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## WILL BORE FOR COAL.

Prospectors Will Soon Institute a Search in This Vicinity.

## DEMISE OF MISS OLLIE BOYD.

One of Plattsmouth's Most Estimable Young Women Is Called to Her Final Reward—Funeral Services Tuesday.

Will Prospect For Coal. J. P. Eckert & Co., is the title of a concern which, under the management of J. P. Eckert has begun operations in boring for coal in this county. They have obtained coal leases on a number of farms along Rock Creek, and on Four-Mile, and propose making a vigorous effort to find a vein of the black diamonds. Mr. Eckert and his father, who is associated with him, are prospectors of much experience in the coal fields of Iowa and elsewhere, and having purchased a boring machine at Sioux City do not mean to give up the work until they find coal or satisfy themselves there is none to be found within a paying distance.

An Early Death. DIED—Of quick consumption, at the home of her parents, on Pearl street, between Ninth and Tenth, at 10 o'clock Sunday evening, Miss Ollie Boyd, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boyd, aged twenty-one years.

Up to three months ago deceased was the picture of health and youthful vigor. For two years past she has been teaching in the public schools, but last fall went to Concordia, Kan., and engaged in teaching there. Some time in the fall she was caught out in a rainstorm and from the drenching contracted a cold which settled on her lungs, producing consumption, from which she died. Six weeks ago she was brought home and gradually grew worse until death came to her relief. Miss Boyd was reared from a child in this city. She was bright, intelligent and very ambitious to excel in all her undertakings. She was a member of the Christian church and an active member of the Christian Endeavor society, and took great interest in the advancement of its work. Her friends are very numerous in the city who will esteem her death a personal bereavement. The parents will receive the active sympathy of a large circle of friends in their loss.

The funeral services of the late Miss Boyd were performed Tuesday afternoon at the Presbyterian church, which was crowded with sympathetic friends of the family and of the deceased.

A Case of Murder. The Barrett Scott mystery has been unraveled by the finding of the man's body in the Niobrara river near O'Neill. The discovery was made last Saturday night, after the searchers had cut out ice in the river for a period of several hours. The man's hands were tied behind his body, while a rope dangled from his neck, clearly proving that Scott had first been hanged until he was dead and the body then consigned to the river to conceal the crime. The corpse was frozen stiff and the identification was complete. The defalcation of Scott as county treasurer of Holt county, his flight to Mexico and subsequent arrest and his abduction and lynching on the night of January 1st by a band of vigilantes, constitutes a blot on the fair name of this state. The Holt county authorities should spare no efforts in bringing down Scott's murderers and bringing them to justice.

Deputies from Jackson, Dakota county, and Deputy United States Marshals L. W. Wray and Thrasler, the latter of Plattsmouth, Tuesday placed under arrest A. McCormack and Dan C. Heff, postmasters at South Sioux City and Jackson respectively, on indictment charging them with falsifying returns. Both are prominent citizens of the county. Hefferman is county judge, and attends to his duty at the county seat, while his wife, acting as a deputy, has charge of the postoffice there. They were taken to Lincoln.

Did you notice how soft and tender that young lady's hands were? Yes, well, if you were to see her mother's hands you would probably wonder how rough and hard, and the tenderer in one case the rougher in the other. In such cases, it is rather easy to tell who spends the most time in the kitchen.

Faster Time Coming. It is reported that the time of the fast mail from the east is going to be still further reduced very shortly. The new schedule for Glenwood it is understood will be 12:10, a reduction of an even hour and a half. The run from Chicago to Council Bluffs will be made in just ten hours, averaging the great speed of fifty miles an hour including stops for the entire distance. These frequent reductions in time are the result of a keen competition on the part of the Chicago & Northwestern people who are after the contract from the government to carry the mail. The Northwestern has a slight advantage over the "Q" in the matter of distance the former road being some fourteen miles shorter than that of the "Q." The Northwestern it is said also has the still further advantage of a more level country through which its track passes. However, notwithstanding all this we predict that the "Q" with its customary pluck and enterprise, will come out ahead and continue to carry the fast mail from the east. The people along the route of the "Q" ought certainly to appreciate the efforts being made by this company to retain the fast mail contract as its loss would mean to the people along the line in these parts a difference of some twenty hours or more in the arrival of the eastern mail.—Glenwood Tribune.

