

## DIAMOND DIDDINGS

Things that are Transpiring  
Before the Base Ball  
Season Opens.

WESTERN AVERAGES  
SHOW QUEER CONDITIONS

Indication that some players must  
Have Played through  
the winter.

The injury to First baseman Kane, sold by Omaha to Pittsburg is very unfortunate just at this time. With a bright future before him in base ball it is to be hoped that the injury will not be permanent. Omaha fans will never cease telling of that home run swat with two men on bases made by Kane in the closing game of the season last year, which robbed Sioux City of the Western League pennant.

The announcement that Umpire Clark will again officiate at the umpire stunt in the Western the coming year will not be received with enthusiasm by anybody. Utterly incompetent, he should never be allowed to participate in a game where so much good judgement is required. It was Clark's bum stunts at the umpire game which nearly precipitated a riot on the Lincoln grounds twice last season, and were responsible for Lincoln management losing many good dollars on account of loss in attendance whenever it became known that Clark had been sent to officiate at the games. By appointing Clark to a position on the staff of umpires President O'Neill has invited mob violence at the games. Clark was an eye-sore in every town on the circuit last year and his appointment will mean that somebody will take occasion to rid the game of the kojerosity before the season is a month old, for the fans will not tolerate such work as Clark puts up.

It would look to a person of unprejudiced mind as if the Lincoln team for 1910 was going to be a winner from the very start. With ten pitchers, all of them far above the average, and with every position filled by tried and true men, with the exception of the second sack, there ought to be something doing in Lincoln town when the umpire announces "Play Ball." We fail to see where any team in the league has a better pair of back stops than Clarke and Nunnmacher. It is a recognized fact that Jack Thomas at first is the peer of first basemen. Coekman who joined the team in the closing games of the season last year, is in a class by himself at third. Everybody knows that Shortstop Gagner cannot be equalled. Waldron and Hogreiver in the field with the probability that Davidson will return, will make the outfield invincible. Washer, the new man who will have to fight it out with Hogreiver for a field position is a swift youngster, and should be successful in taking the place from the old gent, the latter will be an ideal utility man, of which there is no superior in the Western. Take it all around, should the management land the second base player they are after, there will be nothing doing for the other clubs, and they might just as well hang up the 1910 pennant on the Lincoln flag pole when the season opens as to wait till fall.

The writer was immensely pleased to discover the condition of things at Lincoln this week. The feeling against the new management which was brought on by the sale of Billy Fox last year has entirely disappeared and those who were foremost in their criticism of Despain & Stoner, so much so that it looked like an insurgent uprising, are now pulling for the management just as hard as they were criticising them before. There is one thing about that bunch of Lincoln fans. They get crazy over the game, they get sore if the home team don't win, not at the players, but at the infernal luck, but their soreness does not extend to quitting the game. The team may be loosing game after game, as was the case last season, but you always find that same gang of faithful fans down at the south end of the grand stand hoping against hope, attending the games expecting that they will get a chance to shout for the home team once, if it only comes one day in the week. It is that kind of support which makes the management feel good and speaks well for the town. With all the hard luck and continual loss of games last year, a condition which would have emptied the stands in most of the other towns, no visiting team ever had to take the guarantee in Lincoln town.

St. Joe looks as if it was going to be a live wire in base ball and such a condition will be hailed with delight all over the circuit.

I. T. Kuntz, went to Lincoln on the morning train.

## SMITH COMPANY INCREASE OUTPUT.

Eight Factories Going, Garment  
Made Every Three and One-Half  
Seconds.

The M. E. Smith company has added equipment to its several factories sufficient to increase its output between 30 and 40 per cent. This company now has eight factories although four are housed in the big buildings at Ninth and Farnam streets. These are shirt factory, an overall factory, a cotton flannel glove and mitten factory, duck sheep lined coats, a branch factory in Omaha another branch shirt factory at Council Bluffs and another at Plattsmouth and a branch overall factory at Nebraska City. In December the firm made 210,000 garments, a rate of a complete garment for every three and a half seconds.—Bee.

