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## MR. AND MRS. J. N. WISE TENDERED FAREWELL RECEPTION LAST NIGHT

Residents of Plattsmouth for Over Fifty Years and the Large Attendance at the Presbyterian Church Demonstrated the High Esteem in Which These Worthy People are Held in the Community Where They Have So Long Resided.

From Friday's Daily.

The farewell reception tendered Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wise at the parlors of the Presbyterian church last evening was attended by a large number of the membership of all the churches in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Wise have been residents of the city and identified with the church work here longer than any other couple in Plattsmouth. Mr. Wise came to Plattsmouth in 1856, two years before the First Presbyterian church was organized, and which he assisted in organizing, becoming a charter member thereof. Six years later, or in 1862, Mrs. Wise came to Nebraska and was employed as a teacher of the Oreadopolis seminary for some time before their marriage.

D. C. Morgan was chairman of the reception committee, and shortly after 9 o'clock called the company to order and with a few well chosen words recited the purpose of the reception and called on Hon. R. B. Windham for remarks. Mr. Windham was notified that he would be called on only two or three minutes before Mr. Morgan rapped for order, but three minutes is really more time than Mr. Windham needs to prepare a good speech. He reviewed the early struggles of

to the date of his advent into the county. All of this time had not been spent in Plattsmouth, but the past sixteen or seventeen years he had been identified with the Sunday school and C. E. work, as well as one of the mainstays in the choir, and during all this time he had been more or less associated with the Session members and had noted the important part borne by Mr. Wise. He had noticed that Mr. Wise had always kept in touch with the Sunday school, frequently visiting it and often attending the meetings of the C. E. society. As a worker in the Sunday school, Mr. Farley expressed deepest appreciation for the character and services of Mr. and Mrs. Wise, Mrs. Wise having been a teacher in the Sunday school until very recent years.

Mr. J. M. Roberts was next called on and paid a high tribute to the character of the guests of honor, the high example for integrity, honesty and morality which this estimable couple had set during all of the years they had lived in Plattsmouth and had the greatest influence for good, even more than either of them could estimate.

Rev. Gade was then called upon and said, among other things: "A great element of friendship is

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Mr. and Mrs. Wise expect to leave next week for Kansas City, there to visit for a short time, when they will go to Chicago and visit their daughter for several months, after which they will take up their residence in Lincoln. Mr. and Mrs. Wise go from Plattsmouth with the love and esteem of a large circle of friends, who feel a deep appreciation of their worth as citizens of this com-

munity. They have lived here constantly during the past fifty or more years. Mr. Wise was away for six years, during the time he was working on the tax books of Douglas county, but his home and family were here. Another time he was in Omaha for a year checking the books of City Treasurer Bolin, but his home has not been removed until now. He has been one of the leading citizens, always working for the advancement of the city along financial, moral and intellectual lines. He was postmaster of Plattsmouth during Cleveland's first term as president, and a better postmaster Plattsmouth has never had. His

office was always neatly and systematically kept and his accounts always in most excellent condition. Always an exemplary and model citizen, quiet and unassuming in manner, not given to too much talking, his life has been an inspiration to the young citizenship of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Wise will be greatly missed from the city, and the Journal joins with their legion of friends in wishing them happiness in their new environments.

## LARGE ATTENDANCE AT I. O. O. F. PICNIC

From Friday's Daily.

For the first time for a number of years, a representative of the Journal did not attend the Avoca annual I. O. O. F. picnic, but owing to the pressure of business and an unfortunate lack of help in the composing room, the management was unable to send one of its force on this occasion. The disappointment is all our own, however, for the picnic was a great success, as usual. The weather was ideal and the Plattsmouth citizens who did attend were highly pleased with the reception they got, and the program was excellent. The committee on arrangements of the picnic are entitled to much praise for the systematic manner in which the crowd was handled. Everyone present appeared to enjoy the occasion to the greatest degree, and we are only sorry that we could not be one of them.

### Held Delightful Meeting.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church held a most delightful meeting in the church parlors yesterday afternoon. There were a large number of the ladies in attendance and all most thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Mesdames Margaret Mauzy, Helen Mauzy and John McNurlin were the hostesses on this occasion and they entertained their guests in a very charming manner. First of all the ladies held their regular business session, after which they very pleasantly whiled away the moments in social conversation and other amusements. A dainty luncheon was served, to which all did ample justice.

## PLATTE MUTUAL HAS ANOTHER LAWSUIT

Judge Ramsey Brings Suit to Recover Insurance on Barn That Burned a Year Ago.

From Friday's Daily.

