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FORCED HIM OUT

Former Plattsouth Man is Out of a Job.

CRABTREE MUST WALK THE PLANK.

Head of Peru Normal Asked to Resign by State Normal Board.

The board of education of the state which met at Nebraska City yesterday requested the resignation of Principal Crabtree of the Peru State Normal school and accepted the resignation of Prof. Seanson tendered a few days ago.

The board was in session several hours at Peru, but came to no decision, finally, adjourned to Nebraska City and finished the work there. Messrs. Brian, Shellhorn, McDonald and Ludden voted to accept Crabtree's resignation and Tooley, Childs and Bishop against.

Aged Citizen Here.

H. F. Swanback, returned to his home at Greenwood this morning, having attended the telephone meeting last night. Mr. Swanback will be ninety five years old young on the 9th day of March. He enjoys the distinction of being the oldest Odd Fellow in the state, and probably the oldest stockholder in any corporation in the state.

PLATTSMOUTH TELEPHONE COMPANY PROSPERS.

The Year 1910 Best in History.

The annual meeting of the Plattsouth Telephone Co., was held last evening at the company's office in this city. And the industry is one the city may well be proud of. The record the past year has been one of the best in its successful career. The officers elected: T. E. Parmele, Pres., C. C. Parmele, Vice Pres., J. N. Wise, Sect., and T. H. Pollock General Manager and Treasurer.

Directors elected are C. C. Parmele, T. E. Parmele, T. H. Pollock, Dr. J. M. Neeley, Edwin Jeary, Jno W. Reasoner, H. F. Swanback, Peter Eveland, M. H. Pollard, C. H. Pollard and Jacob Treitsch.

The company during last year installed an all cable plant in the city of Plattsouth, placing 35000 feet of cable throughout the city making this a complete modern all-cable plant with a capacity of 1200 phones. 110 phones have been added to the Plattsouth exchange in 1909, making a total of 680 phones used in the city. Of these 100 are business and office, balance residences.

At the close of last year the system had a total of 3095 phones in use, covering the territory from South Omaha to the south line of Cass county, and extending west to and including Havelock, where the company have a very successful exchange.

As a Plattsouth industry the system has "succeeded". The Plattsouth Telephone company, began business in 1899 with 100 phones in this city and employed four people. The company now operates 13 exchanges, with 3095 phones and 300 miles of first class long distance copper toll lines and employ 53 people on the regular monthly payroll, besides working about 20 extra construction men during the season suitable for building.

The headquarters of the company is located in its own buildings in this city, the yearly income amounts to over \$60,000 all of which is checked out through the Plattsouth banks.

PROMINENT UNION STOCKMAN TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Robert C. Kendall Blows the top of His Head off With a Shot Gun.

NO REASON CAN BE GIVEN FOR HIS HORRIBLE ACTION.

Claims However That he did not Want to Cause his Friends to Suffer.

The community surrounding Union was shocked last evening when the report was circulated that Robert C. Kendall, a prominent farmer and stock raiser residing four miles north east of Union had taken his own life. Mr. Kendall had been in poor health for some months past, and to this is attributed the cause of his rash act.

His lifeless body was found by Charles Reeves, his hired man, in a bin in the barn about five o'clock in the evening. He had left the house with his single barreled pump gun, about two hours before, but nothing was thought of this as he frequently took the gun with him in walking over the farm.

He had entered the barn and gone into the grain bin, taking his right boot off placed the muzzle of the gun against his left cheek and pulled the trigger with his bootless foot, the load of No 6 shot with which the shell was loaded tore off the top of his head, rendering death instantaneous. In his vest pocket was found a note bearing date Feb 7, 1910 and stated that "no domestic or financial trouble had caused him to do this, but

that he preferred this to suffering or annoying his friends."

The coroner and sheriff were at once notified. The body was not disturbed until the officers and a jury had investigated the situation. Sheriff Quinton went down on the midnight train last night and Coroner Clements went from Elmwood about the same time. A jury was empaneled at once consisting of the following named gentlemen: J. D. Bramblett, Union, Chris Peterson, Union, Frank L. Rhoden, Murray, Robert Shrader Nehawka, J. C. Hanrell, Union.

