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## F. L. Busche is Low Bidder on Road to Bridge

Secures City Contract and Large Part of State and County Letting—Work Starts Soon

**From Thursday's Daily.**  
The city council chamber was filled to overflowing last evening when the letting of the contract for the city, state and county on the road work for the new highway leading from this city to the Missouri bridge was let, there being many contractors, material men and others on hand to witness the letting of this contract that will mean so much to the community in providing a real road to lead to the new bridge that will unite Cass and Mills counties and the states of Iowa and Nebraska after seventy-five years of isolation because of the difficulty of transportation aside from the railroad or ferry.

The city council received and checked their bids while the state department referred works through Engineer Kleitsch received and awarded the work for the state.

The entire program will amount to \$14,979.60 on the state, county and city sections of the roadways, this not including the overhead crossing on Granite street which is to be erected by the Burlington.

In the letting bids were offered by the Yant Construction Co., of Omaha, H. A. Rist Pipe & Construction Co., of Nebraska City, Metz Construction Co. of Springfield, Roberts Construction Co., of Lincoln, F. L. Busche of Omaha, George Cronkite, Perry, Iowa. A number of the bidders merely covered special items on the contract and did not bid on the entire job, the largest single item being that of grading.

The city council had the matter of their bids referred to the streets, alleys and bridges committee, R. B. Hayes and H. F. Lutz and in the absence of Chairman Carl Kuns-mann Claude Smith was made a part of the tabulating committee. It was decided that F. L. Busche was the lowest man on the list and he was awarded the contract, his lowest bid being \$7,984, with the Metz Construction Co., as his nearest competitor.

The state in its award of the contract for \$7,011.60, divided the work in several parts and in which the H. A. Rist Pipe & Construction Co., of Nebraska City received the contract for graveling for \$1,113.60; F. L. Busche, grading, \$4,680.30; F. L. Busche, culverts, \$568.60; George Cronkite, Perry, Iowa, guard rail, \$649.10.

The city council passed a resolution that the contractor on the city work be requested to use as much local labor on the construction work as was possible with all matters equal and that local bonding company agencies be given the supplying of the bond for the work.

The bonds of the various contractors were then signed up by the state and city and the council adjourned.

## PREPARES FOR SCHOOL MEETING

Superintendent R. E. Bailey was a visitor at Omaha Thursday where he attended the meeting of the executive committee of the second district teacher's association. Mr. Bailey is vice-president of the second district association and the president of the superintendent's section of the state association. The meeting of the second district association will be at Omaha on October 31st, November 1st and 2nd inclusive. The annual women's dinner of the association will be held on Friday, November 1st at the new Paxton hotel while the men's dinner will be held at the same date at the Elks club. The meetings of the association will be held at the Fontenelle hotel.

## ALTAR GUILD MEETS

**From Thursday's Daily.**  
The Altar guild of the St. Luke's Episcopal parish of this city, met last evening with Miss Laura Grassman at the R. A. Bates home on North Seventh street. The young ladies spent the time in discussing the plans for the fall and winter work in the guild and the church. The members were very much pleased to have both Father and Mrs. Stanley P. Jones present to take part in the meeting. During the evening dainty and delicious refreshments were served that added much to the interest of the evening.

## HAVE CHICKENS STOLEN

**From Friday's Daily.**  
Last night Troy Jewell, who resides a few miles west of Weeping Water suffered the loss of one hundred chickens from his flock at the farm, reports reaching the office of Sheriff Bert Reed this morning states. The sheriff motored out to the Jewell farm to look over the situation there as the work seems to have been that of local parties.

## HAS UNIQUE RELIC

**From Thursday's Daily.**  
D. A. Young, one of the oldest residents in Cass county, was in the city today and had with him a very unique relic of the history of the nation—it being a \$20 bill that had been issued by the Confederate government during the Civil war days. The bill bears the picture of Jefferson Davis, the first and last president of the Confederacy and also has a picture of the capital at Richmond, Virginia. The bill was dated under the act of February 17, 1861 and was given to Mr. Young by his mother many years ago, when the present possessor was a young lad.

