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OFFERS SITE FOR RIFLE RANGE

War Department Has Taken the Matter Under Consideration

About two weeks ago the Journal reported a meeting of the Commercial club that President Falter had secured an option on a large tract of land north of the city which would be offered to the United States government for a rifle range, and it now appears that the authorities at Washington have made a move in that direction for a new board of officers has been appointed to investigate the situation with reference to purchasing a rifle range in this state, congress having appropriated \$25,000 for that purpose.

Some time ago a board was appointed for that purpose, but special matters connected with maneuver camps and military tournaments demanded attention, and the old board was dissolved. The new board consists of Major W. P. Burnham, chief of staff; Major D. B. Devore and Captain Martin of the Fourth infantry. They will take up the matter at once.

Several propositions have been submitted, one offering a site near Fort Crook, another being at Plattsmouth, and still another in the western part of the state. For the last two years the troops at Fort Crook have been sent to Ashland, where a range for infantry practice was laid out along the Platte. The state rifle range is located there.

Plattsmouth citizens should take the matter up at once and ascertain whether or not a definite statement as to whether the proposed bridge over the Platte river will be built, as the site for the rifle range near this city and its selection by the government will depend largely on whether this wagon bridge goes in or not.

It is believed that if the proper steps are taken on the part of this city that the range can be secured, and it would be a feather in the cap of the Commercial club should it succeed in landing the range.

ONLY ONE BANK NOW IN TOWN OF MURDOCK

While coming into Omaha on the Rock Island last Saturday, the writer met Mr. and Mrs. Henry Guthman, who boarded the train at Murdock, going to Waterloo to spend Sunday. In conversation with Henry he told us that he had bought the Union State bank, and that the business of that bank would be merged with the Bank of Murdock. A few months since the building occupied by the former bank was destroyed by fire, and will not be rebuilt at the present. We were well pleased to learn that our friend, Henry Tool, had been installed as assistant cashier in the Bank of Murdock. This makes a strong team in the business department. The two Henrys are both good business young men, and very popular with all with whom they do business. The Journal wishes both of them success.

Senator Banning in Town.

From Monday's Daily.
Senator W. B. Banning came up from his home at Union this morning, and spent the day in the city interviewing his friends. Senator Banning has hosts of friends in Plattsmouth, who will give him a big boost at the election. He was a leader in the senate, and was instrumental in securing several important measures adopted. His record is one that any man should be proud of, and he should be re-elected. He has proved himself a clear-headed, sound representative of the people of Cass county, and not a fanatic on any question, and the people will vote for him because they know he will not let prejudice control him in his acts in the state senate.

With the Sick.

From Monday's Daily.
Mrs. Miner, who is still at the hospital, is reported as gaining and getting along fine.
Miss Amanda Sattler, who is suffering with an attack of typhoid fever, is better today, her temperature being lower than for several days.
Mrs. Elizabeth Fitch, who is at the home of her parents, Jacob Mason and wife, where she has been sick for some time, is much better today.

For New Orleans.

The Journal is in receipt of a postal card from our old friend, W. J. Stadelman, from Santa Monica Bay, California, booming San Francisco for the site of the Panama exposition in 1915. We are sorry we can't help William in his enterprise, but as New Orleans is nearer to us and at the same time nearer the canal zone, we will cast our vote for the city of the southland.

"THE FLOWER OF THE RANCH"

A Great Musical Production at the Parmele. Saturday Night October 22.

From a ranch in Montana to a leading role in a metropolitan musical production sounds like a big jump. The mere thought of it is enough to set awirl the head of any ambitious young girl. In "The Flower of the Ranch" company, a musical comedy which ran at the Garrick theatre, Chicago, 200 nights, and is to visit this city soon, is little Nellie Watters, and the part she fills is the most important in the play.

Two years ago she was a little seventeen-year-old girl attending school at Billings, Montana. Her father, a ranch owner in the southeastern part of the state, made annual visits to Chicago in the interests of the stock market. It was during one of the visits that Miss Watters, accompanying her father, became acquainted with Miss Mabel Barrison, who at that time was playing the part of "Flower" in "The Flower of the Ranch." As the acquaintance became stronger, Miss Barrison became attracted by the young woman's beauty, intelligence and refinement, and approached her father to allow her to enter the profession. At the parent's approval, Miss Barrison saw her manager and there was room made for her in the chorus, where she developed into a graceful singer. It was not long thereafter that the understudy role of Flower was entrusted to her, and when Miss Barrison left the company to enter vaudeville, Miss Watters was assigned this most important role. From her first performance she proved a decided success, not only in her dances, but she captivated the audience with her grace, magnetism and gingery dash throughout the play. Miss Watters will be seen as "Flower" in "The Flower of the Ranch" when that attraction visits this city and will appear at the Parmele theatre Saturday night, October 22.

