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THE PRESSING NEED FOR ACTION ON QUESTION OF NEW JAIL

Repairs to the Present Delapidated Structure Would Be Useless as Building is Beyond Being Patched Up.

The Journal's agitation for a new jail for Cass county together with the construction of a boiler house for the heating of the court house and the jail, certainly has taken a firm hold on the people of this end of the county and there are words of commendation for the move heard on every hand. As an additional evidence that the matter should be taken up and carried to a successful conclusion, the additional fact is pointed out that the county is going to have to install new boilers at the court house in the near future and that the present boiler is quite inadequate and in such repair that a new one is necessary.

Thomas Svoboda, engineer at the court house, is authority for the statement that the present boiler will have to be replaced not later than next fall at the outside as it is practically worn out. He does not favor the idea of having one boiler do the work for the court house, even if no jail is built and he advances a very plain and logical reason for his position. He is a firm believer in two boilers so that one can be used while the other is shut down for washing out or for repairs. By this method any danger of things freezing up at the building as there could be steam at all times. The additional cost of two boilers will be more than made up by the more efficient service and the saving of wear and tear on the boilers. Mr. Svoboda is also a strong advocate of the separate boiler room proposition. At present the boiler is located in the basement of the building, directly under the county treasurer's office. It is a very poor place to work in and one which makes the task of firing the boiler much harder than it would be otherwise. The change to a boiler room located on the ground and out of a hole is something which all foremen and engineers will appreciate. Mr. Svoboda believes that there is ample room north of the jail for a boiler house which would have coal bins upon the alley so that coal could be thrown in them from wagons with the smallest amount of exertion. The jail could be situated on the west part of the vacant lot north of the court house.

It has been learned from Sheriff Quinton that there was an old cellar under the present jail which was filled up some time ago with loose earth which has gradually settled letting the floor of the jail down. As this floor descended to the level of the sinking earth another floor was placed on top and when this one descended still another floor was put in place, making three separate and distinct floors in the structure. The sheriff is of the opinion that the earth which was thrown into the cellar has been responsible for much of the dampness which prevails in the jail and from which a number of prisoners have suffered or claim to have suffered illness. That rheumatism could be easily contracted in the jail is quite well known. Another thing which Sheriff Quinton calls attention to is the condition of the steel cage in the present structure.

This cage on the outside looks good but this is owing to the fact that it had a coat of paint applied to it not long since. The interior of the cage is really in bad shape being rusted and at places having large holes in it. It will have to be replaced anyway in a short time with a cage which will be proof against escape even if the present jail is retained and this means a large expense for maintenance.

In view of all these facts which can be readily verified by any taxpayers who will take the time to visit and look it over. If the taxpayers of the county will do this, there can be no doubt of the outcome of the movement for a new jail. Regardless of expense they will favor such a structure as its necessity will be so painfully manifest that public pride alone would cause a favorable opinion to the project.

Several other citizens who were seen on the subject today expressed themselves as more than satisfied with the prospects for a jail and its necessity.

L. B. Egenberger was an enthusiastic advocate of a new jail. He declared it a shame that so large, populous a county as Cass should have such a sorry excuse for a jail and he favored a new one. He also was in favor of voting bonds for one if such a scheme was necessary. He is also enthusiastic over changing the location to the lot north of the court house and building a heating plant for the two buildings.

A. L. Tidd interviewed on the subject of a new jail declared himself most emphatically for such a structure. It is needed and badly needed and he is in favor of bonds for building the same. He stated that the matter had been allowed to rest too long already and that the sooner it was pushed through to completion the better for the county.

T. H. Pollock is another prominent man who favors the jail. He advocates the building of a new and good one and believes in voting the necessary amount of bonds for the same. The old structure is out of date and practically worthless and he thinks the new one should be put up as soon as possible.

Emmons Ptak, the cigar manufacturer, is strongly in favor of the new jail and says that the old one is a disgrace to so big and rich a county as Cass. He says vote bonds if necessary.

The editor of the Weeping Water Republican, George Olive, in a recent issue of his paper also states that Cass county needs a new jail and his pronouncement in its favor is a strong and manly one. This opinion of Mr. Olive is shared by all who are like him and take the time to investigate conditions as they are at that structure.

Altogether, the outlook for a new jail and one well suited to the county was never brighter. The people who have seen the old shell which masquerades under that name will agree that a real jail is sadly needed no matter from what part of the county they come.

Prof. Brooks in Town.