## Death Comes to Mrs. C. W. Haffke at Home Here

Highly Esteemed Lady Passed Away Last Night After an Illness of Over a Year

**From Thursday's Daily.**  
Mrs. C. W. Haffke, one of the highly esteemed residents of the city, was called to the last reward last night at 7 o'clock, her death coming after an illness of over a year and in which time she has been gradually growing weaker until in the last few weeks her recovery was abandoned and with christian faith and courage she has awaited the call to the last long rest.

The deceased lady was born in Gertlauken, East Prussia, Germany, June 15, 1857, and spent her girlhood days in her native land, coming to the United States when a young woman and has since made her home in this country. She was married to C. W. Haffke in 1882 and for many years the family made their home in Omaha where they had settled in 1905. Mrs. Haffke was a member of the St. Paul's church of this city and was a devoted member of the Epworth League. She was also a member of the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. She was a woman of many accomplishments and was a most successful business woman. She was a member of the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. She was a woman of many accomplishments and was a most successful business woman.

Her funeral will be held at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon at the St. Paul's church and the interment will be at the Oak Hill cemetery in this city. The body is at the Sattler funeral home awaiting the final services.

**FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY.**  
The George Schantz family residing in the south part of the city has been having a great deal of trouble in recent years as the result of the illness of Mrs. Schantz who has been an invalid for some years and now Mr. Schantz has been stricken with a very severe attack of rheumatism. The right hand of Mr. Schantz has been rendered practically useless for the present as the result of the attack and it is with difficulty that he is able to feed himself and look after the other work and as he has the care of his wife also the situation has been very serious for the members of the family.

## MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

**From Saturday's Daily.**  
This morning Judge A. H. Duxbury was called upon to lay aside the problems of probate matters and turn his attention to another phase of the county judge's duty, that of the granting of marriage licenses and in this case the court also the pleasure of performing the ceremony as well. The contracting parties were Miss Rose V. Hrouda of Dodge, Nebraska, who was married to David L. Morse of North Bend, Nebraska. Following the ceremony the parties motored to their future home at North Bend.

## VISITS AT HENRY FIELDS

**From Thursday's Daily.**  
Yesterday Mrs. Martha Christwiser, Mrs. E. Cotner, Mrs. Louis Ralston, Mrs. A. R. Stokes and Mrs. C. M. Christwiser motored to Shenandoah, Iowa, Wednesday where they enjoyed the day taking in the many points of interest and attended the big Jubilee which has been the radio station, KFNF and the ladies had the pleasure of hearing the many artists that are taking part in the program as well as viewing the radio station and the large mercantile establishment of Mr. Fields.

A few Cass county maps left at the Journal office, 50c each.

## Arrests Made Here Smash Big Robber Ring

Arrests and Confession Lead to Recovery of Much Loot From Rushville Store

**From Thursday's Daily.**  
The sifting out of the members of the robber gang unearthed here on Tuesday has resulted in the clearing up of a number of unpunished robberies over the northwestern part of Nebraska and in South Dakota and the recovery of a great deal of loot taken during the past few months from a hardware store at Rushville, as well as several smaller burglaries that took place in northwestern Nebraska.

The authorities here are holding the woman, Mrs. Vern Heyett, who was captured on Tuesday morning at an early hour by local police and which started the trail that has been followed until the gang has been given a body blow that will discourage any similar organization for some time, and she will probably be turned over to the Sheridan county authorities together with Tilton Powell and Paul Kimbler, all being implicated to a greater or less degree in the robbery of the hardware store at Rushville as well as at Merriam, Nebraska.

The confession of the woman and Powell in the case fix the crimes on the members of the gang and the man, Tilton Powell, who is only seventeen and a relative of Vern Heyett, has been used as the gang as their chief operator in the crimes although Heyett was the head of the gang and planned the various crimes that have been pulled off in the state.

