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PLATTSMOUTH CITY SCHOOLS SHOW FLATTERING CONDITION OF AFFAIRS

Under the Skillful Management of Superintendent Abbott the Schools are in First Class Shape and the Attendance of Out of Town Pupils Brings in Much Revenue.

From Tuesday's Daily.

At a meeting of the school board last evening, on account of the death of Mrs. Knapp, President H. N. Dovey's mother-in-law, Vice President H. M. Soennichsen presided at the meeting. Only routine business was transacted. Superintendent Abbott made his regular monthly report, which, in substance, was as follows: Total receipts from tuitions for the month aggregated \$28, which, with the amount previous reported, amounted in six months to \$247.51. A summary of the month of January shows attendance as follows:

	Boys	Girls	Total
Enrolled first day	454	485	939
Belonging last day	434	456	890
Days absent	607	627	1,234
Tardy marks	78	59	137
Truants	5	5	10
Number of visitors			26

Out of 22 rooms in our system 13 had no tardiness at all among the girls and 8 had none among the boys.

The summary for February is not quite so creditable as January on account of the unseasonable weather, being as follows:

	Boys	Girls	Total
Enrolled first day	442	474	913
Belonging last day	408	443	851
Days absent	609	576	1,185
Tardy marks	73	55	128
Truants	3	3	6
Number of visitors			15

For the first half of the school year, under the High school law, there has been collected \$432, and the prospect in this direction in future seems to point to doubling this amount during the next year, and instead of \$800 for the year, next year may be expected to yield an income of \$1,600.

The students who come from these outside districts are, as a rule, pupils of whom we may be justly proud. They are usually earnest and studious, and though many of them drive in some distance each morning, they are able in spite of this handicap to keep up their work satisfactorily. In order to secure these new students who are about to graduate from the eighth grade in the various school districts, it will be necessary for us and the business men of Plattsmouth to show them that we should like to have them take work here. Now that the bridge is built over the Platte we may properly reach out to Sarpy

county for some of their pupils, since this law of free tuition is not restrained within county lines.

I suggest that during the county institute and during all of May when these pupils are graduating are two good times to do missionary work along these lines. As I have said in a previous report, your secretary and superintendent did some of the sort of work here suggested last summer, but it was not a small part even of what may be done if we all work together and get all of the people in Plattsmouth to help.

During the past month I made a careful and comprehensive study of our High school, in person reviewing the report of every student in the school and consulting in many cases with teachers, principal and parents. The result of this investigation I embodied in a report to the High school that I trust has done some good. I have also condensed this investigation into a briefer report that will be published in an educational magazine. I defer the condensed report until such time as you may be able to read it in print. Suffice it to say here that while our High school is not yet on a plane of scholarship where we may be perfectly satisfied, I feel that it is going in the right direction and that Mr. Larson and his corps of teachers are doing the sort of work and reaching the kind of results that we hoped for when you employed them a year ago.

The general plans for the commencement exercises have been made. Rev. Mr. Austin has kindly consented to preach the annual sermon on the evening of Sunday, May 19. This service will be held at the Methodist church and it is likely to be a union meeting, as Rev. Gade has accepted an invitation to take part in it.

The class play is being arranged for. We have secured competent coaches and expect to present the comedy on the evening of May 24.

We have not definitely secured the speaker for the graduating exercises through a misunderstanding as to the fee to be charged us. The others who are to be given places on the program have been invited and this matter will be in definite form in a few days.

W. K. Fox and Mrs. H. N. Dovey of this city; her sisters are Mrs. Oscar Heath, Lincoln, and Mrs. William Parkhill, Delavan, Wisconsin.

P. S.—Since the above was put in type we are informed that the funeral will occur from the home Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. W. L. Austin of the Methodist church conducting the services.

MRS. GROVENER KNAPP PASSES AWAY MONDAY

Highly Esteemed Lady of This City Called to Her Final Reward.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mrs. Mary Knapp, wife of Grovener Knapp of this city, passed away at their home on West Granite street last night, after an illness of several months.

