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## 'T WAS A BIG CROWD

"Plattsmouth Day" Proves a Big Drawing Card At Union.

## TWO THOUSAND PEOPLE THERE

Henry Sitzman Steals Some Railroad Ties and Gets into Trouble—That Merry Go-round Trouble—Other Interesting Notes.

## Large Crowds at the Reunion.

The Old Settlers' reunion at Union, this county, has come to be recognized as a regular annual occurrence and its first day's session—Thursday—was a most gratifying success and enjoyable occasion. The rains of the day before possibly kept a few people away, but were no hindrance to the enjoyment of those present.

Hundreds of farmers came in with their teams and picnicked on the grounds. The Union and Elmwood bands furnished some fine music and the inevitable merry-go-round and other diversions were there to amuse the young people.

About 2,000 people were present and the program of exercises was a most entertaining affair. Rev. Harmon of Nebraska City made the principal address in lieu of Judge Chapman, who was absent, and he made a very interesting address, which was loudly applauded. Addresses were made by Messrs. A. N. Sullivan, Geo. Spurlock, D. O. Dwyer, H. D. Travis and others, and the Plattsmouth choir, under the leadership of Mrs. L. K. Hasse, furnished some excellent music. With visiting and neighborly chat the time on the grounds was pleasantly whiled away.

A game of ball between the Union and Nebraska City clubs and a horse race furnished ample amusement for the sports.

## Arrested For Stealing Ties.

Sheriff Eikenbary and Jailer Denson went out to Cedar Creek Thursday night and arrested Henry Sitzman on the charge of having stolen some ties from the B. & M. railway company. Young Sitzman, who is about twenty years of age, was brought to this city on Friday morning and lodged in jail. Mrs. Sitzman and children have been living on a farm near Cedar Creek for the past year, moving there from this city, and the boy has evidently been getting their supply of fuel by borrowing it from the railway company. Henry has been arrested a number of times for various thefts and has served a term in the state reform school. He was taken before Justice Archer on Friday and pled guilty to the charge of petit larceny and was fined five dollars and costs. He paid part of the bill and, upon arranging to pay the balance, was released.

## The Steam Swing Squabble.

Peter Howe, one of the teamsters who hauled part of the merry-go-round from South Omaha to this city, concluded that he would haul his load, consisting of the tent, back to the former city, and hold it until his pay for freighting the material was forthcoming. Middleton, the owner of the swing, thereupon had the man arrested for larceny, and Sheriff Eikenbary went up to South Omaha Saturday and brought Howe to this city to answer to the charge. The case was to have been tried before Justice Archer last Monday, but was continued until the 16th of September. Henry Murphy appears for the prosecution while E. C. Lane will defend Howe. Both attorneys are from South Omaha.

## Train Robbers in Nebraska.

A special from Gothenburg, this state, dated yesterday morning, says: "Union Pacific train No. 8 was held up by masked men near Brady Island at 1 o'clock this morning. The train was signalled and the engineer marched back to the express car under cover of revolvers in good old train robber style.

The fireman was left in the cab and he managed to cut loose from the train and pulled to this city before the robbers realized what he was about. The hold-up created great excitement here and a party was quickly collected and started for Brady Island on a hastily made up train. Nothing has yet been received from the scene of the attempted robbery."

We have just received our new fall styles of hats, including everything that is new and nobby, in all the stylish shapes and colors. Waterman corner—Joe and Frank.

## Burglar Killed at Murdock.

A dispatch in last Sunday morning's Bee, dated the 17th inst. says:

"This morning about 2:30 o'clock H. V. McDonald shot and killed a burglar at his residence in the northeast part of town. McDonald was aroused from his sleep by a man at the north screen window, and asked him what he wanted, receiving no reply. Without getting out of bed McDonald reached for his revolver and fired. Thinking he had frightened his intruder away, he lay down again and went to sleep. This morning Mrs. McDonald discovered a man lying in the front yard. She at once notified her husband and he came down and gave himself up to the authorities, saying he had shot a burglar. The justice of the peace and W. S. Hare accompanied him back to his residence and found a man lying on his face about thirty feet east of the window where he was shot. The shot had killed him instantly.