Q Train Robbers Captured. Ever since the robbery of an express train on the Burlington road near Ottumwa ten days ago, in which it is supposed about \$12,000 was obtained, that vicinity has swarmed with Pinkerton and railway detectives. The officers suspected the robbers were ex-railway employes, from their evident familiarity with the operations of the trainmen, and have been acting on the theory that they would attempt to escape into Missouri along the line of the Wabash railway. It was learned that a Wabash engineer named Bullett, running between Ottumwa and Moberly, had met two men in Ottumwa the morning following the robbery. And had given them a meal on their claim that they were "broke." They were ex-brakemen, named Ely and Bateman. In a few hours he met them again, when Ely pulled out a roll of bills and repaid him. He asked Ely where he got the money so soon after claiming to be "broke," but got no satisfaction. This aroused the engineer's suspicions, and when Ely and Bateman went to Moberly he determined to keep them under surveillance. As good luck would have it, Bullett occupied at flat in Moberly, and soon after their arrival in Moberly the two brakemen rented a room from Bullett and his wife. Last Friday morning before leaving home Bullett heard the two men quarreling in an adjoining room over a division of money. Bullett went to Ottumwa and told his story, whereupon a message was sent to Moberly, asking the operator there if any arrests had been made. He replied that two men named Bateman and Kilgland, ex-Wabash brakemen, had been arrested in a notorious resort in Moberly, after a desperate fight, and landed in jail, and would be taken to Ottumwa for examination. In them the "Q" officials think that they have located two of the men who robbed their train.

As to Bishop Bonacum. The report is current in this city, says the Omaha Bee, that Rt. Rev. Thomas Bonacum, Roman Catholic bishop of Lincoln, is to be transferred to the diocese at Sioux Falls, S. D. Bishop Marty, the first bishop of that diocese, was recently transferred to the diocese of St. Cloud, Minn., as a means of ending the discord between him and his priests. By transferring Bishop Bonacum to the vacant seat similar results, it is expected, will be attained. The main foundation of the report is the growing hostility of the laity to the present church administration. Many missions are without priests, and the changes made during the past year have not been productive of harmony between the newcomers and the congregations. This hostile feeling was held in check during the life of Hon. John Fitzgerald, who, though an opponent of the bishop, would not sanction an open rupture between the laity and the church authorities. His death removed a powerful restraining influence and the relations of both have become strained. It is asserted that many Catholic families are moving out of the diocese on that account. Bishop Bonacum is at present in St. Louis lecturing in behalf of the Nebraska sufferers.

Two good offices to rent. T. H. POLLOCK, Sheriff block.

## ONE THING AND ANOTHER.

It remained for W. H. Pool of this county to administer a fitting rebuke to Walt Seelye, the celebrated political shark and heeler for the Lincoln state house ring. Mr. Pool was made chief engrossing clerk for the senate, and was careful to give keys to the room to employes only. One day last week the lock was changed and when Mr. Pool entered the room he found Seelye seated therein scanning a bit of official work and marking errors thereon. Mr. Pool promptly took the copy out of Seelye's hands and plainly informed him that he wasn't wanted about the place. Before he went, however, Mr. Pool inquired of the celebrated capper and learned that he was in possession of one of the keys to the room. Seelye thereupon went away and has not since that time made his appearance around that room. Pool afterwards had the lock changed and sought to ascertain who had authorized Seelye to have the janitor change the lock in the first place, but could find no one who admitted having done so. One thing that is a little queer is that when he wanted the lock put back he had to get an order from the lieutenant governor before the head janitor would do the work.

As a result of the recent cigar maker's strike, Chinese workmen have been taken to New York City from Cuba. Chinamen have been engaged in the manufacture of cigars in Cuba and other parts of the West Indies for many years, but it is only within a short time that they have attempted to ply their trade in the United States, for obvious reasons, one being, of course, the very great prejudice existing in this country against Chinese cheap labor. It is said that there are now fully 500 cigar makers on strike whose places have been readily filled by Chinese men and women, the latter also being an innovation in the business. Hereafter the public will have good reason for giving New York made cigars the grand shake.

