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Farmers Insurance Co. Holds Its Annual Meeting

Past Year Shows Gain of \$100,000 in Volume of Business and a Great Record Made.

From Monday's Daily—
The annual meeting of the Farmers Mutual Insurance company of this county was held on Saturday afternoon at the Taylor school house just west of this city and where there was a very large number of the stockholders in attendance at the meeting.

The report of the officers for the year showed a wonderful increase in volume of business that was handled by the company and the great increase in the insurance has been most pleasing and followed a very effective campaign of insurance education carried on by the secretary, J. P. Falter and the officers through the press on the value of the insurance to the farmer.

The company in 1926 wrote insurance for \$259,449, while in the past year of 1927 the amount that was written was \$357,346. In the past year the company has had two losses, covering the amount of \$3,472.17 and which were promptly and satisfactorily settled.

In the election of the new officers the following were named:

President—A. A. Wetenkamp, Myrand.

Vice-President—P. A. Hild, Myrand.

Treasurer—Louis Frederich, Cedar Creek.

Secretary—J. P. Falter, Plattsmouth.

Directors—Henry Horn, John Hitz, E. P. Lutz, A. J. Engelke, John H. Albert, Louis Frederich, August Wendt, Jr., J. W. Tritsch, A. A. Wetenkamp, P. A. Hild, J. P. Falter, W. S. Wetenkamp.

The company has served as a protection to the farmers of the county and it is planned to make 1928 a real record year in the insurance field among the residents of the entire county.

SURPRISE PARENTS

From Tuesday's Daily—
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lewis of this city have had a very pleasant visit from their son, Glen Lewis and who gave the parents a real surprise in bringing with him on the visit his bride. The wedding of Mr. Lewis and Miss Mona Anderson occurred on Saturday at Omaha and was kept a secret from the relatives and friends of the contracting parties.

The first intimation of the wedding was when the young people arrived here and they were the guests of honor over Sunday at the Lewis home with the parents.

The groom has just completed several months work in the railroad bridge work in the vicinity of Ashland and Yutan and is at the present time residing in Omaha.

RETURNS FROM MISSOURI

From Tuesday's Daily—
Mr. and Mrs. Con Lynch of this city have just returned home from a visit over the Christmas season with their relatives in the southern part of Missouri. They spent some time at Peace Valley, the home of Mrs. Lynch's parents and also at West Plains, where a number of the relatives of Mr. Lynch reside. They came to that part of the country at the Christmas season and found the towns in the Ozark regions ablaze with colors and decorations for the happy season of the year and a great time was shown the residents of that country on the holiday season. While at West Plains the Lynch family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lynch, a brother of Con and who assisted in showing them a good time.

SHOWER FOR MRS. SHARPBACK

From Tuesday's Daily—
Miss Dorothy Sattler and Mrs. Roy Perkins were hostesses to a group of the young lady friends at the Sattler home on Saturday, the occasion being a miscellaneous shower in honor of Mrs. Fred Sharpback, one of the brides of the holiday season. The evening was spent in the delights of bridge and at which a great deal of enjoyment was derived and followed by the social festivities in which the bride was given much advice by the jolly party of friends. At the conclusion of the evening dainty and delicious refreshments were served that added much to the enjoyment of the members of the party.

ELECT OFFICERS

From Monday's Daily—
St. Paul's Evangelical Sunday school held their annual meeting yesterday morning at 9:00 o'clock, the following officers were elected:

Superintendent, Freda Wohlforth; Asst. Supt., Margaret Albert; Secretary, Margaret Steger; Treasurer, Clara Wickman; Librarian, Sophia Kroeger; Pianist, Margaret Engelke; Clerks and Pearl Hild; Birthday Record and Cradle Roll, Elizabeth Nolting.

RECEIVES GOOD NEWS

From Monday's Daily—
Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. Henry Herold, of this city, received a message that they were happy grandparents and that Matthew Gerling Herold, Jr., had arrived on Saturday evening at the home of his parents in New York City to make his future home and bringing with him a great happiness to the parents as well as the grandparents and the other relatives. This is the first child in the Herold family, the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Herold and as he is all boy, has brought a great deal of pride and joy to the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Herold have made their home in New York for several years, where Mr. Herold is associated in one of the large law offices.

