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## CONCRETE AND BRICK INDUSTRY IN PLATTSMOUTH

A Large Factor in the Building Line, and Our Manufacturers Look for a Season's Good Business.

From Friday's Daily.

The concrete and brick-making industry of the county is getting to be the largest factor in the building line and in this respect the firm of Peters & Richards of this city is in the front rank in the making of the finest kind of ornamental brick and concrete work. They have just installed a brick-making machine at their building on lower Main street, and here all kinds of fancy brick of any shade desired is being turned out. They have not got in full operation as yet, but the specimens on exhibition at their workshop are certainly as fine as can be found anywhere. The bricks that present the finest appearance to the eye are those of the gray and red granite, which certainly are as fine as can be found in any place in the country. These bricks placed on the exterior of a building would certainly make a most beautiful finish and doubtless much of the new building operations will include these ornamental bricks during the coming season. The firm is able to supply these bricks in any shade desired and they will be found one of the most attractive finishings that could be put into a building.

The firm is also contemplating the installing of other machinery that will make their concrete and brick-making department one of the largest and most complete in this part of the state. All manner of fancy designs in ornamental concrete work will be looked after, as the firm has secured new moulds and designs to cover all lines of this variety of work and will make this one of the leading features of their summer campaign in the line of concrete work.

They are getting their office room gradually fitted up, although there is still quite a good deal of work in the decorating of the walls and woodwork to be carried out before the room is completed. This building, which was formerly one of the most neglected in the city, has been placed in first-class shape by Peters & Richards and makes a welcome addition to the many attractive offices and store rooms on Main street.

## GREAT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOECK BLOCK MODERN APARTMENTS

From Friday's Daily.

We had the pleasure today of being shown through the apartments that Henry Boeck has fitted up on the second floor of his building at Sixth and Main streets. Mr. Boeck has divided the second floor of his building into small flats or apartments, which are fitted up in the most up-to-date manner. The apartments on the Main street side of the building are occupied by Mr. Boeck and wife, while the two three-room flats are occupied by other tenants, leaving the four-room flat vacant. This flat is complete with bath room, gas and electric lights, gas range, as well as a large coal range and heated with steam, which makes it very cozy and comfortable in every way and everything in the rooms is clean, as it has been newly repapered and fitted up. A large tank in the kitchen supplies hot water to the bath room, and a more convenient suite of apartments would be hard to find. The elevator in the rear of the store is used to convey articles and fuel from the ground floor to the different rooms on the second floor. On the west side of the building a large porch was put up the past year, which is a most attractive spot in the summer months, and this has been enjoyed thoroughly by those who have lived in the flats. The rental for this flat of four rooms is only \$18.

Wedding stationery at the Journal office.

## Purchases a New Farm.

The Frank Albin farm, northeast of Union, has been sold by the owner to Charles Spangler of near Murray, and the new owner feels well pleased with his having been able to secure this excellent farm. The deal was consummated through the efforts of Miss Etta Nickels of Murray, who conducted the negotiations for the sale.

## THE IMPROVING SPIRIT ON LOWER MAIN STREET CONTINUES RAPIDLY

From Friday's Daily.

The old building on lower Main street, next to the M. E. Smith shirt factory, which for years has presented quite an unsightly appearance, is to be greatly improved by the placing of a new front in the building, and this morning the work was commenced by Tom Isner, who will see that the front is put in in proper shape to make it a credit to that section of the city. This room has been used more as a store room in the past few years than for any other purpose, and later was occupied by the Sochor tailor shop, but since the fire Christmas day it has held part of the stock of the Monroe store. The work on the front will require some time, but when completed will result in greatly improving the appearance of the building. The improving spirit seems to have struck that section of the city in great shape and everybody is getting into line with some improvement to their property.

## FINE NEW THREE-REEL FEATURES ARE NOW BEING SHOWN AT THE GRAND

From Friday's Daily.

