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## WILL LIVE UP TO THE LAW IN ASSESSING

### County Assessor Bryan Gives a Few Timely Suggestions to the Taxpayers.

In an article published some time ago I said that I believed in a graded income tax and gave my reasons why. You have elected me as your county assessor. Our law provides that we shall assess at the cash value. All the precinct assessors have taken an oath that they will obey the law. Now, I ask you to meet our assessors kindly and show them your stock and notes and tell them how much you have in the bank. You also are under oath and are required by law to give in your property honestly. Now, you all know that, but we are forgetful. I want to give you a few reasons why you should give in all you have and not keep back part.

First, that is the law. If you have been blessed with health and opportunity and have accumulated wealth, be cheerful about it and gratefully turn in all that you have while you live. Do not do like some who keep back a part, while they live, then after their death it is necessary to go back over the years and assess their property.

Second, if the assessor has reason to believe you do not give in all your property, the law allows him the right to estimate the amount held back. He is very apt to over-estimate than to underestimate your property.

Third, if you do not give true returns, you have sworn falsely. Now, I do not believe that there is a taxpayer in Cass county who would put his hand in his neighbor's pocket and take his money. Yet a man that does not make true returns to the assessor causes his neighbor to pay a share of his taxes. This is robbery in an indirect way.

Now, I have no ill-feeling toward any man, but rather would like to help all to see that it is not only a duty, but a privilege to help bear the burden of taxation, if it may be called a burden.

Now, it may be that renters and small farmers with large families having a hundred or two hundred dollars in the bank will be so glad that they have it that they will report it to the assessor even before they are asked, while there are others that are so accustomed to banking so much money every year that they are prone to forget what they have in the bank when the assessor comes around.

Be careful to follow the golden rule and do unto others as you would that others should do unto you. If each one will give in his true valuation the levy will be less on the dollar than when false returns are made.

Think twice before you sign the schedule, for you will find that I will stand up for honesty.

W. M. Bryan,  
County Assessor.

## JUDGE TRAVIS DOWN WITH PNEUMONIA IN FLORIDA

From Friday's Daily.

The many friends here of District Judge H. D. Travis will be very much surprised, as well as shocked, to learn that he has been taken with pneumonia at Tampa, Florida, where he went a few weeks ago to try and regain his health, which has been very poorly of late. The family received a card from Ray, who is with his father, Wednesday, stating that the judge was able to sit up a little, and as soon as he was strong enough they would start for home. The climate of Florida seemed to agree with the judge and when he first arrived there, but he acquired a severe cold that settled on his lungs, developing into an attack of pneumonia, but it is to be hoped he will regain his former health in the southern climate and be able to return to his home in this city feeling himself again.

### Train Service Difficult.

One of the cars on Burlington freight train No. 73 burned out one of the journals on one of the wheels while the train was running through La Platte about noon, and as a result the track was blocked for several hours, as it was necessary to get a new set of wheels before it could be placed back on the track. As a result of the accident Yardmaster C. S. Johnson was forced to run the stub up to La Platte to connect with No. 24 and make the trip to Pacific Junction and back here to convey the Omaha passengers up there to make connections for the metropolis.

## HOENSHELL CASE COMES TO AN END

### Judge Corcoran Affirms the Transfer of Property and Finds for Defendant.

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon Judge Cochran handed down a decision in the case of Kate Hoenshell vs. Archibald Hoenshell, in which he denies the prayer of the plaintiff to have the transfer of property made by the parents of Archibald Hoenshell set aside and finds for the defendant.

The case was most hotly contested by both sides, and it was one of the largest suits in court here for some time, as besides a valuable 320-acre farm, there was some \$20,000 in personal property involved in the suit, and the plaintiff made a strong fight to have the conveyance set aside, claiming that the defendant had exercised undue influence over the aged parents to secure the property from them and that the plaintiff had been withheld from her share of the estate, but the court viewed the matter differently and found that the allegations were not such as to secure the setting aside of the conveyance.

The attorneys for Mr. Hoenshell were C. A. Rawls and W. A. Robertson of this city, and they are feeling in very good spirits over the result of the case, as they devoted much time to the presentation of the defense, and the result demonstrates that they have good cause to feel pleased.

## WORK BEGINS ON THE NEW BURLINGTON STATION

From Friday's Daily.

Work was commenced today to tear up the brick walk on the north side of the Burlington station preparatory to starting the work on the excavating for the furnace room which will be placed in the depot, according to plans of the Burlington officials having the matter in charge. This will make it much more pleasant for both the traveling public and the employes at the depot, as under the present system it is necessary to keep three stoves going constantly during the cold weather, and then it is a hard proposition to keep the waiting rooms properly heated, and with a furnace it will only be necessary to run one fire and it will save the company a great deal of fuel, as well as give those around the office more time to attend to other matters. The plans for the depot will make it more comfortable for everyone, and if the suggestions of Agent Clement are carried out the depot will be able to accommodate all the people who travel over that road out of this city and make it one of the handiest and most convenient passenger stations on this part of the system.

