

GREAT NEED OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A Subject That Should Be Near and Dear to Citizens of Plattsmouth Thoroughly Discussed.

With the keenest interest manifested over the question of the needs of the schools of the city and the matter of the proposed High school bonds as the chief topic of the evening the meeting of the Commercial club last evening drew out one of the largest crowds that has been in attendance for some months at a meeting of this organization. The matter had been so arranged as to give the public a clear idea of what was desired in the way of giving the boys and girls of this city the educational advantages they were justly entitled to and had a right to expect.

Superintendent W. G. Brooks of the city schools had prepared a statement in regard to the school system which was very enlightening and placed the issue in the proper light before the large number of deeply interested men. Mr. Brooks stated that the matter of a new school was a most vital one and one that could not but affect every person in the city in some manner, as it was the needs of the boys and girls which was demanding the proper school buildings in which to carry on the work of the school, which was constantly growing in size and being handicapped for room in which to carry on the work. Last summer, as the superintendent stated, the board of education had decided to install a commercial course in the High school, as the superintendent stated, the board in three years forty-nine young people from this city had gone to Omaha to receive their training in commercial work, when they should have been able to receive it at their own school. Even in the short life of the business college here they had been able to enroll thirty-two or thirty-five scholars. To fill this great need of the community the board of education put in the commercial course and in doing so they were laboring under the greatest of difficulties. In order to accommodate the typewriting department of this course in even a half way the superintendent has relinquished the room he had formerly used as an office in the Central building and removed to a little tiny room in the same building, while the book storage had to be placed in an old disused furnace room, where they were exposed to dust and dirt. The course had been very popular and with the enrollment this year the class was crowded to the limit with the cramped conditions of the High school, and it was impossible for the classes to properly recite and do their work and to move from place to place and interchange with other classes in order to do their work, and this had not allowed them as thorough an opportunity as they should have. This condition was true of all other classes in the school, as the pupils had to be on the move from one place to another in order to get their studies, due to the crowded condition of the High school and the lack of recitation rooms and the proper amount of room to accommodate the large number attending the school. The school here was provided with only three very small recitation rooms.

The state law provided, as Mr. Brooks made plain, that a High school in a city of this size, by carrying certain lines of work, was accredited to the state university and which allowed not only the graduates to enter the state university without undergoing an examination, but also provided for these accredited schools receiving an amount from the state funds for their normal training work. The state inspected the different schools and from the report of the state High school inspector it was decided just what the schools were entitled to from the state. Unless the pupils of the High school can do their work properly the school here will be compelled to give up their privileges as an accredited High school, and it would mean that the young men and women taking normal training would be compelled to give up their work which fitted them when graduating to take up a teaching position at a salary of from \$45 to \$50 a month. Conditions in the overcrowded High school

are such that whenever anything was done to bring the schools up to the standard of the other schools of the state the teachers and faculty were brought up against the problem of no room. The graduating class this year was the largest in the history of the school and each year it was growing larger, but the old school building was each year becoming so crowded that either there must be a new building or the scholars be accommodated in tents on the grounds.

President Wescott called the attention of the members of the club to the schools in other cities as examples of what was being carried out in school work and where the needs of the boys and girls of the community were safeguarded as the greatest thing in the life of a community. He pointed out some twelve cities of the state, ranging from 500 to 5,000 population, that had solved the school problem by adequate buildings for a modern school. As Mr. Wescott pointed out, the building of a High school was not a matter for the board of education to carry out, but for the residents of a community to determine for themselves and see what should be best, but he thought that the boys and girls of Plattsmouth were entitled to expect as good an education as any in the world and they should receive it instead of being handicapped by overcrowded, out-of-date and unsanitary buildings which had long ago passed their usefulness. Mr. Wescott also told of the trip the committee of the board of education had made to Nebraska City and what had been found there, where a city with a bonded indebtedness of \$209,000 had voted the bonds of \$80,000 for their High school in the spirit of giving their children the proper education.

