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FRUIT GROWERS OF EASTERN NEBRASKA HELD INTERESTING MEETING YESTERDAY

Gathering Is Addressed by Prof. Keeser, Prof. Howard and Ex-Congressman Pollard, on the Enlarging of the Apple Industry in This Part of the State.

From Friday's Daily.
The fruit growers of eastern Cass county held an interesting meeting at Coates' hall yesterday afternoon, which was addressed by Prof. Keeser, Prof. Howard and ex-Congressman E. M. Pollard. About fifty apple-growers took advantage of the opportunity of hearing three of the practical orchardists of the state, and all three made very practical and instructive talks.

Prof. Keeser informed the fruit-growers that the value of lands in their community could be doubled by proper attention to the orchards. He ventured the assertion that he could take five acres of land in this vicinity and put the ground in apples and get more returns in net cash than any farmer would get from twenty acres planted to ordinary crops. The speaker then took some time in discussing the way an orchard should be cared for, and how to make it profitable. One of the important things dwelt upon was the care of the soil in which the trees were planted, and in all cases where the lay of the ground would permit it, he would advise cultivation. Where the ground was too rolling to be cultivated it should be sowed to some good orchard grass, such as clover or alfalfa, something that would not form a sod and would at the same time prevent the washing away of the soil. Another important thing brought out by Prof. Keeser was the pruning of the trees. He advised the careful pruning of the orchard as economical in one way and another; it produced larger and better flavored apples and put the tree in shape so that it could be sprayed to advantage. Another thing dwelt upon was spraying, and Prof. Keeser said he would leave the discussion of this phase of the question to Prof. Howard.

Prof. Howard spoke at some length on the necessity of the apple-growers of Nebraska getting their fruit in better shape for market, and said that when the proper interest had been developed and the quality of the fruit free from worms is produced by the Nebraska growers a market would be found right at hand for all the fruit that could be grown. The thing that keeps the price of the apples down, and the cause for western fruit being shipped into this territory that ought to be supplied from Nebraska grown fruit, is that our people do not care for their orchards and the apples grown here do not go to market in marketable shape. Prof. Keeser had with him a sample box of Winesap apples, grown on the Larsh 20-acre orchard near Weeping Water, under the charge of the state horticultural department, which were very fine. The orchard had been pruned, cultivated and sprayed as the speaker advised to be done in this locality.

Prof. Howard then gave an interesting talk from a chart concerning spraying, when to spray, what to spray for and what to use and how to do the work. His talk was first directed to fungus growth or scab, and then to the codling moth that causes the worms to take possession of the apples. The speaker advised the use of the Bordeaux mixture, and with cuts of apples blossoms, small apples and leaves illustrated the time the spraying should be done to be effectual. For the Bordeaux mixture he used a formula of 4-4-50, that is, 4 pounds of copper sulphate, 4 pounds of stone lime and 50 gallons of water. The copper sulphate is mixed with twenty-five gallons of water, the stone lime with twenty-five gallons of water and the two poured together. This is applied with a force pump. Large orchards with gasoline engine power, a small orchard with barrel and hand pump. The first spraying should be done when the

buds begin to open; this is at no set time; as the seasons vary, some earlier, some later. The second application when the petals begin to fall and the third two or three weeks later.

The loss from worms is more important than from scab, and spraying an effectual preventive of wormy apples. From 50 to 80 per cent of the apples on unsprayed orchards are wormy, while on the sprayed trees only 4 per cent will be wormy. The cost of spraying a 20-acre orchard is about 24 cents per tree, after the spraying apparatus is paid for. A different mixture is used for spraying for the codling moth than for the scab or fungus. Prof. Howard said that he would come to Cass county and assist in the spraying if sufficient of the apple-growers would get together and have the spraying done. His salary is paid by the state and all he would ask was a place to sleep and something to eat. Prof. Howard also volunteered his services to show the Cass county growers how to prune their orchards.

