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FARMER'S MUTUAL HOLDS MEETING

Hear Reports and Elect Officers For Ensuing Year

From Monday's Daily.

The annual meeting of the Farmers Mutual Fire and Live Stock Insurance Company of Cass County, Nebraska, was held last Saturday at the Hell school house, there being a large attendance of members and much interest manifested. This is another local insurance company which it is which it is a pleasure to recommend to the people of the county as an excellently managed, safe and conservative company. The annual report which Secretary J. P. Falter presented to the meeting is a good one and shows that the management of the company is alive to the needs of the organization and are using the best endeavors to make it a glowing success. The amount of insurance in force shows a flattering increase over that of one year ago, the figures standing at \$1,346,212 as against \$1,300,930 one year ago. The number of policies issued does not show so large but is practically the same as one year ago standing at 899 against 904 for the same time last year. There were eight losses this year as against two last, the amount of losses this year being \$351.45 as against \$40.00 for last year. In the matter of expenses the showing is a very favorable one, last year's expenses being \$188.29 while this year they are down to \$138.40, showing that Secretary Falter and the board of directors are using every endeavor to keep the expenses down to the lowest possible notch. The amount

in the treasury shows up much better than a year ago, this year's balance being \$3,287.74 while last year there was but \$2,684.63. Taken altogether there is a very flattering statement in the above figures and the members of the company are to be congratulated that their interests are being so well looked after.

The annual election of officers resulted in the practically unanimous choice of the old officers for another year, the following being the list for the year 1909:

President, Jacob Tritsch, Plattsmouth.

Vice President, John H. Becker, Plattsmouth.

Secretary, J. P. Falter, Plattsmouth.

Treasurer, M. L. Friedrich, Plattsmouth.

Directors, J. M. Meisinger, Plattsmouth; John Albert, Cedar Creek; Henry Horn, Cedar Creek; A. A. Wetenkamp, Mynard; Adam Hild, Mynard; Aug. Panska, Louisville; Philip Schaefer, Cedar Creek; Aug. Ost, Nehawka.

From an examination of the above list of officers it can be seen that this company comprises the very best citizens of the county and the soundest and safest business men to be had. Their names alone are an absolute guarantee that the concern will be economically, safely and conservatively managed. It also indicates the tremendous financial strength behind the company.

VERY COLD WEATHER

Yesterday and Today and Few Care to Face Wintery Winds

From Monday's Daily.

Yesterday and last night was one of the coldest days of the winter. The expected cold wave which the weather man promised for Sunday sure enough materialized as the people who went to bed Saturday night with an atmosphere which was fairly comfortable, woke up yesterday morning to find the mercury down to about fourteen degrees below zero. The cold weather continued all day yesterday, it being bitter cold upon the streets with a stiff northwest wind blowing which brought tears to the eyes of pedestrians who had to face it and drove the cold into the most remote nooks and recesses. Roaring fires were in evidence all day and even at that it was necessary to keep them going full blast to drive out the wintry winds. At no time in the day did the thermometers on the street show over two above zero and as night came on they steadily fell. Street thermometers this morning registered all the way from ten to sixteen below dependant upon their location. At the depot the government thermometer registered three below at eight o'clock this morning.

Ice cutting opened today in full swing despite the intense cold. The ice is about a foot thick and is of superior quality owing to the lack of snow and frost. It is clear, and brilliant and has very little dirt in it. There is small doubt that there will be enough harvested to fill all the houses in the city and give a good stock to enter the summer with. The opening of the season means a lot to the idle men of the city who have every opportunity now to get work for themselves and if they own teams, their teams. It means the disbursing of a lot of money in the city and will cause trade to surely pick up.

The river is apparently closed below the city and crossing on the ice will no doubt soon start in when the people from the Iowa bottoms will be seen on the streets in numbers with their various products. This should also help business to a large extent. No teams have crossed at this writing but within a day or so they will commence without doubt.

The weather bureau does not hold out much cheer for the fellow who wants warmer weather. The prediction for today and Tuesday is fair and continued cold. The weather bulletin of the department says "A disturbance is centered over the lower lake region, which has been causing precipitation in the northeastern quarter of the country. The northwestern cold wave has developed still further and no wreathes Illinois and the east, Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle on the south. The temperatures are very low over the entire northwest." It can be seen from this that there is small prospect for warmer weather for several days at least and everyone might as well get ready to grin and say the like it. It is sure enough winter.

