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WHY CAN'T WE FOLLOW SUIT

Wisconsin Sell Insurance at Cost. State Officials Gratified Over Success of Plan. It looks Good.

THE STATE LIFE FUND INSURANCE IS SOUND

[Below we give space to the Wisconsin plan of state insurance. It looks good. Read it. What is the matter with Nebraska, and why can't we do something along this plan for our people?—Ed.]

What Wisconsin Plan Insurance Costs

At age of 20, \$1,000.	By Month	By Year
Ordinary life	\$1.54	\$17.84
20 payment life	2.33	26.93
10 year endowment	1.78	19.24
Endowment at 65	1.75	20.22
Term to 65	1.23	14.23

Madison, Wisconsin.—A widespread interest in Wisconsin's plan for state life and endowment insurance has been indicated by requests for information from all over the country.

Applications are coming in steadily and inquiries from prospective policy holders are being received daily from all parts of the state. One savings bank in Milwaukee is advertising the life fund on its own circulars, and manufacturing concerns have cooperated by distributing literature among its employees.

No death has occurred, but mortality funds are available to pay any death which may occur. The accumulated funds have already been invested in real estate mortgages yielding 6 per cent interest net to the fund.

The department is gratified over the number of inquiries and applications received and the success of the plan thus far. "Perhaps," said Deputy Insurance Commissioner W. S. Braddock, "nothing speaks more for state life insurance than the enthusiasm and great interest of those who have become policy holders."

As the policies issued were dated as of the time of the application, the second payment has already been made on a considerable number, and not a single policy has failed to renew.

Among the more recent applicants, preference seems to be shown for the endowment at age of 65 policy, due very likely to the fact that many of the appli-

PASTOR MEETS SUDDEN DEATH

From the Worthington, Minnesota, Globe, a copy of which was received by George E. Lean, we learn of the sudden death of Rev. C. M. Aldridge February 25, at Reading, Minnesota, where he was pastor of the Presbyterian church. He preceded Rev. Davies as pastor of the church here, and his rather tragic death will be a shock to the community.

The Minnesota paper says in part:

"Mr. Aldridge was in the village blacksmith shop fixing his machine. He had taken the rear wheels off and had jacked up the machine on its rear axle in order to more easily get at it to do the work he desired. He was lying on his back under the rear axle and busy at work when for some reason or other the supports under the axle gave way, letting the heavy machine fall upon the prostrate man. Mr. Aldridge's young son, a mere toddler, was with his father at the time and the unfortunate man told the child to tell his mother that papa was under the machine and needed help." It was some time before the word reached Mrs. Aldridge and when

cants are young men, who are beginning to save toward a competency for their later years. Quite a few endowment policies have been issued to women. The 20 payment life policy is also popular. The ordinary life policy, the 10 year term and the 10 year and 20 year endowments have been issued to same extent. The term to age of 65 seems to be the least popular.

A pamphlet issued by the state gives the following facts:—

The state life fund insurance is sound, is granted at cost on a rate that is low, yet safe.

A dividend is paid each year, beginning with the first; gives the right to borrow, the right to surrender for cash, protects against forfeiture for non-payment of premium by charging a premium as a loan, gives the right to pay at times and in amounts suited to your convenience and allows interest at full rate earned.

The life fund saves you the agent's commissions, the overhead charges, from any forfeiture if you want to make any change, and from any doubt as to what your contract really is.

Mellor Very Much Alive Regardless of Knockers

W. R. Mellor was home over last Sunday and the early part of this week. He is very much alive in spite of the fact that a few of the would-be spokesmen for the newspapermen of Nebraska have relegated him to the scrap heap and have endeavored to elevate

himself by pushing him down. Such fellows as judge Howard of Columbus, m. a. brown of Kearney, and a few others of their ilk, would have to go some to be big enough for Bill Mellor to notice as little pignies, let alone being of enough importance for him to pay any attention to.

