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March came in like a lamb It remains to be seen if it makes a noise like a lion when it goes out.

We wish to take the public into our confidence and divulge a secret. We cannot be every where and we are not blessed with a thousand eyes consequently we do not always know about the happenings of all the people. You can help us by using our phone or by invading our den and inform us of the news you know. You tell us and we'll tell the rest.

The house fly is doomed. Moving picture makers have agreed to make films showing the fly and how it spreads germs upon food. It gives one the horrors to even think about the unspeakable nastiness of this great enemy but what will be the feeling when one sees him magnified a thousand times?

The object is to educate the people as to the true relation of this pest to the wellfare of the human family. A vivid illustration on canvas will do more to eliminate the fly than all the lectures delivered by scientists. As a spreader of disease the fly has all other agencies distanced a country block.

It has been estimated that should the fly be done away with the average life would be prolonged ten years. We want to live that much longer and have enlisted as a volunteer in the growing army of fly destroyers.

A few years ago the city employed a surveyor to establish regular grades for streets and sidewalks which has resulted in much benefit to the city.

Why not take another step and adopt a permanent policy for grading streets? Information is to be had for the asking from the government and a little time given to our particular needs is about all that is necessary for installing a permanent policy.

One plan of grading streets carried out for a period of ten years would make a vast improvement in the appearance of this city. The trouble now is that no one knows when he will be called upon to fill a city office and by the time he learns a few things he is succeeded by some one else and so it goes. No one policy is followed long enough to be of lasting benefit. This is poor business and ought to be remedied. Street grading is a trade and such work ought to be performed under the direction and rules of that trade.

By all means let us start the new year right by establishing a permanent policy for the maintance of our streets and alleys.

SCHOOL NOTES

(BY WHISPERING SMITH)

Such nice days. Wonder when the "hookey" days will begin?

The High School was favored with a vocal duet by Mildred Fulton and Nita Argabright last Friday.

The tenth grade was entertained by Lillian Koontz one evening last week. All report a good time.

Mr. Cressman in his interesting and entertaining manner addressed the High School Wednesday on "Elements of True Manhood." The talk was one of the most beneficial and pleasing of all our chapel talks this year. We are always pleased to have noted citizens take an interest in our work.

Friday evening the Literary Society will give a public entertainment. The following program has been arranged.

Music.....Orchestra
Reading.....Nita Argabright
Instrumental solo.....Fay Teel
Paper...Guy Harwood, Margaret Beal
Quartet—Claud Cramer, Bruce Eshelman, Phil Sherwood, Floyd Turnure
Dialogue.....8th and 9th grade
Duet....Venia Henderson, Inez Boner
Oration.....Grace McCall
Dialogue—Fred Pbares, Russel Amack
Debate—"Resolved that foreign emigration has been detrimental to the best interest of our country and therefore should be prohibited."
Negative—Leo Ryan, Vincent Johnston and Harold Green.
Affirmative—Florence Kellog, Lloyd McIntyre and Retta McDowell.
uartet—Pearl Smith, Nita Argabright, Mildred Fulton, Lois Simmons.

The students extend a cordial welcome to their parents and friends. Program will begin at 8 p. m.

Weather Summary for February 1910

Temperature: Highest 69 on 14th, lowest 3 below on 17th. Precipitation: Total 0.15, snowfall 1¼ inches, number of days clear 17, partly cloudy 5, cloudy prevailing wind N. W. 11 days.

CHAS. S. LUDLOW.

Hastings--Red Cloud Passenger Train.

The Hastings Daily Republican and one, Carson Hildreth of Franklin, are considerably excited over the new passenger service which seems likely to be installed between Red Cloud and Hastings.

Mr. Hildreth wants a daily to leave Orleans in the morning and return in the evening to enable him to reach Lincoln once, or twice a year. The Republican wants the same thing so that Hastings merchants may reap whatever the benefits of what trade there might be from the south country.

In a long article on the meeting held in Hastings by the Railway Commission the Republican bemoans the fact that their Commercial Club was sleeping at the post because having not received notice that such an important meeting was to be held in their city and further complaining that a lawyer from Red Cloud representing the towns along the route was much smarter than any citizen of Hastings and finally the Republican concludes with a glaring threat as to what Hastings will do with the Burlington and the Railway Commission if the proposed passenger train does not arrive from the south in the morning. The best thing Hastings can do is to take another snooze.

What are the facts? A protest was filed by Cowles and supported by Blue Hill and Bladen asking not for re-arrangement of the plan for running the trains but for better service and Red Cloud has been with them from the start. This is the county seat and residents in the north part of the county are entitled to a quick and convenient method of reaching this city. Red Cloud is more concerned in the welfare of Webster County than in Franklin or Hastings. Merchants here feel that a morning train from Orleans might bring more trade owing to the fact that this is the largest place between McCook and Hastings but home interests are first and Webster County must receive first consideration.

If the train leaves Hastings in the morning and returns in the evening all of the residents from Cowles to Campbell could transact their business here and return the same day.

What the cities along this route want is what ought to be had and any activity along that line will be warmly aided by the people of Red Cloud regardless of King Edward or the burgomeister of some German village.

It is immaterial whether that particular train reaches Orleans, Oberlin or the Sandwich Islands so long as the people who have filed their complaint receive the right kind of service.

LINCOLN LETTER

LINCOLN, NEBR., March 1—(Special Correspondence.)—The Democratic students at the University of Nebraska have taken preliminary steps looking towards the organization of a democratic club, and the first meeting to discuss the matter was an eye-opener because of the numbers present and the enthusiasm displayed. The club will be organized and perfected before the close of the University year, and will be in fine shape to perform active service in the interests of democracy during the coming campaign.

