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## THE BUILDING OF THE NEW COUNTY JAIL

A Plain and Truthful Statement in Regard to the Jail Proposition.

The question that will be presented to the voters on Tuesday, April 8th, in regard to voting the levy to allow the county commissioners to build a jail on the ground owned by the county north of the court house, is one which should receive the earnest thought of every taxpayer in the county, for upon their carrying or rejecting the proposition means the saving to them of countless elections in regard to the county seat.

The Journal has never been in favor of making misstatements of the truth in regard to the county jail proposition, and proposes to give only a few plain truths in regard to this matter, which is of such vital interest to the taxpayers of the county.

To begin with, it is not a bond proposition, but if a majority of the voters are in favor of a new county jail, then the commissioners will make a special levy in July of 30 cents on each \$1,000 worth of property that is given in to the assessor and the levy shall be for one year only. The commissioners will be limited to expend only \$12,000 for a complete jail.

The new jail is badly needed, as every taxpayer who has ever seen the present structure well knows, and the new jail in a few years will save the county more than the cost of building it in the saving of fuel, repairs and cost of safe-keeping of prisoners. If you vote for the jail, you vote to expend a small sum of money for something that is necessary that the county should have.

By voting against the jail proposition you indirectly vote to have a number of special elections in regard to removal of the county seat, and at the end of that time the county seat will remain as it is and the county and the taxpayers will be out more money than if it had voted the jail many times over and still be without a proper place to confine the prisoners. The county in the past few years has been compelled to keep desperate prisoners in the county jail of Douglas county and the taxpayers have had to pay for this, when this amount could have been saved by having the proper kind of a building here to keep them in.

The city has in the past used the jail for confining prisoners arrested by the city authorities, and they have paid to Cass county every cent that the law will allow them for the care of the prisoners. The city is now preparing to erect a jail of their own for the use of city prisoners and save to the city this sum of money, and the county should follow their example and put up a jail that will hold their prisoners and not be compelled to send them to other counties for safekeeping.

Every taxpayer should take this matters to heart and ask himself if it is not a good business proposition that will mean the saving of thousands of dollars to the county, and go to the polls and vote "YES" on the jail question on April 8th.

### Meet at Fricke Home.

The ladies of the St. Paul's church held a very pleasant social meeting at the home of Mrs. F. G. Fricke yesterday afternoon, at which there was a large attendance. The ladies had a most enjoyable social time, interspersed with various other amusements. Delightful refreshments were served.

### Plants for Sale.

Tomato, cabbage and sweet potatoe plants for early planting. W. A. Scott, Murray.

### Hold Splendid Meeting.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church held their regular meeting yesterday afternoon, and which proved a splendid meeting. The ladies were entertained at this time by Mesdames D. B. Smith, J. L. Thompson and Julia Dwyer, and the ladies pronounced them as being excellent entertainers. The usual business session was held, after which conversation, sewing and the like was indulged in. At the proper time most delicious refreshments were provided, which was very much appreciated by the large number in attendance.

### MAY ORGANIZE A BOAT AND GUN CLUB HERE

A number of the sportsmen in this city are attempting to organize a boat and gun club for the coming season, which will develop the opportunities for the enjoyment of the sporting along the Missouri river at this place. The project is one that should appeal to every lover of river sports, and there is no place where time can be spent more enjoyably than in boating on the Old Muddy, and to sit and rest in the shade along the banks of the river enjoying the glories of such summer days as can be found in Nebraska alone. The club proposes to take in all those who own boats or are fond of hunting along the river, and by means of a small monthly one raise enough funds to erect a small bungalow near the bridge, southeast of this city, where the members can rest and leave their valuables or articles that they do not desire to take with them on their boating or hunting expeditions on the river. It is to be hoped this matter can be carried out, as it would make the river front here a most attractive place in the summer time, as well as stimulate the interest in good, clean sport in this locality. The opportunity for enjoyment is always to be had here if the people would only take the matter up and make this one of the most attractive pleasure places along the Missouri river.

### OLD-FASHIONED DANCE A DELIGHTFUL AFFAIR

To the tuneful melodies of the violin and guitar, a large crowd spent several enjoyable hours last evening at the Red Men hall in an old-fashioned dance, and it was one of the most pleasant occasions that this order has held in this city. The delights of the old-time square dances was enjoyed by the older members present, and Henry Rothman and Frank Grauf did the calling of the dances in a very musical voice which greatly pleased the merry dancers, and it was with great regret that the dancers wended their way homeward to wait until the next dance, to be given by this organization, which will be next month. The music for the dance was furnished by Ross Collins and Will Rinker and was most pleasing.

