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## DAY'S CHRONICLE.

### What the People In and Around Plattsmouth Are Doing.

### DOUGLAS GIVEN FIVE YEARS.

The Eagle Burglar Pleads Guilty and Gets the Court's Leniency—Other Interesting Happenings About Town.

### Given Five Years.

Frank Douglas, the young man arrested in Lincoln about a month ago, charged with burglarizing the S. S. English company store out at Eagle, was last Friday sentenced to serve a term of five years at hard labor in the penitentiary. The young man decided to enter a plea of guilty to the charge, and thus save the county the expense of a trial, and, eventually, secure the leniency of the court. The limit for the offense with which Douglas is charged is ten years, and Judge Ramsey, in pronouncing sentence, said he believed the prisoner was getting off very light, as the state could easily prove its charge against him.

Douglas, however, has the honor of being the first man sentenced by the new judge of the second judicial district, and may find some consolation in that fact.

### Council of K. and L. of S. Organized.

Platte Council, No. 276, Knights and Ladies of Security, a fraternal assessment insurance order, was instituted Friday evening by John A. Dempster, national deputy president, assisted by his wife and National Organizer Bailey of Topeka, Kansas. Some seventy members are enrolled ready for admission, about fifty of whom were present and were admitted to membership. The organization of the council was completed by the election and installation of the following officers:

President—C. H. Smith.  
First Vice President—Mrs. M. A. Dickson.  
Second Vice President—Mrs. Kate McMaken.  
Prelate—Chas. W. Sherman.  
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. H. D. Travis.  
Financial Secretary—G. F. S. Burton.  
Treasurer—J. C. Peterson.  
Conductor—Mrs. J. H. Hall.  
Organist—Mrs. W. N. McLenan.  
Guard—Chas. E. Warner.  
Sentinel—J. Hatt.  
Trustees—H. C. McMaken, Dr. J. H. Hall and Chas. Rutherford.

### Change in the M. P. Time Card.

From Friday's Daily.  
A new time card will go into effect on the Missouri Pacific next Sunday, No. 193, due here at 5:03 p. m., will arrive about fifteen minutes earlier.

Among the other changes in the passenger schedule that will go into effect February 23, is in train No. 362, known as "the Nebraska local." At present it leaves Omaha at 3:30 p. m. On and after Sunday next it will not depart until 5 o'clock, arriving at Auburn at 8:25 p. m. Plattsmouth gets an additional train, which will leave here at 3:45 p. m. for Union. At the latter point it will make close connections with the Kansas City and Lincoln trains. The time between Lincoln and Nebraska City has also been considerably shortened.

The new time cards have not yet been received here, but will probably arrive tomorrow.

### Glenwood Counterfeiters.

United States officials have been investigating the habits and practices of H. H. Welland and Sam Long, who were arrested in this city last Saturday for chicken stealing, on an order from the sheriff at Glenwood, Ia., and have, they assert, established a good case against them on the charge of counterfeiting. They found that they had not only been passing the coin, but have conclusive evidence that they also engaged in making it. William Petty of this city, who was arrested with them, went to Iowa originally to manufacture the coin for the others, but the officials say he was scared out, because he feared that the brother-in-law of one of them would tell the authorities. The government will not be able to get at them until the state has had its chance.—Omaha World-Herald.

Sheriff Holloway is "on the run" nowadays. He came in on a freight last night from Louisville, worked late last night getting out more papers, and departed again early this morning for Greenwood to serve them.

## MADE SHORT WORK OF MAHER.

Fitzsimmons Futs the Irishman Out in One Short Round.

The much-talked-about pugilistic encounter between Robert Fitzsimmons, the Americanized Australian, and Peter Maher, the Irish fighter, for a purse of \$10,000 and the heavy-weight championship of the world, was pulled off shortly before four o'clock Friday afternoon.

The battle ground was a sandy flat in a big bend in the Rio Grande river, on the Mexican side, just two miles from the village of Langtry, Texas. The fight was witnessed by about 150 sports, who paid \$20 each, while some 200 Mexicans witnessed the "mill" from the surrounding cliffs.