The ice men who started in this morning to cut ice, found their operations brought to a sudden end by the river rising and flooding the ice to quite a depth. The rise of the river was about three feet and a half—a sure indication that the running ice had blocked below the city and closed the channel. It is believed now that tomorrow morning will likely see the river at the city here closed as the weather is steadily growing colder. There is no doubt but that the ice crop will be a fine one when it is gathered as the ice is much clearer than usual and is excellent thickness already.

After Some Negroes.

From Monday's Daily.

Sheriff Quinton accompanied by another gentleman and a Winchester rifle, is visiting some negroes out near Orapolis, he having learned that a party of them had moved into a cave out there and were making themselves obnoxious. The sheriff and his informant concluded to go out and see what they could unearth in the cave. While there was no reason to believe that there was anything wrong with the "cullud pussions," it was thought best to investigate them a little and make certain. They left for the scene of action about 3:15.

BRING THEM TO TIME

Suit Filed Against Missouri Pacific to Compel Them to Replace Telegraph at Mynard

The Missouri Pacific Railroad Company is now going through the same fight it fought and lost at the town of Wabash in regard to a telegraph station at the town of Mynard, Cass County, before the state railway commission.

William F. Gillespie has filed a complaint asking the commission to require the railroad company to re-instate telegraph instruments at Mynard. The Western Union Telegraph Company is also made defendant in the complaint. A similar complaint was made last year in regard to telegraph offices at Wabash and other stations on the Missouri Pacific and the result was the reinstatement of telegraph service. An answer filed by the Missouri Pacific in the Mynard case alleges that the conducting of a commercial telegraph office was never a part of the business of the company, but that such business was carried on at Mynard solely by the Western Union Telegraph company and was discontinued January 31, 1907. The railroad alleges that all business can be carried on at the station of Union the same as if a telegraph office was operated at Mynard and that it will be a hardship upon the company to order it to install an operator there.

The town has 100 inhabitants and the railroad company says its entire business declined at Mynard from \$3,947.66 in September, 1907, to \$1,575.57 in February, 1908, a decrease of \$2,190.09 or 55 per cent. The commercial telegraph business averaged only 46 cents a month for the six months ending December 31.

—Lincoln News.

THE TEACHER'S COUNTY INSTITUTE

Elmwood Citizens Endorse the Position of Miss Foster

Elmwood, Neb., Jan. 4, 1909.—Editor of the Leader-Echo, Elmwood, Neb.:—Will you kindly give space to the following article appearing in the Weeping Water Republican, which article will explain itself to the public:

"The county superintendent, Mary E. Foster, for the third time has located the holding of the county teachers' institute at Elmwood, notwithstanding that Weeping Water was the choice of a majority of the teachers of the county, but she has arbitrarily decided that the institute shall be held elsewhere.

Miss Foster makes the claim that as usual the teachers decide this question and that they have voted to go to Elmwood. At the meeting of the teachers in Weeping Water recently it was expected this question would be brought up and discussed. Many of the teachers so stated, and were going to express themselves accordingly, but Miss County Superintendent who doubtless already had concluded to go to Elmwood, did not bring the matter up for discussion. Miss Foster places the responsibility on the teachers, when she knows that she has the power to decide the time and place and work.

"It is not a square deal and it will lose her more friends than she can possibly hope to gain by the decision. Now if the county superintendent secured an expression of the teachers herself she will kindly state in what way. We are aware that the president or secretary of the Elmwood Chautauqua sent out cards to the teachers, but this does not settle the question for the reason that it is a one-sided proposition, and this further reason that it did not come from the county superintendent. If it has got to the point that side shows, refreshment booths and a list of attractions is a necessary adjunct to a teachers' institute Weeping Water can get a crowd without asking the teachers to pay the bills."

In the above our county superintendent feels attacked, the cause of which article having in some measure been called for by our part, as stated therein, in securing Elmwood as the place for holding the next Teachers' Institute for Cass county.

Were it not that we feel that the attack is an unwarranted one not only upon an estimable lady but a trusted and competent official in our county, we would not give the matter more than passing attention, but we cannot in fairness permit accusations seemingly expressed therein and complicating the officers of the Elmwood Park Association to go unnoticed and desire at this time to give the actual facts to the public as we know them.

