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## CONSOLIDATION SEEMS TO BE THE THEME

The Office of Register of Deeds Likely to Be Disposed of in Some Counties.

From Friday's Daily. The last legislature, in house bill 184, provisions were made that upon petition of 10 per cent of the voters of at least two-fifths of the precincts of any county, the question of abolishing the office of county assessor and register of deeds shall be submitted to the voters of said county for their decision. This is now a question in some of the counties in the state. The Journal is of the opinion that the office of county assessor could better be done away with than register of deeds. In speaking of the abolishment of these two offices, the State Journal says:

No little discussion has been heard about the court house of late on an effort to be made in the legislature at the coming session to reduce the number of county offices, thus cutting down the expense of county government, if not in fact increasing the efficiency of the public service. The statement frequently made that there are a number of officials drawing good salaries whose services could be dispensed with and the offices consolidated, meets with the approval of many persons who have taken occasion to study the matter.

It is argued that the office of register of deeds could be dispensed with and the work placed under the direction of the county clerk, as it was prior to the creation of this office several years ago. It was charged at the time the law was passed providing for a register of deeds in certain counties, that such office was being created merely for the purpose of providing places for political henchmen, and these assertions frequently are made today. Those who favor the abolition of this office declare that it could be consolidated with that of the clerk, who, with the number of deputies now employed, could attend to all the work, thus saving the county \$2,500 a year.

There is no apparent reason why these two offices should not be abolished. In counties of 100,000 population, it probably is necessary for the dispatch of business to have the county work more segregated into departments. There is no apparent reason for attempting to place all the county work under the county clerk's office, as he is always the hardest worked official about the court house. In the matter of register of deeds, in a great many states this work is well looked after through the office of the district clerk, in those states circuit clerk. In the matter of assessments it is usually under the care of the county treasurer. In this manner records are much better kept within their own departments. There is but little reasoning in allowing the money of the taxpayers to the amount of five or six thousand dollars each year to be given away to some office-holder, when the money might be better expended in the building of good roads, or some other branch of permanent improvement.

## BOOSTERS FOR NEHAWKA FRATERNAL PICNIC SATURDAY

Yesterday afternoon ten automobiles loaded with enthusiastic Nehawka boosters arrived in the city and for a few minutes proceeded to make the city their own. A fife and drum corps and numerous clowns accompanied the party and entertained the citizens for a few minutes. They were advertising the Fraternal picnic to be held at Nehawka Saturday, and, judging from the boosters, it will surely be some picnic. Nehawka is a pretty little town and always gives their visitors a warm welcome.

**Vilas P. Sheldon Improving.**  
Vilas P. Sheldon of Nehawka, who has been quite sick, suffering from an attack of typhoid fever at his home, is reported as being much improved and the prospects are good for his speedy restoration to good health.

## SALE OF THE BAUER STORE CONFIRMED

New Proprietor Has Arrived and Will Assume Management at Once.

From Friday's Daily. The details of the sale of the Bauer hardware store have been completed and the purchaser, Mr. G. P. Eastwood of Hastings, Neb., arrived here today to take possession of the same at once. Mr. Eastwood comes here highly recommended as a rustling, up-to-date business man, and will prove a welcome addition to the business interests of the city.

Mr. Bauer will devote his attention in the future to his other business interests in this city, including the plumbing and contracting business. There is no doubt that Mr. Eastwood will make a fitting successor to Mr. Bauer in this line of business, as he is well qualified for it.

The work of invoicing the stock of the hardware store began today, and it will require some time to complete it, as the Bauer stock is one of the largest in this part of the state.

## MORE PARTICULARS OF THE INJURY OF J. W. PITMAN

From Friday's Daily. J. Wesley Pittman, one of Cass county's well known pioneer citizens, residing northwest of town, was very seriously injured near his home last Friday morning by a horse falling upon him. Mr. Pittman is bruised somewhat about the face and body, but his most serious injury is the right hip, bones of the joint being crushed in such manner as to render him helpless. It will probably be necessary for him to remain strapped and bandaged for several weeks, on account of the peculiar nature of the fractures.

