

# Plattsmouth Weekly Journal.

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## Historical Sketches.

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### A Winter Trip Home.

I stated in my last sketch that we left Denver Christmas day (1865) for home. It was the most dreary Christmas I spent in my life. We had a hard trip before us. We had to spread our beds on loads of lumber for Ft. Julesburg, and with only a thin wagon sheet to protect us from the snow and storms. We had a good supply of blankets and buffalo robes with us to keep us warm during the night, and plenty of provisions. As long as we could get dry willows at the river bank to cook our meals with, we fared pretty well. Buffalo chips—our usual fuel—was out of the question, as they were buried under two feet of snow.

Just think of being called out at 5 o'clock in the morning to prepare our scanty breakfast out of doors, in the snow and bitter cold!

We generally mixed bread in the evening and next morning were obliged to take a hatchet and cut the dough

into chunks, as it was frozen as hard as a brick, and put it into a little sheet iron stove to bake. This and fat bacon and black coffee, constituted our bill-of-fare. Often, rather than get up, on account of the extreme cold, we staid in our wagons and went without breakfasts.

At Bouvais' ranch, near the California Crossing, Colonel Bridger and a sergeant's guard overtook us, and traveled with our party as far down the river as Shinn's ferry, enroute to Omaha.

An incident happened that is worth mentioning. One night two young fellows—deserters from the troops at Ft. Kearney—came to our camp with their horses, and asked to stay over night. Little did they dream what an unfortunate thing that was! Next morning they fell into hands of the soldiers, were arrested, and put in charge of the wagon boss. They only staid with us a few days, and one night they skipped—leaving their horses with their custodian, instructing him, as I afterward learned, to turn the animals over to the commanding officer at Ft. Kearney, when we should reach there. The instructions, however, were not complied with—the wagon boss taking the horses on through to Plattsmouth. He was two good horses ahead—and Uncle Sam was a loser.

From this time on fuel became extremely scarce with us, and we were often obliged to use some of the government lumber to cook with. From that on till we reached Ft. Julesburg the wagon boss decreed that we should cook but one meal a day. We daily tightened our belts a notch, and eagerly longed for the day to come.

Fifteen miles out from the fort we stopped at a stage station over night. I went to the house to get something to eat. I was hungry—I admit it. The cook had prepared coffee and biscuits for the stage driver. I implored him to sell some to me, and offered a dollar for one biscuit and a cup of coffee, but was refused. He told me he was short himself, and had barely enough for the stage driver and himself. We had to tighten our belts a notch further that night.

Arriving at the fort next day, we were sadly disappointed to find the forces without even a cracker or a stick of wood for fuel, and they were burning 35c bacon for fuel!

What to do next was a problem. We went into camp east of the fort over night, lamenting our situation, when an angel in the person of Joe Gilmore came to visit us. He had heard of our being there. He soon learned of our situation and bade us come after night to his camp, near the river, with a team, and he would furnish us some wood. To say we thanked him by word does not express the feeling of relief we felt for his generosity! He gave us wood enough to last us until we arrived in that part of the valley where wood was plenty.

Mr. Gilmore was employed by the government to haul wood for the supply of Ft. Julesburg, and on account of the severely cold weather and hostile Indians his train was delayed in reaching the fort until this time.

Is it a wonder that I still sing praises to genial, generous, big-hearted and brave, my Christian friend, Joseph

Gilmore, now of Haigler, who for many years afterward honored Cass county by his citizenship?

This was my last trip. I had enough of crossing the Plains by team and I bid them farewell.

## Weeping Water

(From Our Special Correspondent.)  
Irene Thomas was riding Thursday afternoon when her horse shied and threw her, says the Advocate. One of her feet became entangled in the rein which was an unusually long one, and the horse began to run, dragging her for some distance. Her weight on the bridle soon stopped the frightened animal near the Congregational church where a number of men who had seen the accident speedily extricated her from her perilous position badly cut, pounded and bruised from the dragging and the blows from the flying hoofs.

