

LOWEST BIDDER GETS THE CONTRACT

County Commissioners Award the Contract to Sheeley & Co.

Cass County's Mortgage Record For December—Compare of the Record For the Years 1896 and 1897 Shows That the Mortgage Indebtedness Is Being Reduced.

The contract for building bridges in this county was let to the lowest bidder today. The bids for pile bridges being as follows, per lineal foot:

Farm mortgages: Year 1896, Released, 26,911; Town property, 7,771; Total, 34,682.

Following is mortgage record for December as filed in the office of Recorder of Deeds Hay:

Farm mortgages: Year 1897, Filed, 497,289; Released, 389,334; Town property, 30,000; Total, 886,623.

On the above it will be seen that Cass county's mortgage indebtedness is being reduced, the showing for 1897 being much better than that of 1896.

Entertained by Father Carney.

A large party of young people gathered at the home of Father Carney Sunday evening, in honor of the choir, and a very pleasant time was had.

IN THE COURTS.

District Court. Louis Olsen vs. C. B. & Q. railway company. Demurrer overruled and plaintiff given thirty days to reply.

George Bolen vs. George Beam; motion for new trial overruled.

Plattsmouth Loan and Building association vs. Mrs. M. J. Alix, et al.; dismissed at plaintiff's costs.

James Puckett vs. Clement & Co.; suit on appeal; trial to court; judgment of lower court vacated and set aside.

Clement & Co. vs. Josiah Timblir, on appeal; trial to court and cause reversed at cost of plaintiff.

First National bank of Fairfield, Ia., allowed a deficiency judgment vs. Traver for \$1,143.66.

Gust Melnie vs. C. H. Peterson; suit on appeal; trial to court and judgment affirming decision of lower court entered.

George E. Dovey vs. City of Plattsmouth; defendant has thirty days to answer.

First National bank vs. Meyer, Bannerman & Co.; verdict of jury set aside and new trial ordered.

Motion for new trial in Thompson vs. Missouri Pacific railway set for hearing this evening at 8 o'clock.

Elect New Officers. The following is a list of the officers elected by the Imperial Mystic Legion for the ensuing:

Regent—Frank Morgan. Vice-Regent—D. B. Smith. Treasurer—J. M. Leyda. Secretary—E. W. Fitt.

Outside guard—H. R. Gering. Trustee—Dr. E. W. Cook.

Electric Bitters. Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed when the languid, exhausted feeling prevails.

Certainly that is the best of advice, for what has been done before can be done again.

No Need to Cry. "Don't cry, Buster," said Jimmieboy after the catastrophe.

"I know that," retorted Buster. "Napoleon did all the hitting on the eye his self."—Harper's Bazar.

Rare Felicity. She—Such lovely bargains as there are at that new place!

He—Ah? She—Yes, silks at 18 cents, and in a store so small that a hundred persons could sit to suffocation!—Detroit Journal.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O! Ask your grocer today to show you a package of Grain-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee.

The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. Grain-O has that rich brown seal of Mocha and Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress.

To CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

MODERN CHICKEN COOPS.

The Once Familiar Laths Have Given Way to Wire Netting.

Men whose memories go back, say, 40 years will remember that in those days when a man wanted to build a chicken coop he bought a bundle or two of laths and built it. There are mighty few lath chicken coops built nowadays.

Laths were cheap; poultry netting is still cheaper. It is made of steel wire, galvanized, in various widths and in various sizes of mesh. The netting most commonly used is six feet wide, with a two inch mesh.

There is nowadays a use for wire netting in chicken houses. A netting with a square mesh is laid on the floor of chicken houses to keep out rats and mice.

AN ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.

Somber and Terrible Was the Scene at the Moment of Totality.

Mrs. Mabel Loomis Todd, writing in The Atlantic of an eclipse seen in Japan, says: "Just before totality, to occur at 2 minutes after 3 o'clock, I went over to the little light-house, taking up my appointed station on the summit, an ideal vantage ground for a spectacle beyond anything else I ever witnessed."

Gray and gray grow the day, narrower and narrower the crescent of shining sunlight. The sea faded to leaden nothingness. Armies of crows, which had pretended entire indifference, fighting and flapping as usual on gables and flagpoles with unabated fervor, finally succumbed, and flew off with heavy haste to the pine forest on the mountain side.

The French man-of-war disappeared in the gloom, the junks blended in colorlessness, but grass and verdure suddenly turned strangely, vividly yellow green.

"It was a moment of appalling suspense. Something was being waited for. The very air was portentous. The flocks of circling sea gulls disappeared with strange cries. One white butterfly fluttered by vaguely.

"Then an instantaneous darkness leaped upon the world. Unearthly night enveloped all things. With an indescribable outflashing at the same second, the corona burst forth in wonderful radiance. But dimly seen through thinly drifting cloud, it was nevertheless beautiful, a celestial flame beyond description. Simultaneously the whole northwestern sky was instantly flooded with a lurid and startlingly brilliant orange, across which floated clouds slightly darker, like flecks of liquid flame, while the west and southwest gleamed in shining lemon yellow. It was not like a sunset; it was too somber and terrible."

There's no better flour made than Heisel's 'Plansifter,' manufactured in this city. Ask your grocer for it, and thereby get the best and support a home industry at the same time, which builds up the town.