From Friday's Daily.
Prof. Brooks, superintendent of the Fairmont public schools, came in this morning for a visit of several days with friends. Prof. Brooks was formerly principal of the schools in this city and is an educator of more than ordinary ability. He states that he is greatly pleased with his new location and that Fairmont is a fine place in which to live. The city is a live and enterprising one and has just completed and put into service a brand new and up-to-date high school at a cost of \$40,000. The schools there have a manual training department and also a musical curriculum besides a fine school library and a chemical laboratory. There is an orchestra also maintained at the schools which gives some excellent music. Prof. Brooks has made a brilliant success of his venture as head of the schools and has attained a fine reputation in his new location. His many friends in this city and the vicinity will be more than

pleased at his success and trust that it may continue.

After More People.

From Saturday's Daily.
Harry Smith, the land man, departed this morning for Red Oak, Ia., where he intends to make an effort to secure a number of new settlers for this part of the world. Harry has the happy faculty of making every one he brings here like the country and they almost certainly buy a place before they return. He also brings in the best type of people with him and they make mighty valuable additions to the community. He will meet several parties in the Iowa town who contemplate moving away and he wants to get them for this city.

C. B. S. Buggy Pole & Neck Yoke.
The C. B. S. buggy pole and neck yoke is the best there is just out. Insist on getting one. Manspeaker sells the poles and the hardware stores sell the neck yokes

NEW AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE CLOCK

Plattsmouth Telephone Company to Furnish Them.

From Friday's Daily.

The Plattsmouth Telephone company today installed the first of the mechanical clocks known as an automatic telephone clock. This clock which is on exhibition in the offices of the company on north Sixth street is a device which automatically registers the time of day, the motive power being electricity. There will be no more missed trains with the houses which use the automatic clock. The system is a simple one and very inexpensive and there is every probability that nine out of ten business houses will adopt the clock and have it installed in the several stores and factories as well as offices of the city.

The scheme proposed includes a clock for each separate business house which cares to subscribe to the project. These clocks are all regulated by a master clock located in the office of the telephone company. This clock which is a wonder in its way, and a modern improved instrument, is run by electricity and is kept absolutely correct by the standard time which is telegraphed out every day at a certain hour. The master clock regulates every other clock on the circuit by means of an electric current. There is what is known as a relay connected with the master clock and this relay in turn is connected with each individual clock. The relay ticks off the quarter minutes just as they are ticked off by the master clock and when it does so the individual clocks on the system receive the same current and advance in consequence with it.

In addition to the ordinary electric clock for keeping time for offices, stores and the like, what is also known as time clocks for factories which will record upon tickets the time when employes enter the works and when they leave will also be installed to subscribers for that service. The employe entering is presented with a ticket which he inserts in the clock and it is automatically stamped with the time when he is in. On leaving the ticket is again inserted in the clock and the time of leaving is again stamped affording a complete record of the time actually put in by each employe.

Stairs in the operating room of the telephone company one of these time clocks has been installed to keep a record of conversation held in the long distance service. By this device the attention of the operator is not distracted from her work by watching the clock and an automatic record of the time talked is kept.

Prospective investors in the clocks are invited to call upon Manager Pollock of the telephone company and he will explain in detail the clock's workings. The device in manufacture by the Monarch Telephone Manufacturing company of Chicago, Ill., and the master clock costs quite a neat sum of money. The ordinary clocks cost \$75 each and with other attachments costs \$125 each.

None of the clocks will be sold but the company intends to rent them and keep them up and in good time for the small sum of 75 cents per month, less money than the wear and tear on the nerves is worth in looking after the clock and a big saving on men's souls by cutting out the usual profanity when a train is missed or an important engagement overlooked because of defective timepieces. The clocks will be installed upon a circuit separate and distinct from the telephone circuit and in this manner everyone of them will register the correct time. There is every probability that all business houses of importance will be subscribed to the new time system, especially those who desire to keep in the fore-front of progress and up to the times.

It is understood that a number of the clocks have been contracted for already and Manager Pollock is anxious to have all those who want them send in their orders at once.

Mrs. August Roessler was a passenger this morning for Omaha accompanying her sister, Mrs. Boehmer of Grant, Neb., who has been making her a visit for several weeks past. Miss Boehmer is on her way to her home and the two ladies will spend today making a final visit in the metropolis.

More Favorable.

From Friday's Daily.
The condition of Grandpa W. P. Bailey is reported this morning as more favorable than yesterday, he having rested better last night and seeming to be gaining in strength. His family are much encouraged and hope that the gain which set in several days since will continue until the aged citizen is able to be out and about once more and that by May 19th, when the comet appears, he will be able to be out and hold another view of the great wonder. His vitality is so great that there is not much fear but that this will take place and that he will be good for many years to come.

