

FARMERS' ELEVATOR AT MURRAY A GO

Organize for Five Thousand Dollars and One-Half the Amount Subscribed in Less Than An Hours.

Thursday, at Murray, about one hundred farmers met and completed an organization for the erection of a farmers' elevator, which shall be known as the Murray Farmers' Elevator Company, and whose business shall consist of buying, shipping and selling grain. County Recorder H. A. Schneider, who has had some experience in the organizing of such institutions, was asked to preside, and Frank J. Davis, representative in the last state legislature from this county, of Weeping Water, was chosen as the secretary of the meeting. The plan of articles of incorporation were drafted after the ones in use by the company which recently organized at Cedar Creek, and whose elevator has but a short time since been completed. The shares of stock were placed at \$25, and a restriction placed at ten shares for any individual. The capital of the company was placed at \$5,000.00, with the decision to begin business as soon as \$3,000.00 of the amount was subscribed.

Six men, Lloyd Gapin, L. H. Young, John Spangler, Albert Wheeler, Hermon Beck and I. M. Davis were chosen

to solicit stock. Within less than an hour they had some \$2,200 of the required amount subscribed and many making applications for stock. There was not a land owner within any distance of Murray who was present who did not take stock. W. D. Wheeler and Frank J. Davis, were appointed by the meeting to confer with the railroad for a site for the building, which they contemplate erecting immediately.

The sentiment in favor of the farmers owning the means of shipping their own grain is fast becoming popular among the rural districts. The complications, caused by a number of things which is difficult for many people to understand, such as the shortage of cars at the time the grain is wished to be shipped, unsatisfactory prices and the grading of grain are things which has been one of the strong incentives, causing the organization of these companies of the producers. It is claimed by those who are supposed to know what the policy of the new company organized at Murray will not expect to handle corn for less than two cents per bushel, a price which the owners of elevators say will be satisfactory to them.

AN ASTOUNDING STATEMENT

Death Roll of Railroad Accidents Very Alarming.

W. J. Wood, railroad commissioner of Indiana, makes the following statement in a late issue of Leslie's Weekly: "If I were to tell you that an earthquake had shaken down San Francisco and killed 100 persons, if I were to read a telegram that yellow fever had become epidemic in all Southern cities, if I should announce that war had been declared between Spain and the United States, and 1,000 men killed in battle, your attention would be instantly attracted. But I am not so sure of persuading your practical interest when I present to you the solemn, disgraceful fact of the railway death roll. During the eight years from 1897 to 1904, inclusive, there was a steady increase in the number of casualties. The total number of killed during that period was 62,213—as if a community as large as Salt Lake City had been wiped out by a sudden and terrible catastrophe—while 451,262 were injured—as if every man, woman and child in Buffalo had been maimed or otherwise hurt. If casualties continue to increase at the same rate for eight succeeding years, from 1905 to 1912, there will be 115,389 killed and 1,431,083 injured. That is, at this rate there are upward of 100,000 people in the United States under sentence of death, to be executed on the railway before the close of 1912, and a larger number are doomed to be maimed or otherwise injured than the entire population of the District of Columbia, Delaware, Montana, Arizona, Wyoming, Nevada, Alaska, Idaho, and the Hawaiian Islands."

Gets a Dollar and Costs.

In justice court Friday afternoon Will Shara, of Rock Bluffs, was fined one dollar and costs for whipping his wife, Minnie Shara. Complaint was made to county attorney, who filed an information upon which Mr. Shara was apprehended by Constable Denson, and at the hearing was fined one dollar and costs. It is understood that the parties are endeavoring to settle their troubles by a separation.

Terms of District Court.

Judge Travis has made out the following as the dates for holding court in Otoe and Cass counties for 1908:

CASS COUNTY.
February 24; March 2, jury term; May 4, equity; September 28; October 5, jury term.
OTOE COUNTY.
March 30; April 6, jury term; June 1, equity; November 9; November 16, jury term.

