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Missouri River Bridge Bill Passed by the Senate

Measure Providing for Use of 5 Per Cent of Gas Money Passes—To Be Repaid in Toll.

The big bridge bill, S. F. 163, introduced by Kryger and Stinson, pledging the state to join with the federal government and adjoining states in building bridges across the Missouri river, passed the senate with only one vote to spare Wednesday forenoon.

Johnson of Cheyenne county cast the necessary seventeenth vote after a call of the house to get in absent members. Robbins of Douglas followed, making the vote stand 18 to 17. Johnson explained his vote by saying his district had called for aid from the road fund for bridges over the Platte and it expected to call for more aid which the eastern part of the state would have to furnish, in order to represent all the people for the state he said he would vote for the bill.

Chambers of Douglas explained that he voted against the bill because it will divert money from the gasoline fund into the road fund. Behrens of Cummins voted no because it takes money out of the gasoline road fund when roads in the state should be built first.

Osterman explained that he voted for the bill because it will cost the taxpayers not one cent, the money taken to be returned from toll collections.

Reed voted for the bill because he believed it right that interstate bridges should be built with the gasoline fund.

Teser of Douglas voted no because he had been instructed to vote for a free bridge and the bill provided for toll bridges.

Wood of Scottsbluff voted against the bill because his constituents oppose the bill.

The roll call upon passage resulted: Aye—Amspeker, Banning, Cooper, Goodrich, Griswold, Johnson, Kryger, McGowan, Miller, Neuman, Nibbe, Osterman, Reed, Reynolds, Robbins, Smrha, Stinson, Wilcox—18.

Nay—Behrens, Chambers, Chappe, Fruah, Feary, Laughlin, Mescham, Prince, Purcell, Scott, Shelton, Barzer, Tesar, Vance, Warner, Wood—17.

The bill limits the state to the expenditure of \$150,000 a year for interstate toll bridges, the state to pay not more than one-fourth the cost of any one bridge. It provides for construction of purchase of such bridges. It does not specifically state that the money shall come from the gasoline tax, but from funds under control of the state department of public works. Funds from tolls are to be returned to reimburse the state for expenditures. Bridges under this bill may be built anywhere on the border where a federal highway crosses the river. Provisions is made for local communities to lead aid. It may be possible in the future for Omaha to help purchase or build a new bridge, with the aid of state funds. The federal department does not use its funds to purchase interstate bridges.

STRANGER TAKEN ILL

Last evening a touring party traveling via auto was halted in this city due to the illness of one of the members and the services of Dr. Strews were called in. In caring for the ailing member, a young man who had been taken quite sick while enroute from his home in Arkansas to Omaha. The party had started several days ago from the south and at that time the man had not been well and secured medicine that he took and which seems to have proven more of an injury than a help as he was very sick when medical aid was called here. Temporary relief was given and the patient was then hurried on to Omaha where he will be placed in a hospital there and given what aid is possible to relieve his suffering and sickness and he will probably have to spend several days at the hospital before he is entirely over the effects of his illness.

WILL ARGUE MOTION

The argument on motion for new trial and arrest of judgment in the case of the State of Nebraska vs. George O. Doney, will be heard at the district court here on Wednesday morning before Judge W. G. Hastings of Omaha who presided over the trial of the case here several weeks ago. The defendant's attorneys are attacking the constitutionality of the law as applying to bankers and also the fact that the state statute was one covering the operation of state banks and not that of national banks and under which law the complaint was made against the defendant.

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PURCHASES RESTAURANT HERE

From Thursday's Daily—The cafe under the Main Hotel formerly owned by Edward Fullerton, has been disposed of by Mr. Fullerton to A. M. Woodburn of Red Oak, Iowa, who is to take possession at once and hopes to have his place of business ready in the next few days. Mr. Woodburn is having the interior of the restaurant rearranged and placed in first class shape, by new paper and paint and the fixtures and equipment will all be overhauled before the formal opening of the restaurant to the public which will occur in the next few days. Mr. Woodburn is a former resident of this city and his many friends will be pleased to see him return here to be engaged in business in the community and in which he will undoubtedly secure some real results.

