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## HOW TO MAKE PLATTSMOUTH BEAUTIFUL

Nebraska Park Tree and Floral Company Desire to Establish a Branch Office Here.

Those who desire to take steps in the direction of beautifying the lawns of their homes and the parks and vacant lots of the city will be given an opportunity in the near future to have the assistance of expert advice on this subject. Dr. A. Ward Steidle, tree surgeon and lawn expert of Omaha, was here yesterday looking over the ground with a view of establishing a branch here of the institutions he has so successfully placed at other points throughout the west which have added greatly to the improving and beautifying of the different public parks and private lawns in the towns where they have operated.

Dr. Steidle has made a scientific study of the making of places of beauty out of the vacant lots and parks which exist in all towns and he will also assist the owners of lawns in the successful care of them and in the general movement that tends to make a town a place of beauty and utilizing all the spaces that are allowed to go to waste. There is nothing that adds to the appearance of a town as much as beautiful lawns and ones where skill and training have been applied to develop the natural beauty of these places. The doctor will be glad to appear here and give a free lecture before any and all societies whose aim and efforts are to further civic beauty, or enhancing the beauty of the home.

At present he is engaged in reclaiming the littered and unsightly lots of Omaha, which have been an eye-sore, and making temporary miniature parks. The lots at Twentieth and Farnam and Sixteenth and Jackson streets, in Omaha, are samples of Dr. Steidle's work, and the improvement wrought there is an indication of the possibilities that are in store for this city if the matter is taken up with the representatives of the Nebraska Park Tree & Floral company. The efforts of the company in beautifying will relate to the individual home, public grounds and vacant lots. The plans outlined will include the beautifying of outdoor surroundings, such as proper landscaping, establishing and maintaining beautiful lawns, scientific pruning, training and shaping of private and public trees and shrubs and other means of adding beauty to nature. This matter of a city beautiful has often been agitated and now there is a fine chance to secure the services of an expert along this line to assist the residents here in developing the natural beauty of the city, and every effort should be made to have Dr. Steidle meet with the Commercial club to outline plans for the work of beautifying the town.

## DR. ALBERT FRICKE RETURNS FROM GERMANY

From Saturday's Daily. Dr. Albert A. Fricke of South Omaha, who last spring accompanied his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Fricke of this city on a trip to Germany, returned home yesterday morning. The doctor remained in Germany after the return of his parents to their home here, in order to study for a short time at the different medical schools there in taking up some of the latest theories advanced by the leaders of the medical profession in that country. He greatly enjoyed the visit to the old world and returned greatly refreshed and ready to again jump into the harness of his work.

### Stop Viewing the Remains.

From Friday's Daily. A Plattsmouth minister has begun a campaign against the so called "viewing the remains" detail of funerals. This minister believes it is now time to call a halt on this old-fashioned practice. He thinks relatives have enough grief without adding to it by letting the morbidly curious walk down the aisle of a church and stare at the dead face of somebody they never knew. And there is a great deal of common sense in the Plattsmouth minister's ideals.—Nebraska City Press.

## JAMES HIGLEY, CLAIMING PLATTSMOUTH AS HIS HOME IN TROUBLE AGAIN

The following taken from the State Journal of this morning will be of interest to the Plattsmouth citizens, as one of the men mentioned in the matters claims this city as his home. It is thought by many here that the man named Higley is the young man who on several occasions became involved in trouble here and was brought up on different charges:

James Higley and Bill Williams, inmates of the Lancaster county jail, have developed cases of smallpox and have been removed to the pest house. After they had been taken from the jail yesterday morning all parts of the building were fumigated and it is hoped that no further cases will develop.

County Physician Olson said last night that both men are suffering from light cases and that everything possible had been done to prevent the spread of the disease. Investigation failed to disclose the origin of the disease.

Higley has been held at the jail since pleading guilty to a forgery charge on December 3. At that time, because of his ill-health, sentence was suspended while his past record was being investigated. At one time he had several ribs crushed and the injury never healed properly. His right arm is deformed and he claimed that, although not able to do heavy work, he was willing to do whatever he could. He said that his home was at Plattsmouth.

## THE W. O. W. PROMPT IN SETTLING THEIR INSURANCE POLICIES

This morning W. B. Rishel drove out to the home of John Meisinger, near Cedar Creek, to look after the matter of having the insurance carried by their son, Emil G. Meisinger, in the Woodmen of the World, signed up. This is getting the matter wound up in good shape and is in keeping with the usual policy of this order to make prompt settlement with the beneficiaries of policies carried in this order. There has been quite a number of claims paid by the Woodmen of the World in this city and all of them have been very prompt and without the necessity of long delays such as frequently occurs in some societies, and this fact has greatly aided the Woodmen of the World in securing new members.