### An Instructive Play.

"The Third Degree," Charles Klein's great play, remains the triumphant public benefactor that it was recognized to be on its premier tour about a year ago. The play not only entertains its hearers, but it instructs the larger portion of its patrons in a harmful police practice of great interest to the commonwealth.

### BUT IF THE TURKS HAD WON!



The victorious Bulgars are influencing spring fashions. The Bulgarian blouse will be much in evidence. —Wilder in Chicago Record-Herald.

## PROSPECTS GOOD FOR BETTER PASSENGER TRAFFIC ON THE M. P.

From Friday's Daily.

The prospects for this city securing better accommodations for travel over the Missouri Pacific is getting much better, and information from the heads of departments that the road would endeavor to put on an additional train that would afford the country people an opportunity to come to Plattsmouth from the central and western portions of the county. This will prove a mighty good thing for the railroad, as it will put all parts of the county in touch with each other and the travel will be much heavier, as the train, in addition to bringing the people here in the morning, will also run on to Omaha, reaching there about noon, and returning leave there about 2:30, which would get anyone from the farthest part of the county home in good time and give them plenty of opportunity to transact their business here or in Omaha. The Commercial club had a committee visit the headquarters in Kansas City and the assurance given them was most pleasing and good results may be looked for as a result of the visit of the committee. The citizens should get back of the project and see to it that this city receives its just dues from the Missouri Pacific in the way of train service.

## PLEASANT AFFAIR AT THE BARNARD HOME NEAR MYNARD

From Friday's Daily.

A most delightful party was given last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barnard, at Mynard, in honor of their guest, Miss Ruth Johnson, of this city, who has been visiting them. The evening was spent by the jolly crowd in playing piano and other games which furnished much amusement and fun for several hours. In the game of panic Wayne Propst and Miss Pheme Richardson succeeded in carrying off the prizes, which were two handsome boxes of candy. At an appropriate hour a most delicious and highly enjoyable luncheon was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Ida Cole, and the guests enjoyed it to the utmost and felt it was certainly a rare treat to be the guests of such royal entertainers as Mr. and Mrs. Barnard. The guests present were: Misses Pheme Richardson, Buenita Porter, Muriel Henton, Ruth Johnson, DeElla Venner, Florence Richardson, Pearl Henton, Mildred Johnson, Messrs. Harry Henton, Urvin Barnard, John Livingston, Wayne Propst, Lee Cole, Dwight Propst and Mrs. Ida Cole.

## A BEVY OF HANDSOME YOUNG SCHOOL TEACHERS IN TOWN FRIDAY

From Saturday's Daily.

The office of County Superintendent Mary E. Foster was the scene of a gathering of some of the handsomest young ladies in Cass county yesterday, the occasion being the regular teachers' examination. The normal training class of the Plattsmouth High school was taking the examination, as well as the following ladies from out in the county: Misses Irma Koop, Elizabeth Brodie, Louisville; Willa Mundt, Alvo; Opal Besack, Munda Besack, Mardock. These future school teachers of the county will make a splendid addition to the already large number that have been turned out from the schools of this county in the last few years.

## MANY ATTENDED THE BASKET BALL GAME LAST NIGHT

The basket ball game at Coates' hall last evening drew out quite a large crowd of the admirers of the game, and those who attended were more than repaid in the two red-hot games that were given by the tried and true warriors. The first contest was between the second High school team and the team from the German Turner hall, and it was truly some contest, although the Turners were very much faster than the second High school team and proceeded to hang a large and heavy defeat on them by a score of 34 to 19.

The second game between the regular High school team and one composed of the alumni of the High school, was certainly a gory contest and the players did not adopt any pink tea methods of trying to win the game, but each team went right in to get "the goat" of their opponents and in the first half of the game the High school boys had decidedly the best of the argument, but the alumni proceeded to come back strong in the second half and for a few minutes it looked like it was good-night for the High school team, but their lead was too great to overcome and the final score stood 28 to 26 in favor of the High school team. This is the last contest of the season, and the team which has represented the High school has made a very creditable showing for themselves and have no reason to be ashamed of the record they have made, as they have gone against some of the strongest teams in the state.

### For Sale.

A pair of horses—a mare coming 6 in May, and a horse coming 6 in May. Inquire of Henry Eikenbary. 3-13-4-wkly

### Death of Miss Cook.

From Saturday's Daily. Dr. E. W. Cook received a message this noon announcing that his niece, Miss Elizabeth Cook, had passed away at her home in Salem, Iowa, from the effects of an attack of pneumonia. Miss Cook was a most charming young woman and the news of her death came as a very sad blow to her relatives here. Dr. and Mrs. Cook will leave tomorrow evening for Salem to attend the funeral, which will occur Monday.

