

DER SCHUDGE CELEBRATING

Justice of Peace Altstadt Has Varied Career in Omaha.

KNOWN AS LITTLE BISMARCK

Figure of Dismal Jurisconsult Has Been Familiar on Streets of Omaha During Last Forty Years.

Judge William Altstadt, familiarly known among his friends in Omaha as "Little Bismarck," was 77 years old yesterday.

Judge Altstadt's figure has been familiar on the streets since Omaha was a village. Today he walks with the aid of a cane, but this is not so much the result of years as of an accident some months ago in which he had his left leg broken.

Judge Altstadt was born near Bingen on the Rhine in 1835. He lived in Paris for ten years, where he married Miss Sophia Land during the same year that Napoleon III was married in the same city. "I did not invite him, however, and he did not invite me to his wedding," said the judge, "as we were not on speaking terms."

"Der Schudge" then came to America and settled for a brief time in New Orleans, where he says yellow fever was at that time so prevalent that he left and came by steamboat to Council Bluffs. He had designs on Omaha before he left New Orleans, as he said he had heard a great deal about the promise of the city on the Missouri.

Gets Stuck in Mud. The short legs of Mr. Altstadt got stuck in the mud of the Missouri river when he landed at Council Bluffs, but his lusty lungs quickly brought him assistance and he was dragged ashore. He ferried to Omaha, where he says there was a cow stable, four residences and a church. He later revised his statement and said the town actually had about 3,000 people when he came here. That was forty-three years ago.

"I would not leave Omaha now if they would give me the presidency of the United States," said the judge on the morning of his seventy-seventh birthday and his forty-fourth year in Omaha.

"Were you in any of the wars in Europe," he was asked.

"No, I was too short for the army," he replied, and then promptly added, "I don't like to smell gunpowder, anyway. Besides I made war enough in politics in this state, for I was at every state convention for thirty years, and many a good fight we had."

First Letter Carrier. There was no paved street, no postoffice, and no brick building in Omaha when Mr. Altstadt arrived. He enjoys the distinction of having been the first letter carrier appointed in Omaha. He served in the postal service for eighteen years.

In 1878, when one of the newspapers undertook to criticize the Germans of Omaha for drinking beer in some of their social halls, Mr. Altstadt began publishing a paper, half German and half English, called "The Flea," in which he defended the German attitude, and many were the citizens of Omaha who suffered at the hands of the cartoonist that got his crude wooden cuts into the elusive pages of "The Flea."

"I took the first subscription for The Bee," says the judge. "I went to Lincoln and secured the subscription of the state auditor. I got \$5 from him and I was the richest man in the state."

For the last eighteen years Altstadt has been justice of the peace in Omaha and

DER SCHUDGE IS SEVENTY-SEVEN YEARS OLD TODAY



WILLIAM ALTSTADT.

has been acting police magistrate when the police judge is away. He relates an experience he had in Lincoln only a few weeks ago when he was there for the commencement exercises at the state university. He grew tired and sat down on a bench on O street. It was hot. He fell asleep. Soon there was a tap on his shoulder. A big man said, "Say, if you haven't a place to sleep, I'll take you where there is a place."

"O, I believe not," replied the judge, who showed his card of police magistrate of Omaha.

Ryan Would Have Shops Close Early

"It occurs to me that Omaha is behind other metropolitan cities in the matter of Saturday closing," says Harry E. Ryan of the Ryan Jewelry company.

"Besides the action that the jewelers as a body are taking, we need the power of the press. The jewelers pioneered the 5 o'clock closing during July and August some five years ago without the aid of a single large store and today you know the rest."

"Last year we got together as a body and decided to close our places of business at 6 o'clock Saturdays during July and August, and again this year have decided to do the same."

"We feel that with the co-operation of the press we could probably pull the other firms into line."

CONGRESSMAN MALBY LIFE-LONG FRIEND OF DR. BRIDGES

Dr. W. O. Bridges of Omaha was an intimate friend of Congressman George R. Malby of the Twenty-sixth district of New York state, who was found dead from hardening of the arteries in a hotel room in New York City late Tuesday evening.

Congressman Malby and Dr. Bridges both spent their boyhood days in Ogdensburg, N. Y., and were schoolmates together. Later both became members of the Century club, a prominent social organization of Ogdensburg.

In speaking of the death of Congressman Malby, Dr. Bridges said: "He was respected by everyone in up state New York as a forceful statesman and politician. His death is certainly a great loss."

