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## REPORTS INDICATE FLOW OF OIL

### Cass County Parties Own Land Near New Field

Word has been received in this city which probably means some money for several Plattsmouth people and for other Cass County people. From time to time announcement has been made of the holdings of the Cass Land Company, a local corporation composed principally of C. C. Parmele and J. C. Richey, although County Attorney Rawls of this city, and Messrs. F. P. Sheldon, T. F. Strum and others of Nehawka, and V. E. Straub of Straub Bros. of Avoca also are interested in the company. These holdings comprise some two thousand eight hundred acres of land lying in Eastern Colorado near the town of Granada, and close to the main line of the Santa Fe Railroad. Heretofore the lands have been used largely for farming and stockraising purposes the tract being under ditch and excellent irrigated land. The report which means so much to the members of the local corporation, is that oil has been discovered upon lands abutting upon this property and that there is small doubt that the field includes their property. In fact, the indications rather are that their holdings are in the heart of the new field.

For some time past prospects have been carried on for oil in the vicinity of Granada and several weeks ago, the report was received that oil had been struck at a comparatively shallow depth by the prospectors. Not a great deal of attention was paid to this first report as the local owners did not have anything invested in that particular project. Later this report was confirmed by newspaper clippings which fell into the hands of the gentlemen here and they bestirred themselves, Mr. Rawls making personal inquiries of disinterested parties whom he knew and in whom he had every confidence. The result of his investigation revealed the fact that oil had actually been struck and that work had

been stopped upon the well until casing could be obtained for it, the oil flowing into the well in such volume as to cause the sides to cave in. It is thought that the casing has been received by this time, however, and that work will be immediately resumed and the well put down to where a gusher will come in.

The geologists who have made a study of the oil field which is supposed to underlie this portion of Colorado are of the opinion that it is the same field which crops out in Southeastern Kansas and Eastern Oklahoma, and that it follows the bed of the Arkansas River along which the land of the Cass County Company is situated. It is well known that the land in the vicinity of Neodasha, Coffeyville, Cherryvale and Independence Kansas and Bartlesville, Okla., constitute one of the finest oil fields in the world and the belief of oil experts is that the field extends up the Arkansas valley at varying depths to the Rocky Mountains. It is also well known that great oil deposits have been discovered at Florence, Col., situated upon the Arkansas above the land of the Cass Company and apparently near where this oil field commences.

The local company had just commenced arrangements to divide their tract into irrigated farms of different sizes and place it upon the market when this discovery was made. It has resulted in throwing the whole matter up in the air for a while at least, as they do not care to give away a fine oil field. The land aside from its value as an oil field is fertile and rich and lays splendidly along the Arkansas and they would have no trouble of disposing of it at a handsome profit. Developments in the matter will be watched with a great deal of interest by those who know the apparently fortunate owners.

#### Slightly Exaggerated.

Deputy Sheriff James Dawson and Deputy Elmer Sides went to Eagle last night in answer to a telephone message declaring that Ben Burdick had shot and probably mortally injured Mrs. Green, wife of a farmer living three miles west of that place. It developed later that the report received here had been grossly exaggerated.

Marshall W. H. Austin, of Eagle, in an interview by long distance telephone declared that there had been no killing and that Mrs. Green was not even seriously injured. Marshall Austin took Burdick into custody Saturday night on the complaint of Mrs. Green, but he was of the opinion that no crime had been committed. He intended to hold Burdick until the deputies arrived from Lincoln. Eagle is in Cass county, but the trouble occurred near the home of the Greens, just inside the Lancaster county line, so Sheriff Hoagland was called upon to send officers to the scene of the strife. Deputy Dawson and Deputy Sides had not reached Eagle at midnight last night.—Lincoln Star.

#### A Gritty Teacher.

Professor Debolt was visiting friends in Nehawka over Saturday. He reports that his case against State Superintendent O'Brien will come up in February, and that he is sure of winning. Denied by O'Brien of what he says he is entitled to under the law, he is taking the work prescribed by the university and will graduate this spring and then he will get a first grade certificate, and teach in Nebraska. That is the kind of grit that will win.—Nehawka Register.

#### Bull for Service.

I have purchased the eight months old bull of Chas. F. Morton and will put it in town service. Fee one dollar when cow is served. This bull's fine sire took first premium at the Nebraska State Fair this year and is an imported animal.

