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A MATTER WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN UP BY THE COMMERCIAL CLUB

And Which Should Be Acted Upon Without Selfish Motives by Any Individual Member.

Dr. E. W. Cook of this city has received a letter from C. B. Schleicher of Brady, Neb., in which he speaks of his proposed factory for this city, and in it makes a very pointed statement of what his ideas on the matter are. As has been stated heretofore in the Journal, this is something which the commercial club should have taken up and pushed to a finish. At the time Mr. Schleicher was here the matter was agitated but it seems to have borne no fruit. There is absolutely no question of the worth of Mr. Schleicher's invention. Anyone with or without the smallest mechanical ingenuity can see that it is such an invention as must be a winner and it will afford a vast amount of work for a large number of men if properly pushed. Plattsmouth has the opportunity yet to get this factory.

As Mr. Schleicher shows in his letter, other towns and cities want the factory and they are offering him flattering inducements to locate with them. Plattsmouth has everything which the other towns have. There are plenty of good sites in this city which can be had cheap but the thing of boosting prices up whenever an industry wants to come here until they are so high that the industry is driven away must cease, or the city will remain hopelessly in the rut. The commercial club is an institution which cannot afford to operate for private gain. It is supposed to work for the city's interests and that means that private interests must be eliminated.

Let the matter of the location of Mr. Schleicher's factory be taken up with him now and at once and pushed to a definite conclusion. Let him be invited to submit what he would like to the club and then let the club get together on the proposition and put in the factory. His letter makes some strictures upon some of the local promoters which may or may not be deserved but they indicate how he looks upon the matter in which his proposal has been treated and such a point of view from a man seeking a location is not pleasant to contemplate. The letter is reproduced below in its entirety, through the courtesy of Dr. Cook:

Brady, Neb., Jan. 11, 1910.
Dr. E. W. Cook,
Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

My Dear Doctor: Upon looking over the Plattsmouth Journal of the 6th, I noticed a little article relative to the opening of my factory in your city. Judging from the tenor of the article I am led to believe that there is some opposition to the idea there, or at least some of the citizens there have had out the hammer. First of all, I want to thank the Journal for standing pat and looking at the proposition in a boarder mind manner than a few of your (not business men, but masquerading as such). You will admit with me that these men are looking at the proposition in a narrow minded way, allowing prejudice and jealousy to dominate their actions and thus in their own selfishness are keeping the population of Plattsmouth on the decline, by allowing their own private grievances to stand in the way of the welfare of their own home town. I have always had a warm spot in my heart for Plattsmouth and have yet and therefore am not going to condemn or feel hard about this, as you will find such people in every locality, but it is too bad that Plattsmouth has to harbor such.

Please make it known to these gentlemen that I did not come down to your city for aid or for business, but merely as a visitor.

I was met later by some of the members of your estimable and progressive commercial club, who in their efforts to elevate the daily routine of your city, discussed with me the advisability of a factory at Plattsmouth. My idea in coming to Plattsmouth would not be to make a living for myself but to enable twenty or thirty men to support their families off of my invention and have part of the money, thus derived go to the business men for supplies.

I have several other good towns which are making me flattering offers, and I may seriously consider some of them in the near future, also my home people here have been talking to me about incorporating and I think that this plan would be a good one. It looks as though the stock could be sold here without difficulty but I promised you that I would inform you in case I was thinking of incorporation, and nothing would please me more than to have you as one of the stockholders of the company. It will be a big paying proposition.

If you and Dave have confidence in the success of the patents and would like to invest in some of the shares let me know by return mail, and if you have any friends whom you would like to see in kindly mention it. I must have more room at once as things are getting so crowded that it hampers the work greatly. My salesmen now are averaging \$100 per day and with my present quarters, I am unable to supply the demand.

Yours Very Truly,
C. S. Schleicher.

BURLINGTON RUMORS CONFIRMED

H. E. Byram Will Probably Succeed Daniel Willard;

The rumor recently printed in the Journal that George B. Harris, president of the Burlington, was to retire is confirmed by dispatches from Chicago which state he will leave that road without a doubt and that any denials are to be taken with a grain of salt. He will be succeeded by Darius Miller, now first vice president in charge of traffic. Mr. Miller will also assume jurisdiction over the operating department next week when Vice President Daniel Willard leaves to accept the presidency of the B. & O. The resignation of Mr. Harris depends upon its acceptance by James J. Hill and the Burlington directors.

It develops that H. E. Byram, formerly general superintendent of this district at Lincoln and later assistant to Mr. Willard, is to assume charge of the operating department of the road and probably will succeed Mr. Willard as first vice president when the latter steps into the presidency. This means that Byram becomes the actual head of the Burlington system, as Mr. Miller will be the nominal head.