It is our desire to again conduct our chautauqua, and, also, being desirous of having the teachers' institute held here at the same time, we requested Miss Mary Foster, county superintendent, to name Elmwood for such event for 1909. We were told by Miss Foster that she would consult the teachers of the county regarding the place and whatever was their choice would be satisfactory to her. In order that a suitable program could be arranged, it was necessary that we know for a certainty before any general gathering of the teachers in the county, hence by permission of Miss Foster it was agreed that we would take a vote of the teachers by post card and whatever their choice might be should settle the question. Every teacher that could be reached had an opportunity to vote for or against Elmwood or for any other place in the county they might prefer. Upon receiving the votes they were immediately filed with the superintendent and were open to the public to view the result of that vote:

Favorable to Elmwood80
Unfavorable to Elmwood7
No preference4
Not voting40
Total votes135

It will be seen that a majority of the teachers favored Elmwood and so expressed themselves and are of record to this effect. We do not know why the 44 did not vote; it may have been negligence, no preference or that the teacher addressed did not receive

a card. At any rate it is only fair to presume that some of the 44 teachers not voting would have favored Elmwood and had the same proportion been maintained as in the others voting the result would have been nearly unanimous.

Therefore we feel Mr. Editor that you are mistaken when you say that a majority of the teachers favored Weeping Water, and that you do Miss Foster an injustice in saying so, and that you will continue to do so until you rectify your error in your paper.

An open, free and honorable vote having been taken, you are in error again, when you state a vote should have been taken at the teacher's meeting recently held in your city, as the question had been settled. The criticism of placing responsibility on the teachers is to the credit rather than the discredit of Miss Foster, as she did not need, as you state, to consult their wishes. She has made friends among the teachers by such consultation.

We must beg leave to again correct your logic when you state, "It is not a square deal * * *". Nothing could have been more honorable or free from suggestive taint than the method used in deciding this now momentous question.

You state that Elmwood's designation will lose Miss Foster friends. We cannot believe that the good people of Weeping Water will let their friendship be forfeited, especially when they become acquainted with the facts. We are rather of the opinion that this whole matter rests with you, Mr. Editor, and not with your people. We would suggest an application of the Golden Rule. (It being too soon for a campaign, we presume nothing political was meant.) It is our understanding that your city has had the pleasure of entertaining the teachers of Cass county in institute assembled for 7 consecutive years and then after a loss of only one year you entertained them again for two consecutive years. We do not now nor did we then find any fault with you, or have we ever heard that any paper took any exceptions to the fact. "Consistency thou art a jewel."

Your pointed reference to our Chautauqua as a side show and refreshment booths is as quite as pointedly resented. We desire to say that our chautauqua is clean and up to date and it is recognized by listing bureaus as one of the best held in the state of Nebraska. We place upon our platform such attractions as grace the platforms of other chautauquas east and west, and especially in Iowa and Nebraska. Such places as Hastings, Beatrice, David City, Auburn and others all of which places places have conducted chautauquas for many years. We congratulate you upon the ability of Weeping Water to get a crowd without the measures suggested. We remember an event at your city last year, when it was remarked that more people went from Elmwood in a single day to your city than came from Weeping Water to Elmwood to all our events during the entire summer just passed. You seem to insinuate that we ask the teachers to pay the bills of our event. The first chautauqua we did not receive a single cent from any teacher, the second chautauqua each teacher paid us 50 cents for a ticket that cost \$2.00. If this is asking teachers to pay our bills, we feel that the teacher enjoys it, because we give them something for their money. We think Mr. Editor that had you attended our chautauquas sufficiently, you would have been better informed and not made such statements. Our records show that you were not asked to pay our bills but on the other hand you have been royally received. Better get sweet, Mr. Editor, and next year come and see both our chautauqua and the institute and perhaps you can see something good in each.

When we have all learned the lesson that there are others besides "I" on this sphere, we will be getting ready to live.

Respectfully yours,
Elmwood Park Association.
John Gerry Stark,
President.
Floyd L. Woolcott,
Secretary.

Rests in Peace.

From Monday's Daily.

Yesterday all that was mortal of the late Alex. Clifton was laid to rest at Oak Hill cemetery in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends, who gathered to pay a last tribute of respect to a good man.

Despite the intense cold and the sharp northwest wind a great many old friends attended at the depot to receive the remains and many followed them on the long, cold drive to Oak Hill. The Masons under whose auspices the funeral was held, walked out to the depot to meet the train, the attendance being very large in spite of the long walk facing the wind. They later conducted the exercises at the grave.

