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IN MEMORY OF A GRAND GOOD MAN J. M. MEISINGER

Citizen Whose Honesty and Uprightness Was Embodiment of Manhood Throughout His Career.

The visitation of death in a community is always the source of grief and sorrow to the family where the

and eastern Nebraska as all that embodies honor and respect, as the hardy family of seven brothers whose portraits appear in connection with this article, coming here in the early seventies, carved out by their industry a fortune for themselves and gave to the community the best of their years in making Cass county what it is today, and their work has been well and faithfully performed, as is shown by the miles and miles of fertile lands in this county which are owned by the members of the family.

The weight of years has caused many of the original family to withdraw from active life in the conduct of the farms, but the sons and daughters of these worthy gentlemen have remained to carry on the work so



J. Michael Meisinger, who passed away yesterday

messenger makes his call, as well as to the friends of the loved one whose eyes are kissed to everlasting sleep by the grim caller, and in the death of a prominent and worthy man, such as John Michael Meisinger, who passed away at his home in this city yesterday morning, the community must of necessity feel in the keenest way their

splendidly laid out for them by their fathers. The family of seven brothers each established a home of their own here and the families grew and prospered until several years ago, when J. B. Meisinger was the first to be summoned to his final reward, and now the second brother in years has been called forth to his rest in the

It is hard to part with men like J. M. Meisinger in a community where they are needed so much and where they have been so useful in all their deeds, both to their families and their fellow man, but the will of the Ruler of the Universe sees fit to call them away after their successful carrying out of the things that they were destined for upon this earth, and loving hearts and tender hands can only bid them just a long farewell until the dawning of a brighter day, when Faith's bright star can picture in another world a meeting with those loved ones who had gone before.

J. M. Meisinger was a native of Germany, having been born in the Province of Hessen-Darmstadt, in 1838, and at the tender age of 8 years was brought to America by his parents and settled near Pekin, Illinois, where they resided until he was some 20 years of age, when he was married, and in 1872 removed to Nebraska, settling west of this city, where, in 1874, Mr. Meisinger was married the second time, his first wife passing away the same year the family came to Nebraska. About a year ago Mr. Meisinger and wife removed to Plattsmouth to make their future home, as the health of the wife was not of the best, and it is on this worthy lady that the loss of the husband and father falls the heaviest, as he was a constant guardian and companion of the wife and her every want was carefully looked after, and his loss will be most distressing to the wife.

Mr. J. M. Meisinger as a youth was confirmed into the Lutheran church at Pekin, Illinois (Missouri Synod), while during the last decade in which we enjoyed the acquaintance of this grand good man he was a member of the Eight Mile Grove Lutheran church, an independent synod, which is served by pastors of the general synod.

The funeral of this grand, good man will be held tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock from the St. Paul's Evangelical church in this city, and the following will act as the pall-bearers: P. H. Meisinger, J. H. Meisinger, Jacob Tritsch, Leonard Born, John Bergman and John Bauer, sr.

There is little that can be said of a gentleman like Mr. John Michael Meisinger, save that he faithfully carried out the life laid out by his Creator, and full of years and kindly deeds, goes to his eternal rest. Peace to his ashes!

Will Live in Iowa.

Earl C. Barger and wife departed this morning for Avery, Iowa, where they go to make their home in the future. Mr. Barger has been employed in the Burlington shops at this place for some time and has concluded that there is more pleasure and better emoluments in the tilling of the soil, and has made arrangements to farm in our neighboring state. The best wishes for his success by his many friends go with him.

T. J. SOKOLS TENDER CARL CRIST AND FAMILY A FAREWELL RECEPTION

Last evening a large number of the friends of Carl Crist and family tendered these most worthy people a fine farewell reception at the T. J. Sokol hall in the west part of the city, near where the family has made their home since their advent into the city. The occasion was one most delightful to everyone in attendance, but was not unminged with sadness as the thoughts of the parting soon to come would steal over the assemblage. Mr. and Mrs. Crist expect in a few days to depart for the western part of the state, where they will take up farming near Sidney. The hall was well filled with all the friends and neighbors last evening and the time spent most pleasantly in tripping the light fantastic and in social conversation until a very late hour. The Bohemian brass band was on hand to furnish the music for the occasion and delighted everyone with their harmonies. A sumptuous lunch and copious refreshments served to satisfy the wants of the inner man, and on departing the jolly crowd wished their friends many happy years and success in their new home. Mr. Crist desires, through the Journal, to express to each and every one of his friends his most sincere feeling of gratitude for the splendid time and the kindly feeling shown himself and family.

