

CO-OPERATION OF THE BUSINESS MEN OF PLATTSMOUTH

That's What It Takes to Encourage the Upbuilding and Makes Things Boom Right Along.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The year just closed has brought many improvements into the city and the coming year should be even better in this way than the last, and the Commercial club and citizens should join in an effort to bring these improvements to the front. There should be a more harmonious effort made by everyone for the good of the community in which they all make their home, and although they may not realize financial returns from this, still the whole community is made better by efforts made to better the general conditions, it stimulates business and results in a great deal of good that will in the end prove a lasting benefit to everyone in the city.

The citizens in general should get together and join in the work of the Commercial club, which is open to all and it is the desire that everyone in the city, regardless of whether they are business men or not, affiliate with this organization and attend the meetings in order that the expression of the desires of the whole people can be secured and action of the club be based along these lines, as what benefits one benefits all who claim this city as their home. In every town where success in upbuilding has been secured it has come through the hearty co-operation of the residents of the town, and they should take up the thought here in this city and consider the interests of the home town first, because the residents of the other towns in the state have demonstrated that they certainly stick to this idea, and some splendid results have been secured through the united efforts of their people in all walks of life.

The time for outlining the program for the year's campaign for a bigger and better Plattsmouth is at hand and every citizen should be in the ranks in boosting for the things that are needed most in the way of public and private enterprise and improvements, and the result of this united effort will be a surprise to the most optimistic citizen. We all call this home and should see that everything is just as progressive as any town in the state, and the way to do it is for everyone to put their shoulders to the wheel and help push it along.

OUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN A VERY BUSY SESSION TODAY

From Tuesday's Daily.

This morning the board of county commissioners opened their regular monthly session at the court house to begin the task of transacting the regular business of the session, and have a large amount of work ahead of them, as there is a large number of claims to look after, as well as other matters. A petition is expected today from Weeping Water for the appointment of a successor to the late Judge P. S. Barnes, justice of the peace there, who passed away last evening. At this session of the board the change in membership will be made, as County Commissioner Jordan of Alvo, of the Third district, retires and is succeeded by Henry Snoke of Eagle, and County Commissioner Heebner of Nehawka will be retained, having been re-elected. The chairmanship of the board will be vested in Commissioner Pitz of this district, as the senior member of the board.

County Commissioner Henry Snoke departed this afternoon for his home at Eagle, where he will attend the wedding of his son, which occurs there this evening.

Sell your property by an ad in The Journal.

Hearing on Will Had.

From Tuesday's Daily.

In the county court yesterday a hearing was had of the probate of the will of the late Archibald Rager, deceased, who passed away some two months ago at his home near Murdock. The prayer of the petition for the appointment of C. J. Leis, a son-in-law of the deceased as the administrator of the estate was granted by Judge Beeson.

A VERY CLOSE CALL FROM FIRE AT THE MASONIC ORPHANAGE

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Masonic Orphanage in this city had a very close call last night from being destroyed by fire, and it was only due to the coolness of Miss Margaret Mills, the matron, that the fire was extinguished before more serious damage resulted, but as it is the loss to the furnishings of the parlor will be in the neighborhood of \$75. The children had their Christmas tree still standing in the parlor of the orphanage and it was lit up last evening for the benefit of the little folks, whose delight in the tree was unabated, and the blaze from one of the candles ignited the branches of the tree and soon the tree was in a good blaze. Miss Mills, assisted by the children, smothered the fire out before it could spread to other objects in the room, and in doing so the matron suffered several very painful burns and the rugs and other pieces of furniture in the room were scorched in quite a severe manner, which will cause a small loss. Miss Mills did not waste the time to turn in the fire alarm for the city fire department, but got busy in putting out the fire, and as a result saved the orphanage from a very heavy loss, if not from being totally destroyed. Superintendent Askwith and a number from the Masonic Home nearby were notified of the mishap and assisted in the work of checking the blaze, and the result of their efforts was to save a heavy loss. Had those at the orphanage become excited and stopped to await the arrival of the fire department there would have been nothing left to tell the story, as the building, which is a frame residence, would soon have been burning nicely.