Maher was knocked out by Fitzsimmons in the first round, after one minute and thirty-five seconds of actual fighting. Fitzsimmons played the same old game he has so often played before, leading on his opponent until he had him where he wanted him and then landing a lightning right-hand swing on the jaw, and it was over. It was the identical blow that knocked out Jim Hall in New Orleans.

Fitzsimmons opened the "mill" by leading with his left, Maher backing toward his corner. "Fitz" landed with his right and a clinch followed. Maher struck his opponent with his right hand while they were clinched and Referee Siler warned him that if he did so again he would give the fight to Fitzsimmons. After a breakaway Peter landed his left on Fitzsimmons' neck. Close infighting followed and Robert succeeded in landing his left on Robert's upper lip, scoring first blood. Fitzsimmons landed with his left and right. Another clinch followed, Maher feinted and "Fitz" led with his right, but fell short. A mixup followed, in which Maher landed both right and left on either side of Fitzsimmons' head. Maher led with his left and another clinch followed. Fitzsimmons seemed a bit bothered and broke ground on Maher's lead. Maher followed him up and led with his left, when Fitzsimmons side stepped, and, swinging his right, landed full on the point of Maher's left chin. Maher measured his length on the floor, his head striking the canvas with great force. He vainly attempted to arise, but could not do more than raise his head. His seconds called on him to get up, but he failed to respond and sank back to the canvas. Maher vainly tried to raise. The fatal tenth second was counted, Maher was declared out and Fitzsimmons announced the victor after a minute and thirty-five seconds of rather lively fighting.

Corbett, who was in Chicago when the result of the fight was known, immediately telegraphed a challenge to Fitzsimmons to meet him any where in the world for any amount.

### Denies the Report.

General Manager Holdrege of the Burlington, who has returned from a tour of inspection of the Wyoming division of the road, declares there is not a word of truth in the reports in the western newspapers that the road contemplates several extensions. "We have no plans for present building," says Mr. Holdrege, "the road through the Big Horn may be built some day, but the report that it would be constructed next season is without foundation."—World-Herald.

### Removed the Cars.

As a result of the fire that consumed several of the Burlington cars on the side track at Fort Crook Thursday the Burlington has removed the others to Plattsmouth. There were 187 cars on track and as stated in this column the fire was undoubtedly started by tramps, who have been using them for a lodging house. It is to avoid another similar conflagration that the cars were removed to Plattsmouth.—World-Herald.

### Runaway Boys Taken Home.

Mrs. Kiger, mother of one of the lads arrested here Thursday night upon suspicion of being a runaway, came down from Omaha Saturday morning and returned home that afternoon with her son and the Smith boy, whose home is also in the metropolis. Mrs. Kiger says this was the boys' first trip "on the road," and, judging from the contrite actions of the youngsters, it will probably be their last.

A letter received Thursday from Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gabelman, formerly of this city, but now of St. Jacobs, Ill., gives the sad intelligence of the death of their little son, Otto, aged three years, which occurred on the 18th inst.

## WANT A VACATION

### Plattsmouth Teachers Desire To Attend The Institute.

### AN OPERATION PERFORMED.

A Tumor Removed From the Neck of Sperry Ruffner—Other Local Happenings In and Around the City of Plattsmouth.

### Will Ask For a Vacation.

The Cass County Teacher's institute which will be held at Weeping Water March 23 to 27, inclusive, promises to be the most interesting one ever held in the county. A number of excellent features, including a lecture by Wm. Hawley Smith, will be on the program. It is understood that the Plattsmouth teachers will ask for a vacation during the institute, and, if the request is granted, will nearly all attend.

### In District Court.

District Judge Ramsey was hearing cases in chambers this morning. The first case was that of Gertrude Wiley vs. Edward Wiley, which has been in the courts for about three years, in one shape or another, and no one knows when or how it will be settled finally.

State vs. Commercial Bank of Weeping Water, was set for hearing at ten o'clock this morning before his honor, Judge Ramsey. This is a petition of the depositors of the defunct bank to oust John Donelan, the present receiver.

Two cases were filed in district court this morning. The titles were Irene Tinkham vs. Jasper Tinkham, and Lissilda Hellmon vs. Geo. Sutton. Both cases are suits to quiet title.

Atminnia Lafier vs. L. C. Lafier, a petition for a money judgment, is the title of a case filed in the district clerk's office yesterday.

