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## THE DAY'S DOINGS

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

### NIPPED A GOOD ROLL OF MONEY.

**A Sneak Thief Enters the Home of ex-Chief Dunn and Extracts Thirty-five Dollars From His Pants Pockets—There is No Clue.**

### Sneak Thieves at Work.

Ex-Chief of Police Dunn is poorer today to the extent of \$35.05 in cold, clammy cash. Thursday morning at about half-past nine o'clock he was working out in the yard at his home on Rock street between Eighth and Ninth, his wife being absent from the house at the time. About a half hour later he went into the house and changed his working trousers for his best ones. He then discovered that the pockets had been "touched" and \$35 in bills and a nickel in coin taken. Mr. Dunn notified the police and assisted himself in making a diligent search for a clue as to the location of the thief. It was ascertained at the ferry that a stranger had crossed to the Iowa side a little while before, and that he claimed he only had a nickel. This led the searchers to believe that it was their man who had crossed, as the circumstances would indicate that he did not want to "break" one of the bills to pay the required fare across on the ferry. The party followed the stranger some distance over into Iowa, but were unable to find him.

### A Diabolical Scheme.

The News is informed, and it considers the information from a reliable source, that a goodly number of republicans of Otoe and Lancaster counties are at work on a scheme whereby Otoe county is to be taken out of the judicial district with Cass county and placed in that of Lancaster county. This will be, of course, done to knock out Judge Ramsey and place this county under one of the judges from Lancaster county. The scheme is being quietly fostered by several republicans in this county and a number from Lancaster, the latter hoping that judicial lightning may strike them. The democrats as well as the honest republican who oppose such a move should be careful whom they send to the legislature this fall so that nothing of this kind may be done, for Otoe county will never, under such a combination, have a judge, unless the republicans trade for the same, which some of them are already willing to trade almost anything for. A little precaution on the part of the conventions as to whom they nominate will have a great deal to do in killing this little scheme.—Nebraska City News.

### Requires Immediate Attention.

The well in West Oak Hill cemetery should be sunk several feet deeper and enlarged at the bottom. It is understood that it is impossible to obtain any water whatever from this well in its present condition, as it is nearly dry. This is a matter the council should attend to at once. The hot winds of the past few days have nearly killed off the grass on the cemetery lots out there, and they should be watered every night. To do this now it is necessary to carry the water from the well in the old cemetery, a distance of about three blocks.

### Special Election Called.

In compliance with the petition signed by the Eight Mile Grove voters asking that a special election be called in that precinct for the purpose of voting \$4,000 bonds to defray half the expense of building a wagon bridge across the Platte river at Cedar Creek the commissioners Thursday afternoon decided to grant the prayer of the petitioners. The special election is accordingly called for June 6th, 1896.

### Pleasant Reception.

A reception was tendered Rev. Fred Warren and wife, who are visiting in the city Friday evening at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. R. D. Blount, on East Pearl street. A very enjoyable time is reported, and Prof. Waldemar Beck and little Miss Maggie Warren played some excellent violin selections. Nice refreshments were served during the evening.

Speaking of advertising not paying, the Texas Siftings says: "We never knew but one case where advertising did not pay. A burglar overlooked \$70 in a bureau drawer, and the paper so announced. He returned the next night and not only secured it but a suit of clothes besides."

### Gone After a Burglar.

Sheriff Holloway went to Lincoln on the fast mail this afternoon, where he will secure requisition papers from Gov. Holcomb to the governor of Colorado for the return to the state of a man named John T. Ryan, wanted in this city for burglary. Sheriff Holloway received word today from the Denver authorities stating that Ryan had been arrested there for assault and battery and would be held until his arrival. The description sent the sheriff tallies exactly with Ryan's, and the sheriff will depart for Denver on No. 3 tonight from Lincoln.

Ryan is the man who, about three years ago, entered the room of one of the girls employed at the Goos hotel, and stole her pocket book. The girl, however, held the man until an officer arrived and arrested him. He was tried and convicted, but managed to escape from the jail before being sentenced. While in jail an insane man, who was also confined therein, made an assault on Ryan with a knife, and succeeded in cutting three gashes in his scalp. Dr. Cook, who dressed the wounds drew a rough sketch of the head, showing the scars, and this has been kept on "ice" here since his escape. In the letter received from the Denver authorities is a sketch similar to the one made here, and there is probably no doubt but that the right man is arrested.

