

A. O. U. W. FUND TO STAY AT HOME

Ruling That Nebraska Grand Lodge Must Not Pay to Supreme Authority Any More Cash

Thirty thousand men, members of the Ancient Order of United Workmen in Nebraska, are directly interested in the ruling of District Judge Paul at Grand Island yesterday, in the action brought to enjoin the Nebraska grand lodge and the officers thereof from paying any more money to the supreme lodge says, the Lincoln News. If the ruling of Judge Paul is upheld by the supreme court, as Morning & Ledwith, attorneys for the plaintiffs are confident it will be, the money now in the hands of the Nebraska grand lodge will be used exclusively for the benefit of Nebraska members and no money will in the future be paid to the supreme lodge.

The litigation in this case was begun in Lincoln several months ago, the plaintiffs being members of the local lodge. They asked that the grand lodge officers be enjoined from paying any more money to the supreme lodge and stated that at that time approximately \$100,000 was about to be paid to the latter corporation; that this money had been paid into the treasury for the benefit of Nebraska members and could not legally be diverted to any other cause. Service was obtained on the grand lodge officers while they were temporarily in this city, and an objection by them to this service was upheld by the district court. The objection was based on the allegation that the headquarters of the grand lodge was at Grand Island and that that was the proper place to bring action. Before the Lancaster court had ruled on the matter, however, the same suit had been begun in Grand Island, the petition practically identical with the one filed here. To this petition the defendants made answer and to the answer, plaintiffs demurred. Arguments were heard on the demurrer, which was yesterday sustained by Judge Paul.

This litigation is the culmination of a fight which has been going on within the order of Nebraska for several years. The supreme lodge is a Texas corporation. Its announced purposes being the maintenance of a national organization, supplying a pass word and uniform secret work and the collection and disbursement of a guarantee fund or fraternal aid fund. Nebraska Workmen object to the latter part of the program. The Nebraska grand lodge is a corporation organized under the laws of this state as similar

corporations are organized in the other states, and being comparatively young the death rate is not high. More than one assessment per month to pay death benefits to Nebraska members is an extreme rarity, while there have been many months when no assessment was necessary. On the other hand, the death rate is much higher in the older states and "double headers" are not of infrequent occurrence. The supreme lodge has attempted to equalize these things, collecting from the states where the death rate is low and paying money thus collected over to the states where the rate was higher. At times during the years that the supreme lodge has been carrying on this work it has assessed a fixed sum per month against members, the same to be paid into the guarantee fund, and at other times it has levied special assessments against members. When assessments came too rapidly in any state which was affiliated with the supreme lodge, the latter would make a payment to the overburdened grand lodge from the funds on hand.

Nebraskans began to object to this plan several years ago and an effort was made to withdraw from the supreme jurisdiction. Two years ago when action was taken looking to the severance of relations, the grand lodge of this state paid to the supreme lodge \$59,000, which was understood to liquidate all obligations up to that time. The Nebraska members of the order then began to pay into a reserve fund to be used exclusively for their benefit in keeping down excessive assessments, etc. At the grand lodge last year, however, the supreme lodge came in with another claim of \$163,000 which it was asserted Nebraska was obliged to pay under the former arrangements. The members of the grand lodge agreed to pay the claim, the state reserve fund at that time contained about a quarter of a million dollars. This created a storm of protest upon the part of those members who had been for a long time fighting the supreme proposition and resulting in the institution of the litigation which has been terminated as far as the district court is concerned, in the ruling of Judge Paul. Before the beginning of the injunction proceedings, however, the grand lodge had paid to the supreme lodge \$63,000 of the amount voted, leaving \$100,000 saved to the Nebraska jurisdiction by the action of the court.

Old Settlers' Reunion.

