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THE MATTER OF BEAUTIFYING PUBLIC LAWNS

Landscape Gardener Meets With the Board in Regard to Fixing Up the Lawn.

From Wednesday's Daily. This morning the board of county commissioners opened their regular session at the court house to look after the transaction of the matters of business devolving upon the county since their last session.

The board had with them this morning Dr. A. Walt Steidle of Omaha, tree surgeon and landscape gardener, who has interested the commissioners in regard to the court house lawn, which during the past season suffered greatly from the hot weather and also from the dandelions, and he proposes to place the lawn in first-class shape during the coming season, and it is to be hoped that the matter is taken up by the county board, as the lawn is in bad shape and needs the services of an expert, such as the doctor, to put it in proper shape, and from the splendid results of his work in other places it is safe to say that if he is allowed to go ahead he will have a beautiful place out of the lawn, which, situated in front of the magnificent county building, will add greatly to the appearance of that structure. The recommendations of the work done in the other places visited by Dr. Steidle is ample proof that he is the man for the job of fixing up this public spot.

A petition signed by Mayor Fred Gorder of Weeping Water and a large number of the residents of that city, was also received by the board, and in their petition they ask that a good bridge be built over the Weeping Water creek in that village on P street, as the conditions there demand at once that the proper kind of a bridge be placed there. The board also took up the matter of the bills against the county and allowed a number of them against the county strong box.

SHERIFF QUINTON TAKES PRISONER TO PENITENTIARY

Yesterday Sheriff C. D. Quinton departed for Lincoln, taking with him James Biddlecomb, who will be turned over to the warden of the state penitentiary and begin the serving of his sentence, which is from one to five years. The act for which Biddlecomb pleaded guilty was that of throwing acid in the face of Miss Nellie Sweet at the Cedar Creek hotel some few weeks ago, and he is paying a very costly price for his revenge upon the woman for rejecting his advances. At the time the crime was committed there was a good deal of excitement created over the affair, as the first reports of the act made it appear a great deal more lurid than the facts warranted, as beyond the burns inflicted upon the girl's face and neck there were no other injuries inflicted and she has almost recovered from the effects of them. The act was caused in a spirit of revenge toward the young lady over the treatment he received at her hands by her refusal to allow him to associate with her and the fact that she told the other members of the gang of men with whom he was working of the incident, causing him to receive a great deal of "roasting" over the matter, and after his discharge from the employ of the lighting company he returned to punish the girl, and now he will have plenty of time to meditate over his wrong-doing.

School Closes Friday.

From Tuesday's Daily. The Plattsmouth public schools will close on Friday, December 19, for the Christmas vacation and will remain closed until Monday morning, January 5, when they will start out into the school work. A number of grades will have exercises on Friday afternoon appropriate to the occasion, while the high school will enjoy a debate between the sophomore and senior classes on "Woman Suffrage."

Suit to Reform Deed.

From Tuesday's Daily. Yesterday in the office of District Clerk Robertson a suit to reform a deed was started by Binney H. Decleroo vs. Fred Beyer. The plaintiff purchased a lot in Greenwood village some few months ago, and in the deed the description was given wrong and he seeks to have the matter straightened out in order that the property may be clear of all clouds.

NEW MACHINE SHOP IS READY FOR BUSINESS

Plant Being Overhauled and Placed in Condition to Do All the Work Desired.

The Western Machine and Foundry company, which has taken over the plant formerly known as the Chopie Gasoline Engine factory, are rapidly getting the plant overhauled and placed in condition where it will be possible to again start out the manufacture of the engines as formerly, as well as to take care of all manner of repair machine work as it comes in, and under the conservative management of Mr. Lee C. Sharp, expects to enlarge as the business of the concern demands. There is a splendid field for a factory and repair works of this kind here, and under the present management can soon be placed in a position where it can assume its proper position as one of the leading small factories in the state.

The building has been thoroughly cleaned and overhauled after months of idleness and the machinery and equipment placed in first-class shape, where it is possible for the employees to be able to care for any work that may be turned over to them. The Chopie engine has shown in the various tests to which it has been put that it is one of the best on the market today, and the new company, which expects to change the name of the engine, will continue to turn them out in connection with their other work and will be ready to supply all orders that may come in for this engine, which costs less than any other make sold to operate. As the business expands Mr. Sharp will put on more additions to the working force and on strictly business principles and one that the public can rely upon to give satisfaction in every way.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS VISIT THE COUNTY FARM

The county commissioners this morning went out to the county farm, west of this city, to look over the conditions there and to inspect the new building that is being put up there as a residence for the superintendent and also as a home for the county charges. The new building is pronounced by all who have seen it as being a fine one and well equipped for the purpose for which it is being erected, and will make a most comfortable and sanitary residence for the aged people who are living at the farm.