### SUPERINTENDENT BROOKS ABLE TO RETURN TO DUTIES

Superintendent of Schools W. G. Brooks was able to return to his duties this morning, after being laid up for several days with a severe case of tonsillitis, which is so prevalent throughout the city just now. Mr. Brooks was forced to leave his office Tuesday morning, and since that time has been confined to his home by the malady, and his many friends will be pleased to learn that he has so far recovered as to be able to be out.

### For Sale.

Osage hedge posts for sale. Enquire of R. L. Propst, Mynard, Nebraska.

### GOING TO THE ROOT OF THE MATTER.



Bartholomew in Minneapolis Journal.

### MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The congregation of the First Presbyterian church of this city held their yearly meeting Wednesday evening at the church and it was quite largely attended by the members of the church. The officers of the church organization for the ensuing year were elected at this meeting, the following gentlemen being chosen: Trustees, G. C. Parmele, D. C. Morgan and T. H. Pollock; treasurer, J. K. Pollock; superintendent of Sunday school, C. A. Rawls; chorister, Miss Mathilde Vallery; organist of Sunday school, Miss Blanche Sayles. Mr. James Robertson, who has served as treasurer of the church for the past year, was selected as assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. The reports of the various officers shows the church to be in most excellent financial condition and the membership has shown a most satisfactory gain, which is most pleasing to the congregation and the pastor, Rev. M. W. Lorimer, who has just recently come to this city, and since his arrival here has made some great improvements in the church, which has added greatly to the attendance at the different services. The Sunday school of this church has been reorganized and placed on a graded basis, which makes the work of the teachers much easier and more effective in handling of those attending the school.

### THE STORM WEST OF UNION VERY SEVERE

Last evening D. W. Foster came up from his home at Union to attend to some business matters and visit his daughter, County Superintendent Mary E. Foster, for a few hours. Mr. Foster reports the storm Sunday west of Union was most severe and did untold damage to the farms in the vicinity and the loss to the Alford boys on their farm will be very heavy, as they suffered the loss of their mother in the storm and their property was damaged very badly. The citizens of Union were most fortunate in that the tornado took a northward turn after leaving the Alford place, as it would have swept the town away if it had continued eastward. Severe as the storm was in Cass county, we can feel thankful that the loss of life was not greater, in view of the awful fate of some of our neighboring communities.

### REMAINS OF MRS. ALICE TAGUE BROUGHT HERE FOR BURIAL

This morning the body of Mrs. Alice Tague was brought to this city from her late home in Lincoln and the casket was taken direct from the Burlington station to Oak Hill cemetery, where a short prayer service was held by Rev. W. L. Austin of the Methodist church. Mrs. Tague was a former resident of this city, and about six years ago was sent to Lincoln to be treated for mental trouble, and never regained her health. She leaves five sons to mourn her death, two of whom, Otto Tague of Omaha and Fred Tague of Lincoln, accompanied the remains of their mother to this city, where she was laid to her final rest.

### DEATH OF FORMER CASS CO. CITIZEN IN CALIFORNIA

The news was received today by relatives of the death at Los Angeles, California, on March 22, of Mack D. Towner, a former resident of this county. Mr. Towner came to Cass county in an early day and resided here for many years and was well known to most of the older residents of the county. He was a son of Rev. Abraham Towner, one of the pioneers of this section of the state. He removed to California years ago and has made his home in that state since. Several months ago he was stricken with consumption, from which he died. Mr. Towner was a brother of Mrs. William Gilmour, residing south of this city, and the sympathy of her many friends will be extended to her on the death of her brother. A more complete sketch of the life of the deceased gentleman will appear later in these columns.

### WORK ON NEW BURLINGTON STATION HAS COMMENCED

The work at the Burlington passenger station in excavating for the furnace room and new side track that is to be built out of the warehouses of the Anheuser-Bush and Krug Brewing companies, is getting along in very good shape, although the workmen digging out the foundation for the new addition have been handicapped by the bad weather, but today they are pushing the work right along. The heating plant that the Burlington is to install in the depot will be modern in every respect and will cost quite a sum of money.

### To Donate Proceeds.

The Plattsmouth Players' club will give the production of "Princess Chrysanthemum" at the Parmele theater on Wednesday, April 2, and have decided to donate a part of the proceeds of the performance to the storm sufferers in Omaha. This club has in the past given a portion of the proceeds from all their entertainments to some laudable enterprise, and they are carrying this out to the fullest extent in turning the proceeds of this show over to the needy ones in Omaha.

### PREPARING TO SAVE HIS FRUIT IN CASE OF FROST

J. C. Peterson of this city, who has quite an extensive orchard in the south part of town, has received a car of crude oil, which he expects to use to burn in his orchard to protect it from the frosts and cold spells which are liable to happen here during April and May. This method of protecting the fruit trees is one that is practiced quite extensively in California among the orange groves of that state, and it has been found very successful in warding off the frosts from the trees. The oil is burned in pots placed at regular distances among the trees, and the heat arising from them prevents the frost settling on the trees and killing the buds. Mr. Peterson has had a large cistern constructed on his farm, in which the oil will be stored until needed. This is certainly a wise move on the part of Mr. Peterson and will save him from losing his crop of fruit through a visitation of frost in the early spring days when the trees are beginning to bud out.