### Creditable to the Town.

The Printer's Auxiliary, a monthly magazine published by the Western Newspaper Union, Omaha, which is a recognized authority throughout the west, publishes the following in this month's issue:

"Speaking of Plattsmouth publications, as the Auxiliary did in a late issue, it is reminded that THE DAILY JOURNAL is the old-time publication of the city. It has been doing business there almost from the time there was any business to be done, and is still on the ground appearing six days in the week, fully and completely attending to all things pertaining to a well conducted newspaper. This is the publication so long conducted by C. W. Sherman, but the paper is now and has been for some time in the hands of Kirkham, Benfer & Wise. The firm is made up of practical men, and they are active and energetic in the work of giving to the people of Plattsmouth a daily every way creditable to one of Nebraska's oldest and most prosperous cities."

### Various Observations.

Henry Gering thinks it isn't a bit funny to have a rusty nail run into one's foot.

Don't say anything cross to the housekeepers this week. It is house-cleaning time.

It is pretty near the time for some boy to be drowned. The river is nearly warm enough to swim in.

It is said that all the charms of increased trade in his new place up street don't repay Ben Elson for the pain he experiences in separating from his accustomed penuche haunt down town.

### Farm Sold For a Song.

Bert Wheeler, special master in chancery for the U. S. circuit court at Omaha, was in the city today and sold a 160-acre farm, situated in Tipton precinct, for \$3,750. The property was bid in by a representative of the Connecticut Loan and Savings company, which concern holds a first and second mortgage against the farm aggregating \$4,117.33. Bert is also court reporter in the U. S. circuit court, and his many friends here will be pleased to know that he has an excellent position.

### A Creditable Showing.

It will be cheerful news to the people of Cass county to know that the poor of the county are in better circumstances now than they were a year ago. A perusal of the records at the county clerk's office reveals the fact that for the month of April, 1895, the commissioners allowed \$511.34 for the care of the county's poor, while for the same month this year that figure was reduced to \$459.97, and all the poor were amply looked after, too.

Claus Brekenfeld of the Cedar Creek mills, was in town a short time today. He says that about forty feet of H. C. McMaken & Son's dam went out yesterday evening from the weight of the water above it. He says that no dam built of dirt, twenty-four feet high, can hold such a body of water as accumulated behind that one. The damage will amount to several hundred dollars.

Advertise in THE JOURNAL.

## TWO RECEPTIONS.

### Were Well Attended In Spite of the Unpropitious Weather.

### THEY KISSED AND MADE UP.

**Mrs. May Hands, Formerly Miss May Lathrop, of This City, Will Be Re-married to Her Husband—Some Other News.**

### "Initial Quizes."

Notwithstanding the storm yesterday afternoon, a large number of ladies attended the Kensington tea at the elegant home of Mrs. T. H. Pollock on North Eighth street. The pouring rain rather had a tendency to make the handsomely-decorated parlors appear all the more cheerful and inviting, and a most delightful afternoon was spent. The entertainment was decidedly original, the guests participating in a game entitled "Initial Quizes." Each one was provided with a neat program, on which was printed thirty phrases, the first letter of each word forming the initial of some celebrated author or poet. Mrs. F. E. White succeeded in naming all the phrases, and was accordingly awarded the honors. During the afternoon dainty refreshments were served in the dining room, and a very enjoyable Kensington was concluded.

### A Pleasant Reception.

Yesterday the elements conspired to frustrate the attendance of the one hundred ladies who were invited to the reception at Mrs. J. G. Richey's, but conspired largely in vain. In the midst of a veritable deluge the carriages rolled up to the door and deposited their fair burdens.

Once within doors the scene was like fairy land. The reception hall was decorated with roses and ferns in lavish profusion. Miss Dora Fricke and Miss Verna Leonard presided over the punch bowl and served each guest with strawberry ice.