The annual business meeting of the Old Settlers' association was held last Saturday evening, and as usual the attendance was small but enthusiastic. The meeting was called to order by J. T. Reynolds, president who made some very appropriate remarks, and after reading of minutes of the last regular meeting the election of officers was taken up, resulting as follows:

President—James T. Reynolds.
Vice Presidents—W. B. Banning and John D. Bramblet.
Secretary—Charles L. Graves.
Treasurer—L. R. Upton.
Directors—F. H. McCarthy, T. G. Barnum, L. R. Upton, W. C. Carraher and W. F. Tracy.
Finance Committee—L. R. Upton, T. G. Barnum and W. C. Carraher.—Union Ledger.

Message Tells of Brother's Death.

Last evening John Cory received a message from a point in Missouri, the home of Garman Brown, a brother of L. B. Brown, for Mr. Brown, stating that Garman Brown had died. Mr. Brown was a younger brother of our L. B. Brown, and whom Mr. Brown here had not seen for some time. The cause of death is not known here.

Return From Chicago.

Friday evening H. N. Dovey, E. H. Wescott, and C. A. Rawls, returned from their trip to Chicago, where they were in attendance at the republican national convention, and were met at Pacific Junction by C. C. Wescott and son, Mason.

SIMILAR CASE TO OUR OWN

No Voter Has a Right to De- face a Ballot.

A special from Hastings, under date of June 19, says: "A sensational climax was reached in the Van Patten-Gauvreau contest for councilman in the second ward this afternoon when Acting County Judge Ragan rendered his decision which in substance declared 47 of the 294 votes cast for Van Patten were illegal because the ballots had been defaced in the writing of names of Rohrar and Daily for mayor and city clerk respectively. Writ of ouster was placed in the hands of the sheriff to serve on Van Patten but Van Patten suddenly and mysteriously disappeared. The seating of Gauvreau and the special meeting of the council means the issuing of saloon licenses. It is presumed that Van Patten's disappearance will be followed by a restraining order from the supreme court enjoining the sheriff from serving the court's orders as the court held that the decision could not be superseded. District Judge Dungan is in Chicago and no injunction can be immediately issued.

R. E. Coleman and wife departed for Glenwood, Iowa, this morning, where they are called by the illness of Mr. Coleman's father, Mr. E. J. Coleman, who has the sciatic rheumatism very badly.

P. E. O. STATE CONVENTION

Nebraska Chapter Holds Annual Ses- sion at Red Cloud

A special from Red Cloud, under date of June 18, says: The nineteenth annual convention of the Nebraska grand chapter of P. E. O. opened at Red Cloud Wednesday morning in the Congregational church. In spite of overhanging clouds, and threatening weather the city blossomed out with Marguerites, the society flower, and with white and gold the society colors. The young ladies entertaining the state convention had spared no labor to make the gathering a memorable one. Miss Cook in well chosen words gave a cordial welcome to all visiting ladies and Miss Kyd of Beatrice responded. Mrs. Maude C. Harrison of York, president of N. G. C. formally opened the convention and presented the following guests of honor: Mrs. Carrie M. Peterson of Aurora, supreme president of P. E. O.; Mrs. Lillian Parmele of Plattsmouth, past N. G. C., president, now chairman of the educational fund; Miss Hattie Little of Geneva, past N. G. C., president; Miss Mary Osmond of Ocala, Iowa, editor of the P. E. O. Record. Then she introduced the officers of the N. G. C.: Mrs. Flora W. Jones, Lincoln, first vice president; Mrs. Clara M. Wilson, Omaha, second vice president; Mrs. E. C. Britt, McCook, recording secretary; Miss Annie Kyd, Beatrice, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Harriet M. Clearman, Minden, treasurer; Mrs. Mynard Grimes, Blue Hill, organizer.

The music for the opening session was furnished by Mrs. Blanch Thomas of McCook, and Mrs. Metta Updike of Omaha.

A New Department.