Charles Cook.

Popular Copyright Novels 50c at Herold's Stationery Store.

#### Married at Elmwood.

Elmwood, Neb., Dec. 20.—William Manning, of Minneapolis, Minn., and Miss Rosa Swartz were married at 10:30 this morning at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Swartz of this city. Rev. Dr. Woodcock, pastor of the Methodist church, performing the ceremony. The wedding was very quiet, being witnessed only by the immediate relatives of the bride. Mrs. Manning has been clerking for a number of years in the general store of Swartz & Weichel at this place. Mr. Manning is a traveling salesman with headquarters at Lincoln. The wedding was a great surprise to all as the matter had been kept very quiet. Mr. and Mrs. Manning will make their future home in Minneapolis.

## DAN CUPID GETS BUSY

### Three Well Known Cass County Couples Secure Licenses

From Monday's Daily. In county court Miss Gertrude Beeson, the marriage license clerk, has issued quite a bunch of licenses the last two days. One license was issued to Will Manning of Minneapolis, Minn., aged 35, and Miss Rosa Swartz, aged 25, of Elmwood. This couple was married last Saturday at Elmwood in the presence of many friends. Another license issued was to Dr. Jacob F. Brendel, aged 32 of Murray, and Miss Margaret Lucille Jameson, aged 22, of Weeping Water. Both of these young people County, Dr. Brendel being one of the best known and most successful practitioners in the east end of the county while Miss Jameson is an acknowledged belle of the vicinity of Weeping Water. A third license issued was to Nicholas Schaefer, aged 33 of Cedar Creek and Miss Eunice May Barker, aged 18, also living in the vicinity of Cedar Creek. Mr. Schaefer is a well known farmer from the vicinity of Cedar Creek while Miss Barker is the popular and accomplished daughter of S. L. Barker. Due notice will be given the weddings of these several popular couples later.

## LAIID TO REST

### Final Services Over Body of William W. Slater Saturday

The funeral of the late William W. Slater took place last Saturday afternoon from the Methodist church and was very largely attended. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. A. A. Randall and was a tribute to a good man, an upright citizen and an earnest, faithful Christian. There was music appropriate to the occasion, and a long procession of sorrowing friends followed the body to Oak Hill where it was interred. The entire local post of the G. A. R. accompanied the remains to their last resting place, Mr. Slater having been a member of this order for many years. The members of the post were all honorary pall bearers. The active pall bearers were Messrs. D. C. Morgan, Geo. Dodge, C. E. Westcott, J. E. Douglass, Frank Schlater and John Schulof.

In the loss of Mr. Slater the community has parted with one of its best members. Always a man with a large and open heart, he had made himself universally liked by his many neighbors. They had honored him with public office and no man stood higher in their estimation than he. In their sorrow the widow and son have the profound sympathy of all.

#### A Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our most heartfelt thanks to our many friends who so kindly sympathized and assisted us during our late bereavement, the loss of our husband and father. Words cannot express our feeling of gratitude, consolation, such as was given is so helpful at such a time.

We are especially thankful for the many beautiful floral offerings, and to our friends who rendered such timely aid at our home.

Most gratefully yours,  
Mrs. Wm. Slater,  
Arthur W. Slater.

#### Become Money Order Offices.

From Monday's Daily. Washington dispatches this morning announce a number of Nebraska post offices have been raised to the rank of international money order offices. Among others that at Elmwood now enjoys the distinction.

#### Rev. Moore Accepts Call.

Rev. Luther Moore of Princeton, Mo., who was here several weeks ago looking over the field with a view to accepting a call from the Christian church, has decided to accept and will be here in time to preach next Sunday. Rev. Moore during his brief stay in the community made himself very well liked and there is every reason to believe that he will be very popular with his new flock. He is an educated and scholarly gentleman and a thorough Christian. It is planned to tender a reception to him on January 1 at which the public is cordially invited to attend and meet him.