Mary Mahannah was born in Rochester, New York, December 14, 1839, being at the time of her death in her seventy-third year. She grew to young womanhood in her native city, and on April 17, 1862, was married to Mr. Knapp. With her husband Mrs. Knapp moved to St. Catherine, Canada, where they resided for some years and later settled at Pacific Junction, where Mr. Knapp was superintendent of the railway yards for a year, being transferred to Shenandoah, he was promoted to the master mechanic's position. Mr. and Mrs. Knapp resided in Shenandoah for fourteen years, later coming to Plattsmouth, the first time in 1882 and the last time about 1899, since which date this city has been her home.

Mrs. Knapp is survived by her husband, two daughters and two sisters, her daughters being Mrs.

Building and Loan Co. Meets.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Plattsmouth Loan and Building association held its annual meeting for the election of directors last night. The statement of T. M. Patterson, secretary, was read, showing the association on a sound financial basis and in a more prosperous condition than it has been since its organization in 1885. Last year was one of the best in its history, the association having increased its membership by one-third, and a dividend of 10 per cent on the stock was declared last night. The following directors were elected: William Balance, T. J. Janda, T. M. Patterson, for three years; Fred Range and C. A. Johnson, for one year. The present board of trustees is composed of the men just mentioned and Ed P. Lutz, J. M. Leyda, John H. Hollstrom and J. E. Barwick.

County Commissioner C. E. Heebner of Nehawka came in last evening to act with the board today in the transaction of county business.

Mrs. E. H. Booth Very Sick.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mrs. E. H. Booth, who has been visiting relatives in St. Louis for the past ten days, returned this morning via Omaha. She is very sick, having had the care of a nurse during her entire trip from St. Louis. Mrs. L. B. Egenberger and Mrs. Val Burkel met her at the station and called a cab to enable her to go to her home.

BRAKEMAN UPTON'S JUDGMENT FOR \$8,250

Injured in Locomotive Boiler Explosion in Eurlington Yards at Lincoln.

Morris H. Upton, the Burlington brakeman, who was injured in the explosion of a locomotive boiler in the Lincoln yards two years ago, will receive \$8,250 as damages from the Burlington railroad, with interest since the rendering of the judgment in the Lincoln division of the federal court several months ago. The federal courts of appeals affirmed the judgment of the lower court yesterday.

Information of the affirmation by the court of appeals was received in Lincoln by a telegram to R. J. Greene, of counsel for Upton. It stated briefly that the position of the lower court was upheld in every particular.

The principal contention of the defendant company, that the Burlington was not subject to a judgment because its relief funds exempted it from the operation of the federal employers' liability law, was held void by the superior court. This question was an open one when Judge T. C. Munger decided against the railroad in the lower court. Since that time the federal supreme court has ruled that the company is not exempt, the decision being in the case of McGuire vs. the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad, appealed from the Iowa district court.

It was necessary for the plaintiff to make a case proving that no negligence of the crew was responsible for the accident, since such negligence would have relieved the railroad of liability. The necessity for making such a negative case was considered the hardest task of the entire suit from the standpoint of the plaintiff's attorneys.

The case was argued before the court of appeals at St. Louis in December, R. J. Greene and L. C. Burr representing Upton.

The accident in which Upton was injured caused the death of George R. Pierce, the engineer, and Charles Meacham, the fireman. Upton himself was hurled through the air and lit in a pool of water some distance from the scene of the explosion. He sustained a fractured leg and other severe injuries, including a serious nervous shock.—Lincoln Journal.

Snow-Bound Thirty-Six Hours.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Miss Mary Foster, county superintendent of schools, returned from St. Louis this morning, where she had been in attendance at the National Association of Superintendents. Many of the most prominent educators in the country were present at the three days' session, which met Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Miss Foster went to Omaha and joined the party of Nebraska educators on the way down, departing from the Union station Sunday evening, February 25, over the Wabash. The train was stalled in a snowdrift at Wilcox, a little station between Burlington Junction and Maryville, for thirty-six hours, and consequently got into St. Louis a day and a half later than expected when leaving Omaha. The meeting was a good one, there being present about 2,000 superintendents from different parts of the United States.

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SOME THINGS THAT NEED REGULATING

And Which Needs the Attention of the City Council Ere Spring Fully Dawns Upon Us.

