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## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS SET FOR 1923

### OFFICERS ELECTED AND PREPARATIONS MADE FOR A YEAR OF PROGRESS.

From Thursday's Daily. The members of the chamber of commerce met last evening at the public library auditorium and despite the fact that the elements were decidedly against the attendance of anyone at the meeting, a pleasing number were on hand when the machinery was set in motion by President Sattler.

The first order of business as announced was that of the election of the new officers for the year and right at the beginning the club took a good start when the name of Henry A. Schneider was placed in nomination for the office of president and carried with a unanimous vote and despite the protests of the drafted candidate, who was drowned out in the storm of enthusiasm that the members felt over the election.

For vice president the club reached out and drafted another of the faithful workers back in the harness in the person of John P. Sattler and while Mr. Sattler expressed his desire to stand on the side lines he was placed back in the midst of the fight.

At this time Roy Knorr, who has guarded faithfully the strong box of the club for several years, took opportunity of unloading the job by nominating J. V. Hatt for the position.

The naming of the secretary was left to the discretion of President Schneider to pick someone with whom he was familiar and who would make a good second for the team of boosters. The final selection of Mr. Schneider will be given out at a later date.

A number of the members were filled with enthusiasm over the prospects for the ensuing year and several peppy talks were given by different members on some of the things that the chamber of commerce could and should do in the ensuing year.

C. C. Wescott urged that the officers be given a financial backing that would enable them to carry out the various projects that arose from time to time in securing new factories and industries and acting on matters that might need the expenditure of small sums.

He remarked on the fact that the city was in the midst of one of the worst years in its history and that the future was filled with promise of great results, with new enthusiasm and a general feeling of confidence.

George Petting stated that one of the things that should be tried and done was the securing of some small industry here to occupy the building once used by the M. E. Smith factory and thought that this could be easily done and other small factories urged to come here.

E. L. Wescott paid a very touching tribute to the late L. C. Sharp, long a member of the chamber of commerce and a booster all the years for Plattsmouth and whose suggestions were always filled with the spirit of the future greatness of the community in which he had been reared and to which he returned in later years to make his home.

What Mr. Sharp had done for the community should be recognized and would be more and more appreciated now that he was gone, Mr. Wescott stated. On motion a committee to draft resolutions in the memory of Mr. Sharp was named, and was composed of C. C. Wescott, S. S. Chase and J. P. Sattler.

President-elect Schneider was called to the chair by the retiring president and gave a few of his hopes for the coming year and some of the things that the organization could and should do at this time. Mr. Schneider stated that in the re-organization of things following the past seven months of uncertainty and unrest there would be a great amount of residence property on the market here and also a great demand for new homes by strangers who had come here to live and this was one of the big items of the reconstruction period. He urged a greater cooperation in assisting those who were here looking for new homes.

Mr. Schneider also mentioned the pressing of the projects that are already here, the Nebraska Masonic Home and the Sharp machine shops in particular. He outlined his plans for a public meeting of the chamber of commerce at least once a month and the holding of a banquet in the near future.

J. H. McMaken urged that the club push the free wagon bridge project, the good roads proposition and the general beautification of the city through a general effort of the community.

## PLANNING IMPROVEMENTS

The Hatt Meat Market is, within the next month, to have a new and modern cooling system installed that will add much to the efficiency of the store and provide greater facilities for the cooling of meats and fruits and vegetables. The Baker system of the latest on the market and provide a cooling capacity equal to fifty tons of ice. This machine will be a fine addition to the store.

## WOULD HAVE CITY TAKE OVER PARK

### One of Parties Deeply Interested in Ball Grounds Urges that Park Board Assume Control.

After reading the article a few nights ago relative to the future of the base ball park east of the Burlington right-of-way, on the Missouri bottoms, one of the men who has labored long in the interest of the park and who was one of the hard workers in getting the park erected, offered a solution of the matter that seems to be about the right and the best proposition if the park is to be kept up in the shape that it should be.

The suggestion of the booster was that the city take charge of the park, have it transferred to the city park commission and in this way have some reliable authority to govern the use of the park and look after its upkeep as it should be. In the past when the base ball season has been flourishing, the sum of ten per cent of the gate receipts was held out to cover the cost of caring for the park and this was more than sufficient for several years to keep everything up in the best of shape. If the city took charge of the park and carried out the same policy in allowing the use of the grounds by collecting the sum of ten per cent it would be in a short time to make the park self-sustaining and allow it to be kept up in first class shape.