### For Sale.

42-acre farm, one-quarter mile from city limits of a town of 3,000; large orchard; 20 acres in fall wheat; no waste land; all the very best; 3 wells; 6-room house in good condition; electric light; good water system. Division point of Wabash railroad employing 200 men. Price, \$8,000.00; part down and rest in good security, or \$7,500.00 cash. For particulars see M. Duxbury, 322 Cor. 4th and Granite Sts. 42-2-2wks-d&w

T. E. Parnelle of Louisville came down this morning on the Schuyler to visit for the day with his family here.

## MANY OFFICIALS TO BE ELECTED NEXT YEAR

Nearly Two Hundred State, Congressional and County Offices to Be Filled.

One hundred and seventy-seven state, congressional and legislative offices are to be filled at the 1914 election, according to an announcement by Secretary of State Wait.

In addition county officers are also to be elected, so that more names will appear on the 1914 ballot than ever before. The extended list is due to the biennial election law, which extended the term of all officers who would otherwise terminated their service this year. According to Secretary Wait, the primary election is to be held Tuesday, August 16, the last date for candidates' filing being July 20. Where the district is composed of more than one county the filing must be made with the secretary of state; otherwise with the county clerk in the county where the candidate resides, and in the case of city officers, with the city clerk.

Filing fees are \$50 for United States senators, \$10 for state officers, representatives in congress, supreme and district judges, and \$5 for county and city officers. No fees are required for university regents or presidential electors.

Candidates by petition must file an acceptance within five days after the filing of petitions; otherwise the petitions will be void. The following are the offices to be filled at the 1914 election: Governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of public accounts, treasurer, superintendent of public instruction, attorney general, commissioner of public lands and buildings, six congressmen, chief justice of the supreme court, twenty-six judges for eighteen judicial districts, 100 representatives and thirty-three senators for the legislature. In addition an election will be held to select all county, precinct and township officers.

## THE M'KINLEY COMPANY SECURES LIGHT CONTRACT AT LOUISVILLE

There was the usual amount of interest manifested in the meeting of the village council Tuesday evening. A goodly amount of claims were allowed against the general fund.

Mr. Basham and Mr. Huntington of the Omaha and Lincoln Railway and Light company were present and submitted a proposition to the council for lighting the streets. The city entered into a contract with them for a period of ten years at a cost of 82 per cent of 60 candle power per month. Eight lights were ordered put in on side streets, while the lighting on Main street is to be taken up by the Commercial club with an object of installing the park system of lighting. It is probable that a special ordinance will be passed assessing Main street property for the installation of appropriate poles. The eight lights ordered installed on the side streets will probably be increased soon after the "juice" is turned on, for they will not cover the town as thoroughly as the property owners may desire. The light people promise to have their plant in operation by Christmas.—Louisville Courier.

John Krager of the vicinity of Mynard was in the city today for a few hours looking after some trading with the merchants, taking advantage of the fine weather to drive in.

### Widow Buys Stock of Goods.

From Friday's Daily. The stock of goods which was owned by the late O. P. Monroe, has been sold by the administrator, N. K. Peoples, to the widow of Mr. Monroe, who will continue to run the store on lower Main street. The stock includes furniture, stoves and articles of different kinds, and Mrs. Monroe expects to continue the business established by her husband here a few years ago, and she will receive the continued patronage of those who in the past have bought their goods from this firm.

## MRS. FINCH LOSES TWO DIAMOND RINGS

The Rings Stolen and Traced to Omaha, Where Thief Tried to Dispose of Them.

From Friday's Daily. A few days ago Mrs. E. F. Finch was engaged in doing some baking and removed two diamond rings which she was wearing and placed them in a drawer of the buffet until she was through with the work. A short time afterwards she went to the buffet to secure the rings and discovered that they were missing. A thorough search was made for the rings, but without avail, and the lady came to the conclusion that someone had entered the house while she was busy in the kitchen and had made away with the rings. Mr. Finch sent a description of the rings, which are valued at \$175, to Omaha, and last evening he received a message from a jeweler there that a man had attempted to pawn a ring answering the description of one of those missing and that he had advised the man to return there today and the ring would be purchased, and this morning Mr. Finch departed for the metropolis and will endeavor to secure the missing jewels if the man shows up again. A peculiar phase of the case is that in the drawer where the rings were stolen from was a purse containing some \$3 in money, which was evidently overlooked by whoever took the rings.