Autos Have Bad Wreck on Highway at Nehawka

Guy Stokes of Near Nehawka Badly Bruised and Injured and Ford Coupe Demolished.

From Thursday's Daily—Yesterday afternoon Guy Stokes who resides two and a half miles north of Nehawka, had a very close call for his life in an auto smashup on the "O" street road just south and east of Nehawka, when the Ford coupe in which he was riding was practically demolished in a collision with a large Buick coach, which was owned by H. J. Beaton, representative of the Union Insurance Co. of Lincoln.

The car of Mr. Beaton was coming east on the "O" street road and Deputy Sheriff M. G. Scott was driving west on the same highway when suddenly the Ford coupe of Mr. Stokes came out from one of the north and south roads directly in the path of the car of Mr. Beaton. The car of Mr. Stokes was some distance away from the accident when Stokes first appeared and it did not seem that the impact of the cars was very hard, when suddenly the Ford coupe turned over and as Mr. Scott came up he found the coupe a thorough wreck, and how Mr. Stokes, who was driving in the car escaped serious injury, Mr. Scott was compelled to tear away a part of the wrecked top in order to reach the unfortunate man who was unconscious from the shaking up that he received although he was not cut or injured in the accident otherwise than the effects of the shaking. The condition of Mr. Stokes was quite painful and he was taken to the hospital at Nebraska City for treatment.

When reaching the hospital Mr. Stokes was found to be quite badly bruised up and was developing a great many black and blue spots as the result of the bruises but was otherwise uninjured and it is thought that after a few days at the hospital that he will be able to resume his usual activities.

WHAT ABOUT BASEBALL

From Friday's Daily—The baseball season of 1927 as far as this city is concerned seems to be destined to be a blank with the local fans taking their doses of the great national pastime at Omaha or other nearby towns. The interest in the game on the part of the baseball players who may be here to get a team going seems lacking.

The veterans of the game are largely figuring on retiring as Pete Herold who started playing ball back in the Illinois league in 1836 as well as William Harvey Mason, who entered the game in 1867, are both planning on retiring this year while that other grand old man of baseball, who was the first player to use a glove at first base, William Patrick O'Donnell, is expected to cover first for Gilmore if the Cass-Surry League is again launched. Herbert Swanson, manager of the team here for the last two seasons is not here this year and will probably be at Sedalia, Missouri this year and Hans Newman, with last year's team here, may also be at the Missouri town as well as Frank Gradoville who will cover the short territory for the M. P. Boosters. Herb Klauschie is south with the Des Moines Demons on their training trip and if not staying with the Western League team will probably be sent to one of the feeder teams of Des Moines.

Edward Gradoville, who has been one of the fast backstops in the Otoe county league for the past several seasons may be back there this year unless he should decide to take a rest this year. The Bohemian Sluggers, who have played some good ball the last year and may be able to carry on the Plattsmouth baseball atmosphere for this year as their team is still practically intact.

GOLDFISH SCHOOL IN LAKE ERIE

Dunkirk, N. Y., April 2.—A school of goldfish has appeared in Lake Erie near this harbor and the least-imaginative local fisherman has no difficulty in recognizing the descendants of a small aquarium family which was washed into the lake during a spring freshet.

Annual Meeting Held by Presbyterian Church

Reports from Various Societies Show Pleasing Gain in All Lines for the Past Year.

From Thursday's Daily—Following a fine supper served by a committee of the Auxiliary society and interested classes on Mission study of the Moslem world, the annual meeting of the congregation was held in the auditorium of the church last evening.

Mr. J. M. Robertson, the clerk, read the minutes of the last meeting. George L. Parky, treasurer, gave a report of the finances of the church. Reports were read as follows: Miss Edith Bulla, for the Christian Endeavor; Mrs. John Gorder, for the Auxiliary; Miss Carrie Baird, for the Ladies Missionary society; Miss Pearl Staats for the Q-Z society and Rev. H. G. McClusky gave the session report and C. A. Rawls the Sunday school report.

All reports showed each society had been very active during the year and gave a fine showing for the year. Figures showed the Sunday school in a state of high efficiency. Accidents in the church left a substantial net increase in the membership over dismissals, deaths and reserved roll members.