Rebekahs Hold Installation of New Officers

Miss Ella Kennedy Elected as Noble Grand of Local Lodge—Dist. Deputy President Here.

From Monday's Daily—
The installation of the officers of the local lodge of the Rebekahs at the lodge rooms in the I. O. O. F. building on Friday evening was largely attended, there being a great many of the members present and much interest shown in the work of the evening.

The installation was in the hands of Deputy District President Mrs. Pashal, of Omaha, who with her marshal was present at the meeting and carried out the distasteful work.

The officers installed were as follows:

Miss Ella Kennedy, noble grand; Miss Jessie Robertson, vice grand; Miss Marie Kaufmann, secretary; Mrs. Fred H. Mumm, treasurer; Mrs. T. E. Olson, right support to N. G.; Mrs. John McNurlin, left support to N. G.; Miss Gerda Peterson, right support to V. G.; Mrs. Bert Coleman, left support to V. G.; Mrs. Ed Brantner, chaplain; F. H. Mumm, inside guard; John Bates, outside guard.

Following the lodge work of the evening, the members of the order were invited to the banquet hall, where dainty and delicious refreshments were served that added to the very pleasant gathering and at a late hour the members adjourned feeling that they had enjoyed a more than usually pleasant meeting.

DEMOLAY HOLD ELECTION

From Wednesday's Daily—
Last evening Cass Chapter of the Order of Demolay held their election of officers for the ensuing term and the meeting was attended by a very pleasing number of the young men of this uplifting and inspiring order.

The officers that were elected comprise the following:

Master Councillor—Carl B. Graves.

Senior Councillor—Charles Howard.

Junior Councillor—Robert Wurl.

Scribe and Treasurer—Edward Patterson.

The newly elected master councillor has served the chapter as scribe for the past two years and in recognition of his excellent services the members of the chapter advanced him to the position as head of the chapter before he arrives at the age when his activities in the order must close.

The elected and appointed officers will be installed at the next meeting of the chapter.

POLICE RECEIVE CALL

From Wednesday's Daily—
Last evening Officers Libershal and Piekrel were called out to the west portion of the city where the residents reported a man to be having difficulty with his car and his actions caused more or less apprehension to the residents of that locality. When the police arrived there they found Fred Kaufmann and a companion giving the name of Henry Land, to be the parties complained of and accordingly the two men were brought on to the main part of the city and lodged in the city jail.

This morning a charge of possession, driving a car while under the influence of liquor and intoxication was filed against Mr. Kaufmann and to which he plead guilty and was given a fine of \$125 and costs.

The second member of the party, charged with intoxication entered a plea of not guilty and hearing will be held in his case on Thursday.

KILL MANY COYOTES

From Monday's Daily—
In the year just closed there was eighty-six coyote skins turned in at the office of the county clerk and for which the lucky hunters received the sum of \$172 from County Clerk George Sayles as the bounty reward. The state gives the sum of \$2 each for the coyote scalps and in the hope of getting the country rid of the unwelcome dwellers and as the result of the alertness of the residents of the county there has been a large number of the animals killed.

Well Known Young People Wed in Iowa

Double Wedding of Cass County Young People Takes Place Saturday Afternoon.

From Monday's Daily—
The pleasant little city of Glenwood, nestling among the hills on the east side of the Missouri river was the scene Saturday afternoon of the marriage of four popular and well known young people of Cass county, two of the happy quartet, Miss Lela Henderson and Mr. Harold Crossway, being from this city while Miss Mildred Smith and Mr. Sterling Harris are from the vicinity of Union.

The double wedding was very quiet, the members of the party serving as witnesses for each other in the happy event.

The ceremony occurred at the Christian church parsonage at Glenwood, the marriage lines being read by the Rev. Brown, pastor of the church.

Following the wedding the happy bridal party returned to their homes in this county where they are now at home to the friends.

