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VERY POOR ATTENDANCE

Institute Has Fine Addresses to Small Crowds

Owing to pressure upon the news columns of this paper last Saturday an extended notice of the Farmers' Institute which was held in the city on Thursday and Friday was unavoidably crowded out. The opening sessions of the institute were very poorly attended and the two sessions held Friday were not near so well attended as they should have been, considering the importance of the questions discussed. Last year there was a much better attendance, the people being drawn here by the fact that prizes were offered for different things which were features of the meetings. The impression seemed to have gone abroad that the offering of prizes did not pay, and this year none were given with the result that the institute was received with indifference. It is to be hoped that steps will be taken to make the institute for next year a pronounced success and that a little life and ginger will be injected into the meetings. It is a matter of business with the people of this city to make these meetings successful and steps should be taken to see that this is done.

The Thursday session was very lightly attended and the several papers were delivered before audiences altogether small considering the value of them. In the afternoon Miss Deslie Sidwell of Pawnee City, gave an excellent address upon the problems in cooking which more than repaid the attention it received. Miss Sidwell is an expert along lines laid down in her address and the many pointers she gave out should have been heard by all who could have reached the room. Prof. E. W. Hunt of Syracuse, addressed the meeting upon conservation and fertility of the soil and delivered an address which contained solid facts of science along these lines, and facts which every farmer should have known long ago. Had the proper au-

dience been present this address must inevitably have done great good.

The speeches of the Thursday evening session were also most excellent. Miss Sidwell addressing the audience upon "The Strength of the Hills" and Prof. Hunt upon "Economy in the care of Animals," both addresses showing great care and study in preparation and being full of excellent ideas which made deep impressions upon those who heard them.

A session was held Friday morning and the evening session abandoned as it was found that the speakers could not reach their next date in time for their addresses if they stayed over night, owing to poor railway connections. The addresses which were delivered Friday were "Problems in Corn Growing" by Mr. E. H. Hopt of the State Experiment Station, an excellent address covering many of the troubles and problems which beset the corn grower and pointing out a great many remedies for difficulties which assail the farmer. "Common Errors in the Treatment of Farm Animals" by Dr. J. H. Gain of the Experiment Station, was another address of much worth and served to bring out many of these errors which cost the farmer heavily in the long run. It was one which should have been heard by every farmer. "Horse Judging Demonstration" by Dr. Gain was also well worth the attention of the farmer and those who failed to attend and listen to him, missed a good thing.

On the whole the addresses were just what every farmer and farmer's wife should have listened to and it is to be greatly regretted they did not avail themselves of the chance to attend and hear what the several speakers had to advance. It is not too early to commence to prepare for the next institute and rouse up interest in it to make it a pronounced success.

MAKES ADDRESS

Omaha Jurist Makes Big Hit With His Experiences

From Monday's Daily.

One of the best things that it has been the opportunity of the people of Plattsmouth to enjoy in many months was given in the Presbyterian church last night by Judge Lee S. Estelle of the juvenile court, of Omaha. Judge Estelle gave a graphic account of the work carried on in his court and discussed the sources of crime among children showing the responsibility of the state to protect the individual from society, as well as to protect society from the individual. He showed how this idea had developed and the great benefit accruing to the state from this changed conception of responsibility. He emphasized the necessity of giving the child a chance, that its divinely bestowed powers might have full development. He criticized the efforts of the schools to crowd into a child's mind too much mathematics when what he demanded was more culture of the sense of the beautiful. He told of numerous incidents of his own experience where children had been rescued from lives of crime and immorality by simply employing the art of trusting them and giving them to understand that they were expected not to throw the judge down. At times there were many eyes in the audience that were wet with tears as they listened to the recitals of the pathetic scenes. The judge brought his little five year old son with him and the little fellow's tears at being parted from his father while he was speaking came just toward the close of the address, and the fatherly attention given to him instead of being a distraction was rather an unusual emphasis on the message of the speaker. The strongest feature of the address came just at the close in the way of an appeal to mothers to inform their girls of the possible tragedy of a woman's life. There was scarcely a dry eye in the house as he closed with that tender ap-

peal and the words of that beautiful poem "Mother Mine."

Judge Estelle returned to Omaha on No. 19 this morning.

Reward for Missing Boy.

From Monday's Daily.

