

## TO START NEW PUBLIC BUILDING

Congressman Maguire Sees the Officials at Washington.

Work on the new public building in this city will probably be started about July first according to a report which Congressman Maguire makes to Councilman D. O. Dwyer. Mr. Dwyer who is somewhat interested in the matter of the new building and who hopes to see it soon completed had written Mr. Maguire and urged upon him the necessity of getting something started in the line work on the building. His letter brought an immediate answer, the congressman taking the matter up at once and calling upon the supervising architect of the treasury department. He investigated conditions as they existed and at once wrote Mr. Dwyer as to the status of the matter. He found that the drawings and plans for the building had been completely already and that bids were likely to be advertised for during the coming week. Immediately following the advertising and the submission of the bids, they will be examined and the contract awarded. As soon as this is done and the contractor has an opportunity to get his forces lined up, work will be started. As the letter shows work should be started about July 1st.

This is good news for the residents of Plattsmouth and coupled with other important news, shows that the work of making Plattsmouth a larger and better town is getting along nicely. By the end of the year 1910, the probabilities are that this city will be several thousand inhabitants to the good. The improvements of the streets are a big item, the public building is another, free delivery is another and the improvements at the Burlington shops are still others that are worth while. The new public building with the paving which is to be done represents in round numbers \$75,000 of outlay which is not a small sum by any means and which will help a whole lot toward making the city a larger and better one.

Congressman Maguire's letter is given below and it is a good thing to read as it spells better times for Plattsmouth and this locality. The letter is as follows:

House of Representatives, Wash.,  
May 9, 1910.  
D. O. Dwyer, Esq.,  
Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:—  
I again waited upon J. K. Taylor, supervising architect, in the treasury department, today to ascertain what progress was being made on the drawings, etc., on the proposed Plattsmouth postoffice building and to urge that no delay be had. I was informed that the architectural drawings and plans were just completed and would be checked over in time to advertise for bids on the contract next week. He also advised me that under the regular order of procedure work should begin on the building about July 1st.

Very truly yours,  
John A. Maguire,  
M. C.

### Let us Have a Jail.

The Journal learns that agitation for a new county jail which has died down to some extent is about to be inaugurated again and this time through action by a grand jury which may possibly be summoned and given a chance to inspect the old shack. There is no question but what a jury of aCass county people would come to the conclusion to condemn the jail at once and probably order the construction of a new one. As it stands at present, Cass county has literally no safe place to confine criminals in and any time they get ready to leave they can nearly do so. Public sentiment is in favor of a new and modern up to date jail and the commissioners should pay heed to it. The action of a grand jury would be of far reaching consequences and would help a lot toward getting what the county needs but the commissioners could order one without. As one of the board says the present jail is one in which the wind blows the sand from between the bricks. Let us have a new jail by all means and that soon.

### To Spend Several Weeks.

C. E. Wescott and wife depart this evening for a trip of some four weeks duration in the east. During their journey they expect to visit Chicago, Laporte, Ind., where Mrs. Wescott has a brother, New York and Pittsfield, Mass., in the Berkshire hills where they will enjoy several weeks of rest. The trip is taken largely for the benefit of Mrs. Wescott whose health has been very poor for some time past. Mr. Wescott has relatives in Pittsfield and several other places in that locality and will undoubtedly have a very enjoyable time while there.

### Perry Marsh came up this morning from his home in the country and was a passenger on the morning train for Omaha where he had business to look after.

## EASTERN STAR HOLDS SESSION

Nebraska Grand Chapter Meets in Omaha.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of Eastern Star, is holding its thirty-fifth annual meeting at the Masonic Temple that's why so many of the five point stars are seen in Omaha. The delegates, all of them potentates, past and present, come from 22 chapters of Nebraska. As each chapter is entitled to representation by its past and present worthy matron and patron, and also present association matron, more than 600 people are expected to attend the sessions, which close Thursday evening with the installation of the newly elected officers. The election is held Wednesday afternoon.