At the time of the accident Mr. Pittman was in the field, about a quarter of a mile from the house, where his son, James, and the hired man, Monroe Mead, were working with a disc. While they were making some repairs Mr. Pittman sat on the double-tree behind the team, and suddenly one of the horses reared backward, crushing Mr. Pittman to the ground. He was taken to the house as quickly as possible and physicians called, who found the injuries as above stated.

Mr. Pittman has certainly had his share of misfortune the past few years. About six years ago he was injured by a horse, and four years ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis from which he had not fully recovered, and this last accident and his age of 78 years, places him in a condition from which it will take a long time to recover.—Union Ledger.

## MR. AND MRS. CARL G. FRICKE ARE REJOICING

From Friday's Daily. City Treasurer Carl G. Fricke and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of a most handsome and winsome little Miss at their home in the Second ward. The little stranger arrived yesterday afternoon, and it is the wish of their friends that she may grow to be a comfort and blessing to her parents. This is the first child of Mr. and Mrs. Fricke and consequently there is nothing too good for Miss Fricke.

Queen Quality Oxfords, the \$3.00 quality, your choice at \$1.25. E. G. DOVEY & SON.

## LAUNDRY REMOVES TO THEIR ELEGANT NEW QUARTERS

When Fully Arranged the Paragon Will Be One of the Finest Laundries in the State.

From Friday's Daily. The Paragon laundry is engaged this week in removing to their new building on South Fourth street, and will, in a few days, be able to resume operations. This is a great thing for the city and Mr. Enger deserves the united support of the citizens in his endeavors to give to the people of Plattsmouth one of the best laundries in the state. In the past the laundry has been handicapped by the fact that the building in which they were located was in a condition in which it was impossible to turn out the work in a satisfactory manner, but in the new building, which has been erected, especially for Mr. Enger, this difficulty will be overcome.

There is no reason in the world why a good, up-to-date laundry should not make a success in this city, as towns much smaller have maintained them in prosperous condition. The laundry in its new location will also have the advantage of good clear water to use in their work, which will greatly aid in the turning out of first-class work. The new building is a handsome brick structure fronting on Fourth street and extends the whole width of the lot and contains ample room for the washing machines and ironing machinery.

Give the laundry a boost and demonstrate that the people recognize the efforts of Mr. Enger to build up a laundry business in this city that will reflect credit on the town. Many old residents who have been here on visits to friends have remarked on the splendid growth of Plattsmouth, and the new laundry is only another step toward advancement.

## CHANGE OF VENUE FOR HYERS AND BRIGGS

From Friday's Daily. Chief of Police John Briggs of South Omaha and Sheriff Guy Hyers of Lancaster county were Thursday granted a change of venue in the case charging them with manslaughter in the killing of Roy Blunt, a Sarpy county farmer, who came to his death during the chase of three escaped penitentiary convicts last spring.

The order was issued by Judge Travis of the district court at Papillion. It directs the trial to be held in Saunders county. Judge Travis took the case under advisement several weeks ago, after hearing arguments of attorneys for the defense, who declared that prejudice against the officers was so strong in Sarpy county that a fair trial could not be held. A revival of interest occurred two weeks ago when the widow of the unfortunate farmer gave birth to a child.

## ENJOYED THE TIME OF THEIR LIVES GETTING HOME

From Saturday's Daily. The party which went out to Avoca yesterday to attend the matrons' contest at that place, had quite a time on the return trip. When on the way home the auto in which the party was driving, laid down. This happened about 11 o'clock and the party continued to shiver in the cold night air until an auto drove out from this city and brought them in about 6 o'clock this morning, feeling that they had surely been engaged in a contest in which they received the worst of it.

An article that has real merit should in time become popular. That such is the case with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been attested by many dealers. Here is one of them. H. W. Hendrickson, Ohio Falls, Ind., writes, "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best for coughs, colds and croup, and is my best seller." For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

## Reported Much Better.

Hon. William Deles-Dernier of Elmwood, who has been quite sick for a number of days, is reported to be recovering nicely and it is to be hoped that he may soon be able to pay a visit to his many friends in this city, who have greatly missed the genial Elmwood attorney.