ENTERTAINED BY OLD FRIENDS

Pollard Family Guests of Los Angeles Friends at Picnic

Long Beach, Cal., March 25, 1910. The Plattsmouth Journal.

Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

Dear Journal:—

Mrs. Isaac Pollard and her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Wallace left this morning from this city for their home at Nehawka, Cass county. They have been spending the winter here and their presence has been much appreciated by all their old friends from Cass county and Plattsmouth.

I am enclosing a photograph which shows Mrs. Wallace taking a ride with me in an air ship. We descended from the machine about ten rods east of the auditorium where Mrs. Thomas was waiting for us in our Jackson auto. It was quite a coming down to think of riding in a common old Jackson tub after our flight in the heavens, but we got in all the same and like Mohammed when he reached the first heaven in the twinkling of an eye, so we soon reached the hotel where Mrs. Pollard was waiting for us, so our love for our auto tub increased to that of Diogenes had for his tub.

The appreciation which our Plattsmouth friends have for the Nehawka family was demonstrated last Monday by a hurried up picnic in honor of Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Wallace. The telephone to Los Angeles was brought into play inviting all our Plattsmouth friends in that city to be with us and fifty or sixty old friends gathered the meeting was a happy one and greatly enjoyed. The tables must have been fifty feet long and filled to overflowing. After all seemed to have been satisfied with the eatables, Senator Marshall of Otoe who at one time had a shoe store in Plattsmouth, was the first speaker to be called on. He congratulated the people of Plattsmouth that they found one congressman who would also had the ability to do something for Plattsmouth in securing the long sought for postoffice. There were a number of others called on who gave Congressman Pollard great praise for that and also for the master hand he showed in making the exhibit for the state at the St. Louis exposition. I understand the names of all who were at the picnic and also what was said will be typewritten and when I can get them I will send them to the Journal.

Yours truly,
S. L. Thomas.

Better Look After It.

There is a great deal of complaint being made about a mudhole at the mouth of the undergrade crossing of the Burlington at the foot of Main street. Automobileists are having an especially hard time in getting into the city on account of this place and this morning a car bound through the city from Glenwood to the west stalled in the mud and the driver had to get out and secure some planks before the machine could be hauled out of the mire. The city should see to it that a load of brickbats or something similar is thrown into the hole and that it is put in shape to make it passable. The expense is slight and it will benefit the town a great deal. Get busy.

Councilman D. O. Dwyer this morning had a very elaborate and ornate sign put up on the front of his building on Main street calling attention to his offices which occupy the entire second floor of the building. The sign is of gold lettering with a handsome blue background, the work having been done by Frank Gobelman. It is a very handsome one and one well calculated to attract the attention of the public.

AN ESTEEMED LADY AT REST

The Funeral of Mrs. John Buck Largely Attended by Friends

From Friday's Daily.

The funeral of the late Mrs. John Buck was held yesterday afternoon from her late residence near Weeping Water, there being a very large attendance of friends present from Weeping Water, Nehawka, and the neighboring points where the deceased had resided for so long a time and where she was so well known and esteemed. The funeral left the home of the deceased at noon, carriages proceeding to the German church northeast of Weeping Water where the services were held. At the church Rev. Frederick Spriegel delivered a funeral sermon in German, which was an eloquent and handsome tribute to a very worthy lady. Rev. Spriegel spoke feelingly of the many high virtues which the deceased lady possessed and of her Christian character and lofty devotion which so well characterized her long life. Rev. Andrus of Weeping Water, also delivered an eloquent tribute to the deceased, he speaking in English and voicing in that tongue the noble sentiments which Rev. Spriegel had so well expressed in the tongue of the fatherland. Music for the services was furnished by the choir of the Weeping Water Methodist church, a number of the old familiar and well loved hymns which deceased had so liked in her lifetime being sung. There were also an immense number of handsome floral tributes presented by the many friends of the deceased as a silent token of their love and esteem for the departed.

Following the services at the church, the funeral cortege moved to Oak Hill cemetery west of this city, a large number of carriages making the long journey to the last resting place and a number of carriages returning from the church to Weeping Water. At Oak Hill the remains were met by a very large number of sorrowing friends from this city who had driven there to be present at the interment.

The remains were lovingly laid to rest by old friends and neighbors of the departed, the pall bearers being J. R. C. Gregory, John Urish, Adam Schaefer, John E. Krager, Henry Engelkemeler and August Engelkemeler.

