

INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANIES SECURE INTERCHANGE

Of Service With the Postal Telegraph Company Which Means Improved Long Distance Service.

It is announced today that an agreement has been entered into between the Independent Telephone companies of this state and the Postal Telegraph company for an interchange of business. This action was taken yesterday at a meeting of the Independent telephone interests of the state held at Lincoln. T. H. Pollock, general manager of the Plattsmouth Independent Telephone company was present and represented that corporation in the proposed deal. The consummation of the deal marks the end of negotiations which have been in progress for several months past and means that this city will hereafter, or just as soon as the details can be arranged, have the service of the Postal Telegraph company.

This company formerly had an office in this city but did not succeed in building up a business sufficient to cause it to remain and eventually withdrew. Under the new arrangement it is believed that the business can be developed so that it will be mutually advantageous to the telegraph and telephone companies.

At the meeting in Lincoln yesterday over forty independent telephone companies were represented. The meeting heard the reading of the draft of the proposed agreement between the two companies, and Frank H. Woods who is president of the National Independent Telephone association and the Nebraska association made a strong argument in favor of approval. There was no opposition to the proposed agreement but a decision was reached to have a committee appointed to secure a uniform agreement covering the interchange of traffic between the telegraph company and the several independent organizations represented. This committee is composed of W. E. Bell of York, T. H. Pollock of this city, C. C. Deering of Omaha, Warren Pratt of Kearney and F. H. Woods of Lincoln.

The offer of the telegraph company is to contract with the leading independent companies in Nebraska handling long distance traffic and through them rearing all independent exchanges which may desire to accept the agreement. The form of contract suggested by the Postal is one which will probably be placed before the independent interests all over the country for their acceptance or rejection. Contracts have already been signed up at Buffalo, N. Y., and Abilene, Kas.

It is provided in the instrument that on interchanged business the telegraph company shall fix all rates for service, allowing the telephone companies the full tariff rates to and from non-competitive points and twenty per cent of the charges collected on all other business. Each party agrees to stand responsible for its own errors in transmission, and if one should be sued and held liable for errors made by the other the party so held liable must be recompensed. The telephone companies are obliged to place their poles at the disposal of the Postal company for a rental of \$4 per mile for each line of wire strung upon the poles. The agreement, when signed, may be terminated by either party upon giving thirty days notice.

The new service when it goes into effect will result in giving the business interests of this city and all the others who have telegraph business to transact, a new line. By merely calling up the independent central station messages can be sent to any part of the country, those stations which are not reached by the independent telephone companies being brought into touch through the medium of the Postal Telegraph. The advantages of the plan are very wide and the new combination is looked upon as one of far reaching importance to the business world. It certainly serves to strengthen the independent telephone interests immensely and puts them into a more favorable position for their struggle with the Bell interests than they have heretofore occupied. It cannot help but improve the strength of independent telephone stocks while it also affords the Postal Telegraph company a powerful ally in the wire field.

PASSING OF OLD RESIDENT

Harrison A Graves Died at the Home of His Brother.

DIED—Graves, Harrison A., at the home of Dory Graves, in Plattsmouth, Neb., on June 1, 1910, aged 57 years, 1 month and 26 days, of heart trouble. Funeral Thursday, June 2, 1910, at 2 p. m. from the residence; Rev. W. L. Austin, officiating. Interment at Elkenbary cemetery.

Death this morning claimed a well known citizen of this city, when Harrison A., better known as "Wynne" Graves, passed to his final reward. The deceased had been a resident of Plattsmouth and this immediate vicinity for many years, and there is scarcely a man, woman or child who did not know him, and who did not appreciate the kindly and genial traits which had marked his life. In all this broad land there had lived few men more kindly disposed, few men more genial, few more of the good men at heart than this man. In his passing he leaves behind him many who will pause long enough in life's hurried march to drop a tear for one who had lived in the world almost man's allotted time and of whom it could be said he had done no man any harm.

Harrison A. Graves first saw the light in Council Bluffs, Iowa, then a frontier village and in its infancy, on April 5, 1853. His family moved to this vicinity three years later and continuously since that time he has lived in and about this city. He has seen the little freighting settlement with the log houses lining the gulches for a little ways back from the river, grow and rise and give way before the march of improvements until today, when the finger of Providence touched down his eyelids in their last sleep, a fair city was his home. And in the building of this city he had his place and his part. He was one of the "hewers of wood and drawers of water," one of those who did the hard toil which has so helped to create the mart of commerce and the home of pleasure.