In reporting the legislative business of Monday the Lincoln News says: "Davies, of Cass, offered a resolution for the appointment of a committee on resolutions to which all resolutions should be referred. The measure was adopted. Davies has been ignored in the committees and will doubtless get this one."

Major Joseph W. Paddock, government director of the Union Pacific railway, died at his home in Omaha Sunday, of pneumonia, contracted on his recent trip to Denver. Major Paddock was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, sixty-nine years ago. He has been a resident of Nebraska nearly forty years. He served with distinction in the civil war, and was up to the time of his death prominent in Grand Army circles. When the first territorial legislature of Nebraska convened, Major Paddock was elected clerk. Since that time he has been frequently honored with positions of trust and honor. For the last four years he has been one of the board of county commissioners for Douglas county, and has been a government director of the Union Pacific railway for several years.

The ladies of Crete have charge of this week's issue of the Democrat of that place and are preparing to get out one of the best weeklies ever issued in the state. The proceeds of the undertaking will be devoted to charity, and the ladies report that the orders already in will tax the capacity of the office. They expect to be swamped with orders before the week is ended. Mrs. J. C. Snively is the acting editor-in-chief.

The anti-railway newspapers generally pay their taxes after a distress warrant has been issued by the county treasurer.—Evening News.

And those that wear the railway collar never pay theirs.

Twenty young ladies of Bertrand, Nebraska, have forwarded a communication to the legislature in which that body is asked to adopt a bill to protect children from the evil use of tobacco. According to the scheme, all tobacco-users who own a house are to be compelled to set aside one apartment as a tobacco room, the same to be bear-tight, and children and non-users are not to be permitted to enter therein. The bill fixes a fine for all violations. The house of representatives, to which the bill was referred, was very considerably referred the communication to the committee on live stock and grazing.

## THE NEXT TURN-FEST.

Nebraska Turners Will Next Do Battle in Plattsmouth.

## THE BOARD OF TRADE MEETING.

A Committee of Twenty-Five Citizens Chosen to Meet the City Council and Discuss the Lighting Question—Jottings.

Plattsmouth Gets the Next Turn-Fest. Messrs. John Sattler and Otto Wurl returned home Monday from Fremont, whither they journeyed on Saturday last to represent the local Turner society in the seventh annual convention of the state organization. They report a large attendance and an enthusiastic session. Lincoln was designated as the seat of the state executive committee, while Plattsmouth was unanimously given the next turn-fest, or tournament. The local society will fix the dates, but following the usual custom, the affair will occur either in June or July, to continue during three days. It is the desire of the members of the local society to hang up some liberal prizes to be contested for by the visiting Turners. To do so they must have the assistance of the merchants and citizens of Plattsmouth. The turnfest will bring hundreds of visitors to this city, and while the town will reap quite a benefit by their coming, it is the duty of our citizens to render all possible assistance to local Turners in providing suitably for the visitors' entertainment. The local members will institute a canvass in the near future for subscriptions, and THE JOURNAL trusts that they be given every possible encouragement. Success to the turnfest of '95!

The Board of Trade Meeting. The seating capacity of the county judge's office was well filled by interested listeners Monday evening at the call of the president and secretary of the board of trade. President Windham called the meeting to order, Secretary Gering read the minutes and the president made an address of some length, setting forth the objects of the meeting and a general exposition of the affairs of the city. A general discussion then followed, participated in by Messrs. A. N. Sullivan, J. W. Bridge, Byron Clark and others. On motion the president was authorized to appoint a committee of twenty-five with himself as chairman to confer with the city council for the purpose of considering the business interests of the city at its invitation. After the adoption of this motion the meeting adjourned. The president announced the committee as follows:

G. E. Dovey, S. Waugh, F. J. Morgan, C. E. Wescott, Horatio Dovey, Wm. Herold, H. Boeck, L. D. Bennett, J. M. Patterson, C. Breckenfeld, J. W. Hendee, J. A. Gutsche, H. J. Straight, B. Elson, J. W. Johnson, C. H. Parmelee, Wm. Neville, Wm. Ballance, W. K. Fox, W. A. Humphrey, C. D. Cummins, Julius Pepperberg, John Waterman, J. V. Egenberger, sr., Henry Gering and R. B. Windham.