Some of the play books arrived Saturday, they being three weeks late, means that we must get to work that much harder.—The Senior class.

Lillian Brown, one of our brilliant scholars is going to move out on the farm after school is closed. (Special Dispatch to the Correspondent.)

Mr. Mackey and Bernard Slocumb prepared to go hunting Saturday morning, but the beautiful snow flurries and sunshine scared them out of the idea.

The Senior class finished book-keeping and took their final examination Friday afternoon. If anybody is in need of a good book-keeper call on the Senior class.

The boys of the High school are patiently waiting for warmer weather so as to start playing ball. The High school team is going to be one of the fastest and strongest in this part of the state. There are a few Revenges which they are going to surely have this spring.

The four most bashful gentlemen of Loup City again visited us during chapel. Earl Harper, one of them, played us a number of his many pieces on the piano. He ranks next to Paderuski. The other three gentlemen were too bashful to even say something. Nevertheless, gents, come again.

We need a new school house. We are getting so crowded that when spring opens, some of the classes will have to recite outside, especially the botany class. A new school house the same size of the old one wouldn't hurt anybody. The old building could be used for the grades, and the new one for the High school. A new school house wouldn't be nearly as foolish as that long ditch which was built along the foot of the hills to save Loup City in time of floods.

The Juniors don't get along very well without Miss Burt. Caesar class number two is taking an examination this morning. (Monday.) Congratulations.

Orena Ohlsen taught the fourth grade one day last week. They reported a jolly old time.

Miss Frances Sweetland is teaching in place of Miss Burt who has resigned.

Two High school pupils were required to remain upon the reservoir hill one afternoon last week. Clarence Petersen had a serious accident befall him one day last week, which laid him up for repairs for a half a day.

A new rule was introduced and passed by the High school teachers, which seems to be so complicated that but few can interpret it.

VERY AGED LADY LAID TO REST

Mrs. Wilhelmina Schneiderit a Pioneer of This County Since 1879 Passes Away.

PAST NINETY YEARS OF AGE.

Last Sunday afternoon, March 8, 1914, at about 1:30, occurred the death of Mrs. Wilhelmina Schneiderit in this city, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Louis Bechtold, at the advanced age of 90 years and a little over. Grandma Schneiderit had made her home with her daughter for a number of years. The funeral occurred from the German church on Tuesday afternoon following, Rev. Juelling officiating, and interment was made in Evergreen cemetery.

Wilhelmina Kalniska was born December 23, 1823, in Grabovven, east part of Prussia, Germany, where she was married in 1847 to Fred Schneiderit. They came to America in 1871, settling in New York. A year later they moved to Fairbury, Ill., and eight years later to Sherman county, her husband dying in 1886. To this union were born two children, Fritz Schneiderit and Mrs. Minnie Bechtold, both of whom survive the mother, together with eleven grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. She was aged at death 90 years, 2 months and 16 days.

COURT HOUSE INSPECTION TOUR

Committee Visit Howard, Greeley, Morrisk, Hall and Custer Counties

HIYO ADEN'S IMPRESSION

Ed, Northwestern: I send you a few notes of our trip of court house inspection made prior to the receipt of petitions in circulation which I am told already contains 25 per cent of the voters, which compels the board to call a special election for the purpose of voting bonds to build a new court house.

As the first step necessary for the board, after calling for a special election is to pick out a plan of building and hiring an architect to superintend the construction and give an estimate of the cost that voters may have a chance to examine plans and cost of same, the board deemed it wise to visit the court houses at St. Paul and Greeley and others if thought necessary. They were accompanied by a building committee of seven representative men from over the county comprised of Jas. McBeth, Christ Zwick, Frank Badura, W. Jacobs, C. W. Trumble, Hans Johnson and W. S. Waite, the whole gang being valiantly led by John W. Long, president of the Loup City Commercial Club.

