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AFTER MUCH DELAY PLATTSMOUTH CHOSEN FOR GOVERNMENT RIFLE RANGE

This Will Be Pleasing News to Many of Our Citizens, as Considerable Effort Had Been Put Forth by the Officers of the Commercial Club in Securing the Location.

Plattsmouth is again fortunate in securing a government enterprise, which will reflect credit on the business acumen and push of the Plattsmouth Commercial club. The rifle range, which the club and business men of this city have made strenuous efforts to have located at Plattsmouth, has at last been located by the war department on the site offered by Plattsmouth citizens.

The city of Ashland had a site which the citizens there hoped to have the department decide upon, as that site had been leased by the government for the past five years as a rifle range. But Congressman Sloan of that district wrote Mayor Alex Laverty, says the Ashland Gazette, under date of January 4, to the effect that the department had decided to locate the range on the Plattsmouth site. The Gazette says: "After a long delay the matter of the location of the rifle range for the soldiers of Fort Crook has been officially decided by order of the secretary of war at Washington in favor of Plattsmouth. When the matter first came up Senator Burkett introduced a bill appropriating \$50,000 for the purchase of a site for a rifle range. The house of represent-

atives later cut the amount in half in 1910, and it was not raised by any subsequent action of the upper house. Congressman Charles H. Sloan put forth valiant efforts to bring the range to Ashland, but was handicapped by the meager amount available for the purpose. The Plattsmouth site could be purchased for \$25,000, hence was chosen."

The location of this important government industry at Plattsmouth is largely due to the efforts of President T. H. Pollock of the Commercial club, ex-County Treasurer F. E. Schlater, working with the Commercial club, and the leading citizens of the community. During the summer season the range will be used as the practice ground for the United States troops at Fort Crook, and the wagon bridge across the Platte will be utilized by the government in getting the troops to and from the range. In fact, it is doubtful if the range would have been located here had it not been for the enterprise of Messrs. Pollock and Duff in building the bridge. The banquet shortly to be given by the business men of the city will no doubt be a sort of celebration of the event of the location of the rifle range at Plattsmouth.

Guests of A. L. Todd Home.

W. L. Hetherington, R. M. Clark, Robert Smiley, Miss Minnie Richards and Miss Hazel Wilcox, all of Omaha, and Miss Fannie Will of Plattsmouth were guests of Miss Eleanor Todd over Sunday and enjoyed a sleigh ride to Plattsmouth and attended church in the forenoon. Mr. Hetherington played a violin solo at the morning service at the Presbyterian church, which was very fine. The title of his number was "Andantino," in D flat, by Elmer H. Lemare. Mr. Hetherington will instruct a class in violin here every Saturday, and can be found at the home of E. R. Hamm on North Fourth street.

BOHEMIAN TURNERS' STATE TOURNAMENT

The Local T. J. Sokols Will Take Part in First State Tournament at Omaha.

From present arrangements the Plattsmouth Bohemian turners will take part in the first state Bohemian Sokol tournament, which will be held at the Bohemian Turner hall at Omaha from February 19 to March 4, at which entrants from the different societies in the state will take part.

The tournament will not be one in which competition is involved so much as the matter of instruction, say the managers, and will be merely exhibition and instructive in its nature. The tournament will be in charge of Frank Slavetinsky, general commander of the Nebraska division of the national Sokol, who at the present is conducting a class at Ravenna, Neb. He will be assisted by Frank Riba, the Omaha local instructor of the Tel Jed Sokol. The Plattsmouth Bohemian turners made a good showing last year, and it is expected they will have a fine class to enter in the first state tournament next month.

Mr. Riba says that for the past five years the need of such a tournament has been felt in the states of the middle west among the Bohemian athletes, and especially in Nebraska, as it serves the purpose of instructing the members while all together in one place, while heretofore hired gymnastic instructors had to be sent out through the state to show the athletes the finer points of physical training.

Travels in Frigid Weather.