"Coroner Clements of Elmwood was notified and the body guarded until his arrival at 1 o'clock. Soon after the coroner arrived a jury was empaneled and viewed the remains. They were taken to an undertaking room. On examination there it was found the bullet had entered the man's right side under the arm, cutting the flesh of the arm near the shoulder and passing through the heart.

"A search of his clothing was made and \$35 in bills, some small change, a candle, a box of matches, scissors, newspapers, pocket knife and a gold-tipped hair watch chain were found, but no trace from which to identify him. The jury held an inquest this afternoon and soon after the examination of witnesses brought in a verdict finding that the man was killed by a gun shot wound, supposed to have been fired by H. V. McDonald, while attempting to enter McDonald's house. They further found McDonald justified in shooting.

"The remains of the dead were viewed by hundreds of people from the surrounding neighborhood. The man looks to be about 40 years of age, five feet six inches tall and weighs about 150 pounds; dark hair streaked with gray; short sandy moustache, wore a black coat, white and black striped pants and rubber-soled shoes. It is supposed that he is the ringleader of a gang of thieves that has been infesting the country for the past two months, taking in Ashland and Greenwood. They were at several other places in town last night and were frightened away. Two men from Ashland claim that the hair chain found on the body belongs to a man in that town."

One correspondent there and others identified the body as that of a man named White, alias Good, alias Simmons, who visited Omaha on July 2, claiming to be a Rock Island engineer. He was also identified as the man who was arrested at Ashland for burglarizing Jones' residence last week.

## That Horse Race.

The half-mile race between the horses owned by James Raney and Chas. Good came off, according to agreement Tuesday afternoon at the fair ground. A large crowd was present, expecting to see a good race, but Raney's horse was an easy winner, coming under the wire over twenty-five yards ahead of the Good horse. The race was for \$100 a side, and the money was deposited with Wm. Neville. After the race Good informed Mr. Neville not to pay the money over to Raney, claiming some technicality, and the matter has not yet been settled. Mr. Neville says he will pay the money over to the winner when he is properly indemnified by the other party. Just how the matter will be settled is a conjecture.

As THE JOURNAL goes to press, it is learned that the Raney people will commence an action in Justice Archer's court to replevin the purse.

## Great Bicycle Meet.

Monday, September 24—Labor Day has been fixed upon for the next event in bicycle circles by the Plattsmouth Wheel Club. Arrangements are on foot for a big afternoon of innocent sport, and many of the best riders in the state will be here to contend for the prizes. Six or seven races—from one-third of a mile up to five miles will be arranged for, and they will be open to all, and all the crack riders from Cass county will have a chance to win fame and prizes. Admission to the grounds with or without vehicles only 25c.

Mr. Frank Alshuler, of the firm of "Joe and Frank," is in the east purchasing the largest and finest stock of men's and boys' clothing ever brought to Cass county.

## IT WAS NOT ADAMS

A Man Arrested at Pacific Junction, But Is Released.

## CLOSING DAY OF THE REUNION.

Another Large Crowd Present On Friday—A Former Resident of This City Is Arrested In Lincoln—Thieves Bound Over.

## Thought They Had Adams.

Sheriff Eikenbary last evening received a telegram from Pacific Junction announcing that a man had been arrested there who was supposed to be Will Adams, the fellow who attempted a criminal assault upon Mrs. Beckner at Nehawka the other night. The sheriff and Constable Strong of Nehawka went over to the Junction last night, but found that the man arrested was not Adams. The officers engaged a lively rig, while over there, and put in the night searching for Adams, as he had been seen in that vicinity, but were unable to find their man. While driving down near Keg Creek in the dense darkness, the buggy and team fell over an embankment some eight or nine feet high, throwing all in a heap. The occupants of the buggy were uninjured, with the exception of a shaking up, and, strange to say, no damage whatever resulted to the vehicle. Sheriff Eikenbary returned home this morning.

## The Union Reunion.

The Old Settlers' reunion at Union is a thing of the past for another year. On general principles it must be voted a success. On the grounds beneath the umbrageous branches of the elms, cottonwoods and box-elders of the Gruber grove was assembled a multitude of Cass and Otoe county's best and oldest citizens, intent upon renewing acquaintanceship and recounting the history of the earlier years.