Yesterday Sheriff Bert Reed and Chief of Police Libershal recovered a double barreled shotgun, stolen from a store at Merriam, Nebraska, and which had been sold to Dale Porter at the filing station some days ago by Heyett and Mr. Porter paying over the money on the hardware store of the man and it was his first intimation of the robbery yesterday when the sheriff and chief of police came and requested the gun be turned over to them.

The officers over the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company are on the watch for the man Heyett who it is claimed is wanted in a great many places on a large and varied array of charges which include forgery, bigamy and robbery. A great deal of commendation is due the county authorities and city police for their successful efforts in stamping out this gang as this is the second organized group of crooks that they have wiped out of existence, having smashed the ring of crooked thieves in eastern Nebraska and western Iowa a number of months ago. These cases require a great deal of time and some fast work to handle and certainly the local officers have been right on the job in handling the case. In investigating and working on the case Pat Reed, local deputy assisting in the case, had not had his clothes off or enjoyed a good sleep since the first alarm in the case Monday night.

## SUPPORT OF MUSIC CULTURE

The interest shown in the Choral Union which has just been organized in this city has been a striking note of the large number of people here who have a real musical appreciation and desire to see the opportunities for a wider musical field developed in this city.

At the last meeting of the Choral Union there were ninety-seven present, a gain of twenty-four over the previous meeting. In speaking of the benefits of this musical training under Director Logan, who has charge of the Choral Union and the preparation for the organization of "The Messiah" by Robert Reed, one of the talented musicians of the city gives her testimonial of the worthwhile value of this training:

"Appreciation of music is a mark of refinement and culture. Community music development cannot be over estimated. It makes a finer and higher type of citizenship and fulfills the longing for beauty in the humdrum of life."

## ENJOY FAMILY PICNIC

The members and relatives of the Barthold family, the children and relatives of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barthold, gathered the first of the week at the Ralph Barthold home on Wintersteen hill where they spent the day in renewing the pleasant recollections of the past amid the scenes where the Barthold family was reared. All of the party came with well laden baskets of the good things to eat and which provided a very fine picnic dinner at the noon hour which everyone enjoyed to the utmost. Those who enjoyed the event were: Mr. and Mrs. Karl V. Halter and son, Gerald; of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Christwiser of Nehawka; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dick, Mr. and Mrs. George Hall, Mary Ellen, Mable Jane, Alta Glenora, George and John Hall, all of Glenwood; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tuttle and J. Donson of Council Bluffs; Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Wheeler and daughter, Shirley Jean, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barthold of this city.

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## ATTEND CHAPTER MEETING

**From Thursday's Daily.**  
Last evening a delegation of members of Nebraska Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons visited at Omaha where they attended the meeting at Bellevue chapter and where a number of the local members were given their degree work by the well known Omaha chapter. Among those who attended the meeting were Henry F. Nolting, high priest, W. F. Evers, Roy O. Cole, Elmer Tritsch, Lester Meisinger. The candidates from here were Elbert and Myron Wiles, Clyde Graves and William Kreager.

## Twenty-Five Years of Service for Telephone Co.

Great Advancement in Service Is Noted by Subscribers Here From That of Past

"The year of 1929 marks the silver anniversary of the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company," states Mr. Jensen of the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company. One week beginning Monday, September 30th, has been set aside to celebrate the companies' silver anniversary.

In celebration of this event the company will conduct what is termed a silver anniversary jubilee campaign through the territory served by them. During this period all employees of the organization throughout the 22 southeastern counties of Nebraska will not only acquaint their friends with the organization and growth of the company, but will also point out to their friends those telephone services which they are not now using, but which they could use to their advantage," says Mr. Jensen.

The older subscribers in Plattsmouth who had telephone service 25 years ago, admit that it now takes less time to complete a long distance call to New York than it then took to complete a call to Omaha or Nebraska City. The general public is also showing a marked interest in better service and it is the desire of the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company to be fully abreast of these demands at all times.

