

# WIRELESS MESSAGE

Young Men's Bible Class Invites Plattsmouth Citizens to Enjoy a Treat.

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Give the People of the City a Peep Into the Mysteries of the Wireless.

The Young Men's Bible Class have given the people of this city many chances to enjoy hearing some good things the past winter, but last evening they capped the climax of them all by inviting Dr. F. H. Milliner, expert electrician of the Union Pacific system to come to the city and show the people the mysteries of wireless.

The previous sessions of the class have been held in the class room, but last night the young men were convinced that there would be such a crowd that they opened the auditorium of the church and it was well they did so for the room was filled to overflowing.

It is not much use to attempt to explain the workings of electricity as set forth by Dr. Milliner. It is a matter which must be seen to be understood, and then in fact after seeing it is a question if one understands it after all. The satisfaction comes however in being able to say that one has seen the thing work.

Dr. Milliner went into the history of electricity from its first inception and brought the workings of it up to the present time in such an interesting manner that all were very much taken up with his manner of doing so. Then he gave some exemplifications of its work through a system of wires which he had set up to represent the system and which set off a bell in the rear of the church.

One of the mysteries of the whole system is that the harder the wind blows the more successful the wireless system will work. A calm hot day is the hardest one to get the messages to work.

It is not much use to attempt to go into details of the lecture, for the farther one gets into it the harder it seems to give it the kind of an explanation which will explain. It would seem that the use of electricity is yet in its infancy and all we can say is that it is best to improve every opportunity you have to observe its workings if you want to understand it or not. You might be able to say you do, but when it comes down to "brass tacks," as the lecturer said, it is another proposition.

One thing however is sure, and that is that the young men of the bible class made no mistake when they invited Dr. Milliner to come to Plattsmouth.

To the Union Pacific to a great extent are the people who heard the lecture indebted, for Dr. Milliner being a very busy man, it would have been impossible to have secured him had the management not given him the time to come here.

### A Linen Shower.

Last night at the home of Mrs. J. R. Hunter, a linen shower was given Miss Mary Sharp, whose marriage to Mr. G. Thomas of Omaha is set for Wednesday of this week. Present at the function were, Miss Pearl O'Neill, the hostess, Misses Mary Sharp, Mae Patterson, Vernie Hatt, Pearl Allen, Clare Wohlfert, Minnie Hendrick, Clara Mockenhaupt, Lilian Kennadd. Games and music enlivened the evening and dainty refreshments were served.

# VALLEY COUNTY MAN SELLS 7,000 BUSHELS WHEAT

Disposes of Large Amount of Grain for \$6,790.

Seven thousand bushels of wheat bought by the W. T. Barstow Grain company of Lincoln from one farmer in Valley county is now being delivered to its elevator at Ord and re-shipped to a large milling company at Minneapolis, where it will be made into flour. Mr. Barstow, who has been in the grain business for fifteen years, states that this is by far the largest purchase of either wheat or corn that he has ever made direct from a producer, and he does not expect ever to make another of equal size. There will be more than seven carloads of it altogether. The first sample sent in by H. G. Berkemier, the agent at Ord, tests sixty pounds to the bushel and grades an excellent quality of No. 2 hard.

Charles Balls, reputed to be the largest landholder in Valley county, is the man from whom the wheat was bought. He held it through the winter while dickering with several different firms at Omaha and elsewhere. During the last week, the Barstow company offered him ninety-seven cents a bushel for the entire lot, which was a top price at Ord, and he concluded to sell. Elevators there were paying ninety-five cents for wheat at the time, but on account of his having so much and its being of uniformly good quality he was able to get a premium over the regular quotation. The check for \$6,790 will be sent to Balls as soon as he completes the delivery.

Two thousand bushels from one farmer in considered a big buy among grain dealers. The Valley county deal has attracted a great deal of attention among line house firms and some who did not get it are rather envious of the company which did.—State Journal.

### Marine Giants.

Close on the heels of the request of Secretary Meyer for a 32,000 ton battleship comes the announcement that Germany proposes to build a monster liner of nearly 50,000 tons. The age of marine giants is apparently on, and the Olympic and Titanic, the record holding leviathans of our modern ocean-going vessels, are too soon to be eclipsed. Although the exact dimensions of the German colossus have not been given out, the tonnage would indicate a length of at least 900 feet, a little more than one-sixth of a mile. The prediction that the twentieth century would see vessels 1,000 feet in length may yet prove true.