CUPID WORKS AT SEWARD

Former Plattsmouth Maiden Married a Professor From Missouri

On New Year's day at the home of the bride's mother in Seward were united in marriage Louis H. Rewinkel and Miss Pauline Ramsel, in the presence of a large number of friends. The groom is professor of German and principal of the English Lutheran school at Hannibal, Missouri, having held that position for a period of two years. Prior to that time he held a similar position for four years in the Lutheran schools at Seward, and enjoys the confidence and respect of all who know him. The bride is well known in this city, where with her mother, sister and brother she lived for a number of years. She visited here last summer and was the guest of Misses Matilda and Christina Soennichsen for a week.

After the ceremony a reception was held, with music, games, refreshments and a general good time. At a late hour the guests departed, wishing the happy couple a prosperous journey through life. They will make their home at Hannibal, Missouri, and will be at home to their friends after January 10, 1908. The Journal joins the many friends of the bride in this place in wishing them much joy.

Should Send Delegates

Will Plattsmouth be represented at the Sioux City convention? This convention is called for the purpose of organizing an association in the interests of the Missouri river and to make the same navigable for boats. Plattsmouth should be interested in this enterprise to the extent of sending a delegation. The convention will be in session January 22 and 23 and we move that Mayor Gering appoint from four to six representative business men to attend and take part in the meeting. Do we hear a second to the motion?

Is Seeing the World

Joseph Zaia of Cana of Galilee was a guest at the Hotel Plattsmouth yesterday, departing for Lincoln and other western points this morning. Mr. Zaia is a Hebrew and comes from the Holy Land through by way of Russia, having traveled through Siberia. He is a man of considerable wealth and is seeing the world for himself and to his own satisfaction.

Returns to His Work

Horace Ruffner, after having visited in the city for some time with relatives and friends, a guest at the home of his parents, P. E. Ruffner and wife, departed this morning for Omaha where he will take up his work again. Mr. Ruffner is engaged with the E. P. Kirkendall Shoe company. His parents accompanied him to Omaha this morning and will visit for some time with their daughter.

Resigns His Position

Franck Lorenz, employed by Lorenz Brothers of this city, will resign his position and look elsewhere for work. The firm have engaged F. J. Krumanacker of Fremont, an experienced market man, who will have charge of the market in Lorenz Brothers' store. L. W. and E. A. Lorenz will look after the grocery department and the meat department will be turned over entirely to the new man, who comes well recommended.

HOLD NEW YEARS' REUNION

And Celebrate the Forty-second Birthday at Same Time.

The New Year following the close of the civil war was made famous, among other events, by being the birthday of Walter H. Scott, and as a fitting way of remembering the occurrence, there were congregated at his home by invitation of his good wife, her father's household, consisting of Col. H. C. McMaken and children, Joseph McMaken and family, Guy McMaken and family, Mrs. Harry Reese and son, Guy Reese, C. W. Baylor, wife and little son. A very enjoyable time was had with music, games and social conversation. A sumptuous New Years' dinner was served, which was a very enjoyable feature of the gathering. The practice of the McMaken family getting together and holding these reunions are a very commendable thing and we should be pleased to see it become more generally practiced.

Are Making an Inventory

County Commissioner M. L. Frederick is taking an inventory of the farm products and other things belonging to the county at the county farm today. The hail storm which devastated the country in that vicinity last summer destroyed so much of the forage crops that there is not sufficient feed now for the stock necessary to have on the farm. Some feed will have to be furnished and the inventory is taken to determine the amount needed.

Will Move to California.

F. P. Brown, has now a very agreeable and good paying position at San Bernardino, California, where he expects to make his future home. The family which have remained at this place until it was definitely settled whether or not he would find the position and the place agreeable, will soon follow, and make their home in the west.

TO DICTATE NEW CURRENCY LAW

Senate Leaders Decide Against Any Plan Which Provides for Radical Change on the Money Question.