Friday's crowd was much larger than that of the day before and there was much more picnicking in the grove at dinner time. On Thursday THE JOURNAL's representative enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Upton at dinner while on Friday, along with W. H. Dearing, the genial clerk of the court, he sat at meat (and cake) with Mr. and Mrs. Zach. Shrader of Mt. Pleasant.

The program at the stand attracted the usual large crowd, and all day long the seats were comfortably filled with attentive listeners. The afternoon's program was mostly taken up by the Modern Woodmen who, to the number of 150, paraded in the morning. J. L. Root addressed the assembly in the morning and in the afternoon A. R. Talbot of Lincoln talked very entertainingly for about two hours on "Woodmanism."

Later on a bicycle race came off on the half-mile race track. It was a mile race, best two in three, open to all, for a purse of \$15, \$10 to go to the winner and \$5 to the second. A large crowd witnessed the race. There were four entries, to-wit: Carraber, Murray, Davis and Stinger. The racers finished in the order named in two straight heats, Carraber and Murray winning. Time, 2:50.

The citizens of Union are entitled to credit for what they did to make the affair a pleasant success.

## Sold Beer Without a License.

A special in last Saturday's Omaha Bee says: "Yesterday morning Fred Nagle was notified to appear before United States Commissioner Billingsley to answer to the charge of selling beer without a license. He was bound over in the sum of \$400 and permitted to go out and hunt for bail."

Nagle is well known in this city, having resided here some ten years ago. He was of a sporty nature, belonged to the Plattsmouth Gun club and was quite well fixed financially.

## Horse Thieves Bound Over.

The two Abel brothers, Albert and Frank, who were recently arrested at Lincoln and Seward upon a charge of stealing two horses out near Elmwood were taken before Justice Archer last Saturday for a hearing. The prisoners each plead not guilty and were bound over to the next term of district court, which convenes September 30, under bonds of \$500 each. Being unable to furnish the same they were taken back to the jail here. Messrs. A. N. Sullivan and B. Cecil Jack will defend the prisoners.

For the best grades of hard coal, call on Henry Hempel, \$7.95 per ton.

## Sorghum Crop of '95.

Last winter, after the crop failure of last year in Nebraska, the Oyer Implement Co., of St. Louis advertised the fact that upon application they would furnish a supply of sorghum seed to every farmer who applied to them, free of cost. Seeing the offer Fred Patterson, the postmaster of Rock Bluffs, collected the names of 19 farmers in that vicinity and sent in to the firm as applicants under their offer. In due time 65 pounds of the seed came to his address, in bulk, and he distributed the seed to the parties as well as he could remember the names. Monday evening he brought to our office a jar of sorghum syrup, the first that has been turned out from this year's crop from the Oyer seed. It was made by R. P. Miles, and is a fine article. The crop has been a magnificent one, and will no doubt well repay the effort made in its cultivation.

## An Enjoyable Reception.

Mrs. J. D. Ferguson entertained a number of her lady friends on Tuesday afternoon at her elegant home three miles south of town. The ladies went from town in carriages, arriving about 3 o'clock. After spending some hours pleasantly on the lawn an elegant supper was served in the large dining room. The table was tastefully decorated with flowers cut from Mrs. Ferguson's own flower beds. The invited guests were Mesdames Hobbs, J. A. Hasemeier, Speaker, Cole, Agnew, Brown, Lord, Ruby, Jackman, Harrison, Ellis, Shryock, McLaren, Clegborn, and Misses E. Hall, Newell and Glover. The ladies will long remember this most enjoyable event.—Louisville Courier.

## Plenty of Fun—Few Fish.

A party of ladies and gentlemen chartered a large carryall Tuesday and drove up to Chris. Metzger's fish pond, near Cedar Creek, where the day was pleasantly spent at that delightful pleasure resort. The party returned at about twelve o'clock at night, and report lots of fun, and some fish—one fish. Those who enjoyed the outing were Misses Amelia and Tillie Valley, Mia and Barbara Gering, Mary McClelland, Rose Hyers, Dora Fricke and Margaret Shepher, and Messrs. Henry Gering, A. E. Barrett, Geo. Spurlock, Will Streight, Dave McEntee and Prof. McClelland. Tom Parmelee came down from Louisville and joined the party.

