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THE PLATTSMOUTH WATER PLANT UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

Already Many New Improvements Have Been Commenced Which Means an Outlay of Ten Thousand Dollars or More.

The extensive improvements contemplated by Mr. G. F. West, owner of the Plattsmouth Water company, are in process of construction, and when completed this city will have one of the best water plants for a town of its size in the state. It is very fortunate for the patrons of the plant that Mr. West gained control, for his force and energy will work wonders with the water plant in a short time.

A new addition to the pump house, 18x30 feet, will be built, in which will be housed a new, high duty, 1,000,000 gallon per 24-hours pump, with all new modern devices for pumping stations. This powerful machine will be used in conveying the water from the basins to the stand pipe. A second 1,200,000 gallon triplex power pump will be installed, which will take the water from the wells to the new filter and from the filter to the basins.

To the 150 horse-power boiler already installed will be added another of the same capacity, giving the plant a 350 horse-power capacity. New condensers and new air pumps will be added, which will greatly increase the efficiency of the plant.

The eight wells which furnish the supply of water for the city will be thoroughly cleaned out and a concrete housing placed over each well, protecting them from surface water at times when the river is high, and rendering the wells air tight. The air lift will be abandoned and each well connected with the suction pipe of the triplex power pump which delivers the water to the filters.

The foregoing list of improvements will be appreciated by the consumers. The water furnished by the plant is pure and wholesome, coming from the Platte river and filters through the sand for a long distance before reaching the wells, and is again filtered before going into the basins, then pumped to the stand pipe.

ANOTHER OLD PLATTS-MOUTH BOY TO THE FRONT

General John C. Hartigan, Former Adjutant General Under Governor Shallenberger.

General John C. Hartigan of Fairbury, who was recently retired from the National Guard with the rank of brigadier general, was a former Plattsmouth young man, and is now engaged in the practice of law at Fairbury. His father, M. A. Hartigan, was a well known Plattsmouth attorney some years ago. The State Journal, in giving the military history of Mr. Hartigan, has the following to say:

The order of retirement of General John C. Hartigan of Fairbury with the rank of brigadier general in the Nebraska National Guard, issued by Adjutant General Ernest H. Phelps, is as follows:

Under provisions of the military code and upon his own request, Brigadier General John C. Hartigan is placed on the retired list with rank of brigadier general from September 23, 1911.

A record of military service of General Hartigan is as follows:

Private Company D, Second Infantry, Nebraska National Guard, November 16, 1897, elected second lieutenant March 4, 1892.

Mustered into the United States volunteer army with his company, May 10, 1898, as second lieutenant; was on detached service as recruiting officer in Nebraska June 14 to July 15, and on special duty as regimental quartermaster August 3 to 13; mustered out with the regiment October 24, 1898.

On the reorganization of the National Guard after the war with Spain, he joined Company D, Second Infantry, and was at once elected captain of that company, June 24, 1899; was re-elected, serving as such February 13, 1903, when he was elected major; elected colonel, January 24, 1906; appointed brigadier general and adjutant general by Governor Ashton C. Shallenberger January 7, 1906, and was discharged by reason of expiration of commission, January 5, 1911, and on the same day appointed captain and quartermaster of the Second Infantry, which commission he resigned for business reasons.

General Hartigan served in all capacities with the extreme of energy and executive ability, he brought with him to all organizations connected with, and esprit de corps, and terminated all of his commissions "honorably."

His promotion from the lowest to the highest grade in the state troops was on merit alone, and is an example worthy of emulation by all National Guardsmen.

TELLS OF DELIVERING NOTE TO MRS. REDMAN

Former Plattsmouth Policeman Says in Deposition Gering Sent Missive to Woman.

From Thursday's Daily. The following from the Omaha World-Herald of this (Thursday) morning, is the latest in reference to the Gering-Redman matter:

In an affidavit filed Wednesday afternoon in the case of Benjamin A. Redman against Henry Gering, Joseph Fitzgerald of Plattsmouth tells of alleged familiarities between Gering and Mrs. Redman. Fitzgerald was a policeman at Plattsmouth when Mr. Gering was mayor at that place.