Miss Henderson is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Henderson of this city, and has spent the greater part of her lifetime in this community and where she has had a very large circle of warm friends. The groom, Harold Crossway, is one of the well known young men of this city and at the present time is employed at the Cream of the West bakery in this city. He is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Goos of this city and is a gentleman held in the highest esteem by all those having the privilege of his acquaintance. Mr. and Mrs. Crossway will make their home for the present at least in the Herold apartments where their new home is awaiting them.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris are well known residents of the vicinity of Union where the bride is one of the popular young women of that locality. The groom is a student at the National P-T-A. and in company with Miss Alpha Peterson, county superintendent, drove out to District No. 19, known as the Wash district, south of Nehawka, where a branch was organized this evening. The ladies will visit the Avoca schools to get the organization started at that place.

On Tuesday the ladies will go to District No. 26, west of Murray, where they will hold the afternoon meeting and in the evening there will be an organization meeting held at District No. 13, the Swan district near Union.

FRIENDS SHOWER BRIDE

From Wednesday's Daily—
Last evening the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reed was the scene of a most delightful miscellaneous shower tendered in honor of Mrs. Richard E. Beverage, one of the brides of the New Year and who was formerly Miss Mary Louise Warren of this city.

The event was one enjoyed by some eighteen of the young lady friends of the bride and in which much pleasure was derived by all of the members of the jolly party. During the evening the guests participated in a contest in which Miss Eleanor Hiber was the prize winner of the event. The remainder of the evening was spent in games of all kinds and musical offerings that added much to the delights of the occasion.

At the close of the evening Mrs. Reed assisted by her sister, Mrs. Louis Hennings, served dainty and delicious refreshments and the pleasant event was closed by the friends joining in their well wishes to Mrs. Beverage.

In honor of the occasion the bride was showered with a large number of very beautiful gifts that will be cherished by her in her new home in this city.

HOLD PLEASANT MEETING

From Tuesday's Daily—
The Parent-Teachers association of the Cedar Creek school in district No. 31, of which Miss Thyra Johnson is the teacher, held a most delightful meeting at the school on Friday evening. The members of the association had the pleasure of enjoying a short program and after which a general discussion of fire and accident prevention was taken up and brought forth some very fine ideas on the subject. Following the program and the discussion very dainty refreshments were served which were very much enjoyed by all of the members of the party. The next meeting of the association was set for February 3rd at the school.

C. A. RANDALL HERE

From Tuesday's Daily—
State Railway Commissioner C. A. Randall was in the city today for a few hours, arriving from Union at 11 o'clock and while here was a guest at the Rotary club luncheon at the noon hour.

This afternoon Mr. Randall spoke before the convocation of the high school on the work of the state railway commission which has the important task of rate making for the various public utilities over the state and which has the greatest interest for the public at large.

Call No. 6 with your order for job printing.

REAL NEWS REELS

The Parmele theatre in this city has arranged to supply their patrons with the very latest of the news reel features in the Kinggrams that are on each Monday and Tuesday at the theatre. These Kinggrams are sent direct from the studios to this city and gives the events of the world right up to the minute. Some of the features of the past week in the news reels is that of the sailing of more marines from New York to the troubled nation of Nicaragua as well as views of the tournament of roses at Pasadena. This is real service from the news reels and the Parmele will give their patrons the very latest that can be seen in any of the movie houses of the land.

Parent-Teacher Organizations in County Schools

National Organizer with County Superintendent to Start New Chapters in County.

From Monday's Daily—

The growth of the Parent-Teacher movement over the country in the past five years has been most remarkable and from the older organizations in the large cities, the work is spreading into the smaller towns and the rural schools, especially in this part of the west.

There are to be a number of the associations formed in this county in the various rural school districts where the interest in the movement has led to the request of the residents in the districts to have the National P-T-A recognize their needs and permit the formation of the associations.

Miss Minnie Nielson, former state superintendent of North Dakota and national organizer of the Nebraska P-T-A, arrived this afternoon to start in on the organization of a number of the associations and in company with Miss Alpha Peterson, county superintendent, drove out to District No. 19, known as the Wash district, south of Nehawka, where a branch was organized this evening. The ladies will visit the Avoca schools to get the organization started at that place.

