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OUR SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY

The One Hundred Districts Have a Total Valuation of Nearly \$200,000.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINE TEACHERS

Employed to Instruct the 7,033 School Children During Past Year—Six Private Schools Located in This County.

From the report of the county superintendent for the school year ending the second Monday in July, some statistics that will be of interest to nearly every family in Cass county are obtained.

The reports from the one hundred districts, in which are situated a total of one hundred and ten school houses, show that the buildings, sites, text books, etc., are valued at \$199,530.65, and that 3,546 males, 3,487 females or a total of 7,033 school children between the ages of 5 and 21 received instruction from 169 teachers, of whom 151 were females and the remaining eighteen males. Of the 7,033 school children, 3,776, or over one-half, are between the ages of seven and fifteen and are subject to the state law, which compels parents to send children between the above ages, to the public or some private school.

During the past year seven addresses have been delivered under the auspices of the county superintendent, and he has made two hundred visits to the various schools, and conducted fifty-six teacher's meetings.

Besides the public institutions, there are six private schools situated in Cass county. The largest of these is the Weeping Water academy, a Congregational school, employing five instructors, having an attendance of one hundred and three, and under Principal F. C. Taylor. The next largest, the St. John's school of this city, which employs three teachers and is under the direction of Father W. F. Bradley, had an attendance of ninety during the past year. The Lutheran Academy of Louisville, under German Lutheran influences, is conducted by George Jung, and had an enrollment of twenty-five students. The remaining three of the six private schools are the Murdock German, in Murdock, and the German Evangelical schools of Elmwood and Eagle, conducted by Revs. Baumgartner, Wickmann and Mueller, respectively.

Cousins Meet for First Time.

Miss Mollie Greenslate arrived Wednesday from Kirksville, Mo., for a visit with her cousin, Miss Fera Greenslate. The cousins had never met each other, until this morning, and did not know of the relationship existing between them until about two years ago, when Miss Lucille Bates, who was visiting in Elmwood at that time, happened to mention Miss Mollie while talking of Memphis, Mo. This aroused Miss Fera's interest, and through correspondence it was ascertained that they were cousins, and then followed a natural desire to see each other, and so Miss Mollie came to make her newly found cousin a visit.

A prompt relief for croup, One Minute Cough Cure, cuts the phlegm, allays the inflammation—the cough syrup with a reputation. Sold by F. G. Fricke & Co. and Gering & Co.

An Excuse for Drinking.

Before a judge a man appeared charged with disturbing the peace in a saloon. The judge asked him he visited such a place early in the morning and the man answered that every morning he feels a heaviness on the stomach, nauseates and even vomits, without knowing the cause of it. As soon as he takes a few drinks he is able to work again. The judge recommended him to consult a good doctor and we would advise him to try Triner's American Elixir of Bitter Wine, which certainly would put his digestive organs in good shape. If used according to directions, it will in every instance regulate the digestion, purify the blood and also strengthen the nerves. During this hot season there is no remedy in the world which could be compared with Triner's American Elixir of Bitter Wine as the results, which are health and strength. At drug stores. Jos. Triner, 709 South Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill.

THOUGHTS FOR SOME PEOPLE

The Basest, Most Detestible Citizens are the Villians Who Slander Their Neighbors.

Confidence once lost can never be entirely restored. There is little protection against a slanderer or tattler, and usually they are assassins and cowards, or some worthless characters who are not responsible for anything they may utter. It would seem that a high state of civilization would protect, first of all, life and character. In fact at this time this is about the only thing left for Americans, "protection." Among the meanest slanderers are those who go from house to house and stab you in the back with their vile tongues, and we are often astonished at the number of people engaged in it, and sometimes people who claim to be guides for the entire community in which they live, and yet with their tongues they are ready to rend families, churches and neighborhoods, leaving for a while the desolation of the cyclone in their track. And often it takes manhood and christianity combined to lay aside the revolver which every victim of the slanderer has a just right to use, where the villain cannot be reached by law. The victim of the slanderer always has the consolation to know his guilt or innocence and it is a comfort to know that the birds always pick at the best and highest fruit which grows upon the tree. The greatest and best people in the world are sometimes slandered, and only the good and the useful can be. Of course there is a negative, good for nothing good, of which none speak evil. To such Jesus spoke when he said, "Woe unto you when all men speak well of you." But we don't suppose we have any such people as those to whom Jesus spoke, in Plattsmouth, and we would that we could say that we have none of that class of slanderers, for deep down in the hottest hell where dwells the foulest devil, will be the eternal abode of the serpent tongued slanderer.

