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OMAHANS WILL BECOME ACTIVE IN THE REVIVAL OF RIVER NAVIGATION

Must Hustle Themselves and Not Depend on the Missouri River Navigation to Get Results, Says Commissioner Guild.

According to the Omaha Bee, the war department has communicated to the Commercial club of that city its attitude in the establishment of the office of chief engineer for the upper reach of the Missouri river. Robert Shaw Oliver, assistant to the secretary of war, writes that the department cannot see fit, with the last appropriations for Missouri river work, to establish an independent office for an engineer in charge in Omaha.

When it was announced that Major Shultz, who has charge of the improvement work on the entire river, would devote most of his time to the improvement of the stream between Kansas City and St. Louis, it was decided that the Omaha district would suffer from lack of supervisory attention.

As the river had been divided into two reaches, one from St. Louis to Kansas City and one from Kansas City to Sioux City, the river improvement committee of the Commercial club decided that Omaha was the logical point for the office of the engineer in charge of the upper reach. The question was taken up with Senators Hitchcock and Brown and through them with the war department.

Despite this setback, however, the river improvement committee of the club, which John L. McCague is chairman, plans to pro-

mote popular interest in the situation before the next session of congress. Meetings will be held and every effort be made to interest the national representatives in the necessity for the improvement of the river between Omaha and Kansas City. Despite the fact that the war department has failed to lend its approval to the cable and brush system of bank protection, the confidence of the committee in this scheme is immutable. Its adoption again will be urged. This is a plan which Omaha engineers have approved. It consists of anchoring brushes to the bank by cables, and in this way sand bars are formed and banks are extended.

Referring to the Missouri River Navigation congress, on which for two years Omaha depended for the advancement of its interests in river work, Commissioner J. M. Guild of the Commercial club says:

"Omaha has been leaning on a reed if it expects to get practical results from that organization. The time has come for it to take steps in its own behalf."

The members of the river improvement committee, in addition to Mr. McCague, are: J. L. Paxton, vice chairman; H. T. Clarke, G. W. Craig, R. B. Howell, Stockton Heth, W. S. Jardine, W. S. King, C. S. Montgomery, W. T. Page, C. H. Pickens, F. D. Wead, J. R. Webster and H. W. Yates, jr.

FORMER PIONEER RESIDENT OF CASS COUNTY DIES

William Kropp, Former Pioneer Resident of This County, Dies at Home in Otoe County.

From Friday's Daily. The following account of the death of William Kropp, who was an early resident of Mt. Pleasant precinct, Cass county, is taken from the Nebraska City News:

William Kropp, who has been a resident of this county for almost half a century, died last night at 10 o'clock, at his home in Wyoming precinct, after an illness of many weeks. For some time it has been known that he could not recover, but "while there is life there is hope" and nothing that medical skill could do was left undone, but finally exhausted nature surrendered, and Otoe county lost one of her most successful farmers.

William Kropp was a native of the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, and was born April 25, 1833. In September, 1853, he came to this country with his parents, locating first in Lake county, Illinois. He was married in 1858 to Miss Dorothea Stoll, and that year they came to Nebraska, locating first in Cass county, and then came to Wyoming precinct, where he has since made his home. He was a very successful farmer and realizing that Nebraska was to become one of the leading agricultural states of the union, he invested his surplus money in farm land, so at the time of his death he was possessed of more than 3,000 acres of land.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kropp, of whom there are now living George W., John H., William F. and Louis, all of whom are now prosperous farmers in this county.

Mr. Kropp was a man who attended strictly to his own affairs, and had a large circle of friends. He was a member of the German Methodist church.

The time of the funeral has not been announced, but interment will be in the Wyoming cemetery.

Mrs. Will Stewart and daughters, Mildred and Coralie, of Wymore, Neb., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Newell and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Roberts.

Great Sport at Camp.