The present officers of the grand chapter are: Mrs. Hattie M. Scott of Stromberg, grand matron; D. E. Green of Lincoln, grand patron; Mrs. Anna C. Simpson of Omaha, grand secretary; Mrs. Carrie Wright of Schuyler, grand treasurer; Mrs. Emma Fuller of Nelson, grand conductress; Mrs. Elizabeth Gamble of Plattsmouth, associate grand conductress; Mrs. Evelyn Chester of Long Pine, grand chaplain; B. L. Terry of Alexandria, grand marshal; Miss Emma Bentley of Alma, Mrs. Anna V. Peterson of Kearney, Mrs. Belinda Graham of Omaha, Miss Mabel Doty of David City, Mrs. Grace Simon of Oakland, Mrs. Elizabeth Mullin of Bloomfield, Mrs. Lola Carlisle of Wahoo, Mrs. A. L. Moyer of Crawford.—Omaha Bee.

### Buys New Engines.

The Burlington has received three of the twenty-five class S2 combination freight and passenger engines which were ordered some time ago. It is expected that seven more will reach Lincoln some time this week. The balance of the consignment will be delivered in the near future. Two of these will be sent to the McCook division, two will remain on the Lincoln division, two will go the Sheridan division and two to the Alliance division. From fifteen to seventeen of these monsters which are able to work in the freight or passenger service with equal facility, will be kept in reserve at Havelock till fall when the rush of traffic comes.

Class S2 locomotives have a traction force of 35,000 tons. At the present time the road has plenty of freight engines in service and the new motive power will be placed behind the varnished cars. They are twice the size and have treble the pulling capacity of the locomotives used twenty years ago. The lines east of the river have also ordered twenty-five of this class of engines.—State Journal.

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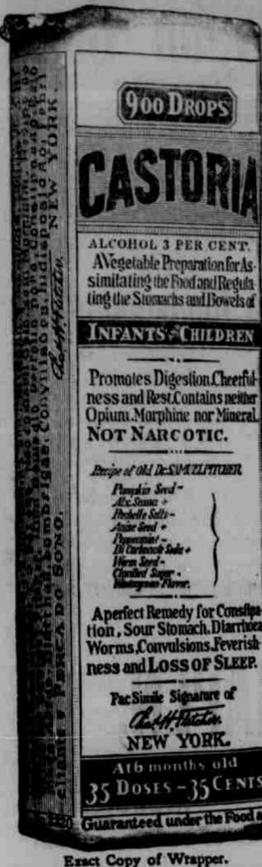
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## PLATTSMOUTH TEAM WINS OUT

High School Debaters Defeat the Wahoo High School

By winning the district debate last evening at Wahoo, the local debating team covered itself with glory and placed Plattsmouth in the front rank with the cities of this state that compose the Nebraska High School Debating League. The debate was held last evening in the High School building at Wahoo, before a large and enthusiastic audience. The opening exercises were started at 8:30, consisting of several musical numbers by the Wahoo orchestra, under the leadership and direction of Miss Wilhelmina Herold, formerly a resident of this city, but at present instructor in music and history at Wahoo. These numbers were most excellently rendered, and testified to the ability of Miss Herold as an instructor, as did the vocal selection with which she favored the audience.

Following the opening exercises, the speakers were introduced by Chairman Judge Good, and spoke in the following order, Plattsmouth opening the discussion: Affirmative, Miss Lucille Gass, John Falter, Miss Marie Douglas; Negative, Miss Mildred Pickett, Miss Lola Gilliland and Miss Eloise Gilchrist. The debate proceeded without a hitch, and was one of the most interesting and hotly contested of the year, both sides having excellent speeches prepared and presenting their argument in good order. While both of the teams showed marked ability, it appeared that the question, "Resolved, That labor unions are on the whole beneficial," had been more thoroughly investigated by the Plattsmouth team, representing the affirmative, than by the Wahoo contingent.

