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## REMOVE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS FROM POLITICS

County Superintendent About the Only Public School Official Who Has No Protection.

The following interesting article is full of good, sound logic, and that is the reason we appropriate it in its entirety from the Boston Journal of Education, for the special benefit of the Journal readers:

Everyone studying education says that the greatest present need in American education is the improvement of rural schools, and everyone knows that rural school conditions cannot be greatly improved where the county superintendent has to play politics.

Such public respect for the office that only in very rare cases will a faithful county superintendent be required to waste time, energy and money in a campaign to retain one of the most important public offices in the United States is as high a manifestation of patriotism as can be found in times of peace.

Whoever forces a county superintendent to rob the schools of effort and devotion to their professional needs for months that he may have the salary of the man in office, comes very near being an enemy to his country.

A political regulation or understanding that a county superintendent should serve but two terms—in one state it is a law—is a crime against the children and the country. The country protects a letter carrier, a rural delivery man, and hundreds of thousands of other government and state officers from politics entirely on the ground, for instance, that a letter carrier cannot be efficient in his business if he is thinking about the danger of losing his office.

It is impossible for a politician or any rival candidate to shorten a letter carrier's tenure on the ground that he has learned so much of his business that efficient service will be jeopardized by change, and yet the county superintendent's knowledge of the best interests of the future citizens of the republic is not considered of as much value to the country as a letter carrier's knowledge of the mere residence of men and women.

Is there any greater absurdity than such an assumption?

It requires four years for a county superintendent to acquaint himself with the conditions of his work, with logical situations, with the needs of each community, with the teachers, with children, and with citizens. One does not begin to be highly efficient until near four years in service, and yet, where politics reigns, county superintendents are offered as a sacrifice to political traditions.

The county superintendent is about the only public school man who has no protection from political raiders.

Of course there are states with such noble ideals that this is impossible and there are some counties in every state in which a virtuous and honorable people make it impossible for political raiders to dominate in such a sacred matter. Is not this a good time for all who reverence righteousness and would serve their fellow men to assert themselves? Isn't this as noble an evidence of progressiveness as any that can be demonstrated? Can any public service be greater?

Are we willing to continue the degradation of one of the noblest of officials?

Every sentiment of patriotism, every impulse of manhood, every civic propriety, every sense of business sagacity appeals so strongly to men of today that it ought to be easy this year to

rescue the office of county superintendent from all taint or suspicion of politics.

**Motors Here From Papillion.**  
From Tuesday's Daily.  
This morning District Judge Begley, wife and little daughter, and his brother, Charles Begley, of Omaha, motored down from Papillion, as the judge was to hold a session of the court, and the family spent the day here viewing the sights of the city. This city has won a warm spot in the hearts of the judge and his wife and every opportunity to visit here is taken advantage of, as they delight in the beautiful scenery that abounds in the hills surrounding the city.

## MURRAY MAN BADLY SCALDED YESTERDAY

"Bee" Berger Receives Most Serious Scalds and Burns at His Home in Murray.

From Wednesday's Daily.  
Quite a serious accident is reported from Murray yesterday morning, which will prove a very painful experience for one of the leading citizens of that place. "Bee" Berger was helping in the washing of some clothes, and before starting the washing machine decided to oil the machine up and crawled beneath it to look after this part of the work, and while in this position he in some manner released the cork in one side of the machine, with the result that a flood of scalding water rushed forth onto the helpless man, who was caught beneath the machine.

The burns were quite severe and extended from the shoulder down over the side of the body, making very severe wounds that gave the victim a great deal of pain. As it was attempted to remove the clothing from the injured man large sections of the flesh dropped off, greatly alarming the family and causing great alarm as to the final outcome of the injuries. As soon as possible medical assistance was summoned to the Berger home, and arriving there administered such relief as was possible to the unfortunate man. This accident has cast a deep feeling of sorrow over Murray, where the injured man has long been one of the most highly respected residents, and his friends are anxiously awaiting news from his bedside.

## EMIL HANSEN TEAM OF OMAHA TO PLAY THE BOOSTERS SUNDAY

On next Sunday afternoon the base ball fans of this city will be given the opportunity of witnessing a game with the Emil Hansen team of Omaha, which has been secured by Manager Johnson to do battle with the Boosters. This team is one of the fast ones in the metropolis and will be sure to furnish a first-class attraction to the lovers of the great national game here. The Boosters, aroused over the showing made by them Sunday, are getting ready to take revenge for their previous defeat, and will make the Hansen's go some if they carry off the bacon Sunday. There is no doubt in the minds of anyone that there is mighty good material in the team here, and it only requires a little work to get the boys to going in their old form, and with a foe as worthy as the Hansen's they will be given an opportunity to show their mettle. The grounds are in fine shape now and are as smooth as a billiard table and there will be no excuse on this cause for not getting down to business.