## PROF. NED C. ABBOTT IN THE ROLE OF EDITOR

From Friday's Daily. The September number of the Nebraska Teacher contains a very able article by Professor Abbott on "The Personality of the Teacher," and contains some very valuable suggestions as to the handling of students, and to the teacher on the developing of a personality that will attract the pupil and lighten the load of the men and women who are acting as pedagogues throughout the state. The topic of the first paper is on "The Tone of the School." Mr. Abbott is editor of this department and the teachers of the state will find much good advice in these able articles of the professor.

## SPEND DELIGHTFUL AFTER-NOON WITH MRS. C. H. COBB

From Friday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon the members and friends of the Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church assembled at the church, from whence they were driven to the home of Mrs. C. H. Cobb in the north part of the city, where they spent a most delightful afternoon. The ladies held their regular business session during the early hours of the afternoon, after which the time was very pleasantly whiled away in social conversation and other amusements. At an appropriate hour an excellent luncheon was served, and about the hour of 5 the ladies dispersed, voting Mrs. Cobb a splendid entertainer.

## Entertains the Helpers.

From Friday's Daily. The Helpers of the Christian church were delightfully entertained by Mesdames Isaac and Luke Wiles at their home, west of this city, yesterday afternoon. Captain Isaac Wiles conveyed the ladies to and from the Wiles' country home in his auto, which consisted of a sturdy team of farm horses and a hay rack. About 48 ladies were present. The quilt contest was extended one month longer. After the usual business session a dainty lunch was served. All most thoroughly enjoyed this occasion.

## George Hall Comes Home.

From Friday's Daily. George Hall came in yesterday from Falls City, where he has been employed by the Missouri Pacific. George has just been released from the hospital at Atchison, where he was recovering from the effects of having a red-hot wheel axle fall upon his foot, burning it quite severely. George is feeling fine now and enjoys being home again.

## Some Mushroom Hunters.

From Friday's Daily. There was a great deal of curiosity aroused yesterday at the depot by the strange actions of several men who could be seen rushing around on the bottoms in front of the depot. Later it developed that they were W. P. Cook, the barber, and A. D. Despain, who were engaged in the pursuit of the elusive mushroom.

## David O'Brien Returns Home.

From Friday's Daily. Mr. and Mrs. David O'Brien of Osmond, Neb., who have been in the city for the past two weeks visiting among friends and relatives, departed this morning for their home, Plattsmouth was Mr. O'Brien's home for a great many years, where he held the position of section foreman for the Burlington. He moved to Osmond a few years ago, where he has been engaged in farming, and is doing well. He reports crops in his locality mighty fine this year.

## MORE ABOUT THE GREENWOOD TROUBLE

From Friday's Daily. It seems that the slugging affair at Greenwood is very badly mixed up. About 9:30 Wednesday evening two men entered the drug store of John Weidman and slugged him over the head. The county officials proceeded to that place yesterday and the sheriff apprehended a man named Burks, who was placed in the custody of the marshal, but who later made his escape and at last reports was still at large. Earl Glymer, who was suspected of being involved in the affair, was in the city today and denies any part in the mixing, as he says he was at home at the time the slugging took place. He was interviewing the county attorney this afternoon in regard to the matter. Mr. Weidman was not seriously injured in the slugging match.

## LIBERATE GAME BIRDS IN CASS COUNTY

Chinese Pheasants From the State Game Warden Were Liberated Last Monday.

From Saturday's Daily. Hon. C. E. Metzger of Mynard was in Louisville Monday morning and received a consignment of Chinese pheasants from the state game warden, to be liberated in the fields of Cass county. Mr. Metzger was a member of the legislature that passed an appropriation of \$5,000 for the introduction of game birds into the state, and knowing him to be interested in the work the Cass county consignment is being liberated under his direction. The shipment for this part of the county consisted of ten birds, five pair, and are of the Chinese ring-neck variety, said to be especially adapted to stand this climate. They are about the size of a prairie chicken and the males are beautiful in plumage. One which had been kept as a pet by the Courier editor was added to the flock and liberated.

