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Steel Work on New Bridge to Start Very Soon

Fine Headway Made on Work of Pier Construction and Which Will Make Way for Steel

From Thursday's Daily—
The Missouri river wagon and auto bridge which is being constructed by the Plattsmouth Bridge Co., is now reaching a stage where a few weeks will bring the appearance of a real bridge and the promise of the completion of the bridge and its opening for travel by October as has been planned.

The Union Bridge and Construction Co., of Kansas City, which have had charge of the pier work have progressed in nice shape with their part of the contract and this week are expecting to close up another pier and which will leave but one more pier to be sunk, that which will sink in the waters of the Missouri river just south of the main pier of the railroad bridge and which will be started as soon as the preliminary work can be carried out.

The piers that are sunk and sealed will be ready now for the capping that will bring them up to the required height and this line of work will be hurried as it will not require the time that the sinking of the base of the piers to bed rock has demanded.

The arrangements to have the material hauled out to the last pier will be started at once and when this detail is arranged the sinking on the caisson into the waters of the river will be completed and the base of the pier sunk before the June rise of the Missouri.

The Omaha Steel company which will have the steel work of the bridge in charge, have already had some of their material brought here and unloaded and every day there are additional cars of the steel arriving on the grounds where it will be unloaded and held for the steel work of the bridge structure.

The rapid progress of the bridge work will spur on the necessity for a road to the bridge and which will be no small job in itself and one that will take several months to get fully completed and ready for use.

The mayor and council have looked over a number of tentative routes from the main part of the city to the bridge and it will be up to the city to decide definitely on what route they may prefer.

BUSINESS PICKING UP

From Thursday's Daily—
County Clerk George R. Sayles is experiencing a revival in the coyote scalp business in his office. The season on which bounties will be paid on the scalps extending from the first of April to the first of October. In the last few days there have been several calling to claim the bounty of \$2 per head that the county pays for these scalps.

Alvin Meisinger, of south of the city, came in with ten scalps that he secured in the vicinity of Rock Bluffs, while George Olson of this city, hunting along the Platte bottom north of this city, secured eight of the coyotes that he has turned in to claim the reward of the county. George Boedeker, of near Nehawka, was also here with one scalp that he turned in for the two dollar bounty.

It is thought that the season has brought out many of the coyotes from the dens where they have been hibernating and the young coyotes are now ranging over the country and making themselves prey for the hunters.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express in this manner, that deep feeling of appreciation of the many kindly deeds that were tendered our loved one in the hours of illness and for the words of loving sympathy given us at the bitter hour of grief. To the kind friends and neighbors and the members of the fraternities we will always cherish an undying memory of their loving acts and the beautiful flowers. Especially do we wish to express our gratitude to the Eastern Star and its officers for the beautiful funeral service and to those participating in the service in any way—W. F. Gillespie, Mrs. Allie Adams, the nieces and nephews of Mrs. W. F. Gillespie.

HERE FOR FUNERAL

There were a large group of the nieces and nephews of the late Mrs. W. F. Gillespie present from out of the city for the funeral services on Tuesday and among these being Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnson, St. Joseph, Missouri; Mrs. Nora Card, Scottsbluff; Mr. and Mrs. E. Henton, Hastings; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Henton, Louisville; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Johnson, Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henton, Decatur; Dr. and Mrs. Harris Auburn, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Meissner, Omaha.

FIXING UP ROAD

The bad place that has existed for some time on the King of Trails highway southwest of this city on the east and west road south of the Wiles farm, is being looked after by the representatives of the state highway department and the hole that has existed there is being filled with crushed rock which it is hoped will permanently relieve the condition that has existed for a number of weeks and for which the state department was much criticized, although this was but one of the many hundred cases of this kind that developed as the result of the hard winter weather and the heavy truck travel over the soft roads.

Disabled Veteran to Receive Compensation

Edward Steppat Has Claim Finally Passed by Board and Check for Back Pay Approved

From Thursday's Daily—
After long months of work on the part of the local post of the American Legion and A. H. Duxbury, the efficient service officer, the claim of Edward Steppat, well known local veteran, has been approved by the central offices of the Veterans Bureau, which has its headquarters at Chicago.

This action assures that in a few days the back pay allowed, some \$1,400, will be paid over to Mr. Steppat, and that he will start to draw the compensation of \$105 which has been allowed, for the remainder of his lifetime.

Mr. Steppat suffered an injury while in the service in 1918 that has made him a practical invalid, and while at times he has been able to get around, he has been a constant sufferer and his disability has been rated as permanent in its nature and which the veteran will carry with him to the grave. The nature of the trouble is one that affects the spine and which is of a growing worse in the recent years.