## MEETING AT THE P. H. S.

Preliminary Debate Held  
Last Night to Select High  
School Debaters.

DEBATERS MAKE AN  
EXCELLENT SHOWING

Poor Crowd in Attendance but  
Speakers Highly Complimented  
by Judges.

The preliminary debate to determine who of the High School students should represent the school in the debate this year was held at the High School building, and was lightly attended. There was a class of ten competed and all made very creditable showing. The judges were from out of town and did not know the contestants, so that no charge of favoritism could be lodged. The judges were Prof. Edward Anderson of the Omaha High School who has charge of debating in the Omaha schools. Prof. Grason, of Council Bluffs, who has charge of the Commercial department of the Council Bluffs schools and Prof. G. W. Cheney of the Union schools.

During the absence of the Judges while making up their report Miss Howard rendered two excellent solos, and Francis Wheland gave the audience two fine instrumental selections.

The Judges after some deliberation brought in their report which was delivered by Prof. E. Anderson who took occasion to congratulate all of the debaters on the fine showing the class had made, but commented on the fact that there were but two boys in the squad. The Prof. said that in Omaha the girls were not invited to take part, at all, whether it was from the fear that they would outstrip the boys or for other reasons the speaker would not say. He read the list of those selected in the order of their rankings, as follows: Marie Douglass, John Falter, Lucil Gass and Marie Robertson. The speaker stated that the committee were unanimous on the first three in the order named. He then complimented those who had not secured place on the team and urged them to keep up the practice and with more experience in the line of debating, they would be successful. Those taking part last evening in addition to those named above were Rachel Livingston Helen Clark, Pollock Parmele, Mabel Adams, Janet Clement and Mae Barker.

It is a matter of regret that more of the parents and those who should be interested in the High School were not present to encourage the effort of the debaters, many of who were making their maiden effort. It will be noted that but two boys competed for places on the team, while the number should have been three times as great. The writer interviewed Prof. Grason at the depot this morning, and he said that while he graded some of the contestants low last night because of lack of preparation, that the same student had the ground work of a good debater all that was needed was working up.

In Prof. Grason's school at Council Bluffs, he has two teams, one of three girls and the other of three boys, and they hold each year a contest the prize being a \$50.00 loving cup. The girls won it for the second time this year. He says the girls dig in a little better than the boys, but that boys are always better on rebuttal than the girls. His school has a triangular debate with Ft. Dodge, and Sioux City, the girls team meet Ft. Dodge in that city, while the boys meet Sioux City in Council Bluffs next week, the question there is "Commission form of government for the cities." Prof. Grason is of the opinion that there has been too much attention paid to athletics and not enough to literary work in the High Schools, and this explains the reason why the boys take hold of debating with so little interest.

## NEWS REPRESENTATIVE VISITS WEEPING WATER

Gets Stranded on Way to West End of County and Finds  
Plenty to do in That Little City.

TOWN OF FINE RESIDENCES  
AND SUBSTANTIAL CITIZENS

So Reports Daily News Reporter and Tells What He  
Finds in a Live Town of Live People.

Tuesday a representative of the Daily News started upon a trip to Elmwood, but upon arriving at Weeping Water was confronted by the report of a wrecked freight train in the way, which caused the passenger train to stop. We therefore, turned our attention to the beautiful, city of Weeping Water, where the picturesque stream by that name, flows to meet the "Big Muddy". This town, situated on this historic stream in indeed, a location which furnishes a varied scenery, and when the rock studded hills are covered with the summer foliage of the trees, presents a delightful view. With us on the train were Lloyd Gopin, W. E. Dull and Wm Sporer, of Murray who were going to Lincoln to meet with the Farmers' Elevator association. These gentlemen had to put in the afternoon in Weeping Water, where they visited the various places of amusement. Weeping Water was much stirred up over an accident which had happened Monday evening.