STANDING OF THE PIANO CONTESTANTS AT EASTWOOD'S HARDWARE STORE

The following is the standing of the contestants for the piano at the G. P. Eastwood store to date:

Mrs. Philip Rhin	306,550
Miss Josephine Wurga	210,120
Mrs. H. W. Klinger	170,365
Miss Klara Bizanz	131,820
Miss Tillie Halmes	127,765
Miss Violet Keil	108,515
M. E. Sunday School	101,650
U. B. Church	101,595
Presbyterian Church	101,250
Miss Grace Nolting	100,495
Miss Vera Campbell	100,205
Mrs. J. McGee	100,175
Miss Helen Horn	100,000
Mr. Charles Isner	100,000
Miss Bessie Wiles	100,000

JOHNSON'S BIG VAUDEVILLE SHOW AT THE PARMELE THEATRE TONIGHT

The Johnson Show, which opens a three nights' engagement tonight, comes here with the best of recommendations from various cities in Nebraska. The company is composed of vaudeville performers, and they come as a guaranteed attraction, not as a vaudeville act, but a show of singers, dancers, aerial acts and novelties of various descriptions, and think of it, a show that you would ordinarily pay from 50 cents to \$1.00 to witness, and you can see it tonight for 10 cents to everyone and no reserved seats. Come early and get the best seats.

Dance at Redmen Hall.

There will be an old-fashioned dance given by the Redmen at their hall on Saturday evening, February 27th. Everybody that can behave themselves are invited to attend. Committee.

"BUILD NOW" IS THE CRY ALL OVER THE LAND

Let Our People Prepare to Do Some Good in This Line When Spring Opens.

From Thursday's Daily. In various parts of the country "Build Now" and other movements have been started to boom business. It is of course difficult to persuade people to alter individual plans to help on a general movement. But still there are many cases where people could promote their own interests as well as set money in circulation in this way. Contractors would build a house today cheaper, in all probabilities, than they would a year from now. Repair jobs would in some cases be cheaper, and in any event vexatious delays could be saved by anticipating one's wants. Most people let building go too long without necessary renovation. Money saved by economizing in house paint may not really be saved by any means. The impression gets abroad that a house is run down, and if one wants to sell, he finds it has acquired a poor reputation. Paint preserves building material.

Farmers in particular are often slack. They let buildings grow unnecessarily weather-beaten, actually increasing future expense that they are unprogressive. Storekeepers do not realize keenly enough the advantage of an attractive interior. They need to do over walls and ceilings frequently, they give an impression of untidiness that hurts trade. No man can prosper in business without keeping up the appearance of his location. If every householder, every merchant, and every farmer, would look over his buildings critically, and spend at once the money that ought to be laid out, and which he could afford, for the good of the property and his business, a big step would be taken towards restoring full prosperity.

A GOOD JOKE ON MISS EDA MARQUARDT, AND SHE TELLS IT HERSELF

From Tuesday's Daily. County Superintendent of Schools Miss Marquardt, enjoys a joke, even if it is at her expense. Yesterday, in the western portion of the county where she chanced to be, she visited a school at South Bend, which she found working in excellent order, and put in the day working, returning home over the Burlington last evening from Omaha, going there via the Rock Island, to find out from Judge Douglass that she had lost a day, as Washington's birthday was a holiday and she had worked all day. Miss Marquardt had a good laugh at her own expense. In recounting her trip she said she went to her home at Avoca, staying over Sunday, and starting for South Bend yesterday morning, she took the Missouri Pacific, and as they were nearing Manley the train came to a sudden stop. This being the Missouri Pacific, nothing serious was looked for, but on looking out it was found that a man with a team had attempted to cross the track ahead of the train with a load of stone, had got stuck and one horse had fallen on the crossing, which had frightened the man considerably. With the aid of the passengers and train crew the man was finally extricated and both he and the train were permitted to proceed on their way.

Will Try the Farm.

From Tuesday's Daily. Frank Wandra, who has for the past sixteen years been an employe of the Burlington shops at this place, resigned about a week since, and this morning, with his family, departed for Valparaiso, this state, where he will engage in farming. Their household effects were shipped some days since, and will be in readiness when they arrive.

In Honor of Miss Austin.

From Wednesday's Daily. Mrs. Frank Gobelman entertained a few young ladies in a very informal manner yesterday afternoon in honor of Miss Clara Austin of Geneva, Nebraska, who is visiting her many friends in this city. The occasion was in the nature of a Kensington, consequently the young ladies brought their fancy work and plied the busy needle, as well as the crochet hook and shuttle, in a most industrious manner. At the proper time a delightful luncheon was provided by the hostess, which was likewise most thoroughly enjoyed.

SUDDEN DEATH OF LUTHER BOEDEKER AT LOUISVILLE

When They Proceeded to Awaken Him for Breakfast He Was Found Dead in Bed.