Your "Uncle Tom" Kennish, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Shepherd in Chicago, arrived in Plattsmouth via Omaha on the Northwestern Friday afternoon about 3 o'clock, after about 19 hours of riding and waiting. It was so cold that when the train stopped long enough to let the crew take lunch the engine froze to the track, and this is no joke. "Uncle" Kennish enjoyed his visit in Chicago very much, and would not have torn himself away at this time, but had to be here to superintend the ice harvest, which starts at the Dovey store Tuesday.

Inventory Filed.

From Monday's Daily. In the county court today was filed the inventory of A. V. Wollen of Elmwood in the assignment to creditors matter showing assets in the sum of \$3,390.15, exemptions in the sum of \$500, with \$800 incumbrance on assets, and liabilities in the sum of \$1,978.61. The inventory would indicate that Mr. Wollen's creditors will not lose a cent, but on the other hand that he will be a few hundred dollars to the good.

Hold Annual Meeting.

The policyholders of the Platte Mutual Fire Insurance company held their meeting last Saturday afternoon at the council chamber. The following officers were elected for the year 1912: H. M. Soennichsen, president; Walter White, vice president; Dr. C. A. Marshall, treasurer, and J. C. Peterson, secretary. Walter White and H. R. Goring were elected as directors for three years.

The Puls Road Law.

The Lincoln Journal commends the law introduced by Hon. W. H. Puls of this county and passed by the last legislature, as follows: "According to a law enacted at the last session of the legislature, whenever a rural mail carrier in this state or a postmaster notifies the county surveyor or county highway commissioner that any of the mail routes within the county are blockaded with snow or are impassable for any cause, it is the duty of the county official within twenty-four hours of receiving such notification to proceed with all haste to open such road. To accomplish this, the new law sets out that any road overseer may demand and require the services of any able-bodied person who is a patron of the snow-bound mail route. All able-bodied persons called to service for this work are to receive pay at the rate of 30 cents per hour for themselves and 30 cents per hour for teams employed at the work. The expense is to be paid out of the township road fund. The law is a new one on the statutes and was introduced by Representative Puls of Cass county where such conditions are frequently met and where the opening of mail routes has frequently been delayed to such an extent that passage thereon was seriously impaired for several weeks at a time. The chief obstacle heretofore encountered was the lack of responsibility for the opening of the highways, and the inattention given the matter by farmers along the various routes."

Died at Columbus.

Paul Hagel, a cousin of Mrs. John Fight, died Saturday night at his home in Columbus. Mr. Hagel was known to many Plattsmouth people, having visited in this city at different times. Mr. Hagel was about 60 years of age. He leaves two sons and five daughters to mourn his death, his wife having died about seven years ago. His funeral will occur Tuesday.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to sincerely thank our kind neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted us at the time of our fire. We especially wish to thank the fire department.

Mrs. E. K. Barnes.
Frank L. Barkus.
Lester L. Barkus.

CASS COUNTY TEACHERS' READING CIRCLE

A Good Attendance Notwithstanding the Extreme Cold Weather.

The Plattsmouth division of the Cass county teachers' reading circle met Saturday afternoon at the county superintendent's office. There was a good attendance considering the extreme cold of the preceding week. The meeting was presided over by Miss Lena Young, principal of the Cedar Creek schools.

An interesting paper was read by Miss Elizabeth Kerr, teacher of district No. 48, the subject of her paper being "Henry Barnard as an Educator." Miss Elizabeth Tombrink, teacher of district No. 29, read an excellent paper on "Cobot's Ethics of Children." These were followed by discussions of Colegrove's "The Teacher in School," by Miss Hazel Tuoy, Miss Mattie Larson, Miss Mary Moore, Miss Helen Trillity, Miss Esther Larson and Prof. Oscar Larson, principal of the Plattsmouth high school. Both papers and the discussions were very interesting to everyone present, and indicated that the teachers of this division of the reading circle are very much alive to the needs of the schools of the county.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the same place Saturday, February 17. The program committee for the next meeting is composed of Miss Elizabeth Kerr, Miss Hazel Tuoy and Miss Mattie Larson; the committee will select one of its own members to preside at the meeting.

Mrs. Thompson Quite Ill.