Mr. Harris has been trying for more than a year to get away from the position he has had with the company. He has reached the age of 62 years and is desirous of having more time to himself. The current reports are that he will spend a part of each year in California. He is an intimate friend of James J. Hill and was elected by the latter as president of the Colorado & Southern when Hill acquired that road last year. His length of service with the Burlington comprises 44 years, he having entered the service of the Hannibal & St. Joe roads as office boy that long ago. Later when the Burlington acquired the H. & St. J., he went with the road to the new owners and has moved steadily upward.

Names For the Jury.

From Thursday's Daily. The county commissioners have selected the following list of names from which to choose the jurors for the coming term of court, the drawing to take place shortly:

- Plattsmouth City, first ward—John Linderman, J. H. Thrasher
- Second ward—Charles Gradovil, Leonard Born, Emil Walters.
- Third ward—Wm. Holly, Wm. Wehrbeln, A. D. Despain, James Ptacek
- Fourth ward—G. L. Farley, L. B. Egenberger, B. C. Hyde.
- Fifth ward—John Vorndran, Geo. Perry.
- Plattsmouth precinct—C. A. Valery, Jno. Kaffenberger, Wm. Adams.
- Eight Mile Grove precinct—Adam Kaffenberger, Ed Becker, Jacob Buchler.
- Mt. Pleasant precinct—John Krager, Carl Engelkemeier.
- Center precinct—John Domingo, Wm. Wendt.
- Nehawka precinct—Vilas Sheldon, John Knabe.
- Louisville precinct—John Schoerman, Miles Drake, Chas. Jackson.
- Liberty precinct—Creed Harris, Matt McQuinn, Wm. Cross.
- West Rock Bluffs—W. E. Dull, Henry Creamer.
- East Rock Bluffs—M. L. Furlong, Mark White.
- Avoca—Emerson Doyler, John Bogard.
- Salt Creek—J. C. Lemon, S. M. Mowry, H. H. Weideman.
- Stove Creek—Wm. Kunz, Claus Ohm, Henry Miller.
- Weeping Water City, First ward—John Carter.
- Second ward—Wash Bullis.
- Third ward—John Fowler.
- Weeping Water precinct—H. H. Lawton, J. P. Rasmussen.
- Tipton—John Elliott, John Frolich, Lee Snavelly.
- South Bend—Geo. Vogel, Hill Tarpennling.
- Greenwood—John Arres, H. Hart.
- Elmwood—H. P. Dehning, W. F. Lau, Edw. Henke.

William Kaufman came in from his home south of the city this morning and was a passenger for Havelock, where he has business matters to look after.

To Attend the Meeting

Miss Mary Foster, county superintendent, departed this morning for a stay of several days in Lincoln where she will be in attendance on the two days meeting of the superintendents and principals which opens there today. There is a very interesting program arranged for the meeting and many topics of vital importance to school management will be discussed. A number of noted educators will be in attendance and give their views upon the improved methods of teaching.

IT IS THE DUTY OF ALL TEACHERS

To Know Why Pupils of Their Various Departments are Absent.

The superintendent of schools recently showed us an excuse for absence that had just been sent a teacher. All teachers are required to have written excuses for absence on the part of all pupils and the excuse must show why the pupil was absent. If this were not required it would be a difficult matter to keep track of the students. In this particular case great trouble had been experienced in getting any kind of excuses, and finally after vainly trying to secure an excuse the teacher sent the student home after it. When he returned he gave her the following:

You ought to no enough yourself to no why—didn't come to school that day as it were so stormy and cold you are the only one out of four teachers that has asked for an excuse this is the first school that has asked for excuse if this haint satisfactory rite one your self.

doant send the boy out after any mare excuses.

Mr. Gamble says that he feels sure if all parents knew how necessary it is to have excuses and that the teachers are not to blame as they are carrying out instructions so many unkind notes would not be sent teachers. The hardest part of the matter is to get excuses that give the reasons for absence. Excuses in many different languages come in but these are always accepted providing they contain the desired information. During the coasting carnival a boy came late and with him came a note stating that he had stayed out too late the night before and did not get up in time to get to school on time. The request was made that the teacher scold him good so he would get up in time in the future. Oh! yes, there are plenty of humorous incidents in connection with the work if one has a sense of humor, added the superintendent, as he hurried away to answer the 'phone which had been persistently ringing while we talked.

Election of Officers.