### Where is the Cuckoo?

"Billy" Neville has a very fine cuckoo clock in his saloon, which for a number of years, has been recognized as an official time-keeper. This morning, however, the clock commenced acting queer, and "Billy" thought he would make an investigation of the interior workings of the machine. Taking the clock down from its place on the wall, he carried it over to his desk and removed the outer part. He then discovered that the cuckoo had mysteriously disappeared, and a diligent search of the premises failed to reveal the bird's whereabouts. For a time "Deacon" Billings was suspected of having eaten the bird, but he strenuously denied any knowledge thereof. The "deacon" is something of a slight-of-hand artist, and very likely has played one of his jokes on the genial proprietor of the establishment. At any rate, the cuckoo vanished while Mr. Neville was carrying the clock across the room.

### George Found the Judge.

George Miller was rushing around town this morning with a very anxious look upon his face, and making inquiries of everyone as to the whereabouts of County Judge Spurlock. The judge was not feeling very well today, and went to his boarding place, at Mrs. Howland's, over on Pearl street, to rest up a little. At about noon Mr. Miller succeeded in locating the judge, and to him imparted the information that he desired to wed Miss Maggie Pernoff. Judge Spurlock said he would be very glad to accommodate the gentleman, and requested him to produce the lady, and the ceremony would be performed instantly. George lost no time in going after his lady love, and the happy couple were soon made one. The groom is aged thirty-three and the bride twenty-nine.

### Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bennett entertained a few friends at progressive high-five last evening at their pleasant home in the western part of the city. After a prolonged session at cards, delicious refreshments were served, including some of the hostess' toothsome home-made candy, for which she is so justly celebrated. The party broke up at a late hour, after a most enjoyable evening.

The "sand bar" case of Belleville vs. Dinsmore in which Belleville was given possession by an order of the court, had the finishing touches put on it today. Deputy Sheriff Holloway went up this afternoon and served ejectment papers on the defendant, who is now in possession.

### Some Early Reminiscences.

The following from the Lincoln Journal will be of interest to residents of this city, where Mr. Smith is better known, probably, than at any other place in the west, having resided here a number of years:

Anselmo B. Smith of Denver was surrounded at the Lindell hotel last night by acquaintances who knew him years ago. He is known to pioneers of Nebraska as "Swearing" Smith or "Surveyor" Smith, and is thus distinguished from other A. B. Smiths, of which the Burlington has several. Having surveyed and platted the city of Lincoln he believes he has a right to walk the streets and recall recollections of the stakes for a town, and lived to see it a city of 60,000 inhabitants.

"I happened to get the job this way," said Mr. Smith. "The capital commission, consisting of Governor David Butler, Secretary T. P. Kennard, and Auditor John Gillispie had hired Gus Harvey, a surveyor of Nebraska City, but after the second day's work they saw that things were not quite right. H. D. Hathaway and T. M. Marquett and the postmaster at Plattsmouth wanted me to apply, but when my name was mentioned Tom Kennard said I might be a very competent person but I was too much of an infernal old copperhead. That made me mad, because it was not a political job, and the word I sent back to Mr. Kennard would not look well in print. But I took the job, and with eleven men completed it in twenty-seven days, but I could do the same work now with four men in nearly half the time.

"My men were bothered some by strangers who were just coming in and wanted to watch us lay out the capital of a state. To keep them out of the road I simply had to talk a little plain. Probably that is where I earned my nickname. One day while doing some preliminary work that made very little showing, Mr. Kennard came out and appeared very nervous and ventured the assertion that I would not get through in time for the advertised sale of lots. Well, I told him what I thought in pretty forcible language, and says I: 'Mr. Kennard, if you think you can do this blankety job any quicker, why blankety-blank, just take hold of those instruments and do it.' Of course, he said he did not want to do that, because he couldn't. That's where I had him. But Mr. Kennard and I got along first rate and the work was done on time. But don't ever accuse me of laying out those streets in the suburbs that commence nowhere and end elsewhere, for I didn't. I just laid out the original townsite."

"Mr. Smith is now sixty-three years old and for twenty-eight years he has been employed as a civil engineer by the B. & M. and C. B. & Q. railway companies. He is still actively engaged and is considered one of the best townsite surveyors in the west."

