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## THE GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT AGAIN

**A Law Should Be Enacted by the Incoming Legislature Meaning Something in This Direction.**

From Tuesday's Daily.

Under our present system of road work a great deal of money is simply wasted in making what may be termed temporary improvements. What is needed is a system that will build roads so that they will be lasting and passable at all seasons of the year. There can be no objections to the incoming legislature passing a measure that means something in the way of road improvements, and all who are directly interested (who isn't?) in good roads of a permanent nature should write or talk to their representatives about a measure that will in reality bring to the front a law that will bring about the desired result. On the subject of better roads the Lincoln Trade Review offers the following timely suggestions:

"This paper favors the enactment of a law that will create a state engineer and that will put supervising power in his hands. Then it favors giving to a county engineer in each county supervising authority over the county roads in his county; then it favors the creation of a law that will levy annually at least a 1/4-mill tax for good roads development in the state. The question of expenditure of proceeds from 1/4-mill levy can be easily adjusted; it ought to be a fund available only to those counties that themselves expended a proper amount of money on highways. As it is a general tax, the larger and more populous counties will contribute the most to the fund raised. When it comes to apportioning this money, if a certain county, through its county board, says that it will expend \$20,000 on its highways for the current year, and another county says it will expend \$10,000 during the same year for the same purpose, then the county expending double the amount should receive in turn double the amount from the state tax. There would be an incentive in this for counties to do more toward good roads than they might ordinarily do. The state appropriation would be in the nature of a premium and the county doing the most work in itself would receive the most from the state in payment for its enterprise. Of course, the details of a bill of this character would need a good deal of attention and working out along practical lines, but this ought not to be a difficult task. Taking the general proposition, there ought to be no objection of any practical weight in either branch of the legislature toward a law of this character.

The value of good roads, the way they enhance property values, the way they make for better rural transportation, is so self-evident as to need no discussion. No tax that could be raised would go in a broader way to the general good of all the people of the state and to the financial interests of the state than would a tax levied and expended for better highways. This coming legislature is going to have unusual opportunities to do some real practical good for the state in the way of developing legislation of this character. It is most sincerely hoped that the next session of lawmakers will rise to the occasion and the opportunities that will be before them."

### Some Very Fine Bread.

The firm of E. G. Dovey & Son have been holding a contest for the best loaf of bread baked from the Queen Quality flour, and the prize for this month has been awarded Mrs. C. R. Frans. Last month the prize, a sack of the celebrated flour, was given to Mrs. Lottie Ingalls for the best loaf of bread. There were some eighty entries, and while all were of excellent quality, the judges decided the ladies named above had just a little the best of the baking.

Paper Napkins at this office.

### A Wild Goose Dinner.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
On Friday Mrs. J. H. McMaken delightfully entertained a number of guests at an elaborate dinner party, covers being laid for 18. It was in the nature of a goose dinner, as Henry had been very successful while hunting and had succeeded in landing a fine wild goose. It is needless to say that the guests did most thoroughly relish this dinner and they only hope that Henry will be able to capture another one in the very near future and that they will be invited to partake of another such dinner.

## MRS. GEO. E. DOVEY'S VISIT IN NEW YORK

**Spends a Very Enjoyable Time With Her Daughters in New York City.**

From Friday's Daily.

Mrs. George E. Dovey, who recently returned from her visit in New York, reports a most enjoyable visit with her daughters in the great city. The weather conditions were splendid while Mrs. Dovey was there and she was able to enjoy the trip to the fullest extent.

Miss Alice Dovey has just returned from her successful English tour with "The Pink Lady," and the management has decided to continue the show this season on the road and Mrs. Dovey was able to visit her daughter a short time before the company left on its tour of the large cities. She also visited her other daughters, Mrs. Fred Truesdell and Miss Catherine Dovey there. Miss Catherine is studying vocal training under Miss Terry in that city and is to take up this line of work. Miss Terry was formerly in Omaha and since her removal to New York has secured a splendid patronage of pupils taking up her methods of teaching, and Miss Dovey is proving a very adept pupil of the teacher.