Sailing Good Yesterday.

From Monday's Daily.
The around the world excursion at the M. E. Sunday school yesterday made about a thousand miles, the actual mileage by both sides being, 1096 miles for the Reds and 1060 miles for the Blues, the attendance being 253. Four new classes in graded work were started out yesterday, the same having completed the work previously given. Rev. W. L. Austin having accepted an invitation to speak at a temperance rally at Louisville Sunday evening, his pulpit was filled here by Rev. Lowe, of Louisville, who spoke entertainingly to a large congregation.

The official board of the church yesterday authorized Rev. Austin to make all necessary arrangements with Rev. Lewis, commonly known as "Farmer" Lewis, to come to Plattsmouth with his singer and hold evangelistic services in January.

Insanity Board Called Together.

From Monday's Daily.
Thomas Ferguson, who has been making his home in South Park and working in the shops for about a year, this morning, when he went to work complaining of not feeling well and left the shops soon after going to work and went, as he claimed to consult a physician. He returned after a time, and when he removed his coat revealed a new 38-calibre revolver, and as the man had been talking queerly of late, the matter of his possession of the gun was reported to Foreman Hayes, who sent for the sheriff.

Sheriff Quinton brought Ferguson to town and placed him in jail and set the machinery of the law to work to get a meeting of the board of insanity, which was called for 4 o'clock this afternoon.

HOLD INTERESTING MEETING

Boy Scout Meeting at Presbyterian Church Yesterday.

From Monday's Daily.

The "Boy Scout movement" received quite a boost yesterday from the meeting held by its promoters in the Sunday school rooms of the Presbyterian church. The meeting was well attended by the boys who are of the required ages, viz: between twelve and eighteen years, to qualify them to become members of the organization. The meeting was called to order by Scout Leland Briggs, who called on deputy postmaster, M. S. Briggs, to discuss the movement and its relative bearing on good citizenship. Mr. Briggs occupied about thirty minutes in a lively talk for the movement, and gave the nine leading principles of the "Scout Law" which the boys would be required to observe. The drill the boys would receive in these would tend to make good citizens of them. Mr. Briggs brought out the thought that while from his view point American citizenship was already of a high standard, yet it could be better, and the way to better it was to have the coming generation improve upon what the former ones had been. Mr. Briggs' speech was well received by the "tenderfoot" as well as the scouts.

Superintendent Gamble was then called upon by the chairman to tell what benefit the movement would be in an educational way. Mr. Gamble arose and made an excellent talk, saying in substance, that the movement was one that had been on the increase in this country as well as in England, and it was a move in the direction to solve the "boy problem," or rather, along the line of conservation of resources which was so much talked of lately, concerning natural products, as coal, forests, gas and the like. The scout movement was a move to conserve the physical forces of the boy, to turn in a proper channel his surplus energy which unguarded, was expended in doing all sorts of things which were not useful, and on the other hand were sometimes destructive. It was the aim of the promoters of the boy scouts to have this surplus energy directed in a channel of helpfulness to the boys and the community. "The boys were continually climbing trees which the teacher and parents did not want them to climb, and this movement would have them climb the right trees." They would as scouts get out in the camp and learn about birds and animals, and trees and brooks, and all such things as were interesting. The speaker suggested that in the next ten years the course of study in the High schools may be entirely changed from what it now is, and instead of the dead languages, students would be required to know some of the more practical subjects met with in everyday experience.

Rev. Gade was called on to discuss the relation of the movement to the parents, but the number of parents present being few, he occupied the time in a general talk to the scouts.

Mr. Thomas, an ex-soldier, and one well versed in the manual of arms, who will act as scout-master, next addressed the boys, telling them how the movement was brought out in Kansas City and vicinity, where they now had over a thousand scouts enrolled. He promised the boys to put them through the drills and get them started in the work.

Mrs. C. C. Parmele then explained the details of the organization and the steps necessary to become a scout, the oath each boy subscribed to, and the nature of his first month's duties. Each patrol should consist of eight scouts, which would be under the charge of a drill master. The list was circulated and eight patrols organized.

The boys are interested and expect to make the movement a success, and before many days hope to have the organization in full swing in Plattsmouth.

Potatoes, Potatoes!

H. M. Sonnenhagen will have three carloads of northern grown New York Rurals on the track next week at 90 cents per bushel. These potatoes are matured and will keep.

3rd-2th.