## THE WEATHER INTERFERES WITH ELECTRIC LIGHT EXTENSION

From Saturday's Daily. The bad weather of the past few days has greatly interfered with the work of the extension of the lines of the electric light company into this city from Louisville and also from Red Oak. The line from the west is practically all completed to within a few miles of the city, while the placing of the poles on the east side of the river has reached in the neighborhood of Pacific Junction. The material for the two steel towers to carry the current wires over the Missouri river just below the Burlington bridge, is all here, and had the rain not interfered it would have been possible to have gotten a greater part of the work of erecting them under way. The light company has done a very accommodating thing for their patrons by deciding to continue the all-day Sunday service, such as was put on last week, and which was found to please all who have electricity in their homes and proved a great convenience to all, and for this service they are deserving of praise.

The Whiting line of paper is certainly hard to beat, and this is the line that can be found at the Journal office. Have you seen the new initial paper and correspondence cards? This line will make a very handsome and most appreciative Christmas present for all. They are the very latest.

## BIBLE CLASS BANQUET A GREAT SUCCESS

Some Fine Talks Delivered, Large Number Present and Excellently Provided Banquet Table.

From Friday's Daily. There was certainly a fine turnout of the young men and also a number of the men not quite so young at the Methodist church last evening to attend the third annual banquet given by the Young Men's Bible class of that church, and it was an occasion that will long be most pleasantly remembered by everyone who gathered around the board to partake of the good things which the ladies of the church had placed on the menu and it is sufficient to say that the banquet proper was served in the usual splendid manner that has in the past characterized the "feasts" given by the bible class.

The parlors of the church had been decorated with the class colors, that of red and white, and this had been interspersed with autumn leaves, which lent a very pretty touch to the scene, with the long tables with white glittering cloths and dainty silverware and candles throwing a soft glow over the room and the 115 banqueters that gathered around the festive board. As the banqueters filed down from the main auditorium of the church shortly before 8 o'clock, the Holly orchestra, which had generously donated their services for the occasion, struck up a march, to which the company proceeded to their seats, and during the sojourn of the banquet the orchestra furnished a number of selections that were much enjoyed and heartily applauded by those gathered around the board.

The married ladies of the church had the serving of the banquet in charge, and they certainly acquitted themselves in a splendid manner and should feel well pleased over the unanimous sentiment with which the banqueters expressed their satisfaction over the delicious menu, which consisted of the following:

- Fruit Frappe.
- Mashed Potatoes.
- Fried Chicken.
- Rolls and Jelly.
- Salad.
- Peas.
- Coffee.
- Pie.
- Nuts.

The banquet was presided over by George H. Falter, as toastmaster, and his handling of the difficult role was very clever and his introductions of the different speakers most pleasing. Mr. Falter stated that when the committee visited him to secure his consent to take the position he had at first declined, but they were insistent and he had finally allowed them to put him on the program, but would willingly have changed places with any of the banqueters. He commended the bible class for the splendid showing they had made and also the ladies who prepared and served the delicious repast, and he stated that there were three things to a banquet—to eat, to hear, to think—and the gathering had already satisfied themselves with the first two, that of enjoying the delicious banquet and the splendid music furnished, and they were about to take up the third, that of thinking and in hearing the able speakers who were on the program. He then introduced the first speaker on the toast list, Jesse P. Perry, using as an introduction a humorous story of the Ford automobile, of which Mr. Perry is the proud possessor.

Mr. Perry had as his subject, "This Year, Also," and stated he deemed it an honor and pleasure to be able to represent the Young Men's Bible class, and he invited any one of the young men who was not affiliated with any church to come in and assist in the work of the class in this city. In following out his subject the speaker said that as the year was

drawing to a close and another was about to be started, it was fitting to review over the things done in the time just passed and to see if it were not possible, profiting by the mistakes of the past, to give more service to the Lord and for the betterment of one's self and the community. He pleaded for the making of better things, and as the persons present had been spared for another year it was for a purpose, and they should make that the best and prepare themselves accordingly.

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## MORE IMPROVEMENTS AT BURLINGTON STATION

A Light Tower That Will Greatly Aid Passengers in Getting on and Off Trains at Night.