## HAS HAD WIDE EXPERIENCE AS CATHOLIC PRIEST

Father Ferdinand Suesser, rector of the Holy Rosary church of this city has since his ordination to the priesthood had a wide and varied experience that has covered from his native land of Bohemia to the wilds of South America as a missionary priest.

The able representative of his church speaks fluently a number of languages and is especially learned in Spanish and Portuguese, which are the languages of the South American continent.

Father Suesser, when a young man was sent to Brazil on his mission field covered a part of the southern portion of that country and for four years he failed to see any of the beauties of civilization and lived in the heart of the virgin forests with his charges, the natives, and was completely out of touch with the progress of the world, teaching the faith of his church to the inhabitants of that part of the world. He did not see a railroad train from the time that he penetrated the forest until the church called him back from the wilds and sent him to the United States, where he has since been located. The reverend gentleman states that Americans do not fully appreciate what a great country they have or the splendid civilization they enjoy until they see how other parts of the world exist and live.

## DEATH OF FATHER

From Thursday's Daily. The announcement has been received here of the death of the father of R. G. Campbell, principal of the high school in this city, at McCook early Wednesday morning. Mr. Campbell left here Tuesday morning for the old home in response to the message of the serious illness of his father and reached home just a few hours before the father passed away. The funeral services are to be held from the Methodist church in McCook Friday afternoon. In his bereavement, Mr. Campbell will have the deepest sympathy of the many friends in this city and especially of his friends and associates in the schools.

## RILEY JONES SICK

From Thursday's Daily. Yesterday morning, Riley Jones was taken quite sick and has since that time been confined to the home of his daughter, Mrs. B. J. Reynolds, with whom he makes his home. Mr. Jones seems to be suffering from a mild case of flu or gripe and feels very poorly but it is not thought that his case is serious. During his illness L. V. Copenhaver is looking after his work as custodian of the community school building.

## CHARLES M. PIPER CALLED TO REWARD

### Died at His Home Here at an Early Hour This Morning—Resided Here Good Many Years.

From Friday's Daily. This morning Charles M. Piper passed away at his home following an illness of some three weeks at the advanced age of sixty-five years. The deceased was a native of Wisconsin, where he was born November 27, 1857, and has lived in Plattsmouth for the greater part of the time during the last forty-two years, having come here as a young man. Mr. Piper was married twice, the first time preceding his death and of this marriage there survive the father two daughters, Mrs. Gertrude Griffith of Dickens, Neb., and Mrs. Hattie Rurtemeyer of Aberdeen, Washington.

Mr. Piper was married the second time in this city in 1897 to Mrs. Kohl and to bless this union there were born eight children, four of whom, Johnathan St. Clair, Jennie, Viola Bell and Ogle have preceded the father in death. The surviving children are Charles, Lee, Esma May and Herbert Robert Piper. There are also two step sons, J. W. Kuhl of Pacific Junction and Henry F. Kuhl of this city.

Mr. Piper was a member of the L. O. O. F. lodge of this city and a gentleman well and favorably known to a large circle of warm friends who will share with the family deep regret at the sorrow that has come to them.

## MEASURE MAKES CHANGES IN BANK GUARANTY LAW

### Keck of Polk Comes Forward with Number of Revisions—Some Follow Bryan's Views.

Lincoln, Jan. 31.—A bill looking to substantial changes in the administration of the state bank guaranty fund was introduced today by Representative Keck, democrat, of Polk county.

The first of the provisions bars from participation in the benefits of the fund all savings deposits, certificates of deposit, cashiers' checks, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments and securities on deposit, bearing over 4 per cent interest.

Contributions of the co-operative banks to the guaranty fund would be kept separate from that assessed against other banks and used only to reimburse depositors in co-operative banks.

The provision is substantially that suggested by Governor Bryan the other day when he recommended that the interest rate on deposits be cut from 5 to 4 per cent as a means of making up to banks for the drains caused by assessments for the guaranty fund.

## "DR." IS NOT ALWAYS JUST WHAT IT SEEMS TO BE

### State Department of Public Welfare Inquires as to "Dr. Jack" and It is Lloyd Picture.

Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 31.—The Nebraska department of public welfare is investigating the qualifications of a "Doctor Jack," on grounds that he is practicing without a license. Investigation here shows that the subject of the state's inquiry is a motion picture film being shown in a local theatre.