In the parlor the hostess received assisted by Mrs. V. V. Leonard, Mrs. H. N. Dovey and Mrs. James Herold. The parlor was beautiful with maiden hair ferns and locust blossoms, the hearth of the fire place representing a woodland dell.

The library was decorated wholly with ferns every niche and corner holding a vase of the delicate plants. The hearth imitated a palm garden with maiden-hair for palm.

No effort had been spared to make the dining room all that could be desired, the curtains, sideboards and chandeliers were draped with vines and yellow roses.

A dainty standing lunch was served from a snowy table, in the center of which was a lake on whose clear surface water lilies and swans appeared to float.

Music from an unseen source added its charm to the scene.

The Misses Fannie Richey, Ella Clark, Barbara Gering, Bertha Richey, Sallie Agnew and Mrs. Sadie Smith assisted in various capacities throughout the rooms. Master Justus L. Richey presided at the door.

About fifty ladies braved the storm to enjoy the occasion.

### Woman's Club Musical.

The Woman's club will give a musical tomorrow evening at the Presbyterian church, and the following excellent program will be rendered:

- Organ Solo..... Miss Kessler.
- Song—"La Primavera (the Springtime)"..... Torry Miss Christain
- Vocal Duet..... Selected Misses Ethel and Alice Dovey.
- "Reading and How to Acquire the Art"..... Prof. W. H. Skinner.
- Violin Solo..... Miss Knabbe.
- Song..... Mrs. Dr. Holyoke.
- Spinning Song—"Flying Dutchman"..... Wagner Miss Cagney, Mrs. Herold, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Agnew, Miss Gass, Miss Shepherd and Miss Jamison.
- Accompanist, Miss Kessler.
- Song—"Sing, Smile, Slumber"..... Gounod Miss Christain.

Prof. Skinner, superintendent of the Nebraska City schools, is a gentleman well-known throughout the state as an educator of ability, and his lecture will be a treat. The musical program includes several selections by some of the best talent in the state and as this will be the last meeting of the Woman's club for this season, the church should be crowded. An admission of 15 cents will be charged to defray expenses.

Kissed and Made Up. The following from the Nebraska City News will be of interest to Platt-

smouth people, inasmuch as the parties mentioned in the article are well and favorably known here, having been residents of this city for several years:

"In the fall of 1894 there came to this city a nice appearing lady with two bright little children, who gave her name as Mrs. Mary E. Hands, and made her home with her brother, Perry Lathrop. She was afterwards joined by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Vannatta, and has since made this city her home. In May, 1895, she began proceedings in the district court to annul the marriage contract existing between herself and Charles M. Hands, a non-resident. At the June term of the court Judge S. M. Chapman granted her a decree of divorce. Last winter her parents left for Cripple Creek, Col., to make a fortune, leaving the lady here with her sister, Miss Myrtle Lathrop, and brother, Perry, who seemed to live very happily.

Last evening Mrs. Mary E. Hands and sister left for Des Moines, Ia., where she will be re-married to her former husband and they will start life anew. He is said to be a well-to-do business man of that place and provided a nice home for both herself, sister and the two little children. It is to be hoped that they will realize the mistake of the past and live ever happily together in the future and reach a ripe old age with never a sorrow to cross their pathway. The matter was kept very quiet, even their most intimate friends knowing nothing of the fact that their love for each other had never grown cold and the remarriage was brought about by the love of both for the little ones."

### A Severe Storm.

About half-past six o'clock Monday evening a violent rain and wind storm blew up from the southwest, and for a while the water came down in solid sheets. The sewers and ditches were converted into miniature rivers in a few minutes. Trees were whipped around like feathers, but fortunately, few, if any, were uprooted. Several small outbuildings and a buggy or two were overturned, while a few garden plots were washed out on the hill-sides. During the storm a few hail fell, and these gave garden truck in general a severe "beating."

Out in the country surrounding Plattsmouth the storm appears to have been much more destructive. The large old barn at the Will Adams farm south of town was completely demolished, and the new one twisted partly around. Windmills on the farms of Herman Restor, Nick Halmes, F. Gustin and several other precinct farmers, were blown down and shattered, while several houses and barns were unroofed. A quantity of listed corn was also washed out, but this can all be replanted in ample time.