The Plattsmouth team clearly had the best of the contest on all three points of Delivery, Argument and Rebuttal. Miss Douglas, of this city, rounding out the argument of the affirmative in a most concise and logical manner, and securing for herself the unanimous preference for the individual honors. Miss Gass was remarkable for cleverness and force in argument, and Mr. Falter starred in the rebuttal. The argument and rebuttal consumed about an hour and a half, and the debaters showed their talent by keeping the audience at high tension for the entire time.

When the argument was concluded the decision was rendered in favor of Plattsmouth, two of the judges voting for us and one for Wahoo. The judges of the occasion were Professors Caldwell, Atkins and Maxey, all of the University of Nebraska.

This decision settled the most important debate that Plattsmouth has engaged in up to the present time, as the winner of this debate sends a representative to Lincoln to meet the champions of the ten other districts of the state in the contest to decide the State Championship. Our representative, as decided by the judges at last evening's debate, will be Miss Marie Douglas, and it is assured that this talented young woman will ac-

quit herself as she has in the past, with great credit to herself and the school. This state meet will be on the evening of May 20th, and it is hoped that a large delegation can go to Lincoln on this occasion, as this is a high school fete day and there will be distinguished visitors from all over the state.

This debate is the third consecutive victory for Plattsmouth this year and reflects great credit upon the team and Mr. Harrison, who has acted as coach. The most of the people who hear a debate have no appropriate idea of the amount of work that its preparation entails, and not only in the way of mental labor, but in the matter of finances, the Principal and Superintendent have been greatly handicapped by lack of funds. These gentlemen have been obliged to back the debating team to the financial extent of twenty-five or thirty dollars, in order that the city might continue to have a prominent and winning team and hold the rank that it ought to hold. There is no reason, however, that this debating enterprise cannot be made to pay in this city, and it is hoped that the people will respond to this call. As a business proposition in advertising a winning team cannot be surpassed, as everyone knows who gives the matter consideration.

Those who accompanied the team yesterday were: Miss Elizabeth Falter, Superintendent J. W. Gamble, Principal B. L. Harrison, and Principal-elect J. L. Richey. These people have announced their intention of attending the state debate in Lincoln the 20th, and any of them will be glad to furnish information in regard to the trip to all who are interested.

### Peculiar Conditions This Year.

Jacob Bengen is in the city today looking after some business matters. Mr. Bengen came in with his new Regal machine, a very handsome and attractive one and one which caused much attention by the public. The machine is one of the best of its class in the market and Mr. Bengen is much pleased with it. He finds the machine to be all that it has been represented to be and a machine which thoroughly serves his purpose. The Regal is sold by the Duff Motor company of this city. Mr. Bengen was accompanied to the city by his father, C. Bengen, one of the best citizens of the Mynard neighborhood. The elder Mr. Bengen together with his son have completed the planting of their corn and believe they will have a nice crop this summer if the weather is at all favorable. Mr. Bengen states that he has never seen so peculiar a spring as this in the years he has lived in Nebraska. He says the season is a month ahead and a month behind, the crops having come out in March and gone back in April. Owing to the peculiar conditions attending the crops it is really a hard proposition to say where the yield will come out this year.

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## TO IMPROVE OAK HILL CEMETERY

Lot Owners are Asked to Aid Committee by Having Lots Cleaned Up

From Wednesday's Daily.