## Jumped Their Bills.

The other day a couple of men drifted into town and soon opened up a bowling alley and shooting gallery in the vacant room formerly occupied by Chris Petersen. They purchased the lumber to make the bowling alley of John Waterman, agreeing to pay for the same in a day or so, when they had taken in some cash. The fellows didn't believe in printers' ink, evidently, and, of course, the nickels did not come in very rapidly. Some time last night they packed up their traps and decamped for parts unknown leaving behind several unpaid bills.

## For Two Hundred a Side.

Lee Allison has arranged with a man from Iowa for a two-mile race at Union on Saturday, August 31, between his famous running team and the Iowa gentleman's team. The race is for two hundred dollars a side, and will no doubt be an exciting one. A number of Plattsmouth people will probably attend.

Rev. Hampton, a colored minister living in Omaha, has fallen from grace. Lately the reverend gentleman has been paying more attention to one of the lady members of his flock than to his pulpit duties, and when the irate husband put in an unexpected appearance and caught the artful preacher occupying a seat on the husband's softest sofa, with the untruthful wife in his arms, he proceeded to knock a few of the preacher's teeth down his throat and he is said to have succeeded admirably. The husband says that he doesn't want a divorce. He has left his wife, has disfigured the preacher for life, and his cup of happiness is full enough to satisfy his every desire.

The mysterious Seljan murder case has made its appearance in the district court. The transcript of the proceedings had in the preliminary examination of Anton Bucovic, John Droubinic and Mike Mekan before Police Judge Berka has been placed on the court files preliminary to filing the information charging these men with murder.

As Joe was the originator of low prices, so will Joe and Frank, the people's clothiers, continue to be.

## NEBRASKA HAPPENINGS.

A son of Mr. Wells, living north of Ashland, was severely cut with a scythe by another boy yesterday while playing.

William Benson's boy, living in the valley near Osceola, had a portion of his finger taken off in a threshing machine last week.

The Bank of Commerce at Broken Bow will reopen this week. The affairs of the bank have been satisfactorily adjusted to satisfy the creditors.

The board of county supervisors of Butler county meets August 27 for the purpose of taking up the matter of re-districting the county into supervisor districts.

The cylinder of a thresher exploded yesterday near Fairmont. The machine is a new one and is a total wreck the cylinder flying into hundreds of pieces and tearing the separator so it is useless. No one was hurt.

Fremont leader: About a year ago a tramp was found dead on top of a box car at Valley, but the Douglas county coroner claimed it was under the jurisdiction of the coroner of Dodge county so Dr. Martin held the inquest. His bill was \$25 and not allowed by the supervisors and he brought suit. Judge Marshall Saturday decided the case in the doctor's favor.

C. C. Gilliland of South Auburn had the misfortune to break his leg last week. On Tuesday he was coming to the city upon a load of grain. He was riding upon the wagon with his feet hanging down upon the side when one of the wheels of the wagon went into a deep rut in the road, throwing him out upon the ground with his feet across the track. One of the hind wheels passed over his legs, breaking the bone in one and badly bruising the other.

A German farmer near Alexandria last week cut his sugar cane and a few days later turned fifteen head of milch cows on the stubble to graze. In less than twenty minutes he noticed something wrong with them and started to drive them off. Two of them fell before he could get them off the stubble. Eleven more were dead in less than half an hour. They did not bloat any but commenced trembling and got perfectly stiff and rigid and died quickly.

## To Patrons of Public Schools.

Most of the schools of Cass county begin Monday, Sept. 2d. The first day is an all-important one to all concerned, hence the necessity of readiness on the part of patrons, pupils and teachers. The following suggestions are intended to bring to your attention now a few important matters relative to your school, which otherwise might not come to your notice until school begins:

Will all the pupils have the necessary books with which to begin work? Will the teacher know anything about the work of her particular school before meeting her pupils the first morning?

Will the school yard be covered with tall grass and weeds?

Are there blinds or curtains on the sunny side of the building? Are there any window-panes out?

Is there a sufficient number of good, comfortable seats?

How about blackboards? Have arrangements been made to have the rooms thoroughly scrubbed before school begins?