FONTINELLE CHAPTER OF DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MEET

From Tuesday's Daily.

The members of Fontinelle chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution enjoyed a most delightful meeting last evening at the hospitable home of Mrs. George Dodge on South Sixth street and the evening was spent most profitably by the ladies in their regular business session. A number of interesting papers were read by the members of the society including one on the "Colonial Governors" by Miss Kathryn Windham and on "Customs of the Olden Days" by Mrs. Lynn Minor, both of which were very helpful to the members in their study of the foundation of the American republic. The meeting was purely one of business and the social features were to a large extent omitted, but all had a most enjoyable time as is always the case at the hospitable Dodge home and the evening's enjoyment was brought to a close by the delicious luncheon served by the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Miss Violet, which served as a most pleasing feature of the evening.

Among the different matters taken up by the chapter was that of holding a tag day for the purpose of aiding the unfortunates in Belgium, who are suffering from the effects of the war in that country. It was decided to hold the tag day on Saturday, January 16th, and the ladies will be out to see that all are given an opportunity to contribute a small sum to this most worthy object. The tags will be given to all who contribute and from their efforts the ladies should be able to realize a neat sum as the cause is one well worthy of assisting.

Blank books of all kinds at the Journal office.

DEATH OF JUDGE P. S. BARNES OF WEEPING WATER

A Pioneer Gentleman, Highly Honored by His Friends, and Respected by All Who Knew Him.

Weeping Water, Neb.—(Special to the Evening Journal.—Last night at 10 o'clock in Weeping Water occurred the death of Judge P. S. Barnes, one of the oldest residents of that city and a gentleman long prominent in the affairs of the county in which he had made his home for the past forty years. The cause of the death of this grand old gentleman was pneumonia, which he contracted while out on a hunting trip something over a week ago, and for the past six days he has been very ill, and despite all that could be done for him, grew steadily worse until his death came last night.

Judge Barnes was some 77 years of age, having celebrated his birthday on the fifteenth of December, and was a man well preserved for his years and possessed of a keen intellect that was one of the chief features of his many years of service to the people of Weeping Water as justice of the peace and police magistrate in that city, to which office he was elected year after year. For forty years he had lived almost continuously in Weeping Water, with the exception of a short time spent near Johnstown, Neb., where he secured a fine homestead and ranch under the Kinkaid law, and which he resided upon until proven up, and the judge was perhaps the best known resident of the city where he for so many years had made his home, and there was no one but who was his friend, as by his pleasing and genial manner he made a host of friends, who learned of his death with the deepest grief, as it removed from their midst one whose place will be hard to fill. He was also a member for years of the Masonic fraternity and was a Knight Templar, and it was only a few weeks ago he was here to attend the banquet given by the order in this city. He leaves besides his widow, who was formerly Miss Rose Decker, a member of one of the oldest families in the county, two daughters, Mrs. Harry Peck and Mrs. J. E. Ralston, both of Omaha, and one son, Philip S. Barnes, jr., of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The date and hour for the funeral services had not been fixed this morning by the members of the family.

WORK STARTED ON EGENBERGER BUILDING BURNED ON CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON

From Tuesday's Daily.

The work of the repairing of the Egenberger building on lower Main street, which suffered so severely from the fire of Christmas day, was commenced yesterday afternoon when a force of workmen commenced the task of removing the wreckage and burned timbers from the second floor preparatory to starting in the work of rebuilding the structure. A large part of the roof in the front part of the building was destroyed by the fire and will have to be replaced while the entire upper floor will have to be completely repapered and repainted and such parts of the woodwork and floor that suffered from the fire be replaced. The work will require several weeks to complete. The first floor did not suffer so severely from the fire as it did from the water, but will require a thorough overhauling.

Railing a Good Improvement.

