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ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR PLATTS- MOUTH TO PROCURE ENTERPRISE

Through the Efforts of President Pollock of the Commercial Club, Plattsmouth May Secure Branch of the Waterloo Creamery Company—Should Interest the Farmers.

President T. H. Pollock of the Plattsmouth Commercial club never loses an opportunity to put in a good lick for the community in which he lives. In passing through Papillion not long ago Mr. Pollock noticed the new plant of the Waterloo Creamery company, and the idea appealed to him that just such a plan would be a good thing for this community, and with this in mind Mr. Pollock immediately wrote the company with a view of having the management look over the advantages of Plattsmouth as a point to locate a similar plant, and the following letter is the reply received:

"Omaha, Neb., Feb. 13, 1912.
"Mr. T. H. Pollock, President, Plattsmouth, Neb.—Dear Sir: In reply to yours of February 3, I am building a condensed milk factory at Papillion, Neb., and decided on that point on account of the supply of sweet milk. In six or eight months from now I will be in a position to install another factory and will consider Plattsmouth favorably, provided a sufficient amount of milk supply can be secured within a distance of eight or ten miles of Plattsmouth.
"It will take 25,000 pounds of milk every day, or within that radius, to secure success. I will at that time take the matter up with you. Very truly yours,
"Leroy Corliss, President.
The thing needed to make such a factory a success is the supply of the required 25,000 pounds of milk per day, and the officers of the Commercial club would like to

know how many farmers would take hold of the dairying proposition with a view of furnishing sweet milk to a factory located in Plattsmouth. There is money in keeping dairy cattle, and this sort of agriculture is not as much of a drain on the land as other kinds of farming. Will the farmers within ten miles of Plattsmouth consider the matter, and if they will contract to furnish a certain amount of milk delivered daily at the factory, let T. H. Pollock know, or some other officer of the Commercial club?

Here is a proposition which appears to the writer to be an exceedingly good one for Plattsmouth and the surrounding country. An opportunity to bring an industry to the city which will be a desirable acquisition in many ways. It would require the labor of several men to operate the factory; it would make a market for the products of the farm in the vicinity, and at the same time increase the value of every acre of agricultural land within a radius of ten miles.

It will be necessary to have some definite information from the farmers relative to the amount of sweet milk which can be counted on before Mr. Corliss and Mr. Pollock have their conference, six or seven months hence. It would not be much trouble to drop into the telephone office when in town and let Mr. Pollock know, or drop a letter in the postoffice to the secretary of the Commercial club, A. L. Tidd, or call on him at his office, over the First National bank.

To Journal Patrons.
Having removed the editorial department and local reporter's desk to the second floor of the Journal office, those having business with this department or the composing room will please take notice that you must give three rings on the telephone for that purpose. Three rings, remember, will get this department.

THE STEPPAT HOME SCENE OF PLEASURE

Given Thursday Evening at the Country Home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Steppat.

Last evening a large number of neighbors and friends invaded the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Steppat, three and one-half miles west of this city, and tendered them a very pleasant surprise party. The roads being fine for sleighing, the neighbors and friends, 35 or 40 in number, concluded they would make use of the snow while it was here and drove to the Steppat home to participate in the festivities.

The evening was devoted to dancing, games and music, there being both vocal and instrumental music. Miss Helen Trilley furnished some beautiful selections, which was a pleasing feature of the evening's entertainment. At the midnight hour a most delicious luncheon was served, one which the Steppats only know best how to prepare, and which the guests could not help but do ample justice.

This jolly company of invaders is known as the Four Mile Creek club, and this surprise party was in the nature of a farewell for one of the members, Miss Anna Steppat, who, with her parents, is soon to remove from this vicinity to Blair, Nebraska, where the Steppats will make their home in the future. Dame Rumor has it that Miss Steppat will make Blair her home for a short time only, and her friends are hoping to see her again in the very near future.

Those participating in this enjoyable occasion were: Misses Rose Tschirren, Josephine Valtery, Maggie Kaffenberger, Bertha Nolting, Nora Batten, Grace Haines, Helen Trilley, Jennie Batten, Katherine Kaffenberger, Tillie Halmes, Anna Steppat, Lena Hirz, Marie Kaffenberger, Nellie Tschirren, Louise Kehne, Edith Grassman, Mildred Stoehr; Messrs. Fritz Tschirren, Max Valtery, Henry Nolting, George Kaffenberger, Sammie Rhoden, George Halmes, Fritz Valtery, Charles Miller, Harvey Harger, Fritz Kehne, Philip Kehne, Fred Kaffenberger, Carl Sargune, Justin Petenet, Eddie Steppat, Robert Black, John Tschirren, John Halmes, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Stoehr, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Steppat.