Extend Thanks.

The undersigned, committee of arrangements, so appointed by Plattsmouth Aerie No. 365, F. O. E., in behalf of the lodge, take this method of returning their most sincere thanks to those business men who subscribed to assist in paying the expenses of the recent carnival, given under the auspices of this order. We also desire to extend thanks to the gentlemen composing the police force, for the very efficient manner in which they maintained order; to the mayor and city council for their kindness, and to the citizens of Plattsmouth in general for favors extended.

R. A. BATES, C. F. GUTHMAN, Committee. W. M. BARCLAY.

Millions in Merchandise.

According to returns the assessed value of all merchandise in the state, as returned to the State Board of Equalization, amounts to \$8,167,994, an increase over the assessment of this class of property last year of \$547,289. Inasmuch as the stocks of merchandise have not materially increased since last year, it is the belief of the secretary of the board the county assessors have increased the value of this item.

Jessen May Enter the Race.

It now looks as if the political situation in the First congressional district is to have a new phase put upon it by the proposed candidacy of Judge Paul Jessen for the congressional nomination. Upon inquiry the Tribune is informed that no definite announcement can yet be made but it is known that from a wide circle of warm personal and political friends Judge Jessen is being urged to get into the race.—Nebraska City Tribune.

Plattsmouth gloves for sale by the local merchants.

T. A. ... June 31, '08—L... remembered well when the ... was a brook. My good health and long life came by taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents. Gering & Co., druggists.

THE SITE FOR GOVERNMENT BUILDING

The Question That is Now Agitating the Minds of Plattsmouth People.

WHERE WILL IT BEST SERVE PATRONS?

It Should, and Probably Will be Located Within One Block of Main Street.

The location for a site for the post-office building, of which Plattsmouth is soon to boast, is now a matter that is agitating the minds of many of our people. And it is a matter that should be settled without the least squabbling among all interested.

From what the Journal is able to learn, the sentiment of the citizens seems to be such that the building should be located somewhere on Sixth street. There are three very suitable sites, which would come within the instructions of the department, and each is located within one block of Main street, and at the same time centrally located—the Patterson block, on the west side of Sixth street, at the corner of Pearl; the block right opposite on the east; and the block on which the residence of Chief of Police Fitzgerald is situated. If anything, the latter named is most favorable, and we believe an entire half block could be purchased at a very reasonable figure.

As we understand it, the purchase price of a site has to come within the limit of the appropriation—\$7,500. This sum ought to be sufficient to provide a good location, and, while we are not informed in the matter, we believe that ground sufficient can be purchased on this corner for a sum not to exceed the amount appropriated.

The Journal is positive that neither of the other locations could be had at the sum designated, and it is doubtful if a sufficient amount of ground on the corner where the Patterson block stands could be had for double the amount. However, many would like to see it at this corner because it would remove an old dilapidated shell, that is an eye-sore to the city.

Take where Joe Fitzgerald's residence stands, the residence of Chris. Koehnke and the Pearlman building, and you have, with the removal of one or two outbuildings, the finest location in the city, and one which ought to be satisfactory to the majority of the business men, and a larger portion of the patrons of the office than any other point in the city.

CLARENCE ENGLISH WINS

The Fighter Has Things All His Own Way and Gets the Decision.

Clarence English, the fast Omaha lightweight won his fight with Jack Purzell Sunday night at the Eagles' clambake at St. Joseph, getting the decision at the end of the fifteenth round. English put it all over Purzell, who made no attempt whatever to fight, but merely tried to keep himself from being knocked out.

To go the limit seemed to be Purzell's one desire, and Clarence was obliged to pull Jack's hands down from his face in order to hit him. The decision was well received by the audience, who did their best to urge Purzell to take on a little aggressiveness.