### Ice Gorge Holds Firm.

A special to the Bee from La Platte says: The ice gorge in the Platte river here holds firm and much of the lowlands on the north are under water. Sunday the water invaded the home of Charles Everets and he and his family were forced to move to higher ground. In many places the water has spread out a mile from the river and the people along the flooded district are suffering much inconvenience. Several new settlers built houses on the extreme low lands which were made by the Missouri river in its historic flood of 1881, and these residents are in danger of loss should any rise come to increase the present height. There is an immense gorge of ice a mile long and of great height and depth at the confluence of the Platte and the Missouri, and the water of the latter stream cannot escape through its natural outlet. This is the cause of all the present trouble along the valley here. Just how long the gorge will hold solid is a subject of much interest to the flood district people.

### Removed a Tumor.

This afternoon Dr. Cook, assisted by Drs. Cummins and Livingston, removed a double tumor from Sperry Ruffner's neck. The operation was completely successful and Sperry is rejoiced to get rid of his "pet." The tumor was a large one and was steadily increasing in size, and it was thought necessary to remove it without further delay.

### The Woodmen of the World will publicly install their newly-elected officers at the I. O. O. F. hall this evening.

The ceremony will be a very interesting one, and the entertainment will conclude with a banquet.

### Dr. Marshall, Graduate DENTIST, Fitzgerald block.

## PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Saturday's Daily.

George Harshman, sr., of Avoca precinct, was in town today.

The stockholders of the Citizens' bank want till next Saturday to settle with the depositors.

Goode Oldham and Silas Clemmons of Beaver City were in town yesterday, shaking hands with old-time neighbors and friends.

Alfred Johnson, aged 33, and Hilda C. Carlson, aged 16, both of Cass county, were granted a license to wed yesterday by the county judge of Douglas county.

Miss Ada Hay, daughter of the register of deeds, attended the services at the M. E. church last evening, and, becoming suddenly ill, stepped outside, where she was prostrated with heart failure. She was carried into an adjoining house and a physician hastily summoned. Miss Hay soon recovered sufficiently to be taken home, and is resting quite well today.

Chas. Keefer departed this afternoon for Omaha, where he will reside for the next two years, at least. He will take a two years' course of study under the celebrated pianist, Herr Joseph Galm, who recently delighted an audience in this city. Mr. Keefer has also secured a class, and will, in this way, manage to defray his expenses while undergoing the higher course of study. The young man is a very ambitious student of music, and undoubtedly has a bright career before him. Mr. Keefer's many friends here will join THE JOURNAL in heartily wishing that he may reach the top round of the ladder of fame.

### From Monday's Daily.

The seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boedeker died at Louisville last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Robert Carlisle is quite seriously ill at her home, on Gold street, between Eighth and Ninth.

P. S. Jacobsen and E. Palmer came in from Louisville this morning to attend to some business at the court house.

Frank Louis, aged 23, and Edith Alice Teodorski, aged 21, both of Cass county, were granted a license to wed in county court this morning, after which Judge Spurlock performed the ceremony.

An accident at the B. & M. machine shops this afternoon necessitated the shutting down of that department for the remainder of the day. The damage will probably be remedied in time for the employes to work tomorrow.

### From Tuesday's Daily.

J. L. McLain came down from Louisville this morning to transact some business at the court house.

C. H. Parmele is reported as very seriously ill at his home on Vine street and his family are quite anxious about his condition.

Hans T. Hanson, aged 26, and Emma C. Erickson, aged 17, both of Cass county, were granted permit to wed in county court yesterday.

"Whitey" Miller, the well-known farmer out on the Platte bottoms, is hobbling around on crutches, his knee having come in contact with a fractious horse's hoof.

Thirty-five men are now at work in the Nehawka quarries. A large amount of stripping has been done this winter, so that there is plenty of stone in sight to work on as soon as the season opens "for sure."

### From Wednesday's Daily.

Henry Likewise came in from Louisville this morning.

Attorney Edwin Jeary came in from Elmwood this morning.

Tom Parmele and Chas. Richey of Louisville were in the city today.

Dr. Humphrey was given a judgment for \$45 against Thos. Bryan in county court Monday.

Mr. Taylor, one of the supervisors of Franklin county, is in the city visiting with County Clerk Robertson.