Charles Reeves, Elmer Blacketer and Sheriff Quinton were sworn and gave evidence, after a short deliberation the jury brought in a verdict according to the facts, that the deceased had come to his death from a gunshot wound, inflicted by himself.

The deceased leaves a wife and three children, and an aged father and mother residing at Union.

Mr. Kendall, was a prosperous farmer and genial gentleman, and well known in this part of the county. He was a staunch republican and always took a lively interest in the welfare of his community. His wife and family are completely prostrated at this unlooked for occurrence.

A PLEASANT TIME WITH THE M. E. BOYS.

Father Shine Talks to the Boys of the Bible Class at the M. E. Church.

One of the most pleasant evenings which we have spent for a long time occurred at the young men's room in the basement of the Methodist church last evening. About a year ago Father Shine gave the young men of the Bible Class a talk which impressed them so favorably that they invited him to meet with them again last night. The editor of the News was an invited guest and enjoyed the talk very much. We liked the way it was done. The young men all gathered about a long table and Father Shine taking a place at the head of the table proceeded to talk to them in that social off-hand way that always gets the speaker in touch with the hearer.

He took for his subject the first visit of the white man to Nebraska, which occurred some four hundred years ago and told of the trip in such an interesting manner that we could almost seem to follow the hardy adventurer as he worked his way from the coast to the place which the speaker felt must have been a portion of Nebraska.

We wish we had space to give Father Shine's talk more fully, but we hope that we may again have the pleasure of an evening with the Young Men and Father Shine.

HER LOSS PAID VERY PROMPTLY.

Mrs. Mary O'Leary Receives Her Insurance in Short Order.

Frank A. McElroy, adjuster for the Shawnee Fire Insurance company was in the city yesterday and adjusted the loss sustained last week by Mrs O'Leary when her dwelling burned. This is the second loss this company has adjusted recently in less than a week after the fire occurred and Judge Archer, the local agent is feeling pretty good over the prompt work of his company.

FOUND HER DEAD

Plattsouth Citizen Awakes to a sad Realization.

MRS. BENT KINKEAD DIES VERY SUDDENLY.

Found by her Husband after Life was Extinct

Mrs. Kinkead, wife of Bent Kinkead residing on North Tenth street died very suddenly early this morning. The hour of her demise is not known exactly as she was found by her husband about 8 o'clock, and at that time life was extinct. Dr. Cummins was summoned at once, but Mrs. Kinkead was beyond medical aid, and the doctor so informed the bereaved husband.

Mrs. Kinkead was in the habit of setting the alarm to arouse her at six each morning, and as soon thereafter as she could, she called Mr. Kinkead. This morning she did not call him, and he over slept, and not waking until about 8 o'clock. Taking note of the late hour, he went to ascertain why his wife had not awakened him as usual, when arriving in her room he was horror struck to find her dead. Mrs. Kinkead was as well as usual last evening on retiring, and was at Guy McKakens in the afternoon, inquiring after the little folks of whom she was very fond, and seemed in her usual health. The trouble is thought to have been of the heart. The deceased leaves three children, one son and two daughters: Ralph, of Seattle, Washington, Etta of Stanton and Laura who is teaching in Lincoln. The children have all been notified and as soon as they can arrive or be heard from the funeral arrangements will be announced. Mrs. Kinkead was a consistent member of the Christian church and the funeral will be conducted by its pastor.

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HE WRITES A LETTER

County Commissioner Switzer Answers a News Comment.

GIVES HIS REASONS FOR VOTING NO.

Letter Printed so that the Public Can Judge as to the Matter.

Weeping Water, 2-7 1910.
Editor News Herald,
Plattsouth, Nebraska.
Dear Sir-

I have not lost one minute of sleep or missed a single meal on account of the write up you gave me in the Herald of Febr., 3-10.