Surprised on Birthday.

From Friday's Daily.
The anniversary of the birthday of Uncle Henry Boeck occurred yesterday, and to suitably commemorate the event, his good wife planned a neat surprise for him and arranged to have a few friends come in during the evening. Mr. Boeck reached his 79th mile stone and is hale and hearty and enjoys the conversation of his friends hugely. Light refreshments were served and a general social evening soon passed away. Those present to assist Mr. Boeck in the celebration of the event were: William Schmidtmann and wife, R. B. Hayes and wife, Roy Burdick and wife and George Thomas and wife.

Receives Fine Hog.

August Gorder received by express today a fine Poland-China brood sow weighing something over 500 pounds. The valuation on the crate was fixed at \$140; this may or may not be the purchase price Mr. Gorder paid for the sow. He is a breeder of thoroughbred hogs of the Poland-China breed, and has some very fine and choice animals in his herd.

Miss Margaret Wohlfarth was a passenger to Omaha on the fast mail this afternoon, where she will visit friends for a time.

ELKS AND GUESTS ENJOY FINE TIME

The "Musical Camerons" Furnish Fine Entertainment and Lunch and Punch Served.

From Friday's Daily.
The members of the B. P. O. E. No. 739 of this city enjoyed one of their social events last evening, which excelled anything of like character heretofore pulled off in the city. The occasion was attended by a very large per cent of the membership of the city and their families. The committee on arrangements, Exalted Ruler J. S. Livingston and his assistants, Glen Rawls, Frank Bestor and Will Clements, certainly performed their task well and nothing was omitted which would in any way add to the pleasure of the Elks and their guests. Their fine suite of rooms were tastefully decorated with emblems of the season, tables were arranged and cards, billiards and pool were indulged in by any who cared to amuse themselves thus.

The Elks began dropping in at 7:30 and by 8:30 nearly all had assembled, and for a time the feature of the evening's entertainment, the "Musical Camerons," delighted their audience with their skillful playing of various instruments. These talented musicians played violins, mandolins, guitars and cornets. Mrs. Cameron playing the bells and Mr. Cameron a musical composition of his own construction, which he termed "the musical bed post, of my own manufacture." Mrs. Cameron played the piano and delighted everyone with her playing. Mr. Cameron was for two years a cornetist in Innis' band, and has toured every country in Europe and every state in the United States during his musical career.

Punch was served throughout the evening by Misses Nora and Mary Rosenbergs and Janet and Harriet Clements. Lunch, consisting of sandwiches, coffee, pickles and olives, was served by the same young ladies about 10:30. At 11 o'clock the "Musical Camerons" again delighted the company by playing the "Chimes of Eleven." At a late hour the company dispersed, having enjoyed the evening's entertainment to the fullest extent.

So pleased was Mr. Schlaes with the performance of the "Musical Camerons" that he contracted with them to appear at the Majestic theater with a company of four people in the near future, and he is exceedingly fortunate in securing them, as they are by far the finest musical aggregation that has visited Plattsmouth for a long time.

Fire at Richardson Home.

From Friday's Daily.
About 7:30 this morning a fire broke out at the John Richardson home in the Fourth ward, and before the department could get the hose carts to the scene of the fire the dwelling, a small one, was almost destroyed. It is not known just how the fire started, but it is presumed to have been from an overheated stovepipe. Mr. Richardson was away at the time, having been out of town for the past two days. Mrs. Richardson was sick in bed, and the timely arrival of some of the neighbors saved her from the flames, as she was carried to the home of Mr. Maybee, where she was cared for. Mrs. Richardson's oldest son, a young man of about 17 years of age, had his arm and head badly burned in trying to put out the fire. The fire boys did excellent work, arriving in time to prevent the fire from spreading to adjoining residences. The dwelling was nearly all burned, and very little of the furniture was saved, and the loss will fall very heavily on the owner, this being the second time he has lost his residence by fire.

John Leuchtweiss, the genial assistant at H. M. Soennichsen's store, has been on the sick list this week, and was down town yesterday for a short time for the first time.

For sale bills and all other kinds of job work call at the Journal

SCHOOL NOTES.