The railing on the steps of the post-office, which was ordered some two months ago, has been installed by the firm of Warga & Schuldice, who were given the contract by the government. This proves a great aid during the snowy and icy weather of the winter and will save many a fall that would otherwise occur were the steps left unprotected. The railing is placed in the center of the steps, both at the east and north entrances of the building.

New Son Arrives.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Word has been received here of the arrival of a fine new son and heir at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCarroll, near Union, which made his appearance here a few days ago. Mrs. McCarroll is well known here, as she was formerly Miss Virgie Fitchorn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Fitchorn, residing south of this city.

MESDAMES TROOP AND M'CAULEY ENTERTAIN THE LADIES AUXILIARY

From Wednesday's Daily.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church held their regular meeting yesterday afternoon and were entertained by Mesdames Robert Troop and William McCauley, at the pleasant home of Mrs. Troop, in a most delightful manner. The ladies held a very interesting business session, at which time the president, Mrs. Allison, gave a splendid talk on the work and plans for the coming year. The ladies also made plans for their next meeting, at which time the dollars which the ladies were to earn will be handed in. The business session was then adjourned and the remaining few hours were devoted to a most enjoyable time. During the course of the afternoon's entertainment a short musical program was rendered, in which Mr. and Mrs. McClusky favored the large company with a pleasing vocal duet, and Mr. McClusky, in response to the hearty encore, rendered a vocal selection which was likewise most highly appreciated by those in attendance. A number of piano selections were rendered by several of the guests in an informal manner and which greatly assisted in making the occasion so delightful. The ladies were very much pleased to see Mrs. T. A. Rawls, who has been on the sick list for the past several months, in their midst again, as well as to receive a note from Mrs. Dora Moore which stated that she was very much improved and able to see any of the ladies that might wish to call at any time. The ladies trust that these ladies will enjoy a speedy recovery and soon be able to take up their work in this splendid organization. The hostesses served a most delicious luncheon, and after a few moments spent in a little further social time, the guests dispersed, extending their warmest thanks to the hostesses for their kind hospitality, and declaring them to be most excellent entertainers. In spite of the inclemency of the weather there was a very large number in attendance.

Farmers' Telephone Company.

There will be a meeting of the farmers in the vicinity of Murray and the citizens of Murray at Loughridge's hall Saturday, January 9th, at 2 p. m. All farmers and citizens interested are requested to be present. Officers of the Farmers Telephone Company of Union will be present to explain the situation.

By Order of Committee.

WALTER THINGAN AND MISS LOUISE STOHLMAN JOIN HANDS AND HEARTS

From Wednesday's Daily.

This morning a marriage license was issued to Walter Thingan of South Bend and Miss Louise Stohlman of Louisville, who will be joined in wedlock at the home of the bride in Louisville Sunday. The wedding will be performed by the Rev. Hartman of that city. These young people come from two of the oldest and most prominent families of that section of the county and are both well and favorably known to a large circle of friends, who will learn with the greatest of pleasure of their approaching nuptials. The groom is a son of August Thingan, one of the leading farmers of South Bend precinct, and the bride-to-be is a daughter of the late George Stohlman, who for years was one of the leading citizens of his section of the county. The heartiest best wishes of their friends will go out to the young people on their wedding day for a life of bliss and happiness. The young people expect to make their future home on a farm near South Bend, where the groom is located.

A RELIGIOUS UP-HEAVAL TO START IN PLATTSMOUTH

The Pastors of the Different Churches Unite in a Movement That May Result in Much Good.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Resolved, "That, as pastors of the evangelical churches of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, we agree to lead our respective congregations, simultaneously in a religious campaign, the time for said campaign extending through the last four weeks of Lent."

The above resolution was adopted by the Ministerial association of Plattsmouth at their last regular session, held in December. The resolution is the result of much prayerful planning on the part of the pastors of the city, part of the details of which we have been requested to set forth in this manner that the public may have some general knowledge of the purpose of the Ministerial association.