Martin L. Frederick, living seven miles west, describes the wind and rain storm in his vicinity as very severe. One neighbor had a corn crib torn to pieces and the corn was left heaped on the ground. A nice, new roof, well nailed down, was blown from one of his cribs. The hail did great damage to the orchards and gardens. The rain fell in torrents, just like a waterspout. A straw stack, standing in his field, was lifted off the ground and carried down across several fields, carrying with it fences and culverts, and as it moved off it looked like a house boat. Eight of his fences across ravines were carried off, and his neighbors suffered in like manner. He will have to replant his corn, which was badly washed out.

Dr. Butler, of Weeping Water, says the rain there was the heaviest he has seen in ten years.

Charley Beach, the mail route agent on the Schuyler, reports a heavy rain all over Saunders county, and says a small cyclone wrecked an elevator and carried parts of it some distance away at Rescue, next station west of Craig.

Marshal Field, the Chicago millionaire merchant, has just leased a piece of property, northeast corner of State and Madison streets, to a jeweler for the term of ninety-nine years at an annual rental of \$50,000. The lot leased was bought by Mr. Field twenty years ago for \$52,142. The advance in values since that time has been twenty fold. There have been single years in which Mr. Field has received as much in rentals as the entire purchase price of the property.

### YOU ARE AM

Cordially invited to call on Elson, the clothier, in his new store in Dovey's block.

Gertrude Wiley vs. Edward Wiley, a suit for rent, is on trial in county court today before a jury.

### Some Observations.

The man who predicted a drouth this spring died last night of mortification.

There is some talk among democrats of electing Mr. Travis for county attorney again next fall.

The severe rain storms of the past two days have washed out a good deal of listed corn in this county. There is plenty of time for replanting, however.

The business men of the town of Elmwood advertise in their local papers far more than do the business men of Plattsmouth. They keep up the trade of the town, too.

Editor Polk was in Lincoln yesterday. It is understood on the quiet that he was starting a boom at that end of the line for John A. Davies in his race for county attorney.

The sidewalks in various parts of the city, since the late heavy rains, are in bad condition. Wherever there were loose boards they have been washed away, leaving gaps where some unlucky pedestrian may break a limb. It is the duty of the councilmen to report all sidewalks in their respective wards that are in need of repairs, and see to it that the work is done as soon as possible. Another thing the council should do is to order owners of shade trees overhanging sidewalks to trim off the low limbs.

### He Didn't Regret It.

A stalwart, fine-looking specimen of humanity was in town last week looking for a job in his line—that of a locomotive engineer. He was quite a talker and entertained a number of citizens in listing to the story of his experience with the B. & L. E. and the A. R. U. He was the youngest man that ever ran an engine from Denver to McCook on the B. & M. R. in 1888, when the strike began. He was not a member of the B. & L. E., but out of a desire to "stand in with the boys" and a pledge of support from them he went out with them. He got the "grand raxoo," however, and went elsewhere for work, while the head man of the order within six months applied to Mr. Hawksworth for work. Three years ago he had a good job on the "C. I. & N.," belonging to the A. R. U. Of course he went out on the strike, out of sympathy with Pullman's poor slaves.

He also got the worst of it there, a B. of L. E. man taking his place, and every time he has asked for a job since, has found himself black-listed by all the companies. He does not regret what he did, but is discouraged, and thinks he will paddle his own canoe hereafter. He said he was no "hobo," and paid his way as he went. He appreciated the fact that the gold craze had brought ruin on the west, and looked hopefully to the future for good times under free silver.

### NEBRASKA HAPPENINGS.

A Beaver City man who has lived in Furnas county seventeen years visited Arapahoe for the first time last week. It is "hurrying" the school trustees of Harvar to carve down expenses to the level of the income derived from taxation.

W. D. Frymire of Eustis will answer in district court to the very serious charge of selling pale beer without first procuring a license.

Deshler, the metropolis of western Thayer county, feels pretty well, thank you. She is out of debt and has two hundred dollars in the treasury.

