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ELECTRIC POWER IMPROVEMENT

Loup City Mill and Light Company Expend Over \$3,000.00 at Head of Mill Race.

GREATER ELECTRIC POWER

Last Wednesday noon completed the building of the great new head gates put in by the Electric Light Co. and it is confidently expected that when the water is turned on and in full operation the company will have sufficient power for years to come.

Some four weeks ago, the company through its electric light manager, Nelson Smith, and with a force of men numbering at various times from ten to twenty-five men, with perhaps a dozen teams, began at the head of the mill race to widen, rebuild and put in shape the head gates, giving when necessary water power for the mill race. The entire affair has been in charge of Nelson Smith, who is miller, and general superintendent of the electric company's works. He planned and executed the work from the first, and it is certainly a splendid monument to his architectural and executive powers. The head of the mill race was widened to 120 feet, and the big head gate, besides the abutments, through which the water can flow is fully 80 feet. In the big head gate are fifteen smaller ones, allowing water to be turned on through any one more, regulating the supply to meet the demand. In the building of the head gate, over 30,000 feet of lumber and over 1200 pounds of nails have been used. Just outside of the head gate there has been driven timbers to a depth of 20 feet in the sand, and against these timbers the gate has been bolted firmly, while just inside the gate, on the race side, is nailed and bolted to timbers driven 20 feet in the ground a flooring across the race and perhaps 20 feet in length, the flooring being of the thickness of one-inch and two-inch planks. On

the river side of the head gate, men with teams and scrapers have cut the big high sand banks allowing the heavy current of the river to sweep directly down on the big gate, which it is expected will carry the sand away from the gate and on into the river below. To Mr. Smith must be given the credit of the planning and executing the whole thing, which took no little brain power, as can easily be seen by a visit up there and an explanation of the building of the same. The work costs E. G. Taylor a pretty penny, but he is so constituted that he never stops for expenses, when he is engaged in boosting town or improvements therein.

Saturday afternoon, in company with E. G. Taylor, Nelson Smith and Supt. Burwell, with Earl Taylor as chauffeur, we were permitted to go up and see the 15 head gates opened, letting the water into the mill race. It was an interesting sight to watch the big volume of water rush through the gates and on down the course to the big turbine wheel. There is no doubt existing now but that the race will furnish ample water power for the necessities of the electric lighting plant.

MICKOW-BROWN WEDDING BELLS

Miss Lillian Brown and Mr. Carl F. Mickow Married.

NUMBER OF OUT OF TOWN GUESTS

On Wednesday, April 22, 1914, at high noon, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Brown, occurred the nuptials of their daughter, Lillian M. Brown, to Carl F. Mickow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mickow, also of this city. The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. L. V. Slocumb of the First Methodist church of this city. The bride was gowned in white crepe meteor, trimmed in shadow lace, with satin girdle. The bridal bouquet was of bride's roses. Miss Edith Brown, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid and wore a gown of blue crepe de chine and shadow lace. Tom McIlravy acted as best man. Miss Retta Gasteyer played the bridal chorus from Lohegrin during the ceremony. A three-course dinner was served, after which the bridal pair left in an auto for the eastern part of the state for a short visit. Only relatives and close friends of the bridal couple were present. The out-of-town guests were: Mrs. W. M. Bly and two children of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. James Reynolds of Batavia, Ill.; and Mrs. E. A. Brown of Friend, Neb. The Northwestern extends to these worthy young people the heartiest of well wishes for their future. They will make their home on the groom's farm just south of this city.

EDITOR SUED FOR \$50,000

Drs. Buck and Loeffler, Known to Some Valley County Folks, Have Sued Editor Davis.

TOUGH ON A NEWSPAPER MAN

For men of unsavory reputation, or even for reputable men, to bring suit against a newspaper man in any large sum, at first excites one's risibles. The idea that any respectable man could be squeezed from an editor by process of law is provocative of laughter.

When we learned that Drs. Buck and Loeffler, men who have some sort of reputation in this vicinity, had commenced suits against H. M. Davis of the Ord Journal, we began to remark things like this: "Why don't Davis confess judgement to save attorney fees?" or "All Davis will have to do is to draw his check for the \$50,000."