The birds came in a crate and were taken in an automobile to the farm of James Terryberry, five miles southwest of Louisville, a most ideal spot, where they were liberated in the presence of Mr. Metzger, Lee Graham, traveling salesman for Paxton & Gallagher; W. F. Diers, James Terryberry and son, Earl; John Schoeman and L. J. Mayfield. Mr. Schoeman, who is the tenant of the farm, is a true sportsman and will take special pride in seeing the flock increase and to protect them from illegal hunters.

Mr. Terryberry desires the Courier to announce that he will personally pay \$25 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of anyone shooting any of these birds.

Just how long they will be protected by the game laws is not known, but they are said to increase under favorable conditions most rapidly and within two years this flock should increase to at least 200.—Louisville Courier.

## In Police Court.

From Friday's Daily. Dave Fisk, who imbibed too freely of the sparkling cup, was yesterday gathered in by the police, as he was found sitting on the sidewalk on the upper end of Main street and was about to be devoured by the flies. He was removed to a place where he would be safe. When brought before Judge Archer he was assessed a fine of \$2 and costs, amounting to \$5, which he was given until Saturday to settle.

The implicit confidence that many people have in Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is founded on their experience in the use of that remedy and their knowledge of the many remarkable cures of colic, diarrhoea and dysentery that it has effected. For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

Thomsen, Dentist, Wescott Bldg.

## Arrives From Wausa.

From Saturday's Daily. W. J. Crosser of Wausa, Neb., arrived in the city today for an over-Sunday visit with his wife, who has been here for the past two weeks visiting at the home of her father, William Nickels, and daughter, Miss Etta, near Murray. Mr. Crosser was a brief caller at this office this afternoon, and he tells us that everything in his locality is in excellent condition, crops are good and everybody is happy and contented. He will return home Monday, being unable to make but a brief visit with his many old Cass county friends and relatives.

## THE PARCELS POST TO HAVE FAIR TRIAL

Soon to Be Learned by Practical Experiment in Inauguration of the System.

Whether or not the parcels post will prove a success as a practical experiment is soon to be learned by a practical experiment. For the compromise parcels post law passed by congress on the last day of the session just closed is to go into effect on January 1, 1913.

A great amount of work is necessary to put the new law in operation. Many of the provisions of the act are left subject to the judgment of the postoffice department. All details of insurance, indemnity and collections are left to the postoffice department and it is even made discretionary with the postmaster general what rates shall be charged in many cases and the width of the delivery zones.

The law as passed differs widely from that first proposed. The general specifications of the law follow:

Any article is mailable if not over eleven pounds in weight, not over 72 inches in length and girth combined and not likely to injure mails, postal equipment of employees.

A flat rate of 1 cent per ounce will be charged up to four pounds, regardless of distance. Over four pounds the rate will be by the pound and will vary with distance, from 5 cents for the first pound and 1 cent for each pound additional up to a maximum of 45 cents for eleven pounds on rural routes and city deliveries to 42 cents for the first pound and an eleven-pound maximum of \$1.32 for distances over 1,800 miles. The law is effective in all the American possessions, except the Philippine islands.

These rates are claimed to be in every instance lower than the express rates which prevailed before the recent report of the interstate commerce commission, which made many and decided reductions. Some of the new express rates ordered by the commission are, however, lower than the parcels post rates will be in effect.

The provision is, of course, only an experiment, at present. Many predict it will fail. In all probability, however, much of these predictions are made by those who will be injured in their selfish interests by the provision. If the venture proves a success in reducing transportation cost for the general public, it is a step for progress and deserves general support.

Running up and down stairs, sweeping and bending over making beds will not make a woman healthy or beautiful. She must get out of doors, walk a mile or two every day and take Chamberlain's Tablets to improve her digestion and regulation her bowels. For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

## Egenberger & Osborn.

From Saturday's Daily. Albert Egenberger has entered into partnership with Oliver Osborn in the draying business, and the firm is now ready to handle any kind of hauling from a house to a trunk. Both of these young men are bright, genial fellows and any time you give them a job you can bet your bottom dollar that satisfaction will be given.