Is your school supplied with wash-basin and towels?

Are you ready to give the school board and teacher any assistance possible in making the school this year the best you have ever had?

Are you going to make a special effort to see that your children are at school every day and on time?

Trusting that you may profit by these suggestions, I am,

Yours,  
GEO. L. FARLEY,  
County Superintendent.

Phillips, Beatrice's defaulting city clerk, has gone to jail because of his inability to furnish a \$5,000 bond. Phillips will doubtless get the full penalty of the law. His great mistake was in not "copping" several hundred thousand dollars. He would then have an excellent chance to go free.

The B. & M. will make a special rate to Lincoln and return next Sunday of \$1.00 for the round trip. The train will leave this city at 9:30 a. m., and returning, will leave Lincoln at 7:00 p. m. This is a rare opportunity for Plattsmouth people to visit the state capitol, and take in Burlington beach.

## "POP" NOMINEES.

Monday's Independent Convention At Weeping Water.

## HENRY HEMPEL WILL NOT RUN.

Denies the Report of His Nomination and Insists That He Is Not a Candidate For Office—Various Other News Items.

## Independent Nominees.

The independent county convention for Cass county was held at Weeping Water Monday. About eighty delegates were present, and everything is reported to be harmonious. A. M. Russell of Weeping Water was elected as chairman and B. F. Allen of Wabash secretary of the convention. After the usual preliminaries, the following ticket was nominated:

Treasurer—Lyman James, Greenwood.

Sheriff—David McCaig, Wabash.

County Judge—R. J. Vass, Plattsmouth.

County clerk—J. W. Campbell, Salt Creek precinct.

County superintendent—M. O. Weed, Alvo.

Coroner—H. C. Madding, Murdock.

Commissioner 3d district—George Curvey, Greenwood.

M. S. Briggs was elected chairman of the county central committee and R. J. Vass, secretary.

Press dispatches from Weeping Water had stated that the convention had nominated Henry Hempel of this city as the candidate for county commissioner in this district, but Mr. Hempel called on THE JOURNAL on Tuesday and stated that the report was a mistake. Monday's convention simply recommended his nomination subject to the wishes of the delegates from this commissioner's district. It was a recommendation, not a nomination and further still Mr. Hempel says that he is not a candidate for office and would not accept the nomination even if it should be tendered him.

## A Tramp and His Gun.

Complaint was made to the police Tuesday morning that a bad bum had pulled a revolver on a party of fellow-travellers up in the Missouri Pacific yards and scored a "hold-up" on the entire gang. The only article possessed by the outfit which the fellow coveted was a hat, but he wore it off with as much satisfaction as though he had cracked a fat Wells Fargo safe. The officers made a fine-comb search of the entire neighborhood for his bumpship, but the game had flown for a more wealthy clime.

## A Pleasant Wedding.

Father Carney officiated on Monday evening at the marriage of Mr. John Hobscheid and Mrs. Anna Streigel. The ceremony occurred at the residence of the bride in South Park, and was attended by some sixty friends of the contracting parties. Mr. Hobscheid is employed at the B. & M. shops, and has many friends who wish him success. The bride is the widow of the late John Streigel, and is a highly respected lady. A very pleasant time is reported by those present. THE JOURNAL congratulates the happy couple.

## Off For Seward.

A party of young people departed on B. & M. No. 5 Tuesday morning for Seward, where they will attend the convention of the Y. P. C. U. Those who went from this city and precinct were Mrs. Will Adams, Misses Ollie and Blanche Horning, Lizzie and Ella Spangler, Maggie Mapes, Rev. Buswell and daughter, and Messrs. Wibur Hall and Chris. Spangler.

## Elmwood Wants Waterworks.

Next Monday the village of Elmwood will vote on a proposition to bond the town in the sum of \$3,000 to be called water bonds, the money derived from the sale of said bonds to be used to provide a system of water works in the village of Elmwood for fire protection and public use.

The drunken man who created some excitement out near the M. P. depot yesterday by flashing a loaded revolver, and holding up one man for his hat, was arrested and placed in jail last evening. This morning he was fined \$3 and costs for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and will board it out with Jailer Denson. The charge of carrying concealed weapons may be entered against him when he is released.