The dimensions of modern passenger and freight vessels indicate that battleships will also take on gigantic proportions in the near future. In the American navy yards two 26,000 ton battleships are under construction, two more of 27,000 tons each have practically been assured and the great 52,000 ton fighter is at least a possibility within the next few years. The trend of shipbuilding toward larger construction is so marked that the locks of the Panama canal have been increased in size sufficiently to allow passage to vessels of 110 feet beam, the present length of beam being less than ninety feet.

While the practicability of such monster vessels, both for commercial and naval purposes, have been questioned, our present vessels are not so much smaller than those proposed and the suggestion of still larger ships rests on the success of those now in use. The expense of increasing the size of these monsters, however, can not be entirely confined to the cost of the battleships themselves, for deeper harbors will be necessary as well as larger docks and wharves. Yet, whether we deplore it or approve, the trend of the times is certainly in the direction of bigger and bigger ocean vessels.—Bee.

### Brotherhood Organizes.

Last Sunday afternoon at three P. M. the young men of the Christian church held a called meeting for the purpose of organizing a brotherhood similar to those existing in the church in other places, and a good attendance was had and organization thoroughly perfected. The election of officers resulted in Oliver Hudson for president, Lake Wiles for Vice-President, Jesse Perry, Secretary, and B. A. McElwain, Treasurer. Invitations and program committees were appointed and the former named committee will meet tomorrow evening for the purpose of determining the time of the next meeting, which will take the form of a banquet.

Last evening the regular monthly meeting of the board of the Christian church was held at the home of Wm. Baird and the usual monthly business of the church transacted.

# PAVING QUESTION DISCUSSED BY COUNCILMEN

New Paving District Created Which Will Be Known as District No. 3

IMPORTANT MATTERS WERE TAKEN UP OF GREAT INTEREST TO TAX PAYERS

Small Crowd in Attendance When Matters of Large Importance Were Discussed.

(From Tuesday's Daily)

Last evening at eight o'clock as advertised the city Solons gathered in deliberate session to take (and give) sage counsel with regard to complying with the demand of the government that the city of Plattsmouth proceed at once to the business of paving the streets bounding and abutting on the site of the new government building. The committee appointed sometime ago to look into the matter came in with a report in favor of the creation of a new paving district, and upon motion of councilman Weber, the new district to be known as paving district No. 3 was organized, and the city Mayor instructed to hire a competent engineer to furnish the city with an estimate of the cost of the proposed paving. There was some discussion on the point of the engineer as to where the city could obtain such a man as would be suitable for the work. A suggestion was made by Mr. Weber that as the C. B. and Q. had furnished us with one in the former paving work it might be well to make a similar request at this time. Mr. Steinkamp arose with the suggestion that the city profit by previous experience and secure a man who

understood paving "thoroughly." This wise suggestion seemed to make a hit with some of those present and Mr. Steinkamp's remark was well taken.

After it had been moved and carried that the Mayor appoint a committee to confer with the engineer on the work a general discussion of the proposition was indulged in. This was the golden opportunity for the careful and judicious taxpayer to get a little information on a subject of prime importance to himself and to the city as a corporation.

The issue of bonds, although absolutely necessary to the liquidation of the debt, will probably be considerably lightened by the payment on the part of the property-holders of their share in cash. They are to allow an opportunity to pay up in 50 days and no doubt many of them will avail themselves of the opportunity. Mention of the fact was made that some of the people who will have to pay their assessment are not on the petition. It is supposed that these are either careless or indifferent, as no one has been heard from who seemed opposed to the contemplated action.

### One of Rhodes' Ideas.

A well known peer once asked Cecil Rhodes to stand godfather to his son, and he replied that he would on one condition, which was that he might invest at once £100 in the boy's name and give £100 on each succeeding birthday, provided that it should all go on at compound interest until the boy was old enough to begin to spend the interest, and that then he might yearly decide on what to spend it, so long as it was not on himself. "This," said Mr. Rhodes, "will do two things—first, it will teach your boy how to spend money, and, secondly, it will make him unselfish and kind to those in need."

### How Ney Faced Death.

Marshal Ney was the son of a hardworking cooper and had risen from the ranks of the army. He was a child of the people, and whatever may have been his vanities he threw them all aside in his last days. When he was led out to death an officer ordered a bandage tied over his eyes.

"Why should you do that?" said Ney. "Haven't I been accustomed for twenty-five years to look bullets and cannon balls in the face?"

He himself ordered the soldiers to fire, standing and facing them. His career summed up in one life the spectacular heroism of the past.