Mr. Pollard followed with a very practical talk on apple orchards and how to make one pay. He called attention to bulletin No. 119 of the state horticultural department, containing an address by Prof. Howard at the last session of the Nebraska Horticultural society, and said that the bulletin was a mine of information, and well worth the perusal of anyone who owned or was interested in an apple orchard, and that it was the best article on the subject of spraying Mr. Pollard had yet seen. He then told of the manner in which he handled his 17-acre orchard, and with a power sprayer, with his force of hands, 20 acres of the orchard was gone over in a day. In shipping out the fifty cars of apples from this orchard after spraying much after the manner described by Prof. Howard, there was a very small percent of the apples with worms. Mr. Pollard then mentioned the name of a factory where any kind of spraying machine could be purchased, it being Gould's Manufacturing, Seneca Falls, N. Y. Mr. Pollard then dwelt on the soil and climatic conditions of the river counties and stated that nowhere in the world could apples of the flavor and quality be grown as they could on the banks of the Missouri.

At the close of the meeting Prof. Howard took the names of all orchard men present, so as to place them on the mailing list, to receive bulletins as they are issued in future. It is very probable that yesterday's meeting will be the beginning of an apple growers' association being formed in this county, which will mean better apples, better quality and better markets.

J. H. Tams, superintendent of the county farm, has been spraying the county orchard, and had some very fine apples of different varieties present. These were of fine flavor and free from worms.

A Most Enjoyable Meeting.
From Friday's Daily.
The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church held their regular meeting yesterday afternoon in the church parlors and this time the ladies were entertained in a most delightful manner by Mesdames Luella Leesley, Emily Tuoy and J. E. Thompson. At the usual hour the business session was held, after which an hour or two was most enjoyably whiled away in various amusements and social conversation. A delicious luncheon was served, which the ladies thoroughly appreciated. The attendance was very good and all pronounced Mesdames Leesley, Tuoy and Thompson royal entertainers.

For Typewriter Ribbons call at the Journal office.

The Proper Thing.
State Superintendent Delzell has sent circular letters to boards of education of all accredited high schools in the state, urging them to send superintendents of high schools or a member of the high school faculty to the department of superintendence of the National Educational association and several of the allied divisions of education which will hold their annual meeting at St. Louis February 27-29. He states that many schools will pay only the car fare and ask the superintendent or representative to pay other necessary expenses.

THE PLATTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Report of Librarian for Months of December, 1911, and January, 1912.

At the monthly meeting of the library board of the Plattsmouth city library last evening, Miss Jones, librarian, submitted her report for January, 1912, which, compared with the report of a year ago, is quite encouraging. Through the kindness of the board we submit below the reports for December, 1911, and January, 1912. The report for each month is compared with the same month twelve months ago:

December.
Number of books exchanged, 1911, 1,383; 1910, 1,004; number of men borrowers, 1911, 13; 1910, 22; number of callers, 1911, 5,526; 1910, 4,016; number of books donated, Rev. Steger, 14; Nora Livingston, 3; total, 17; number of books for use of city teachers, 31; county teachers, 22; number of books condemned, 144; magazines donated to county patrons, 32; total number of borrowers, 1911, 2,035; 1910, 1,811.

January.
Number of books circulated for home use, 1,626; number of books for use of city teachers, 37; county teachers, 18; callers, estimated, 6,604; books rebound, 98; magazines, 3; number of new borrowers, 1911, 28; 1912, 24; number of books circulated, 1911, 1,009; 1912, 1,626.

"The Chorus Lady."
From Friday's Daily.

The Journal always delights in praising worthy entertainments that visit our city, and must say, without the fear of successful contradiction from anyone who had the pleasure of witnessing the rendition of "The Chorus Lady" last night, that it was one of the finest plays ever presented to a local audience during our ten years' sojourn in Plattsmouth. The play is one with a fine moral, and the beauty of it is that every member of the cast is a first-class artist, and while it is impossible for us to mention each character, we must say that Miss Grace Aylesworth as "Patricia O'Brien," is an actress of great force and one that simply captures her auditors in the very first act. A few first-class companies and plays like "The Chorus Lady," in succession at the Parmele would soon establish a reputation at the home theater that would soon restore its old-time popularity and patronage.

Chicken Pie Supper a Success.
From Friday's Daily.

The second chicken pie supper of the season, given by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church, in the church parlors last evening, was fully up to the usual standard in every particular and was very largely attended. The chicken pie and its accompaniments were as good as ever and most thoroughly relished by the large number present. These occasions have become very popular in social functions, as many tarry after supper has been served, visiting with neighbors and friends and making new acquaintances. The ladies are much pleased over the results of the affair.

R. L. Mauzy departed for Omaha and later for Denver this afternoon, after visiting his parents for a few weeks.

THE LYTLE TRIAL PROGRESSING RAPIDLY

Evidence About All In and Arguments Will Be Made as Soon as Completed.