After considerable agitation upon the part of those interested in the settlement of government land in the west, the government has now designated an engineer to show prospective settlers lands within the Shoshone Project in Wyoming. This is an innovation that will be appreciated by prospective homeseekers for the reason that in the past, persons seeking government lands have as a rule had to depend upon strangers to show them the land and point out the corners, but this is all changed now. Settlers now going to Powell, Wyoming, where the government engineers have their headquarters for the Shoshone Project, have one of the engineers at their service, who goes with them personally and points out the corners and gives them any information desired. These lands are all platted into farm units and the engineer who did the surveying is the one designated to show the lands. This is certainly a step in the right direction.

Old Residents on a Visit.

George McCavigan, wife and daughter, Miss Janette, came in Friday evening from Kansas City, and will visit with relatives and friends for some two weeks. While in the city they will be the guests of John Ledgeway, Wm. Schmidtman and Gustave Pitz and families. Mr. McCavigan and family formerly lived in this city, where he was employed in the Burlington shops as a painter. Since going to Kansas City, he has engaged in the painting and decorating business, until last fall. At that time Mr. McCavigan accepted a position with Montgomery, Ward & Co., as salesman in their establishment at Kansas City.

A Narrow Escape.

Plattsmouth experienced another narrow escape from flood Friday evening about five o'clock. The water came down in torrents for about fifteen or twenty minutes, and the streets were in a fair way of getting filled to overflowing, when the clouds began to break away and Old Sol peeped forth in all his glory, much to the satisfaction of us all. Today everything pertaining to the weather indicate that the rains have ceased for awhile, but just how long, the Journal is not prepared at this writing to say, but hope it will be long enough for the citizens to become used to the sun again.

Fifteen Dollars for Best Float.

The committee have decided to give fifteen dollars for the best and most attractive float in the parade on the Fourth. This will go a long way in the dressing of the float, and will be an incentive for each of the merchants to make an effort to excel in the line which they represent.

It Was a Small Twister.

The wind which accompanied the rain Thursday was somewhat fierce, and approached the proportions of a miniature cyclone. Those who watched the approaching storm say that two clouds came together at the time when the wind came, causing a whirlwind to come out of the vortex of the rapidly moving clouds, and as a result, northwest of the city the barn of Matt Sulzer was moved off its foundation and toppled the chimney off the house of W. L. Thomas. No other damages were reported, though a number of the people in the neighborhood were badly frightened. J. F. Clugey and W. A. Young were in this morning and tells of Mr. Sulzer at work to get his barn back at the right place.

DAN CUPID PER- FORMS CAPERS

A Former Cass County Boy Captures A Kansas Sunflower

The following, from the Almena (Kansas) Plaindealer refers to an early June wedding which Mr. and Mrs. John McNurlin went down into Kansas to attend several weeks ago. The groom was reared by Mr. and Mrs. McNurlin, and they love him almost equally as though he was their own boy. Mr. Frey is an honest, energetic young man and the Journal wishes him and the excellent young lady he has chosen for a life-companion, all the happiness that can possibly be in store for them, and prosperity till they can't rest. The Plaindealer says: On Wednesday evening, June 3, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Rundell, 3 miles west of Almena, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Mary, to Eugene Frey. At 8:30 o'clock Mrs. Jennie Grant, sister of the bride, took her place at the piano and began the wedding march. The bridal party soon entered the room headed by Rev. A. L. Drummond who performed the solemn ceremony which made these two one for life.

The bride wore a beautiful dress of cream chiffon panama with lace yoke over cream silk. The groom was neatly dressed in black. About 40 relatives and guests were present to wish them a long and happy journey. After congratulations a delicious repast was served and a spirit of rejoicing was prevalent.

Mrs. Frey is well known to a large circle of friends, a lady of high character, a splendid musician, a successful school teacher, having taught two consecutive terms in her home school, a real prize well worth the winning. Mr. Frey is a young man of whom too much good can not be said. Well known to his neighbors, industrious, somewhat of a violinist, always affable, a model young man. The union of these young people demonstrated the fact that true worth has sought its affinity, and established in our midst another of those sacred institutions called home.