From Friday's Daily. Parmele, Windham, Soennichsen, Dovey and Arries broke camp at Cedar Creek Wednesday night and came to Plattsmouth on the freight, having the pleasure of riding in a boxcar with two Weary Willies. The freight did not stop at this city and the campers all "rolled." They laid in a lot of supplies and returned to camp yesterday. Carl Schmidtman and Bob Will expect to join the campers Saturday evening.

NOT A CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME JUDGE

Judge Travis Positively Declines and Under No Circumstances Will He Accept Nomination.

Since the Journal printed an article some time since that the name of Judge H. D. Travis had been favorably mentioned as a candidate for judge of the supreme court on the democratic ticket, quite a large number of papers throughout the state have given his candidacy favorable mention.

The judge has informed the Journal several times that under no circumstances could he accept such nomination, and he would like for those papers who have so kindly mentioned his name in this connection to deny the report that he is a candidate for judge of the supreme court. He does not desire to be misunderstood on the matter. Judge Travis has been on the district bench for nearly four years, and he has established such a candid and honest reputation for impartiality with both attorneys and clients that they are all clamoring for his retention as district judge for another term at least.

Enjoy a Pleasant Afternoon.

From Friday's Daily. The Ladies' Aid society of St. Paul's German Evangelical church were very pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. William Hassler yesterday afternoon. In spite of it being very warm, there was a very large number of ladies in attendance, the ladies taking in something like \$9 or \$10. The principal amusement was derived from social conversation and other diversions, all of which made up an afternoon of much enjoyment. At the proper time a dainty luncheon, consisting of coffee and coffee cake, was served, which was most thoroughly enjoyed by the ladies. At the usual time the ladies departed for their homes, greatly indebted to the hostess for the splendid entertainment afforded them on this occasion and for her kind hospitality.

Entertains Ladies' Aid Society.

From Friday's Daily. The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church was entertained in a most enjoyable manner at the home of Mrs. Alice Kennedy yesterday afternoon. Here a very large number of the ladies had assembled and participated in a fine time. The early hours of the afternoon were devoted to a short business session, after which the ladies had a most delightful social time. Social conversation and needlework, interspersed with other amusements, made the hours go entirely too fast and made the afternoon a very pleasant one. An elegant luncheon was provided by the hostess at a convenient time and was one which elicited many compliments and to which the ladies did ample justice.

Damage of Storm.

The little storm last week did some damage in a few places. Lightning struck in a field on the Dave Foltz farm, ran along a wire where some hogs were lying down and killed two of them. It struck two telephone poles out by Will Carper's and riddled them. A small cyclone touched the ground at George Frisbee's and twisted off a few trees, raised and lowered again and caught a corn crib and at another place twisted a lone tree off.—Weeping Water Republican.

All kinds of cool summer drinks at Bookmeyer & Maurer's.

SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION AT OMAHA

Father A. M. Shine of This City Delivers the Principal Address.

The following account of the graduating exercises of the Sacred Heart high school is taken from the World-Herald of Thursday:

Graduating exercises for the class of 1911, held last evening at Lyceum hall, Twenty-second and Locust streets, terminated the season's activities for Sacred Heart High school.

The graduates were Marie Rose Spellman, Jennie Mae Grogan, Mary Catherine Maher and Helen Marie Dwyer. Each of the graduates participated in the program, Misses Grogan, Spellman, Cunningham and Dwyer reading essays and Miss Maher giving a vocal solo.

Taking for his subject the class motto, "Heaven is My Camp, God is My Light," the Rev. Father Shine of Plattsmouth delivered a most helpful and inspiring commencement address to the young graduates, touching on the need of divine as well as human faith in the journey along life's highway.

In opening Father Shine humorously alluded to the fact that most of the numbers on the program contained some allusion to light and that a speaker named Shine brought it to a close. The themes of the graduates were: "Fireside Lights," "Lightning Flashes of Great Genius," "Torchbearers of the Night," and "Reflex Lights," and the vocal number was "The Lord is My Light," while the closing chorus was "O, Light Eternal."

