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## THE COMMERCIAL CLUB INVITED TO NEBRASKA CITY

L. F. Jackson, Secretary of Nebraska City Commercial Club, Sends Special Invitation.

From Friday's Daily. The kind invitation of the Nebraska City Commercial club to the members of the Commercial club here to accompany the company that is to put on "Princess Chrysanthemum" in that city on Wednesday evening, April 16, should be accepted by as many as possible of the club members and citizens. The invitation from the Nebraska City gentlemen is as follows:

Nebraska City, April 9. Mr. E. H. Wesscott, Secretary Commercial Club, Plattsmouth, Neb.:

My Dear Mr. Wesscott—We have arranged for the presentation of the "Princess Chrysanthemum" by your Players' club, at our theater on Wednesday, April 16. We hereby extend an invitation to the Plattsmouth Commercial club to be our guests on that evening. Very truly yours,

L. F. Jackson, Secretary. The kindness of the Commercial club of our neighboring city in taking up the matter of the show is highly commendable and their polite invitation to the club of this city is sure to create a much warmer feeling between the two cities that has so much in common between them. It is expected to have the train leave here about 6 o'clock for Nebraska City, and returning leave immediately after the performance at the Overland. Get busy, gentlemen, and prepare to accompany the train and meet the clever and genial gentlemen who compose the Commercial club there.

## STORM ABATES IN THE WEST PART OF STATE

The Severest April Weather Nebraska Has Experienced in Many Years.

From Friday's Daily. Reports from Burlington headquarters late yesterday afternoon indicated that the blizzard which had gripped eastern Colorado and a large section of western Nebraska Wednesday night and Thursday morning was abating. It was one of the worst storms in years in the month of April in Burlington territory. Snow from two to eight inches deep fell and a high wind drifted it in many places causing interruption of traffic. Many trains were late. In a cut near Akron, Colorado, the snow drifted till it was sixteen feet deep. It was necessary in many places to use a snow plow. On the lines north of Aurora yesterday freight trains were annulled. The O'Neill line was nearly blocked by a heavy snow, which drifted much when it was sent flying by the fierce wind. On the Sioux City line, near Sioux City, telegraph lines were down.

The Northwestern railroad reported from two to seven inches of snow from Norfolk to the sand hills. Freight service on this road between Long Pine and Chadron was entirely suspended until the tracks were cleared.

Fourteen inches of snow was reported in the Burlington yards at Ravenna yesterday morning and trainmen coming from the northwest yesterday forenoon reported Nebraska covered in white west of Uteia and Fairmont. The Greeley-Ericson train on the Burlington was stuck in the snow north of Greeley during the day and had not been released last evening.

S. O. Cole has some home grown alfalfa seed for sale at \$9.00 per bushel. 3-24-w41

## Judge Travis in Nebraska City.

From Friday's Daily.

District Judge H. D. Travis has improved so much over his sickness of the past few weeks that he was able to go to Nebraska City yesterday to look after some matters in the court in that city. That the judge is feeling such an improvement will be the source of much pleasure to his many friends throughout his judicial district, and it is to be hoped he will improve enough to take charge of the bench, as his reputation as a judge is the best in the state, and his uniform ability and fairness are unquestioned.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH CONVENTION ENDED

Delegates Were Very Elegantly Entertained by Local Members of the Church.

From Friday's Daily.

The convention of the Christian churches of the Second district of Nebraska, which has been in session in this city since Wednesday afternoon, closed its sessions last evening in a most profitable and entertaining manner, at which some of the ablest speakers of the state were present and addressed the gathering. The afternoon session yesterday was largely devoted to the business session and the discussion of matters of interest to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, and some very useful thoughts on the church work were brought out by the different members of the convention. The song service lecture by Rev. Hilton was one of the most pleasing of both the afternoon and evening sessions, and the members were delighted with the enthusiasm and fervor with which the services were given by the delegates in attendance.

The ladies of the church had arranged for a big dinner for the delegates and friends in this city from 5 to 8 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the dinner was attended by a large number of the citizens, many of them being outside of the church, who took this golden opportunity of enjoying the delicacies that the ladies of the Christian church alone know how to prepare, and the delights of the occasion will be long remembered by all taking part in the pleasing affair.

The evening session of the convention was addressed by Rev. H. O. Pritchard of Lincoln on the subject of the "Decay of the Rural Church," and he dealt with the matter in plain words, pointing out where the city churches were drawing greater numbers away from the country and the stumbling blocks that the country churches threw in the way of their own success. He stated that the cities, with their improvements and amusements, as well as the hard work on the farm, drew many to the larger towns and caused the decay of the rural churches that were such a power for years in every community. He also stated that so often the country churches and boards had asked themselves the question, "What can we do for the churches?" instead of "What can we do for the people?" and the slighting of the interest of the people had contributed to a great extent to the lack of interest in the small churches. Rev. Pritchard believed the small church should be made the gathering place of the different communities, where the members could meet and interchange views on subjects of interest and betterment for them all. The address was right to the point and met with hearty approval from all who heard this gifted speaker.