In Howard county, the court house contract was let for \$75,000 in round numbers but the contract was let for about \$6,000 less than the architect's estimate and he was practically insolvent when he began building, hence failed financially after the building was partially complete. His bonding company, however, sent an agent and put the architect in charge of the work, instructing the county to pay the bills up to the contract price and the company would pay the balance, the county losing nothing and certainly getting a fine structure, 70x92 feet 4 stories high and jail in top story. The building is of brick and Bedford stone, with stone pillars, giving it an imposing and lasting appearance. The first walls are 17 inches, and the three upper stories are 13 inches, the piers 45 inches first story, tapering to 21 at top, the building nicely appointed, finished and up-to-date in every way. The people pay for it with an issue of 4 1-2 per cent bonds.

In Greeley county, Henry Ohlsen of Loup City is in charge of the new court house and he was certainly proud as he explained the structure in detail, and the Greeley people appreciate his work. The building is 10 feet shorter than St. Paul's and trimmed in terre cotta, which is less expensive than Bedford stone. It does not look quite so nice, while the pillars are of brick instead of Bedford stone, the whole thing costing about \$5,000 less than St. Paul court house, though arranged and equipped the same, and is a fine building also.

We went next to Central City, where they have just completed a fine court house at a cost of \$90,000, is same size of Howard county structure, is of brick and Bedford stone, with first story all of Bedford stone. The architecture is some different from the first two mentioned but designed by a different architect and equipped a little more expensive and containing much more marble. The arrangement is some different and owing to the sandy soil at Central City it was necessary to make a foundation ten feet wide at the base, this helping to make the cost greater. They have a separate jail, although there is room in the fourth story for a jail. The building was paid for by a bond issue of \$100,000 of 4 per cent bonds, and contractors were compelled to take bonds for pay and had to discount them \$10,000, so the county only got a \$90,000 structure.

THREE INJURED IN EXPLOSION

Accident Near Pleasanton May Result in Death.

ARTHUR ASHER BADLY HURT

Arthur Ashur will die, P. Hollinger was badly injured and Harvey Wort was badly shaken up as the result of an accidental explosion which occurred at Pleasanton, Tuesday afternoon of this week. The men had planted a stick of dynamite in the hill to secure clay for surfacing a piece of road, not wanting to wait the slow process of digging the clay. The fuse not going off as expected, the men who had retired to a safe distance returned to see about it just as the explosion occurred, tearing Asher's face, blowing out one of his eyes and leaving him in a terrible condition. Hollinger, had his back turned toward the dynamite, but was badly powder burned beside having his teeth blown out and his lip cut clear into his nose. Wort was not seriously hurt. The two former were hurried to Pleasanton, where it was thought Asher would die but Hollinger would recover. Asher is an automobile man. Hollinger a local druggist, and Wort owner of a garage, all of Pleasanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hancock entertained about sixty relatives and friends Saturday evening, March 7th, in honor of the 21st birthday anniversary of their son, Harold. A good time was reported by all who were present.

Of Special Interest to "Movie" Fans

At the Dreamland theatre next Monday evening will be given a three-reel film of the much talked of story of "The Wreck" which is said to be one of the most fascinating pictures shown on the screen at the present. You will miss something fine if you are not there. Then on the 30th at the

same place will be given one of the famous "Jungle" pictures, of which a few have been seen here in the past. These pictures have seventeen thrills to the square inch and any one who has seen a jungle picture once, rarely fails to see others. Don't miss the above dates.

We next went to Grand Island, Mr. Waite and myself to get some liquid refreshments and the rest to inspect the court house. I will not put in the description here, as I seemed to get things mixed, as when written Bill Brown said I had gotten either the standpipe or the new brewery, he couldn't tell which. It cost \$130,000, to old-fashioned and high-priced for us.

After several desultory, the weary and almost penniless bunch went to Broken Bow, where we had heard tales of terrible court house graft. We found a 3-story building of brick and terra cotta, 78x103, with 17 inch walls from bottom to top, with foundation, of course, heavier, 21 inch pillars, and beautiful and imposing entrance, nice large rooms, tiled floors in corridors, and everywhere maple floors, laid on concrete back of counters. This building complete cost \$77,000, built by direct tax—4 mills one year, 3 mills the next, aided by \$14,000 insurance and material from old court house.