A gentleman who is familiar with the plans of the B. & M. railroad company states that the Burlington will certainly be built west from Sheridan through the Big Horn basin to Yellowstone Park next summer. The Little Goose creek survey will be adopted as the route, the road crossing the Big Horn mountains via Dome lake, the line pleasure resort which is now being built by some of the railroad officials up in the mountains, thirty miles west of Sheridan. Sheridan will be the supply point for that vast agricultural region lying west of the Big Horn mountains. The building of this line will be a great impetus to business, and Sheridan will no doubt enjoy a rapid growth next season.

Notice. Bids will be received at the office of the county clerk on or before noon of the 7th day of February, 1895, for the care and support of the poor and care of poor farm for a period of three years from March 1st, 1895, providing the affairs of said farm are conducted satisfactorily to the board of county commissioners. Said farm contains 120 acres. Bids must state how much parties are willing to pay as rent for said farm, and the price per week for which they will board the poor, the county to furnish all light, fuel and clothing for the inmates. Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. FRANK DICKSON, County Clerk. d&w2 Plattsmouth, Neb., Jan. 23, 1895.

## AROUND THE COURT ROOMS.

DISTRICT COURT. Judge Chapman was in Nebraska City Monday and held a short session of district court. Swift punishment was meted out to a pair of burglars, whose crime was committed only three days ago. The men concluded to plead guilty and Judge Chapman gave them fifteen months in the penitentiary.

CO. NTY. COURT. License to wed was issued in county court Tuesday to Mr. Herman Lessler and Mrs. Laura Upton. The latter is the widow of the late Joseph Upton of Union.

The will of the late Jas. E. Hanning of Nelawka was filed in county court Saturday with a petition for the appointment of Frank P. Sheldon as administrator.

In the two Louisville replevin suits of Prouty & Son vs. the Bank of Commerce and Reid, Murdoch & Co. vs. August Panska, the plaintiffs filed a motion Monday before County Judge Ramsey attacking the jurisdiction of the court in allowing the defendants to prove. The matter was argued at some length and resulted in the court overruling the motion. The plaintiffs will take an appeal to the district court.

JUSTICE COURT. George Lindsay was taken before Police Judge Archer to answer to the charge of thumping a Bohemian while at work up near the water works pump house Saturday afternoon. It developed that the scene of battle was outside the city limits and as Judge Archer had no jurisdiction he was compelled to order Lindsay's release.

John and Tom Smith, of Rock Bluffs, set upon and gave one William Wood a thumping the other day, and the Rock Bluffs constable took them before Justice Fred Patterson for punishment. The Smiths took a change of venue to Justice Archer's court in this city, and Saturday appeared and entered a plea of guilty. The fine and costs amounted to \$6 for each man.

## COURT ROOM NOTES.

The case of Alexander vs. Thacker, in which Messrs. Beeson & Root appeared for Mr. Thacker, was affirmed by the supreme court Thursday. This gives Alexander simply a tax lien on the farm owned by D. T. Thacker. It is a practical victory for the defense.

County Superintendent Farley was busied Saturday examining the following applicants for teacher's certificates: Mildred Burdall, Mary Carnes and P. A. Keefer of Greenwood, Ellen Stein and Ella Buck of Union, Annie and Grace Taylor of Rock Bluffs, Stella Norris of Murray, and Bertha Kennedy Lillie Matthews, Alice Smith and Mamie Holmes of Plattsmouth.

As will be noticed in another column, the county commissioners are advertising for bids for the care of the county hospital and its inmates. The commissioners believe that the hospital can be operated for less money than it is costing at present, and judging from the number of persons who have signified their intentions of filing bids, the bidding should be quite spirited.

R. H. Johnson, whose house was burned down last fall, the same being situated out near the Fairfield Hill has made a settlement with the insurance company on the loss. The original policy was for \$300, but he failed to procure a vacancy permit and the insurance was reduced to \$150. He also failed to make proof of the loss, as required by the company, within thirty days, and the company refused payment. The matter was patched up, however, by County Attorney Polk, and Mr. Johnson was paid \$75. The entire loss was \$500.