But that is not all there is to a libel suit. No matter how disreputable the complainant may be, or how groundless his complaint, defense must be made in court. That costs money for attorneys and other things. It also requires the absorption of one's attention and time, and takes his energies that might be profitable used in his business.

The suits are based on certain things the Journal said about Drs. Buck and Loeffler. The Quiz said practically the same things, but not knowing their names we escaped this attack from the doctors. The suit is brought in the federal court, for one of the doctors live in Colorado and the other in Chicago.

This makes the suit more costly and disquieting to the defendant.

Looking over the article complained of we are of the opinion that the truth of the Journal's statement may be proved. The only question then will be whether the article was written in malice. This ought to be easily disproved, for the doctors did much business with Mr. Davis while here and he liked the way they did business, being square in their dealings with him.

It appears evident that the case is brought for the purpose of advertising. Doctors who have to race over the country hunting for business and who require the signing of large notes before they will proceed to exercise their doubtful powers, are given a cheap but valuable notoriety by having the newspapers telling about the big suit.

It is particularly profitable to such doctors to bring suits of this kind against newspaper men, for this will naturally evoke more comments, which is the thing they want.

It is a little tough on a newspaper man to have to suffer loss of money and sleep in reward for the thankless task of doing a public service.

Mr. Davis undoubtedly wrote that article because he felt that he should expose to public gaze the acts of these doctors. One of their costumers, a respected man, died after taking their treatment for which he had paid a large sum, and a young lady, a daughter of one of our best homes was taken away for what is generally believed to be immoral purposes. What Davis said was for the moral uplift of the community, and deserves a better reward than being haled into court.

The least the public can do is to give moral support to an editor who will speak out, and if something more substantial were offered it would not be out of place.—Ord Quiz.

We received a pleasant call Monday from E. F. Kozel of Rockville, who was in the city on business. Asking Mr. Kozel regarding the sentiment at Rockville regarding the vote on the proposed new court house, and he gave it as his belief that the bonds would carry there. And he added "There's no doubt but we need it badly, while the cost is comparatively insignificant, beside the danger to our records as they are now placed. And Mr. Kozel is of the leading and conservative business men of our sister village on the south."

The Misses Flora and Orena Ohlsen went to Grand Island last Saturday for an over-Sunday visit with an aunt.

PATRON'S DAY AT CITY SCHOOL

Many Parents and Friends Attended Last Wednesday Afternoon.

EXHIBITS WERE EXCELLENT

Last Wednesday afternoon the general public was invited to visit the school and see the work being done by teachers and pupils. Many parents and friends were glad to accept the invitation. Many favorable comments were passed on the excellent showing of the work in the different departments. Each room did so well in its grade that it would be hard to select or name particular lines. Parents lingered long in the primary and lower grades. They are so interested in everything their little ones do and so anxious that they should be started on learning's road in the right way. We were glad to see the fine showing in drawing and the good beginning in our first year's work in music. To much time cannot be given to right instruction along these lines. A public program which each room might be represented, together with Thanksgiving and Christmas exercises and Patrons' Day, would encourage the parents to keep in closer touch with the work being done by their children. Several people remarked on the fine opportunity to select a good exhibit for our fair next fall. We shall be glad to have Patrons' Day a regular feature and would commend the teachers on their selection of regular class work, rather than preparing special show work.

EYES OF WORLD ON MEXICAN TROUBLE

Huerta Accedes to First Step in Mediation Plan, Brazil, Chile and Argentine Act as Arbiters, England, Germany and France Advise Dictator to Accept.

WAR PREPARATIONS CONTINUE.

The Mexican situation has changed in the past few days from one with every prospect of bloodshed to one in which three South American republics—Brazil, Argentine and Chile have offered their kindly offices as a peace commission to settle the trouble between this country and Mexico. While President Wilson readily accepted the offer of these countries, Huerta at first sullenly refused, stating the three countries named were more favorable to the United States than to him, but later has accepted of their mediation, and at this writing the diplomats of those countries are in secret conference regarding the second step in the mediation.