President Marshall of the board of education gave a few facts of a trip to the school at Nebraska City, and found in the schools there nine large class rooms, all properly lighted, and heated and with a splendid modern scientific system of ventilation, while here there were only three very small rooms which could not accommodate any one class in the High school, and under these conditions it was impossible to do the proper school work. At the school in Nebraska City was provided a splendid auditorium and lecture room where the classes were given an opportunity to receive instruction on their work which had been carried out in the well equipped laboratories. In the schools here, Mr. Marshall stated, the lighting system was very poor and the only ventilation secured was by opening a window and subjecting some of the children to the draft from the air. In speaking of the cost of the building as compared with the great necessity, Mr. Marshall pointed to the bonded indebtedness of Nebraska City, which had been \$209,000 before the voting of the school bonds, while in this city it was only \$160,000. To the man owning \$1,000 worth of property the increase in taxes would mean only \$1 to cover the \$2,500 yearly interest of the thirty-year bonds of \$50,000, which were proposed, and later the creation of a sinking fund would take up the redemption of the bonds.

The president of the club, Mr. Wescott, then told of the many things which other schools have which the Plattsmouth schools are lacking and which are considered a vital part of the modern school system which was really something which every man and woman in the city should have listened to and would have enlightened them as to what we have in the schools in this city and the many, many things which we do not have, chief of which is sufficient room to even properly allow the pupils to carry on their class work in the recitation rooms. In the state of Iowa every High school is required to teach manual training and in this state almost every High school has this feature of a practical education, as well as domestic science.

After the statements of the members of the board of education a large number of the men who were present expressed their opinion of what was needed, and from the fifty men in every walk of life there was not one who was not in favor of granting the bonds of \$50,000 for the new school building, which was so badly needed.

Attorney W. A. Robertson told of his experiences fourteen years ago when he graduated from the High school and how then the schools had been so crowded that the students were compelled to be on the move all the time in order to try and study under the most trying conditions.

Attorney A. L. Tidd stated that

three years ago he was against the bonds because he thought in asking for \$30,000 the school board was temporizing, but he was heart and soul in favor of voting the \$50,000. He stated that there was no greater asset in a community than its boys and girls, who were to be the men and women of tomorrow, and the money spent on them would more than double in value to the community in the advantages to those attending school and in raising the standard of citizenship. He also informed the members of the club that under the law the women owning property or having children of school age were entitled to vote on the school bond proposition.

At the suggestion of C. W. Baylor the ladies of the city will be enlisted in the work of putting the facts as to the cost and need of the new building before every household in the city between now and the time of the election.

Mr. Wescott said that there would probably be a mass meeting called in a few days at which the facts in regard to the conditions of the schools would be laid before the public. Henry A. Schneider of Los Angeles, former president of the club and all-around booster, was present at the meeting as a guest of his former associates, and gave one of his old-time talks, which was full of good words for the old friends and hopes for the future for the town, which he stated was always "home" to him and his family. Mr. Schneider stated that he had never enjoyed anything more than the few days he had been here among old friends and held them in the highest esteem as the friends of a lifetime. He told of the good roads work in the coast country and urged the construction of a macadamized roadway from this city to Murray and thence to the Lancaster county line through the entire county, with branches into Weeping Water, Nehawka and other lines along the proposed highway, which would give old Cass county the greatest system of roads in the state. The address was full of enthusiasm and the proper spirit and well worth hearing, and it is needless to say, very enjoyable. Mr. Schneider also urged non-partisan conduct of city affairs, as well as that of the office of county commissioner.

The meeting as a whole was one of great merit and a treat for those who were in attendance.

W. B. BANNING OF UNION FILES FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

From Friday's Daily.

The democrats throughout the state of Nebraska were greeted with most pleasant news today when the announcement was made of the filing of Hon. W. B. Banning of Union as a candidate for lieutenant governor of the state of Nebraska. The announcement of the candidacy of Mr. Banning was made at the banquet of the Otoe county democrats at Nebraska City last evening and this morning the filing was formally made in the office of the county clerk in this city and assures the democrats of the state that they will have one of the biggest and best men in the commonwealth to go on their ticket this fall if they chose him at the April primary. W. B. Banning has represented Cass county in the state senate, and while a member of that body towered as one of the leaders of the upper house in all progressive legislation and his foresight and care in looking after the best interests of the taxpayers won him a state-wide reputation as one of the big men of this great commonwealth. "Billy" Banning is in his person one of the most genial men in public life and one of Cass county's most successful men in his business life and a man whose interest in those things needful to the state qualifies him for any office in the gift of the people, and if selected for the office of lieutenant governor he will be found the right man in the right place.