## Cedar Creek

(Special Correspondence.)  
W.H. Seybert is now nicely settled on his place at Cullom. The Seybert boys have had their hands full this week taking care of the 16000 bushels of corn which were brought to their grain dump. Although many of the farmers are hastening to take advantage of the prevailing high prices many still cling tenaciously to their grain firm in the belief that prices are going still higher.

It is reported that Jacob Schneider and wife are both very sick with the grip.

Mrs. Frank Busch is reported to be much better.

## Elmwood

(From Our Special Correspondent.)  
James Throne received some very severe wounds and bruises by being run over by a cornstalk cutter, while at work in a field for Julius Kirschoff, Tuesday last. He fell in front of the cutter while operating it and it passed over him—then the horses backed and it passed over him again—inflicting a gash in his chin, a scalp wound and numerous bruises.

## South Bend

(Special Correspondence.)  
John Timm marketed his corn April 24th.

Grandma Hempke died Tuesday last, aged 89 years, and was buried at the German Lutheran church two miles north of Murdock.

The farmers are taking advantage of the nice weather by cutting stalks and making ready to plant corn.

Dave Campbell has moved into his new house half a mile west of town.

O.W. Zaar made a business trip to Plattsmouth Saturday.

Mr. Vogel began shelling his 3000 bushels of corn early this week.

Jacob Kline, a well known boy of this place who enlisted in the 39th regiment of volunteer infantry, may be expected to return home shortly as his regiment has been recalled from the Philippines.

John Klieser, one of the oldest residents about here, died last week after a short illness. The deceased leaves a daughter and four sons.

Ed Murphy has been sent to Council Bluffs, where his father resides, to be treated for insanity. S. P. Metz and F. A. Newman took him in charge and saw him safely to the Bluffs.

August Vogel came down from Grand Island this week to visit his father, who has been on the sick list for a long time, and is supposed to have cancer of the stomach.

## Murray

(From Our Special Correspondent.)  
Dr. Brendel called on patients near Mynard Saturday.

Judge Swearingen embarked into the lumbering business last Saturday.

Dr. Gilmore was visiting patients in the vicinity of Union this week.

Chas. Stone went to Elmwood Saturday night.

John Klausens has his new gasoline engine in operation.

A large number of farmers were hauling grain this week.

The Missouri Pacific pay train passed

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Chas. Stone, F. W. Crosser and Jim Terryberry took in the Cavanaugh performance at Plattsmouth Wednesday evening.

James Root and family journeyed to Plattsmouth Wednesday morning.

W. Lewis and J. R. Cathey went to Plattsmouth on the early Wednesday train.

## Avoca

(From Our Special Correspondent.)  
G. W. Harshman shipped two car loads of cattle to the market in South Omaha Tuesday.

H. D. Meyers went to Unadilla on business Tuesday.

George Rapp of South Omaha was visiting friends and relatives here this week.

M. Pollard of Nehawka was transacting business here Tuesday.

## Manley

LILLIAN TIGHE, EDITOR.

Died.—Saturday, April 20, after a short illness; the two weeks old child of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Crecklon. The funeral took place Monday from the Lutheran church north of Manley.

John Murphy went up to Omaha Saturday to see his mother, Mrs. Edward Murphy, who is taking treatment at St. Joseph hospital.

Born, Monday, April 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Heaney, a girl. The little one's name will probably be something suggestive of spring, arriving as she did on Arbor Day.

Minnie Rueter, the twelve year old daughter of Peter Rueter, living three miles west of Manley, met with a painful accident one day last week. She had climbed up into a tree the trunk of which had been partially chopped through. When near the top the tree suddenly toppled over, throwing the little girl to the ground. In the fall her left hand was bent under her breaking and splintering the lower bone of the arm in a painful manner.

Reverend Father Hennessy drove up to Greenwood Saturday and said Mass there Sunday morning.

If the weather continues fine the farmers will all ready for corn planting by the first of May.