Herold Barnes, Miss Helen Reed Miss Wallick, and O. C. Rathbun, were enjoying themselves with the exhilarating sport of coasting down one of the rock studded streets of the city and being excited by reason of the pastime, did not take the proper precautions for their safety. No guards were out as it was late and it was expected that no teams would be moving about so when one appeared at an unexpected moment they were unprepared for the contingency. The toboggan was coming down from the hill and was on the steep declivity when the rig of Chas McKay was seen directly in front of them, and the coasters moving at the rate of seventy miles per hour, the collision was inevitable, notwithstanding everything was done in one or two seconds by both parties to avoid the accident. The sled upon which the four young people were, shot under the buggy in which Mr. McKay was, tearing away one wheel and causing the team to become frightened and run away, with the result that the buggy was entirely destroyed. While the team suffered but little injury, the coasters were less fortunate, for the impact of the collision was sufficient to render the man at the wheel, Mr. Barnes, unconscious, and from which condition it required the services of Dr. Welch, nearly an hour to relieve. The remainder of the party were more or less bruised and cut up, their wounds staining the snow on the street, near the stone church building with blood, which remained the following day. It is fortunate indeed that no one was killed.

On our visit in the city we found our old friend Chris Snell, at work in his restaurant, where he with an assistant were kept humping feeding the hungry travelers, and those of the city, and from the appearances no one could but observe that the place was prospering.

At the place of Hans Johnson, who conducts a general grocery and feed store, we found business on the buzz and that gentleman with his force of help seemingly prosperous and contented.

Mr. J. C. Stevens, a dealer in second hand merchandise who had been a resident of the city for only a short time, said that the business was not such as he would desire, but hoped for better business with the coming of spring.

George H. Dennis, the carpenter as well as Mr. Hitchman the painter were doing but little as the weather was so there were no out side work to be done.

At the smithy of F. A. Baldwin, we found that gentleman crowded with work, for himself and the two men which were with him.

Mr. O. Rasmusen, the smith was nailing on shoes while Mr. Baldwin fitted them and A. B. Hobson, looked after the wood work department. They were all kept busy and were prospering.

L. C. Laurson, the cigar maker was making some very fine smokes for his discriminating customers, and was making money.

Bert Philpot, at his bowling ally has a crowd who were enjoying the game and having a general good time.

At the James Music Company we found Mr. E. S. James who had just

received a consignment of postal cards which he was displaying in his racks, and said while he had not been a resident of Weeping Water for a great length of time, he was enjoying a good business, and looked for it to be better with the spring. He also remarked he would have to come to Plattsmouth to see about having The Olson Photo Co., make some local views of Weeping Water, for his postal card trade. Mr. James seemed a very gentlemanly and wide-awake business man. At the office of Pool & Colbert, we found the office empty, as those gentlemen were in Lincoln looking after their extensive real estate business.

Dr. M. M. Butler, who has recently been appointed county physician for the Weeping Water district, has fitted up some new offices, in the rear of Pool & Colbert's real estate parlors and make a very nice business home for the celebrated Weeping Water physician.

At the first National Bank, we found Mr. Murty busy and saying that the banking business was prospering.

At the Hitchman Millinery we found Miss Hitchman looking after business and said that her business venture in Weeping Water was one which she was satisfied with, and that when spring came she expected a very satisfactory business. D. M. Johnson formerly a resident of Plattsmouth, and while here connected with the treasurers office, but now in Weeping Water, where he is engaged in the Hardware and furniture business, said that he was kept so busy that he could find no time to read the papers. The business showed prosperity and we were very well pleased to know that he was doing so well.

Here we met J. C. Jones, who does a gardening business during the summer, but during the present winter has been on the sick list a good deal of the time.

D. G. Dudley was also complaining of ill health during the winter and to the extent as to keep him from working at the business of insurance solicitor, in which line he is doing very well. Mr. Upham, who has a new bakery was doing a good business and has a fine location as well as giving the best service to his customers. That prince of a gentleman, Fred Gorder was at his place of business, and greeted the News man with a smile and hearty greeting, such as has won him many friends, all of which he retains. Mr. Gorder reports business in his line as well as the season of the farmer's last years crops have so far been moved, and as a consequence, collections a little slow.