The pictures now at the Majestic are great.

At the Masonic Home Sunday.

The Rev. Austin, having exchanged pulpits with another minister for Christian work, could not fill his usual appointment at the Home. The old people concluded to have a meeting of their own. Mr. Sallee, by request, filling the ministerial chair by reading a chapter and a very able speech. The old folks stood up and repeated the Lord's Prayer. After several hymns were sung, Mr. Sallee gave over the meeting to the people, and this being Temperance Sunday at the churches, several of the old people gave short talks and sang temperance songs. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Moore having been 'phoned for, kindly responded. Their daughter bringing a roll of music and Mr. Howard, Mrs. Martin and Miss Eversole (visitors at the Home) all being accomplished musicians, a rare musical treat was given and followed by old time songs "we used to sing," the old folks joining in the chorus greatly to their delight. We hope we may be again visited by the good people, who assisted in our entertainment.

J. E. T.

Resigns at the Postoffice.

Miss Frances Weidman, who has been employed at the postoffice for the past few months, resigned her position this morning to accept one in some other capacity at an increase in salary. While the position in the postoffice did not pay the salary that Miss Weidman has been capable of earning, she has held the same and performed her duty to the entire satisfaction of all the patrons of the office up to this morning, with the expectation of securing something better. Her resignation takes effect immediately, and as yet the vacancy has not been filled. Miss Weidman has a host of friends who will regret very much to learn of the step she has taken, and will greatly miss her at the usual post at the general delivery window.

Big Crop of Corn.

From Monday's Daily.
Carl Holmberg and wife returned from Loup City yesterday, where they visited several days. Mr. Holmberg owns 80 acres within four miles of Loup City, on which he has a corn crop that will make from forty to forty-five bushels to the acre, and from the sample he brought to this office it shows exceptionally fine quality. There are a number of former Plattsmouth people living in that vicinity, all of whom are prosperous and happy. While there he met Rev. Henry Bloom, a Swedish minister, who preached here about fifteen years ago. Carl is well pleased with the outlook in that country, and says he could sell his farm for nearly double what he paid for it, and land is still advancing.

Re-elect Officers.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Platte River Bridge company was held at the council chamber Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The secretary's report was read which showed the company's business in first-class shape. C. A. Richey was re-elected by acclamation as a member of the board of directors for a term of seven years.

A ten per cent semi-annual dividend was declared and has been paid to the stockholders.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

The directors then held a meeting and closed for the year's business. The old officers were re-elected with the exceptions of one vice-president, J. J. Derright, of Omaha, being elected in place of J. P. Ellis, of Crete.—Louisville Courier.

M. Ford People Arrive.

C. F. Harkness, of Omaha, came down today with Mr. Rolly E. Jackson, member of the firm of M. Ford, and together looked after some of the preliminaries for the paving, which will be commenced at once. They brought with them Mr. Charles Treibel, their expert concrete man, who has just finished a job at Seward. Mr. Treibel will have charge of the concrete work here. A force of men will be here to begin the excavation of Vine street tomorrow, and the work will be pushed right along until it is completed. The surplus dirt, says Mr. Harkness, will be used for filling in low places and leveling up for the sub-base for the paving and for filling in behind the curb.

The Turners' Dancing club gave a very pleasant dance at the German Turner hall Saturday evening. The young folks enjoyed themselves until a late hour. The music was furnished by Miss Gladys Marshall.

THE PRESENT LIQUOR LAW AND PROPOSED COUNTY OPTION LAW

OUR PRESENT LAW.

It is unlawful for any person to sell intoxicating liquors without first obtaining a license. Where the business is to be carried on in a city or village, the license must be obtained from the municipal authorities; if outside a city or village, it must be obtained from the county board.

The first step in procuring a license is to obtain the signatures of the requisite number of freeholders; if in a city or village, the petition must be signed by thirty freeholders of the ward or village where the business is to be conducted, but in case there be less than thirty freeholders therein, then it may be signed by a majority; if outside a city or village, then it must be signed by a majority of the freeholders of the town, if the county be under township organization, otherwise, by a majority of the freeholders of the precinct.

COUNTY OPTION.

The proposed plan of county option provides for the submission to the voters of counties the question whether the county shall be "wet" or "dry." If the majority vote "dry," the county goes dry as a whole; but if the majority votes "wet," then each city, village and township may still vote "dry," and be dry, notwithstanding the vote of the county.

The result of a vote thus taken bars another election for the same purpose for twenty-three months. At the end of that time another vote may be taken.

Such election must be called upon the presentation of a petition presented to the proper body, signed by 15 per cent of the voters of the subdivision for which it is asked, at least sixty days before an election.