Mrs. Truesdell is not appearing on the stage this season, as her husband is stationed in New York, where he is connected with one of the large moving picture companies, and Mrs. Truesdell is looking after the rearing of their little daughter, Jane.

## IN RECOGNITION OF HIS MOST FAITHFUL SERVICE

Captain S. H. Morrison, the veteran agent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, has just received a very handsome gold shield badge as a token of his faithful service to the company as its agent in this city and Nebraska City. It is surmounted by a gold eagle, while the lower portion is surrounded by a laurel wreath of roman gold and the center of the badge contains the figures 1912 and the lettering on the outside is "Faithful Service, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co." The whole is very artistically arranged and makes the captain a handsome souvenir of his ten years' service in the company's employ.

## MRS. CHAS. F. VALLERY OF ST. JOSEPH IMPROVING

From Tuesday's Daily.

The friends in this city of Mrs. Charles F. Vallery of St. Joseph, Missouri, will be pleased to learn that she is recovering nicely from the effects of the operation which she recently underwent in a hospital in that city. Mrs. Vallery was formerly Miss Manota Eikenberry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eikenberry, residing southwest of this city. The operation was a very serious one and the friends here have been anxiously awaiting reports from her bedside and that she is improving so much will be very cheering to them.

Buy your fancy stationery at the Journal office.

## STILL ANOTHER NEW BUSINESS BUILDING

**Work to Begin on H. M. Soennichsen's New Grocery Store Building Right Away.**

From Tuesday's Daily.

Workmen today began the work of tearing down the bill board west of the Journal office in order that the lot may be placed in condition for the erection of the new building of H. M. Soennichsen, who is to put up one of the latest and most up-to-date grocery stores in the state.

The building will be one story in height and will be 100 feet long and the full width of the lot. The building is to be finished with a handsome modern front and will be one of the neatest-appearing business houses in the city.

Mr. Soennichsen now has a very large stock of groceries and is unable, in his present cramped quarters, to properly handle the large amount of business that comes to his store, and the new building will be built with a view of taking care of the rapidly growing business of the firm.

This is one of the most important building operations of the year in Plattsmouth and shows the progressive spirit of the business men of the city and their confidence in the future of the city and its business interests, and Mr. Soennichsen is to be congratulated on his enterprise in putting up this building, as it fills up the block from Fourth to Fifth streets with good, substantial buildings and will make an ideal location for his fine grocery store.

Mr. Soennichsen has disposed of his present building to outside parties, and as soon as the new building is completed will vacate his present store room. The work on the new building will be rushed on now, as Mr. Soennichsen is very anxious to get settled in the new quarters, where he can more adequately handle his business.

## MRS. MANSPEAKER VERY PLEASANTLY SURPRISED

From Tuesday's Daily.

Last evening Mrs. M. E. Manspeaker was most pleasantly surprised by a number of her friends, and after the hostess had recovered from the surprise the guests proceeded to enjoy a most delightful evening in playing high five and social conversation. During the course of the evening the guests brought forth a sumptuous luncheon, which added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening. Miss Pearl Mumm gave a number of very fine instrumental selections during the evening that were a most delightful treat to the guests. Those composing the surprise party were: Mesdames R. M. Shlaes, F. R. Guthmann, W. D. Smith, Joseph Droeg, Kate Remington of Omaha, J. E. McDaniel, Olga Crosearry, John Bauer, sr., J. C. Peterson, Val Burkel, P. F. Goos, W. E. Rosenkrans, L. B. Egenberger, Nicholas Halmes and Carl Kunsmann.

## MIKE MAUZY RESIGNS AT THE BURLINGTON SHOPS

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mike Mauzy, who for a number of years has been the foreman of the Burlington blacksmith shop, yesterday resigned his position with the company. Mr. Mauzy will be succeeded by William F. Wurga, who has been employed in the shops here for many years and is well qualified to fill the position, although the task will be a difficult one, as Mr. Mauzy was one of the most capable men in the employ of the railroad company here and was very popular with the employes. That Mr. Mauzy and his estimable wife will continue to make their home here will be the universal wish of their many friends.