## PLATTSMOUTH BOY GOES TO THE FRONT

J. E. Brown, Now on Battleship "Maryland," Writes of Stirring Events of Cruise.

From Wednesday's Daily.  
The following extracts are taken from a letter received a few days ago by Mrs. Z. T. Brown, from her son, Ernest, who is at present serving on the battleship Maryland, which has just been ordered to the west coast of Mexico for service in looking after the interests of the United States. Ernest joined the navy a little over a year ago and has up to a short time ago been actively engaged in the cruise of the ship to which he belongs, but was allowed to return to San Francisco with the craft, but has since been ordered to the west coast of Mexico. Among other things, he says:

"I have done some traveling since I left Plattsmouth. We were up in Alaska all last summer and had a nice time taking in the sights of that country, and were then ordered to Mexico, as you have read, of course. I presume the U. S. and Mexico are not on good terms and the United States keeps ships down there all of the time. While we were there we could see them fighting most of the time, that is the rebels and the federals, and we laid just a little way from one of their gunboats which was shelling the city of Guaymas, but they did not offer to harm us, and I guess it is a pretty good thing, too, as our ships are a great deal larger than theirs and carry larger guns and more men, too, and we did not interfere as we had no business to. All we were doing was to look after the American interests there, and they did not offer to harm them. They were fighting nearly all the time we were there trying to capture that city, but had not succeeded when we left there. We could see everything from the ships that was going on over on the beach and could see men falling, just like you have seen in pictures, but the last few days it has been getting rather serious between the United States and Mexico and we are now at the navy yard taking on repairs, and we received orders from the navy department to complete our repairs as soon as possible and proceed to Mexico, so suppose that we will be there before long. I met Syd. Eaton in the navy, but he is paid off now and think he went home. I also met "Fat" Lorenzen, a former Plattsmouth boy, here, but do not think he is in the navy any more either. They come and go in here like birds. I have not heard from Burton lately and do not know where he is now; he was in Oakland, California, the last I heard from him. I met Mr. Adamson in Long Beach some time ago, and they are doing fine down there. His son, Clyde, is married and Bertha is married to Ernest Wurl, but did not get to see Ernest, as he was at Plattsmouth, called there by the death of his father. Enclosed you will find a picture of the ship I am now on, and there is a crew of 800 men aboard, almost a little town, isn't it? The guns do not look very big in the picture, but believe me you would change your mind if you were close to them during our target practice, when we fire them all day and all night for two days. We have target practice twice a year. The last time we held it we were twenty miles out of San Diego, at sea, and when we fired the guns the people wired out by wireless telling us to go farther out, that we were breaking all the windows in town from the jar of the noise and keeping everybody awake in town, so you can imagine how it sounds when you are right behind the guns firing them. The shell we fire weighs 350 pounds,

these are the largest guns, and then we have many smaller ones. We have sixteen of the larger guns and twenty-six of the smaller ones and two torpedo tubes. If you were to visit every part of the ship it would take you a full day and a half. Your loving son,  
J. E. Brown,  
U. S. Maryland.

## PLATTSMOUTH ICE AND COLD STORAGE CO.

Articles of Incorporation Filed, With a Capital Stock of Twenty Thousand Dollars.

The articles of incorporation of the Plattsmouth Ice and Cold Storage company have been filed in the office of the county clerk. The new company, which will operate the new artificial ice plant in this city, is incorporated with a capital stock of \$20,000, issued in 200 shares of \$100 each. The incorporators are Fred T. Ramge, Charles C. Parmele, C. W. Kunsman, J. H. McMaken, C. W. Baylor and F. G. Egenberger. The place of business of the new company will be Plattsmouth, and will include besides the manufacture of ice and its sale, the operating of a cold storage plant and the purchase and storage of butter and eggs and other perishable articles.

The list of the incorporators of the new company shows that it will be certain to be a sure go and will become one of the big institutions of the city in time. The work on the erection of the building to be used by the company will be gotten under way in a short time, and every effort made to have the plant ready to start into business on the first of June to supply the needs of the public of the city with ice and cold storage space.