The securing of the final adjustment of the claim is very pleasing to all service men in the community and they are appreciative of the efforts of Mr. Duxbury and Mrs. Jensen, head of the local post of the department of the Auxiliary and who has been one of the most active figures in Veteran relief work in the west.

SENIOR SNEAK DAY

From Thursday's Daily—
The seniors of the high school enjoyed one of the big events of the school year today, that of "sneak day" and early in the morning the class members could be seen rounding up the class and getting ready for the big start. The class motored to Lincoln and where they viewed the state capitol, the penitentiary and other state institutions and this afternoon left for Omaha where the day's outing was topped off by a theatre party and dinner and then home again to resume the few hectic weeks that remain of the school year.

The custom of "sneak day" is one that the seniors look forward to with pleasure and the classes in the past have made excursions to many of the towns within a hundred mile radius, Shenandoah, Iowa, Crete, Fremont and many other of the nearby places of interest have been the gathering place for the classes of the high school.

WINTERY CONDITIONS PREVAIL

The advent of May has brought with it temperatures that have hovered near the freezing point and last evening proved one of the chilliest nights of the spring with the mercury scaling down to within the 32 degrees above zero.

In many sections of the city there were reports of ice forming on water that was exposed to the elements, but just how seriously this has affected the gardens and fruit crops of this section.

A very strong wind prevailed through the late night and early morning hours and which while very uncomfortable, it is thought helped a lot in preventing more serious damage to the fruit crop through this immediate section.

After two very chilly days the weather man in view of the rising temperature has handed out hope of relief that the next few days will be much warmer and give promise of more summer like conditions.

Read the Journal Want-Ads.

Pupil of St. John's School Wins Honors

Leo Sikora, Age 13, Takes Second Honors in Interstate Spelling Contest at Sioux City

From Friday's Daily—
After hours of tedious grilling, in which all but one and one other contestant had been eliminated from the oral test at the Interstate Spelling contest held at South Sioux City last Friday, Leo Sikora, 13-year-old 8th grade student of St. John's parochial school of this city, lost the opportunity of becoming interstate champion when he misspelled the word "fifteen," one of the easiest words he knows, he declared upon his return home from the meet. As it was, the previously acclaimed Cass county champion, won second honors among



LEO SIKORA

the large number of entries representing grade schools in South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska.

Leo is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Sikora and one of the brilliant 8th grade pupils in the local school.

His success at the Sioux City contest is particularly gratifying to the Ursuline Sisters, from St. Joseph's convent, St. Joseph, Kentucky, who have been here several years as the resident teachers at St. John's school, and who in their teaching lay stress on the older fashioned rudiments of education, including correct spelling. That their school has produced a county champion and one highly honored in competitive tests with pupils of public schools over the middle west speaks well for the training received in the local school and they have been highly complimented by County Superintendent Miss Alpha Peterson for having produced such a capable speller.

EARLY CLUB LEADERS

From Friday's Daily—
This morning Mrs. S. A. Davis and daughter, Miss Margaret of Lincoln, arrived in the city to be guests at the E. H. Westcott home for the week end and to attend the banquet of the Women's club to be held at the First Presbyterian church on Monday evening at 8:30.

Mrs. Davis, who was the secretary of the club when organized here in December 1895, will preside over the section of the program that will be devoted to the review of the club work of that day and time. For this occasion eight charter members of the club will be present to join in the event and to greet the members of 1928, Mrs. H. J. Streight of Omaha, Mrs. McLennon, Mrs. Traver and Mrs. Charles S. Sherman of Lincoln, Mrs. Isaac King of Superior, with Mrs. Davis of Lincoln and Mrs. C. A. Rawls and Miss Olive Jones of this city being also in attendance.

HOLD PLEASANT MEETING

From Friday's Daily—
The Women's Auxiliary of the St. Luke's church held a very fine meeting yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. M. Roberts on high school hill and with a very large number of the ladies in attendance. The members enjoyed two very fine papers on the missionary work of the church which were given by Mrs. Henry McMaken and Miss Dora Frick, covering the efforts of the church in the various lines of missionary work. Very dainty refreshments were served by the hostess that added to the pleasures of the occasion.

GOES TO DAVID CITY

From Thursday's Daily—
Ed Bartholomew, who has for the past year been clerk at the Maury Drug Co., store, is leaving today for David City, Nebraska, where he has secured a position and will find a most congenial location as David City is his old home and where he has a very large circle of friends of many years standing. The departing young man has extensive acquaintance with friends in this city who are regretting very much to see him leave as he is a most congenial young man personally and his courtesy in his work at the store has made him many friends.