We met former county commissioner Turner Zink, who asked us about who was being talked of for the legislative ticket for the coming fall elections. At that time we had not heard of any mentions being made, but later, we heard, Mr. Zink mentioned by some Weeping Water and Cass county men as a possible candidate for the state senate or float representative.

John W. Carter, was looking after some business matters in this city and keeping tab on the things political, he being the committee man for Weeping Water.

We met B. J. Newell of Nehawka in town where he was getting some dental work done by Dr. Shannon, and said put me down for the Daily News as I have no county paper and want one.

At the Roller Mills of Kleitsch & Halmas, things were rolling and those gentlemen were busy making some of the best of flour, that this continent can produce, and which is feeding many thousands of their well satisfied customers.

Mr. Ambler at the Ambler Mercantile Co.'s store was busy with the large number of patrons, which is one of the strongest evidences of his popularity and good business treatment.

At the place of J. I. Corley, prosperity was in evidence, and Mr. Corley seemed well satisfied with the business which he is doing.

The Meyer Drug Co. was doing a good business and pleasing the large number of his friends and patrons.

## PLATTSMOUTH CIGARS AT CAPITAL CITY.

Ed. Young at Base Ball Headquarters, Will Handle Plattsmouth Smokes.

While at Lincoln this week the editor of the Daily News interviewed Mr. Ed. Young at 1207 "O" street in that city relative to the handling of Plattsmouth cigars the coming year. Mr. Young was very glad to do so and in consequence people who go to Lincoln from this city and want to smoke their favorite brand will find them at the store of Mr. Young. "Ye Olde Smoke House," as Mr. Young's place is called is one of the most popular places in the city, and has been the favorite resort for base ball fans for the past twenty years, and it will mean a great deal for our manufacturers here to have the cigars for sale at that place.

Mr. Young's emporium is also where Despain & Stoner have headquarters for the Lincoln team in the Western League, and it will be a good place for Plattsmouth people to go and be made to feel at home.

## FUNERAL OF C. C. COWLES

Passed Away at Home of  
Mrs. Jacob Stenner in  
this City.

BEEN IN FAILING HEALTH  
FOR SOME MONTHS.

Interment Today from Residence  
of His Daughter at Two O'Clock.

Cyrus C. Cowles whose failing health has been mentioned in the News, passed away yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jacob Stenner, in West Plattsmouth. Mr. Cowles has been a suffer for sometime as the result of failing powers, caused from old age, and it has been apparent to his near friends that he could not long survive.

The deceased was born in New York February 25th 1836 and was in his 74th year at the time of his death. He came to Cass county and Plattsmouth about four years ago from Iowa, and having seen much service for his country during the war of the Rebellion. He became a member of the McConthe Post G. A. R. of this city, and was borne to his last resting place in Oak Hill cemetery by the members of the post.

Mr. Cowles leaves surviving him three children, namely: Mrs. F. A. Hodgkins, of Bartley, Nebraska, Wm. Cowles, of Seranton, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. J. F. Stenner of this city, with whom the deceased has made his home for the past four years.

The children were present at the funeral with the exception of William Cowles, who was detained at home by sickness. The funeral services were held this afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Stenner, Rev. W. L. Austin delivering the address. The music was furnished by Mrs. Gamble, G. L. Farley and wife, and E. H. Wescott. The pall bearers were from the members of the G. A. R. being Judge J. W. Johnson, J. H. Thrasher, T. W. Glenn and T. M. Carter.

The out of town relatives attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Hodgkins and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Richey all of Bartley, Nebraska.

In the matter of drugs and kindred lines which they carry. Mr. J. J. Meyer was formerly employed with the Fricke Pharmacy Co. of Plattsmouth.

With Westly Davis, that good natured and jolly salesman, in charge why should not business be going all right. Geo. W. Farris the efficient plumber and tinner and all round general merchant, formerly in the employ of John Bauer, is looking after the tin work, and kindred lines of the firm.