Now that spring is almost here some of the good citizens of Plattsmouth are beginning to plan a campaign for cleaning up the city along the line of sanitary conditions. One of the peculiarities of the men on the street and one offensive alike to men and women, is the habit of spitting on the sidewalks and on the platform at the station. According to the doctors this filthy habit is one of the methods of spreading diseases of different sorts, especial tuberculosis. Besides being nauseating to the men and women who are compelled to observe the filthy walks, it is a menace to the health of the community to allow a promiscuous expectorating on the pavements.

Occasionally after imbibing too much lager beer at the counters of the numerous thirst parlors, a man will be seized with vertigo and attempt to spit on the walk, and before he is through has thrown up two or three meals. All this could be dispensed with if the ordinance passed by the city legislative body some time ago should be strictly enforced. Other cities in Nebraska have such a measure on their ordinance book and enforce it, and why not have Plattsmouth keep along with the procession?

It would be a little hard on the fellows "a lean'n against the build'n's," and would no doubt be awkward at first to have to step across twenty feet of pavement to deposit their saliva over the curb, but after a little practice they would be able to do so by going only half the distance. The enforcement of the measure would be welcomed by the women who have to pass over the puddles of tobacco mixed saliva often seen at some of the most frequented corners.

Arrives at Monticello.

Louis Schultz has written M. A. Searle of this city that he arrived in Monticello, Arkansas, last Thursday and found everything lovely. Will Schultz, his son, arrived with the car of stock Friday and everything went through in fine shape. Mr. Schultz is greatly pleased with his surroundings and with the country. After looking over the fine farm which he had purchased he decided that it would be more than he could handle himself, so he turned this over to his son and rented a smaller farm nearer town. They are all comfortably located and delighted with the change from the frigid climate to one so much milder. The prospect for early spring work is bright and everything promising and inviting.

W. H. Rush in Town.

From Tuesday's Daily.

W. H. Rush, overseer of highways in the vicinity of Murdock, was a Plattsmouth visitor today, having come down to interview the commissioners relative to tunneling the snowdrifts in the roads leading to the village of Murdock. Mr. Rush has had fourteen men working at one time trying to open the road for traffic, just as the law requires. His mission with the board was to ascertain under which law he should pay the salary, as there seems to be a slight difference in the amount.

Goes to Geneva.

From Tuesday's Daily.

On complaint of her step-mother, Myrtle McPhearson, a 13-year-old daughter of one McPhearson, who was committed to the asylum some time ago, yesterday was ordered restrained at the girls' industrial school at Geneva. Mrs. McPhearson complained that her stepdaughter was incorrigible and growing up in mediocrity and asked that the court step in and place Myrtle where the proper restraint would be used upon her. She was taken to Deputy Manspeaker's apartments at the jail, where she will remain until taken to Geneva.

CHARLES ALLEN WHITING, THE BIGAMIST, RECEIVES A VISIT FROM WIFE NO. 2

They Have Quite a Conference, and the Second Mrs. Whiting Seemed Very Much Disappointed at the Condition of Affairs. Was Engaged to Whiting Since September, Not Knowing That the First Mrs. Whiting Was in Existence.

From Wednesday's Daily.

A young lady wearing an anxious look alighted from No. 4 yesterday morning and inquired where the court house was located, where the jail was situated and who she would have to see in order to obtain an interview with a prisoner in the jail.

She was directed to the court house, where she at once sought Judge Beeson's office, and seating herself before his honor asked him if he remembered having seen her before. The judge reflected a brief minute and remarked that he believed he had seen her. She then produced a copy of the Omaha Bee containing an account of Charles Allen Whiting having been apprehended for bigamy, and informed Judge Beeson that she was the innocent victim of Whiting's crime, and that the first she knew of his trouble and double-dealing was when she saw it in the Bee.

She said that she had known Whiting for about a year, and had been going with him for six months and had been engaged to him since last September. That he had always led her to believe that he was a single man, and that his father and mother lived in Lincoln, where he frequently went to visit them. The lady was in tears during her conversation with Judge Beeson, and appeared to be badly shocked at learning the perfdly of her supposed legitimate spouse.