WATER BOARD FACES DEFICIT

Asks the City to Levy Tax of \$100,000 to Keep Accounts Even.

COUNCIL WILL MAKE THE LEVY

Howell Says a Reduction in the Rates Not Feasible at This Time—Board to Lose Amount of the Hydrant Rentals.

John L. Webster, attorney for the water board, told the city commissioners yesterday that unless a levy of \$100,000 was authorized the waterworks' receipts would run behind expenditures in approximately that sum.

The council passed a resolution directing the county commissioners to make the levy. Commissioner McGovern voted against the resolution, saying he would be in favor of the levy only when the water board announced its readiness to immediately reduce rates.

Water Commissioner Howell said such reduction was not feasible now, but as an automatic extension plan, whereby abutting property would pay for extensions, and other innovations were adopted, the reduction could be made.

Mr. Howell declared the \$100,000 would be the only means of compelling large estates, like the Ames, to pay rent, as otherwise such estates would pay no rent. He said the city would lose about \$100,000 on hydrant rentals. In his opinion there ought to be 50 per cent more hydrants installed.

Mr. Webster asserted the water company would have operated its plant at a loss if the city had not paid hydrant rentals. He said the levy of \$100,000 was the only way to "balance accounts" this year.

"When the Florence main, which will cost about \$400,000, is complete we will be able to pump 10,000,000 more gallons of water per day. Receipts from this main will be about \$100,000 a year. This increased revenue, together with the revenue from 1,000 service connections made since July 1, 1911, will help to balance our accounts."

Water board receipts, according to the attorney, will be at the beginning \$218,934 less than the receipts of the water company.

Jardine Shows What His New Plow Will Do

A demonstration of the new cylinder plow, invented and constructed by Walter S. Jardine of the Omaha Merchants Express and Transfer company, was held at Forty-eighth and Leavenworth streets Friday evening at 7 o'clock. Forty local business men were on hand to watch the operations of the invention.

The plow is so constructed that it digs up the earth by means of numerous swiftly revolving blades about twelve inches in length and pulverizes all lumps and clods of dirt. The machine is run by a gasoline engine and is capable of turning up forty acres of ground a day.

Jardine has been working on the invention for the last three years.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Pat Johnson, manager of the lace department at Hayden Bros., has returned from a buying trip to New York.

R. H. Bower of Omaha is a guest of Hotel Jefferson at St. Louis this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ohlswager left Saturday for several weeks' visit in California.

Key to the Situation—See Advertising.

SOAKED IN COFFEE Until Too Stiff to Bend Over.

"When I drank coffee I often had sick headaches, nervousness and biliousness much of the time; but about two years ago I went to visit a friend and got in the habit of drinking Postum."

"I have never touched coffee since and the result has been that I am now entirely well of all my stomach and nervous troubles. (Tea contains caffeine, the same drug found in coffee.)"

"My mother was just the same way. We all drink Postum now, and have not had any coffee in the house for two years and we all are well."

"A neighbor of mine, a great coffee drinker, was troubled with pains in her side for years and was an invalid. She was not able to do her work and could not even mend clothes or do anything at all where she would have to bend forward. If she tried to do a little hard work she would get down for the rest of the day."

"I persuaded her at last to stop drinking coffee and try Postum, and she did so, and she has used Postum ever since; the result has been that she can do her work, can sit for a whole day and mend and can sew on the machine and she never feels the least bit of pain in her side. In fact, she has got well and it shows coffee was the cause of the whole trouble."

"I could also tell you about several other neighbors who have been benefited by quitting coffee and using Postum in its place." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look in pkgs. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

Contract is Let for New Building on Seventeenth Street

The contract for the construction of the new building at the northwest corner of Seventeenth and Douglas streets was awarded by the lessee, the McCague Investment company, to J. C. Mardis & Co., yesterday morning.

The plans were drawn by Architect Thomas R. Kimball. The building both in architecture and equipment will be one of the most unique in Omaha. It will be a four-story structure of gray brick and erected at a cost of \$100,000.

Because of its location in the shopping district the building will be tenanted by dealers in women's goods, millinery, cloaks, furs and the like. It will be completed this fall or in early winter.

Burglars Visit on Night When Alarm is Not Wound Up

Burglars, using a jimmy to pry open a kitchen window, entered the residence of George A. Joslyn, 302 Davenport street, Friday night and secured about \$5 in money and a gold watch and other valuable jewelry worth probably \$300.