From Tuesday's Daily. Yesterday morning when those who make their home with Luther Boedecker of Louisville failed to arouse him by calling for breakfast, they found him dead in his bed, having passed away during the night, supposedly from heart failure.

Luther Boedecker was 59 years of age and had lived in Louisville since 1879, and at the time of his death was engaged in shipping stock. Mr. Boedecker was born in Jefferson county, Wisconsin, where he lived for but a few years, coming to Iowa, where he located in Newton county with his parents and lived for seven years, coming to Nebraska with his parents, farming near Louisville, and later lived in Plattsmouth for one year. He then returned to Louisville, where he had made his home since. For a number of years he was engaged in the meat market business at Louisville, but later closed out his meat market and engaged in buying and shipping stock.

In 1878 he was united in marriage with Miss Judith Ossenkop, from which union there were three children, the eldest, Maude, becoming the wife of Frank Jackson of Louisville, where she lives at this time; Henry Boedecker, who some years since died at Omaha of quick consumption, and Fred, who now lives near Norfolk, this state. The wife died in 1887, and Mr. Boedecker was again united in marriage with Miss Lena Rheinart, there being two children from this union, the youngest, Miss Katherine, who has made her home with her father and mother, passing away about twelve years ago.

There has as yet been no arrangements made for the funeral, awaiting word from his son, Fred, who is living near Norfolk. Charles Boedecker of Murray passed through this city today on his way to Louisville, where he goes to assist in the arrangements and to attend the funeral of his brother.

Lighting Office Improvements.

From Wednesday's Daily. The Nebraska Lighting company has been making some extensive changes and improvements in the arrangements of their office equipment. Their rooms have heretofore been very small and their assistants were in rather close quarters for the handling of the business of the company. The office portion of the room has been cut in the center with counters and glass castings, placing about one-half of the entire front room into a business office, all of which goes to make up a valuable change in the interior of the room, both for the convenience of the manager and his assistants, and in the appearance of the room.

For Sale.

I have a suburban piece of property in South Park, containing four and three-quarter acres, with a ten-room house, in good condition; well affording an abundance of water; fruit in abundance for family use. This is being offered for sale, and on this terms can be given on a portion, with easy payments; a portion will have to be cash. Address P. O. Box 245. 2-25-d&w-1vk

LEGISLATORS SHOULD AVOID THE PITFALLS

A Look to the Welfare Alone of the Public Schools of Nebraska.

From Tuesday's Daily. A number of legislators who are long-headedly looking to the welfare of Nebraska's public schools refuse to be drawn into the educators' embroglio. A number of others—quite as long-headed, we fear—appear to be anxious to continue the battle, says the World-Herald.

They ask their fellow lawmakers to take sides in the affair, and insist that the faction once master of the field, but now in the Slough of Educational Despond, be given a resounding spanking for its audacity.

There is an opportunity here to wreak vengeance on a coterie—and there is an opportunity for all concerned, including the solons, to rise to the occasion like men and forget the past.

If this is done Nebraska's school system will be strengthened. If not it will be immeasurably weakened. It would take years, if that should happen, for the work of restoration to be completed. Even then much of the harm might never be undone.

The lawmakers have a chance to pass needed legislation and to avoid these pitfalls. They have the counter chance to carry on a work of destruction, instead of construction.