The republican bureau for the disseminition of misinformation with headquarters at Lincoln, continues actively at work. One of its chief objects is to misinform the public as to the actions of the governor. It is constantly trying to convince the public that the governor is neglecting the state's business in order to travel around. It is true that Governor Shallenberger is absent from the office more than was his immediate predecessor, but Governor Shallenberger is attending to vastly more business than any of his predecessors. Being a business man he is able to transact business more speedily than any of his predecessors, and his travels have been forced upon him by the wonderful growth of the state. He has lectured on the university extension course, addressed farmers' institutes and appeared before gatherings of business men held for the purpose of considering how best to conserve and promote the welfare of the state. While Governor Shallenberger has traveled more than any other governor Nebraska has ever had, he is also better informed as to the state's needs and is better able to judge as to what should or should not be done to advance the state's best interests

Republicans in the First Congressional district are in a sad muddle. There are a dozen aspirants for the nomination, and all are in a fighting mood. Will Hayward, E. H. Pollard, Judge Frost, Judge Field and F. M. Tyrell are leading candidates. So far there has been no opposition developed towards the re-nomination of John A. Maguire by the democrats. In the Second everybody seems to be waiting to see what Congressman Hitchcock will do. Harry Fleharty says he will be a candidate if Hitchcock decides to be a candidate for senator. The republicans are waiting on the Hitchcock decision, well knowing it would be folly to try and beat the popular congressman in case he decides to remain in the lower house. In the Third Edgar Howard is likely to contest with Congressman Latta for the nomination, and to date there has been little talk of republican candidates. In the Sloan of Geneva will probably be the republican candidate, in pursuance of an agreement made with Hinshaw two years ago. S. L. Mains, food commissioner, and Judge Stark, former congressman, are mentioned as democratic candidates. Fred Ashton of Grand Island and R. D. Sutherland of Nelson, will probably file for the democratic nomination in the Fifth and will contest with Judge Norris providing Norris does not decide to get into the senatorial fight. In the "Big Sixth" Uncle Mose Kinkaid has his work cut out for him. The revelation of Uncle Mose's connection with the Alaska land grabs has made Uncle Mose squirm, and the way he is trying to explain creates a lot of laughter. Shumway of Scottsbluff and Taylor of Custer have announced themselves as candidates for the democratic nomination, and either of them would probably retire Uncle Mose to private life. Take as a whole the outlook for an increased democratic representation in Congress is far brighter than usual.

Professor Crabtree has not yet resigned, as demanded by the eminent republican politicians who resent the idea that a state institution should not be run as an annex to the g. o. p. Eminent legal authority declares that the governor has a right to oust an appointive officer at any time, but Governor Shallenberger has not yet taken this phase of the matter into consideration. In the meanwhile the republican partisans who played such a coarse political game in the Peru Normal School case are being roundly cursed by their own party associates.

The Bureau of Labor and Industrial Statistics is busy these days supplying the demands for farm help. During the last six weeks not less than 200 farmers have been supplied with help, and something like 300 men have secured jobs through the bureau. So far, however, the demands for help have exceeded the supply.

"Test your seed corn!" is the cry today. It has been demonstrated that less then 30 per cent of the corn raised last year is fit for seed. The early opening of winter caused a lot of the corn to remain in the fields—and a lot of it yet remains unhusked. This corn is not showing up well in the seed tests and it behooves farmers to be very careful in selecting their seed corn this spring.

James Samuel Deakin

James Samuel Deakin was born in Shrewsbury, England on July 7th, 1875, and passed away on Friday evening, February 25th, 1910.

His early education was received in one of the Shrewsbury public schools. He very early evinced artistic ability and won several prizes at the School of Art and Science in his native city. In 1889 he came with the family to this country and in 1893-4 he took a course in pen-art work under Prof. Wallace at the Western Normal Lincoln, Nebr. Since that time he has held responsible positions as draughtsman with the Moline Plow Co., and the Racine-Sattley Co., Springfield, Ill. For sometime previous to his final illness he had been draughtsman and designer in the public Park's department Kansas City, Mo.

On June 20th, 1903 he was united in marriage with Miss Alta Tysor, in Holyoke, Mass.

The happy pair were blessed with two boys—James Samuel jr., and Fred William who, with their devoted mother survive to mourn their loss.

James and his wife united with the First Congregational church in Springfield, Ill., in 1905, and on moving to Kansas City in 1907 placed their letters in the Prospect avenue Congregational church, where they have since remained. Here he became an active worker and had a class in the Sunday School.

Early in October last, James had an attack of la grippe from the effects of which he never fully recovered. After taking medical treatment in Kansas City, he finally decided to try Cowles for a time, in the hope that the change might prove beneficial. The result was not satisfactory. All that medical skill, and loving care could do proved unavailing. That such a promising life and such a loving union should be so early ended is a mystery we cannot solve, but "we know that all things work together for good to them that love God."

The funeral services were held February 27th at 3 p. m., in the Congregational church at Cowles and were in charge of the Rev. A. A. Cressman pastor of the Congregational church of Red Cloud, who preached a sermon of great comfort to the bereaved from the text 1 John 2:25.

The funeral was largely attended and the floral offerings were beautiful, and gave unmistakable evidence of the esteem and loving friendship in which the deceased and his family is held.

This paper joins with the many friends of the bereaved in extending most heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of great affliction and bereavement