The following letter was received today by a local physician from H. H. Antles, secretary of the department of public welfare:

"I am in receipt of an advertisement from your local paper in which a Dr. H. Jack, specialist, advertises. After carefully searching the A. M. A. directory and our files, we are unable to find where this fellow is licensed in this state or any state. Will you please call this to the attention of your local medical association so that we may investigate this matter if he is in Norfolk or any other place? You folks are on the ground and can very easily gather information."

## SHIPPING CORN HERE

While the Missouri Pacific has had trouble in supplying cars needed by the farmers for shipment of corn and grain, the Burlington has been able to place a number of cars at this point and the result has been that in the past few days a great deal of corn has been hauled in by the farmers of this locality and shipped to the market over this road. While the haul is a little longer to Plattsmouth it gives the farmers a better opportunity to get their corn to market when the price is the best.

## WILL HOLD BIG SALE

From Friday's Daily. Harry Knabe of near Nehawka, one of the best known swine breeders of Cass county, was here today in company with Donald Fritenberg, advertising the hog sale to be held at the Hicks Heated Sale Pavilion in Nehawka on Saturday, February 17. Mr. Knabe has a large herd of Hampshire sows that he will offer at this sale and which will be one of the biggest events of its kind that has been held in the county.

## CHECK RAISER GETS NIPPED IN OMAHA

### Party Who Was Fleecing the School Teachers by Raising Checks To Be Tried in Iowa.

A few weeks ago a smooth stranger, representing himself to be George Marr, and who claimed to represent a book agency, was operating thru this locality and incidentally stung several of the young school teachers of the county for various sums of money and from the facts disclosed this must have been a very profitable line for the gentleman.

He was taken in custody in Omaha yesterday on request of the authorities of one of the Iowa counties who desired the gentleman on the same charge that he would have faced in Nebraska, that of check raising. He will be turned over to the Iowa authorities and faces a charge that will earn him ten years in the penitentiary.

The young man would solicit the teachers for a subscription to his magazines and making out a check for them to sign for some small amount usually from \$1 to \$1.50, and later the sharper would erase the original figures which were written in lead pencil and substitute a larger sum and the victim would be unaware of the check raising until the checks were returned from the banks.

## ENOUGH COAL TO LAST 2,000 YEARS

### Only Problem Now is to Supply the Necessary Kilo to "Keep the Home Fires Burning."

Washington, Jan. 31.—Inside information on the coal industry is gradually coming to light before the United States coal fact finding commission study here. The next winter your coal supply is cut short the government proposes to know why.

Facts are now in the hands of the commission. Here are a few of them. There is enough coal in the United States to last for 100 generations or about 2,000 years. It is found in thirty five states.

The only hard coal comes from a narrow strip of 480 square miles in Pennsylvania, where 174 producers are busy mining. However, eight of them control 70 per cent of the hard coal business.

There are 6,000 producers of soft coal, operating 9,000 commercial mines. Their investment is estimated at \$1,900,000,000, while the hard coal operators' mines are said to be worth \$430,000,000.

Here's where all this coal goes: Railroads consume 28 per cent of the soft coal, industrial concerns 35 per cent, cooking furnaces 15 per cent, domestic consumers 19 per cent, public utilities 4 per cent, bunkers 2 per cent and mines 2 per cent.

From the foregoing it will be seen that if every household in the land ceased burning coal tomorrow, the business would only fall off ten per cent in volume.

Coal-carrying constitutes a third of the freight business of the railroads. You've heard about those "middle men." Well, there are 90,000 of them of whom some 38,000 are retailers selling some 130,000,000 tons of coal each year to householders.

## HAVE ALL DAY MEETING

From Thursday's Daily. Yesterday the ladies of the Presbyterian church enjoyed an all day session of the ladies auxiliary at the church parlors which had been very pleasantly arranged for the occasion by the hostesses Mesdames L. G. Meisinger, H. E. Becker, Henry Nolt, James W. Holmes, William Hunter, H. W. Smith.

## CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our thanks to our many kind friends and neighbors, who were so generous in their sympathy at the time of our bereavement. We also wish to thank those who presented the beautiful flowers.—The Children and Grandchildren of Bruce Smith.