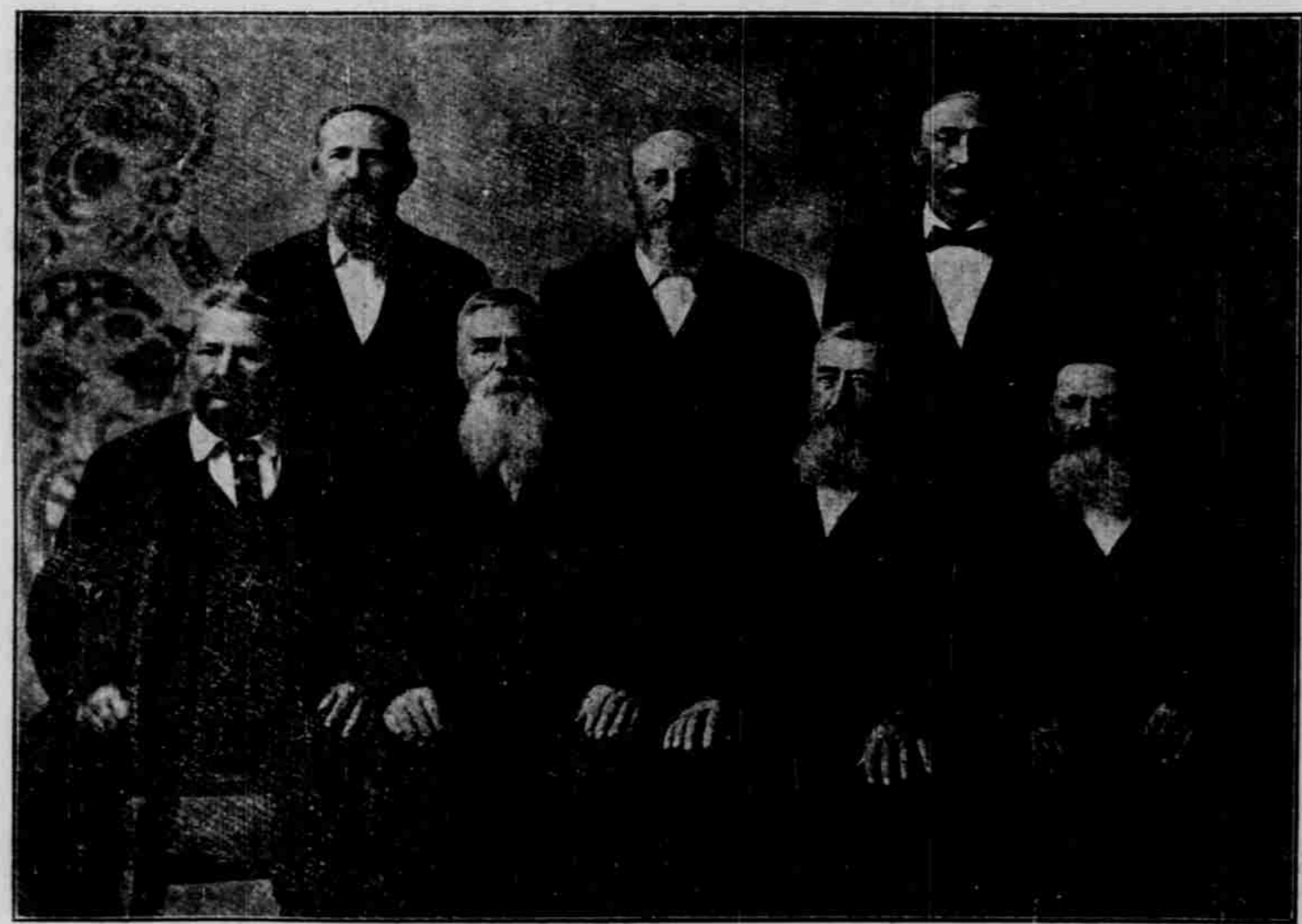
Which will it be? Is the good of Nebraska's school system and Nebraska's school children to be considered first of all, or the venting of some personal hatred that is ill-founded and of no standing in a work of such manifest sacredness?

THE PARCEL POST SALE AT THE METHODIST CHURCH WAS A DECIDED SUCCESS

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Parcel Post Sale held in the church parlors of the M. E. church last evening, was another social event of the season, which was a decided success in a financial way and most delightful socially. The ladies were greeted with a large number in attendance. There were some 168 parcels, and these were disposed of all too soon, as they had many opportunities to dispose of many more. A feature of the evening's entertainment was a pleasing program of music, both vocal and instrumental, interspersed with readings, and each number was most highly appreciated by the large number present. Miss Catherine Dovey was unable to be present and render the vocal solo, on account of illness, and the selection by the Druliner orchestra could not be given owing to illness in the Druliner family. The program consisted of "The Hope March" by the Mengedoh orchestra, vocal solo by Miss Emma Falter, the readings by Mrs. William Baird and "Prayer and Rondo" by Robert Kroehler. Genevieve Whelan, Charles Altman and Grace Beeson. They were assisted by Miss Augusta Mengedoh of Omaha, who gave three beautiful violin solos, she was accompanied by Miss Florence Sears of Omaha. Misses Mengedoh and Sears rendered some most difficult music and they displayed much talent as violinist and pianist. Another pleasing feature of the program was the vocal selections rendered by Miss Ethel Yost of Omaha, who has a splendid voice. She very kindly furnished three numbers. The parlors of the church had been tastefully decorated in keeping with the season. A delicious luncheon, which was also in keeping with the season, was served for the nominal sum of 10 cents, and here the ladies likewise realized a neat sum. This was the second Parcel Post Sale the ladies have held, and they feel quite elated over the results.

Sell your property by an ad in The Journal.



The above is a picture of the seven sturdy Meisinger brothers—the two in the center are the ones deceased—John M., who died yesterday, and Balz, who died several years ago.

loss of a citizen of high standing and a friend and companion whose place is hard indeed to fill. For forty years the Meisinger family name has stood in Cass county

Great Beyond, leaving five of the brothers to spend their remaining years here in addition to their good work as the leading family of this section of Nebraska.

Friday night maskers will have the floor from 7:30 to 9 p. m. Admission 10c. No charge for masked skaters' skates. 9:00 to 10:30 all skate. Skates: Ladies, 5c; gents, 15c.