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FUNERAL OF MRS. J. H. THRASHER HELD YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

From Friday's Daily.

The funeral of the late Mrs. J. H. Thrasher was held yesterday afternoon at the St. Luke's Episcopal church and was attended by a vast concourse of the sorrowing friends to pay their last tribute of respect and esteem to this estimable lady.

At 9 o'clock in the morning the beautiful and impressive requiem celebration of the Holy Eucharist was held at the church in memory of Mrs. Thrasher and was attended by the members of the family and close personal friends of the departed. Father W. S. Leete, rector of the parish, celebrated the Eucharist. The funeral service at 2:30 was most beautiful and impressive, as the Episcopal burial service was conducted by Father Leete, assisted by the choir of the church and Dr. T. P. Livingston, lay reader, who gave the scripture lesson during these services. The gift to St. Luke's Sunday school by the W. R. C. of which Mrs. Thrasher was a member, a beautiful silk flag, was stationed near the casket, while the mortuary candle cast its soft light on the casket where was resting all that was mortal of this grand old lady. The rector gave a few remarks on the life of the departed that brought to the bereaved family a sense of the peace and comfort which the wife and mother rested in with her Maker and the promised day when lives broken here below may join in everlasting life in the hereafter. The choir gave two beautiful hymns, "In the Hour of Trial" and "The Strife Is Over, the Battle Won," and an anthem, "The Radiant Morn," by Woodard, as the impressive service of the church was celebrated. The wealth of floral tributes spoke tenderly of the feeling in which Mrs. Thrasher had been held by all who knew her, and were taken to rest over her last resting place. The pall-bearers were selected from the old friends and neighbors, being: George Dodge, William Ballance, C. G. Fricke, J. H. Kuhns, George E. Dovey and A. O. Moore. The interment was made in Oak Hill cemetery, where the W. R. C. had prepared the last resting place of this good woman.

Connie Thrasher, a son, of Deer Lodge, Montana, and wife, and Earl Davis of Persia, Iowa, and E. L. Best of Shelby, Iowa, nephews of Mrs. Thrasher, were here to attend the funeral.

INSPECTING NURSE HERE

TO ASSIST IN CAMPAIGN OF STAMPING OUT DISEASE

From Friday's Daily.

Today Mrs. Grier, the train nurse secured to inspect the sanitary condition of the city and the contagious diseases that might exist, arrived at once commenced her work by visiting the public schools, and at noon had completed the inspection of three rooms in the Central building. She will, on completing the work in the schools, start in on inspecting the city with a view of visiting every home and ascertaining the health of the members of the different families in order to assist the board of health and the city in stamping out the cases of contagious diseases which may exist over the city. Mrs. Grier comes very highly recommended by Dr. Connel, health commissioner of Omaha, and has been engaged in inspection work in the public schools of the metropolis for the past several months with great success in stamping out cases of scarlet fever or other contagious disease. Every possible aid will be given Mrs. Grier in her work here by the city authorities and she will be given full authority to go ahead and carry on her work in inspecting the homes of the city, and everyone is urged to co-operate in the good work.

Funeral of Riley Frady.

The funeral of the late Riley Frady will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock from the home of Clarence Forbes, and the interment made in Oak Hill cemetery, west of this city.

To Consult Specialist.

This afternoon T. B. Smith and son, Barney, from near Murray, accompanied by Dr. B. F. Brendel and J. L. Smith, departed for Omaha, where Barney will have his arm, which was injured some time ago by being pinned beneath a fallen tree, examined to discover the condition of the member. It is impossible for the young man to use the arm and it is hoped to locate the trouble and place the member in condition where it can be used.

