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## A GOOD EXAMPLE IN ROAD IMPROVING THAT IS WORTH FOLLOWING

The Town Merchants and Farmers Turn Out and Help While The Women Folks Furnish the Dinner and Carry the Water.

There was a scene on the highway near Diller Thursday not only very unique, animated and full of human interest, but suggestive, says the World-Herald. Husking bees, apple-cutting bees, barn-raising bees and various other bees, all of blessed memory and which linger yet in some localities, illustrate co-operation with good cheer and the performance with ease and sociability, by the many, of tasks that would be irksome to only a few hands. The latest progeny of this happy breed is the road-working bee, which, it has been proved, can be made quite as fruitful in fun and profit in labor as any of its predecessors.

This scene near Diller was a road-working bee. It was a very different thing from the company of reluctant farmers called forth by the road supervisor to work out their poll tax. Here the farmers were joined by the business men of the town and had the amusement of observing the merchant, the banker and the clerk manage the plow and the road scraper. Surely a road is a community affair if anything is, and countryside and town are alike interested in it, and town and country were brought together on the most pleasant terms in improving this highway. There

was a hill high enough to have a name and to furnish the farmer's team a hard pull on this road. The proud hill was brought low. At any rate it was brought lower, and, besides, two and a half miles of road north and south of the school house was graded and smoothed.

And while the men worked, the women of the town and the country were preparing a big dinner, and the whole occasion amounted to a picnic at which useful labor was substituted for the usual athletic contests.

It seems to us that here is a hint to other communities. It was not the only bee of the sort that they expected to have in the vicinity of Diller. Here was a hill brought down and a stretch of highway improved without any question of bonds or taxes or a "system" of road improvement. The people who had to go over the road the oftenest, and those who were financially interested in having the road traveled often, felt to and a good road was made. The merchants and business men of Diller closed their places of business for the day, but they didn't lose a cent. The sacrifice of one day's trade will be made up.

Diller has shown us how to make road-building easy.

## THE CENSUS NOT PROPERLY TAKEN IN TWO WARDS

Reports From Washington Place Plattsmouth's Population at 4,287.

From Tuesday's Daily

Mr. E. H. Wescott, secretary of the Commercial club, has been making an effort for some time to get the 1910 census report on the population of this city. In response to a letter written to Senator Norris Brown yesterday, Mr. Wescott received a letter from the senator stating that he would look into the matter and if the matter had been compiled he would wire him the figures at once.

Last evening Mr. Wescott received the promised telegram, stating that the population, as given by the last census was 4,287. The Washington correspondent to the Omaha Bee, under date of April 17, says, "The director of the census today announced the population at the figures above given, and compares the population to that given in 1900 of 4,964, and that of 1890 of 4,392." Which would indicate that Plattsmouth has held her population better than some of the other Nebraska towns. But still we contend that if the census of this city had been properly taken we would have at least 5,000 and perhaps more.

### Ike Would Like to Be In.

Ike Cummins would like to take part in the fiddlers' contest, and if the committee will allow him to use an organ he will compete. He took some lessons in his youth and has not forgotten his music in the least. He desires to use the organ, as that is the instrument which he learned on and it was very much in style when he was young. Ike says that he could just as well have learned to play the fiddle, but he had always supposed that an organ would be admitted anywhere. If Ike is allowed to saw the organ his name can be put on the list, and he would be willing to bet the old gray nag that he can take an organ and give the rest of them fiddlers and that he will take first money.

### Eggs for Sale.

B. P. R. eggs for sale, 75c per 15, \$4.00 per 100. Tolouse eggs, \$1.50 per dozen. Mrs. Wm. Troop. Nehawka, Neb. 3-16-tfwkly.

### Still at the Hospital.

R. O. Fellows returned from Hot Springs Monday, where he had been with his wife and daughter since Thursday night of last week, and is glad to report that after two weeks' treatment she showed marked signs of improvement, although still quite helpless. A card from his daughter received on the noon train Tuesday stated that the patient had been eating strawberries and ice cream and that she seemed stronger and appeared to be gaining a little all the time, and that Dr. Walker said her looks indicated that she was much better. —Belle Fourche (S. D.) Northwest Post.

## WILL INAUGURATE SPECIAL SALE DAYS

M. Fanger Will Make Them Object Days, Worth Coming Many Miles to Trade.

You will find an advertisement in this issue of the Journal giving a brief outline of the future plan upon which Mr. Fanger will conduct his present business venture. While the advertisement announces the first of a series of sales which he expects to conduct during the summer, it takes in several articles which may not be the exact plan for the future. The goods offered on these days will not be old and shop-worn, but will be the best that can be found anywhere. Mr. Fanger is so well pleased with the outcome of his millinery opening that he has become thoroughly convinced that a store handling such a line of goods as he has in view will be met with favor by the people of Plattsmouth and vicinity.