For some time past Messrs. Shlaes and Peterson, managers of the Gem and Grand theaters, have felt the high increase in the cost of securing the best of pictures and showing them at the prices they have. In order to give the public an opportunity of judging of the merits of the case it has been decided to advance the prices at the Gem only, from 5 and 10 cents to 10 and 15 cents. The patrons, however, will be given a longer and more extensive program than heretofore at the Gem and the additional charge will enable the proprietors to give their patrons a much better program than is possible at present. At the Grand, however, the prices will remain the same as usual, 5 and 10 cents to all, and the usual program, interspersed with vaudeville acts, will be given, as has been the custom in the past. The managers of these theaters are desirous of securing an expression from the amusement-loving public as to their opinion on the proposed raise. It is expected that the change in prices will be made at the Gem on Sunday next. As has been stated, the firm desires an expression from the public, and will gladly welcome the opinion of their friends and patrons. These prices will apply to Saturday and Sunday performances only.

## MRS. EMMA LINDSEY DIES AT THE HOME OF HER SON, NEAR UNION

From Friday's Daily.

Mrs. Emma Lindsey, widow of the late William Lindsey, died at 11 o'clock Wednesday night at the home of her son, Joseph Lindsey, two miles southwest of town, at the age of 82 years. Although her health had been failing for some time her death was unexpected, as she was able to be up a part of the time that day. At time of going to press funeral arrangements had not been definitely made, but it will probably be held today. At this time we have not the data from which to give an extended report of the life of this estimable pioneer lady, but will endeavor to obtain it for next issue.—Union Ledger.

Sell your property by an ad in The Journal.

## A FORMER RESIDENT OF UNION IS FOUND DEAD

Ralph C. Russell's Dead Body Found in Straw Stack Near David City, Nebraska.

From Friday's Daily.

The Ledger received a letter a few days ago from a gentleman at David City stating that he had found a dead man in a straw stack on his farm, and from investigation made by this reporter we are convinced that the dead man is none other than Ralph C. Russell, who for several months was in the employ of Hugh Robb on a farm southwest of here. Mr. Russell left here a few weeks ago and informed us that he was going to Weeping Water to work in a blacksmith shop, and since that time nothing has been heard from him. The letter we received was written by a Mr. John Janda of David City, and stated that the body was found on Saturday, March 6, and gave the following description: Weight 175 pounds, 5 feet 10 inches tall, light hazel blue eyes, blue serge suit, little black felt hat marked Union, Neb., patent leather button shoes, finger of left hand off at middle joint.

Upon receipt of the letter we at once noticed that the description was almost identical with that of Ralph Russell, and further investigation disclosed that Russell wore the shoes and suit as described, that Frans & Son sell the kind of hat mentioned, that Russell's index finger of left hand was off at the middle joint. It developed also that Russell has two cousins, Lorenzo Coie and Joseph Cole, residing in Butler county, and it is the natural inference that he had been on his way to their place, and possibly had stopped in the straw stack seeking shelter from the storm, but there is nothing to indicate the manner or cause of his death. All things taken together it seems almost certain that the dead man is Ralph Russell, and an effort is being made to locate his nearest relatives, and it is said that he has two sisters at Cherokee, Oklahoma, but as yet their names have not been learned. He is a distant relative of the Chalfant families near here, but they are unable to give any definite information that will aid in the matter.—Union Ledger.

## ATTENDS MEETING OF D. OF A. R. IN OMAHA AT THE AGE OF 84 YEARS

From Friday's Daily.

At the meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution being held in Omaha today, the gathering will be graced by a real daughter of the revolution in the persons of Mrs. John Tewksbury of this city, who has the honor of being the daughter of one of the men who in the revolutionary war assisted in securing our country's liberty. Mrs. Tewksbury's father, John Walker, served during the war for liberty in a New Hampshire regiment and the honor which comes to his daughter is one that is possessed by few in the United States at present. Mrs. Tewksbury is 84 years of age and as bright and keen as a woman of 50 and takes a great interest in the doings of the great world. She came to Plattsmouth over fifty years ago and has made her home here more or less since that time. The presence of this grand lady at the gathering in Omaha today is certainly worthy of more than a passing mention, and the members of the society should be proud that they have the distinction of having an original daughter of the revolution with them on this occasion.