H. A. SCHNEIDER'S SUGGESTIONS ON GOOD COUNTY ROADS

In speaking of the good roads movement in this county the suggestion of H. A. Schneider, made at the Commercial club meeting, seems to be the best that has been made as to the correct solution of this great question of better roads for the people of Cass county. The making of a great macadamized highway through Cass county would be a big step in the right direction and one which would undoubtedly place this county in the front ranks of the good roads counties of the state, and while the cost might be a great deal at first, it would undoubtedly repay a hundred fold that expended on it by the people of the county. On the suggestion of Mr. Schneider he proposed to form the automobile owners and all those directly interested in the road into an association to carry on the work in their immediate locality and see that the road is made a credit to the section which it is representing. These associations in other states have been found very successful in handling the road question and their efforts have resulted in many good permanent roads being brought into existence which otherwise would not have been enjoyed. It is only a question of time until the permanent roads will be with us and the citizens of Cass county should be among the first to start the ball to rolling.

SMALL SIZED AUTOMOBILE COLLISION NO HARM IS DONE

This morning there was quite a little excitement created on lower Main street by a small sized automobile collision, but in which fortunately no one was injured and not a great deal of damage did to the cars which figured in the mix-up. Ed Mason, whose car was standing in front of the Manners garage, turned his car to cross the street and in making the turn he came in collision with the large, heavy touring car driven by Henry McMaken, which was coming down Main street, and before either machine could be stopped the small car of Mr. Mason crashed into the rear of the McMaken car, bending the fenders of the car in quite a serious way that will necessitate them being repaired. The front part of the car of Mr. Mason was damaged quite a little, one lamp being broken and a steering rod bent, which will have to undergo repairs. It is fortunate, however, that the cars were not injured in even worse shape.

ARRIVAL OF BODY OF MRS. JOSEPH NEJEDLEY SUNDAY

The body of Mrs. Joseph Nejedley arrived in the city last evening on No. 14 from the late home at Creighton, Nebraska, and the funeral services were held this afternoon from the home of Frank F. Buttery on Elm street. The bereaved husband and two sons arrived with the body and to attend the funeral services. This is a very sad mission calling the family to this city and their grief will be shared by the many friends in this city, and it was only last year that they were here to bury a little daughter and it is beside her that the mother was laid to rest.

Dr. B. F. Brendel of Murray was in the city today for a short time en route to Omaha with Barney Smith, who will be examined there by a specialist.

THE RIDERS ARE ALL UP--TAKE YOUR CHOICE

Those Who Filed at the Closing Hours Saturday Complete the Large List of Candidates.

The closing hours of the filings for the primary election Saturday were very busy ones in the office of County Clerk Frank Libershal and County Treasurer W. K. Fox, where the belated candidates deposited their coin to become subject to having themselves placed on the ballot at the coming November election if they survive the ordeal of the primary on April 18th.

Among those who made their filings at the closing hours were P. E. Ruffner of this city, who is seeking the nomination for county assessor on the democratic ticket. Mr. Ruffner has had a great deal of experience in this line of work, as he has been assessor in Plattsmouth city for the last twenty-five years and this experience should fit him for the position in every way, and as one of the workers who has devoted much time and money to the success of his party will doubtless receive a generous support from his friends in the city and county. Joseph Johnson, one of the young and enterprising farmers of the precinct, also decided to enter the political game by filing for county commissioner on the republican ticket for the primary election. Mr. Johnson is a bright and talented young man and his friends are preparing to turn out and give him a lift in his race for this position, for which he is well fitted in every way.

On the democratic ticket M. G. Kime of Nehawka, present state representative, and A. E. Pailing of Greenwood, both have filed for the office of float representative from Cass and Otoe counties. Mr. Kime is well known as one of the leading democrats of the county and his acquaintance with the voters is quite extensive throughout the county. Mr. Pailing is one of the leading young democrats of Salt Creek precinct, and a son of Walter Pailing, one of the democratic war horses of that section of the county, and the son is an enthusiastic follower of the democratic teachings as his sire.

The candidates on the non-partisan judiciary tickets have until ten days of the primary to file, but so far County Judge Deeson is the only candidate to get in on the filings.