## CLARENCE TUBBS, SON OF JOSEPH TUBBS DIES AT HOT SPRINGS, S. D.

The news was received here of the death of Clarence Tubbs, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tubbs, of near Mynard, which occurred at Hot Springs, S. D., yesterday. The young man was found dead in bed, death being caused from his long suffering with rheumatism, as he has had for the whole winter, been suffering from rheumatism of the heart, and his death was not wholly unexpected. Mr. Tubbs was a very well-to-do young man, being the owner of a nice ranch near Hot Springs, and has done well since his removal to that locality from this city, where he was reared to manhood. The body will be brought here for burial, but the complete arrangements for the funeral have not as yet been completed. The news of the death of this most estimable young man came as a great shock to his friends in this city and vicinity, where the parents have resided for years, and the most profound regret has been expressed among them at the loss that has been visited upon the aged parents, and they will have the deepest sympathy of everyone in their misfortune.

**Sheriff Hyers in the City.**  
Sheriff Gus Hyers of Lancaster county and wife, Mrs. W. H. Antelss, and Mrs. Albert Gadd motored down this morning from Lincoln and spent a few hours here visiting with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Mont Robb, at the Hotel Riley, returning home this afternoon. They came down in the car of Sheric Hyers. Mr. Hyers is one of the most genial men in the world and has given Lancaster county the best of service since he has occupied the office of sheriff.

## CAPT. MORRISON TO BE BURIED IN NEBRASKA CITY

Remains Conveyed to the Missouri Pacific by the Members of the Knight Templars.

Yesterday afternoon at 3:15 Captain S. H. Morrison, who was stricken on Monday morning with a convulsion at his room in the Hotel Riley, passed from this world having never regained consciousness from the effect of the convulsion. The captain, as stated before in this paper, had been a sufferer from Bright's disease and the convulsion was one of the last stages of the disease, which had been gradually making its inroads upon his health.

His nephew Thomas C. Dunn, of Nebraska City has been here assisting in looking after his uncle, and the Masonic lodge of this city has attended to the care and assistance of the aged sufferer, as well as members of the G. A. R., who have visited him frequently since the discovery of his unconscious form on the floor of his room Monday.

Captain Morrison was about 77 years of age and had served in the civil war with great bravery, and had resided in this state for a long number of years, being located at Nebraska City until his moving here some six or eight years ago since which time he has looked after the interest of the Metropolitan Insurance company with much success. The body will be taken to Nebraska City for burial.

Captain S. H. Morrison was born April 27, 1834, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and for years resided there, until shortly before the outbreak of the civil war, when he came west and was in the state of Wisconsin when the great conflict arose, and he enlisted his services in the Second Wisconsin regiment in Company I, and went to the front to defend the flag he loved so well, and while engaged in the second battle of Bull Run was wounded by having a bullet pass into one of his lungs. Recovering from this wound, he continued his service in the army, and at the battle of Gettysburg he was shot through both legs on the first day of the conflict, and on his recovery from the injury was brevetted a captain in the army, which he received for the bravery displayed.

At the close of the war he again came west and in 1867 he located at Nebraska City, residing there until about six years ago. While in that city he was engaged for several years in the jewelry business and later took up the insurance work for the Metropolitan company, which he carried on until death took him from his labors.

The body of the late Captain Morrison has lain in state in the parlor of the Hotel Riley from his death until the casket was removed to the Missouri Pacific station this noon, where it was shipped to Nebraska City. There was a large number of floral remembrances from the old friends, and the company he had served so long and faithfully placed on the casket, which was draped with the stars and stripes and guarded by a guard of honor from the Knight Templars, of which he had for years been a member. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from the residence of his nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, in Nebraska City, and will be in charge of the Masonic order, with the sermon preached by the Rev. W. W. Barnes of St. Mary's church of that city.

**For Rent.**  
M. E. parsonage, at Mynard. A family without small children preferred. For particulars inquire of Grant Wetenkamp, Mynard, or phone 2220.

## Death of Elder G. L. Weaver.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
The news was received here today by the members of the Holiness church of the death in New York of Elder George L. Weaver, of Tabor, Iowa, the founder of the sect and of the Faith Home at Tabor. Elder Weaver was well known here to the members of the faith and was one of the leading figures in the religious life in the west, and his death will be sadly felt by the members of the church he has founded. The body will be brought back to Tabor for burial among the scenes of the life of this good man. He was called to New York several weeks ago and was taken suddenly ill there and died.

## SOME DOINGS IN THE DISTRICT COURT YESTERDAY

Testimony in the Case of Sherwood vs. Sherwood Very Sensational and Racy.