## District Court Meets.

From Friday's Daily.

This morning Judge Begley came down from his home at Papillion to hold a short session of the district court and to clean up the remainder of the cases of the November term that remain, preparatory to the starting of the April term, which commences here on April 19th.

## The Stork Pays Visit.

From Saturday's Daily.

The stork yesterday afternoon paid a flying visit to this city, and calling at the home of Clyde Martin and wife, in the west part of the city, left in their care a fine little daughter. The mother and little one are doing nicely, while the father is well pleased over the addition to his family.

## CHAPLAIN JOHNSON OF THE NEBRASKA PENITENTIARY

The Rev. Gentleman Delivers an Excellent Talk at the Christian Church in Plattsmouth.

Last evening the members of the congregation of the Christian church in this city were given a rare treat in having with them Rev. E. M. Johnson of Lincoln, secretary of the Nebraska Prison association, and also chaplain of the state penitentiary in that city. The sermon of Rev. Johnson was one of the best that has been heard in this city and was on a subject that brought to his hearers the keenest of interest, as the speaker, who is a very convincing gentleman, stated a number of facts that were undisputed and pointed out the many causes that lead to the men being in the penitentiary, and pointed out the system that forces many into wrongdoing, and to the church whose members refuse to give recognition to their more unfortunate brethren, but allow them to remain in the gutter to go whatever way they may, and hold up their hands at the suggestion that they be received in the church.

He also spoke feelingly in behalf of the unfortunate ones in the penitentiary who on coming forth had a great struggle to try and resume their place in society from which they had been separated by the prison walls. The address was well received and it is to be regretted that there were not more present to hear the sermon of this splendid Christian worker, as it would have done them good.

Mr. Johnson has a warm spot in his heart for the men in the state prison, and is thought of with the greatest esteem by the men with whom he labors in his field of Christian work. The work of the prison association has done a great deal of good among the men released from the penitentiary in securing them a place where they can start life anew and providing them with protection that has saved many from going back into wrongdoing. A short outline of the work shows that fact.

The Nebraska Prison association was organized to assist discharged prisoners to get the right kind of start in life after their imprisonment. Recently the parole system was put into action and now there are few prisoners who stay until the expiration of their maximum sentence. They receive a parole which enables them to go out while under charge of the state to show that they are anxious to take their rightful place in society. In making the parole law the state failed to make provision for the paroled man. He must have employment before he can leave the prison. He needs citizen's clothing and there must be some means provided for him to reach the place where he is to work. The association is giving its attention to supplying that which the state has failed to supply for these men. It secures places of employment, furnishes clothing and transportation for the paroled prisoners.

In the year from July, 1913, to July, 1914, there were 200 men paroled. Some of them had friends who took care of them. Those who were without friends to help them were the ones the association assisted. Eighty-five per cent of those men have done their duty toward society and their employers. Does it pay to save a man from the crime line? It saves the state, it saves business, it saves the man in society, his family and to citizenship.

The association has helped more than 1,000 men in its twelve years' history, and when we know that more than 70 per cent of these men are living honest, upright lives, it is proof that an important work is being done.

## A GOOD WOMAN LAID TO REST IN THE SILENT TOMB

A Large Number of Relatives and Friends Attend the Funeral of Mrs. C. C. Parmele Friday.

Yesterday afternoon, as the day was drawing to close, in the cemetery where sleeps many of those who were near and dear to her in life, Mrs. Charles C. Parmele was laid to her last long rest, and sorrowing family and friends gathered for the last time to pay their tributes of love and esteem to one whom in her lifetime had been beloved by them.