English came back to Omaha early this morning and looks none the worse for the go, his face and body bearing no signs whatever of having been pummeled, but one of his hands is somewhat badly swollen.

English will probably fight Mickey Riley, of Leavenworth, Kan., at no distant date. Riley challenged the winner of last night's go in St. Joseph.—Omaha Daily News.

There were several from Plattsmouth at the ringside and they say at no time in the game was Purzell "in it." They speak of English in the highest terms, both as a gentleman and a most clever boxer. The St. Joe sports thought they had a man this time that would "do" Clarence, but again they were doomed to disappointment. Ever since Clarence beat "Spike" Leroy, the idol of the fistie fans of St. Joe some four years ago, they have made every effort possible to get some one to beat him. English has fought "Kid" Price, Gus Gardner, Mickey Riley and Battling Nelson before a St. Joe audience since defeating Leroy, and Nelson was the only one that gave him an ordinary workout. The gentleman that "takes English's measure" will have to make of championship material.

Prompt Action.

A few weeks ago, Philip Horn, one of our best farmers, had the misfortune to injure one of his hands, which prevented him from doing any kind of farm work for four weeks. He held a policy in the Woodmen Accidental Association, and Tuesday received a check from the secretary of the association for \$39. This shows prompt action on the part of the association in the payment of such claims.

Would Abolish Governor's Staff.

A Lincoln, Neb., correspondent says: The long-felt jealousy between the regular officers of the Nebraska National guard and the governor's staff of colonels has at last come to a head, and it is rumored that a vigorous and organized effort is to be made to induce the next legislature to pass a law depriving the honorary colonels of rank.

It has long been the custom for the governor's staff to accompany the chief executive on all important journeys and regular officers have grown tired of being left at home. It is said that a strong combination was formed by the guard officers at their school of instruction last winter and militia officers in every county in the state have been appointed to secure pledges from candidates for the legislature to the effect that they would vote and use their influence to abolish the tariff.

TRIAL STOPPED ABRUPTLY

The Defendant, J. C. Watson, Objects to Jessen as a Judge.

A special from Nebraska City under date of July 17, says: "The disbarment proceedings against Attorney John C. Watson, came to a sudden stop this morning, after the court, Judge Good, of Wahoo; Kelligar, of Auburn and Jessen, of this city, had taken their seats and the charges had been read. Watson filed a protest against Judge Paul Jessen, hearing the case or taking any part therein on the grounds he was biased and would not give him a fair and impartial hearing. Judge Jessen arose to the occasion and sustained the motion. Then on the affidavit of Watson and others a continuance was taken until September 3, on account of the absence of Catron and others. Watson is being tried on a complaint filed by Attorneys Livingston, Pitzer and Hayward, who charge him with irregular practice in the court here in the case of Butterfield vs. Catron. It is not known what judges will now be asked to hear the case, but other judges will have to be secured."

The Matrimonial Market.

Take the matrimonial market from the first of January, Dan Cupid has certainly been getting in his work much better in Cass county than he did in the same length of time last year, although the month of July does not show up very well, only four permits to marry have been granted so far this month. During the month of June Judge Travis issued eighteen passes to the matrimonial state, which would indicate that the wily Dan had done remarkably well since the month of roses came in blushing and sweet. Since January up to the present time there has been issued by County Judge Travis 82 marriage licenses. At the rate they have been doubling up in the county the number will far exceed the number of marriages of last year.

THE RACE SUICIDE QUESTION

Bachelors and Maids Challenge Teddy to Discuss the Proposition.

Clinton Merrick, chairman and moving spirit behind the State Convention of Bachelors and Old Maids, to be held at Forest City, Iowa, July 24 and 26, has written to President Roosevelt asking him to attend the convention and defend his advocacy of the big family in the race-suicide debate that will take place.

At this convention it is proposed to nominate a full State ticket on a strict race-suicide platform, contending that the growth of population has weakened the many in their struggle against the trusts. In his letter to the President Mr. Merrick says:

"We would be pleased to have you take the affirmative side of the question, 'Resolved, That race suicide is caused by too few births,' and we bachelors and maids will take the negative side of the question, viz: 'That race suicide is caused by too many births, and that degeneration is caused thereby,' and we will allow the affirmative two-thirds of the time.