The T. J. Sokol society is making great preparations for their sixth annual mask ball to be given at their hall Saturday evening, January 15, 1898. Everybody is invited.

Is your liver tired? does it fail to do duty? If so, don't neglect its call for help. A few doses of Herbine will save you a spell of sickness. Herbine is the only perfect liver medicine. It cures Chills and Fever. 75c.

Prosperity comes quickest to the man whose liver is in good condition. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are famous little pills for constipation, biliousness, indigestion and all stomach and liver troubles. F. G. Fricke & Co.

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BRIEFLY TOLD.

C. A. Marshall, Dentist. Smoke "Gut Hell" cigars.

Wurl Bros. "Gut Hell" cigars. For fire insurance see Thrasher.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Sampson were Omaha visitors today.

Insure in the German American. Fred Ebinger, Agent.

Something nice in printed stationery at THE NEWS office.

Louis Blair got a permit today to wed Miss Cora Adella Brobst.

Miss Mollie Ballance returned to her home in Germantown today.

Charles Twiss, jr., returned yesterday to his home at Maywood, Neb.

Mrs. John A. Donelan departed today for her home in Weeping Water.

Agnes Thrasher is home after a week's visit with her aunt at Hillsdale.

H. Spies carries a nice line of smoking tobacco in addition to his make of fine cigars.

A fine assortment of briar wood and fancy pipes very cheap at Spies' cigar store.

A wedding at Rock Bluffs of prominent pioneer people is billed to come off tomorrow.

Ed Murphy finished his holiday visit home today and departed for Billings, Mont.

One Minute Cough Cure cures quickly. That's what you want! F. G. Fricke & Co.

Mrs. Faught drove in from Murray today and boarded the B. & M. train for Phillips, Neb.

Miss Alma Timm, one of the dining room girls at the Hotel Plattsmouth, is on the sick list today.

Mr. and Mrs. Dar Johnson go over to Weeping Water tomorrow to attend Odd Fellow's installation.

Col. Luther Perry Sine, the Carpenter Paper Co. hustler, was in town today selling a few tons of paper.

Mrs. Harry Boydston of Nebraska City was in town yesterday visiting friends and old-time neighbors.

B. C. Kerr and little girls ate New Year's dinner with relatives at Memphis and returned home yesterday.

George Tartach got a fall New Year's day, and is at home sick as a result of it. He hopes to be out soon.

The Turners have arranged to teach a class of boys at their hall on Tuesday and Thursday nights of each week.

Wanted—Everybody to see the fine pianos and hear the wonderful Plectrophone on the Everett. W. D. Crawford.

A. B. Todd is home today from Oxford. He expects to return to his mining business in the Black Hills in a few days.

Don't forget that we sell envelopes printed or unprinted cheaper than any store in town can handle them. Call and see the stock.

G. C. Ferrin of Peoria, Ill., is in the city selling type-writers and visiting his old friend, A. D. Eigenbrodt. He is accompanied by his wife.

Dr. J. J. Davis, the eye expert, will be at Coleman's jewelry store, next week. Call and have your eyes fitted properly. No charge for examinations.

Arthur Crisman, who has been visiting his cousin Morris for a few days, returned to his home at Plattsmouth today.—Nebraska City News.

The last evening's edition of THE NEWS stated that the meetings of the Woman's club would be discontinued for one month, it should be the M. W. and W. club and not the Woman's club.

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Photographic Supplies. ALL KINDS OF. AT. GERING & CO'S DRUGGISTS.

To Appeal to the Supreme Court. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—Contrary to general expectations, the attorneys for W. H. T. Durrant, the condemned murderer of Blanche Lamont, did not appear in the federal court today to renew their efforts to secure a stay of execution on behalf of their client.

Walker & Pitman at Murray paid out over \$8,000 for corn last month and bought ten car loads the first day of the present month. Murray is certainly a live grain point, there being two other good firms doing business there beside Walker & Pitman.

The public library received a very acceptable New Year's gift from Miss Harriet Fulmer of Chicago, of four nicely bound volumes of popular works. The titles, "Mican Clark," "Quo Vadis" and two of Everdon's Representative Men and Miscellanies, will ensure their popularity, there being more demand for "Quo Vadis" than any book of the year.

London Lady Speaks in Glowing Terms of the Little Dovey Sisters. The following extract taken from a letter received by Mr. G. F. S. Burton of this city from his sister who resides in London, will prove interesting to the many friends and admirers of Ethel and Alice Dovey:

Wanted—Everybody to see the fine pianos and hear the wonderful Plectrophone on the Everett. W. D. Crawford.

FOR SALE. 160 Acre farm, two miles west of Mynard. Large house, barn and lots of outbuilding. Good young orchard. All in cultivation. Price \$50 per acre.

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Kimball Pianos & Organs. ON EASY PAYMENTS. Pianos, little used, for \$50, \$60, \$80 to \$100. Write for Catalogue and our terms. FACTORY PRICES.

Hear the Phonograph Free AT SHERWOOD'S. By making a 5 cent purchase or over you get a ticket good for one FREE selection, good till January 1 at Phonograph Parlor--E. A. Oliver's old stand. See Our X-mas SLIPPERS. Nothing more appropriate for a present than a nice pair of slippers. We have 'em in all styles and colors--either Felt, Leather or Embroidered from 65 cents up.

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