A suit was commenced in the county court today, wherein B. S. Ramsey is named as plaintiff and the Platte Mutual Insurance company is defendant. The amount in controversy is \$300, with 7 per cent interest thereon from the 3d day of August, 1911. The petition is based on a policy covering plaintiff's barn, and the insurance was first negotiated several years ago, when the risk was assumed.

The fire which destroyed Judge Ramsey's barn occurred August 3, 1911, since which time he has been negotiating for a settlement of his claim, but failing in this, his attorney, W. C. Ramsey, drew a petition to the county court, which was filed today, according to a stipulation in the policy to bring the suit within one year of the damage or loss by fire. The origin of the fire was a mystery, but the judge always thought that little boys with matches probably started the conflagration. Besides the barn all of his garden tools and wood-working tools were destroyed.

It is understood that the company's defense will be similar to that offered in the suit of Mrs. McElvain, viz., that the policy had been canceled prior to date of the fire. The litigation will involve very similar questions to those tried out in the above-named case, and the outcome will be watched with some interest.

## TO INCREASE VALUATION OF LAND IN CASS COUNTY

In Order to Make It Equal With That of Other Counties of the Same Standard.

From Friday's Daily.

The chairman of the county board of commissioners and the county clerk have received a letter from H. Seymore, secretary of the state board of equalization, under date of July 31, 1912, in which it is stated that "from a careful study of the returns from the different counties, it would seem that the valuation of lands in Cass county should be increased 10 per cent. You are, therefore, notified to appear before the state board of equalization, at the state capitol, at Lincoln, Neb., on Tuesday, August 13, and show cause why the assessment of Cass county should not be increased."

Mr. Seymore further says: "This does not mean an increase in taxes, but is for the purpose of fixing the same value for different counties that are of the same values, so that each county will pay its equal share of state taxes. On account of the increase in the total assessed valuation, as shown by the grand assessment roll for this year, there is no doubt but the state levies will be reduced, and I see no reason why the same result should not obtain in making your local levies, county, school, etc."

### Another Picnic.

From Friday's Daily.

A party composed of Mrs. Crabill, sr., Mrs. John Crabill and daughter, Mrs. Howland; Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Wescott, Mrs. Albertus Shore and daughter, Mrs. John Brady; Misses Becker, Peterson and Jackson, journeyed to the bridge last evening, where a sumptuous spread of good things to eat was laid. Later in the evening Miss Leona Brady came meandering down the road with Miss Crabill, each carrying a paper sack of lunch. But not until the crowd hid in ambush, cried out, "Brooks," did Miss Crabill realize that she was again a victim of her friends, who are striving to make these last few days with them fragrant with pleasant memories. The affair was planned by Miss Brady.

Marshall, Dentist, Coates block.

### Young Lohnes Very Bad.

From Friday's Daily.

The young son of Jacob Lohnes, who was taken to St. Joseph's hospital at Omaha about a week ago, having a kernel of corn in his lung, is still in a precarious condition. The physicians have not operated on him yet, and the fits of coughing, which seize him frequently, are something frightful to see. It is hoped that some means may be devised very soon to relieve him from the terrible suffering. It seems that the physicians feel that an operation may result in his death and they do not want to assume that responsibility.

## FREIGHT DEPOT BURNED AT ASHLAND THURSDAY

From Friday's Daily.

The Burlington freight depot at this place was totally destroyed by fire this, Thursday morning, about 4 o'clock. The origin of the fire is unknown. Probably spontaneous combustion. Fortunately very little freight was in the building at the time of the fire; what there was, however, was practically all burned. Most of the papers, desk and small articles from the freight office were saved.

The fire started in the south end of the building and before water could be thrown on it it was a roaring mass of flames. The local fire company promptly answered the alarm, but could do little good. The most valuable property destroyed in the building was a lot of telegraph and telephone cable, estimated to be worth about \$800. Two gasoline cars, standing on the track at the south end of the depot were burned. The safe, which contained some valuable papers, hasn't yet been opened. It looks to be all right, however.

The loss to the Burlington, including building, contents, cars, etc., will probably amount to \$10,000. The building destroyed was formerly Ashland's only passenger depot before our present fine structure was erected. It was moved north about two blocks from its old location and converted into a freight depot. It was only about fifty feet from the passenger depot, which is of brick, but the later was not injured by the fire.—Ashland Gazette.

### Factory Down Town.

From Friday's Daily.

Robert Richter, who has been manufacturing his cigars at home for the past few months, has moved his factory down town, and is today located in one of the rooms over the Egenberger saloon. When Mr. Richter embarked in the cigar business for himself some few months ago, he did not wish to have his expense greater than his profits, not knowing just how the goods would take, so placed his factory at home. His popular brands of goods have gained almost daily and he is at present enjoying a very fine business and was compelled to move to more commodious quarters.