### Rejoicing at Boetel Home.

From Saturday's Daily. Claus Boetel, sr., the drayman, is wearing a very broad smile today over the arrival of a new Mr. Boetel at the home of his son, Frank Boetel and wife, in the north part of the city. The mother and little one are doing nicely and Frank is busy receiving the congratulations of his many friends.

## FINE ADDRESS TO THE BUILDERS CLASS

### Large Audience Greeted Mr. C. C. Belden at Presbyterian Church, and All Well Pleased.

From Saturday's Daily.

The fact that C. C. Belden, the well known Omaha merchant, was to speak to the Builders' class of young men at the Presbyterian church last evening drew out a large crowd, and a very pleasing feature was the attendance of a large number of prominent business and professional men of the city to hear Mr. Belden speak on the subject of "The Merchant," and the lecture was one of the best that has been delivered in this city.

Mr. Belden took up the story of his own life and how he was forced to give up his school work in order to assist in the support of his mother, and his first position was that of a clerk in a small store in Youngstown, Ohio, where he received in exchange for his labors his board and room and his mother was given \$2.50 for the cash part of the wages. He rose in the clerkship until he received as high as \$70, and then decided to embark in business for himself, and coming west had various stores and positions until he finally found himself in Omaha, and in company with Mr. Thompson, an old friend from Ohio, they started into business in the Nebraska metropolis, although the combined cash of both parties did not exceed \$1,500, but they succeeded in getting \$125,000 on a loan, which enabled them to get a start, and though the first years were decidedly hard sledding for them they have succeeded in establishing a business that has been most successful. His talk to the boys on the essential things necessary to a successful business career was much appreciated and he made clear to his audience the great foundation of all business—a good Christian character.

The large audience was given a most pleasing treat in the vocal solo by Miss Mathilde Valley, which was one of the most pleasing features of the evening's entertainment. The young ladies of the Q. Z. society served a most delicious luncheon, consisting of sandwiches, ice cream, cake and coffee, which was much appreciated by those who were fortunate enough to be in attendance.

## FELL FROM TOP OF CAR, RECEIVING SCALP WOUND

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon while Frank Ohm, who is employed as a tinner in the Burlington shops, was working on top of a coach he fell off in some manner unknown to him and struck his head, inflicting quite a severe scalp wound, as well as being badly bruised up generally, but no serious results are looked for from the accident, although he will be laid up for several days as a result.

## THE COMMERCIAL CLUB ENJOYS A FINE SESSION

### Weather Interfered With Attendance, but Very Respectable Number Were Present.

From Friday's Daily.

The cold and stormy weather interfered to a large extent with the attendance at the Commercial club meeting last evening, but there was a very good turnout of the members when President Schneider called the meeting to order. There were several matters of routine business, such as the allowing of bills that demanded the attention of the club before the new business of the evening was taken up.

The committee consisting of President Schneider and C. C. Parmele, who visited the Missouri Pacific headquarters in Kansas City the first of the week, reported that they had been received by Mr. Matthews of the passenger department and they had gone over the situation thoroughly in regard to the needs of the city for better train service and the representative of the railroad company had promised to try and provide better means of getting to and from this city from the interior of the county and that very shortly. This report was received most favorably by the members of the club who were very much pleased by the reception accorded their committee by the railroad company's representative.

J. H. McMaken stated that he had just entered into a contract to start excavating Monday morning for the new addition that is to be built onto the Burlington depot in this city when the company will carry out their plans for the enlargement of the structure and put it in more proper shape to take care of the large amount of travel that goes from this city every day over that road. The work will call for the employment of quite a number of men to help in the excavating.

John V. Hall reported that he had been informed that Swift & Co., the packers, were desirous of establishing several soap manufacturing establishments along the Missouri river, and as this city was situated close to the South Omaha packing house of the company, he thought it a good idea to agitate the matter and take it up with the company. The matter was referred to the new industries committee, who will get in touch with the Chicago offices of the company and see what can be done with the project.

Charles C. Parmele addressed the club briefly, stating that as C. C. Belden of Omaha, one of the leading business men of that city, was to address the young men at the Presbyterian church this evening, the Builders' class of that church had extended an invitation to the Plattsmouth Commercial club to attend the meeting. On motion of Mayor John P. Sattler the invitation was accepted and as many as possible of the club members will attend the meeting.

As the hour was growing late and the weather being so cold and stormy, the club adjourned to wend their way homeward.

## MRS. ISAAC KING OF SUPERIOR MUCH IMPROVED

From Friday's Daily.

The many friends in this city of Mrs. Isaac King of Superior, Neb., will be greatly pleased to learn that she is improving from her recent illness and her complete recovery is looked for by the physicians. Mrs. King was taken with a severe case of the grippe, which was followed by a general breakdown, and for some time her condition was considered quite serious, but she has rallied from the attack nicely and is feeling so well that her mother, Mrs. W. F. Grabil, was able to come to this city for a short visit.

Sell your property by an ad in the Journal.