Among the large number from this city who attended the obsequies were Messrs. H. M. Soennichsen, Adolph Geise, Peter F. Goss, Hans Selvers, John Bauer, Sr., and E. L. Jahrig of Cambria, Wyo.

Mr. Baird Stirred Up.

The Journal several days since received a communication from William Baird, superintendent of shops of the Burlington, in this city touching on an humorous article which appeared in the Journal of March 25th, where the presence of so many idle cars on the spurs across the river was commented upon. The article was based upon that ancient tale which prevailed in this state some twenty years ago when cars were assessed differently than they now are and when it was freely charged that cars were run out of the state before April first to avoid assessment. The writer presumed upon the intelligence of the people who read it to know that under the law as it now is, this cannot be done with success as the returns of rolling stock are made directly to the state board of equalization and the local assessor does not longer handle it but it seems Mr. Baird misconstrued the article and is fearful that misapprehension may arise over the meaning of it. There was no intention to prejudice the public against the Burlington as he seems to think and the Journal denies that it has "knocked" that road. In fact, under the present management Mr. Baird knows, this paper has consistently worked for the interests of that road when such interests did not contravene the law and were for the public good. Mr. Baird in his letter gives as the reason for storing the cars on the Iowa tracks that there is not room for storing the bad order cars while waiting for repairs here and the yardmaster took them across the river to get them out of the way until such time as the shop could receive them. Mr. Baird states that there are a number of condemned cars also waiting demolition on those tracks, and that it is a common occurrence to store surplus cars over

there. He also states that the Burlington is not a "tax dodger" and the Journal is more than proud to know that and glad to be able to set any misapprehension on that score at rest.

SPEND OVER A MILLION DOLLARS

Heavy Expenditures Are to Be Made by Nebraska Telephone Company.

According to the following interview of an Omaha Bee reporter with G. E. McFarland, general manager, the Nebraska Telephone company will expend over a million dollars in improving their system this season:

"Our plans for the present year call for an expenditure of about \$1,250,000 on the work of construction and reconstruction in Omaha and throughout the state," says G. E. McFarland, general manager of the Nebraska Telephone company.

"We will do an unusual amount of work this year in carrying out our policy to keep up with the growth of the state and serve its business interests to the best of our ability. The increase in improvements is notable this year and necessitates more material and large additions to the number of employes.

"About 2,000 miles of additional copper toll lines will be built to use in connection with the existing toll circuit of the company in Omaha.

"Nearly 1,600 miles of pole lines will be reconstructed. This is an unusual amount of new work in this line and it will be distributed over the entire system.

"The copper circuit will be extended as far west as Broken Bow. It is now as far west as Ravenna. The new copper toll circuit, extending to North Platte, has just been completed and service is now given North Platte and all intervening points.

"About thirty exchanges in the state will either be rebuilt entirely or reconstructed during the year. A new exchange will be added to the present Douglas building in Omaha and there will be a new central office in the rooms now occupied by the general offices, which will be in the Kennedy building, the top floor of which is already occupied by us.

"Officials of the company have just returned from the Black Hills country in South Dakota. It is expected to do a considerable amount of work in and adjacent to the Black Hills. The plans are to connect the exchange in the Black Hills with the rest of our system, but the exact route has not yet been determined upon.

"The Nebraska Telephone company has about 20,000 toll lines in Nebraska and the wire mileage of every kind, including exchanges and toll lines, is 163,655 for Nebraska and the Black Hill country.

"Important plans are being perfected between the Nebraska Telephone company and the Western Union Telegraph company so that a telegraph service will be available at nearly all, if not all, Nebraska towns for night as well as day service. It is planned to arrange the lines so that telegraph messages may be telephoned from a town where there is no night telephone office to the nearest center where the Western Union company maintains a night office. We wish to have it so that our service will be available at all times for public needs and this will be a great convenience for emergency service for people in the smaller towns."

A Live Club.

Some days since the business men of Nehawka organized a commercial club, and from the following special, it can readily be seen that it is right up and doing already: "The Nehawka Commercial club has taken hold of the good roads movement. It has hired a traction engine, and with a big road grader has put every street in town in fine shape, besides putting in better crossings. Having finished the town it is working, and intending to work, all the principal roads leading to town.

Theodore Amick together with a friend made the trip via automobile to South Omaha yesterday afternoon, crossing the river at this point and going up the Iowa side. Mr. Amick intends to buy a horse and concluded to make the run to South Omaha for that purpose expecting to remain there over night and return this morning.