The following officers were elected by the congregation: T. H. Pollock and Will Warga, elders, for three-year terms.

Frank Cloutier re-elected as trustee and Linn O. Minor, elected as trustee for term of three years.

G. L. Farley, re-elected treasurer. C. A. Rawls, superintendent of the Sunday school; Miss Pearl Staats, assistant superintendent; Mrs. Frank Cloutier, secretary; Miss Estelle Baird, pianist; Misses Helen and Edith Farley, assistants.

Mr. Rawls was chosen usher and Charles Tunnel and Myron Birdsey, assistant ushers.

Mr. Rawls goes to Lincoln this evening to attend the dinner at the Cornhusker hotel in the interest of the Pension fund campaign conducted in our state at the present time.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Elder C. A. Rawls.

ENTERTAINED ON BIRTHDAY

From Thursday's Daily—Last evening Miss Treva Edgerton enjoyed very delightful observance of her 18th birthday anniversary at her home, "Hill Crest" and in which she was joined by a number of her school friends and associates.

The event was one of the rarest pleasures to all of the members of the family party and for several hours the Edgerton home was filled with merriment in the pleasant games and contests that made the event one of the greatest of pleasure to all in attendance.

In honor of the anniversary Miss Edgerton was made the recipient of a number of gifts of the esteem of the school friends.

At a suitable hour Mrs. Edgerton assisted by Mrs. Claude Richardson served a very dainty and delicious two-course luncheon that was very much enjoyed by all of the party.

Those who attended the occasion were: Misses Fonda Trively, Mildred Elliott, Fern Jahrik, Frances Christ, Margaret Bronson, Mildred Hill, Mary Wynn, Olive Woods, Blanche Baker, Gladys Sullivan, Alice Marquette, Georgia Bushnell, Marie Sperry, Bernice Arn, Marjorie Ann, Jeanne Hayes, Florence Yelick, Hazel Richardson, and the guest of honor, Miss Treva Edgerton.

RUNS TRUE TO FORM

From Friday's Daily—March played true to form in a real lion like finish and left the first day of April in none too good a condition. One of the real old time spring rains that thoroughly soaked the ground and made it good for the future crops was the farewell gift of the merry month of March to this part of the west. The moisture will come in good need for the furms of the middle west, but draws a growl from those who delight in motoring over the highways which are very muddy and hard to travel as the result of the rain. The benefit of the rain to the agricultural interests however more than repays any inconvenience that it may cause to the autoists.

SECRETARY DAVIS IMPROVING

From Friday's Daily—The latest word from the bedside of Secretary W. G. Davis of the Chamber of Commerce is that the patient is doing nicely at the Methodist hospital and while he cannot sit up in bed yet he is improving every day and keeps a keen interest in the doings in the city. Mr. Davis is getting anxious to be back home again and hopes in a short time that he will improve sufficiently to get back home and cooperate here and resume his work as the efficient representative of the chamber of commerce in the community.

All the news in the Journal.

ADDRESSES IOWA SCHOOL

From Thursday's Daily—Mr. E. H. Westcott of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, yesterday addressed 600 Junior College and High School students at the Senior High School Auditorium. The occasion of this address was a special convocation held under the auspices of the Young People's League which was organized last fall under the direction of the Ministerial Alliance. The subject of the address was "The Dictator of the Heart." In addition to speaking to the students Mr. Westcott, who is a talented musician, played several selections on our street from Victor Grand. He made a decided hit with the young folks and they are unanimous in wishing for another visit from him. During the morning he visited the Junior High School building and played at the convocation hour—Creston (Ia.) Daily Advertiser.

Missouri River Bridge Needed More and More

Larger Number of Tourists and Need of Closer Relations With Iowa Neighbors Shown.

From Thursday's Daily—The great need of the bridge over the Missouri river at this point as well as at other places along the boundary stream between Iowa and Nebraska is being demonstrated every day as the amount of auto travel increases over the nation. Already this season the tourist cars are commencing to make their appearance on our street from states in widely separated sections of the country, several having been here from New York and the New England states and some from California, all engaged in touring over the country and finding that Nebraska and Iowa the two great states of the central west are reached by a river over which there are but three bridges and these structures at widely separated points that make necessary detours of many miles to reach.