Sheriff Quinton this morning is in receipt of a card from the sheriff of Cass County, Iowa, offering a reward on one hundred dollars for the location and detention of Fred Draper, a fourteen year old boy who strayed away or was stolen from Atlantic, Ia., on August 4, 1908. The boy is described as follows: Age 14, brown hair, large, blue eyes, double crown, also a small piece broken off an upper front tooth; scar one-half inch long on scalp, weight 110 to 115 pounds. May be working or staying on a farm as he is strong and healthy. Address all information to H. F. Duval, sheriff, or H. D. Draper, father at Atlantic, Ia.

The sheriff invites anyone observing a boy answering this description to notify either the above or himself and the matter will receive his prompt attention.

Nate Hazen Injured.

Nate Hazen, superintendent of the Omaha Hydraulic Press Brick company's clay pit here, was struck by a Missouri Pacific freight last Wednesday nights while crossing the tracks. He noticed the engine approaching but could not see a flat car that was ahead of the engine until too late. Luckily he was knocked from the car instead of under it. Aside from a cut on the forehead and a bruise on the side he escaped injury. He says the only thing that puzzles him is why the car was not derailed.—Louisville Courier.

Card of Thanks.

The undersigned winner of the fine piano donated by M. Fanger to the one receiving the highest number of votes, desires to thank her many friends both the city and in the country for the generous aid they gave her in the contest, and to assure them that she will never set down to the instrument without thinking of them with the deepest gratitude.

Martha Steppat.

SUSTAINS IN PART

Judge Travis In Herold-Coates Case Gives Split Decision

From Monday's Daily.

Judge Travis this morning handed down a decision in the matter of a motion for a new trial in the case of Herold vs. Coates overruling the motion as to the first cause of action in the case and sustaining it as to the second cause. In the first cause of action Herold was granted a verdict for \$5,000 by the jury and for \$7,500 on the second cause. It is the latter portion of the verdict which is set aside. The decision will be printed in full in tomorrow's issue being crowded out of today's paper. The ground upon which Judge Travis set aside the verdict on the second cause is an error occurring in the instructions which he gave the jury. The stenographer made the mistake of writing the word "must" for the word "may" in one of the instructions covering the finding of malice, thus taking away the discretionary power of the jury and amounting to instructing them to find a verdict for the plaintiff which was not the intention as it was a question of fact for the jury to determine. A careful examination of the opinion in the case will show the care that Judge Travis has taken in looking up the mooted points. Another point which caused him much study was that of whether he could grant a new trial on one cause of action and not on another. He finally decided that the authorities permitted this and so decides the case as above. The opinion makes excellent and interesting reading and for this reason it will be printed in full. It is more than probable the case will be appealed in any event. The new trial in the second cause of action will likely take place at the coming term of court.

Had a Fine Time.

The Bohemian Turners on New Year's afternoon were the guests of the South Omaha Turners at an exhibition drill which was given by them at that city. The drill was participated in by the South Omaha men and girl's classes, the Omaha men and girl's classes, the South Side German Turners and the Plattsmouth class. A very pleasant time was had. One of the features of the evening was a wrestling exhibition given by two well known Omaha amateurs who put up an excellent article of skill on the mat. The boys came back very highly pleased at the good time shown them by the South Omaha boys and only anxious to repay them.

The members of the team attending from this city were A. Jiran, V. Pilny, Wm. Masson, Jas. Bulin, Robt. Rebal, James Rebal, Roy Holly, Frank Swoboda, Charles Hula and Charles Hadroba, captain.

Enjoyable New Year's Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus. Roman on Thursday evening tendered their son Ed, a delightful New Year's eve party the young man being their guest during the holidays. The pastimes of the evening included music and various games with social chat. Promptly at midnight the guests were seated at a delicious luncheon, served by Mrs. Roman and her charming daughters Ruth and Helen. Following the luncheon, the guests departed declaring that they had enjoyed themselves immensely and extending their best wishes to the guest of honor for the coming year.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Siltman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Geis, son and daughter; Will Kirby and daughter; Mrs. Bone-line and daughter; Mrs. J. Woodson and son; Messrs. Joe Bell, Ray Sampbell, Ed. Roman, Ed. Hronek and Paul Siltman.

Wilt Thou?