As has been said before, there were few better and more kind-hearted men than Mr. Clifton. Genial and whole-souled to a fault, he enjoyed the fullest confidence and respect as well as the love of all who knew him. His passing will be felt by many to whom he was as a brother and for whom he had often done many of those little things which go to bind tighter the ties of brotherhood.

Fritz Vogtman Dies.

Word was received in the city this morning of the death yesterday at Kansas City, Mo., of Fritz Vogtman formerly of this city but who has been living with his son there, for some four months past. He is stated to have died of pneumonia. The body will be interred in this city at Oak Hill cemetery, it being shipped from Kansas City today. The general supposition of those in charge of the obsequies is that the body will arrive in this city tonight on the M. P. and will be held at the undertaking parlors until tomorrow afternoon pending interment. No definite announcement can be made of the hour of the funeral nor other arrangements until the body and the accompanying relatives arrive.

Mr. Vogtman was quite well known in this city especially among the German citizens among whom he had lived for so long a time. His unexpected and untimely death is received with sorrow by them and they one and all join in mourning his passing away. A more extended sketch of this gentleman will be given later.

With the Sick.

From Monday's Daily.

Mrs. John Beeson is reported as being much better today. She is able to sit up in bed now and it is expected within a week she will be strong enough to bring back to her home. The continued favorable reports from her are a source of great delight to her friends who have manifested the deepest interest in the case, and who hope that her improvement is bound to be permanent.

W. L. Street is reported to be progressing splendidly toward recovery, his general condition being reported as excellent and there being every indication that he will soon be able to return to his home and personally receive the congratulations of his many friends in the city.

Mrs. Grimes from near Union, is reported by telephone this noon as having another sinking spell this morning and to be in a very critical condition.

Mrs. Wm. Sutton Dies.

Last Saturday morning Mrs. Wm. Sutton aged 71 years, living near Rock Bluffs, died at her home. She was a sister of the late Thomas Campbell and was a pioneer settler in this county. Mrs. Sutton was quite well known by the older residents of the county, all of whom esteemed her very highly as a lady and all of whom regretted greatly to hear of her untimely death. The funeral is understood to have occurred yesterday afternoon from her residence.

Found for itys.

The replevin case of Mike Rys against Smith & Smith which was heard Friday before Justice Archer, was decided by him favorable to the plaintiff, he holding that the pulleys, belting, etc., in question were Rys' property and was not permanently attached to the building. This being the case it could not be transferred to Smith & Smith by Fitzgerald, the former owner of the building.

Justice Archer today filed a suit brought by Jacob Plybon and Okey Campbell against Wm. Dunn of Weeping Water. The case was filed by Attorney Chas. L. Graves of Union, who came up for that purpose. The plaintiffs reside near Union and claim to have a contract with Dunn to grab some twenty acres of land for him at \$25 per acre. He paid them all the price except \$75 which they claim he refuses to pay. A summons was issued against Dunn today.

Will Archer Recovers.

From Monday's Daily.

Judge Archer is in receipt of a letter today from his son Will located near Clemon, Neb., stating that the young man had entirely recovered from the effects of the broken collar bone which he sustained some time ago, and was now able to be about again although not yet able to carry on heavy work. It will be recalled that Mr. Archer had his collar bone broken in a fall off his horse some weeks ago. He reports the weather there as very stormy and bad. He is located some twenty miles from Alliance.

Goes to Hospital.

From Monday's Daily.

Henry Hess departed this noon on the mail train for Omaha where he will enter Immanuel hospital to be operated upon for appendicitis. He has been sick but a very few days, but had reached a stage where the attending physician thought it best for him to hurry to the hospital and be operated upon. His many friends in the city will wait with anxiety, the outcome of the matter and trust that he will soon be back among us all right and well.

Partition Suit Filed.

From Monday's Daily.

District Clerk Robertson Saturday night filed a partition suit entitled Daniel Lynn et al vs. Andrew Lynn et al. Byron Clark appears for the plaintiff. The suit grows out of the death of the widow of the late Joshua of near Union, she having had a life estate in the land which he died seized of. This action is by the heirs to secure partition of the land as it now descends to them by her death.

Baker-Vroman Nuptials.

County Judge Beeson this afternoon issued a marriage license to Charles J. Baker, aged 41, of Ashtabula County, Ohio, and Mrs. Dillion B. Vroman, aged 36, of this city. The happy couple immediately on getting the required permit, hurried before Justice M. Archer who united them in marriage without loss of time.

"Gut Hell," the favorite cigar.