A case of scarlet fever is reported at the home of J. O. Thomas, on Wintersteen hill, and the house has been quarantined.

Tillie Ahl, the thirteen-year-old daughter of John Ahl of Cedar Creek, died last evening of diphtheria, and will be buried tomorrow at the Wal-rodt cemetery.

A bulletin posted in the Burlington shops at Havelock gives the unwelcome information that the working schedule will be reduced to forty hours per week, the employes working five days a week, eight hours a day.

John P. Tritsch, aged 25, and Ada

Grace Wehrbein, aged 20, were granted a license to wed in county court today. Mr. Tritsch is a son of Philip Tritsch, the well known farmer, and Miss Wehrbein is a daughter of Fred Wehrbein, also a well known farmer of Cass county.

Albert Likewise is laid up with a severe attack of the grip.

F. M. Richey was a west bound passenger on No. 5 this morning.

R. R. Livingston was a passenger for Omaha on No. 5 this morning.

Fishermea are bringing in a good many cat and buffalo fish these days.

Col. Jos. A. Connor came down from the metropolis on the noon train today.

A good deal of corn is now in course of delivery at Mynard and Murray, having been sold for 18¢ cents.

C. C. Parmele of this city and Dave West of Nehawka were in Council Bluffs yesterday on business.

A. Baxter Smith is engaged in tearing down the old Joe Connor elevator over near the B. & M. tracks.

Mrs. Livingston and Miss Fulmer departed this morning for Lincoln, where they will visit for a few days.

Calvin Graves of this city, who has a "local" preacher's license, preached a most acceptable sermon at the Methodist church Thursday evening.

Farmers attending the Richardson sale yesterday sold some 7,000 bushels of corn at nineteen cents, to be delivered on the track at Cullom.

The three-weeks-old babe of S. G. Nims, residing at Mercerville, died last evening, of la grippe. The funeral will occur at 11 o'clock tomorrow.

Mrs. Brissey of St. Joe, Mo., who has been visiting in this city for the past week with her son, Wm. Brissey, and family, returned to her home Friday morning.

Robert Propst, the well-known Plattsmouth precinct farmer, went up to Omaha and Council Bluffs this afternoon, and will purchase a steam engine with which to operate his corn sheller.

Cass Camp 332, Modern Woodmen met last night and voted on seventeen applications for membership, fifteen of which went through. This camp now numbers 109 members and is rapidly growing.

J. M. Edgar, J. K. Stucker, M. M. Butler, Geo. Adams, Peter Coon, Thos. Murter, Steve Orton, John Donelan, T. M. Howard, Dave Woodard, P. S. Barnes, J. M. Beardsley, Jno. Hutchins and John Davis, were among the witnesses that came up from Weeping Water to attend the Commercial Bank case in district court today.

Thermometers on the streets yesterday afternoon indicated 80 degrees in the shade. The warm weather of the last few days has started the grass and the southern hillside and the lawns are taking visible shades of green. Fruit growers are very much concerned over the unusually warm weather, and fear it will start fruit buds about two months sooner than it is safe for them.

Young Wm. Taylor, of the precinct, was the victim of a severe accident Friday. He was cutting stove wood with a circular saw, and, in stooping over to push some wood out of his way, his thigh came in contact with the saw, cutting a severe gash before he could get away from it. Dr. Livingston was called and dressed the wound, which is quite painful, but not serious.

### Arrested Boy Tramps.

The police last Thursday arrested four boys, aged about fourteen years each, and put them in jail as vagrants.

Two of the boys said they were from Omaha, while the other two were from Denver. Chief Dunn Friday morning telephoned the authorities at Omaha, who soon succeeded in locating the youngsters' parents. The boys had ran away from their homes in that city several days ago, and they will be held in custody here until sent after by their parents. The Denver kids were turned loose Friday morning.

Ask your grocer for that excellent brand of flour—Heisel's "Plan-sifter."

Hulbert Goodwin of the Wonder Company is opening a stock of miscellaneous goods in the building at 410 Main street. He says he comes to make his home in Plattsmouth and means to remain permanently. Mr. Goodwin was in the late war a soldier in the same regiment with Mr. Sherman of THE JOURNAL.

Farm loans made at lowest rates. T. H. Pollock, over First Nat'l Bank.