"Dear Teddy, our society analyzes that chapter of the Bible where it reads, 'Multiply and replenish the earth,' and mean to diligently care for the human beings and offspring of the human race. The question arises, how many children can the common laborer afford to support at \$1 a day's which, I believe, is about the average wage for unskilled labor."

Kicked by a Horse.

A special from Weeping Water, under date of July 17, says: "George H. Woods, a farmer living one mile south of town, had his right leg broken in two places this morning. He and one of his boys were carrying the horses in the stable, when the horse which the boy was currying, nipped at the other and it kicked at it, striking Mr. Woods with both feet, breaking his right leg in two places, between the knee and ankle, and bruising the left leg badly, but breaking no bones.

WANTED—By man and wife, good position on a farm. Inquire at Journal office.

PASSES HER EIGHTY-NINTH MILE POST

Grand Celebration in Honor of the Event at the Home of Her Daughter.

MANY FRIENDS ATTEND THE OCCASION

Grandma Edwin Davis in Excellent Health and Enjoys a Good Time.

One of the most pleasant events in the social history of this city occurred yesterday afternoon, when nineteen old time friends of Mrs. Anna M. Davis gathered at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Erasmus Peterson, to assist in celebrating the eighty-ninth birthday anniversary of Grandma Davis. Both to herself and to her country these have been most eventful years.

She was born in the city of Albany, N. Y., on the 18th of July, 1817, and while the first railroad in the United States was being constructed in 1833, she was united in marriage with Edwin Davis. During the last year of the civil war, they removed from her native state, New York, to Nebraska, where they have since made their residence. A large and active family grew up about Grandma Davis, and of these four daughters and one son, with children and grandchildren, are living to nourish and comfort her sunny old age. The children are Lora Davis, Colorado City, Col.; Mrs. Rosa Keeney, Central City, Neb.; Mrs. Erasmus Peterson and Mrs. R. P. Kennedy of this city.

The ladies were entertained from 3 until 5 o'clock and that they had one of the most enjoyable times of their lives is beyond question.

At an acceptable hour a bounteous three-course luncheon, was served, and it is needless to say each one did ample justice to the delicious viands. With much faith many expressed the wish that Grandma Davis might live to see her hundredth birthday, and should she continue her present excellent health this wish will be fulfilled. It was with many expressions of appreciation for the good time spent with Grandma Davis that the friends took their departure.

The following short poem was written in honor of Grandma Davis by Rev. J. E. Houlgate, pastor of the Methodist church, of which she is a member:

Many years you rilled away,
May you many more,
Go on in health and grace as at
Till your hundredth natal day
Crosses your glad tomorrow.

Off for California.

Wiley Black departed Wednesday for Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he will meet his wife and daughter, who have been visiting friends in Missouri. Tomorrow morning they will leave that city for Los Angeles, California, where they expect to make their future home. Mr. Black grew to manhood in Plattsmouth, and is well known to all the old settlers in Cass county, having at one time been one of the prominent stock buyers in this section. Being unfortunate in many of his deals, he like many others has let a fortune slip through his hands. He goes to Los Angeles, very highly recommended by one of the packing house managers at South Omaha, and hopes to secure lucrative employment in that city. The best wishes of the Journal attend him and his family and may prosperity be their lot.

Saloon Keepers Organize.

The saloon keepers of Plattsmouth have entered into a written agreement between themselves—all signing—whereby they pledge themselves not to sell or give away either by wholesale or retail, or to deliver, any liquor of any character, hereafter on Sunday. They also agree to assist in the prosecution of anyone who violates his pledge, by furnishing to the County Attorney such evidence as they can get against the one violating his agreement and pledge.

Mrs. Horn Recovering Nicely.

Mrs. Jacob Horn, who was injured in the runaway of Wednesday afternoon and who has since been confined at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hassler, is recovering nicely from the injuries sustained, although it will take several weeks to regain her former health. It was at first feared that she had received internal injuries, but today the patient is gradually resuming her former cheerful disposition, although she bears several bad bruises and cuts.

All But Three.