The city was proud to entertain this gathering of representatives of the different churches in this section of the state and it is to be hoped they will gather with us again in the future and their welcome will be hearty, as the delegates were all splendid people and reflected great credit upon the organization they represented.

## A BREAK IN THE WALL.



—Anderson in Philadelphia Press.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. NANCY J. MARTIN

Large Number of Neighbors and Friends Pay Last Sad Tribute to a Noble Lady.

From Friday's Daily.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Nancy J. Martin was held yesterday afternoon at the home of her brother, William A. Taylor, south of this city, and was largely attended by a host of sorrowing friends, who had known this worthy lady for the many years that she had been a resident of this county, and the tributes offered at the funeral were most sincere tokens of the high esteem in which she had been held by all who knew her.

The services were in charge of Rev. D. L. Dunkelberger of the Christian church of this city, who spoke most feelingly of the life of this worthy Christian lady and offered words of hope and consolation to the sorrowing relatives and friends gathered at the funeral. A choir from Murray was present and sang several of the old hymns that had been so much loved by Mrs. Martin during her lifetime. The body was laid to rest in the Eikenbary cemetery, south of this city.

Nancy J. Martin was born in Red Sulphur Spring, Monroe county, West Virginia, November 20, 1827, and was the daughter of Matthew and Elizabeth Taylor, pioneer residents of that locality, and she grew to womanhood among the rugged hills of that state and was united in marriage in 1843 to William H. Martin. To this union two children were born, one dying in infancy, while the other passed away while only a child of 11 years. Mr. Martin and wife resided for many years on a farm south of this city, until 1896, when death claimed the husband, and since that time Mrs. Martin has made her home with her brother, where she passed from this earth last Tuesday morning. Mrs. Martin in early life joined the Christian church and was a faithful and consistent member of that faith until death, although of late years her poor health had kept her confined to her home most of the time, and for the past five months she had been forced to remain bedfast, but in all these trials her faith sustained her until the end.

## From Near Nehawka.

B. F. Hoback, one of the excellent farmers from near Nehawka, was in the city a few hours today, coming up to attend the sale of the Geiser land, located near Union. Mr. Hoback is one of the mighty good friends of the Journal, and we are sure the winner by being able to place him on our large list of staunch supporters. This is his first visit to the county seat for several months, owing to a sick spell that has continued over the larger portion of the winter, but we are pleased to note that he is improving at this time.

## THE BIG MUDDY STILL BOOMING

Grave Fears Are Entertained for the Result of the Sudden Rise.

From Saturday's Daily.

The Missouri river at this point has risen very rapidly yesterday afternoon and last night and is now almost at the stage usually reached by the June rise, and much higher water is looked for, as reports from Sioux City indicate that several feet of raise was on its way down the river.

The river here cannot do much damage beyond covering the road to the ferry, but across the river, where the railroad company has done considerable rip-rapping, there is considerable apprehension felt that the continued raise of the waters may force an entrance back of the rip-rap, in which case all the work that has been done will likely be swept away.

At Henton station, north of Pacific Junction, the river runs near the tracks of the Kansas City line of the Burlington, and it is here that the greatest danger exists, for the railroad, as of late years the river has been making determined efforts to break through there and follow down the Iowa side into Keg creek, in which case the company would lose thousands of dollars' worth of property and the big bridge here would be left standing over a mere creek.

The most expert engineers of the Burlington were employed at Henton all last fall and this winter in preparing to combat the rush of flood water, and so far have been successful in their efforts to hold back the force of the river and to try and throw the force of the current toward the Nebraska shore, but the old Missouri has shown no disposition to change the course to this side.

The sewer creek, near Rocky Point, has been backed up by the river and has begun to flood over the bottom land south of the ball park, but it is not thought likely that the water will rise sufficient to reach the ball grounds, as the road has been graded up to quite a height, which will tend to keep the water out of the park. If the raise continues it looks probable that the farm occupied by I. F. Bates, near the depot, will be flooded to some extent.

## Ovation to Judge Travis.

Judge H. D. Travis was in the city yesterday. He arrived suddenly and his appearance was the cause of an ovation by the attorneys who met him at the court house. He looks rather thin since his recent illness, but he says he is feeling much better. He enjoyed the trip to Florida, but he said the trip home was a torture that he doesn't care to have repeated.—Nebraska City Press.

S. O. Cole has some home-grown alfalfa seed for sale at \$9.00 per bushel. 4-7-21wky

## Some Moving About.

Last week a deal was made in which Bert Everett purchased the 80-acre farm of Claudius Everett, about five miles northeast of here, possession being given at once, and this week was "moving time." By this transaction Claudius Everett and wife have become residents of Union, occupying the William Wolfe property, just vacated by Ed Leach and wife, in the northeast part of town.