## HAVE A YEAR OF SPLENDID SUCCESS

### First National Bank, Oldest in Cass County, Has Completed Very Fine Business Year.

From Friday's Daily. The First National bank of this city has just completed its fifty-second year of business in this community with a most pleasing showing and with a strong growth for this splendid financial institution that has existed through the half century of strenuous times and which included two very severe periods of depression for the western country, the dry years of 1894 and '95 and the depression that came in the wake of the war in 1922.

The annual election of officers which was held at the meeting of the stockholders resulted in the reelection of all of the present force of efficient gentlemen as follows: President—H. N. Dovey. Vice President—P. E. Schlater. Cashier—George O. Dovey. Assistant Cashier—Miss Anna Warga.

Directors—H. N. Dovey, F. E. Schlater, Governor Knapp, G. O. Dovey and A. G. Cole. The bank has steadily forged ahead in all of the years and under the very able management of the present officers has made an excellent showing for the past year and which has been pleasing to the stockholders of the bank. The bank has grown to an institution of which the community can well feel proud of.

## HENRY CLEWS IS DEAD; WAS A WELL KNOWN FINANCIER

### "Dean of Wall Street" Was Federal Agent For Sale of Bonds During the Civil War.

New York, Jan. 31.—Henry Clews, widely known banker, died this afternoon at his home on West 57th street after an illness of several months.

Henry Clews, "the dean of Wall street," author and public speaker, for more than fifty years was one of the leading financiers in the United States.

Born in Staffordshire, England, on August 14, 1849, he was studying for the ministry as a young man when he accompanied his father on a trip to New York. He decided to enter mercantile life and some years after the panic of 1857 helped to organize the banking firm of Stout, Clews & Mason, which later became Livermore, Clews & Company. In 1877 the firm became Henry Clews & Company, which it has since remained.

Upon the outbreak of the Civil war in 1861, Salmon P. Chase, secretary of the treasury, appointed Mr. Clews government financial agent for the sale of bond issues to prosecute the struggle. He was so successful that President Grant later appointed him as fiscal agent of the United States for all foreign governments. In this capacity he was an adviser in the organization of the modern financial system of Japan, a service for which in 1908 he was decorated as a commander of the Order of the Rising Sun.

Mr. Clews, who was a life-long republican, twice declined offers of the portfolio of secretary of the treasury, once the republican nomination for mayor of New York and once the collectorship of the port of New York. He always maintained an active interest, however, in organizations of a patriotic, charitable or educational character.

He was also a director of the American Civic Alliance, the Japan Peace society, the Royal Society of Arts of England, the American Chamber of Commerce of Paris, director of the International Peace forum, president of the American Peace and Arbitration league, former president of the National Highway Protective association, former treasurer of the American Geographical society and the Society of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

## CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express to our kind friends and neighbors our heartfelt gratitude for their many acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us in the hour of the death of our beloved mother, daughter and sister, Mrs. Gus Spitt. We also wish to thank those who sent flowers at the time of the funeral.—Roy and William Spitt; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graff; Mrs. James Boardman; Mrs. John Hanson and family; Mrs. Glen Campbell and family; Mrs. Ed Kohl and family; Mrs. James Conn and family; August Graff.

## IS NOW A BENEDICT

Friends here have received word from Harold E. Daley, who is now residing at Sioux City, Iowa, of the fact that he has become a benedict and taken unto himself a wife and in the hour of the death of our beloved mother, daughter and sister, Mrs. Gus Spitt, we also wish to thank those who sent flowers at the time of the funeral.—Roy and William Spitt; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graff; Mrs. James Boardman; Mrs. John Hanson and family; Mrs. Glen Campbell and family; Mrs. Ed Kohl and family; Mrs. James Conn and family; August Graff.

## TEACHING IN ACADEMY

The friends here of H. A. Stromberg, principal of the high school in 1920, will be pleased to hear from this gentleman who is now located in the golden west as instructor in one of the military academies in California, and which is being used as a vocational training school by the government. Mr. Stromberg is teaching in the seventh and eighth grade courses at the school for former service men. While here he was very successful in his work and will be a valuable man in the military school not only as a teacher but because of his military knowledge gained in his army service.