People attempting to leave Deuel county without paying their taxes are followed by the sheriff with a distress warrant and "everything goes."

The cost for witnesses in the William Henry murder case foots up a shade above \$1,225, and the murderer gets off with a sentence of only ten years.

The thirst for beer at Elmwood cannot be legitimately assuaged unless a few church members can be induced to sign the petition for a saloon. At present they are standing out, and the bootleggers are preparing for business.

A Banner county fiend poisoned a cow belonging to one of his neighbors by feeding her salt seasoned with strychnine. If his identity can be established beyond a doubt, he will be hanged to prevent further mischief.

Fred Quimby of Verdigre, while chasing cattle fell and snapped one of his legs square off at the ankle. The local blacksmith set the limb and held it in place with an iron band. It was a wooden leg that originally cost \$180 f. o. b.

### Claims He Was "Taken In."

Horace Howard, who owns a few hundred acres a few miles west of Berlin, this afternoon by his attorneys, John V. Morgan and M. S. Campbell, filed a very sensational petition in district court asking for a divorce from his "alleged" wife, Ellen. According to the story told in the petition Horace came to this city and met a Miss Ellen Delaney with whose charms he became deeply smitten and the result was that they were married during the month of July. Howard says she represented herself to be a true and virtuous maiden, while the reverse was true, as he claims that she had been married some time ago to a man named Delaney who now lives at Stella, this state, from whom she was never divorced. Then he alleges that she was guilty of extreme cruelty, which means that the nine months of honeymoon was not one continual sunshine. Next he charges her with adultery. This sin was committed on the 24th day of April last at the residence of "the bride," lot 2, block 42, South Nebraska City, and has been guilty many times since. According to the story, when they were married Mr. Howard purchased a home for her on South Eighth street, but on the 24th of April she left with a man in a covered wagon, and when she reached Plattsmouth she wrote to her liege lord and master born that she had gathered her belongings about her and would never, never return, and intimated that Mr. Howard was not the affinity for whom she was in search. He also asks that her interest in his estate be annulled and that the property in this city be given to him.

The woman in the case was the principal witness against Charley Tolliver when he was sent to the penitentiary.—Nebraska City News.

### Still Another Hitch.

The Eight Mile Grove residents who are desirous of having the Platte river bridged at Cedar Creek will experience another delay before the special election, to vote bonds for construction of the bridge, can be called. The petition presented to the commissioners did not state whether the structure would be a wagon bridge or some other kind, and also did not state whether or not it would be a free bridge. A special session of the commissioners was accordingly called for today, and a delegation of Eight Mile Grove farmers were in conference with them for some time. The result was that the commissioner decided that they could not call the special election until these items were included in the petition, and the paper was burned this afternoon at that office, with the consent of the petitioners, who said they would prepare another one covering all these technicalities.

### Dismissed the Cases.

Sunday evening last Robert Price swore out a warrant charging Pete Yoelke with disturbing the peace. Price, who was accompanied by a young lady, said he was afraid to go home for fear of being assaulted by Yoelke, whom he claimed carried a "mean" knife. An officer accompanied Price home and arrested young Yoelke. The latter also filed a similar complaint against Price, and the matter was aired before Judge Archer on Tuesday. After listening to the testimony both cases were dismissed.

The Missouri river commission was in session in Omaha Monday last. The commission will have \$80,000 to expend at Omaha and vicinity during the next three years. R. S. Berlin, the Omaha member of the commission, informed a JOURNAL reporter that it was likely that a portion of that fund would be expended in protecting the east bank of the river above the B. & M. bridge, opposite this city. He expected to inspect that bank of the river before long, but didn't want any newspaper notoriety in that connection.

### Do You Know

That Elson, the Clothier, is selling French balbrigan underwear for 45 cents, worth 75 cents.

The ground floor of the City hotel is being entirely remodeled. The saloon, which has been in the east room, will be removed to the west room, the east room will be divided into two rooms, an office and a dining room, and the stairs, which formerly ascended in the rear of the building, will lead up from the office. The change will improve the looks and convenience of the hotel one hundred per cent, and Mr. Goos will have one of the neatest hotels in the city.

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