Wilt thou take her for thy "pard for better or worse; to have, to hold, to fondly guard, till hauled off in a hearse? Wilt thou let her have her way, consult her many wishes, make the fires up every day, and help her with the dishes? Wilt thou give her all the "stuff" her little purse will pack, buy her a monkey, boa and muff, a little sealskin sacque? Wilt thou support and comfort her father, mother, Aunt Jamima, 13 sisters and a brother? And his face grew pale and lank, it was too late to jilt; as through the chapel floor he sank he sadly said, "I wilt."

Manicure sets—Gering & Co.

County Court Doings.

From Monday's Daily.

A petition was filed Saturday in the county court in a case brought by Stander Bros., the Louisville merchants, against Mrs. Anna Brunko Maltz. The case is to recover \$408.50 and interest due the plaintiffs from the defendant upon a promissory note now past due. Summons was issued today.

On Saturday afternoon, Miss Gertrude Beeson, license clerk, issued a marriage license to John Albert Erickson, aged 24 and Miss Fannie Grace Mathias, aged 22, both of Greenwood, Neb.

DECLARES DIVIDEND

Cedar Creek Farmers' Elevator Shows Up Well—Officers Elected

From Monday's Daily.

The annual meeting of the Farmers' Elevator Company of Cedar Creek was held yesterday at that place and officers were elected for the ensuing year.

In addition an 8 per cent dividend was declared. In addition all stock there was remaining on the market was disposed of, the sum of \$775 being realized in a very few minutes, and the available treasury stock being exhausted. At present the company has eighty-one stock holders all of them being of the most reliable men in the vicinity of Cedar Creek and all men of responsibility and standing in the community. This is one organization which is pulling together and working for the common welfare and it has grown into one of the strongest organizations of the kind in the county. With a short crop in 1907 this elevator shipped more grain out of Cedar Creek during the past year than had been shipped from there in years. It is a pleasure to record such success as has attended this company.

The new officers selected yesterday are:

John A. Hennings, president.
J. L. Terryberry, vice president.
H. A. Schneider, secretary.
John Albert, treasurer.
George P. Meisinger, Phil Schafer, Louis Friedrich, trustees.
Wm. Schneider was elected manager for the ensuing year.

That Teacher's Institute.

Editor Olive of the Weeping Water Republican and Miss Foster, county superintendent of schools, are at swords points over the location of the teachers' institute at Elmwood. What nonsense. If the young lady desires to take her pretty delegation of school ma'ams to the little city in western Cass instead of Weeping Water the Courier believes that the Republican editor should not feel so badly over it. It is true that any town in Cass county should feel complimented to be able to entertain a bunch of pretty school ma'ams and the Courier editor confesses a feeling of pride when Louisville is chosen as their meeting place, but why not submit gracefully and allow the dear ones have their way, for they will have it just the same. The Courier will expect them here at their next meeting, but will not say bad things about Miss Foster if she concludes to even go to Weeping Water.—Louisville Courier.

In District Court.

From Monday's Daily.

Among other business disposed of during the past few days by Judge Travis in the district court was the following:

Upton vs. Upton, report of receiver approved. Receiver discharged. \$15 dollars allowed receiver for his fees. \$1.75 allowed receiver for his expenses. The fund of \$42 in hands of the court awarded as follows: \$14 to Jos. E. Upton, \$28 to Geo. S. Upton. Plaintiff excepts. Defendant excepts.

Carragher vs. Carragher. Trial had. Issues found in favor of the plaintiff.

A Farewell Party.

Ed. Roman and his sister Helen of this city, were the guests on New Year's day, at a dinner party given by Mr. and Mrs. Chris Bell at their home at Kenosha. The occasion was in honor of their son Joe, who has been making them a holiday visit, and who departed on Saturday for Portland, Oregon, where he is employed. About forty-seven guests were present, they being relatives and friends of the young man, and a most enjoyable time is reported by all.

HAD A VERY STORMY TIME

The Light Committee Wrangles Over New Light Proposition

The session of the special committee of the Commercial Club and the light committee of the city council to consider the light question, held last Saturday night at the office of Councilman J. P. Falter was a stormy one, there being a very sharp divergence of opinion on the question of securing light for the city. At the previous meeting of the committee a proposition had been drafted and submitted to the Nebraska Lighting Company, the local company. This proposition provided for eighteen gas lamps of 45 c. p. on Main street and avenues of the city, to run all night, and the installation of 82 incandescent lamps 32 c. p. through the residence portions of the city to run until midnight. This agreement was to cost the city \$1,900 per year to run five years. This agreement was signed by all the members of the joint committee who were present at the meeting, the only member of the committee not signing it being Councilman Vorndran of the fifth ward who was absent.