## DOUGLASS IS TRUSTEE

### Creditors of News Meet and Elect Plant Appraised

From Monday's Daily. The creditors of George L. Farley held a meeting last Friday at the office of Charles G. McDonald, referee in bankruptcy, and perfected preliminary arrangements for protecting their claims. Judge J. E. Douglass who has been employed as reporter and editor on the Evening News was elected trustee for the creditors and at once commenced active preparations for closing out the plant and ending the proceedings. Mr. Potter of the Potter Printing Company, George B. Mann, the well known Plattsmouth printer, and Gerald Drew, a prominent young attorney of Omaha, were selected as appraisers to appraise the effects and fix their value. The appraisers met here today and made an inventory of the goods and assets as returned by Mr. Farley. They fixed the value of the entire effects in the neighborhood of two thousand dollars. This includes the accounts due the News and the Semi-Weekly News-Herald which are said to be about five hundred dollars, and leaves the actual value of the printing plant, office fixtures and the like at fifteen hundred dollars. Judge Douglass, the trustee, stated to a Journal reporter that it was the immediate intention to dispose of the whole lot at sale and that notice to this effect would be given at once. It is his intention to try and have the sale made within thirty days and the creditors paid off as far as the proceeds will go. Should the property bring the appraised value, it is probable that the creditors will receive between twenty and twenty-five per cent on their claims as the latter aggregated more than eight thousand dollars. The appraisal was forwarded this afternoon by Attorney Rawls to Referee McDonald.

#### T. J. Sokol-Elect Officers.

The annual meeting of the T. J. Sokol society to choose officers for the ensuing year has been held and the following named gentlemen were elected to their respective offices: President, Vac Ptak. Vice President, Jos. Kolloutek. Recording Secretary, Louis Jiran. Financial Secretary, Emil Ptak. Treasurer, James Rebal. Trustees, A. Kanka, Jr., J. W. Bookmeyer, Vinc. Pilny. Physical Director, L. Jiran. Captain, Charles Hadroba. Janitor, A. Kanka, sr.

The meeting was a large and enthusiastic one and the prospects for the coming year are regarded as very bright. The past year has been a very prosperous one with this organization and the membership has shown a gratifying increase. Preparations for the big sixteenth annual mask ball to be held on January 16, 1909, are already in a state of advance and there is small doubt but that it will be the best ever given by this successful society.

#### Card of Thanks.

The undersigned desire to extend their sincere thanks for the many kindnesses shown them during the illness and loss of their little child and also for the many handsome floral tributes given by their many friends.

Jos. McMaken and family.

#### The Stork Leaves Boy.

The story in his rounds last night visited the family of Benj. E. Snodgrass and left behind him a Christmas present in the shape of a bouncing ten-pound boy. Mrs. Snodgrass and the child are doing finely while the happy father is all smiles today and feels that he is the luckiest and biggest man in the city.

## ACQUIRES NEW TRACK MILEAGE

### Hill Interests Announce Purchase of Gulf Line

The announcement is officially made from New York that control of the Colorado & Southern Railroad has passed from the hands of the Frisco-Hawley interests to that of J. J. Hill and that this system will hereafter be operated as a portion of the Burlington system. This is currently reported as giving the Hill interest their long wanted outlet to the Gulf of Mexico and probably means the routing of much grain, ore and cattle to the south by way of Denver, Fort Worth and Galveston.

According to figures given out in the papers the mileage of the C. & S. system is placed at 2,207 miles but this includes the Trinity & Brazos Valley Railroad running from Fort Worth to Houston, Texas, and which is a vital part to any Gulf outlet by this line. It has not been commonly understood that the C. & S. owned this road as it was built by capital furnished by the Rock Island and Frisco interests and is operated by those two roads jointly. The only connection the C. & S. interests have ever been supposed to have was that acquired by traffic agreement between the Fort Worth & Denver City, one of the C. & S. roads, and the T. & B. V. Should this turn out to be the case it is probable that a new agreement will be made for handling stuff originating on the C. & S. and the F. W. & D. C. to the Gulf.

The Colorado & Southern proper runs from Denver to Texline, Texas, where it connects with the Fort

Worth & Denver City which runs to Fort Worth, Tex. This latter company has a feeder, the Wichita Valley Railroad draining a rich part of the Texas Panhandle and connecting with the Fort Worth & Denver at Wichita Falls, Tex. The C. & S. owns feeders running as far north as Orin Junction in Wyoming and also controls the Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek District Railroad draining the rich Cripple Creek region. This line also controls the Colorado Central railway which goes up to Silver Plume over the famous Georgetown Loop.

The completion of the new line from Guernsey to the Big Horn basin by the Hill interests means putting Denver in direct connection with Eastern Wyoming and it is probable that the next move of the Hill interests means the construction of this line as it will prove an invaluable feeder to the Burlington and especially the southern lines of that road.