Car Stolen in Omaha Burned Near This City

Reo Four Passenger Coupe Found Burning Near Glen Wiles Farm—Stolen Last Night

From Friday's Daily—
Last evening Harry Kruger arrived in the city from an auto spin out into the country and reported to the authorities that an auto was burning near the Glen Wiles farm. A Deputy Sheriff Young and Officer Dave Pickrel drove out to investigate the case and found that the fire had gutted the car and it was only from the license plates that the officers found a clue to the ownership of the car, it being a Douglas county car. Leo is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Sikora and one of the brilliant 8th grade pupils in the local school.

This is the third Omaha car that has been burned in this locality and it is evident that getting to be a Deputy Sheriff Young and Officer Dave Pickrel drove out to investigate the case and found that the fire had gutted the car and it was only from the license plates that the officers found a clue to the ownership of the car, it being a Douglas county car.

The Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power company has also in the last two years built and put into service the \$9,000 electric sub-station here where current is handled for the various lines of the company in southern Nebraska, western Iowa and northern Missouri.

Local Tracksters Second at Neb. City Meet

Plattsmouth Good in Distance and Fair in Field Events—Nebraska City Takes First.

The track and field meet held on Wednesday at Nebraska City, with the teams of Plattsmouth, Nebraska City, Peru and Syracuse participating, resulted in the Otoe county tracksters taking first with 78 1/2 points, Plattsmouth second with 46 1/2, Peru 33 1/2 and Syracuse 6 1/2.

In the distance events and the field sports the Plattsters showed much the best form, while Nebraska City was especially strong in the short sprints and the field events.

In the 100 yard dash Meisinger was first and Dew took fourth. In the pole vault, McCleery tied for third at 9 feet.

In the 220 yard dash Meisinger was third and Lutz fourth. In the 100 yard dash, Meisinger was third.

In the javelin throw, Herold scored third place. In the shot put Spangler was second.

In the high jump, Yelick tied for third. In the broad jump Meisinger was fourth.

In the high hurdles, Meisinger tied for second and Dew took fourth. In pole vault, McCleery tied for third at 9 feet.

In the relay, Plattsmouth finished third. In the 220 yard dash Meisinger was third and Lutz fourth.

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Plans are being formulated for the staging of the first annual Cass county track and field meet to be held in this city on Friday, May 17th. It is the desire that schools in all sections of the county send in their representatives for the various field and track events, that it may be made a truly all county affair and the interest in the track work so stimulated that the event can be developed into an annual event.

SUFFERING FROM FLU

Miss Olive Jones, city librarian, has been confined to her home for the past few days as the result of an attack of the flu and a severe cold and which has been most uncomfortable to the patient.

Reduction in Light Rates Here is Announced

Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co., Give Patrons Benefit of Reduction, Says Manager

A reduction in the rates now in force for electrical services is announced by Fred I. Rea, the district manager of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co., which is effective from the first of the month and which will help reduce the cost of current to the patrons.

The Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co. made a reduction of the rate in February 1928 and which like the present rate is the result of the voluntary efforts of the company to give as low a rate as possible to the consumer.

Under the new rate for residence service, the service charge of 50c per month per meter is retained, with the reduction in the rates. The first 25 kilowatt hours plus the service charge is eight cents, against the former charge of nine, for the next 25 kilowatt hours, six cents, while for the excess kilowatt hours the charge will be three and a quarter cents against the present rate of four cents.

In the charges for commercial service the service charge of 50c a month per meter is retained and the rates as announced places the first 75 kilowatt hours at eight cents plus the service charge, the next 125 kilowatt hours at six cents and thereafter over 200 at four cents per kilowatt hours.

The reduction in rates comes as a part of the general improvement and expansion program of the company, they having been carrying on a very large plan of rebuilding the line in this city and which has been the outlay of some \$10,000 in wages and material and which places their service lines in the best of shape and with new poles, insulators and lines that will aid greatly in the maintenance of the fine service that is the aim of this progressive utility company.

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WILL GIVE MEMORIAL ADDRESS

Col. Phil L. Hall, of Greenwood, one of the active leaders in the affairs of the reserve officers association as well as the American Legion of Nebraska, has been extended the invitation to deliver the memorial address on Thursday, May 30th at Chadron, Nebraska.

The residents of Dawes county and Chadron furnished a company in the Sixth Nebraska infantry that was formerly commanded by Col. Hall and which was later made a part of the 109 engineers, and the former service men of Chadron and vicinity have a very deep affection for the genial colonel through the association of the past years.