Also there is within an area of a few miles residents of the two states who could be friends and neighbors in the fact that the means of easy communication is lacking and but for the enterprise of private parties in maintaining ferries at different points the river would be wholly closed to the residents of Iowa and Nebraska save at three points along the river.

No man in the state has been more keenly interested in the tracing of the early history of Nebraska, and he gave several important contributions to the state history on his tracing of the early Spanish explorations of the middle west by the bands of Spanish headed by Coronado who came through the middle west from missions at Santa Fe and old Mexico. It was one of his wishes that he might be spared to complete a story of the early history of the state and each hour that he could summon in the last few months as he felt the intimations of the coming end, was devoted to his beloved work of leaving the future generations a history of the development of the west and the visits of the early explorers.

Personally of a very genial and pleasant disposition the kindly priest made many friends and was thoughtful of the rights of his fellow man and loved to have the friends both of the church and those outside its pale, to gather and enjoy the visits with him. To those who had the privilege of knowing him best, of sharing his wonderful personality and knowledge, his going is indeed a loss that time cannot replace in their lives. No man there has resided here had more sincere friends than this priest of the church and public spirited citizen.

His long career of honor and brilliancy in the church was recognized in June 1925 when on the recommendation of the Rt. Rev. Francis J. Beckman, bishop of Lincoln, the title of Monsignor was conferred upon Father Shine by Pope Pius XI in recognition of his services. In the long period following the death of

RETURNS TO PLATTSMOUTH

From Thursday's Daily—W. F. Warga who has been formerly at the Denver shops of the Burlington for some time past, has returned to Plattsmouth and will take up his work at the local shop at once. Mr. Warga had made a splendid record at the Denver shops but felt the desire to return to the old home as the western climate was not the best for the health of Mrs. Warga and Miss Gretchen Warner, niece of the family and as the opportunity was offered to secure the position in the Plattsmouth shops. Mr. Warga requested that he be given his former position and which was granted. The many friends of the Warga family are very much pleased to learn that they will again make this city their home and Mr. and Mrs. Warga and Miss Warner will receive a warm welcome from the old friends on their return home.

HOLD FINE MEETING

From Friday's Daily—The members of the Loyal Burean class of the First Christian church held a very pleasant meeting on Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gainer on South 6th street. The event was attended by a very pleasing number of the members of the class and the members of the party spent the time after the interesting business session in games and contests that served to make the hours pass very pleasantly. At the close of the evening the serving of dainty and delicious refreshments added to the enjoyment of the members of the party.

Distinguished Priest-Historian Called by Death

Monsignor Michael A. Shine, Rector of St. John's Catholic Church Dies at Omaha.

After weeks when the candle of his life was gradually burning nearer to the end, the mortal spirit of Monsignor Michael A. Shine Saturday evening at the St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha took its flight to the last reward.

The death of this distinguished



Monsignor Michael A. Shine

churchman had been expected for the past week as his long illness wore away the resistance of the body to his physical ills and made clear to the friends and members of the family circle that death was but the matter of a short time.

The news of the death brought a great sorrow over the entire state as Monsignor Shine was perhaps the best known priest of the church in the state, acquainted with the clergy and laymen alike and in his circle of wide acquaintance he numbered thousands of the Nebraska people regardless of their creeds. While his services to the Catholic church in Nebraska has been great his services to the state as a historian and leader in historical research had won him a fame that his death cannot wipe away in the future years.

Since Monsignor Shine has been a resident of Plattsmouth as the rector of the St. John's church, a service of nineteen years, he has been active in the community life and was beloved by everyone, church associates as well as the general public who knew him well and appreciated the splendid services that he gave to Nebraska, the state of his adoption.

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BRIDGE IN BAD SHAPE

From Saturday's Daily—The bridge that spans the creek on North Fifteenth street, between Vine and Oak, just east of the residence of Frank Slatinsky, is out of commission as the result of the heavy rains that have undermined the approaches to the bridge and let down the end of the bridge to such an extent that it is unsafe for travel and has been closed to the city. The bridge is on an important street that leads from the Main street paving over to the gravelled road on Oak street and thence onto the paving on Elm street. Those who are traveling should bear in mind the damaged bridge and look out for accidents.