As will be seen by the advertisement, during this sale he will offer you some bargains in the line of shirt waists, petticoats and silk undershirts, but at the same time he wishes to call your attention to the extra fine line of ready-to-wear goods, such as silk dresses, suits and spring coats and jackets. In this line he has one of the best, including all the new things for spring, fresh from the markets, and never found short of the big cities. In this line Mr. Fanger expects to give the people an opportunity to get just what they want at home, but it must be bought in season, as this requires a large investment, and must be bought so the unsold garments are returnable after a certain length of time. By these arrangements Mr. Fanger is able to give you close prices, not having a large capital invested, and no leave-overs at the close of the season.

A special invitation is extended to all the ladies in Cass county to call and see the line of goods handled, compare prices and values, and see if every line in our announcements do not speak the truth. We invite special attention to our millinery line, which will always be up-to-date in every particular. Watch these columns for future announcements, and bear in mind that the sales days will contain nothing but genuine bargains.

### New Miller at Nehawka.

Will Mertz, who has been miller here for the past nineteen months, severed his connection with the mill company last week and left Saturday for Colorado, where he will visit for a few days with his parents in Montevista before going to work in Denver, where a lucrative position awaits him. Will was a quiet, unassuming fellow, but respected and well liked by all who knew him, and his many friends join the news in wishing him luck and prosperity. His place has been taken by a Mr. William Bonner of Lincoln, who is an experienced miller and who is abundantly equipped to keep the company's products up to their usual high standard. Mr. Bonner has a family, but as there is no vacant house in the town they are still living in Lincoln. —Nehawka News.

A. L. Baker of Murray was a business visitor in the city a few hours yesterday evening.

## MAKES ADDRESS ON "OPPORTUNITY"

C. A. Rawls' Address at the Christian Church Sunday Evening to a Large Audience.

From Tuesday's Daily

Owing to the rush of news yesterday the Journal was compelled to leave for today's issue some of the matter intended for yesterday's paper, among which were many personals and Mr. Rawls' address at the Christian church Sunday evening. Below we give the substance of this interesting lecture:

Quite a large congregation assembled at the Christian church Sunday evening to hear ex-County Attorney C. A. Rawls deliver an address on the topic of "Opportunity." Mr. Thomas Wiles presided at the desk, read a chapter in the bible and offered a prayer. The music was furnished by a quartet composed of Mrs. Morgan, Miss Brady, Mr. B. A. McElwain and Mr. Grove Livingston.

Mr. Rawls prefaced his lecture with the statement that he had been invited by Mr. M. S. Briggs to deliver a talk to the Young Men's Bible Class, and he did not know that he would speak to so large an audience until he came to the church. The speaker said he would confine his remarks to trying to aid the young men and women of his congregation, but presumed the older ones would feel interested also. He would count himself well repaid for the effort if he could speak one word which would have a tendency to make for better citizenship.

The speaker said there was no word in the language containing but five syllables which was so often misused and none so loosely applied as the word "opportunity." As the word is generally used it signified nothing, some entity, apart from the individual. The word is often used as the scape-goat on which men hang their failure. They often say, "If I had had the opportunity that some other person enjoyed I could have attained wealth, or fame, or distinction." Mr. Rawls then said he would define "Opportunity" as a negative quantity. It is not a force, or being apart from the individual which can help you do things, neither is it a separate faculty in the individual which will bring success. But opportunity is a something which dwells within each individual and consists of a developed state of knowledge and character.

In speaking of character, Mr. Rawls stated that the element of courage figured much in the formation of it. To establish character we must battle and struggle against the wrongs of life. Wrongs committed around the walls of Eden had come down the ages to be contended with by men and women of today. The speaker would not have this otherwise than it is, and stated that there is nothing worth having, not even a character, that is obtained without effort.

The character of each rests within their own being. The thought that we have power to mould our own destiny afforded the speaker pleasure, but often men and women fail; then in that case the Creator had provided a way for escape. He urged upon his audience to try with all their power to develop perfect character, but should they fail, they should flee to him who while on the earth was found ever walking by the side of those who were in need of his tender care.

Mr. Rawls illustrated his point as to developed knowledge and character by referring to the capture of Richmond by the Army of the Potomac. He named the generals, from McClelland to Grant, who had succeeded to the command of the army, and spoke of the quiet way in which the skilled general, with his superior knowledge and character, brought success to the army. Just so in the battle of life success would crown the efforts of the man or woman having the knowledge and character.

At the close of the address Rev. Gade pronounced the benediction.

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### Little Child Dies.

From Tuesday's Daily

The little 8-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Severin of Omaha died yesterday. The little one was first attacked with measles, which afterward developed into pneumonia, from which it died. The funeral will occur Wednesday. Julius Severin came down from Omaha last evening to notify Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Toman, Mr. Toman being a brother-in-law of Mr. Severin. Mr. and Mrs. Severin have many friends here who sympathize with them in their grief.

## VALUABLE IMPROVEMENT AT THE MASONIC HOME

Substantial Improvements and Everything Comfortable for Members of the Home.

Superintendent W. S. Askwith of the Masonic home is having some valuable improvements put in at the home which will add very materially to the beauty and comfort of the parlors and office and living room. Hard maple floors have been laid in the double parlors below and office and bedroom on the first floor. The maple has been given several coats of floor varnish and waxed in the latest approved style. The walls have been newly papered, the woodwork repainted and new steel ceilings put in the parlors. The plaster of the ceilings were cracking and in time would have to come off, and Mr. Askwith reasoned that while the steel would cost the home more to place it on the ceiling, yet, when the length of time the steel will last is considered, it will in the long run be cheapest. The rooms since the improvements have been made are much changed in appearance, rendering them cozy and inviting.