E. Ratrou was one among those who were prospering in the city and was at his exclusive furniture and undertaking parlors, and had things well in hand with the business coming his way.

At the office of the Weeping Water Republican, those in charge were making a Real Live Paper, and are thus helping to maintain the prestige of this city at home and abroad.

At the City National Bank the affairs of the bank, were being looked after by the cashier J. M. Tegarden, and his worthy assistant Mr. W. C. Bish. This bank is doing a good business, and well deserves good fortune which it is enjoying.

J. W. Tegarden is doing some good work in the real estate business and is counted among the best judges of real estate in the state of Nebraska.

At the place where H. D. Reed and Judge Barnes do business, the latter holding down the office, as Harry, the irrepresable, was looking after some business matters out side of the city.

## A BETTER HULLO BIZ

Independent Telephone Companies Organize.

MOST ENTHUSIASTIC  
MEETING AT OMAHA

State Wide Contract Made Which  
Takes in Plattsmouth Telephone Company.

T. H. Pollock who has been in attendance at the state convention of the Independent Telephone Company at Omaha for the past few days, came home yesterday and today was again a passenger to the metropolis, where he was looking after some business matters. In speaking about the matter Mr. Pollock says that the meeting was large and very enthusiastic, and was marked with much interest in the things which are intended to insure the betterment of the service through traffic, and best interests of the subscribers of the Independent Companies in general. The general arrangement which has been in effect, for through traffic among the different Independent Companies of the state to which will make the service better.

Among other things which was taken up and discussed at the convention, as an agreement which was entered into by many of the Independent companies to the effect that for the period of twenty-five years, they would not make a connection with the Nebraska Phone Co. or form any business compact or allegiance with them.

In this there was a division of the company, some signing and some refraining therefrom. This matter is one which will in no way effect the interchange of through traffic, which has been obtained for some time past. Regarding that contract, but little can be said until more is known as to what the intended workings of the contract is to be.

The Independent Telephone Company has grown during the past years to that extent that their are many times more subscribers and exchanges in the state than of the Nebraska which at the time the Independent movement began were as they thought pretty strongly entrenched in the business interests of the state, and its citizens, and thought it not impossible to lose. But the high rates with the Bell Companies, which have prevailed left a loop hole for their undoing. The more progressive minds of the time saw an opportunity for a business venture, which promised abundant returns for the time and money invested, and a betterment of the condition of the users of the phone. At the beginning of the Independent movement many who would have taken part in it were timid, fearing that they could make no progress against such a gigantic corporation as the Bell, but those bolder minded knowing the feelings of the subscribers of the Bell at the time, pushed the matter. In the course of a few years, the first Independent company was installed and the growth and use of the same has been such that now it covers the entire state and in fact the country. There now are in this state alone some thing like 120,000 subscribers and an exchange in almost every city and town of importance in the territory.

In the matter the Plattsmouth Phone Co. with Mr. Pollock as the superintendent, have shared in the prosperity which has come to most every Independent Co. which has engaged in the business. Mr. Pollock has contributed much to the success of his company, by going down to the bottom of the business, with a determination to know all about it from the construction of the phone, to the line and switchboard troubles, as well as the business and financial management and so on up to the mastering the proposition which have brought all companies of the state together, into a mutual interest agreement, that they could work as one man. In this with others Mr. Pollock has done a great work not alone for his company and those with whom it is associated in business but every user of the telephone in the state and country. Every move made by the Independents have been for the betterment of the service not only of the subscribers of the Independents, but of the Bell as well.

Would Buy Farm in Iowa.

J. F. Clugy, of northwest of the city who recently sold his farm at that place was a passenger to Pacific Pacific Junction yesterday evening where he was to look at a farm with the intention of buying the same. Mr. Clugy was well pleased with the place and will take his wife to look at it and if they are both suited will make the purchase. Mr. Clugy is an excellent citizen and we are rather loath to lose him, but should he conclude to make his dwelling place in Iowa, we know that they will have received a good citizen even if we have to lose him.