### THE INCREASES IN NEBRASKA CROPS VERY ENCOURAGING TO ALL

The State Board of Agriculture has been studying the increase of crop production and farm values in Nebraska for the period since the census of 1900; this study of the principal crops from 1902 to 1911 shows an encouraging increase in valuation of Nebraska products. In this period of eight years the corn crop has increased in total value 13 per cent; the value of the wheat crop has increased 29 per cent; potatoes show 82 per cent of increase; the hay crop jumps to 163 per cent, and the value of horses 155 per cent. In dairy cattle there is an increase of 30 per cent in value, and swine 70 per cent, while the total value of all farm property has increased 178 per cent in the ten years since the census of 1900. When it is remembered that Nebraska now stands second in the entire Union in the per capita value of farm property it requires no gift of prophecy to predict that the census of 1920 will show this state in undisputed leadership of the agricultural column. This situation should be encouraging to every interest connected with the development of Nebraska.

### Funeral Tomorrow Afternoon.

The funeral of Miss Blanche Murray will be held Sunday afternoon from the home on North Eighth street at 2 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Rev. W. L. Austin of the First Methodist church, and the interment made in Oak Hill cemetery. The body arrived this morning and was taken to the home of the mother, Mrs. John A. Murray, where the funeral will be held.

### Announcement.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Johnson of this city announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ida Marjorie, to Mr. E. W. Backstrom. The wedding will take place April 15th, and will be a church affair. It will be followed by a reception, which will be tendered the young couple at the home of the bride in South Park.

## THE PASSING OF MACK D. TOWNER

One of the Earliest Settles of Cass County Dies at Los Angeles, California.

In the passing of Mack D. Towner at Los Angeles, California, on March 22, one of the earliest settlers of this part of Nebraska was summoned to the great beyond. Mr. Towner was born in Bates county, Missouri, in the early 40's and was a son of Rev. Abraham Towner and wife, his father being one of the first Methodist missionaries to work in what was then the new and unknown west. They came to Cass county, Nebraska, in the year 1854, and Rev. Towner was the first probate judge of the county, being appointed to that position by President Pierce, and he served with great credit to himself. Mr. Towner, at the outbreak of the civil war, enlisted in Company H, Second Nebraska cavalry, in which he served during the war.

After the war he resided here for several years and was married in old Mt. Pleasant to Miss Davis, a daughter of William R. Davis, one of the prominent farmers of that locality, and they resided together very happily for a number of years until death removed his helpmate. About forty years ago Mr. Towner removed to Butler county, Nebraska, and engaged in the general merchandise business there for a great many years, near Ulysses. He was married in Butler county to his second wife, who, with a number of children, are left to mourn his loss. About five years ago he, with his family, removed to California, where they have since resided.

Mr. Towner leaves the following brother and sisters surviving him: Abraham Towner, Surprise, Neb.; Mrs. Emily Patterson, Anarka, Kas.; Mrs. Susan C. Culler, Modale, Iowa; Mrs. Lucy E. Gilmour, Plattsmouth, Neb.; Mrs. Hattie Tissue, Seward, Neb.

### AVOCA PEOPLE AIDED THE BERLIN SUFFERERS VERY HANDSOMELY

The town of Avoca, in the southern part of the county, has set an example for the other towns in that section by coming to the aid of their neighboring town of Berlin, which was destroyed by the tornado last Sunday. The town of Avoca numbers only 300 population, yet they raised the sum of \$800 there to be used in aiding the sufferers at Berlin, and many of the worthy citizens of that place journeyed to Berlin, where they assisted the survivors in clearing away the ruins of their homes and getting their families under shelter from the bad weather of the last few days. We are proud of the spirit of the good people of Avoca and their noble action at this city will be long remembered by the residents of Berlin and vicinity.

### MECHANIC'S LIEN FILED IN THE DISTRICT COURT

A case involving a mechanic's lien and entitled Marvin Dalby vs. Kate Hoenshell and husband, David J. Hoenshell, was filed yesterday afternoon in the office of the clerk of the district court. The plaintiff alleges that in July, 1910, he began the erection in the village of Greenwood of a dwelling house for the defendants, and that there is now due on the place the sum of \$445.75 and interest, and the plaintiff asks judgment for the above named sum.

### Oak Posts for Sale.

About 400 bur oak posts for sale. Apply to Joseph Mrasek, on the Dull farm.