A large number of beautiful and useful presents attested the esteem in which they are held; among which were decorated china, table linen, silverware, furniture—but space forbids the itemizing. Mr. and Mrs. Frey go to housekeeping on their farm near their former home.

Those present were the bride's father, mother, sister and two brothers, Mrs. Meyers, of Nebraska, mother of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. McNurlin, of Nebraska, foster parents of the groom, Mrs. Horn, sister of the groom, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Casey and family, Miss Blanche Tupper, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook, of Pasadena, California, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Butler and daughters, Maud and Grace, Mr. and Mrs. Noble Smithson, of Almena, Mr. Louis Gishwiller, of Almena, Mr. and Mrs. Standish, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Calfee; Miss Lulu Grant, Mr. Virgil Parr and Mr. and Mrs. Will Antrobus.

Rescued the Greeks.

Amos FINDER and Will Heiner found the two men who had their boat capsized yesterday afternoon still camping on a little island in the Platte river, where they were thrown by the capsizing of their boat, as recorded in this paper yesterday. They were still clinging to the little island, and were more than glad to see the rescuers come to their relief. The men brought them who were two Greeks from Omaha, down to the Burlington station and landed them, a very wet and discouraged pair of men. The boat, as stated in yesterday's paper, had gotten away and was captured by some parties from the Iowa side, but who it was and what became of the craft, was not found out.

A RAGE FOR MORE LIBERTY

But is Overtaken By the Police On Horseback

John Miller, who sometime since had an altercation with W. P. Speck, which terminated in a fight, for which they both were assessed one hundred dollars and trimmings, and which he was supposed to work out on the streets. After having put in about five days, he took leg bail, and disappeared some two months since. From here he went to Memphis, where he worked for George Poisal, and returned here some two or three weeks ago and gave the police a merry chase a time or two, but as he ran like a deer they were unable to get anywhere close to him. Yesterday the chief of police was apprised of the fact that Miller was in the city, and getting a horse so as to be able to keep up with the fleet-footed fugitive, went after him, and finally succeeded in overhauling him, getting near enough to place him in range of the officer's gun. This brought the young man to bay, and he was landed in jail. He has now a long time to serve, until he shall have gotten the sentence worked out.

PUT STREETS IN PROPER SHAPE

Maccadamize Streets Leading Into Plattsmouth.

Today a citizen of Murray came into town about noon. As he turned the corner at Pearl and Sixth streets he noticed that his buggy wheels were literally covered with mud. We asked him where he got all the mud? His reply was that he got the principal portion of it since he entered the incorporation of Plattsmouth.

Now, has it come to a pretty pass that one coming into town, can drive eight or ten miles with comparatively good roads and then go into mud-holes up to his buggy hubs as soon as he hits the city limits? But such is the fact, and the people who come here to trade and have to come through Chicago Avenue, want to know what the city proposes to do about it? We would suggest to them what to do. Not only to maccadamize Chicago avenue, but do such work on all the streets leading into the city. It will pay the city to do it—and pay them big in the way of trade. Do you suppose a farmer is going to come to Plattsmouth with Chicago avenue in the condition it is at the present time? Not much. We must fix these streets coming into town, now, if possible, but by all means before the breaking up of another spring. If those who have such matters in charge will go out on Chicago avenue and view the bad condition it is in they will come to the conclusion right away that these few remarks are right to the "point."

In Hard Luck.

The paving contractors are evidently in hard luck. They began on paving the streets six weeks ago, and had the weather been favorable they would undoubtedly have had the lower half of Main street completed, but the incessant rains have interfered to such an extent that it has been utterly impossible for the work to proceed more than one day at a stretch for the past thirty days. The way the work has proceeded so far it has interfered greatly with business firms along the street in the way of business, but still we have heard no complaint against Mr. Woodworth. He is not to blame for the rains, and would be greatly delighted if the Ruler of the Universe would consent to let up for a couple of weeks.

Departs for Europe.