In the meantime, this country is engaged in the "Wetchnful waiting" procedure, awaiting the action of the peace fellows, yet in the harbor and along the Mexican borders are U. S. battleships and sufficient soldiery to attend to the Greasers, providing war is necessary.

Huerta, having agreed to peace negotiations, assures this country that all Americans will be protected in departing from that country.

Not since the war with Spain, sixteen years ago, has trouble with a foreign nation seemed as imminent as now. President Wilson has taken a firm stand in his demand that Provisional Presi-

dent Huerta of Mexico shall respect the dignity of the United States and is going to back this demand with the full resources of the country if necessary. We know our readers are interested in all that is being done and it shall be our purpose to keep them fully informed.

On another page is a full and complete account of events up to the time we go to press and also a full page of illustrations of the more interesting places and prominent figures concerned. This will be a feature of the Northwestern as long as the trouble may last. Look for it every week.

Received too late for last week's publication: A genuine surprise was sprung on D. L. Jacoby and wife Sunday the 19th. The relatives and friends brought dinner and supper and had a feast fit for a king ready in a short time. They were presented with a beautiful linen table cloth. A most enjoyable time was had by all. Those present were: Elmer Youngquist, F. E. Kennedy Vic Swanson, R. Norseen and their respective families, E. F. Kron and wife, Mrs. Kay and Lizzie Leatherman.

Contents of the Political Pot

As the political pot continues to boil we are obliged to add a few more names to those already spoken of for the various offices within the gift of Sherman county voters:

- County Clerk—L. B. Polski, L. L. Slominski, B. Lorenz. Sheriff—Wm. Hancock, L. A. Williams, Pete Rowe, Lloyd Bly, Floyd Janulewicz, Frank Gappa. County Superintendent—Mary A. K. Hendrickson, L.H. Currier, R. D. Hendrickson. County Treasurer—F.M. Henry. County Judge—E. A. Smith, A. E. Charlton.

Among the announcements in this issue will be found the card of our good friend, Lloyd Bly, asking at the hands of the democratic voters the nomination for sheriff. Mr. Bly is too well and favorably known to our people for any comment we might make to add favorable mention of his qualifications. Of course, like the majority of those who have already made their announcements, Mr. Bly is a democrat, but barring that little fault he is a royal good fellow, and should be receive the nomination it would undoubtedly take a mighty good republican to lower his colors at the fall election.

highly colored in favor of Farley. The facts we have gleaned since show that Farley's dog made a dash for Mr. Warrick's dog, which tried to hide behind the latter, and in attempting to keep the dogs apart or protect himself from the Farley dog, the latter turned upon Mr. Warrick and seriously injured him. The Warrick dog was not a vicious canine, not of the fighting kind, as stated by the paper, nor was Mr. Warrick trying to separate the dogs while fighting, but rather to protect his frightened dog from the attack of the vicious bull dog owned by Mr. Farley. The case has been taken to the supreme court by Mr. Warrick and we hope he will get better justice than seemed to have been meted out to him in the lower court.

Stolen Automobile Found Badly Broken

While Chas. Ramsey, George Sharp and Harry McClure of Gallaway, were at lunch at the Never-sleep restaurant last Saturday night at about the hour of eleven o'clock, some unknown person or persons took their auto and made away with it.

As soon as the discovery was made, the marshal was notified and a search was instituted. Mr. Ramsey, who had charge of the car, employed the assistance of Glen C. Ream and together they scoured the out-skirts of the town, when about three o'clock Sunday morning it was discovered just at the turn from Broadway in the road leading to the fair grounds. From all appearance the culprits were running at a high rate of

speed, and in the turn the car skidded and went down with very disastrous results. Both side lights and the fenders were smashed, and the steering rod was bent, one tire burst, wind shields absolutely demolished, and the radiator caved in.

The car was a heavy five passenger Ford, owned by Chas. Carruthers, who owns and operates a garage at Calloway.

The Calloway party was about to make their return trip when they discovered the auto missing. There was absolutely no clue left at the place of the accident, that would lead to the discovery of the guilty parties. The wonder is that one was not killed or very seriously injured.—Custer County Republican.