### To Open Bids August 28.

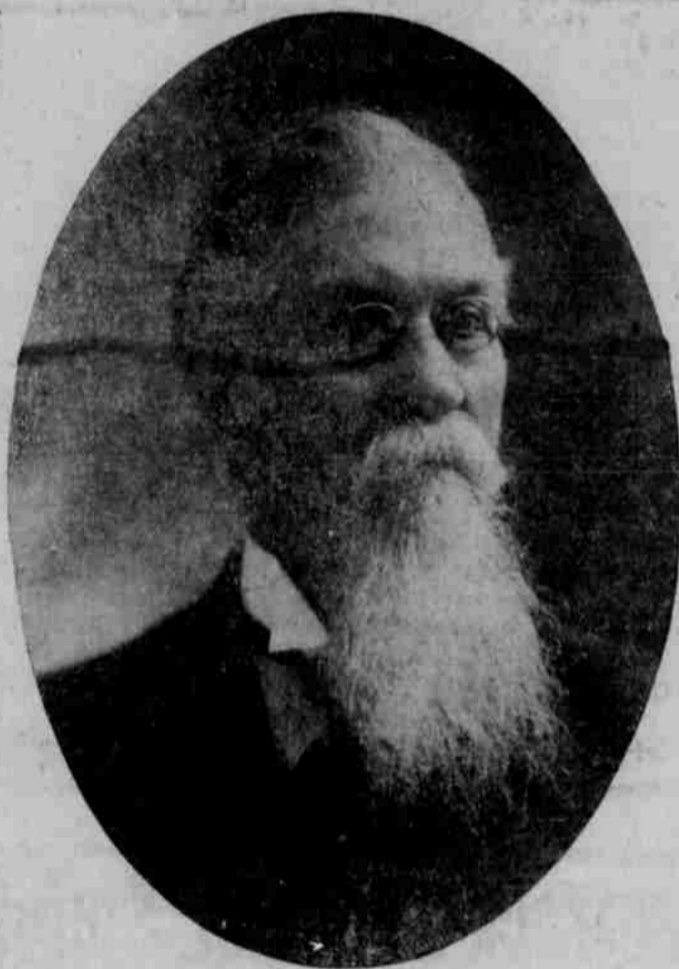
From Friday's Daily.

According to a special from Washington, bids will be asked and opened on the 28th day of August for putting the Plattsmouth postoffice on a foundation which will not sag, according to information sent Congressman Maguire by Sherman Allen, assistant secretary of the treasury, today. The falling walls will be supported on steel beams, which will rest on piers. If satisfactory bids are received work will begin October 1. In the meantime the walls will be held up on screw jacks.

### Big Corn.

From Friday's Daily.

W. T. Davis, living three miles southeast of Plattsmouth, brought to the Journal office yesterday a stalk of corn that measured 14 feet and 4 inches in height. The farm is on the bluffs, and while Mr. Davis does not claim that all his corn is this tall, he says his crop will average up with most of the fields in Cass county. This specimen of Cass county corn takes the cake so far as heard from.



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civilization in eastern Nebraska and informed the audience of the leading part taken in the up-building of the city by Mr. and Mrs. Wise. Mr. and Mrs. Wise were in Plattsmouth when Mr. Windham left his Iowa home and started for Pike's Peak, but stopped off in Plattsmouth and never got any further.

Mr. Thomas Pollock was called on for a few remarks and gave the estimate placed on the worth of Mr. Wise as a member of the Session, Mr. Wise's services as ruling elder of the church having antedated that of Mr. Pollock's by ten years or more. The remarks of Mr. Pollock were very touching, he having been feeling very poorly for some days. He spoke of the high estimation placed by the members of the Session on the counsel of Mr. Wise during the many years he had been associated with him in the work of the church.

Mr. G. L. Farley, superintendent of the Sunday school, was the next to be called upon for a talk by Chairman Morgan. Mr. Farley was in a reminiscent mood, but could only go back forty-six years,

confidential intimacy. There are things which must spring from realities which exist in those concerned. Politeness, etiquette and ceremony do not always constitute true friendship. Just before the French and Prussians were to make war with each other in 1870 they met together and treated each other with most distinguished courtesy. But friendship is a matter involving confidence. The spiritual tie of affection binding one another together in the church creates the deepest bond of confidence, producing a love and friendship that is permanent. The work and service of Mr. and Mrs. Wise in this church for half a century, sharing their secret thoughts and most ardent hopes with those they love in Christ, has created a chord of affection that time cannot sever."

Mrs. Chapman, for the Ladies' Aid and Auxiliary societies, then presented Mr. and Mrs. Wise with a handsome leather traveling bag.

Mr. Wise was called on for a response and gave an interesting account of his early experience with the organization and maintenance of the First Presbyterian