The services were held at the home at 3:30 o'clock and a large number of the friends gathered to take their last farewell of the loving wife, mother and friend, and the many floral remembrances placed on the bier attested the deep feeling of grief that has been felt by the entire community over the loss of Mrs. Parmele from their midst. The sermon was delivered by Rev. H. G. McClusky of the First Presbyterian church and was one of the most beautiful and touching that has been delivered in this city, as the speaker dwelt on the well-spent life of this worthy lady, just called home. The minister spoke words of comfort and hope to the bereaved family in their loss and held to them the hope of the future meeting with their loved one, where parting was no more. Mrs. E. H. Wescott sang during the service the well-loved hymn, "Abide With Me."

At the close of the services at the home the body was borne to the last resting place at Oak Hill cemetery by the members of the Builders' class of the Phebyterian Sunday school, of which she had been the teacher for a number of years, consisting of Carl Schmidtman, Ben Windham, Sam Windham, Robert Willis, Marion Dickson, Dwight Patterson, Edgar Steinhauer, Ed McCullough, Leland Briggs and Ralph Larson.

The services at the grave were brief and at the close all that was mortal of this worthy lady was laid to its last long rest. There are no words that can tell of the good deeds and kindly acts of this worthy lady, as they will be remembered for all time in the hearts of those who knew her best.

## PLATTSMOUTH COUPLE WERE MARRIED IN OMAHA ON LAST SATURDAY

Saturday in Omaha occurred the marriage of two Plattsmouth young people, who, taking their friends by surprise, slipped off to the metropolis on the early Burlington train to have the ceremony performed that was to unite them for life. The contracting parties were Mr. Leroy W. Ruehland and Miss Villah Barger, and on reaching Omaha and securing the license they visited the office of Rev. C. W. Savage in the Brandeis building and here the words that were to make them as one were pronounced by the gentleman who has the record of the greatest number of marriages of any of the Omaha pastors. The young people returned home in the afternoon on No. 2, rejoicing in their new-found happiness and ready to receive the congratulations and best wishes of their many friends. Both of the young people are well known in this city, where they have made their home for years. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Barger and is a most accomplished and charming young lady, whose happiness will be the constant wish of her many friends. The groom, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ruehland, was born and reared in this city and has here a large number of warm friends who will learn of his marriage with much pleasure and extend their heartiest congratulations.

## Hedge Posts for Sale.

580 good hedge posts for sale at a price of 16c each. Write or telephone 305-J. Frank Vallery, Plattsmouth.

## Dance on April 17th.

The T. J. Sokol society has made arrangements to give a social dance at their hall on West Pearl street on Saturday evening, April 17th. The occasion will be one of much pleasure to the dancing public and all are invited to be present and enjoy a good social time. Remember the date and be on hand.

## AN INCORRIGIBLE LAD SENT TO REFORM SCHOOL

This morning in county court Arthur Harness was brought before Judge Beeson to answer to a charge of being incorrigible and of having taken property belonging to his mother of the value of some \$10, and on the face of the charges and testimony the court found it best to send the lad to the state school for boys, where he may be looked after in the future and be learned some useful trade that may better fit him to face the battle of life. The boy is only some 12 or 13 years of age, and the instruction and training at the school will probably prove very beneficial to him.

## J. M. YOUNG CELEBRATES HIS SIXTIETH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

From Friday's Daily.

Today is the sixtieth birthday anniversary of J. M. Young of this city, and he enjoys the distinction of being one of the early settlers of this county, coming here in 1855 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Young, who were among the early settlers of Rock Bluffs. He was born in Virginia on March 19, 1853, and was only 2 years old when he came to Nebraska, but has resided in Cass county since that time and saw the county develop from a frontier of the wild west into a most prosperous agricultural country. He bears his years well and is still in the harness, doing his work each day as though he was still a young man. He was born on the same day of the month as W. J. Bryan, though ten years before, and feels this honor very much.

## HONOR FONTENELLE CHAPTER D. A. R. AT STATE MEETING IN OMAHA

From Saturday's Daily.