All kinds of business stationery printed at the Journal office.

Bishop O'Reilly, Father Shine was the active head of the Lincoln diocese and remained in charge until the arrival here of Bishop Beckmann.

In the state Monsignor Shine has long been one of the leading figures in the Nebraska State Historical society and at the time of his death was vice-president of the society and one of its leading members. He had also served as the state president of the A. O. H. society, and many times was called upon to participate in the patriotic gatherings over the state. In the dark days of the world war he was a strong worker in the drive that were made by the lead of his adoption in support of the war and his heart went with those of his church who were summoned to the battlefields of France in defense of their land and his.

Michael A. Shine was born in Kin-

Cities Ambitious to Grow Larger and Progressive

Spirit of the Middle West Calls Cities Large and Small to Make Efforts to Expand.

Nebraska cities and towns, having cast somewhat envious eyes at the voluptuous language of the advertisements of Florida and California cities, are engaged in concerted, community-wide efforts to be bigger and better.

Omaha is in the lead in this movement, with her half a million dollar fund now being collected, to finance industry. Omaha is in the lead, but Omaha is not alone. There is Fremont, engaged in a community-wide effort for a bigger and better Fremont that is arousing the whole town to a fine pitch of enthusiasm. There is Plattsmouth, with a secretary of the Chamber of Commerce who daily, with extreme unction, pours community pep into the town-folk. There is Eastia, where the business men publicly confessed a month or so ago that the town had progressed hardly at all in the last 41 years, but who swore a mighty vow that the next 41 would see prodigies of expansion.

Now this movement, touching the hearts and wills and pocketbooks of Main street in Omaha and in Eastia alike, is going to have a profound influence on Nebraska, but its largest influence is not likely to be the erection of new factories or the instant increase of population. These will come, in a measure, where they will come the faster to those cities that are aggressively after bigger business.

But they cannot be forced. After all there is still an inexorable law of supply and demand that governs the growth of industry. There are factors of raw products and freight rates and markets that largely control. There are such things to consider as the labor market and the wage scale and the cost of renting and taxes. Industries are not engaged in carpetbaggery about the country, auctioning themselves off for favorable locations, if they are industries that are worth having. It would seem far better for every community, large and small, if it would foster and help and encourage its smaller, promising businesses to grow, than to search for the rainbow-end for a giant new industry to give them the hoped for industrial strength.

The largest result that will come from these many campaigns for a bigger and better this-or-that is the awakening of civic conscience and civic consciousness on the part of people who are sharing the blessings of community life, but contributing nothing toward it.

If such persons can be made to learn that life in any community is this fast-growing age is a common problem with common responsibilities; if they can be made to see that favorable conditions take something out of a city owes a debt of replacement; if they can be taught that to give is as much a duty and privilege of citizenship as to get, then all these cities will profit.

They may not grow a great deal bigger. But they will become so much more desirable to live in that work demand for mere bigness will be forgotten in the blessings that will flow from being better.—World-Herald.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, D. C., January 31, 1927.

Notice is hereby given to all persons who may have claims against "The First National Bank of Plattsmouth," Nebraska, that the same must be presented to Fred Buresetta Receiver, with the legal proof thereof, within three months from this date, or they may be disallowed.

CHARLES W. COLLINS, Acting Comptroller.

ELECT NEW TEACHER

From Saturday's Daily—Another new member has been added to the teaching force of the city schools in the person of Miss Christine Rasmussen of Peru, who has been selected as a kindergarten teacher for the ensuing year. Miss Rasmussen has had a great deal of experience in this line of teaching and is a lady who comes very highly recommended and has been most successful in her work and should be a splendid addition to the teaching force of the city schools.

ACTRESS TO WED PROFESSOR

Chicago, April 2.—Announcement of the engagement of Miss Margaret Barstead, actress now starring at Detroit in "One Man's Woman," and Dr. Walter Louis Dorn, history instructor and dean at the University of Chicago, was made here Friday. The wedding is to take place during the summer.