From Wednesday's Daily.  
The session of the district court yesterday afternoon was enlivened by the hearing of the petition in the case of Nellie Sherwood vs. Thomas H. Sherwood, in which the defendant seeks to have the custody of the 9-year-old daughter of the couple taken from the custody of the mother. The case was one of the most sensational on both sides that has been heard in the court for years, and the greater part of the testimony was of such a nature as not to be printable, the charges being made on both sides of unbecoming conduct. There were several witnesses besides the plaintiff and defendant on the stand, and those of the sensation lovers who were present in the court room were well satisfied with the different statements made. After hearing the evidence offered the case was submitted without argument to the judge and the case taken under advisement in order that the court could investigate the matter more fully and determine the proper course to take in the matters.

In the case of Mary H. Parsons vs. William H. Parsons, the court supplemented the decree of divorce given the plaintiff by an order requiring the defendant to pay to the clerk of the district court the sum of \$20 per month, which is to be used for the care and maintenance of the two minor children. The plaintiff is also allowed the sum of \$10 for attorney's fees and the costs of the case.

The mandate of the supreme court in the matter of the application of G. G. Williamson for a liquor license in the village of Murdock was received and entered upon the record of the court. The court ordered that the village board of Murdock at once revoke the license issued to Williamson, as the supreme court has reversed the judgment of the district court in the matter.

**Will Erect New Garage.**  
While in the city yesterday Henry Becker, the enterprising young automobile dealer of Union informs us that work will be started shortly on the grading for the large two-story building that is to be erected in that village by his father, A. L. Becker, near the Missouri Pacific depot. The ground floor of the building will be used as a garage and will be equipped in the most modern way, while on the top floor a town hall will be fixed up. This new improvement is one that will add greatly to the appearance of the little city and the citizens of Union can feel proud of Mr. Becker and his enterprising son in their efforts to add to the beauty and business interests of that place.

The Journal does job work.

## "MUTT AND JEFF" FINE ATTRACTION AT THE PARMELE

Parmele Theater Packed by Well Pleased Audience to Witness Fine Performance.

"Mutt and Jeff," the humorous creation of Bud Fisher, the cartoonist, which in the papers of the country have created a hearty laugh, were with us last evening on the stage at the Parmele theater in the musical comedy, "Mutt and Jeff in Panama," and the show can be set down as being a very clever comedy with a laugh from start to finish, and a person wishing to forget their troubles should have attended the clever presentation of this musical comedy at the Parmele last evening.

Throughout the play is complete in every way, both in the clever comedy, as well as the tuneful music and handsome scenic effects of the play, centered around the two lible characters, and their clever and laugh-provoking experiences kept the audience in a constant uproar of laughter until its fall on the last act. The company can feel very fortunate in having with them Miss Theresa McAdams, who, in the role of "Cecily," gave a splendid exhibition of dancing, and the display of her art in this line was warmly applauded by the audience and she was compelled to respond to several encores. Miss McAdams also has a very sweet voice and her offerings in the musical numbers was much enjoyed.

Miss Ella Warner Davis, the celebrated English prima donna, is with the company this season, and her voice was heard most effectively in several numbers on the program. Edward West as "Mutt" and Henry Washer as "Jeff" were evidently the men for the job, as their clever work was alone worth attending the show to witness. The chorus, while one of the nicest appearing that has been seen in the city, had not the strength of voice that they should have, but their work shown in the dances and drills was very pleasing to everyone in attendance, and take it as a whole the show was one of the most pleasing that has appeared in the city this season, and the packed house attested the drawing power of the characters made famous in the cartoons.

From here the company departed this morning for Columbus, and from there they finish their Nebraska tour at Norfolk, and then work back to New York for the summer vacation.

## FREDRICK MUENCHAU OF EAGLE FOR COMMISSIONER

Yesterday Frederick Muenchau of Eagle filed his request with the county clerk to have his name placed on the ballot at the coming primary election as a candidate for the office of county commissioner on the republican ticket for the third commissioner district. Mr. Muenchau was the candidate at the last general election for this office against Mr. Jordan. This makes the list of entries for this office quite a large one, there being four democrats and two republicans so far to file, and there is a long time yet for the others who desire to serve the people to get in line with their applications.

**Farm for Sale.**  
90½ acres, one-half miles north of M. P. depot. For particulars see J. W. Elliott.  
4-16-14fwkly

**FOR SALE**—100 bushels of cane seed, \$1.00 per bushel. Inquire of G. Bakes, 10 miles south of Plattsmouth.  
4-20-2tw