The Missouri Valley train brought in two of the actors, who registered at the hotel as Mrs. A. C. Johnston and Miss L. Carleton, of Missouri Valley, both young women. These ladies were shown adjoining and connecting rooms at the hostelry, and for the minute disappeared from the horizon, inside their apartments. About an hour later a young gentleman, bailing from Plattsmouth, and registering, as did the ladies, under the assumed name of Frank Brigham, sent his card to the ladies' apartment and desired to see them. The young man was received, and later the three made their debut in the dining room and took supper. Nothing more was heard of the actions of the trio until about 9:45 o'clock, when the hotel clerk and proprietor were surprised to see stalking into the hotel office a couple of young gentlemen, both apparently under twenty-five, and both still more apparently laboring under very perturbed and excited spirits. They walked up to the register, scanned down the page and one of them finally remarked, "that's my wife's hand-writing, and no mistake." He looked at the number of the room and demanded of the clerk to be shown to the apartments instantly. This was at first refused until he would explain his actions, which he very perceptibly did by putting his finger on the registered name, Mrs. A. C. Johnston, and saying: "That woman is my wife; we reside in Missouri Valley. She told me when she left this noon that she was going to Plattsmouth to visit friends. This Miss Carleton registered here with her as my friend's wife," he continued, getting more and more excited over the complicating situation. "We wish to be shown to the rooms immediately," said the first speaker, shaking ominously a big heavy cane. Finally, after a little further parley, the clerk agreed to show them to the rooms, providing they would not arouse the house, which they promised not to do. In the meantime the young man from Plattsmouth had rustled out and picked up a well-known local character, and the two had proceeded to the ladies' room, and a carnival a la quartelette was in progress. When the clerk knocked at the door there was a rustling racket, followed by silence, and then the click of the key as the lock was snapped back. The clerk immediately pushed open the door, and a sight of the four was obtained, the ladies in evening dishabille and the gentlemen badly disconcerted. The local character made a desperate rush and disappeared down the stairway, eight steps at a time, dragging some of his clothes with him. One of the husbands cried out, "That's my wife's voice," and the two hubbies made a rush, got on the inside, closed and locked the door, and the five had a most interesting session, lasting until 11:30 o'clock. A confused babble of talking, crying, begging and penitent groaning was audible all through the hallway and finally when the meeting broke up the Plattsmouth young man came out with feathers dropping and a much sadder and wiser specimen of masculinity. About 12 o'clock the two married couple came down stairs paid up the bills and disappeared from the scene of action. Today, however, the hubby that did the most of the talking the previous evening to the hotel clerk, is out on a still hunt for the local gentleman who made the run against time last evening, and vows there will be blood shed if they meet. The ladies in question are said to be well known in Missouri Valley, and are quite handsome.

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