NEW BUILDING FOR GAS ENGINE PLANT

Estimate Cost of Structure Will Be About \$4,000—Another Meeting Tonight.

The executive board of the Commercial club met last evening at the office of President J. P. Falter, there being present the full membership, except Mr. G. E. Dovey, who was unable to attend.

Mr. J. A. Chopieska met with the committee and also Mr. L. G. Larsen and Emil Walters also were present to furnish an estimate of the cost of a building, the dimensions of which were to be 100 feet long by 50 feet wide and the side wall 16 feet above the surface of the ground, with three or four side openings for double doors, and the side walls to have 30 windows, and the building to have a brick partition throughout the full height of the walls. The estimate cost of the building was a trifle over \$4,000.00, and as the bonus required to move Mr. Chopieska's foundry machinery was to be \$2,000.00, the board was up against the proposition of sufficient capital stock to meet the expenditure of the estimate. The matter was thoroughly discussed and it was the sense of the gentlemen assembled that the proposition was too good a one to let slip for the difference in the amount subscribed and the amount required, and it was suggested by some of the ablest financiers of the city that the building be built and if necessary, to increase the stock, to do so.

Mr. Chopieska stated that he was willing to remain in Plattsmouth for two days more, if the matter could be gotten into shape, that he was willing to come here and using his machinery and make the base of the building for three years, and in good faith begin the manufacture of the engines. It was suggested that maybe after the building was erected and Mr. Chopieska came, he might not feel like staying, then the question of what would be done with the foundry building, to which Mr. Larson suggested that it would be an easy matter to dispose of it as a warehouse for the "Owls."

It was decided to have a meeting of the stockholders tonight and take the requisite steps to incorporate and get the building under way. A committee composed of T. H. Pollock, Lee Sharp, H. A. Schneider and Philip Theilroff was appointed to get a definite plan of the building, then get estimates of the cost from different builders in the city, and have the committee report to the builders' committee of the new corporation.

A site has been secured south of the Egenberger wood yard east of Third street, and the consent of the city will be obtained at the meeting next Monday night, so that the whole matter is now assuming definite form and before the cold of winter comes on, the building will be up.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer, of Philadelphia, arrived today to be guests of the Gering home for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer having been spending some time on the coast and are now enroute to their home.

BOARD TO EXAMINE RIFLE RANGE SITE

T. H. Pollock received a communication from Major General of Staff W. A. Burnham, of the war department, headquarters department of Missouri, under date of the 14th inst., inquiring when it would be convenient for the Commercial club to show the purchasing board over the tract of land north of the city, proposed for the target range. Mr. Pollock called up the major general yesterday, but he was absent from the headquarters, presumably out inspecting the other sites. An effort will be made today to get into communication with the board at Ft. Omaha, and set an early date for the inspection of the land. If the range is secured at this place, it will mean that all of the target practice for both forts will be held on this ground. This point would be desirable from the standpoint of economy to the government, as the troops can march down from the forts each day that the practice is put on. Every encouragement for the location of the range should be put forth by our people, as it will mean a great deal for the town.

In Honor of Alof Johnson.

The hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Wallengren was the scene of merriment and frolic Friday evening of last week, when a number of young people were most delightfully entertained at their home in honor of Alof Johnson, who formerly resided in this city, but who is now a resident in the vicinity of Royal, Nebraska. The evening was very pleasantly spent in various games, interspersed with social conversation and at the proper time delicious refreshments were served, to which all did full justice.

Will Undergo Operation.

From Tuesday's Daily.
Mr. W. T. Richardson, of Mynard, drove up from that village with his daughter, Miss Pheam, this morning and boarded Burlington train No. 15 for Omaha, where his daughter will enter St. Joseph's hospital and undergo an operation for appendicitis. Miss Pheam was in the hospital for the same purpose two years ago, but on the advice of the physicians, the operation was deferred until she should gain more strength, and as her health has not been the best since, it has been decided to go through the ordeal at this time. The young lady will be in the hospital for about ten days.

Motored From Union.

From Tuesday's Daily.
J. E. McCarroll, George Everett and Florence McCarthy motored to this city from Union this morning in Mr. McCarthy's car, making the trip in forty minutes. They came up to attend to some business matters at the court house. Mr. McCarroll was a pleasant caller at this office and while here handed us the price and ordered the daily sent to him, which was very much appreciated by us. On account of the rain, they were compelled to return to their homes this morning, otherwise they would have remained in this city until this afternoon.

Mr. Cecil Amick, of Weeping Water, transacted business in the county seat today.