Mrs. Joseph Thompson has been quite ill for the past few days and on Saturday and Sunday her condition reached a very critical point, at which time Mr. Thompson, who is in charge of an express run out of Fairmont, was called home. The patient had greatly improved Sunday afternoon and Mr. Thompson returned to his work. The many friends hope that she may continue to improve.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS INSTALLATION

Quite a Large Number Attended the Exercises at the G. A. R. Hall.

The annual installation of officers of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. was held Saturday evening, January 13, at their hall. The following officers of the W. R. C. were installed: President, Mrs. Alice Cowles; senior vice president, Mrs. Inez Stenner; junior vice president, Mrs. Frances Purdy; chaplain, Mrs. Lottie Archer; secretary, Mrs. Jennie Dodge; treasurer, Mrs. Nannie Burkel; conductor, Mrs. Loretta Aull; guard, Mrs. Sarah Goehenour; delegate, Mrs. L. Aull; alternate, Mrs. Stenner; first color bearer, Mrs. Martha Petersen; second color bearer, Mrs. Laura Thrasher; third color bearer, Mrs. Jennie Johnson; fourth color bearer, Mrs. Margaret Manspeaker, Mrs. J. H. Thrasher acted as installing officer. Mrs. Caddy Bates was elected assistant conductor.

Following the installation ceremonies, on behalf of the W. R. C., Mrs. Thrasher then presented the outgoing president, Mrs. Martha Petersen, with a beautiful gold ring for her faithfulness as president of this organization. Mrs. Petersen was very much surprised, but could not help but be pleased at the kind remembrance of the ladies.

MOTION TO DISMISS TELEPHONE CASE

Plattsmouth Telephone Company Asks Supreme Court to Dismiss Injunction Suit.

From Tuesday's Daily. The Plattsmouth Telephone company yesterday asked the supreme court to dismiss the injunction suit instituted in the name of the state to prevent the Bell Telephone company from buying the Plattsmouth independent telephone exchange and one or two smaller exchanges.

As a result of the recent merger of interest of the independent companies and the Bell company in Nebraska, a plea in abatement was filed by Attorney Morsman for the American Telephone company and other defendants. Judge Field, representing independent companies, answered by admitting that the matter in litigation had been settled by a recent agreement between the contending companies.

Attorney General Martin, for the state, said he did not see anything in the proposed dismissal of the case that would jeopardize the rights of the people and he made no objections to a plea of abatement. The court is expected to announce its decision today. —Lincoln State Journal.

Frank E. Schlater.

Frank E. Schlater, four years treasurer of Cass county, last week turned over to his successor \$99,362.74 cash on hand, \$1,224.62 of which was excess fees which Mr. Schlater had saved for the county during his term of office. He also turned over to the state treasurer as Cass county's share of the state burden for 1911, \$42,744.70. The county is entirely clear of debt with that handsome cash fund on hand. This is a fine showing for the county, something no other county in the state can produce, and speaks in high praise for the record of Mr. Schlater. So much so that his friends are pushing him forward as candidate for state treasurer on the democratic ticket. Frank Schlater is a good man, one of the best, and if the democrats want a strong, aggressive candidate for state treasurer they will look no further. —Lincoln Herald.

Hon. F. L. Nutzman of Nebraska was an over-night visitor in the city, having been called to Plattsmouth on important business, and departed for his home via Omaha this morning.

AN APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE OF PLATTSMOUTH TO ASSIST IN CARING FOR POOR

Many are Suffering From Cold for the Want of Fuel, or the Money to Buy It, and Many are in Most Destitute Circumstances and in Want of Sufficient Food to Stay Starvation.

Various reports have come to our ears in the past two weeks of much suffering among the poor of our city, and many families are in a distressed condition now and liable to suffer more seriously if not assisted by the authorities or the charitable people of Plattsmouth. It is not only one, two, three or four families, but there are at least from twenty-five to fifty families who are suffering for fuel to keep them warm and enough to eat. This is indeed a very sad state of affairs to exist right here in our own midst when we have many who could give abundantly to these distressed people, and it would not hurt them in the least.

We heard of one instance yesterday where a widow lady, who has a family of children and a mother 80 years of age to support, and who entered a certain saloon in town and told her sad predicament, and it was not long until a collection was taken up and she left the place with several dollars and a happy smile on her heretofore careworn face, feeling that there were yet some good and charitable people in Plattsmouth.