"Some time in the fore part of July, 1908, Mr. Gering called me into his drug store at Plattsmouth and asked me to deliver a note to Mrs. Redman at the Missouri Pacific depot," reads Fitzgerald's statement. "He said that she would be expecting me at the depot with this note, so I would know her. I went to the depot. She was standing then at the ticket window. She turned around and came toward me and asked, 'Have you a note for me?' I said, 'Is this Mrs. Redman?' She said 'Yes.' I handed her the note. It was in a sealed envelope."

Fitzgerald asserts in the affidavit that Mr. Gering cautioned him about letting anybody see him hand the note to Mrs. Redman. Later he says that Gering told him he had sent a note to Mrs. Redman in Omaha and that it had been delivered to the wrong party. He says that he afterwards accompanied Matthew Gering to Omaha in connection with the matter.

Some time ago Attorney Matthew Gering was in Omaha and attempted to have the case filed by Redman against Henry Gering for \$25,000 damages for alleged alienation of the affections of Mrs. Redman advanced to the first day of the October term of district court for trial.

EGERBERGER BUILDING GREATLY IMPROVED

A Big Improvement to the Appearance of the City and One Worthy of Much Note.

The Egerberger saloon at the corner of Main and Fifth streets is rapidly nearing completion, and when finished will be one of the neatest bars in the state. A new mahogany top bar thirty-six feet long, with oak panels and marble abse, has just been placed in the saloon. New bar fixtures, including a five-faucet coil box, a large refrigerator and two large liquor cupboards, have also been added, adding much to the convenience of the bar and comfort and pleasure of the customers of the saloon.

A new furnace is being installed, the pipes already having been placed, and the radiators will soon be in place and the building will be steam heated throughout. The outside stairway has been done away with and an inside one, near the center of the building, takes its place, which adds to the appearance of the building, as well as to the entire street running north to the new postoffice building.

The owner of the building has expended something near \$8,000 on the remodeling and repairs, placing the structure in as good condition as when new, and far more convenient for those who occupy the rooms both above and below. Such improvements count much for their appearance of the city.

Missed a Good Investment.

Mr. G. H. Pears of York was in the city between trains today and visited friends. In speaking about some time allowing a good investment to go by, Mr. Pears said that he had offered to him this summer, in York county, an 80-acre field of wheat for \$80, and after reflecting over the proposition until the next day, he turned the offer down. When the threshing time came the owner got twenty-two bushels per acre from the field.

Will Be at Soennichsen's.

Philip Rhin, the genial grocery salesman, has resigned his position at E. G. Dovey & Son's store and accepted a similar position at H. M. Soennichsen's store. "Phil" is an accommodating and jolly good fellow and when he says a thing it is so—it is a fact whether it is so or not. Mr. Soennichsen is fortunate in securing his services, and his patrons will be treated right who deal with the new clerk.

FORMER PLATTSMOUTH MAN DIES IN WASHINGTON

G. W. Thomas Passes Away Quite Suddenly at His Home in McMillan, Wash.

From Thursday's Daily.

John S. Hall, secretary of the Royal Aechates insurance order, received a message yesterday from McMillan, Wash., informing him that George W. Thomas, a former citizen of Plattsmouth, died there on September 28. Mr. Hall received a letter from Mr. Thomas bearing date of September 23, sending his October assessment, in which he stated that his rheumatism was staying with him, but lately he had been using boiled celery and that he was taking the liquid as often as he could and that it was stopping the pain almost entirely. The disease probably went to his heart, for five days later Mr. Thomas passed away.

He leaves surviving him his wife and two sons, Leo J. and John, also three brothers and two sisters, his brothers being James W., of this city; Senator Sam Thomas, of Long Beach, Cal., and Thomas, of South Dakota. His sisters are, Mrs. Ed Todd of near Plattsmouth, and Mrs. O. M. Carter, of Denver.