The convocation assignments thus far made for the remainder of the school year are as follows:
February 29—Superintendent N. C. Abbott.
March 7—Miss Lillian Cole.
March 14—Miss Blanche Hornung.
March 21—Miss Lenora Wolfanger.
March 28—Miss Verna Cole.
April 4—Senior class.
April 11—Junior class.
April 18—Sophomore class.
April 25—Freshman class.

The debating squad is working hard and getting in splendid form for the great contest that will be pulled off at Weeping Water on the evening of March 1. It may be deemed advisable by Mr. Larson for them to have a little try-out before the school some morning. If this is done some of the teachers will be prepared to put some hard questions to the boys that they will be compelled to answer on the spur of the minute. This will be an excellent drill and will teach the boys the art of rebuttal in a practical way. The proposed preliminary will likely be pulled off as a special convocation.

On last Tuesday night, the snow being in perfect shape for making snowballs, Mr. Abbott had the teachers of the Central building dismiss all of the girls (to keep them out of harm's way) and such boys as had work at home and invited the others to remain and join in an organized battle. The boys to the number of about 100 met in Miss Staats' room and elected Will Kyle and Alfred Edgerton as captains of the contending forces. These captains soon had their respective armies chosen and could hardly wait to get onto the battlefield. They were styled the Mexicans and British. When the whistle sounded the fray began and lasted five minutes, when there was an intermission in order for the two sides to replenish their stock of ammunition. This was repeated several times, the forces remaining forty feet apart. Then there was a change in the plan of the game, and when Mr. Abbott blew his whistle came the charge and there was mighty fighting hand-to-hand. Most of the boys got some smackers on the head and the superintendent has to admit that as referee he took a few good bullets himself. At the end of the charge the boys went home tired and happy.

The reports of the various rooms for the month of January have been tabulated at the office and show just about the same facts as last month. There is still far too much absence and tardiness and it is hoped that the present month may show up better in these respects. Here are some of the figures:

	Boys	Girls	Total
Enrolled first day	354	485	939
Days of absence	607	627	1,234
Tardy marks	78	59	137
Truants	5	0	5
No. of visitors	26

Out of the twenty-two rooms in the school system, thirteen showed no tardiness among the girls and eight no tardiness among the boys.

There will be no school on February 22, next Thursday, on account of the celebration of Washington's birthday.

The pupils of the High school enjoyed a genuine treat Thursday morning at convocation, when Rev. L. W. Gade of the Presbyterian church paid a glowing tribute to the father of his country. Mr. Gade ascribed Washington's fame as statesman, general and patriot in large measure to the fact that Washington had gained complete control of his temper, that he had character in a pre-eminent degree, and that he was at all times and everywhere a professing Christian. Mr. Gade enforced his points by striking illustrations and held the students' undivided attention for the full forty minutes that he spoke.

BURLINGTON SEED CORN SPECIAL

Will be at the Burlington Station at 9 O'Clock on Monday Morning, February 26.

A. L. Tidd, secretary of the Commercial club, is in receipt of a communication from Frank G. O'Dell, of the publicity department of the Omaha Commercial club, calling Mr. Tidd's attention to the date the seed corn special will be in Plattsmouth, it being on Monday, February 26, and stating that he had also communicated with Robert Sherwood, jr., touching the same matter and asking that an organization be affected to get the farmers out to the train on that morning at 9 o'clock.
Mr. O'Dell encloses a little folder on which is some valuable data relative to the coming corn crop, and quotations from prominent farmers and men interested in corn raising. Here is a sample: "During thirty-seven years as a resident and a farmer in Nebraska I have never seen the seed corn in worse condition."—O. Hull, Alma, Neb., farmer and institute worker. "The seed corn situation is the worst in the history of Nebraska. Farmers must test their corn and begin at once."—C. W. Pugsley, professor of farm management, Nebraska Experiment Station, Lincoln, Neb.

The seed corn special will stop at the Plattsmouth Burlington station Monday, February 26, 1912, at 9 a. m. This train will carry seed testing apparatus and expert lecturers from the University of Nebraska. Every farmer and his family ought to come on time. If the farmers of Nebraska will test their seed corn before planting it will save \$40,000,000 this year. Every business man in Plattsmouth, and every farmer that reads the Journal ought to get on the train one week from next Monday morning, February 26, at 9 o'clock.

J. R. Oldham Dead.

From Friday's Daily.
George Oldham of this city received a message this morning announcing the sudden death of his brother, J. G. Oldham, who died at his home near Beaver City, Neb., last night. The message did not state the cause of his death, and the death notice was the first the brothers knew of his illness. Mr. Oldham is a brother of George Oldham and H. L. Oldham of Murray, and for many years was a resident of this county. Mr. Oldham conducted a grocery store in this city a great many years ago. No funeral arrangements were announced in the message. Both brothers, George of this city and Lee of Murray, depart this evening for the home of their brother to attend the funeral.