The luckiest man in sixteen states is located down in Cooper county, Missouri. He has just unearthed a sixty-five foot vein of canal coal on his land, the same being only eight feet under the surface of the earth. The owner is having a railroad branch built out to the coal field and will soon be mining it. There is no doubt but what he will reap a fortune in a very few years, as canal coal is one of the very best of fuels and always finds a ready market. Walter White of this city is in correspondence with the man, and if he can make satisfactory arrangements, will be enabled to furnish this fuel to Plattsmouth people at a moderate price.

A boy can go skating for hours and never feel tired. But just set him to cutting wood once, and see how quick he tires out! It is amazing.

## THE DISTRICT LOSES.

A Cass County School District Loses a Suit In the Courts.

## AN A. O. U. W. CELEBRATION.

Members of That Society Celebrate Memorial Day With Appropriate Exercises—Matthew Gering Must Keep Out of Elmwood.

Against the School District. The supreme court of the state handed down a decision Friday in the suit of Miss Blanche Traver (now Mrs. John Seiberts of Omaha) vs. school district No. 6 of Cass county. The suit had its origin in the release of Miss Traver as teacher in that district and she brought suit in justice court for some \$75, the same representing the sum she would have earned on her contract. The suit in justice court was decided in the young lady's favor, and the school district took an appeal to the district court without giving an appeal bond, claiming that the district could not be required to furnish same. The attorneys for the teacher moved in district court to quash the appeal on the ground that no bond was furnished and Judge Chapman sustained the motion. The school district thereupon prosecuted another appeal to the supreme court and that body affirmed the action taken in district court. The school district will now be called upon to pay the teacher her money.

## Memorial Services—A. O. U. W.

Memorial services in behalf of the A. O. U. W. were held Friday evening at their hall, under the auspices of Lodge No. 8, in the presence of a large number of members and their wives. Dr. J. H. Hall presided.

The services were opened by prayer by Rev. J. H. McKay. Dr. Hall then stated the object of the gathering, read the announcement by the supreme recorder setting apart January 18th for ceremonies appropriate to a commemoration of the deceased members of the order. He stated that fourteen members of the order belonging to Plattsmouth lodges had died during the past twelve years, when the first lodge was established here. Their names are as follows: Clint DeSelum, Ed. White, Wm. Heron, Sam Stewart, Le Houquet, John Pflughart, S. F. Fogelson, Homer Schriener, John Gobleman, Phillip Gobleman, John Striegel, Wm. Hayes, B. W. Pierce and Nels Aagard. There are now four lodges in the city with a combined membership of 334. The membership in the state is 17,955 and at large is 332,708. An average of about \$12 a year is paid in assessments on \$2,000 life certificates.

Addresses were then made by Hon. R. B. Windham, ex-Judge Sullivan and Rev. Dr. L. F. Britt, all being appropriate to the occasion and very interesting.

The choir of the German lodge enlivened and varied the exercises by the rendition, very nicely, of several airs, and the audience in conclusion joined in singing the closing ode of the ritual, with Mrs. Campbell at the organ.

## Matt Must Keep Out of Elmwood.

The Elmwood Echo threatens Lawyer Matt Gering with some dreadful punishment in the following: "If Matt Gering would come out this way with his petition asking the commutation of Harry Hill's death sentence to life imprisonment we fear he would receive a cool reception. Hill's murder he committed was as cold a blooded one as could be conceived and while we do not approve of capital punishment, yet we think there is no hope to save Hill's neck, and any further expense heaped upon the county by Matt Gering should not be tolerated."

## Anti-Toxin a Success.

The Omaha Bee says: "Health department officials and Dr. Spalding are much pleased with the results of the use of anti-toxin in a case of diphtheria at 1913 Douglas street. Sunday evening the appearance was on the left side alone. Monday evening when the application was made the appearance was also on the right side and had increased one-third on the left. Yesterday noon when the case was seen the appearance was wholly gone on the right and half gone on the left. Although the improvement is such that it is not thought it will be necessary to use the remedy a second time, though usually at least three applications are required."