From Friday's Daily.
The trial of George Lytle, the third man accused of being implicated in the safe-blowing and robbery of Mike Tritsch's jewelry store, which occurred last September, and for which two men have already been convicted, proceeded yesterday quite rapidly.

Mr. Tritsch was sworn first and showed the conditions of his stock, safe and the building of Mr. Nichols, which he occupied. Many exhibits, such as jewelry pads, boxes and articles of jewelry, were identified. The pads had been picked up along the track and the jewelry was found on the persons of McCann and Lytle. A watch, which was identified by Mr. Tritsch as one he had in stock, was found on George Lytle at the time of his arrest. The watch was positively identified by Mr. Tritsch, although the numbers on the outside of the inside case had been scratched off. The numbers on the inside of the works had been overlooked. A screw which Mr. Tritsch had made and placed in the watch, was identified by him.

The evidence of the three men being seen at South Bend on the 27th of September and their identification by the witnesses there was practically the same that the readers of the Journal are already familiar with. The evidence concerning the finding of the pads along the Rock Island south of Albright, and the finding of the bicycle car belonging to the Burlington company and near the rails on the Rock Island, was all called to the jury, but much more speedily than in the former trials.

There were several witnesses from Louisville who positively identified Lytle as one of the three men who were in Louisville on the 28th of September and loitered about Fred Ossenkop's elevator all afternoon of that day. Fred Ossenkop positively identified Lytle as the man to whom he sold a bar of Sunda Munda soap about 10 o'clock of the morning of the 28th of September. One half of the same bar of soap was found in the Tritsch store where the explosion was pulled off. The state also proved the finding of the watch identified by Mr. Tritsch on the person of Lytle when arrested. Lytle was the last of the three men arrested.

The state rested its case in chief at the adjournment of court last night, and the defense began the introduction of testimony this morning.

The brother of the defendant, Al Lytle, of Omaha, was sworn and explained to the jury concerning the watch that was introduced in evidence. The witness swore that he had owned the watch before it came into the possession of George Lytle; that the witness purchased it from a party in Peterson's saloon and traded it to his brother, George, for an Ingersoll movement; the watch he got the Peterson store was an Elgin works.

Just before the court took a recess for the noon hour County Attorney Taylor called the court's attention to the sentence to be pronounced on John Doud. Judge Travis then made an entry in his docket and told Doud to stand up. After informing the convicted man of the action of the jury in finding the defendant guilty, he was asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed on him at this time.

His counsel, Mr. Britt, replied for him that he did not know sentence was to be passed at this time and that before the motion for a new trial was overruled he would like to argue the matter to the court. The court then said that the matter would have to be taken up very soon, as he would not be in Plattsmouth after the conclusion of the present trial for some time. Mr. Britt then stated that he would be ready to argue the motion at the conclusion of the Lytle trial.

After the noon hour evidence

was resumed by the defense in the Lytle trial and will probably be completed and the matter argued today.

LOOKS FAVORABLE FOR A REMOVAL

Looks Very Encouraging for the Extension of the Postoffice Building.

From Friday's Daily.
President of the Commercial Club T. H. Pollock is in receipt of a lengthy letter from Postmaster H. A. Schneider, in which Mr. Schneider tells of his efforts to have the site of the postoffice building extended, and the letter has a tone of encouragement. The postmaster has interviewed the advising architect, Mr. Taylor. He has also talked the matter over with Mr. McGuire, congressman from this district, as well as Senator Brown and Postmaster General Hitchcock.

The postmaster general is much interested in the matter and both Senator Brown and Congressman McGuire have signified their willingness to use their efforts in securing the necessary additional appropriation, and as congress is now in session the matter can be definitely settled within a short time.

Major Creamer and Mr. Heald are both favorable to securing the additional ground, and the removal of the building to a firmer foundation. To Mr. Schneider the matter looked very favorable for the plan of additional ground and extension of the site. The success of the plan will depend largely on the postmaster general, Congressman McGuire and Senator Brown.

FUNERAL OF MRS. PETER CARLSON

Largely Attended by Neighbors and Sympathetic Friends.

From Friday's Daily.