It Goes Against The Grain

An exchange says: It goes against the grain for a local newspaper to be continually boosting for a town whose business men does not support the paper."

In every issue, year in and year out, may be found some good word for the town and her people. They are always read with pleasure but with little thought as to the cost of production and the many hours of hard work it takes to put these complimentary articles before the public. They also seem to forget that these ever favorable comments stimulates trade and helps their business to a large extent. It draws people towards us and aids in increasing population. If you increase the population, it means increasing the volume of trade. If you increase the assessed valuation it means a lighter levy and less taxes for each individual and if you increase the

volume of trade who but the business men will profit by it. Loup City has two local newspapers and if every business man in town would buy just a little space the papers would be full of ads and there would be no need of accepting propositions for foreign advertisement. Thus far this paper has very studiously avoided accepting ads that would affect our home merchants.

Rockville Court House Meeting Enthusiastic

The court house meeting at Rockville last Saturday night was met with very favorable consideration from the people of that enterprising little village. Some six auto loads went down from here, carrying the speakers, the band, the silver-throated male quartet and several boosters, and a very nice complement of people were at their dandy little opera house to hear the speeches. The arguments made for the court house were cordially received and listened to attentively, and could but be convincing.

Congressmen Vote to Lower Their Salaries

Ninety-seven Congressman voted to reduce their own salaries from \$7,500 to 6,000 a few days ago—but there were 205 in opposition, and had there been any real danger of the proposition going thru, and the Congressman who are still trying to jolly the voters with the notion that they are genuine reformers, will wake up some day to the fact that the country thoroughly approves the idea of a cut in their salaries—and then they are going to be very, very sorry. Some of the members will get mad and they will conclude "they can't afford it," and will go back home and practice law, and if they are lucky many of them will get about half of that six thousand when they have to depend on the results of private real rustling.

and so thoroughly approved that the public servants had to carry the propositions through in order to save their jobs. But the lesson does not seem to have sunk home, and the Congressman who are still trying to jolly the voters with the notion that they are genuine reformers, will wake up some day to the fact that the country thoroughly approves the idea of a cut in their salaries—and then they are going to be very, very sorry. Some of the members will get mad and they will conclude "they can't afford it," and will go back home and practice law, and if they are lucky many of them will get about half of that six thousand when they have to depend on the results of private real rustling.

Base Ball Games of The Week

Danneberg, Nebr., April 26.—Elba Ashton lost to Danneberg here Sunday by a score of 5 to 6 when the game was called in the eighth on account of rain. Score: R.H.E. Ashton 4 0 0 1 0 0—5 3 3 Danneberg 2 0 0 0 4 0—6 7 5

Batteries—Ashton, Topolski and Pritchard; Danneberg, Petersen and Jacobsen.

Farwell, April 26.—Elba blanked the Champions here Sunday by a score of 3 to 0, when the game was called on account of rain. Farwell ran up the 1913 pennant failed to bring any luck. Holms stab off Kremlack's line drive in the fourth featured. Score: R.H.E. Elba 0 1 0 2—3 3 2 Farwell 0 0 0 0—0 1 4

Batteries—Barber and Fafelta; Demmitt and A. Kremlack. Boelus, April 26.—Boelus defeated Rockville here Sunday in a hotly contested game by the score of 9 to 8. The hitting was heavy and Treon's homer featured. Score: R.H.E. Rockville 3 0 0 2 1 0 0—5 10 9 Boelus 2 1 0 0 2 0 4—9 6 9

Batteries—Gilbert, Werner, Coulter and Sterzbach; Treon and Sifert.

STANDING OF TEAMS table with columns: Club, W, L, Perct.

Warrick Case Taken To Supreme Court

Some weeks ago, the Northwestern published an article taken from an Aurora paper regarding a case in the district court there, in which our Myrl Warrick had a damage suit in the district court there, in which our Myrl Warrick had a damage suit against W. I. Farley of that city, for injuries received from a vicious dog owned by Mr. Farley, and the decision of the case being against Mr. Warrick. Evidently, from what we have learned since, the article taken from the Aurora paper was