A special from Washington under date of January 3, says: "That no currency measure can be passed in congress which provides for a new form of money, that only the extension of the present facilities for issuing secured bank note circulation, guaranteed by the government, is possible of adoption, constitutes the matured judgment of the republican congressional leaders. It is decided also that the senate must act first, because of the divided sentiment in the House, and the extreme bias in favor of a credit currency scheme on the part of Chairman Fowler and the House committee on banking and currency.

"The legislative plan of action, as now agreed upon, and as learned today, is that the matter in the form of a majority bill from the Senate Committee on Finance, shall be placed before the senate at a date as early as possible after congress reconvenes next Monday.

"The party lash as wielded by the dominant triumvirate—Aldrich, Allison and Hale—will be used to put their bill through. If the three are successful in having their way, as they usually are, the measure will be put up to the House members, convinced that no one of the broader remedies can pass, under pressure, because of the general sentiment that congress must do something, will accept the senate measure substantially as it comes from that body.

No Radical Departure.

"The form of the intended senate bill remains indefinite, except as to one point, and there will be no radical de-

Visited the Old Home.

Mrs. J. H. Wallinger and family, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Mary Stoehr, returned from a month's visit in Illinois, visiting at Pekin, Peoria, and the neighborhood today. While gone they visited at the old home, where Mrs. Wallinger and Mrs. had lived years ago. They report a very good time and that they like the country, but like Nebraska and old Cass county much better.

GETTING IN SHAPE TO HANDLE GRAIN

The Duff Elevator to Be Repaired Right Away.

Last evening E. A. Duff came up from Nebraska City, and with the foreman, Mr. Armstrong, of their carpenter gang, inspected the elevator at this place. The elevator will be repaired, and put in shape for the reception of grain. Mr. Armstrong with what help is required will go to work immediately upon the repairs which are considered necessary. With the advent of the New Year it is supposed that there will be a considerable quantity of grain moving, and especially of corn. Mr. Duff departed this morning on an early train for the western portion of the county, and will inspect the elevators along the line as he goes, stopping first at Cedar Creek, where he will visit with his old friend, George E. Sayles, who has been sick for some time, but who is showing some improvement. Mr. Sayles has been in the employ of the Duff people for a long time and a very close friendship has grown up between them. One mission of Mr. Duff to this territory is to ascertain the sentiment in reference to the farmers elevators, which are springing up over the country, and one of which has recently been constructed at Cedar Creek.

John Boone Prospering.

L. M. Hoyt, of Logan, Iowa, was a visitor over night at Hotel Plattsmouth, awaiting connections, when he could go to Glenwood, Iowa, where he is to visit with friends for some time. Mr. Hoyt is well acquainted with John Boone, formerly of this place, where he conducted a barber shop for a number of years. He reports Mr. Boone as prospering nicely, a fact that will be pleasing to the many old friends of Mr. Boone in this city.

OUTLOOK FOR 1908 VERY ENCOURAGING

Review of Commercial and Financial Activities the Year Indicates Recuperation and Prosperous Times.

A review of the commercial and financial activities during the last year and especially for the last three months indicates certain sustaining elements in the situation which serve to mitigate the forces of contraction and which are certain to resist the process of recuperation.

It is again the harvest outcome that furnishes the brightest pages in the year's record and which gives the greatest hope for the future. At the outset of the harvest season grave fears were expressed as to the eventual outcome. The crops got a bad start and were delayed by unseasonably cold weather, but later on conditions became favorable.

The crops are not of bumper character, but the leading staples have produced fair average yields, leaving a substantial surplus for exportation. This is the backlog of the situation. Short harvests abroad render Europe again in part dependent upon America's natural resources.

Credit remains strained, but nothing works more surely toward its relaxation than surplus products shipped abroad, settling foreign debts or bringing fresh gold into the land.

Seven Billion Estimated

In the estimated value of \$7,900,000,000 affixed to this year's farm products by the Secretary of Agriculture, there is little that betokens adversity. Assuredly, no long continued or severe contraction, nothing amounting to widespread disaster or national calamity is likely to fall upon a country which produces more than it consumes and finds a ready market abroad, and at good prices, for a considerable surplus.