Prior to this deal Bert Everett had leased 240 acres a few miles southeast of town, owned by Miss Jessie Todd, and all parties being agreed, the lease was transferred to Ed Leach and Sherman Austin, who moved to that farm this week and became full-fledged farmers.—Union Ledger.

## OFFICIAL CANVASS OF THE JAIL VOTE

The Majority for the Jail Slightly Increased, Which Is Gratifying to the Taxpayers.

The canvassing board, composed of George L. Farley of this city and John Tighe of Manley, yesterday afternoon finished the work of canvassing the returns of the vote cast in Cass county on the jail question, and the canvass did not develop any alarming changes, although the majority for the jail was increased from 243 to 259. The bad weather on election day largely interfered with the vote getting out or the majority would in all probability have been much larger. The vote in the different precincts, as found by the board, was as follows:

Precinct	For	Against
Tipton	16	170
Greenwood	6	97
Salt Creek	91	30
Stove Creek	23	198
Elmwood	23	170
South Bend	21	39
Weeping Water	3	85
Center	2	168
Louisville	31	186
Avoca	31	73
Mt. Pleasant	25	85
Eight Mile Grove	132	12
Nehawka	94	23
Liberty	71	59
First Rock Bluffs	99	23
Second Rock Bluffs	41	6
Plattsmouth	164	6
Weeping Water City		
First ward	85	
Second ward	4	100
Third ward		46
Plattsmouth City		
First ward	173	3
Second ward	258	4
Third ward	292	2
Fourth ward	202	1
Fifth ward	115	1
Total	1,931	1,672
Majority for jail	259	

## PREPARING FOR A TRIP DOWN THE MISSOURI

The spring time, with its budding trees and awakening life, causes the "wanderlust" to seize hold of a great many of the residents of the city, and three of our young men in this city are preparing to start down the old Missouri river in a few weeks in a combination between a house-boat and a raft, with which they hope to reach New Orleans and bask there in the smiles of the daughters of the famous French-American city of the western continent. The young men expect to float leisurely down the river, stopping whenever the mood strikes them and enjoying the watermelons, green corn and other garden dainties on their trip to the gulf. It is possible they may continue on their way to Panama.

## Quite a Difference.

The last time a jail proposition was submitted Nehawka voted almost 3 to 1 against it. This time the supporters of the proposition numbered 4 to 1. Oh! you dammadesty.—Nehawka News.

And yet the Weeping Water Republican has the audacity to say that the jail proposition received about the same vote or less than it received last fall.

## FROM HIGH LIFE TO THE POOR HOUSE

Formerly Wealthy Farmer Taken to the Poor House to Spend the Balance of His Days.

Yesterday Andrew Kearn, the aged man who for a number of years has resided north of the standpipe in this city, was taken to the county farm, where he will be cared for by the county in the future, although for some time past he has been dependent on the board of county commissioners, and as he is very feeble and in poor health, it was thought best to take him to the farm, where he could be better taken care of.

Mr. Kearn at one time was a very wealthy man and the owner of a fine farm near this city, which he sold and moved into town, where he made the wealth he had received for his farm flow like water, with the assistance of a number of friends, both male and female, and it was not long before he was reduced to poverty, and gradually sank into a senile old age, driving his wife and family from him by his habits and daily life, and for the past few years his life has been one that would make the average man or woman ashamed of, but he would simply not allow anyone to clean up the home in which he resided, and on the visits of his little daughter with him he refused to let her even sweep the floor, preferring to spend his days in the filth and dirt. The change to the county farm will doubtless cure him of this practice, as Superintendent Tams will not allow any dirt to accumulate in the residence at the farm.

## THE TORNADO CARRIED ARTICLES A LONG WAYS

Tax Receipt Picked Up Near Old Goos Home, South of Town, Carried From Berlin.

The extent of the great tornado of Easter Sunday is every day being brought out by different articles and papers picked up miles away from their original place of keeping, and the latest story of the tornado finds is that of Mrs. Rudolph Spahne, residing south of this city, near the old Goos homestead, who a few days ago, while working around her home, saw a piece of paper lying under the edge of an old door. She picked the paper up, which was covered with mud and dirt, and took it into the house, where she washed the mud off and was greatly surprised to find that it was a tax receipt for personal taxes for the year 1908 issued to Henry Koch, sr., of Berlin, Otoe county, and was for the sum of \$14.76. The receipt had evidently been carried by the tornado which destroyed the town of Berlin, and brought thirty-five miles to the home of Mr. Spahne, where it was dropped by the wind which blew quite strongly there on the night of the tornado. The receipt is not damaged a great deal, although exposure to the rain has dimmed it slightly, but it is still easy to read the names and figures on it. Mrs. Spahne brought the receipt to the store of Zuckweiler & Lutz and the firm will send the paper back to the owner. There were numerous articles scattered along the path of the storm from Berlin clear to the Missouri river, and doubtless where they came from or the owners will never be known.

Monte Streight, who is employed by the Adam's Express company as a messenger, running between Chicago and Omaha, came down from Omaha this morning between trains to visit a few hours at the James Sage home.

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