During his life he had never entered into matrimony, and when the end came, it found him alone with his brother, with whom he had lived for several weeks past when the final illness seized him. He is survived by one brother Dory of this city, with whom he has been living, one half-brother, George W. Hight, of Corning, Iowa, and one sister, Mrs. W. W. Marr, of Springfield, Ill. The latter was notified of his death this morning and is expected to arrive in the city tomorrow morning.

The funeral will take place tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the residence, corner of Fifth and Pearl streets, Rev. W. L. Austin, of the Methodist church, conducting the services and interment will be had at the Elkenbary cemetery south of the city.

Saved From Awful Death.
How an appalling calamity in his family was prevented is told by A. D. McDonald, of Fayetteville, N. C. R. F. D. No. 8. "My sister had consumption," he writes, "She was very thin and pale, had no appetite and seemed to grow weaker every day, as all remedies failed, till Dr. King's New Discovery was tried, and so completely cured her, that she has not been troubled with a cough since. Its best medicine I ever saw or heard of." For coughs, colds, la-grippe, asthma, croup, hemorrhage; all bronchial troubles, it has no equal. 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Gering & Co.

Turns in His Books.
George P. Melsinger, Eight Mile Grove's efficient assessor, closed up his books last Monday and turned them in to county assessor Soennichsen. They were found to be in fine shape as Mr. Melsinger's books always have been in the past and the showing they made was highly satisfactory not alone to the people of his precinct but to the county assessor as well. He is one of the ablest of the assessors and his reputation for honesty and fair dealing is such that everyone knew they would receive a square deal at his hands.



Sold by all the Leading Dealers

To Quiet Title.

John Warga has commenced an action in district court to quiet the title to some land which he owns south of this city and near Rock Bluffs. There are a large number of defendants. The title of the case is John Warga vs. Lydia Merriam et al. The property described in the petition is the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter and the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 5 and the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter and government lot four in section four and a tract in section four described by metes and bounds, all in township eleven, range fourteen.

JUNIOR AUXILIARY GIVES PARTY

Pretty Gathering of Little Ones Last Evening and Fine Time

From Wednesday's Daily.
The May party given last evening at Coates' hall by the Junior Auxiliary of St. Luke's church was one of the finest affairs ever given in the city. For the occasion the hall had been tastefully decorated and every possible effort had been made to make the affair one which would remain forever in the memories of those who participated in it. There was a large attendance and the affair throughout was ascribed the most enjoyable of its kind ever given here.

In addition to the Maypole dance the proceedings were increased in interest by a musical program which was rendered just prior to the dance and consisted of:

Vocal Duet...Misses Mildred Cummins and Gladys Regnier.
Vocal solo...Miss Lucile Bates Reading...Miss Marie Douglas Instrumental duet—Misses Dorothy Britt and Ruth Chapman.
Vocal solo...Miss Gladys Regnier Reading...Miss Mildred Cummins

The Maypole dance was then indulged in and it was one of the most pleasing features of the evening and was participated in by the Juniors with Miss Ione Dovey at the piano. Much credit is due Miss Helen Dovey, who is president of this splendid organization of the children, for the successful and charming manner in which the dance was carried out and for her untiring efforts in the careful training of the children, as the dance elicited many compliments for Miss Dovey.

During the evening some dainty and choice refreshments were served from prettily decorated tables in the dining room of the hall by the members of the auxiliary.

Funeral of Mrs. Davis.

From Wednesday's Daily.
The funeral of the late Mrs. Edwin Davis took place this afternoon from the home on high school hill, there being a great many of her old friends and neighbors gathered at the bier for the last mark of respect to this true, christian woman. The services at the home were conducted by Rev. W. L. Austin of the Methodist church, the church with which for nearly four score of years the devoted woman had been a member. There were a great many floral tributes from the sorrow stricken friends of the departed, mute memorials of their love and esteem for a truly good woman.

Rev. Austin preached a very tender sermon, taking as his text the words from Romans 1:7 "To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be Saints," and his sermon followed well along the lines of his text, dwelling largely upon the noble, beautiful and saintly life which the deceased had led; upon her true christianity as exemplified through a life far beyond the allotted time on earth, and of the many grand traits of character which had so endeared and ennobled her to everyone with whom she had come in contact. Rev. Austin's sermon was well and truly a splendid tribute to the departed and one which touched the heart strings of all who heard it. They who had known her in her life time could well understand and feel the force of his remarks and their certain application to the dear one before them.