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## UNDERGOES AN OPERATION

**From Saturday's Daily.**  
This morning at the St. Joseph hospital in Omaha Fred Bartik, formerly of this city was operated on and at the last reports was doing just as well as could be expected and every prospect is for the speedy recovery of the patient from the operation for appendicitis. Mr. Bartik is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Born of near this city, who, with Mrs. Will Bartik, a sister-in-law, were at the hospital to remain until after the operation.

## DIES AT LINCOLN

Mrs. Mary Gourlay and infant daughter, passed away at Lincoln Friday evening and the body is being taken here at the Splain & Splain undertaking chapel pending the funeral arrangements. Mrs. Gourlay was formerly Miss Mary Sheehan and made her home in this city some years ago. She is survived by her husband, John Gourlay, her father, Edward Sheehan of Rushville and one brother, Joseph Sheehan of Fremont.

## ENJOYING VACATION

**From Friday's Daily.**  
Vacation days have been a real treat to Lester Burrows, who in company with the good wife have been taking many pleasant auto trips the past week while Lester has been enjoying a rest from his work on the delivery wagon of the Railway Express Co. This afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Burrows motored to Louisville for a visit and yesterday they enjoyed a trip to Omaha to view the sights.

## NEW DAUGHTER ARRIVES

The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Nave north of this city is rejoicing over the fact that a fine little daughter, tipping the scales at nine pounds made her appearance at their home on Thursday night. The mother and little one are doing very nicely and the occasion has brought a great deal of happiness to the members of the family circle.

## Officers Raid Still Operating Near Murdock

Plant Operated by Omaha Italians Is Captured at Early Hour This Morning by Sheriff

**From Thursday's Daily.**  
On the site of a large still captured several months ago by federal raiders from Omaha on an old farm northwest of Murdock, Sheriff Bert Reed, Deputy Pat Reed, General William Rowan, federal enforcing officer and several deputies and Deputy Sheriff Hanson, this morning captured one of the largest booze plants in this part of the state.

The farm which figured in the previous raid has been under the suspicion of county and federal authorities for some time and a check made of the place where a quantity of mash was discovered and this morning culminated when the owners of the plant arrived from Omaha with the still and to get ready to run off the "hooch," only to fall into the hands of the law.

The officers arrived at the farm during the night and finding that no one was present decided to await and see what the night might bring forth and early this morning as day was just starting to break, Tony Canigalla, of Omaha and two of his associates drove into the farm yard with the machinery necessary to turn the mash into the raw corn spirits. As the Omaha distillers alighted they were surrounded by the officers and placed under arrest and later taken back to Omaha as they are residents there and will probably face a federal charge. The farm is owned by Omaha parties and is leased by Canigalla and who has evidently decided to again break into the hooch manufacturing again.

The plant consisted of a still capable of running from 125 to 150 gallons of spirits while there was fifty barrels of fifty gallons capacity filled with the working mash. Seven hogheads capable of holding five barrels each were also discovered located around the old barn where the distillery was being operated.

The plant was one that was worth from \$7,000 to \$8,000, Deputy Pat Reed and the officers stated, and is one of the largest that has been captured in the vicinity of Omaha.

It was thought the plant was a valuable unit of the supply for the Omaha bootlegging fraternity and its capture will add to the drought in the Italian colony of the big city.

## INTEREST SHOWN IN BRIDGE

The residents of Glenwood and Mills county, just across the river in Iowa are very much interested in the progress of the new highway bridge that is being erected over the Missouri river by the Plattsmouth Bridge Co., and they are most anxious to see the day when traffic will be rolling over the structure and it will be ready for the residents of their county and their neighbors across the river in Nebraska. The construction of the highway to the bridge on both the Iowa and Nebraska sides is now the most important matter that is confronting the communities as the bridge is showing promise that it will be opened in the late fall or early winter and with the proper road arranged travel will be able to start at once over the main highways that connect with the bridge. The structure here will save a great deal of time and mileage for traveler as was shown a few days ago when the Kansas City boosters had to drive to Omaha to cross the river making a journey of some forty-five miles out of their way to reach Glenwood which is only eight miles from this city.

## RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

**From Saturday's Daily.**  
Joseph H. McMaiken, who has for the past several weeks been at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha taking treatment and recovering from the effects of an operation, has so far recovered that he was able to return home yesterday and will recuperate here at the family home. Joe is feeling very much improved and it is hoped that he will soon be able to resume his usual activities and to be restored to his former good health.

## IN SERIOUS CONDITION

**From Saturday's Daily.**  
The reports from the hospital at Omaha state that James Rainey of this city, who has been there for the past several weeks, is in very serious condition and with his long illness and weakness his recovery is a matter of the gravest doubt and his condition has caused a great deal of apprehension to the family and friends of Mr. Rainey.

## RADIO EAR PHONES ON FRENCH TRAINS

Paris, Sept. 27.—Radio ear phones will be a disposal of passengers of the Paris-Havre trains beginning this October, bringing everything from canned recipes to grand opera into the hearing of the people making the three to four-hour journey.

## TO LOCATE IN THE WEST

Miss Freda Wohlfarth, who has been for several years an employee of the H. M. Soennichsen Co. store in this city, is to make her home in the future at Los Angeles to which place she has departed and has a very fine position awaiting her in that city. Miss Wohlfarth has been one of the active members of the St. Paul's church in this city and her work and efforts in the church affairs will be greatly missed by the associates there. The many old time friends here are trusting that Miss Wohlfarth may find success and happiness in her new home in the west.

## Pioneer Lady Passes Her 92nd Anniversary

Mrs. Elvira E. Ozbun of This City Reaches Ripe Old Age—A Pioneer of the West

**From Friday's Daily.**  
Today marks the ninety-second anniversary of Mrs. Elvira E. Ozbun of this city who has made her home here for the greater part of the time in recent years with her daughter, Mrs. M. S. Briggs and family.

Mrs. Ozbun is a real pioneer of the west, having been born near the present city of Kokomo, Indiana, on September 21, 1837, and moved to Plattsmouth in 1860. She has lived here for the greater part of her life. She has been a member of the church since her early years and has been a most successful business woman. She has been a member of the church since her early years and has been a most successful business woman.

The things which a good home inculcates are caught rather than taught and Mrs. Ozbun has emphasized the advantage to normal schools in having dormitories and resident students, where the intimate relationships between instructor and student helped to develop the fine qualities which characterize the better homes of the country. He considered that the state should assume the burden of expense, providing dormitories and living for its future teachers.

Mr. Bagley referred to the enormous increase in secondary education in the country. Formerly secondary education was class education. Today it is mass education. The teacher, he said, are required to train the masses without elimination. It was an enormous problem. A new type of teacher was demanded. Normal schools and teachers' colleges, he said, are in the best position to meet this changing need.

Mr. Cooper declared that the tendency will be to extend the normal school course to four years and therefore to award the Bachelor's degree. He said, followed by final necessary to impart in the training of intelligent teachers cannot, he said, be acquired in the two years allotted in some states.

The anniversary celebration closed with a colorful historical pageant and a banquet followed by final musical exercises and an interesting account of the history of the Salm Normal School by the principal.

## LIBRARY NEWS

The Public Library has just received a splendid new two volume work on Abraham Lincoln. It is "The Prairie Years" by Sanborn. This biography tells of Mr. Lincoln's life, to the time when he entered the White House. We hope that the biography will be added to later. Many people do not care for Mr. Sandburg's poetry, but they cannot help enjoying his prose in "The Prairie Years." It flows along so smoothly and beautifully and gives a vivid picture of Abraham Lincoln, the boy and the man.

The users of encyclopedias will soon find a set of the American encyclopedia in the library. Miss Jones has ordered a set. This is a splendid and easy-to-use reference work. Ninety-three children enjoyed the treat for completing the summer reading course. These people had all the pleasures of their reading and a reward for doing it besides.