### Stone Plants.

In South Africa there is found a plant of the genus mesembryanthemum, growing on stony ground, which so closely resembles a pebble that it is invariably taken by a stranger to be a stone. Another species of the same plant growing on the hills near the Karoo produces two leaves about as large as ducks' eggs, having a surface resembling weathered stone of brownish gray color, tinged with green. These plants look like stones, but for a short time they bear bright yellow flowers. Still another species of the same plant resembles the quartz pebbles among which it grows.

### Chinamen's Bones.

All Chinamen who die in America are buried in American cemeteries, but it is the understanding that, some years later, the bones of the dead will be gathered up and sent back home for burial. This understanding with the dead is never betrayed, and there are a score of Chinamen who make a good living as bone collectors and bone shippers. The men travel all over America. Few cemeteries are unknown to them. There is no freight line that has not carried Friessward on their behalf many parcels of Chinese bones for shipment home.—Exchange.

# WORKS THE ROAD TO ADVANTAGE.

John Tritsch Goes out With a Drag and Solves the Problem.

If you want to see what a good live man will do in order to make the roads good, go out to the farm of John Tritsch and see what a little work with a drag will do. He spent a few hours in dragging the road along his farm and we understand that they are now in good shape. This is the kind of enterprise which pays and if every man who lives on a farm would take the time to drag the roads adjoining his place at the right time he would find that it was the best paying proposition going and if all would do so it would go a long way toward solving the good roads question.

### Troubles of a Smith

Fritz Brandt, of Louisville is in this city today consulting a lawyer with regard to what happened to him last Saturday, in the Court of Justice Lewis, magistrate of Louisville. Mr. Brandt has been causing the local authorities of his village more or less trouble for the past year on account of his refusal to comply with the state law with regard to the breeding of horses and use of stallions. On the repeated complaint of his neighbors, Mr. Brandt was arraigned Saturday morning before Justice Lewis and found guilty of the misdemeanor of indecently exposing to view a stallion, and of allowing filth to accumulate on his premises. The Judge accordingly fined him \$50.00 on the first count, \$10.00 on the second, and costs, amounting to \$71.20 in all. Mr. Brandt was allowed till Wednesday to liquidate, when he must either pay his fine or go to jail. He says he considers the fine excessive and will seek legal advice with regard to the advisability of complying with the courts order.

### Farewell Reception

Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Richardson of Mynard planned a very successful farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Stokes last Friday. About fifty neighbors and friends with well filled baskets dropped in upon them and passed the day in a very pleasant manner.

Mr. and Mrs. Stokes are moving to Canada where they are going to make their home, having purchased land, however Mrs. Stokes will visit with friends about a month before she joins the rest of the family in their new home.

Before leaving the guests left with Mr. and Mrs. Stokes a token of remembrance and also wished them success and prosperity in their new home.

# The Scrap Book

Too Realistic. A fairly well to do but rather miserly farmer said to a friend: "Say, Bill, I'm going to kill my pig, but I owe so much pork to my neighbors that I shall have none left for myself if I pay it all back. What would you do?"

"Quite easy to trick 'em," said the friend. "Kill your pig and leave it hanging outside until late at night, so's every one can see it. Then take it in and say some one stole it. Stick to the tale and you'll be all right."

The farmer followed instructions, and the kind friend watched his chance and stole the pig. The poor farmer came around next morning to tell what had happened.

"Somebody's stolen my pig!" he cried.

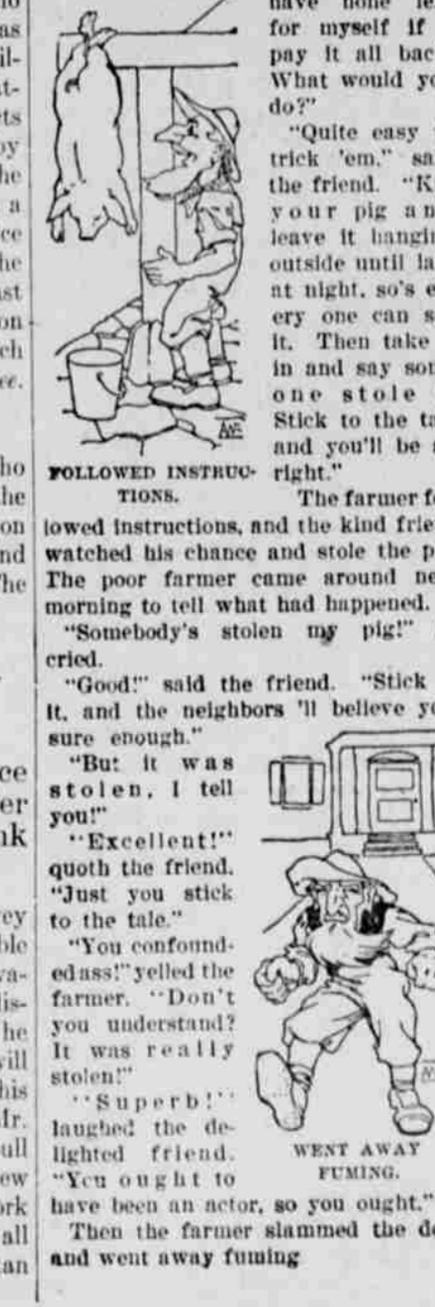
"Good!" said the friend. "Stick to it, and the neighbors 'll believe you, sure enough."