Of more than usual importance at this time is the favorable harvest outcome of the year. The future is, of course, more wrapped up in the outcome of the next season's crops than those which are passed, but these latter constitute a great saving and sustaining force.

It has been an unequal year for trade and industry and in the department of domestic arts and sciences. The great impetus, which years of prosperity gave, carried things forward in the earlier months. In some departments, and notably in textiles, an even greater degree of industrial activity was manifested than in the record-breaking year of 1906.

To many in the community it appears strangely incomprehensible that financial reverses should fall upon a country seemingly bursting the bounds of prosperity, and at a time when the farms, the forests and the mines were pouring forth their abundance at practically the maximum of output.

THE EATON DAMAGE CASE

The Jury After a Consultation Agreed to Disagree.

In Justice Barr's court Friday afternoon, the case of E. E. Eaton against Johnson & Moore of \$200,000 damages, resulting from an injury occasioned by stumbling over a rope which was stretched on Sixth street, for the purpose of moving a barn belonging to F. H. Dunbar, was, after a long time handed to the jury.

All the features of the case were dealt with, many citations made, some applicable and others wide of the point at issue on both sides. When, finally the jury, consisting of B. A. McElwein, A. J. Trilley, H. M. Soennichsen, O. C. Dover, John Fight and John Cory, were asked to find a verdict in the case. Then began the real tug of war, for with five orators, and only one to listen to it was difficult to get the matter adjusted to suit all. After wrestling for a while with the matter, the jury getting no nearer the matter, returned a report that they could not agree upon a verdict, and were discharged. As to what they will do about another contest we do not know.

Stock Gamblers' Panic.

To this feature, a financial collapse at a time of seeming great prosperity, appears due the widely disseminated theory that the country has merely experienced a stock gamblers' panic.

The East diagnoses the ailment far differently than the West—the latter laying it at the doors of Wall street, while Wall street seems disposed to shift the burden upon the shoulders of President Roosevelt, to the anticorporation spirit engendered by them and manifested in restrictive and corrective measures by Federal and state authorities.

During the year the country enjoyed peace with all the nations of the earth. It has been spared from war, famine, pestilence, grave calamity, or serious labor disturbances. In fact, there is much that can be charged up to the favorable side of the account.

Labor for the greater portion of the year has been fully employed and at remunerative wages, and this despite the large accessions to the ranks of labor from foreign lands. Though in recent weeks these latter tendencies have undergone some modification, and though in the future they may experience still further modification as the process of readjustment works out to its final cure, there are in numerous quarters signs of improvement.

Coincident with the reports of closure and curtailment from some quarters come reports of resumption elsewhere of plants forced to close or curtail when the financial crisis was in acute stage.

There is a natural reluctance upon the part of sensible men to engage in prophecy. The broad principles are known and can be laid down with a certain degree of precision, but trained thinkers and writers prefer generalities to definite conclusions in dealing with what is to come.

Commercial Strength

One of the most pleasing features of the year has been the strength of the commercial community. Except among specialized industries, largely manufacturing or contracting, there have been comparatively few important defaults. Even in financial circles, considering the severity of the strain, and its long continuance, disasters have been relatively few.

Perhaps full toll has not yet been taken of the matter, for the blow has been severe and many have suffered, but at least there is encouragement in the fact that up to the present, time all markets and all industries have shown such great resisting power.

This is encouraging for the future. The hope of the future rests again, and in fact always, upon matters which cannot as yet be fully determined. They are wrapped up in the outcome of the year's harvest.

WILL REQUIRE ANOTHER OPERATION

A Failure to Secure the Appendix the First Time

Saturday Mrs. Ray Chriswiser and Mrs. Bennett Chriswiser, mother of Ray, departed for Omaha where they will visit the husband and son. The condition of Ray is reported as being much worse than for the past few days. The attending physicians at the hospital report that another operation will be necessary, as at the first one they were unable to secure the appendix, which they say was causing the trouble. After the suffering and suspense, with the liability of an undesirable termination of the case, from the first operation, it is not taken with a great deal of complacency to be assured that the next one will bring the desired result.

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