Mrs. Thomas, his widow, was formerly Miss Sallie Wright of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas left Plattsmouth about fourteen years ago, and have resided in Washington since that time. The deceased came to Cass county when a boy, coming here with his father in 1856, and was a carpenter by trade. He was one of the charter members of the Royal Aechates in this city and carried a policy of \$2,000 in the order.

In Honor of Sixth Birthday.

From Thursday's Daily.

Yesterday was the sixth birthday anniversary of little Miss Edith May Burdick, and in response to the pretty invitations which had been issued by the mother of the little hostess a few days previous, twelve little friends and playmates gathered at the Burdick home in the afternoon for the purpose of assisting Edith in celebrating the event in the proper manner. They played all kinds of games and indulged in all the puns and pranks they could think of which children delight in, and which were entered into with considerable interest and enthusiasm. Peanuts had been hidden about the lawn and the children devoted several happy moments in searching for them. Pretty little prizes were awarded those who found the most and the least. At an appropriate hour the little folks were invited to the dining room, where a most excellent birthday luncheon was served, not the least of the many tempting dainties being the birthday cake, which stood in the center of the table, lighted with six candles, marking the number of years the little hostess had passed. As mementos of the occasion many pretty gifts were left with little Miss Edith, which will be constant reminders of the happy event.

The children who enjoyed this happy birthday party were: Mary Catherine Parmele, Mary Margaret Walling, Elizabeth and Catherine Waddick, Theodosia Kroehler, Ursula Harold, Helen Clement, Emma Wolfarth, Norris Arthur Smith, George Schmidtmann, Harold Croskary and Chester Baylor.

County Surveyor Fred Patterson went to Papillion yesterday afternoon to get a few pointers from his cousin on a job of surveying which he expects to do soon. His cousin has been surveyor of Sarpy county for a number of years.

MISS SUSAN HOLDREGE MARRIED LAST EVENING

Is the Daughter of General Manager George W. Holdrege of the Burlington.

From Thursday's Daily.

The following particulars of the marriage of Miss Susan Holdrege to Dr. Robert R. Hollister, which occurred last evening, are taken from the Omaha Bee of this morning. The bride is well known in Plattsmouth and a number of years ago her parents resided in this city and are well known to many of the older residents. There was a large number of out-of-town guests present, and among the number were Mr. and Mrs. George E. Dovey of this city.

The wedding of Miss Susan Holdrege, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Holdrege, to Dr. Robert R. Hollister, was celebrated Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock at All Saint's church, Rev. Thomas J. Mackay officiating.

The bride was becomingly gowned in white satin charmeuse made round length, with bodice elaborately trimmed with duchess lace. The long white satin court train was held in place with pearl ornaments at the shoulders. The veil was of duchess point and a family heirloom, having been worn by the bride's grandmother. The bride carried a shower of lilies of the valley and orange blossoms held the veil in place.

Miss Leeta Holdrege was maid of honor and the bridesmaids were: Miss Frances Rogers of St. Paul, Miss Helen Bontecou of Kansas City, Miss Eleanor Morse of Kansas City and Miss Ruth Wigglesworth of Boston. All of the bride's attendants were gowned alike, in pale green messaline draped on one side with white chiffon, the opposite side being trimmed with pink chiffon rosebuds. They all carried arm bouquets of pink roses.

Mr. Bernard W. Capen was best man and the ushers were: Messrs Hal W. Yates, William B. Huxhes, Ralph R. Rainey, Edward A. Holyoke, jr., George H. Watson of Boston and Henry T. Holdrege.

Following the ceremony a small reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Holdrege for the relatives and a few intimate friends.

Mrs. G. W. Holdrege, mother of the bride, was handsomely attired.

Mrs. T. L. Kimball, grandmother of the bride, wore mauve tissue, on which was a design of velvet flowers of the same shade. This was made over soft pink satin and trimmed with duchess point.

Miss Arabella Kimball wore white satin with tunic of white gauze elaborately beaded.

Married by Canon Burgess.