We understand that every business house in the city have complied with the request of their clerks, to close their places of business at 6 o'clock except three firms, and they, we understand, employ no clerks, outside their own families. We understand the clerks are only asking that this be done during the summer months. Other towns, many of them not nearly so large as Plattsmouth, have given their clerks this privilege.

When in need of gloves call for those manufactured by the Plattsmouth Glove company.

An Important Matter.

County Clerk Rosencrans is sending out the following circular to the voters of Cass county, which is a matter in which every farmer and taxpayer should be interested:

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., July 17, 1908.

TO THE VOTERS OF CASS COUNTY, NEB.: Dear Sir: At a regular meeting of the county board of commissioners of Cass county, Neb., held at Plattsmouth, Neb., on the 17th day of July, 1908, the following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the last legislature of this state passed a bill providing for state ownership, control, construction and repair of all bridges of 500 feet or more in length within the state, and located on or as a part of the public roads; and whereas, the governor of the state vetoed said bill; and whereas it is the sense of this board, that it is wise and sound legislation to require the state to bear the expense and burden of construction and control of bridges across certain large rivers in this state.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that it is the sense of this board that no political party in this county should nominate for the legislature this fall, any candidate who has not pledged himself to support a bill for state ownership, control, construction and repair of all bridges within the state across the main channel of the Platte river located on or as a part of the public roads. W. E. ROSENCRANS, County Clerk.

READY FOR INDEPENDENCE

So Says James H. Blount, Former Judge Advocate of the Philippines.

The following is an extract from the Fourth of July speech of James H. Blount (rep.) of Macon, Georgia, and former judge advocate of the Philippines and codifier of the island laws:

"Since the Spanish-American war our ship of state has ceased to steer by that immortal chart, the Declaration of Independence. We steadfastly continue to be guided by its noble teachings from the hour of the tolling of the liberty bell at Philadelphia, until the thunder of Dewey's guns had ceased at Manila.

"Since then we have abandoned our belief in what the Declaration had called a self-evident truth, namely, that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed. Since then we have been holding in involuntary subjection 8,000,000 of people on the other side of the globe—the only Christian nation of Eastern Asia—a people of whom I am able to affirm, after six years' residence among them, this fact, that their yearning for a national life of their own was on that May day of '98, when Dewey sank the Spanish fleet, and still is as great as was ours 130 years ago today." "A people, moreover, who are quite as capable of self-government as the people of Cuba.

"If we would resume our place as pole-star of liberty for the nations, we should do for the Philippines sooner or later what we have already done for Cuba.

"And the sooner we declare that such is our purpose, the better it will be for the general welfare of mankind. For if the democratic party so declares in the national convention of 1908, and carries the country in the presidential election of that year, those rock-ribbed and ancient shores of Asia will behold an independent republic lifting its head from the depths of the China sea ere the man-child born of woman this day shall attain to man's estate.

"May God speed the day when our government shall accord the Philippine people the right to pursue happiness in their own way, and cease to hold the cup of supposed happiness to their lips with a steady arm. May our people at last hearken to the united voices of Cleveland and Bryan and Bacon and Bailey concerning this Philippine question, and before the young giant from Texas is as old as his distinguished colleague from Georgia now is, may the star of the Philippine republic be risen in Asia."

Divide the Building.

We understand that the firm of Tuetz & McDaniel have divided their building on Sixth street, which consists of two store rooms, and several living rooms upstairs, and that Tuetz will occupy the south room, while the north room will be for rent. The arch way between the two rooms will be closed, and the south room is now undergoing repairs for Tuetz's use.

Misses Doveys Entertain.

At the home of H. N. Dovey, a merry gathering occurred Tuesday evening when Misses Florence, Ione and Helen entertained in honor of Misses King and Hutcheson, of Jacksonville, Ill., who are visiting with their aunt, Mrs. A. W. Atwood. The evening passed rapidly at the fascinating game of five hundred, and at a late hour the party adjourned to the dining room, where covers were laid for twenty-four. After a most pleasant evening the party dispersed for their homes.

Danger is near at hand when the kidneys are sick. Kidney-Ettes will purify and strengthen the kidneys and restore them to their normal and healthy condition. 25 cents. Gering & Co., druggists.