The selection of Col. Hall assures a strong and able speaker and one that is eminently well qualified to speak on this day of memory and honor to the veterans of the wars of the nation.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

From Friday's Daily—
Walter Baldwin of this city, who has been in very poor health for the past two years, has just returned home from the hospital at Omaha where he underwent an operation for the removal of his tonsils as well as treatment in the hopes of giving him greater use of his limbs, which suffered as the result of a spinal injury received two years ago in an auto accident. At the time of the accident it was thought that the injuries would prove fatal but Mr. Baldwin was able to recover but has retained serious effects of the injuries.

HAS GAS STOLEN

From Friday's Daily—
The Oto Oil Co., seems to be the target of petty thieves as last night the oil station located at Chicago avenue and Pearl streets was visited by some thief that proceeded to get away with a quantity of ethyl gas and also spilled a great deal of the gas around the station. The parties broke the locks to the gas pumps and proceeded to help themselves and had evidently allowed the gas to flow over the ground in the vicinity of the tanks for some time. No clue has been found to the parties and it is supposed that they were some one traveling through, that took this method of filling their gas tank.

MRS. BACH IMPROVING

From Friday's Daily—
Mrs. A. G. Bach, who is at the St. Joseph hospital at Omaha taking treatment, is reported as doing very nicely and it is thought that the patient may soon be well on the highway to recovery and able to return home in greatly improved health.

BRIDGE OFFICIALS HERE

From Friday's Daily—
The members of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce at their luncheon yesterday had the pleasure of having with them several of the Omaha representatives of the Plattsmouth Bridge Co. Following the luncheon the visitors and the members of the directors, or as many as could get away for the trip, journeyed down to the new Missouri river bridge to inspect the work and view this structure that is each day nearing completion and in which the residents of Cass and Mills county are much interested and watching closely the progress of the work of construction.

Home Economic Club Banquets School Heads

Board of Education Are Guests of Honor at Banquet at High School Last Evening

From Friday's Daily—
Last evening the Home Economics club of the Plattsmouth high school entertained very pleasantly at the home economic room at the high school, the members of the board of education with their wives and husbands as well as Superintendent and Mrs. R. E. Bailey and Principal and Mrs. J. V. Simon.

The young ladies of the class had arranged a most tempting banquet for the occasion and which was featured in the handsome decorations as well as the tempting menu, the centerpiece of the table being a handsome maypole arranged by the young ladies. This banquet was financed by the proceeds of candy and food sales by the girls of the club.

The menu of the banquet, prepared by the club members and Miss Elizabeth McVey, head of the department, was as follows:

Breaded Veal Cutlets
Potato Puffs
Cream Carrots in Toast Cups
Rolls
Spring Salad
Strawberry Shortcake
Nuts
Coffee

During the evening a very charming piano number was given by Miss Winifred Ratney and two delightful vocal numbers by Miss Margaret Shallenbarger that added to the social features of the evening.

The members of this club are Doris Kiser, Wendolyn Hansen, Edith Galloway, Katherine Hill, June Kell, Katherine Hitz, Eleanor Olson, Mary Ellen Byers, Winifred Ratney, Loretta Taylor, Ellen Tysar, Anna Duda, Opal Haley, Helen Jane West, Dorothy Woster, Dorothy Hitz, Ruby Carter, Anna Ziska, Mary Lois Wiles, Helen Taylor, Margaret Pauls, Agnes Brink, Dorothy Farmer, Maxine Wiles, Margaret Nelson, Grace Pliney, Vera Hughes, Anna Knieke, Vivian Moore, Irene Simons, Thelma Hutchinson, Mildred Carlberg, Carolyn Thomas, Saphia Hofacker, Velma Edgton, Agnes Gouchenour, Buehlah Blodgett.

SPEAKS AT NEBRASKA CITY

From Friday's Daily—
Mrs. William Baird of this city, one of the best known lady speakers of the state and who has been heard at a large number of women's meetings over the state was at Nebraska City last evening where she gave the address at the Girl Reserve Mother-daughter banquet held at the First Christian church at that place. There was eighty reservations for the banquet and Mrs. Baird gave a very beautiful and inspiring talk on the mother and daughter relationship and love that was enjoyed to the utmost.

ENTERTAINS FOR FRIEND

From Friday's Daily—
Last evening Mrs. J. S. Livingston entertained very charmingly at her home in honor of Mrs. Hugh W. Kidder, of San Diego, California, who is here, a house guest of her sister, Mrs. E. J. Richey. The evening was spent in bridge and at which Mrs. R. W. Clement was awarded the first honors while the consolation was secured by Mrs. Henry C. McMaken. The guest prize was presented to Mrs. Kidder.