Weather calendars FREE at the Rexall Store. Better than ever.

SOME POLITICS IN THE DAYS OF FORTY YEARS AGO

Exciting Story of Senatorial Election of Forty Years Ago in Nebraska.

The Omaha Daily Bee of the 2d inst. contains an article in the form of a communication signed "J. L. M.," purporting to have been written in Plattsmouth, wherein it is represented that a program has been adopted to elect Cunningham U. S. senator, and that a ring has been formed by parties interested in this program to raise a "corruption fund" of \$20,000 to carry out this plot. The writer asserts that "great indignation is felt here among respectable people about this unblushing combination," etc. It is unnecessary to state that the Bee article is wholly false. Such charge has never been heard of, and we venture the assertion, never thought of in Plattsmouth. It is not believed in Plattsmouth that the article was written here or by anyone living here, but that it had its origin in the Bee office, and was written or dictated by Rosewater himself. The article in question and the Bee editorial, based thereon, is a personal onslaught, not only upon General Cunningham, but upon James R. Porter, John Fitzgerald and John R. Clark; all old residents of Plattsmouth, substantial business men with reputations for integrity that cannot be tarnished by any calumnies uttered by the personal organ of any senatorial or political aspirant. This attack is made for purely political purposes—these men are opposed, or supposed to be opposed to the Bee's preferred candidate for U. S. senator; hence the warfare upon them.

Gen. Thayer is credited with having the power to influence the course of the Bee upon matters political, and especially senatorial. He is represented by those professing to be well informed upon the subject as claiming to have restrained the Bee upon sundry occasions from making personal attacks upon particular individuals. Under these circumstances he cannot but be regarded as consenting to if not inspiring its policy.

This is, and will be regarded as an attack upon Cass county through the persons of some of her citizens, made in the interest of Gen. Thayer. We can afford it if the Bee and General Thayer can.

In view of the former uncalculated for assaults of the Bee upon Jno. R. Clark (then of Cass county), for "presuming" to be a candidate for state treasurer before the late republican state convention, together with this attack, we can look upon the present course of the Bee only as a premeditated attack upon Cass county, as well as her public men.

So far as Gen. Cunningham is concerned he is an open and earnest supporter of Judge Dundy for the position of U. S. senator. He has never consented to the use of his own name for that position, although many of our citizens have urged him to become a candidate. Try this method of warfare on Mr. Bee, and we'll soon find out "Who Pays."

Opens O. K. Restaurant.

From Tuesday's Daily. The O. K. restaurant in the Gund building, in the rear of the Edward Donat saloon, has been reopened by Mr. and Mrs. Percy Murphy of Greenwood, who expect to operate it in the future. They both come here well recommended and will doubtless be able to make a success of their venture, as they expect to serve the public with just what they may desire in the eating line.

Beautiful Shetland Ponies for sale at all times, for the next 100 years, unless I die in the meantime. I have now an extra fine stallion, the best in the state, for sale. Well broke for both harness and saddle.

Wm. Gilmour, Plattsmouth, Neb. R. F. D. No. 1.

Surely Some Hat.

That mighty good goods can be purchased in Plattsmouth is shown by the fact that one of our prominent citizens has just purchased, through the firm of Wescott's Sons, a Stetson hat, the price of which is \$20, and the hat is the highest-priced one turned out by the Stetson people, whose goods are known the world over. The firm of Wescott's Sons carries a full line of this brand of hats and have in the past year sold a great many of them, ranging in price from \$3 up to the above mentioned hat at \$20.

Elect New Officers.

Nebraska Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons, of this city have just elected their new officers for the ensuing year as follows: E. H. P.—George W. Thomas, King—William A. Robertson, Scribe—William J. Streight, Treasurer—Alfred W. White, Secretary—James G. Mauzy.

INSPECTION OF POOR HOUSES AND COUNTY JAILS

The Secretary Cites Cass County Poor House as an Example for Other Counties.

From Tuesday's Daily. That the worth of the new building being erected on the county farm just west of this city is appreciated by those who are expert judges is shown by the following report from the secretary of the state board of charities and corrections:

J. W. Shahan, secretary of the board of charities and corrections, who has been inspecting the jails and poor farms in the eastern portion of the state, says he believes a majority of the boards of supervisors and county commissioners have a misconception of their duties as county officers when the poor farm question is being considered. They seem to have the idea of making money out of the farm rather than the care and comfort of those who are compelled by circumstances to be the inmates of the poor house.