There were a number of the old songs which the deceased had so well loved in her lifetime rendered by a quartette composed of Misses Bertha Jackson and Edna Peterson and Messrs. E. H. Wescott and B. A. McElwain, among the old favorites being that grand hymn of peace "Asleep in Jesus," and that tower of strength in life "Rock of Ages," besides others.

There were a large number of carriages in the cortege to Oak Hill where the remains were laid to rest beside those of her aged husband who had preceded her to the Better Land several years since. The pall bearers consisted of the following named gentlemen: W. H. Newell, A. W. Atwood, R. B. Windham, B. S. Ramsey, J. E. Douglas and W. H.



TRUCIOLA HATS!

The new thing for Summer wear. Lighter and softer and more pliable than straw. Made in Milan, Italy, from a vegetable fiber. They come in beautiful shapes,

soft brims, dip front, blue, black or pearl bands. All sizes, 6 3/4 to 7 3/8. Price \$2, \$2.25 and \$2.50.

All the new shapes in Straws for men and boys

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The new roll brim hats for children 35, 50 and 75c.

Wescott's Sons

THE HOME OF SATISFACTION

Freese; all of whom had been old friends and neighbors for many years.

Entertains Loyal Sons.

The Loyal Sons of the Christian church last evening held their regular business meeting at the home of Everett Ward and afterwards held a social session. The occasion was made a most enjoyable one by the host and family and the meeting is voted by all to have been one of the grandest ever held in the history of the organization. Mrs. Ward had prepared for the gathering a fine two course luncheon and this was partaken of with the heartiest of appetites as it well deserved. Altogether the meeting is looked upon by the members of the order as a very fine one and one which they feel under obligations to their host for. Considerable routine business was transacted and the social part of the meeting was unexcelled.

Barb Wire Claims Victim.

Last Monday evening August Steppat had the misfortune to lose a fine horse. The animal was one of the best he had and he is the owner of some real good animals. The horse was in a pasture fenced with barb wire and laid down to roll. In some manner one of the hind legs was caught in the wire and badly torn and lacerated. The animal died from the effects of the cuts, losing so much blood that it could not be saved. Mr. Steppat and Wash Young who saw the accident hurried to help the unfortunate animal and save it if possible but they were not able to do so. The loss of this animal comes quite severely to Mr. Steppat as the animal was an extra good one.

Rev. O'Neill in City.

Hof. R. B. Windham last evening entertained as his guests his nephew, Rev. Ernest O'Neill and family of Chicago who visited them over night. Rev. O'Neill was the Memorial day orator at Red Oak, Ia., and came on to this city from Glenwood last evening, he having gone to that city for a visit with relatives after his address at Red Oak. During his very brief stay here, Rev. O'Neill met a number of his friends of many years standing and had a very pleasant visit. He and his family departed this morning on No. 6 for their home.

L. B. Brown, Kenosha's popular citizen, came up this morning from his home to look after business matters. Mr. Brown reports things as quiet around Kenosha. That locality had a severe rain last Saturday night which did a good deal of damage to corn, washing the fields very badly in many places. Mr. Brown's sister, Mrs. Gustina Nix has been quite ill lately suffering from a fever but is now reported as being better something which her many friends will be glad to learn. They trust she will speedily recover.

George W. Harshman, Jr., spent yesterday and last night in the city looking after business matters, coming up yesterday morning from his home at Avoca.

TESTED AND PROVEN

There is a Heap of Solace in Being Able to Depend Upon a Well Earned Reputation.

For months Plattsmouth readers have seen the constant expression of praise for Doan's Kidney Pills, and read about the good work they have done in this locality. Not another remedy ever produced such convincing proof of merit.

Mrs. John Sharp, Third & Dyke street, Plattsmouth, Neb., says: "For a long time I had trouble from my back and kidneys. There were terrible pains in the small of my back, often extending into my hips and limbs and though I doctored and tried various medicines, I was not relieved. About a year ago I procured Doan's Kidney Pills from Gering & Co.'s drug store and in a short time they brought me entire relief. This remedy has my highest endorsement." (Statement given June 9, 1906.)

On December 29, 1908, Mrs. Sharp said: "I cheerfully confirm my former endorsement of Doan's Kidney Pills. I still think highly of this remedy, knowing that it is a splendid one in case of kidney trouble."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Ranch Consisting of 1440 Acres in Central Nebraska.