### Go to Cedar Creek.

From Friday's Daily.  
This morning Frank Gobelman and his painting force departed for Cedar Creek, where they will be employed for a short time in painting the residence of Mrs. Metzger, just east of that village. This is one of the finest farm homes in the county and Mrs. Metzger will find that she has placed her work in the proper hands for an artistic job, as they are some painters.

## SURPRISE TO MISS GERTRUDE STENNER

**Her Many Friends Drop in Unexpected and Give Miss Stenner a Great Surprise.**

From Wednesday's Daily.

Miss Gertrude Stenner had often boasted of the fact that she had never been the victim of a surprise party and furthermore she boasted that they never could get one on her, as she would surely find it out. But, nevertheless, her friends did spring a surprise on her and it was a most complete one.

Last evening while Miss Stenner was entertaining a young lady friend, and as her guest was playing on the piano, twenty or more of Miss Stenner's lady friends very quietly stepped on the porch and entered the parlor of the Stenner home and greeted Miss Gertrude with "Surprise." We must say that Miss Stenner was most horribly surprised, as the expression on her face surely revealed, and she can never boast again that she had not been surprised.

For the past few weeks Miss Stenner has been employed as stenographer at the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company's office, but has resigned her position to accept a position as instructor in shorthand in the Lincoln Business college at Lincoln, and will depart for that point Friday morning. Consequently this delightful occasion was in the nature of a farewell, and although the guests are sorry to lose Miss Stenner from their midst, yet they are much pleased at her success and extend to her their best wishes for continued success in her new position.

After Miss Stenner had somewhat recovered from the shock of having been surprised, the jolly company proceeded to spend the time in recitations, vocal and instrumental music and participating in many games. At a convenient time Mrs. Stenner served an excellent luncheon, which greatly added to the pleasures of the evening.

## SHOWING THE GOODS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE

The time of year is at hand when displaying the goods is of greater importance than any other season.

Eleven months in the year people come into your store and ask for certain goods, buy them and go out.

In December people come in by the score without knowing what they want, or perhaps not knowing that they want anything.

They are just looking. But if you have your stock so displayed that they can see what you have, they will buy.

The more goods you show, the more sales you make.

Consider whether it may not be profitable to you to seize this opportunity to add something in the way of display fixtures that will pay for themselves before Christmas and give you their services indefinitely thereafter.—Inland Storekeeper.

### Injured by Fall.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
John Rotter, who is employed in the lumber yard of the Burlington shops, had the misfortune this morning to fall off a car of cinders and bruise himself up considerably, but no serious injury was caused. John will be compelled to retire from active work for a few days.

## LIGHTING COMPANY SELLS CITY PLANT

**New Company Takes Possession, but Al Clabaugh Remains as Manager for the Present.**

From Wednesday's Daily.

The interests and gas and electric light plants of the Nebraska Lighting company in this city were today transferred to the Eaton-Abbott Operating company of Cleveland, Ohio, who will conduct the plants in the future. This deal has been in prospect for some time and the negotiations were finally brought to a successful conclusion.

No definite arrangements have been made by the new owners in regard to the management of the local company, but Mr. Albert Clabaugh will remain for the present, at least, in charge, and it is to be hoped he will continue in the position permanently, as he has been the most efficient manager the company has had in this city and is always ready to serve the patrons of the company to the best of his ability.

Extensive improvements are said to be planned in the local gas and electric light systems as soon as the change in ownership is finally settled, and the new company placed in charge. The rates in both gas and electric service will remain the same for the present, at least. The new operating company is said to be well supplied with the necessary capital to go ahead and make the improvements desired, and that they can see their way clear to make the plant in this city more modern is to be hoped.

The Eaton-Abbott company, in addition to the local plant, also bought several other public utility plants, including the following: Red Oak Gas and Red Oak Electric Lighting Co.; Shenandoah, Iowa, Artificial Ice, Power, Heat and Light Co., and the People's Gas Co. and the Gas and Electric Co. at York, and Gas company at Beatrice.