"But it was stolen, I tell you!"

"Excellent!" quoth the friend. "Just you stick to the tale."

"You confounded ass!" yelled the farmer. "Don't you understand? It was really stolen!"

"Superb!" laughed the delighted friend. "You ought to have been an actor, so you ought." Then the farmer slammed the door and went away fuming.



# FINE IS REMITTED

Governor Shallenberger is a Friend of the Near Beer Man.

HARLAN COUNTY MAN ESCAPES GOOD FINE.

Did Not Know That the Stuff Was Considered in the Line of Intoxicants.

Governor Shallenberger who stands for saloons from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m., has remitted a fine of \$500 imposed upon John A. Luther of Harlan county for violating the Slocumb liquor law. The fine having been remitted upon the condition that if costs be paid Luther will not have to pay or go to jail.

The governor's action has already raised a furor in political circles where the liquor question is an issue and where the enforcement of the Slocumb law and the enactment of new liquor laws is being discussed. The governor explains in his statement remitting the fine that the offender in this case sold what is known as non-intoxicating liquor, and his trial was more of a test of the right to sell such stuff than anything else, that the supreme court, after twenty-five years changed its policy and held that the state need not prove the intoxicating quality of the liquor. The court reversed itself by holding that so long as the liquor was malt it was forbidden for sale as a beverage without a license and the state need not be required to prove its intoxicating qualities. The Slocumb law forbids the sale of malt, spirituous and vinous liquors without a license.

Luther lives at Orleans. He kept a restaurant and made no secret of the sale of a malt liquor advertised as malt tonic and said to be non-intoxicating. He said he thought he had a right to sell such liquor without a license because it contained less than 2 per cent of alcohol. When the liquor was analyzed it was found to contain one and one-tenth per cent alcohol. The trial court instructed the jury that the state need not be required to prove that the liquid was intoxicating, but some witnesses said it tasted and acted like beer. The state chemist said it was in the class of beers.

The supreme court had for twenty-five years held that the state must not only prove that the liquor was sold but that it was intoxicating. From this instruction of the district court Luther appealed to the supreme court. After several hearings the supreme court affirmed the decision of the lower court. Judges Letton and Barnes dissented from this holding. The opinion of the court was written by Judge Reese. In his dissenting opinion Judge Letton said to hold that the state need not be required to prove the intoxicating quality of liquor sold without a license "is entirely new doctrine in this state and gives to the law such a new and radically changed interpretation from that which has been followed by administrative executive and judicial officers of the government for nearly forty years as to partake of the character of judicial legislation."

### To Minnesota.

F. M. Young, an old resident of Cass county leaves today for Degraff, Minnesota, where he has purchased 600 acres of land and will move on it and make his future home. He recently sold his nice farm of 240 acres here and purchased the farm in Minnesota.

Thus Cass county loses another good citizen and family, while Degraff gains correspondingly. Mr. Young came to Cass county fifty-five years ago last Saturday and has been one of our substantial citizens ever since. We regret to see him leave Nebraska, and while we wish him no disappointments, if at any time he finds that Nebraska looks good to him there will be room for him to return.

His household goods, pulled in six wagons, came into town yesterday and were shipped to their destination.

Notice: if you wish to exchange your property for other property no matter what it is, list it with the Windham Investment & Loan Co. w-95-2-d-124-2 -

Rev. Austin and Cliff Wescott are in Weeping Water today in attendance at a meeting of the County Sunday School association. The minutes of that meeting would undoubtedly make interesting reading could they be secured.