Musical numbers were furnished by Misses Marie Dennison, Orvilla Squires, Rose Gentleman, Coletta Connor, Lucile Craven, Margaret Seidenspinner, Clara McKenna and Mary McGrath.

In the absence of the Rev. P. J. Judge, the conferring of honors was by Father John Gleeson, who alluded in opening to the sorrow felt by Father Judge that illness kept him from being present. In behalf of the pastor and those present, Father Gleeson warmly thanked the Rev. Shine for his eloquent address.

Lyceum hall was packed to the doors for the exercises, among the clergy present being the Rev. Father Harrington of St. Cecilia's, the Rev. Fathers Kelly and Burke of Creighton university, and the Rev. Father Roach of St. James' orphanage.

The first prize in church history, a gold medal given by D. C. Sullivan, went to Helen Dwyer; second, by the Rev. I. A. Judge, to Susie Moriarty. In Irish history the prizes were given by the Rev. P. J. Judge, the gold medal going to Henrietta Wadsworth and second prize to Julia Fitzgerald.

Bad City Water.

Serious complaint has been made in the past week or two of the bad condition of the city water, and one of our leading physicians says it not only is not fit for drinking purposes, but that it is almost entirely useless for any purpose. It is dangerous for the health of the community to use such water. Something should be done right away to remedy this matter or someone may be hauled up before the health department and made to tell why the Plattsmouth Water company will permit such a state of affairs to exist that endanger the health of all who depend upon city water for home and office purposes.

Crop Prospects Fine in Iowa.

From Friday's Daily. Mrs. Philip Tritsch returned today from near Thurman, Iowa, where Mr. Tritsch owns a 400-acre farm, on which the crops are looking fine. Mrs. Tritsch brought back samples of wheat and oats which she had secured in the field, and the growth of straw and grain was remarkably fine. The corn on the farm is also looking the best and Mrs. Tritsch was very much pleased at the outlook for a bumper crop on their Iowa land.

For a good smoke, tell the man to give you a "Gut Hell."

Finds for Plaintiff.

From Friday's Daily. County Judge Beeson handed down a decision in the case of J. N. Jordan, J. M. Roberts and W. H. Newell vs. C. Lawrence Stull, this morning. The suit was one for damages to crops and was brought for \$102.65. Judge Beeson went to the premises at the request of defendant's counsel, Mr. A. L. Tidd, yesterday morning, being accompanied by Mr. Tidd, Mr. W. A. Robertson for the plaintiffs, and Mr. D. O. Dwyer, who took the party out in his auto. After duly considering the matter the court found the damage to be \$25, for which he entered a judgment against the defendant.

THE SAVING OF THE GROWING CORN CROP

Some Suggestions That Might Prove Beneficial to Cass County Farmers.

From Friday's Daily. Sam Jordan, corn expert in the employ of the Missouri state board of agriculture, known in every Missouri corn county as a farmers' institute lecturer, has issued this statement to corn growers:

"Boys, don't give up the ship. A serious drouth threatens us. All that can be done is frequent, persistent, shallow, level cultivation. Once a week, if possible, make a dust mulch. These things done may mean a crop with very little rain. Neglect it and with little rain it means a sure failure. Missouri corn growers can put across a crop by borrowing dry farming methods. You must act, keep the cultivators going in the dust.

"After a shower a crust forms on the ground. In this crust are thousands of little cracks that are like little chimneys to let the water out of the soil into the air. From a soil with reasonable moisture about 126 tons of water per acre evaporates in one week of dry, hot, windy weather. Shallow, frequent cultivation stops this.

"Get busy, keep busy, save the corn. Sit and wait for the rain and you will lose."

Here is what President Worst of the North Dakota Agricultural college says:

"If I were to come on to your farm and set 750 teams to work for a week hauling water onto a quarter section at the rate of four tons a day I would then only put on as much water as evaporates in a week when there is a good moisture content in the soil. A thorough harrowing will stop this evaporation and save that amount of water."

First Band Concert.