## LOOKS GOOD FOR AN EARLY SPRING

### Groundhog Day Predictions for a Short Winter, But You Can Never Tell About It.

From Friday's Daily. The believers in the theory that the groundhog rules the weather for the succeeding six weeks following the second day of February, were pleased this morning when the clouded skies promised that the little rodent would fall to cast a shadow when he crept out of his hole to lamp over the prospects for the coming of spring.

The weather is one of the mildest that has been observed on this anniversary in this locality and one of the old timers here observed that forty years ago today the snow lay several feet deep on the ground, the railroad lines were blocked over the state and the winter proved a long and trying one and with temperature ranging from 1 to 6 degrees below zero.

## PURCHASES FINE BULL

From Friday's Daily. L. M. Christianson of Plainview, Nebraska, has been here for the past few days looking over the thoroughbred cattle of this locality and particularly the Red Polled breed of which he has a fine herd and while here he purchased a fine herd bull of Luke L. Wiles, the well known stockman of this vicinity. Mr. Wiles has one of the best herds of Red Polled cattle in the state and the Plainview gentleman was well pleased to secure the animal. Mr. Christianson is well acquainted with the former Plattsmouth and Cass county residents now living in Plainview and vicinity and also is a friend of S. S. Chase now residing here, and County Attorney A. G. Cole, who was formerly superintendent of the Plainview public schools.

## RETURNS FROM NORTH

From Friday's Daily. Leland and Burdett Briggs returned last evening from Hamel, South Dakota, where they have been for the past two weeks looking after the disposal of the business interests of Leland Briggs in a garage in that place. The young men left Hamel yesterday morning at 5 o'clock and arrived here last night at 11:55 and on the trip of 416 miles experienced little difficulty as one blowout was the sum total of their disagreeable experiences.

Blank books at Journal office.

## GIVE SURPRISE TO FRIEND ON BIRTHDAY

### Christian Church Ladies Join in Surprise in Honor of Mrs. O. C. Hudson at Her Home.

From Friday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon the ladies of the Christian church gave Mrs. O. C. Hudson, one of the faithful workers of the church, a very pleasant surprise in honor of her birthday anniversary.

The afternoon was spent at the Hudson home where the twenty ladies had met in visiting and a general good time. At a suitable time the guest of honor was presented with a fine old rose Chinese tea set and a set of linen tablecloths by the ladies of the church as well as a bouquet of cut flowers from Mr. E. M. Godwin and a fine silver cream ladle by Mrs. Hackenberg. At a suitable time in the afternoon dainty refreshments were served that added to the enjoyment of the members of the party and brought to the conclusion a time of real pleasure.

## VERY PLEASANT TIME

From Friday's Daily. The Woman's Auxiliary of the St. Luke's parish met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Henry Herold and the attendance was interfered with somewhat by the threatening weather.

Mrs. W. H. Jones of Omaha, retiring president of the auxiliary for the state of Nebraska, gave a very interesting account of the national convention held at Portland, Oregon, at the time of the Episcopal church convention and the members of the local auxiliary who were delegates to the state meeting at Omaha also gave their report of the meeting and the results derived from the sessions of the organization.

Mrs. R. W. Clement gave a very interesting talk on the "Red Dragon Inn," the men's club maintained by the church at Cordova, Alaska, and Misses Violet Bergley and Helen Clement a pleasing dialogue on the natives of Alaska.

At a suitable hour dainty refreshments were served.

## TED LEWIS VIA RADIO

For three successive nights there has been broadcast from Kansas City music by the Ted Lewis orchestra appearing there which the week with the Polles show. This show was in Omaha last week, but no effort apparently was made to broadcast the music of these celebrated players from the Grain Exchange station there. Doubtless when the new station of the Woodmen of the World gets in operation, sponsored as it will be by the Chamber of Commerce and business interests of the metropolis generally, no opportunity will be neglected to pass along to "listeners-in" every available high-class program in which the Ted Lewis music could well be classed.

## CARD OF THANKS

I take this means of returning my thanks for the beautiful flowers given by the auxiliary of the Shopcrafts and this kindness will be long remembered. MRS. HENRY STEINHAUER.

## Farm Mortgage Loans!

If you are planning to secure a mortgage on your farm, there's a distinct advantage in securing it near home, from people you know.

The First National Bank is in a position to make Farm Mortgage Loans on improved farms in Cass county and vicinity at very reasonable rates.

When you think of Farm Mortgage Loans, think of this strong bank!

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