The members of Fontenelle chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution had a very high honor paid them at the meeting of the state society held in Omaha this week in having presented to them a large silk flag in recognition of the fact that their chapter had made the largest gain in membership of any in the state. Fontenelle chapter is one of the youngest in the state and its membership has grown greatly in the past few months and has won for them the honor of holding the flag for the coming year, and if for three successive years the local society can maintain the largest per cent of gain they will have the flag given to them. This chapter, purely patriotic in its character, is now one of the leading organizations in the city, and the members are taking a keen interest in the work of creating an interest in the early history of the United States and the preservation of the ideal and institutions of American patriotism. Fontenelle chapter was represented at the meeting in Omaha by Miss Kathryn Windham, who represented the local regent, Mrs. L. O. Minor, who was unable to attend, and Mrs. M. A. Street, as delegate, and a large number of the members of the chapter attended the meetings. The gain in membership here reached 100 per cent in the past year.

## For Sale.

Five pure bred Shorthorn bull calves. Age from 11 to 12 months. Also a few pure bred yearling heifers. Joseph F. Tubbs, Mynard, Neb. Tel. 2312, Platts. Exchange.

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## ANOTHER DISASTROUS CONFLAGRATION VISITS UNION

The Loss on Buildings and Stocks of Goods Will Amount to About \$30,000.

Shortly before 2 o'clock this morning the village of Union was visited by a most destructive fire that laid waste a greater part of one of the business blocks and inflicted a loss estimated at some \$30,000. The fire was first discovered in the large general store of Charles H. Dysart, and had gained such headway that it was impossible to check it, and in a very few minutes the entire store was wrapped in flames that swept through the structure, which was only a frame building, and from the Dysart store swept into the adjoining building on the east occupied by Hunt & Morton with a general store and meat market, while an ice house in the rear of the burning building was also struck by the fire and swept away, and a few hours after the discovery of the fire only a mass of smouldering ruins marked what had been one of the leading business establishments of our thriving little neighboring city. The cause of the fire is unknown at present.

The loss to Mr. Dysart on his stock will be some \$8,000, and that of the firm of Hunt & Morton between \$3,000 and \$4,000, with only a partial insurance to cover the loss, while the losses on the buildings will bring the total loss up to between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

The blaze, with its good start, and the fact that there were no adequate means of fighting the fire, made it almost impossible to do anything with the spread of the flames, and for a time it was feared the buildings on the west of the Dysart store would be consumed by the flames in their course, but the fact that the small building occupied by the postoffice is separated from the Dysart building saved the rest of the buildings on the west from the path of the flames. The citizens made a gallant fight to save what was possible, but it was almost out of question to do anything with the fire.

This is the third large fire that has visited Union in recent years and last waste the business section of the town, as some four years ago the block just south of the one burned last night was wiped out in a fire, the origin of which was quite mysterious. This is almost the last of the old frame buildings that for years housed the business interests of Union, and the new structures that have been built have all been of brick, and if the burned buildings are rebuilt they will be made more fire-proof.

## SHERIFF QUINTON HAS A PLEASANT SURPRISE ON HIS BIRTHDAY

Saturday last was the birthday anniversary of Sheriff Quinton, and in order to give him a most pleasant reminder of that fact a number of the friends and neighbors stole a march on him and Friday evening invaded the Quinton home and took the sheriff completely by surprise. The sheriff has declined to state the anniversary celebrated, but it is something over sixteen years since he made his first appearance, we will wager. After the guests had properly surprised the guest of honor and they had received the usual cordial welcome from Mr. and Mrs. Quinton they proceeded to enjoy the evening to the utmost in delightful conversation, and at a suitable hour very tempting refreshments were served which added greatly to the pleasures of the evening and it was a late hour when the jolly party departed homeward, wishing the sheriff many more such enjoyable occasions. Those who were present were: Messrs. and Mesdames John F. Gorder, J. H. Hallstrom, J. V. Hatt, Fred Majors, John Bauer, Mrs. Olga Crossary, George South and wife of Lincoln, Henry Larson and Miss Eda Marquardt.