The farms are in a high state of cultivation, good barns both for horses and cattle, hog houses and chicken houses are in excellent shape; the farms as a rule are stocked with good horses, thoroughbred cattle, hogs and chickens, and the boards pride themselves on the number of blue ribbons the superintendent is able to bring home after attending fairs or other exhibitions, while the farm house that is occupied by the poor unfortunate man or woman sent there as his only home, is an old house, not modern in any particular and wholly unfit for the use for which it is intended, and is in fact and in truth a "poor house."

It is perfectly proper and all right so to conduct the farm that it will produce as much money as possible, but at the same time the comfort of the inmates should be just as carefully looked after. "Near Plattsmouth," he said, "the county commissioners are now building a new, up-to-date, two-story and basement building on their poor farm, which is to be heated with steam, furnished with electric lights, bath rooms and toilets on each floor, and modern in every respect and I would suggest that the county board from any county that contemplates building in the near future go to Plattsmouth and inspect this building when completed."

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VERY SERIOUS AUTO ACCIDENT AT ROCK BLUFFS

Automobile Runs Off of Small Bridge, and Party of Four Experience Quite a Shock.

From Tuesday's Daily. What might easily have been a fatal automobile accident occurred late yesterday afternoon near the farm of Walter Sans at Rock Bluffs, when a car containing Blair Porter, Harry McCarroll, A. M. McCarroll and W. L. Taylor of Union, ran off of a small bridge.

The party had left Union earlier in the afternoon with the intention of taking the car of Will Frans to Omaha, and A. M. McCarroll was driving the machine, which was running in good shape until they ran into the slippery roads in the vicinity where the accident occurred, and as they ran onto the bridge the car skidded over the side of the bridge into the gully, carrying the whole party with it. The machine stood in a perfectly upright position, and to this fact, perhaps, the members of the auto party owe their lives, as had it turned over it would certainly have injured some of them most seriously, if not fatally. All escaped injury in the fall with the exception of Harry McCarroll, who, in falling from the car struck on a post, injuring his right side, and it is thought perhaps has suffered having several ribs broken.

As soon as the members of the automobile party recovered from the shock of the fall they started in to work on getting the car out of the gully and succeeded in a short time in righting it, and found to their satisfaction that beyond a few bumps on the radiator the machine was in first-class shape, and they were able to resume their journey, after tramping several miles to secure gasoline to replace that which had leaked out during the time the car was standing in the upright position. On the arrival of the car here it was decided to remain here over night, and Harry McCarroll and W. L. Taylor returned on the train to Union, while A. M. McCarroll and Mr. Porter will take the machine to Omaha today to turn it over to the owner, Mr. Frans.

REV. DRULINER ADDRESSES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

From Wednesday's Daily. At the opening period of the High school yesterday morning the students were given a very pleasant treat by having Rev. F. M. Druliner of the First Methodist church address them for a few minutes, and the talk was one that served to give all who heard the speaker higher ideals and thoughts. The senior history class of the school was addressed also by Attorney D. O. Dwyer on the "Initiative and Referendum," explaining fully the working of this movement as applied to the settlement of different questions and laws and the growth of the movement throughout the country. He also gave an outline of the new income tax law and its different applications. These talks are in line with the plans made to have the ministers and prominent men of the city deliver short talks before the scholars each week, and it brings them in close touch with all the live issues of the day, and delivered as they are by men of ripened experience, it will prove of much benefit to the pupils.

F. G. Fricke & Co. are giving away their 1914 weather calendars, and it would be wise to get yours, before they are all taken. 12-15-21wky

Are Called to Iowa.

From Tuesday's Daily. This morning Mrs. M. S. Briggs and mother, Mrs. E. E. Ozburn, departed for Keokuk, Iowa, where they were called by the illness of their sister and daughter, Mrs. George Dille, who was taken to the hospital in that city several days ago from her home at Milton, Iowa. The condition of Mrs. Dille is reported as quite serious, but her family are hopeful of her ultimate recovery.

Applies for First Papers.

From Tuesday's Daily. This morning Prof. Frank J. Kolbaba, the famous violinist, made application in the office of District Clerk James Robertson for his first papers in the process of becoming a full-fledged citizen of the United States of America. Mr. Kolbaba is a native of Bohemia and came to this country in 1905, and has become so well pleased with America that he has decided to become one of its citizens.