On Tuesday the ladies will go to District No. 26, west of Murray, where they will hold the afternoon meeting and in the evening there will be an organization meeting held at District No. 13, the Swan district near Union.

The associations are formed only when it is the request of the residents of the school districts and in localities where there are no community clubs or other organizations to promote this line of interest in the schools.

Odd Fellows Hold Installation for 3 Lodges

Plattsmouth, Louisville and Greenwood Lodges Meet at Louisville Last Evening.

From Tuesday's Daily—
The members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows held one of the very largest meetings of many months last evening at Louisville when the joint installation of the officers of Plate lodge No. 7, Greenwood lodge No. 98 and Louisville lodge No. 134 was held.

The sessions were held at the Louisville Odd Fellows hall and was very largely attended by groups from all three of the lodges as well as many visiting members who were at Louisville and took advantage of the occasion to join in the big event. District Deputy Grand Master W. E. Newkirk of Greenwood, conducted the installation with the assistance of the staff and duly inducted the new officers into their stations.

The Plattsmouth officers installed were as follows:—Fred Lusch, Noble Grand—C. D. Palmer. Vice-Grand—John Bates. Secretary—John E. Kirkham. Treasurer—John E. Kirkham.

Following the lodge session a fine oyster supper was served that all of the members enjoyed to the utmost and while the array of the good things provided was being disposed of short talks were made by Mr. Newkirk, Lee J. Mayfield of Louisville and A. R. Johnson of Plattsmouth.

The Plattsmouth delegation reported a royal time and feel that the Louisville members of the three lodges order are the past masters in the entertaining of their visitors.

NEW BOOKS AT LIBRARY

"Blue Car Mystery," by Natalie Lincoln. "Death Comes for the Archbishop," by Catharine. "Aristocratic Miss Brewster," by Joseph C. Lincoln.

Read Journal Want Ads.

Former Residents Here Tell of Early Days in Nebraska

Mrs. S. M. Chapman and Mrs. Nellie P. Agnew Give View of Their Childhood.

The Lincoln Star of Sunday had a very interesting article dealing with the pioneer days and the native born Nebraskans who are meeting this week at Lincoln as a part of the gathering of the state historical society. In this group of the native born Nebraskans is two former Plattsmouth ladies now living at Lincoln who give some very interesting stories of the early days. These two ladies are Mrs. S. M. Chapman and Mrs. Nellie P. Agnew and whose portraits accompany the article on the early days.

The article in part is as follows: Nebraska, even as California, has its native sons and daughters. Those of the far west have long been eulogized. We, who have not learned the beauty nor the worth of self-advertising, have given scant attention to our native born. It is only within the last two or three years that they have banded together for the glorification of the state and the preservation of its history.

A group of those native children are meeting Monday. A young organization it is, and comparatively small in membership, but growing each year as those who have Nebraska as a birthplace learn of it, and seek entrance.

Naturally, since the state has reached its sixtieth milestone, there are many native born of Nebraska. Such is now, an honorable, not a unique distinction.

NEW NATIVE BORN PIONEERS

In Nebraska, including some in Lincoln, are a number who were Nebraskans when it was but a territory. Some years before it became a state—native sons and daughters of more than sixty years ago, men and women born four, six, and even ten years before Nebraska had acquired her statehood.

They are of the inner circle of the native Nebraskans. They have grown as the state has grown, and watched it burst from a crude, isolated plains country into a region of modern cities and towns, chained to the rest of the world through steel rails and well kept roads.

Life, certainly, is more comfortable today. It is a less arduous, less hazardous existence. Yet these pioneers of a pioneer day feel that life will more pleasant then, that it means more. Not pessimistic at all, in their attitude, but rather with the feeling that living has lost a certain zest, a certain companionship, with modern mechanisms and latest efficiency.