The funeral of Mrs. Peter Carlson occurred yesterday afternoon at the residence and was largely attended by neighbors and friends of the deceased. The service was conducted by Rev. W. L. Austin, who spoke words of comfort to the bereaved husband and children. The floral tributes from the fraternal societies of which the deceased was a member and from the Red Men, the car workers in the Burlington shops, the Swedish Aid society and from the numerous friends of the family were many and beautiful and were silent tokens of the esteem and great respect in which the deceased lady was held by those who knew her best.

The choir sang "Rock of Ages" and "Nearer My God to Thee," hymns which were favorites of the deceased. Interment was made in Oak Hill cemetery. The pall-bearers were: Charles Ryberg, A. Piestrup, Gus Roman, John H. Hallstrom, A. Nelson and Gus Johnson.

The out-of-town friends attending the funeral were: Charles and John Bergmark, brothers of the deceased, Phelps, N. H.; Gus Molin, brother of Mr. Carlson.

Lady Minstrels Go to Louisville.

The Lady Minstrels will go to Louisville Saturday, January 10, which is one week from tomorrow night. There will doubtless be a large number of Plattsmouth people go up to attend the show. Arrangements will probably be made to have No. 10 stop at Louisville, which will make the train service from Plattsmouth to Louisville and return very convenient.

Overcoat Lost or Stolen.

The traveling man for McLaughlin's coffee house, while at the Riley hotel taking dinner, had his heavy gray overcoat switched or stolen, he was unable to say which. Landlord Dunbar was at the fast mail to see if anyone boarded the train with the coat on, but it did not show up there.

ULRICH INHELDER DIES IN OMAHA

After Almost Recovering From Operation at Omaha Hospital, Passes Away.

From Saturday's Daily.

Ulrich Inhelder of Cedar Creek, who was operated on at an Omaha hospital a short time ago, died at the hospital last Thursday. He had undergone the operation and had recovered from the same and was able to sit up, as well as to dress himself, but was very weak, and while stooping over to tie his shoe ruptured a blood vessel, which caused his death very soon.

Mr. Inhelder was about 77 years of age, was born in Switzerland, coming to America and Nebraska when a young man. He leaves surviving a brother and two sisters—Henry Inhelder of Cedar Creek and Mrs. George Shoeman and Mrs. Frank Bushe, sr., of Plattsmouth. The funeral will occur tomorrow at Cedar Creek, at the home of John Gauner, with whom Mr. Inhelder has lived for some years.

All Sign Petitions.

If anybody desires to run for the democratic nomination for the presidency and makes signs as though he would cause trouble if he is not permitted to enter the race let him write to the democrats of Falls City. Down that way the democrats are so greatly inclined towards peace that they very gladly sign the petition putting any democrat of good standing in the presidential race. So far they have entered Judson Harmon and Champ Clark, and they announce that, not considering their signing a petition binding in any respect, they will gladly affix their names to a proper petition. Which, by the way, is clear enough to make a man wonder if the right of petition and the ballot ought to be given to individuals of such supineness of character. A democracy that isn't militant, that hasn't principles and men to fight for and defend, but that is willing to take anybody who comes along, regardless of what he represents or who he is, just so he bears the right party label, isn't—mind you, to our liking—much of a democrat or anything else.—Lincoln News.

And to our notion the News is about right. If a man cannot consistently vote for a candidate if nominated he should not sign a petition for him to become such candidate. It is not right for any voter to do so, and therein is another weak point about the primary law.

Five Weeks' Quarantine.

Was you ever quarantined for a contagious disease? If not you have missed one thing that will give you a line on your friends. The editor's home was quarantined on Christmas morning and for five long weeks a scarlet fever sign occupied a conspicuous place in our front yard. Some of our friends turned us down and would take the other side of the street when they saw us coming, while others were kind and sympathetic. If you want to know who your friends are a five weeks' siege in quarantine will reveal things to you that will come in no other way. The sign was torn down Sunday evening, however, and we are back home again happy in the realization of the fact that no serious results come from the disease. A queer old world, is this—Louisville Courier.

For Lack of Funds.

South Omaha Drivers Journal-Stockman: "Every man who is interested at all in the agriculture of Nebraska cordially agrees with Dean Burnett in hoping that the time is not far distant when the school of agriculture will not have to be continually parting with its very best men because of lack of funds. Losing four high-class professors in one year because of inadequate salaries is a record that Nebraskans should not be proud of."

Miss Kate Sydenstricker visited the metropolis this morning, going on the first train.