BETTER TAKE WARNING BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE

There is Just as Much Danger of Fires on Christmas as There Is on the Fourth of July.

From Tuesday's Daily. As the Christmas season draws on the attention of the public is being called to the fact of the necessity of guarding against dangerous fires which are so frequently caused by the decorations of Christmas trees and show windows where highly inflammable material is used in the decorative scheme, and the state authorities have been engaged for some time in sending out notices to the different cities warning against these practices that every year are the cause of many fires that sometimes result in the loss of life, as well as the destruction of property.

One of the most dangerous of the articles used during the holiday season for decorations is that of cotton batting, which is easily set fire to and it only requires a little spark to at once cause a serious blaze, and the twin evil with the cotton batting is that of defective electric wiring and apparatus, together with the careless arrangement of inflammable merchandise in dangerous proximity to the wires and lamps, constitute a menace which may easily and cheaply be avoided without sacrificing the efficiency of the display by avoiding the draping of material over the lamps or in positions where they might be set on fire by a defective wire or short circuit in the lighting arrangements.

The lights in a window may be easily placed where they will do a greater service by attracting attention without causing any danger of fire and this should be carefully looked after. The use of candles on Christmas trees and the contact with highly inflammable material is one of the chief causes of accidental fires, and there is hardly a celebration that does not result in someone getting badly burned, and great care should be taken in trimming the trees to see that there is no material used that might result in fire, as there is plenty of decorative material that is perfectly safe and makes as pretty decorations as could be desired.

For Sale.

Good 160-acre farm, 3 1/2 miles southeast of Greenwood, Neb.; 125 acres in winter wheat, 30 acres meadow. Also good 160-acre farm 1 1/2 miles west of Greenwood, Neb.; 70 acres in winter wheat, 12 acres alfalfa. Call on or write A. D. Welton, or Farmers State Bank, Greenwood, Neb.

FOREST ROSE—Best flour on the market. Sold by all leading dealers.

A REAL DEER SEEN SOUTH OF PLATTSMOUTH

First Deer Seen Here in Thirty-five Years Is Reported Just South of This City.

For the first time in almost thirty-five years a deer is reported to have been seen in this county, and that only a few miles out of the city limits of Plattsmouth. Sunday while M. G. Churchill of Murray was visiting at the farm home of R. F. Wilcox, near this city, he, in company with his boys, were walking around the farm when they noticed an object moving near the hedge fence, and thinking that it was perhaps a wolf, they approached the spot and were greatly astonished to see a small deer dash out of the hedge and start running in an easterly direction toward the river. They at once started in pursuit and followed the animal almost to the ferry, south of this city, where some of the residents fired at the animal, and while it was not hit, it struck up the new road along the bluff and was lost to sight among the timber that skirts the river bank.

Many of the older residents of this locality state that this is the first time they have heard of deer being seen here for at least thirty years and much surprise is expressed as to where the animal could have come from, as the country along the river has become so thickly settled and worked over by hunters as to make it almost impossible for it to have been here long.

A similar incident is reported from the vicinity of Nebraska City last week, and it was thought there that the animal had escaped from a private park near Malvern, Iowa, where a number of deer are kept by the owner of the park, and as in the case here the deer were able to make their escape without being injured and it is possible that the one here may be from Malvern and has wandered this far from its home. Those who saw the animal near the river state it seemed quite anxious to reach the other side and showed an inclination to start across when first upon.

MRS. F. G. EGENBERGER ENTERTAINS THE KENSINGTON CLUB

The Kensington club was entertained in a most charming manner yesterday afternoon at the pleasant home of Mrs. F. G. Egenberger, and the occasion was greeted by a large attendance of the members who gathered at this hospitable home to enjoy themselves to the utmost. The flying hours were passed most pleasantly in the making of dainty needle work, as is the custom at these meetings, as well as in delightful social conversation, and these two served to make the event a most pleasant one for all fortunate enough to be present. At an appropriate hour there was a most delicious and tempting three-course luncheon served to the gathering, which served to add greatly to the pleasure of the occasion and brought the very pleasant afternoon to a close, and the ladies departed for their homes feeling greatly pleased with the lavish hospitality shown them by the hostess. The club had as their guests on this occasion Messdames W. D. Smith, C. S. Todd, Anacanda, Montana, and Flora Waddick.

The firemen will give a most delightful social dance Saturday evening at Coates' hall and a cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend and enjoy the event. Music by Holly orchestra.