As pastors, we feel that we are responsible for the religious activities of our city. We are sent here to be the spiritual shepherds of our respective congregations; we are paid to do this work and feel that, with the loyal co-operation of the members of our churches, there may be brought about such a religious quickening as is the apparent need of their community. Furthermore, we are willing to make the effort without asking our congregations to contribute for outside aid.

It is our purpose to work together in the matter of laying plans; advertising, holding of meetings in the homes, shops, streets, and in the holding of special meetings for children, men, mothers, etc. Each pastor conducting special meetings in his own church at such times and in such a manner as he may be led by the Spirit.

Already work has been begun in the making out of constituency rolls to be worked through the different classes of the Sunday schools. A prominent feature of the campaign will be the activity of the laymen. Perhaps the most important move contemplated by the pastors is the taking of a social and religious census of the entire city; special blanks will be used and a monster committee will be called into action so that the canvass may be completed in one day.

Our ultimate aim is, of course, the moral and spiritual uplift and the emancipation of men and women and boys and girls, leading them into a definite commitment of themselves to the Christian life, and the identifying of themselves with some of the local churches, each individual being left to make his own choice of a religious home. The submitting of this plan by their pastors to the twelve or fifteen hundred evangelical Christians of this city, virtually constitutes a challenge that they can hardly afford to reject. While this plan might be open to idle criticism, we believe it has enough real merit in it to deserve better treatment from the hands of every church member than a supercilious indifference or a haughty rejection. The pastors of this city have tried to set an example of real Christian unity that we feel will commend itself to the non-religious, and which may well be adopted by all religious professors.

The pastors contemplate opening a "religious headquarters" down town if a suitable location can be arranged for, to be used for committee meetings, distribution of literature, etc. This is a large task, but believe it deserves the loyal support of all Plattsmouth. It will indeed be a joy and satisfaction to those participating in this campaign if it should be blessed with success and certainly it would be no disgrace to the earnest supporters if it went down in defeat. The proposed plan of advertising will keep the public informed as to the future steps in this matter.

We earnestly appeal to our constituency for their sincere prayers and loyal co-operation for the accomplishment of this glorious task.

Ministerial Association.

Wall Paper, Paints, Glass, Picture Framing. Frank Gobelman.

Annual Meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Ins. Co. of Cass Co., Neb.

The annual meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Fire and Live Stock Insurance Company of Cass County, Nebraska, will be held at the Taylor school house in Plattsmouth precinct on Saturday, January 9, 1915, at 1:30 p. m., for the purpose of electing officers and transacting such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

J. P. Falter, Secretary.
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"SEPTEMBER MORN" AT THE PARMELE THEATRE NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT

And now comes the welcome musical comedy, the original fun bug, this time it's a brand new, up-to-the-minute musical tumble of song and girls called "September Morn." It is one of the best traveling organizations ever sent forth by Messrs. Rowland & Clifford, and the chorus is said to be the finest collection of buds from the Garden of American Beauties. The play, of course, gets its name from the painting of the same name, which stirred up comment from coast to coast. The story of the piece has to do with the aspirations of one, Rudolph Plastric, owner of an art studio, who claims to have been the painter. Of course, Rudolph does not even know how to paint a picket fence. The model of "September Morn" is laid claim to by an actress who has instructed her press agent to circulate the rumor that she is the original. The ludicrous moments when the two impersonators are dodging each other and when a cheery old army officer, who has fallen in love with the actress, discovers that she is a good friend of his wife's, creates enough laughter and plot for six musical plays. The scenery is prettily designed and painted and the costuming introduces the latest Parisian creations.

The company numbers within its ensemble some fifty people, all in all bringing about a new type of music play with delicious fooling thoroughly interspersed. The dancing numbers are many, spirited, charming, highly enjoyable and welcome, the various styles of the world's popular tango being introduced in various attractive forms.