Mrs. S. M. Chapman was born in Plattsmouth in 1861, and has resided in Nebraska for all but five years of her life. Her father and mother came to the state in the mid '50s, and had taken a claim, although Mrs. Chapman never lived there. Her childhood was spent in the town, and she spent many hours picking hazel nuts on the location of the present Missouri Pacific station.

In her opinion, the children of her day had a happier life than do the children of today. In this era, they have too many things, and they do not have the opportunity to appreciate any one thing to the full. Mrs. Chapman can remember Christmas days for which there was but one small gift for each child, and those were some of Mrs. Chapman's happiest hours.

Children Seemed Healthier. Mrs. Chapman feels that the boys and girls of today in the city do have educational advantages that the earlier children did not enjoy. They have many opportunities for schooling, and so many kinds of education are offered, that there is little reason for a child not to have a rounded education. School health is given a great deal of attention at this time, also, but in her childhood days, Mrs. Chapman says the boys and girls didn't need it, as they seemed to have been healthier, possibly because of their freer, outdoor life.

A playhouse in a stagecoach, thrilling rides in the coaches of the early '60s, sunny hours picking wild strawberries, and picnics on a high hill are some of the childhood pleasures remembered by Mrs. Nellie P. Agnew, who also was born in Plattsmouth. All pleasures the children made out of things at hand, but nevertheless delightful in pioneer days.

Platte bottoms were a field of strawberries, and Mrs. Agnew took the family carriage with two old white horses, all the children of the town piled in with her, and all spent spring afternoons searching for berries that have never since been so red. Now and again the stagecoach, fording Salt creek when it grew to river-like proportions, to the awed terror of the children, and remaining for the night, or until the next coach returned. When the creek was normal, it served as an excellent place to go fishing with a pin.

Father Was Freightier. Mrs. Agnew's father was a freighter, going with the trains from Plattsmouth to Denver, and Mrs. Agnew

Board County Commissioners Hold Meeting

Re-Organize for the Year With C. D. Spangler as Chairman—Make Estimate of Expense.

From Wednesday's Daily—
In conformity with the law of the state the board of county commissioners met yesterday at the court house in their annual meeting, to arrange the business for the coming year and to perfect their organization for this year.

The board was organized by naming C. D. Spangler as chairman of the county commissioners, Fred H. Gorder, vice chairman and C. P. Harris, the former chairman becoming the junior member of the board.

The commissioners made their estimate of the year for the running of the county government, the estimate covering the sum of \$176,700 for the year, the amounts being divided among the various funds as follows:

General fund	\$65,000
Bridge fund	50,000
Road fund	50,000
Mother's pensions	5,500
Soldier's Relief	1,200

The board also set the price to be paid for the road and drag work in the county for the ensuing year, the scale adopted being, road overseer, per hour, 25c; man, single handed, per hour, 30c; team per hour, 20c; man and team, per hour, 45c. Ten foot drag and over, mile round trip, 75c; eight foot drag, round trip per mile, 65c; under eight foot, round trip, per mile, 50c.

The rate of pay for the various clerks was set by the board at the following amounts: clerk, treasurer, \$1,250 per year; county judge, \$1,650; superintendent, \$660; attorney, \$390; janitor county house, \$1,230; deputy sheriff, per month, \$100.

The board received the report of the Cass County Jury Bureau for the year and with the request for the allowance of the sum outlined in the budget for the coming year of \$2,500 and which was voted by the board of commissioners.

Thomas Miles of this city was elected as a member of the soldier's relief commission for a term of three years.

HOLD FINE MEETING

From Wednesday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon the ladies of the St. Mary's guild of the St. Luke's Episcopal church were most delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. L. L. Turpin in the Herold apartments and who was assisted by Mrs. Sidney W. Bell in the entertaining and serving.

The chief matters of the day was the election of officers for the ensuing year and the ladies voted to re-select the present officers who are as follows:

President—Mrs. Frank L. Cummins.

Vice-President—Mrs. R. W. Clement.

Secretary—Mrs. S. W. Bell.

Treasurer—Mrs. L. L. Turpin.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in the plying of the busy needle and in social conversation that made the event one of the greatest pleasantness to all of the members of the society.