The Burlington is still adding to the improvements around the passenger station in this city and placing it in a most up-to-date shape. A new lighting device has been installed at the north end of the platform, which will greatly aid in making it possible for passengers migrating from the train at night to see their way around. The new light will consist of two large electric lights mounted on a tall iron post, and they will be of large candle power, making objects on the platform as bright as day, and will be in keeping with the new system of lighting up the depot, which is all that could possibly be asked for, and in great contrast to the old lighting arrangements, which were so poor that it was impossible to hardly see, but the new fixtures and lights has overcome this and now the depot presents a fine appearance when lit up.

One great drawback that has confronted the railroad company has been the fact that the current here is cut off at midnight, which makes it dark around the station when the fast Chicago-Denver train No. 10 arrives here at 1:40 a. m., but it is hoped that when the new current is brought here from Red Oak that a twenty-four-hour service will be installed, that will give the station lights all night.

This feature will be much appreciated by the traveling public, as well as the employees around the depot, and will add greatly to the usefulness of the fine lighting system installed there. More seating capacity has been added to the depot in the past week, as there are several more rows of seats placed in the waiting rooms that makes the capacity of the depot ample for the traveling public.

## MAN FOUND DEAD ON BURLINGTON RIGHT OF WAY NEAR LOUISVILLE

From Saturday's Daily. Yesterday forenoon the trainmen on Burlington train No. 29 found the lifeless body of a man lying on the Burlington right-of-way, just east of the National stone quarry, near Louisville. The body was identified as that of Edward Harker, and there were apparently no marks of violence on the body and it is thought that he died from exposure to the elements. The coroner of the county was notified of the finding of the body and notified Stander & Stander, the undertakers, to take charge of the body. An inquest is being held at Louisville over the body today.

Mrs. Paul C. Morgan of Hay Springs, Neb., arrived this afternoon on No. 24 and will visit here for a time with her parents, William Ballance and wife.

## THE DEATH OF MRS. FLORENCE DOVEY-WEST

This Most Estimable Lady Passed Away This Morning After Weeks of Great Suffering.

After weeks of suffering and pain, at 5 o'clock this morning, Mrs. Carl West passed away at the Clarkson hospital in Omaha. Mrs. West was taken there several weeks ago from her home at Wyoming, Ohio county, in the hopes of effecting a cure of the sickness with which she was afflicted, and at first it was thought that she would recover, but the complications that followed seemed to baffle treatment and she rapidly grew worse, but her courage and cheerfulness sustained her through the long ordeal, and the wish to live for her husband and little daughter of only a few weeks of age, gave her hopes that perhaps she might survive, but last Saturday all hopes were abandoned and the family sadly gathered at the hospital to bid their loved one farewell.

Mrs. West was formerly Miss Florence, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Dovey of this city, and this most lovable lady was born and reared here, graduating from the high school here in 1904, and the news of her death will fall like a pall of gloom over the hearts of those who have known her from childhood, and the grief-stricken husband and parents and the brothers and sisters will have the heartfelt sympathy of everyone in their loss.

Miss Dovey was married a year ago to Mr. Carl West of Wyoming, and beside the husband, a baby daughter of a few weeks' old is left to mourn her loss. The parting that death brings is sad at all times, but to those ripe with years it is to be looked forward to, but in this bereavement it is more than usually sad in the taking of this lovable lady just as life's golden years were opening to her view and in being called away while yet the years of life were few. Of a bright, genial temperament, Mrs. West was always sunshine to those who knew her, and her passing to her final reward will leave with those who were fortunate enough to know her a heartache, but that her life will serve to be an inspiration, as she bore the long weeks of suffering with cheerfulness and without complaint, confident in the wisdom of the Maker and His will for the best.

There has been no definite arrangements made for the funeral of Mrs. West as yet, pending the return of the family from Omaha.

## GREAT CHANGE IN THE WEATHER SATURDAY NIGHT FOR THE BETTER

The wet and stormy weather which has been holding forth in this locality during the past two weeks, Saturday evening abated and the wind suddenly shifting to the north brought on some fair weather that seemed simply wonderful after the long continued time without a sign of sun. The weather was much cooler and the temperatures sank very rapidly, but even with the colder weather it was very pleasant to everyone who is compelled in any way to be out in the weather.

J. J. Shrader and R. C. Bailey of Murray were in the metropolis today for a few hours, returning on No. 24 this afternoon, and driving from this city to Murray.