D. of H. Committee Meets.

From Friday's Daily.
Mrs. Cleaver of Lincoln, Mrs. Hall of Omaha, Mrs. Harding of Hebron and Mrs. Kate Schmidt, grand treasurer of the Degree of Honor, were in the city yesterday and met at Miss Hempel's office. The claim of Peter Carlson, beneficiary under a policy carried by Mrs. Carlson, was allowed by the committee and the loss ordered paid, and Mr. Carlson has received a check for the money. Mr. Carlson very much appreciates the prompt and business-like manner in which the claim was settled and the very courteous treatment of himself by the officials in attending to the matter at once.

Fifth Death in Family.

A special from Elmwood, under date of February 14, contains the following: "The funeral of Mrs. Calvin Crabtree, aged 39, who had been ill for some time at an Omaha hospital, will be held this afternoon from the Christian church. Rev. Mr. Meyers conducting the services. Mrs. Crabtree was the fifth member of the family to have died in the last nine months, two sisters having died previously. A brother and nephew took their own lives. She leaves her husband, mother, Mrs. Mary Irons; one sister, Mrs. Gene Comer, and four brothers, Charlie, John, Henry and Reuben Irons.

SOCIAL MEETING A SPLENDID SUCCESS

The People of the Epworth League Enjoy a Fine Time at the Methodist Church.

From Friday's Daily.
The regular monthly meeting of the Epworth League, which held its social meeting in the parlors of the Methodist church last night, was a magnificent success, reflecting great credit on the young ladies in charge of the arrangements. Miss Clara Austin, as chairman of the committee, assisted by Miss Ethel Leyda, Merle Barthold and Miss Cecil Hawkenberry, spared no pains in their efforts to make the young people enjoy a social evening.

A large attendance was present to participate in the pleasant games and amusements prepared by the committee. The parlors were beautifully decorated with the emblems of the season, red hearts being in evidence everywhere, a large number of them being suspended between the pillars bordering the rooms. The games of the evening were also arranged in keeping with the valentine spirit, and a musical hunt, consisting of a series of questions on musical terms, symbols and composers, written on hearts, were distributed among the young people, and a prize offered to the one receiving the highest number of credits. The first prize was awarded to Miss Amanda Sattler. A second game consisted of questions and answers, also written on hearts, which excited much mirth, and the amusement afforded by this game was its only prize. In the game of "shooting the hearts," Miss Dandra Ramsey won the greatest number of credits.

Refreshments of brick ice cream and wafers were served. The event was one of the most enjoyable ever given by the membership of the league.

Visiting cards, invitations, programs, and all other kinds of fancy printing done at the Journal office.

In County Court.

From Friday's Daily.
C. A. Rawls, as attorney for the plaintiff in the case of Henry B. VanBrunt vs. John H. Cook and George W. Cook, filed a petition and affidavit in a replevin suit in the county court today. The affidavit sets out a description of various articles of harness shop machinery and fixtures of the Murray merchants, and alleges that the plaintiff has a special interest in the property by virtue of a chattel mortgage bearing date of April 5, 1910, and stating the amount in controversy to be \$234.75, with interest. Sheriff Quinton went to Murray with the writ of replevin this morning to take possession of the goods.

Judge Beeson had his time occupied this morning in the hearing of a contested claim in the estate of Norman Slocum, deceased. The claimant was Tom Fry of this city, who was represented by A. L. Tidd, the estate being represented by Judge Archer.

Good Seed Corn.

Every farmer in Cass county is interested in good seed corn and the manner in which it can best be selected. There is not a particle of use of anyone saying he knows all about this matter, for he doesn't. The farmers of Nebraska at large are all interested. Now, it will pay every farmer to come to Plattsmouth on Monday, February 26, and hear the lecturers with the Burlington seed corn special. They may not know any more than you do, but they might give you some suggestions that will be worthy of imitating. The lecturers certainly are posted on the seed corn question or they wouldn't be in the business. Come out and hear them. It won't cost you anything.

Remove Cigar Factory.

Ptak & Bajcek were engaged yesterday in removing their cigar manufacturing establishment from the front rooms over the Egenberger saloon, at the corner of Fifth and Main streets, to the front rooms over McDaniel's saloon at the corner of Fourth and Main streets.