All the buildings described were completed and equipped in every way at prices given. One thing is practically certain for the people to consider. We can get our money optional payments at 4 1-2 per cent interest to sell bonds at par at the lowest rate.

In closing, a word of appreciation of our kind reception and entertainment by county officials and commercial clubs of various towns visited. Commercial clubs surely have a place in the new order of doing things. Yours, HIYO ADEN.

FORMER LOUP CITY WOMAN HONORED

Mrs. Harry B. Musser, President of the Third District Federation of Woman's Clubs

RAPID RISE FROM THE RANKS TO LEADERSHIP

A rapid rise from the ranks to the leadership of a district federation has been accomplished by Mrs. Harry B. Musser of Parsons, who came to Kansas as a stranger a little more than three years ago, and who was elected to the presidency of the Third District federation in the fall of 1912, just two years after her arrival. Mrs. Musser is a woman of force and brilliancy, as her rapid rise in clubdom shows, and is one of the influential women of her district. One of her accomplishments in club work was the organization of the Country Club Woman's club of the Labette county, which held its first meeting in September, 1911, a year after Mrs. Musser first came to Parsons to live.

The first meeting was held at the Musser country home, Elmdale, where fourteen women gathered in response to invitation. They not only talked over plans to organize a club but proceeded at once with a temporary organization, then nominated and elected permanent officers. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws, and before ad-

jourment they decided upon a name, club colors, and voted to federate with both district and state federations. Since its organization the club has lent its influence to all sorts of plans for the betterment of that community and has given to its members a center for their activities and interests.

The work of the Country Woman's club is greatly to the liking of Mrs. Musser, who is much interested in club extension work, and she advocates the establishment of social centers making use of rural churches and school-houses for that purpose.

Before coming to Kansas Mrs. Musser lived in Nebraska, where she began her career as a club woman about fifteen years ago. The first club to which she belonged was the Columbus Woman's club, with a membership of fifty-four. The club was divided into different departments, each one an organization within itself, with one general meeting held each month. The club was active and accomplished the things it set out to do, a characteristic which Mrs. Musser has carried with her through the years of her club life.

Five years later, upon removing to another part of the state, Mrs. Musser, who was then beginning to be known as a club woman, was cordially welcomed as a member of the Unity Club of Loup City, Neb., an organization, which took up civics in a practical form. In 1909, when the Musser family moved to Lincoln, she became a member of Lincoln Woman's club. The Lincoln Woman's club is one of the largest in the country, numbering among its members over 1,200 women and having twelve departments of study, covering a wide range of subjects.

Mrs. Musser went to Parsons to make her home in the fall of 1910 and was soon elected to membership in the Athenaeum club, which has furnished another leader among Kansas club women in the person of Mrs. W. D. Atkinson, past president of the state federation. Mrs. Musser has had valuable training and varied experience in her connection with live and effective clubs and her work in the Third District federation has been characterized by executive ability and a good deal of push.

BY WIRELESS FROM LEAVENSWORTH

A wireless which means this time a letter, was received last week from Leavenworth, Washington, to the effect that the stork had been at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Grow and left a fine boy there for Jimmy and Henrietta to love, cuddle and bring up to be a future president. Those of our readers who do not know the above happy couple we give the information that the proud father is youngest son of ex Postmaster Grow, while the mamma is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Conger of this city. Now having properly introduced the characters in the above interesting drama, the Northwestern sends wireless congratulations to the grandpas and grandmas as well as to the happy parents.

Frank Mickow went to McCool Junction Monday morning to see how his farms are looking.

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The Bible class of the M. E. church gave a reception at the parsonage Tuesday evening of this week in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Oltjenbruns. A large crowd and a very enjoyable evening was the ultimate result.

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