This ranch is located in the northern part of Garfield county in the Cedar valley. 800 acres of deeded land, and 640 acres of school land. All of this land is practically all valley land, is good rich soil, and grows a fine quality of blue stem grass. It is all fenced and cross fenced with cedar posts and four barbwires. Has a beautiful stream of water which runs the year around. The improvements consist of a five room house, barn for 20 head of horses, cattle barn for 400 head of cattle, chicken house, corn crib, calf shed and numerous other outbuildings. It is a fine stock proposition for either cattle, horses or sheep, as plenty of grain can be raised to feed them out.

This ranch will easily take care of 400 head of cattle the year around. It will easily cut 1200 tons of hay and plenty of pasture to feed during the summer months. With the present price of cattle, this undoubtedly is a gold mine for someone who can handle it. It is unquestionable, this land will advance in value as all other lands have in the past years, and any one purchasing same, will buy a bargain. Price \$12,000. For particulars write:

J. P. Falter, Plattsmouth, Neb.

Miss Evelyn Stornoz of Nebraska City spent yesterday in the city, the guest of friends.

COUNTY COURT HEARS CLAIM

H. W. Lloyd Secures Allowance Against Peterson Estate.

Brief mention was made in yesterday's paper of a hearing on claims had before Judge Beeson in county court, in the Andrew Henry Peterson estate. The claim which was contested was that of H. W. Lloyd upon whose farm Peterson had made his home for many years. Mr. Lloyd presented a claim for firewood furnished Peterson amounting to \$120, for care and attention at various times for four years to the deceased \$200 and for keeping a team of mules belonging to Peterson a number of years \$720. The claim was contested by the estate and the matter was hard fought. After listening to all the testimony in the matter Judge Beeson found in favor of Lloyd for \$25 for firewood and allowed his claim of \$200 for keeping the deceased. In addition to this Lloyd was surety on a note at the Union bank for Peterson amounting to \$100 with interest which Lloyd paid and which he was allowed. The total amount allowed Lloyd was \$332. The value of Peterson's estate amounts to about \$900. J. E. Douglas appeared as counsel for the estate while Messrs. Clark & Robertson and C. L. Graves appeared as counsel for Lloyd.

In county court today a petition was filed for the final settlement of the Miles Russell Smith estate from near Union. The report of the administrator accompanies the petition. D. O. Dwyer appears as counsel for the administrator.

In county court yesterday a marriage license was issued to Claud T. Pierce, aged 25, and Miss Mabel Ross, aged 24. The parties give their residence as from widely separated parts of the country and it is understood are to be married today at the home of a mutual friend in Louisville.

Jacob Hagedorn of Beemer, Neb., who came down for Memorial day and to make a brief visit with Hans Tams and family, departed this morning for his home. Mr. Hagedorn has a brother at rest in Oak Hill, he having been buried there some twenty-two years since and his visit on this occasion was his annual tribute to the departed.

Work Starts Soon.

The road grader to be used in the construction of the new road from the foot of Main street to the ferry is now in the city and it is expected that work on the road will be started immediately and rushed to a very speedy completion. The new road is to be put in the best manner possible and the committee which has been raising funds for the work have been more than encouraged with the progress which they have made and the fund which have been given them for the good work. Messrs. Hatt, Wurl and Falter are the members of the committee and they have been unsparing in their work on the job. With the co-operation of the city streets committee the work will be put in splendid shape in a few days. The approach at the foot of Main street will be taken up and completed by the city through its committee just as quick as the road is brought to the proper level.

County Assessment Ended.

The last books to be turned in to the county assessors office were those of the Plattsmouth city assessors, Messrs. A. D. Despain and P. E. Ruffner. These gentlemen closed their books on Monday and the entire county is now ready for the disposal of County Assessor Soennichsen and his efficient deputy, Jas. H. Donnelly. The showing made by the city assessors is considered very good and eminently fair and meets with the approval of Mr. Soennichsen so far as he has time to investigate it. In fact, the showing of all the assessors this year is said to be a good one and unless something develops on closer investigation later the figures will probably be allowed to stand as they are.

Loses Valuable Mare.

A. J. McNatt mention of whose visit to the city is made elsewhere called at the Journal office this afternoon long enough to renew his subscription to the paper and pay this office a little visit. He was made welcome as he fully deserved. A. J. is the proud possessor of a mule colt which he thinks is about as fine as ever came down the road. It was foaled last Friday and stood forty-four inches high which is some height for a colt. He has been offered good money for it but does not intend to sell as he considers it a sure enough comer. While here he lost the mayor of his town and was some puzzled to know where Mr. Brown hid out at.