We also learned of another instance where the mother and little babe were compelled to go to bed in order to keep warm, not having any fuel with which to keep from suffering from the intense cold. There are a number

of others in the city in like condition, but this should be enough to open the hearts of those who are disposed to be charitably inclined or stir up the city authorities to the extent of doing something for these sufferers.

It would really be in order for the councilmen in the different wards to take a stroll over their wards and ascertain the needy ones. They do this in other cities and why not in Plattsmouth? The Journal has refrained from alluding to such conditions from the simple fact that we did not believe they could really exist without some effort to aid the suffering. But these reports have come direct from parties who know that many families are suffering for the want of fuel and enough to eat. And, again, we believe that there are many people in Plattsmouth whose hearts are in the right spot, and would give liberally to the suffering humanity.

The Journal would suggest that someone take the matter in charge who has the authority to act and see if something cannot be done to relieve the distressed people of our city. It would be a very creditable and charitable act on the part of every citizen who possesses the means to do so to give liberally to these poor people. Many would not miss a few dollars thus bestowed.

MAY BECOME PERMANENT INVALID

Paralysis May Render J. E. Barwick an Invalid for All Time.

J. E. Barwick, who has been confined to the house for months, hoping to be about and able to be in his office before long, has almost despaired of regaining his feet again. Mr. Barwick's general health is good, and he can eat three meals a day and is cheerful, but the use of his lower limbs is almost totally out of the question. Until recently his physicians have held out hope of ultimately restoring the use of his limbs, but now have about abandoned all hope of this desired result.

Paralysis of the motor nerves of the legs is and has been his trouble for months, and what was thought at first to be temporary, is now considered chronic. The disease is probably the result of a fall Mr. Barwick sustained before leaving Canada years ago, and which he partially recovered from and for years thought that he would regain his normal condition. His numerous friends deeply sympathize with Mr. Barwick in his affliction and are truly sorry for his unfortunate condition.

Former Plattsmouth Boy.

In commenting upon the revival services at the Methodist church in that village, the last issue of the Nebraska News has the following to say: "The congregations are increasing nightly at the Methodist church. The song service is a strong feature of the meetings. Mr. E. O. Martin is doing good work as a leader. He was born in Plattsmouth, Neb., has a good education and was converted when a young man. He has had splendid success in church work. He studied the trombone under Prof. Hagenow of Lincoln, Neb. This instrument is unique in church work as it is seldom played. He is also an expert piano tuner. The song service is well worth hearing, Mr. Martin having a strong choir each night. It is a fine opportunity for the young people to get a good training."

Smashes Finger on Ice.

Carl Kunsmann, of the firm of Kunsmann & Ramke, met with a very painful accident last Saturday afternoon while assisting in the unloading of ice. He had his hand caught between two of the large chunks and the fingers of the left hand were quite severely mashed. The accident has caused him a great deal of pain and suffering, but nothing serious will result.

GOOD CROP OF WHEAT IN SIGHT

Threshing Machine Men Unite in Saying There Will Be an Excellent Crop.

Threshing machine men declare themselves pleased with the present outlook for winter wheat. Most of the acreage is covered with snow, which is a help in preventing damage from extreme cold weather. When wheat is exposed, it was pointed out, during below zero weather, there is grave danger that a portion of it may be winter-killed.

"We have had our men report the condition of the winter wheat to us recently," said the manager of one of the threshing machine companies, "and they unite in saying that the prospect of an excellent crop at the present time is in sight. Of course, it is a long time till harvest and no one can tell what may happen before that period."

In the eastern part of the state the acreage is declared to be above the normal, from 15 to 20 per cent larger than the previous year. In the western half the acreage is somewhat below. The acreage of the winter wheat crop of 1910-11 was reduced by being winter-killed in some counties. A good deal of it was plowed up and the land placed in corn and other crops. In many cases where it gave little promise of making even the seed, it proved a surprise, and growers were glad that they did not plow it up. —Lincoln State Journal.

Louis Schutz and W. A. Schutz departed this morning for Monticello, Ark., where they will look up real estate matters with a view of purchasing land in a warmer climate.