Mr. Rauth, sr., came over from Mynard Monday, to visit with relatives before starting on a trip through the west.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tighe accompanied their daughter Bessie to Omaha Monday, on her way to St. Clara's Academy, Sinsinawa Mound, Wis., where she will resume her studies until the term of June.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Jenkins were Omaha visitors Monday.

A. J. and Oliver Denton of the firm of Denton Bros., Leavenworth, Kas., made a brief business trip to Manley Wednesday of this week.

James Tighe, sr., suffered a severe paralytic stroke Wednesday morning. As this is the second attack, grave fears are entertained as to the result.

Corn is fairly pouring into Manley this week. With the price steadily advancing, good roads and plenty of cars, grain buyers as well as farmers are jubilant.

Arbor Day in this part of the country was more honored this year in the breach than in the observance. The wish of the other; more imperative work, seems to have been the cause. The corn stalk cutter and the dish are abroad in the land, and the farmer boy with a sigh of regret, must cut short his morning nap ere the morning star has faded.

Theodore Hearns made a brief business trip to Omaha Wednesday.

Mr. Emmons was a Louisville visitor Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Jardine, mother of Mrs. August Bombak, who recently underwent an operation for cancer at St. Joseph hospital in Omaha, is improving rapidly. The operation, though severe, was entirely successful and the symptoms are now favorable for a speedy recovery.

## Mynard

(From Our Special Correspondent.)  
Mrs. W. D. Wheeler is rapidly convalescing.

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Mrs. W. Hall has closed her school near Eight Mile Grove for the rest of the year. She expects to remove to Plattsmouth about June 1st.

## DEBATE WITH ELMWOOD.

Websterians Arrange to Meet Elmwood Boys Friday Evening Next.

The Webster Debating society held a very important business meeting at the Workman hall Wednesday night. President Despain was in the chair. The first business of importance was to make arrangements for the debate with Elmwood. A great deal of time was consumed in discussing expense matters connected with the event and also as the place for holding the debate. It was finally agreed to hold it in the High school building, which the board of education has kindly donated for the purpose.

Some members thought Elmwood should give the Websterians a return date, and the president was instructed to make arrangements to that end by telephone, and definite action was postponed until Thursday evening, when a special meeting was called to hear what arrangements were made.

As the terms of the officers had expired, new ones were elected to succeed them. Mr. Despain was re-elected president by acclamation but declined, after which Earle R. Travis was elected. Others elected were:

Vice President—C. E. Metzger.  
Secretary—Eugene Tighe.  
Treasurer—Henry Guthmann.  
Sergeant-at-Arms—Godfred Bergmann.

Judge—Don C. Despain.  
The debaters to represent the society in the debate with Elmwood were selected, as follows: Don C. Despain, Earle R. Travis, C. E. Metzger.

Later—it was decided at Thursday evening's meeting to hold the debate on the evening of May 10, but after the meeting a message from Elmwood conveyed the news that it would be impossible for them to come then and desired it held May 3d, which is the probable date for the debate.

An admission fee of 10c will be charged, to help defray expenses, and the boys earnestly hope that the patrons of the schools will turn out and help to make the affair a great success.

Webster Debating society vs. Elmwood High School debate Friday evening, May 3d, at high school building. Admission 10c. Go and encourage the boys by your presence.

Debate at high school building Friday evening, May 3. Admission, 10c.

## 5.497.

And the Standing of Plattsmouth is Assured in Cities of the First Class.

The result of the work of the especially appointed census enumerators resulted in the finding of a population of \$5,497, or over 500 more than were discovered by the government enumerators last June.

The report of the enumerators was made to the mayor and council Tuesday night, and after securing their endorsement was forwarded to the governor at Lincoln, as required by law.

The work of the enumerators was very thorough, and was performed with a conscientious regard for truth which should win them the thanks of the entire community.

## A Turner Evening.

The Turners' active class, which is to represent the local society in the tournament at St. Joe in June, will give a bright and varied entertainment at their hall on the evening of May 4: There will be a wrestling match between "Farmer Jones" and a mysterious unknown for the gate receipts and the championship of the world. The members of the class will give a choice exhibition of fancy gymnastics, while the evening will be concluded with dancing. The members of the girls' class will serve refreshments of ice cream, cake, sherbet and the like. No one who cares for an evening of unalloyed pleasure should miss this one.