## THE RECITAL AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Attendance Very Small for Entertainment of This Character, Which Was Grand.**

From Wednesday's Daily.

The recital given last evening at the First Presbyterian church by Carl Fredric Steckelberg, head of the violin and orchestral department of the University School of Music, and J. Frank Frysinger, organist and choirmaster of the First Presbyterian church of Lincoln, was one of the most delightful musical events ever given in the city, and deserved a much larger crowd than was present to hear the gentlemen.

Both of the players are artists in their lines and their rendition of the various numbers on the program were given in the most classic manner. The "Evening Song" and "Supplication," rendered by Mr. Frysinger, were especially beautiful, as was the "Faust Fantesie," given by Mr. Steckelberg, and made a deep impression on the audience. The entire program had been prepared with a view of giving the artists an opportunity to display their talents and they certainly proved themselves masters of the instruments upon which they played.

The ladies of the Q. Z. society deserve the appreciation of the music-loving public for the rare treat given them last evening.

### Fine New Boy.

From Wednesday's Daily.  
The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wiles, near this city, was visited by the stork Sunday and left a fine 10-pound heir with them. The mother and little boy are getting along in fine shape and the happy father will become settled down to the common things of life in a few days and be able to resume his duties about the farm.

### Attracts Considerable Attention.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
The hardware store of G. P. Eastwood is attracting a great deal of attention today with their demonstration of the celebrated Copper Clad ranges. The demonstration is under the charge of Mr. Leach, a representative of the company, and the visitors are being treated to biscuits baked in this excellent range, as well as coffee. Tomorrow the visitors will be served with alfalfa biscuits, and if the representations of the general demonstrator can be recalled upon, the store should be crowded, as these are some biscuits.

## ARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS MAKING GOOD?

**Some Parents Claim There is Something Radically Wrong in the Methods of Instruction.**

From Wednesday's Daily.

Thousands of people are complaining every year that the public schools are not "making good." They cannot understand why the great majority of boys, after reaching the sixth or seventh grade, fail to pass their examinations, become discouraged and drop out of school, says the Columbia State.

The small proportionate number of graduates they regard as proving that something is radically wrong in the scheme and methods of instruction. Not for a moment do they remember what they are asking of the schools. If they could compare their outlay for education with the outlay for heating or lighting their homes and then compare the results, they would agree that no other investment yields returns worthy to be mentioned by the side of their investment in the public schools, yet they insist that the schools should accomplish for the average boy or girl ten times what they do accomplish.

The mother or father who will give to the children in the family an hour of assistance each day will have no reason to be disappointed with the school system. If they will three times a year visit the schools and spend half an hour in them, learning at first hand what the task of the teachers is and how much the taxpayers have asked the school system to do, they will conclude that wonders are being achieved at nominal cost, and they will be convinced, moreover, that in respect to their own children they may not expect the working of miracles unless they set themselves to do faithfully what is physically beyond the powers of the overworked teachers.

### They Were From Omaha.

From Wednesday's Daily.  
Did you notice that very much corpulent bunch of whole-souled fellows that were in the city of Plattsmouth yesterday afternoon? They were friends of our excellent fellow citizen, Adolph Geise, and were guests of Mr. Geise during their brief stay in Plattsmouth. They were from Omaha and came down in the morning and returned on the fast mail. The crowd was composed of Charles W. Ortmann, J. F. S. Ruimoh, Conrad Keller, T. F. Naughtin, John Lairdstein, alias "Lefty Louie," and A. Bakke.

### To Undergo Operation.

From Friday's Daily.  
Miss Anna Egenberger was taken to Omaha yesterday afternoon, where she will enter Immanuel hospital to undergo an operation. Miss Egenberger was operated upon about a year ago for appendicitis, but has never regained her former health, and the physicians decided it would be necessary for her to submit to another operation.

### Commissioners Hold Meeting.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
The county commissioners are holding their regular meeting today and passing upon the various claims against the county. Commissioners Jordan and Heebner came in last evening from their home at Avo and Nehawka to join Commissioner Friedrich in the meeting.