The candidates who have entered and will go on the primary ballot this year will be as follows:

State Senator.
John Mattes, democrat, Nebraska City.
Andrew P. Moran, republican, Nebraska City.
Andrew F. Sturm, republican, Nehawka.
Representative, Seventh District.
John Murty, democrat, Alvo.
L. A. Tyson, republican, Elmwood.
Representative, Eighth District.
L. G. Todd, democrat, Union.
A. E. Pailing, democrat, Greenwood.
M. G. Kime, democrat, Nehawka.
John B. Roddy, republican, Union.
County Clerk.
Frank J. Libershal, democrat, Plattsmouth.
County Treasurer.
Mike Tritsch, democrat, Plattsmouth.
W. R. Bryan, democrat, Plattsmouth.
Arthur L. Baker, republican, Murray.
Major A. Hall, republican, Plattsmouth.
County Sheriff.
John Wunderlich, democrat, Nehawka.
G. H. Manners, democrat, Plattsmouth.
Carroll D. Quinton, republican, Plattsmouth.
Clerk of District Court.
John Nemetz, democrat, Plattsmouth.
James Robertson, republican, Plattsmouth.
M. S. Briggs, republican, Plattsmouth.
Office supplies at the Journal office.

County Attorney.
Joseph A. Capwell, democrat, Elmwood.
A. G. Cole, republican, Plattsmouth.
County Commissioner.
Julius A. Pitz, democrat, Plattsmouth.
W. D. Wheeler, democrat, Plattsmouth.
H. C. Creamer, republican, Murray.
M. L. Friedrich, republican, Plattsmouth.
Joseph Johnson, republican, Plattsmouth.
County Superintendent.
Miss Eda Marquardt, republican, Avoca.
County Assessor.
P. E. Ruffner, democrat, Plattsmouth.
A. D. Despain, democrat, Plattsmouth.
G. L. Farley, republican, Plattsmouth.
Homer McKay, republican, Plattsmouth.
County Surveyor.
Fred Patterson, democrat, Plattsmouth.

ONE VICTIM TO WORK OUT FINE UP-ON THE STREETS

This morning in police court, J. W. Sawyer, a very familiar figure in that court, was present to answer to the charge of being drunk, which was preferred against him by the police, as he imbibed to heavily Saturday evening and was rounded up by Chief Barelay and placed in the city jail to rest until today, when he received his "needin's" before the court. The judge, who patience has been sorely tried by the prisoner through his frequent indulgence in the flowing bowl, decided that it was time he appreciated the wrath of the law in its fullest measure and accordingly a fine of \$10 and costs was registered against him. Sawyer was unable to liquidate the amount and accordingly was placed in the care of the police and street commissioner to work it out on the streets of the city. This plan of making the prisoners work out their finest is one of the best that has been tried out in recent years and has a good effect on the frequent offenders of the peace and dignity of the city.

FILE FOR FLOAT AND COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

From Saturday's Daily.
Today was the last day for filing for the April primaries and the list of prospective candidates was lengthened out somewhat by the entrance of several into the race at the last minute. The republicans completed their ticket by the filing of a petition from Liberty precinct asking that the name of John C. Roddy be filed for float representative from the district composed of Cass and Otoe counties, and also the name of L. A. Tyson of Elmwood was filed for the office of state representative on the same ticket. This finishes out the list as far as the republicans are concerned and the only vacancy so far is for the office of county superintendent on the democratic ticket, which has not as yet been filled.

Death of Aged Man Near Union.

Senate Elkin, who will be remembered as Uncle Senate by a host of friends here, died at Mrs. Ida Applegate's home, near Union, Friday, March 10, 1916, at the age of 82 years. He was born and grew to manhood in Mississippi. Over fifty years ago he came to Nebraska and for twenty-five years he made his home in Nehawka. For the last few years he has been in Luther, Oklahoma, with his sister. For some time it was a great desire of his to visit Nehawka once more, and was on his way here when he was called to the great beyond. For fifteen years he was blind, but never once complained of his affliction. The remains were taken to Nebraska City Sunday morning and placed beside his mother and father in Wyruka cemetery.—Nehawka News.

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