The library has been unusually busy with reference work, with the opening of school. There have been 32 new borrowers registered in September. The increase in circulation for September, 1929 over September 1928 is 111.

## CARL ULRICH HOME

**From Saturday's Daily.**  
This morning Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Ulrich of near Myrnard motored to Omaha today where they visited with their son, Carl, and finding the young man so much improved over his recent operation for appendicitis, were able to bring him back home with them to recuperate at the family home. Carl is doing nicely and it is thought will be back in his former good health in a short time.

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## Chicken Stealing Brings Hot Barrage of Shot

Murray Farmer Finds Unwelcome Callers Robbing Hen Roost and Goes Into Action

**From Saturday's Daily.**  
Last night a few moments after 9 o'clock, Ed Neal, residing on a farm northwest of Murray, was aroused from his slumbers by the sound of disturbance in the vicinity of the chicken house of the farm and at once started an inquiry into the why and wherefore of the noise among the feathers and dwellers of the farm. As the owner approached the chicken house he saw a man run from the building and as the culprit ran the farmer lifted the shotgun and placing his sights on the target of the fleeing man proceeded to fire and the result was that the speed of the fleeing man was hastened and he disappeared into a nearby cornfield with more of the buckshot pursuing him.

After the owner of the farm had had the battle with the chicken thief, the party was put in for Sheriff Bert Reed and who with Constable Tom Svoboda hurried to the scene of action. The course of the chicken thief through the cornfield was followed until the tracks led to a road and here the signs were plain that the party had loaded into a car and constable along the road in the direction of Weeping Water but it was impossible to get trace of the party farther. The robbery of a number of chickens from one of the farms near Weeping Water on Thursday night leads to the belief that possibly the center of activity in that line is located in that section.

One of the most effective methods for the farmers to cope with the chicken stealing activities is to be on the alert and on any alarm in the chicken pens or houses to administer a load of shot to the invaders and which will carry a most effective lesson. Mr. Neal in this case thought that he had winged the fleeing chicken thief but so far there has been no reports received of any injured parties but a general policy will bring the desired result and cure some of the parties of their hunger for other people's chickens.

## HOLD RALLY MEETING

**From Friday's Daily.**  
Last evening the Philathea class of the Methodist church held their first meeting of the fall season at the home of Mrs. Otto Keck on North Eighth street and who was assisted in the event by Miss Helen Warner.

The ladies held a very interesting business session at which a great many important matters pertaining to the class work was discussed and the class planned for the coming months when they will resume their fall and winter business sessions. Mrs. V. E. Handley was named as corresponding secretary of the class, succeeding Mrs. Agnes Moore, who has resigned the position.

Following the business meeting the members had a very fine social hour in which they enjoyed games and contests of all kinds, in which Mrs. Elmer Elliott was the prize winner of the contests.

At a suitable hour the hostesses served very dainty and delicious refreshments and the evening and enjoyed by the exceptionally large number who were in attendance.

## RECIPES OF DESTRUCTION

Here are a few good recipes for destroying your home, factory or any other property:

Let your electric wiring go without repairs or inspections over a long period of time; leave piles of oil-soaked rags or other waste lying around in corners of your garage or basement; don't use fire-resistive construction in building, because it costs a little more; drop lighted matches and cigarette butts wherever you may happen to be; light your fires with gasoline.

No one, of course, is going to consciously use these "receipts" of destruction, or any of the many others of the same nature. Yet it is safe to say that millions of Americans have equal fire risks in their homes or places of business. Laziness, carelessness, ignorance—these are the best friends of the fire menace.

Every time the fire engines dash out in their race against time it means that someone has done something or failed to do something that a little intelligent thought would have warned him against. We Americans are the most careless of peoples when it comes to fire, and the most wasteful.

Fire Prevention Meek will shortly be here. It will be a good time to profit by the knowledge and teachings of the experts who are fighting the discouraging war against fire. Almost every great conflagration would be prevented if we spent a few more dollars or a little more time in guarding against risks. Begin now.

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