A very pretty wedding occurred at St. Luke's rectory last evening at 7 o'clock, when Mr. Jesse C. Brady and Miss Muriel Mullis were joined in the holy bonds of wedlock. Canon Burgess performed the ceremony in the presence of Mr. Robert Newell and Miss Mamy Mullis, sister of the bride. The groom and bride are well known and popular Plattsmouth young people and enjoy the acquaintance of a large circle of friends in this city. Mr. Brady is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brady of this city and holds a good clerical position at the Burlington storehouse, and is a young man of sterling character and highly respected. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Mullis and was reared in this city, having graduated from the High school, and later graduated in short-hand and has held a position in the office of A. L. Tidd for some time and is a highly accomplished young lady, possessing a large circle of friends, both young and old. Mr. and Mrs. Brady will reside in this city and will begin housekeeping shortly. The Journal joins their numerous friends in wishing them much happiness and prosperity in life's journey.

Mr. Coffman, traveling passenger agent for the Burlington, residing in Omaha, was a Plattsmouth visitor this morning, looking after business for the company.

Operated on Today.

From Thursday's Daily.

S. S. Gooding went to Omaha this morning to be present at Immanuel hospital, where Mrs. Gooding will be operated on by Dr. Davis today. Mrs. Gooding has been in bad health for some months and yesterday entered the hospital, expecting to undergo an operation soon, and the physicians advised that it be done at once. Mr. and Mrs. Gooding have the sympathy of their many friends here in the ordeal. Mrs. Gooding's brother, Fred Richardson, came down from his home at Rosalie yesterday and met her and Mr. Gooding at the hospital and will remain for a few days until the danger is past. Mr. Richardson spent the night in the city, the guest of his brother-in-law, and accompanied him to the hospital this morning.

SUPREME LODGE P. E. O. HELD AT ST. LOUIS

Plattsmouth Delegates Return—Convention Presided Over by Former Plattsmouth Lady.

Mrs. M. Howland and Mrs. C. G. Parmele returned from St. Louis this week, where they attended the supreme P. E. O. convention, which assembles every two years.

On this occasion the convention met in the ball room of the Buckingham hotel, at which the 1,100 delegates were entertained. Nebraska had seventeen representatives in the convention, Mrs. Howland being delegate-at-large from this state. Mrs. Parmele was a member of the convention by virtue of her office as past supreme president.

The convention was presided over by a former Plattsmouth teacher, in the person of Mrs. Reaves, nee Miss Evans, of Keokuk Iowa, who retired from the office of supreme president, being succeeded by Mrs. Parks of Chicago.

Mrs. Howland speaks highly of the reception and entertainment accorded the visiting delegates by the Missouri sisters and her visit to St. Louis will be a pleasant memory for a long time, especially did she enjoy her visit with Mrs. Reaves.

The convention was in session during four days, from Tuesday of last week until Friday, in which time much business of importance to the order was transacted. After the regular business was disposed of officers for the next two years were chosen.

Inspects Government Building.

From Thursday's Daily.

Major E. L. Sterner, from the office of Colonel C. F. Cramer, government building inspector of Council Bluffs, was in the city today looking after the new post-office building. Mr. Sterner hopes that the building will be ready for occupancy by November 1, and at least before the holiday rush of mail begins. The Plattsmouth office will be equipped with the latest improved devices for handling the mail, the fixtures being the same placed in the postoffices in all the large cities, but on a scale commensurate with the business of the office. The building, when completed, will have cost the government about \$60,000, and the inspector thinks we have a building that will handle the business here and will not have a large amount of space which will not be used, as in some instances.

Stallions Examined Today.

The last legislature enacted a law requiring the owner of each public service animal to present his horse or other "critter" at the county seat and have the animal inspected by a state veterinarian, and this official will furnish a certificate of health upon the payment of a \$5 fee therefor. This was the day for the stallions to be brought in, and in consequence the street today looked like a county fair was in full progress and horses from every part of the county were in the parade. A man from Lincoln was here and inspected the horses.

James McGinnis of South Bend and Mrs. Lola McGinnis of the same place came down on No. 4 this morning and transacted business matters in the county seat.