If you had stated facts, I would not have deemed it necessary to reply. In the first place the Commissioners have no authority, or power to do anything in incorporated villages, except build county bridges. You also speak of building bridges in the west part of the county. We certainly do, and it is a part of our duty to do so. You made the assertion that in a half a century not one of Plattsouth's citizens would cross those bridges, you know better than that, and so does the citizens of Plattsouth. I feel perfectly safe in making this statement, that fifty teams will cross those bridges where one will travel 4th St. If you want to pave your streets do it where it will benefit somebody. Look at your two Avenues where three fourths of all the people have to pass over to get to the city, the mud in the roads make them almost impossible to cross. You say that Plattsouth pays thousands of dollars into the general, and road funds. Very true but there is not one dollar of either of those funds goes into the bridge fund since I have been on the Board.

You look up the records and you will find the 1st dist. gets almost as much of the bridge fund as either the 2nd. or 3rd. districts, and the 1st. has two precincts and the 2nd. and third seven each. Also examine the records for pauper aid, and you will find that Plattsouth City receives \$5.00 or more, to \$1.00 for the whole county outside of your city.

I am at a loss to know how you figure the cost at \$1,000.00. The committee that called on the Board stated they did not know what the cost would be.

I have no fault to find with Plattsouth, and have no grudge against the city, but my judgement is that it is a mistake to pave 4th street, and I will vote no. I am moved to do my duty and I am going to do it as I see it regardless of friend or foe.

L. D. Switzer.

In answer to the above we only desire to say that the paving of 4th street as well as all other streets which are to be paved this spring is done on petition of the property owners along the street whose property fronts on the proposed paved streets and as the county owns the property along this street it does its part of the paving along with the other property owners. The county pays for no other paving than that abutting against its court house grounds and half way across the street and it is doing no more or no less than the other property owners along the same street. It is the same as was done by the county before when Main street was paved.

THE SOUTH POLE TO BE NEXT.

Lieutenant Peary Anxious to See the Other Extremity of Earth.

Not any South Pole for him, for Peary. That is what he said on his return from the North Pole. After twenty-five years of periodical Arctic exploration he suggested that he had had enough of cold ice and privation, and he was perfectly willing to leave the South Pole to the ambition of others.

But after getting well thawed out once more Lieutenant Peary, while

indeed contemplating no personal participation in an exploration is now taking the lead in getting one organized. The habit of a lifetime seems to be exerting its power on him. He appears to be sniffing the frosty air from afar, and no one knows but that the lure of the frozen wild will again lead him to yield to its strange fascination and brave its perils.

Lieutenant Peary has taken the matter up with the National Geographic Society and a serious effort is being made to get an expedition afoot. The cost is being made out and to some extent the personnel of the expedition. Several of those who were aboard the Roosevelt, it has been arranged shall form part of the company that shall go in quest of the other pole. Peary promises no assistance except at this end, but nothing succeeds like success, and if at last the party bound for the Antarctic call on Peary to be their leader perhaps he will feel that the call cannot be resisted.

Since the project seems to be actually taking form, to be carried out the coming summer, the old question returns, What is the use of it. The question has more force than ever before, now that the North Pole has been found with no profit to speak of, with no reward save the mere satisfaction of achievement to the intrepid spirit of adventure. But the same old answer is made and no doubt it will prove valid enough. The South Pole is this case, challenges the daring and the ingenuity of man and may possibly hold a secret the knowledge of which would be a prize to science.

And the world, far from being at last satiated with polar adventure, might be worked up to a high state of excitement by the renewal of the quest for the South Pole. For a British expedition will be under way in the spring whose organization has been hastened for fear the Yankee might reach the South Pole first and thus have the honor of discovering both poles. With a British and an American expedition bucking the ice fields of the far south, the quest would be an international race quite likely to set any number of patriots on both sides of the ocean to shouting and gesticulating for twice twelve months.

The South Pole might just as well get ready to receive company.—
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