Whiting was such a fine young man and everyone liked him so much; he could go to any of his acquaintances and they would trust him for any sum he might wish to ask to borrow; punctual with his engagements and "Johnny on the spot" on all occasions, and it grieved Mrs. Whiting No. 2 sorely to know that he

had duped her.

The lady left the court room to find Deputy Manspeaker and get his consent to let her into the jail where she could have another look at her lover. She thought it very strange when he failed to phone her from Lincoln, where he went Friday to visit his parents, and when she got no word from him she was much worried and would have been worrying still had she not happened to pick up the Bee and see the plight Whiting was in.

Mrs. Whiting then found Mr. Manspeaker and told him her mission and showed him the story in the Bee. The lady was weeping and the deputy is not a hard-hearted man, so he agreed to let her have a ten minutes' interview with Whiting and conducted her to his prison cell. Mrs. Whiting No. 2 shed more tears when she confronted Whiting and asked him why he did not tell her he had a wife. The confessed bigamist replied that he didn't like to tell her.

At the end of the interview, it being near the hour for lunch, the deputy sheriff invited the troubled woman to take lunch at his quarters over the jail, and the invitation was accepted. After lunch Mrs. Whiting No. 2 proposed that she interview Whiting once again, but she was dissuaded from this. Before her marriage she had supported herself and two children by working at a restaurant, where she received \$14 per week, but since her marriage she had given up this position and her place was now filled by someone else, but she expected to try to get a position at the same place again. The lady stated that Mrs. McQuestion of this city was her grandmother, but did not say what her maiden name was.

DECLARES WAR ON SECEEDING MEMBERS

Head Consul Talbot Warns Nebraska Camps of Danger of Disobedience.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Nebraska Modern Woodmen are warned in a circular letter issued by Head Consul A. R. Talbot, that the forfeiture of charters and the cancellation of individual insurance certificates may be the penalty paid by members who seek to effect organized resistance to the raise in insurance rates recently ordered by the head camp of the society.

Mr. Talbot calls attention to a section of the by-laws of the society, whereby the executive council is empowered to recall charters and annul certificates whenever members act in wilful insubordination or contempt of any superior authority in the society. Hastings camp No. 4201 has so erred, says Mr. Talbot, in issuing a call for a state convention on March 20, to which camps are invited to send delegates to protest against the head camp's advance of rates. This camp and all others who support it are liable to extreme discipline, declares the head consul.

In a second letter, addressed to each individual member of the Hastings camp, Mr. Talbot emphasizes the illegality of the step taken by that camp. It is not too late to recall the action, he remarks, and he urged members to attend the next meeting of that camp, March 12, and rescind the previous resolution.

Both letters convey in no conciliating tone the determination of the head officers to force adherence to the new rate schedule.

Mrs. Captain Palmer Dead.

From Tuesday's Daily.

A message was received in the city last evening stating that Mrs. Captain Palmer passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clara Kountze, in New York City, yesterday morning. Mrs. Kountze is the only member of the Palmer family surviving.

In speaking of the death of Mrs. Palmer, the World-Herald says: "Mrs. Henry E. Palmer, widow of Captain Palmer, who was the pioneer of seven states, and founder of the Battle Mountain sanitarium for veteran soldiers, died at the Great Northern hotel, New York city, at 4:30 Monday morning."

"She had been ill of pneumonia and was recovering, but proved unable to survive the weak condition in which it left her."

Mrs. Palmer lost her son, George H. Palmer, two years ago, then her husband last year, and had only surviving her daughter, Mrs. Herman Kountze, jr., formerly Miss Clara Palmer. She had for nearly a year past made her home with her and Mr. Kountze. "The body will be brought to this city Thursday for the funeral. Particulars will be announced later."

Farmers Shovel Snow.

From Tuesday's Daily.

John Bergman and sister, Miss Lizzie, drove in from their home, eight miles out, this morning and boarded the train for Omaha. Mr. Bergman found the roads fairly good considering the deep snow. The farmers have had to dig the roads out with snow shovels for much of the distance to town.

E. O. Furlong and wife and children left today for their home at Steamboat Springs, Colorado, after visiting relatives in this vicinity for some time and spending about three weeks in Florida.