From Friday's Daily. The first concert to be given during the summer months by the Burlington band occurred last evening at Third and Main streets. The band rendered up-to-date music and called forth a large crowd to listen to the selections. Prof. Schulhoff is spending considerable time in training the boys, and evidence of this fact was clearly noted last evening by all who understand music. Both sides of Main street were lined with people from Fourth street almost to the Burlington station, and many people were in from the country adjacent to town. The next concert will be given next Thursday night, June 29. Remember the date, and come out and hear some excellent music.

Game Warden Here.

From Friday's Daily. The fish stories which have been going round lately has excited the curiosity of the game warden, and accordingly Warden Williams of Omaha arrived today in time to be present when Neighbor Childers, who has lived on the Platte for years, offered for sale at Kunsman & Ramage's market thirty pounds of fish. The warden took possession of the fish and phoned the chief at Lincoln, who will arrive on No. 2 this evening. It will then be determined who the fish belong to. Mr. Childers has a license to hunt and fish in Nebraska, but whether he can sell or not is another question.

SOME REFLECTIONS ON THE SUMMER WEATHER

People Should Be Just as Careful of Their Health in Summer as in Winter.

The coming of the burning months of summer is dreaded by the majority of our people. Any physician will tell you, however, that pneumonia, bronchitis and other of the greatest foes of the human physique, together with infinite and irritating minor affections of the throat and respiratory organs, grow out of the strain of adjusting our delicate human frame to the vicissitudes of winter.

In tropical climates they have acquired better the art of living in hot weather. They rise early, receive the cool, invigorating of the dawning day, and by the time the sun has reached its meridian they are ready for their restful siesta. Their houses, built to admit air freely, are more favorable to mid-day sleep than our tightly built dwellings whose windows give insufficient access to the air.

As the sun dips toward the western horizon, some more work is done. Of course our abnormal and unwholesome system of factory and business office labor makes such an ideal arrangement impracticable for most of us. But one hopes that mankind will not forever live in a manner defying his physical environment.

SALOONS OPEN IN THE CAPITAL CITY YESTERDAY

Poulson's Contemptible Work Didn't Win Anti-Saloon League the Least Bit of Consolation.

A special from Lincoln, under date of June 22, says: Lincoln's newly opened third emporiums did a rushing business this afternoon. Immense crowds thronged each bar room, anxious to encounter a schooner after two years and a half of legal abstinence.

Patronage was for the most part orderly and the saloons were closed in strict accordance with the 8 o'clock law. It is expected that all the twenty-five saloons will be running tomorrow. Eighteen opened up as soon as the decision of Judge Cornish was announced.

At noon Judge Cornish overruled the plea of H. F. Guile, who had appealed from the decision of the excise board. The excise-men ruled adversely to Guile's blanket remonstrations. Judge Cornish, in his decision, declared that the initiative and referendum when invoked was the supreme law of the municipality and there would be no standing on minor technicalities when the will of the people had been fairly recorded.

The applicants for liquor licenses, rushed to the office of the city clerk, got their licenses and hurriedly opened their saloons. It is believed that all the legal sparing is over and there will be no more interference with the excise policy.

Jesse and A. S. Lowther Here.

From Friday's Daily. Jesse Lowther and his brother, A. S. Lowther, of Coleridge, Neb., came to Omaha with a shipment of cattle yesterday and took advantage of their nearness to Plattsmouth and came down for a visit with their parents, J. W. Lowther and wife. Both gentlemen dropped in to pay the Journal office a friendly call, and Jesse renewed his subscription to the Journal for another year. He says crop prospects are very good and that corn has not suffered for want of moisture, although rain will be very beneficial coming soon, there being no moisture stored in the subsoil, a drouth will be more keenly felt than it would under other conditions. Jesse Lowther has been in the vicinity of Coleridge for four years and his brother three, and they enjoy getting back to Cass once a year.

Mrs. H. D. Travis and daughter, Miss Helen, were passengers to Weeping Water yesterday afternoon, where they will visit friends for a few days.