When the proposition was submitted to the directors of the Nebraska Lighting Company, they accepted it with a slight modification this being in the number of incandescent lamps which was cut down to 76. The proposition as agreed upon finally was for 18 gas lamps of 45 c. p. upon Main street and the avenues and 76 incandescent lamps 32 c. p. through the residence district. In addition the Lighting Company was to overhaul its plant, put it in shape to furnish the light as it contracted for it within six months, install new machinery for this purpose which was to be subject to the inspection and acceptance of the city council, furnish day light power as soon as 25 h. p. was guaranteed or subscribed for, to give a reduction in price of gas to private consumers of ten per cent with additional reduction as the consumption increased and to furnish a good and sufficient bond in the sum of \$3,500 for the faithful performance of the contract.

The price of the light to be furnished was the average price the same service costs in Grand Island, Columbus, Fremont, Norfolk, and Beatrice, all towns of the same class as this.

This agreement was considered at the meeting held Saturday night and was the cause of the trouble.

Jos. D. Bortenlanger, the promoter

of Glenwood, was present and insisted upon attending the meeting although it was a committee meeting which would consider the proposition. He persisted in staying in the room and in actually trying to run the affairs of the committee until Councilman Falter became incensed and ejected him from his office. Bortenlanger then took up his post just outside the office door and began the systematic direction of his adherents on the committee. A discussion over the proposition of the Nebraska Lighting Company revealed the fact that Councilman Vorndran and Bookmeyer were opposed to accepting the proposition although the latter had been one of those to sign the proposition to the company. In the end a motion by Vorndran to lay on the table the proposition met with the votes of the two councilmen while the others merely looked on and declined to take such a position. It was decided to have another meeting on next Friday night at which time Bortenlanger will submit his proposition.

From an authoritative source it is learned that Bortenlanger proposes to build a plant some time in the future and until that is done furnish the city with light from the Glenwood plant, using a cable for that purpose. His scheme as to how he is to furnish the new plant is apparently nebulous and entirely in the making, but perhaps it may be better developed when he appears before the next meeting. It would seem from talk with the public that most of the people favor the contract with the local company rather than make Plattsmouth the tail to the Glenwood kite which the taking of light by cable from that town would mean. A careful study of the proposition of the local company seems to lead to the belief that it is a very fair one and one which means to furnish the city with light much sooner than any other scheme mentioned.

In any event every business man and taxpayer owes it to himself to study the standing of any party seeking a franchise and city contract, as the reliability of the parties is the main guarantee the city has for the performance of their obligations. The fact that the city has been a year and a half in the dark owing to an unreliable contract ought to be taken into consideration. Careful investigation should always be made.

Water Company Elects.

The annual meeting of the Plattsmouth Water Company was held in this city on December 28th to elect officers for the ensuing year. As is usual in the cases of all corporations the meetings was dominated by proxies, the stockholders rarely attending, the entire vote being cast by the secretary under instructions from the shareholders.

The new officers chosen were:

President, M. H. Gifford, Provincetown, Mass.

Vice President, B. Q. Bord, Rochester, N. H.

Secretary, T. H. Pollock, Plattsmouth, Neb.

Appropriate resolutions were passed touching the death of Henry M. Plumer, former president of the company which occurred at his home in Rochester, N. H., on December 2.

Takes Favorable Turn.

The many friends of Mrs. John Beeson will be delighted to learn that a very favorable change has taken place in her condition the past two days, and that she has made rapid progress toward recovery. Her mother who has been with her at the hospital in Omaha since the time the operation was performed, felt so much encouraged that she returned to her home in this city last evening. Next Wednesday will be the ninth day after the operation and her friends all look forward to that critical period with great hope, inspired by the recent favorable change.

For Sale or Trade.

A four room house with basement, newly papered, city water, sewer connection, corner property close to shops. Must sell by January 1. Terms and price low and reasonable. Inquire at this office.