During the evening the hostess served very dainty and delicious refreshments that added very much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

W. G. DAVIS RE-ELECTED

The many friends and acquaintances here of W. G. Davis, former secretary of the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce, will be interested in learning that Mr. Davis has been re-elected as the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Greenwood, Ohio, where Mr. Davis has been located for the past year and where he has been very successful in his work. Mr. Davis has been very active in his work at Greenville and has just been in the forefront of the fight for readjustment of the gas rates in that place.

WILL ATTEND INSTITUTE

The W. C. T. U. Institute will be held at Elmwood on Tuesday, May 7th, commencing at 10 a. m. and continuing for the day. A very interesting program has been arranged by Mrs. J. E. Wiles, county president and which includes the main address of the institute by Mrs. Clara Clay of the inst. & A. M. of Nebraska, national state president, the report of the national convention by Mrs. R. B. Hayes and vocal offerings by Mrs. E. H. Westcott and Mrs. R. B. Hayes. The response to the official welcome will be given by Mrs. Rose Mae Duxbury of this city.

Large size maps of Cass county on sale at Journal office. 50c each.

Knights and Ladies Enjoy Social Time

The Dinner Pageant by Mt. Zion Commandery No. 5, K. T., Very Largely Attended

From Saturday's Daily—
Last evening the members of Mt. Zion commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, their ladies and a few distinguished guests from out of the city, enjoyed an evening of rare pleasure at the Masonic temple where the committee in charge, W. A. Robertson, Leslie W. Niel and William F. Evers with Harvey Gerner and his talkie phone, had prepared an event of the rarest pleasure which the committee had titled, "The Knights and Ladies of King Leon's Court."

The scene of the delightful gathering was staged in the large and beautiful lodge room where the decorative scheme of red and white was carried out in streamers along the sides of the wall as well as the red streamers on the snowy napery and with the red roses, red and white carnations and red candles adding a pleasing touch to the decorative scheme.

The arrangements of the room were in the form of the ancient kingly courts, the king and queen and guests of distinction and officers of the court occupying the dais at the south of the room while at the north the court jester, whose task was to amuse the king and guests with song and jest, was seated.

The personnel of the court was King Leon and Queen Anna McCarty, the "Primed Minister," Raymond P. Westover; the equerry, Oliver C. Hudson; lady in waiting, Mrs. Rose Mae Duxbury; Chancellor, James M. Robertson; grand marshal, John T. Dysart; the court prelate, the Rev. Luther M. Kuhns. The role of the court jester was carried out splendidly by Harrison L. Gayer, whose costume was one of the striking features of the court.

The heralds, Roy O. Cole, Vearl Smith, Virgel Perry and Ward M. Whelan, with a blast of the trumpet announced the reading of the king's command that the jester proceed to entertain the guests.

The jester was equal to the occasion thru upon him and at his command the court musicians, Frank A. Cloidt, Harry G. McClusky, Raymond C. Cook and Lynn O. Minor, with their ladies, the court minstrels, James T. Begley, John E. Schutz, Leslie W. Niel and Luke L. Wiles and their ladies also joined in the entertaining features of the dinner pageant and with songs of the past, the joust of jests and melodies of the present day, the spirit of fun reigned supreme. The solo of Luke L. Wiles was especially commended by his majesty.

At the close of the entertainment the blast of the heralds announced the reading of the mandate of the king and who vented the royal displeasure on the lowly jester, who was ordered to the block and with the guards, William L. Seybolt and George E. Nickles, was hurried to the executioner, W. G. Boedeker, for the beheading.

The dinner was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star in the most charming manner and with a menu that tempted the knights and ladies with its deliciousness.

Following the dinner and the pageant the formal toast list was presided over by Dr. R. P. Westover in his usual clever manner.

The address of welcome was given by Oliver C. Hudson, generalissimo and commander-elect and the response for the guests was given by Mrs. Rose Mae Duxbury.

The Templar quartet also gave several numbers on this feature of the evening program. The address of the evening was given by Hon. John T. Dysart of Omaha, who had as his subject, "The Sword of Peace" and covered the work of the Templar in the daily life of the world.

The Templar quartet sang the musical setting for the illustrated song, "Rock of Ages."

At the close of the most happy occasion the benediction was offered by the Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, past grand prelate of the Knights Templar of Nebraska.

Among the distinguished guests present in addition to Mr. Dysart, Mr. Robertson and Rev. Kuhns, were Frank W. Woodland, grand master of the A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, Charles O. Dawson, grand warden and Mrs. Dawson of Blair, Dr. and Mrs. John B. Lichtenwaller of Omaha.

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