Notice of the meeting of the Commonwealth Insurance company and the election of its officers for the ensuing year was given several days ago in the Journal. For the benefit of the several stockholders of the company residing in this city and vicinity, the list of officers then chosen is given below: They are E. M. Fairfield, president; Sherman Saunders, first vice president; A. D. Marriott, second vice president; Van B. Lady, secretary; A. B. Hunt, treasurer; Thos. H. Matters, general counsel; Charles H. Clancy, superintendent of agencies. Directors are Frans Nelson, Sherman Saunders, A. D. Marriott, E. M. Fairfield, C. H. Clancy, Paul Walker, Van B. Lady, A. B. Hunt and T. H. Matters. In connection with the election a banquet was given at the Paxton hotel, at which there were some thirty odd stockholders from outside Omaha present. Clark O'Hanlon of Blair, L. D. Richards of Fremont and Allen G. Burke of Bancroft were speakers.

Will Return Home Sunday.

From Friday's Daily. Thomas Walling was a visitor in Omaha yesterday afternoon with his wife who has been in the hospital there. Mrs. Walling has been getting along splendidly and will be able to return home on Sunday next. She was anxious to come back yesterday but owing to the bad weather, it was thought best to wait until Sunday for the trip. Her many friends will rejoice at her fortunate recovery.

DEMAND A BETTER DEPOT

People Up in Arms for Better Accommodations for the Traveling Public.

The good people of the village of Union are up in arms at the Missouri Pacific railroad and propose to compel that corporation to build a new depot at that place large enough and modern enough to take care of the business done there. Charles L. Graves, the well known attorney of that city, has thrown himself into the breach and has filed a complaint with the state railway commission asking and order be entered which will make the road furnish adequate depot facilities and cross walks and other improvements. The complaint will be heard shortly. Without doubt there are improvements needed in Union and Mr. Graves is doing a public service in his demand. This is one of the most important stations on the line in this section, a place where there is always a constant stream of passengers changing cars and where long waits are not infrequent. The present structure is a small one with one waiting room and poor seating facilities. It is also lighted with weak and dirty oil lamps and is altogether one unfitted to accommodate the large amount of business done. The complaint deserves to be granted and the company should be ordered to enlarge the structure and also furnish suitable walks to and from the business portion of the town.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, death has again entered our camp and taken from our camp fire Neighbor Edward White, and by reason thereof Cass Camp No. 332 Modern Woodmen of America has lost one of its youngest members, and

Whereas, this camp hereby extends its most sincere sympathy to the mother and family of our departed Neighbor in this, their time of grief and sorrow.

Resolved, that in the death of Neighbor Edward White his mother and family have been deprived of a kind and dutiful son and brother, our camp an esteemed and worthy member and the community a young man of sterling integrity and usefulness.

Resolved, that this camp extend to the mother and family of our departed Neighbor, its sincere sympathy in their night of grief.

Be it further resolved, that the charter of our camp be draped in mourning for thirty days; that a copy of these resolutions be spread at length upon the records of this camp. That a copy thereof be furnished the local newspapers and one sent to the family of our late Neighbor.

H. S. Barthold.
P. A. Barrows
Allen J. Beeson.
Committee.

In District Court.

In the office of Clerk of the Court Robertson today a suit was filed to quiet the title to the northeast quarter of section 17, town 11 north, range 13, east. The title of the case is the Bank of Cass County vs. George Sheldon et al. The George Sheldon named in the petition is not ex-Governor Sheldon but the financier of Lincoln of the same name. Mr. Sheldon held a mortgage upon the property in question.

A complaint charging L. C. Hanson from the vicinity of Greenwood with larceny, was filed in the office of Clerk Robertson of the district court. The complaint is made by one Frank Lapham, and Sheriff Quinton is reported to have gone after the man.

To Straighten Track.

A surveying corps of twelve men came in last Saturday and are in the employ of the Missouri Pacific railroad. They are making a survey for the purpose of reducing grades, taking out curves, mapping out the sidetracks, etc. They will work south of here. While surveyors do their work generally without being instructed in all that is behind the work, the wise ones declare it means to put this line to Omaha in such shape that the bulk of the freight business will be done over this line.—Weeping Water Republican.

Jurors Selected.

Clerk of the Court James Robertson and Sheriff Quinton this afternoon drew the jury for the coming term of district court, the members drawn from the list heretofore made up by the county commissioners. The following are the names of the good men and true who will hear the several causes for trial and mete out equal and exact justice to male factors, viz: Edward Henke, W. E. Dull, John Kaffenberger, Henry Miller, Ed. Becker, H. Hart, Emerson Dowler, John Frolich, Wm. Cross, John Domingo, Vilas Sheldon, Creed Harris, John Schoeman, Miles Drake, John Bogard, Wm. Kunz, L. B. Egenberger, Geo. Vogel, A. D. Despain, I. H. Weldman, John Krager, Charles Jackman, J. C. Lemon, Wash Bullis.