The cemetery committee is very anxious to have the different lot owners at the cemetery call on the city clerk and pay the fee of \$1.50 for cleaning up the lots. The money is badly needed and a ready response by the public will be appreciated. The city administration is determined to make the cemetery the equal of any in the state for appearance and it invites the co-operation of the public in that respect. By paying the nominal fee which is demanded by the city, the lot owners will put the cemetery committee in shape to proceed with their work and make Oak Hill what it should be—a superb resting place for the dead. The Journal hopes that the work will be done immediately and it is assured if the public will do its part. The recent appropriation of \$300 by the council helps a whole lot but it will take much more than this. It takes money to pave and macadamize streets and the work which the committee has in view will cost money which the public should pay. Councilman Neuman has taken a very active interest in the cemetery and is hopeful that the public will appreciate what is needed in the shape of funds for the work. He believes that all should call on the city treasurer and help to improve the cemetery with the small contribution which the city ordinances imposes.

The plans of the committee include the grading and macadamizing of the streets through the cemetery, the mowing of the several lots, the general cleaning up of the cemetery and the reconstruction of the fence about the plot of ground. The more is a most commendable one and it is to be hoped that everyone appreciates the steps which the committee is making for a cemetery than Oak Hill made what it should be—a delightful resting place for the departed. There is no prettier location in Nebraska for a cemetery than Oak Hill and with the expenditure of a small amount of money, it can be made to be one of the most handsome cemeteries in the state. Let all lot owners pay heed to this appeal and pay in the small amount of \$1.50 for the work.

### Improving Avenues.

The city has been doing quite a good bit of work on the south end of Chicago avenue, the road grader having been in use there for several days past. The result has been to make the residents of the Fifth ward feel much better as well as encourage the farmers who use that road into the city. This work is entirely additional to that of macadamizing the avenue which is to start very soon and which will make that thoroughfare one of the best in this part of the country. The work of grading will be carried on by the city on Washington avenue and Lincoln avenue and they will be put in the best of condition for travel in a very short time.

### Fix up Sidewalks.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Postmaster Henry A. Schneider calls the attention of the Journal to the vital necessity of the city getting sidewalks laid wherever possible as this is one requisite the United States government requires for such work. There are many streets in the city on which the walks are in bad shape and it behooves the city to get a move and put the walks up to the standard which is required by all cities. Uncle Sam does not insist on his carriers having to wade in mud to their shoe tops and when free delivery is established it means that walks must be put down and steps taken to have the streets in shape for cleanly passageway for the carriers. Postmaster Schneider states that the receipts of the office have gone about the required amount and the only thing which now stands in the way is that of the walks.

The general policy of the city administration is to build new walks wherever the same may be needed and this is likely to be carried out the coming year on a larger scale than ever. If it is done, it means that free delivery is something which is assured for the future according to the understanding as it now exists. Plattsmouth has been advancing the past year with great strides and there is small room to doubt that it will be able to furnish Uncle Sam with anything he requires in the shape of walks and the like.

An inspector for the postoffice department visited the city some time ago and he stated the policy of the government had been not to put in carriers where the cities did not take pains to keep their walks in shape. He believed that Plattsmouth had a good opportunity to get free delivery but he wanted to know that the city had walks to warrant it. As a matter of public benefit, the walks should be provided and the public is strongly in favor of this. With a little push and vim the streets can be placed in shape where free delivery will be had without any difficulty.

### He Likes the Journal.

From Wednesday's Daily.

C. P. Richards, precinct assessor of South Bend precinct and a most excellent citizen of that ballwick, came down today to turn in his returns to County Assessor Soennichsen and while here he paid the Journal a pleasant call, renewing his subscription to the paper for another year. Mr. Richards also renewed the subscription of his brother, O. C. Richards to the Journal. It is a pleasure to be able to send the Journal to these two fine gentlemen and the paper certainly hopes that it will continue to be at their fireside for many years to come.

### Smoke From the Fires.

The atmosphere today is somewhat smoky caused by the fires in Wisconsin and Michigan which have been raging for some days. The shift in the wind to the north resulted in blowing the smoke from these great fires down upon the region the course of the smoke following the Missouri and Mississippi rivers. The odor of burning pine is easily observable on the breeze and the pall of smoke hangs heavily over the river and the hills. The fires have been doing an immense amount of damage and have rendered many a family homeless.