Dainty Ollie Carew is seen in the newest dances now in vogue in Paris. Leo Greenwood and Barbara Douglas, the popular comedy stars, also have big parts. Arthur Gillespie wrote the book and the lyrics; Aubrey Stauffer composed the music and Frank Tannehill, jr., staged the production, which comes almost direct from the LaSalle opera house, Chicago, to the Parmele theater Wednesday evening, January 13.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE STILL BUSY SETTLING UP BUSINESS MATTERS

From Wednesday's Daily.

The county commissioners are still busy today grinding away at their regular session in taking up the different matters that come before them. One of the chief features of the morning session was the discussion of a proposition to have the walls of the different offices cleaned. The proposition was brought before the board by Walter Brittain, who has a preparation that he claims will do the work in first-class shape, but the commissioners seem to favor having the persons who secure the job of repainting the interior of the court house do the work of cleaning as well as the painting. The interior of this splendid building certainly needs fixing up, as for years it has presented a very dingy appearance, and a little money expended on having it repainted will be money well expended, as it will add greatly to the maintenance of the building.

C. W. Garrison of Union was here today attending district court, where a hearing was had in the motion for a new trial in the case of the estate of G. W. Garrison, deceased.

Letter files at the Journal office.

THE NEW COUNTY OFFICIALS INAUGURATED TODAY

Very Few Changes Made—Superintendent of Schools, Coroner and Commissioner of Third District.

This was the official inauguration day at the Cass county court house, although the occasion was one that passed without a great deal of attention, as most of the officials there are retained for another term of office, and the personnel of the force in the court house will be practically the same as for the past two years. The only changes to be made occurs in the office of county commissioner, superintendent of schools and coroner.

Charles R. Jordan, who for the past five years has represented the Third commissioner district on the board, retires from service and is succeeded by Henry Snoke of Eagle, who was elected at the November election to the office. The advent of Mr. Snoke will change the membership of the board and Commissioner Julius Pitz of the First district becomes the chairman of the board, as the senior member, and Commissioner Heebner, the present chairman, who was re-elected, takes his position as the junior member of the board, leaving Mr. Snoke as vice chairman.

In the office of superintendent of schools, Miss Eda Marquardt succeeds to the office held by Miss Mary E. Foster, and has moved here from Avoca, so as to be in touch with the work of the office. Miss Marquardt is a very pleasant and well qualified lady and will be able to carry out the splendid policy of running the county schools that was brought up to such a high standard by her predecessor.

In the office of coroner, Dr. J. F. Brendel of Murray steps into the office vacated by B. I. Clements of Elmwood, and will hereafter look after this line of work. The coroner has no office in the court house and will respond whenever called out to look after the business of the office. The force of deputies as recommended to the county board will be the same as in the past. Miss Florence White remains as deputy in the office of Register of Deeds Snyder; Miss Gertrude Beeson will continue to act as deputy county judge; B. A. Rosencrans will still be the efficient deputy in the office of County Clerk Libershal. In the office of deputy sheriff, Sheriff Quinton has recommended M. E. Manspeaker for reappointment. County Treasurer Fox has selected M. Tritsch and Miss Mia Gering as his clerical force for another year. All of these appointments are well made, as the holders of the positions are well qualified for the work.

NEW BOY MAKES HIS APPEARANCE AT THE HOME OF JAMES PATACEK AND WIFE

The many friends of James Patcek who were down town remarked this morning on his particularly happy appearance, and although he is of a very genial nature he seemed unusually filled with an enthusiasm and glee that was difficult to restrain. Inquiry developed the fact that his happiness was well founded, as this morning the stork visited their home and left in their care a fine bouncing boy baby, who is just about the finest little man in the city at the present writing, and both the young Mr. Patcek and the mother are doing nicely and the father is just about as proud as it is possible for anyone to be, and he generously treated his friends in honor of the happy event. This is the first boy in the family and he is an object of much admiration from the little sister.

Mrs. Joseph Jelinek was among those going to the metropolis this morning, where she will visit for a few days with her children, who reside in the metropolis.