ARE WE TO HAVE A COAL FAMINE

No Hard Coal in Town and Dealers Cannot Tell How Soon There Will Be

The coal famine which has been hitting other towns in the west and middle west has about struck Plattsmouth. According to the fuel dealers of the city, it is next to impossible to get hard coal and those who burn this variety of diamonds and failed to lay in their supply last fall are likely to be up against it for some time to come. There is no hard coal in the city and the prospects for getting a big jag of it very shortly are no flattering to say the least. Railroads are reported to be making every effort to get coal through for their customers with success which is described as indifferent.

Storms and the long continued cold weather are responsible for the condition of the coal trade. This morning's dispatches do not hold out much hope for the consumer which has tied up the coal carrying roads and is preventing the movement of that commodity. In addition it is said that the yards in the large cities are filled with coal destined for the west and that it is not being handled as rapidly as it should be. In Chicago conditions are said to be particularly bad and the coal is being diverted for use in the city instead of sent to its destination. There are also charges made that the roads are seizing the fuel for the movement of their trains, this relating more particularly to soft coal. Many of the eastern roads, however, running through the hard coal region are said to be confiscating that article for their own use.

A number of the local dealers express the belief that they will get hard coal most any day but their hopes seem to have a very slight foundation as cars of coal may be started all right from the mines and never again be located. While the conditions in this city are not bad they are decidedly inconvenient so the patrons of hard coal. There is a sufficiency of soft coal on hand and if that falls, there is plenty of wood left along the river and over in Iowa so that a fuel famine here is not probable. Most people here use either soft coal or wood as a fuel anyway and those who burn hard coal, as a rule, purchased their winter's supply last fall. Much of the supply has been exhausted, however, owing to the winter setting in so early in the season and continuing with no let up so late. As there is still several months of winter ahead, these people have hopes of hard coal coming in before their supply runs out.

Reports from state points report now falling this morning with a prospect for colder weather tomorrow or Sunday. A report was current on the streets this morning of a big blizzard to the northwest, but when race down, it seemed to have no tangible foundation, the reports merely speaking of heavy snow throughout that region, something which the warmer weather is likely to bring here either this afternoon or tonight. At noon the temperature was quite warm and mild but not quite up to the melting point. The prediction of the weather bureau for today is fair and warmer. Saturday—unsettled.

In justice court before M. Archer, the case of Lesley vs. Barnes, mention of which was made in the Journal yesterday, the defendant filed several motions which are to be argued, the case being adjourned to next Thursday for that purpose.

HAVE BIG TIME LAST EVENING

Eagles Install Officers and Enjoy a Great Feast After the Ceremonies.

From Friday's Daily.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles had a great big time last night in connection with the installation of the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year. There was a very large attendance of members present and after the ceremonies of installation had been gone through with a banquet was had which was a veritable feast and which everyone enjoyed. The country had been scoured for eat and drink and spread before the tables and everything which the members of the order. In verity, the eagles did scream and they sure had them some time. It was a late hour before the last of the members left the hall for their homes, there being enough on the table to feed an army and those who felt like taking the time to eat were made welcome. Owing to the length of time required for the installation ceremonies, the speech-making which had been proposed for the banquet was dispensed with and the members simply sat down to the feed. When it was over, the meeting was voted a grand success.

The officers for the ensuing year who were installed were:

- William Weber—Past Worthy President.
- John P. Sattler—Worthy President.
- J. E. McDaniel—Worthy Vice President.
- John J. Svoboda—Worthy Secre-

Wedding Bells.

Saturday evening January 8th, at the home of Mrs. Dr. Thomas occurred the marriage of her daughter Irene, to Lionel Brust of Nebraska City. Miss Maud Moulton played the wedding march. The ceremony of marriage was by Rev. G. H. Moulton. Mr. and Mrs. Brust will make their future home in Nebraska City. This wedding was quite a surprise to the many friends of the bride and groom. Many had no inkling of the event until the wedding was over and the happy couple had departed for their future home. The bride was born and raised in Weeping Water, and is an attractive and pleasant young lady, loved and admired by many friends. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brust of Nebraska City, and is considered a young man of excellent character. The Republican extends congratulations and best wishes.—Weeping Water Republican.

Ben Dill who is in the city making a visit with his father, A. Dill and also looking after business matters, paid the Journal office a pleasant call this noon and renewed his allegiance to the Old Reliable. Mr. Dill is one of the best citizens of Murray and its vicinity and the Journal is proud to acknowledge him as one of its best friends.