A. B. Smith of Denver was in town this week looking after his property interests here.

O. J. Davis of Otoe county has been visiting his brother, S. A. Davis, and family this week.

Launching of Battle-ship Ohio at San Francisco, Cal.

For the above occasion the Missouri Pacific will sell round trip tickets to San Francisco, Cal., at a rate of \$60. Dates of sale, May 7th and 8th, with a return limit of 30 days from date of sale. For further particulars inquire of C. F. STOUTENBOROUGH, Agt.

## SEAT NEW COUNCILMEN.

New City Administration Almost Solidly Democratic.

A meeting of the Plattsmouth city council was held Tuesday evening for the purpose of transacting routine business and seating the newly elected councilmen, John Fasbender and Carl Kunsman.

The new council is composed of seven democrats, two republicans and one socialist—giving the democrats at all times a plurality—with some to spare.

The finance committee recommended that the following claims against the city be paid:

R. E. Ruffner, taking census	\$25.00
R. E. Livingston, same	25.00
I. Pearlman, use of furniture	1.50
George B. Lehnhoff, supplies	4.50
George McCavigan, work	6.00
Fred Kunsman, foreman White hose cart	6.25
S. Archer, street work	6.25
L. Kildow, same	7.06
M. Sheldon, same	13.20
John Gingery, work	1.20
Patton & Co. painting sign	1.00
E. Kildow, labor	1.00
John Martens, same	3.00
A. H. Weckbach & Co. coal	47.50
Crasse-Tremaine Carbon Co. supplies	13.50
General Electric Co. same	23.10

The claims committee recommended the payment of George B. Lehnhoff's claim for 4.50; that \$1.50 be allowed on I. Pearlman's claim and that George McCavigan be paid \$5 for painting the East Fourth ward school house. On motion the committee's report was adopted.

A special meeting of the council will be held this evening to pass upon applications for liquor licenses.

## Amusements.

The Madison Square Theatre company, old established dramatic organization of wide reputation is the coming attraction at the Parmele theatre. The engagement is for three nights, commencing Monday, April 29. Popular prices: 10, 20 and 30 cents will prevail and on the opening night ladies accompanied by a gentleman will be admitted free.

This will be the closing of the regular dramatic season at the Parmele. The repertoire for the three nights will be "Friends," "Roanoke" and "The Private Secretary."

Tom Julian of Gibson visited his parents in this city Thursday.

Be sure that you are one of the number to attend the entertainment at Turner hall Saturday evening, May 4.

Turner hall, Saturday evening, May 4, exhibit of turning, dancing, wrestling, beautiful young ladies serving delicious refreshments—and the price of admission is only 25c.

Major General Ben Hempel, commander-in-chief of the department of the department of Cass county, is considerably exercised over the report that he will be expected to polish daily the copper date plate ornamenting the base of the new piece of courthouse ordinance.

It would be a pleasant thing to hear the street sprinkler operating on Plattsmouth's streets, but such relief can hardly be expected before the sprinkler man's eyes are blinded with flying dust when they may be opened to the needs of the moment. Thus shall the blind be made to see, and be moved to the laying dust or other merities.

**List of Letters**  
Remaining uncalled for in the post office at Plattsmouth for the week ending April 25, 1901:

A. Anderson,	G. Anderson,
Mrs. Anna Berning,	Chas. Bratten,
Woradam Bingham,	(D) Allen Cooper,
Samuel R. Cornwall,	Dr. A. S. Child,
Mrs. A. B. Dickson,	Adolph Hoffmann,
Knud Hanson,	Mrs. Mary A. Hall,
Ollie E. Hanson,	Geo. Kosso,
C. Martz,	Mrs. Margaret Mattern-
Wm. Nagel,	man,
E. S. Newton,	W. T. Phillips,
Horace Prell,	U. W. Petty,
	Wm. Peterson,

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