There are now thirty-five members of the home and the absentees. The absentees are Mr. Stiles, who went to a hospital at Council Bluffs last month to undergo an operation, and Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson, who are in Chicago. The members of the home are well and happy and have the best of attention at the hands of Superintendent Askwith and his estimable wife, who is matron of the home.

### Caught Fish Sunday.

Mr. Dan Smith, Mr. Charles Forbes, Mr. Bill Cook and his helper, and Doctor Young as driver, went to the peaceful waters of the Platte river Sunday and spent a few hours in the pleasant diversion of catching fish. They enjoyed the outing and the fish, caught on a silver hook, which Bill Cook fried for the party and served hot from the pan. There were thirteen pounds of catfish which Bill served in this way, and which they purchased from a fisherman, Charles Forbes caught a beautiful two-pound carp, which looked good enough to bring home. The party enjoyed the outing, the fresh air and sunshine being worth all the trouble.

### Hog Cholera.

August Gorder tells us that he has been having quite a seige fighting the hog cholera for the past few weeks, also having the state veterinarian here to investigate the situation. He has had a number of them vaccinated with a hope of saving them, some of them dying afterward, owing to being infected with the cholera first. He lost the fine sow and all the pigs that he bought at Florence a few months ago, having paid \$90 for her, she being the first to take the cholera. It has proven quite a loss to Mr. Gorder.

### Hedge Posts Wanted.

Mr. E. A. Wurl is in receipt of a letter from the Morton Salt company of Chicago requesting him to investigate the Osage fence post situation in this county, as they would like to buy a carload or even more. They want them to be seven or eight feet long. Should there be anyone in this locality having them for sale they might find a better market by seeing Mr. Wurl.

E. H. Schulhof, piano tuner. Platts, phone 256.

## PROMOTION OF SEVERAL BURLINGTON TRAINMEN

Changes to Be Made in Trainmasters on the Burlington Divisions.

Frank R. Mullen, trainmaster of the Lincoln division of the Burlington, will be transferred to McCook in a few days as trainmaster of the McCook division. This change will result in the promotion of R. E. Steele, yardmaster at Aurora, to be trainmaster of the Lincoln division. L. C. McBride, at present chief clerk in Mr. Bignell's office, will be made yardmaster at Aurora, and H. M. Greenslit, now a member of General Superintendent Allen's office force, will be made chief clerk to Mr. Bignell. It is understood the change will be made in the next few days.

Mr. Mullen began service with the Burlington in Lincoln as a telegraph operator and was later promoted to the dispatcher's force, and from that position made night chief and finally chief dispatcher. He has been in the operating department of the Lincoln division for many years.

The new trainmaster for the Lincoln division, Mr. Steele of Aurora, is said to have made good in several difficult positions. Mr. McBride, who goes to Aurora as yardmaster, has been in the office of Superintendent Bignell for two or three years and has been in the service of the company much longer.

## STIPULATION OF FACTS IN ABSENCE OF JUDGE TRAVIS

George H. Dennis Asks for Mechanic's Lien on Property in Weeping Water.

From Monday's Daily

In the district court this morning the case of George H. Dennis against John M. James, et al., was set for trial, but Judge Travis had been called to Nebraska City on court business.

The parties appeared by the attorneys and stipulated as to the facts. The plaintiff in the case claims a mechanic's lien against the property, which aggregated \$165.55, and was for labor expended and material furnished in repairing a store building situated in Weeping Water. Mr. Dennis' lien was subject to a mortgage of \$570, interest and principal, and a third lien on the premises was that of G. A. Craner & Co.

The amounts due and the priority of the liens were agreed upon by the attorneys for the parties, which was done to avoid the trouble of plaintiff making another trip to the county seat.

## BREAKS COUPLING PIN AND SPILLED IN THE STREET

J. L. Stull and His Brother, J. F., Meet With What Might Have Been a Serious Accident.

From Thursday's Daily

As J. Lawrence Stull and his brother, J. F. Stull, were driving out of the city last evening after transacting some business here, and when they reached Sixth street they were rudely jarred by the buggy box suddenly dropping down. The team, with the front wheels, kept right on, and J. Lawrence, who had hold of the lines was jerked out of his seat and dragged some distance, while his brother was left sitting in the broken vehicle.

Mr. Stull got his team stopped and returned to the scene of the wreck, to find that the coupling pin had given way and the reach had pulled out, which let the box and its occupants down upon the pavement. The damage was soon repaired and the gentlemen continued their journey homeward.

### St. Luke's Vestry Elected.

Last evening after the services at St. Luke's church the annual election of the vestry took place, with the following named gentlemen elected: W. J. White, senior warden; George Dodge, junior warden; George Falter, secretary, and C. G. Fricke, treasurer. J. H. Thrasher was added to the vestry, making the number five.