Although this house has a complete burglar alarm system which not only sounds a gong when a burglar attempts to enter, but also lights the entire house and indicates the window by which he is entering, Friday night, for the first time in years the alarm was not set.

The burglars not only swiped his watch, daughter's money and other jewelry, but also made away with some fine cigars, a pair of kid gloves, some ostrich feathers and other women's apparel.

General Debate on Lorimer Case Begins

WASHINGTON, July 6.—General debate in the Lorimer sensational election case opening today marks the beginning of the end of this, perhaps the most sensational contest in the history of the senate.

With Senator Meyers of Montana ready to open the attack at the outset and Senator Lorimer planning to close for the defense, the senate was started for the final action which probably will come the middle of next week. In parliamentary fiction the vote is to be taken on "The legislative day of July 6."

This is the close of the second senate investigation and fight on Lorimer since Charles A. White, a representative in the Illinois legislature, sold for publication an exposure of alleged legislative corruption affecting Lorimer's election to the senate. Confessions, indictments, charges and counter charges notch the pathway of the Lorimer case since that exposure.

About ten senators have indicated they wish to make speeches before the vote.

BOULEVARD PARK CLUB ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

Permanent organization of the Boulevard Park Improvement club was effected at a meeting of eighty property holders of the north end of town Friday night. The club takes in the property owners of the district from Twenty-second street to Cut-off lake and from Pratt to Ames streets. The purpose of the club is to improve the conditions in this district. The main purpose is to secure water extensions and sewers.

A constitution and bylaws will be adopted at the next regular meeting July 11. It was decided to hold regular meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. The following officers were elected last night: President, John A. Beebe; secretary, T. W. Baumer; treasurer, I. B. Quinby; financial secretary, George Davies. The club has a total membership of 200.

SAENGERFEST LEADER VISITS HERE TODAY

Theodore Kelbe, director in charge of all the choruses at the Northwest Saengerfest at St. Paul, Minn., will be in Omaha for a few hours this afternoon on his way to Denver.

Mr. Kelbe is from Milwaukee and is making final arrangements for all the singers to visit St. Paul. He will arrive in Omaha at 3:45 o'clock in the afternoon. He will be met at the Union depot by a large delegation of the United German singers and escorted in automobiles to the Omaha Maennerchor hall, 1320 Farnam street, where he will listen to the German singers who will represent Omaha at the Saengerfest. He will also make a short address to the chorus and leave for the depot, where he catches a 5 o'clock train.

MISSOURI OSTEOPATHS MUST UNDERGO TESTS

Osteopaths will continue to pass examinations to practice in Nebraska, according to an edict issued by the state board of osteopathy in session at Lincoln. The board turned down a reciprocal plan submitted by osteopaths of Missouri which would grant licenses without examination.

Nebraska has now 125 osteopaths in active practice and the board contends that the number is growing fast enough through certificates awarded applicants who pass the regular tests.

Such applications are being examined in Lincoln this week for the osteopathic licenses. Those on the list include S. H. Harris, Sutton; Jessie Crane, Norfolk; Richard Sullivan, Albion; Ida S. Jensen, Greeley; Myrtle Moore, Kansas City; T. T. Jones, Wayne, and Josephine Armstrong, Kansas City, Kan.

WHEELER DEMANDS HIS PAY FOR MONTH'S WORK

Tom Wheeler, a former janitor in the courthouse, who has discharged by J. M. Calabria, courthouse superintendent, sent Attorney T. W. Blackburn before the Board of County Commissioners yesterday to demand a month's salary. Wheeler was discharged on March 29, because his work did not suit the superintendent. Wheeler refused to give up his keys for several days and there was more or less trouble over separating him from his job. He now declares he is entitled to a month's pay, because he should have been given a month's advance notice of his removal.

The Persistent and Judicious Use of Newspaper Advertising is the Road to Business Success.

Advertisement for Schmoller & Mueller Piano Co. featuring a piano and the text 'SAMPLE THE PIANO For 30 Days Before You Pay a Cent'. Includes a list of piano models and prices.

Advertisement for Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey featuring a portrait of Mrs. Elizabeth Von Wormer and the text '90 Years Old---Smart and in Good Health'. Includes a testimonial about the benefits of the whiskey.

Advertisement for Postum cereal featuring the text 'Feel Equal to Any Task When digestion is good; nerves are steady, and brain works clear.' and 'POSTUM INSTANT POSTUM'. Includes images of Postum cereal boxes and a testimonial about its benefits for digestion.

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