At the conclusion of the afternoon dainty and delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses that added very much to the completion of the most delightful time.

COMES TO MASONIC HOME

From Wednesday's Daily—
W. A. Howard, who some fourteen years ago prepared and published a directory of the city, one of the best that has ever been turned out in this city, has returned to this place to make his home and is now a member of the big family at the Nebraska Masonic Home, arriving here Sunday and is now busily engaged in meeting many of the friends that he became acquainted with on his previous visit to the community. Mr. Howard has been making his home at Lincoln for the past few years, having his membership in the Masonic order in that city and from where he has come to the Masonic Home to reside in the future. Mr. Howard is pleased with the new home and enjoys to the utmost the many friends that he has made at the great institution where he is now living.

GOES TO HOSPITAL

From Wednesday's Daily—
This morning Mrs. Earl Redd departed for Omaha where she goes to enter the Methodist hospital at that place for an operation which it is expected will be performed on Saturday. Mrs. Redd has been in poor health for some time and in order to give her some measure of relief it was decided to have her taken to the hospital. The many friends are hopeful that she may soon be on the highway to permanent recovery.

Attorney A. L. Tidd Files for the District Bench

Well Known Local Attorney To Seek the Judicial Toga in the Second District.

From Tuesday's Daily—
Filing was made yesterday afternoon in the office of County Clerk George R. Sayles, by Attorney A. L. Tidd of this city, as a candidate for the office of district judge in the second district at the forthcoming election next fall.

Mr. Tidd has been an active figure in the Cass county bar for the past twenty-five years and is well known over the district for his work as one of the leading attorneys engaged in a great many important cases in the various counties over the state.

Mr. Tidd has long been an active figure in the republican political circles and was also one of the leaders in the formation of the progressive party in the first filing made for congress in the campaign of 1922, later returning to the republican fold and was the candidate for this party for state senator at the election of 1924 against Senator W. B. Hannings.

This is the first filing made for the office of the district judge in this district and the first ripple on the waters of the political sea in this locality for the 1928 campaign at which the presidential, state, legislative and district judicial offices will be on the block.

W. B. A. HOLD MEETING

From Wednesday's Daily—
The members of the W. B. A. were most pleasantly entertained last evening at the home of Mrs. J. H. McMaken in the north part of the city and a very large number of the ladies were in attendance at the pleasant occasion. The evening was devoted to both a business and social meeting and the ladies had the opportunity of having with them Dr. Abbott of Omaha, district deputy of the order and also one of the best known lady physicians in the state. Dr. Abbott discussed the work of the order and gave many very inspirational views on the record of the past year and the plans for the future.

Games and music also served to add to the enjoyment of the occasion and the ladies taking advantage of the occasion gave a very pleasant miscellaneous shower in honor of Mrs. Fred Sharpnack, one of their members who has been a bride of the holiday season. In honor of the happy event Mrs. Sharpnack received a large number of very lovely and useful gifts.

Mrs. McMaken assisted by Mrs. Joe McMaken, Jr., and Miss Erma Mayfield served a very dainty and delicious luncheon at the conclusion of the activities of the evening and which was very much enjoyed.

NOW SELLING CHRYSLERS

From Wednesday's Daily—
Fred G. Ahrens, one of the well known residents of Cass and Otoe counties has accepted the position of field salesman for the well known Chrysler car and been assigned the territory of Cass and Otoe counties. Mr. Ahrens is one of the popular young men of this locality and with his wide acquaintance and the excellent car that he is handling should make a real success of the selling game in the two counties and be able to add to the list of Chrysler owners in the two counties.

WILL UNDERGO OPERATION

From Wednesday's Daily—
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kunsman have gone to Winner South Dakota, where they are to spend a short time, the main object of the trip is to try and secure for Mr. Kunsman some measure of relief from his illness that has covered the last few months and in which his condition has gradually grown worse. Mr. Kunsman will be treated at Norfolk while on his visit to the north and the specialist at that place is hoped will be able to give the ailing gentleman the desired relief.

Get your school supplies at the Bates Book and Stationery Store, where you will find the complete line at all times.