Mrs. Paul Gering departed for Europe Thursday, and will be met at Chicago tomorrow morning by Henry R. Gering, who will see to the changing of cars for his mother. At New York Mrs. Gering will be met by Consul Herr L. Klutfinger, her brother, with whom she will sail on next Tuesday for the old country. Mrs. Gering will remain in Europe during the most of the summer.

Buys Another Big Team.

Last evening Nelson Jones bought another large team of horses, which places him in a first-class condition to handle large jobs. Having two drays with large teams, makes it possible to care for contracts requiring heavy teams for its execution. Nels is a rustler, and deserves a good patronage which he is getting and with which he is making good.

Has a Diving Elk.

Bert Beyers, of Hastings, this state, but formerly of this place, who with his wife, is visiting friends of them both in the city, is connected with a frontier show. Among the attractions which the show carries is a diving Elk. This Mr. Beyers wishes to make arrangements to have here as a free attraction the Fourth of July. The Elk dives from a tower thirty-five feet high into a tank of water. Should this be secured and properly advertised it would add materially to the crowd which would celebrate in Plattsmouth this year.

SCHOOL FUND GETTING SHORT

State Superintendent Finds Appropria- tion Inadequate.

A special from Lincoln, under date of June 18, says: State Superintendent McBrien is liable to come out at the little end of the horn this biennium, because the amount of money he secured at the hands of the legislature is by no means sufficient to tide him over the next year—that is if he keeps up the present gait. His office expense account stands at follows: Expended during the last thirteen months, \$11,029.50; balance on hand to run during eleven months, \$1,700.45. While this appropriation was for office expenses, a great portion of it has gone to pay help in his office—in fact, to pay all the help except those persons for whose salary a specific appropriation was made.

Junior Normal fund, expended in thirteen months, \$10,231.21; balance on hand to run the present year, \$4,768.79. How the Junior Normal teachers and lecturers are going to get their pay this year is not explained in any of the text books at the state house.

Normal training in high school fund, expended in thirteen months, \$4,960.83; balance in fund, \$45,030.17. The amount expended out of this fund has been used solely for the payment of salaries and incidental expenses, but not 1 cent has yet reached a school. The last legislature appropriated \$50,000 for the purpose of the establishment of normal training in high schools, but only the expenses of the preliminaries have been met so far.

SERIOUS ATTACK OF APPENDICITIS

Glenn Phebus is Reported to Be in a Very Precarious Condition.

Word has been received from the bedside of Glenn Phebus, who is now in the Owatonna City hospital at Owatonna, Minn., that Glenn is in a very precarious condition. Early last Sunday he was stricken with a very acute attack of appendicitis, and during the night (Monday) reclining upon a couch, he was taken by kind and loving neighbors to the hospital at Owatonna, a distance of twelve miles. He is now being treated with ice and hypodermics, and not allowed to eat food or drink liquids. The best of medical aid has been secured, and it is hoped an operation will not be necessary.

Glenn has lots of friends in Plattsmouth and vicinity, who regret his unfortunate condition, and will continue to hope for his ultimate recovery.

Shows a Fine Group of Horses

J. F. Stephens the artist, has just completed a picture of a group of fine horses for A. S. Will. There are nine horses and colts in the picture. Two are imported stallions, four mares and two small colts. The group is a picture in the pasture, the back ground rising to a knoll, which shows the entire group to the best of advantage. The pictures are painted in dry colors and are what he calls pastels, and are what can be placed in a printing with sensitized paper, and a thousand copies printed from it in the same colors, without in anyway injuring the original.

A. J. Box in Town.

Our friend, A. J. Box of Elmwood, came in Friday on the Missouri Pacific, and will remain over until tomorrow, looking after some business matters. He called at the Journal office and spent a few moments in pleasant conversation. He says in that section it is like everywhere else—too much rain, and farmers unable to get into the corn fields. Mr. Box is one of the best citizens of Cass county, and it is always a pleasure for us to meet him.