The deal taken altogether means practically a revolution in railroading in the middle west if it includes control of the T. & B. V. road. In any event it means the creation of Fort Worth Texas, as the biggest packing and stock center in the country. The diversion of Wyoming, Montana and Colorado cattle to this point where they can be slaughtered and shipped direct by a short route to seaboard, and all over Hill tracks is something which must not be overlooked.

## BURGLARS AT UNION

### Loot Store of L. R. Upton Last Night and Make Escape

Union, Dec. 21.—Special to Journal.—Burglars last night were busy at Union and effected an entrance to the hardware store of L. R. Upton taking some six or seven dollars in money and a quantity of goods, the value of which is unknown. The miscreants effected an entrance by cutting a screen wire from a window and raising it. It is not known at what hour the crime was committed nor are the parties known who did the act. Union is a place where there are many hoboes and "yeggmen" constantly passing through and with the number of freight trains which are coming in and going out it is easy for them to operate and make their escape. There are some who suspicion that local talent did the deed. The authorities are making all possible efforts to locate the thieves and doubtless some trace of them will be discovered shortly. The robbery was discovered this morning when the store was opened for the day.

#### Kind Words for The Journal.

The Plattsmouth Evening News has gone into bankruptcy, with liabilities at about \$8,000 and assets placed at about half that amount. The News has been run as a daily for the past twenty years, and the paper is a consolidation of the old Herold and the News, which issued a weekly edition under the hyphenated name. For many years the News had a monopoly on the daily paper business in Plattsmouth, but a few years ago Bob Bates landed in that city and taking hold of the old Journal plant began to cut some ice in the field of journalism, and about two and one-half years ago started the Evening Journal. Since that time the News has seemed to steadily lose ground until the end was reached last week when the daily was suspended and later, Mr. Geo. L. Farley, the late owner and publisher, filed letters in bankruptcy. The News, like many another paper, has had its ups and downs and has made some of its several publishers some money. Plattsmouth is hardly the town to support two dailies, however, and the Journal survived as the fittest. It is probable that the defunct paper will be rescued by some one of the numerous Plattsmouth journalists, and continued as a weekly paper and the organ of republicanism in old Cass as it has been the past two decades.—Red Oak (Iowa) Express.

#### M. P. Has Wreck.

Yesterday morning about eleven o'clock as freight train No. 175 was standing on the main track of the Missouri Pacific near the viaduct No. 193 crashed into her caboose, utterly demolishing the car and blocking the road for nearly two hours. The pilot of 193 was torn off, also the headlight and smoke stack. No one was in the caboose at the time and no one being injured. The caboose was a total wreck, hardly a piece being left as large as a door. The passenger from the north was held until 12:30 at which time the track had been cleared enough to allow it to pass.

No. 175 was just ahead of 193 coming into town and stopped at the tank. No. 193 was following very closely and turned the curve under the viaduct before discovering the train ahead, the air refused to work and the engineer gave what alarm he could with the whistle, which enabled the occupants of the caboose to get out before the engine hit it.—Nebraska City Press.

#### In County Court.

From Tuesday's Daily. County Judge Beeson today had several hearings on before him. In the matter of the estate of Delilah Standley, Rev. J. H. Salsbury who had been acting as administrator, received his discharge, his bondsman also being released from liability on his bond. This was a small estate which consisted of a right to take up government land under a soldier's right and which Rev. Salsbury in his capacity of administrator disposed of. The proceeds were small and left little after paying court costs.

In the matter of the probate of the last will and testament of Simon B. Judkins, the petition asking the appointment of Benj. F. Judkins as executor was heard and allowed.

#### Had Bad Runaway.

Mrs. T. B. Stevenson and daughter started out for a drive yesterday morning and had hardly reached First corso before the horse scared, turned the buggy over and threw the occupants on the paved street. The buggy passed over Mrs. Stevenson, injuring her back, and Miss Stevenson escaped with a few bruises. The horse indulged in a wild run, finally stopping at Sixth street near Second corso. When the buggy was turned over and everything was thrown out, Mrs. Stevenson lost a pocketbook and several other articles for the recovery of which she will pay a reward.—Nebraska City News.

Fresh nuts of all kinds, at right prices, at the New Bakery.