

HORSE ELECTROCUTED IN PECULIAR MANNER

Accident Occurred on the John Gorder Farm, West of Town and Head Severed as if Cut by a Knife.

From Friday's Daily.
A very peculiar accident occurred yesterday morning on the John Gorder farm, west of this city, as a result of which a horse belonging to Joseph Mason was electrocuted in a very peculiar manner. During the heavy wind early yesterday morning a large limb of a cottonwood tree along the road near the Gorder pasture, was broken off and fell onto the wires belonging to the Omaha & Lincoln Power & Light Co., and causing the high tension wires to break and the two ends dropping to the ground struck the wire fence running around the Gorder pasture and this formed a circuit and for several hours the electric power and light service to the city was supplied through these wires as though there had been no break in the line.

It was thought that the wires had formed a circuit through the ground and a number of the employees of the Nebraska Lighting company of this city, who are using the current of the McKinley company, were sent out to look over the ground and repair the damage done by the storm. The surprise of the men can be imagined when on reaching the Gorder farm they found a horse lying by the side of the fence with its head cut off neatly as though it had been chopped off with an ax, and the head lying on the outside of the fence. It was then discovered that the fence had been charged by the broken wires, and the whole current was passing through the fence. The horse had doubtless come up to the fence and stretching its head over had come in contact with the powerful effects of the electric juice and fell in such a manner that its neck lay on the fence wires and the powerful electric current had acted as a saw in severing the head of the animal.

It is seldom that an accident of this kind occurs, and it is well worth recording, and also the fact that for several hours our service in this city came over the wire fence of Mr. Gorder and was almost as strong as though the high tension wires had not been out of commission.

The damage was repaired to the line and service resumed as usual, but Mr. Mason will mourn the loss of the animal who had so unfortunately gotten mixed up with the electric current. Messrs. Manlove and Woods of the Nebraska Lighting company were present when the horse was discovered and state that the sight was a most wonderful one.

OMAHA SOCIAL CLUB SURPRISES MRS. M. ARCHER OF THIS CITY

From Friday's Daily.
Yesterday Mrs. Dr. Corley, president of the Ladies' Omaha Social club, with the following members of that society, came down on No. 4 of the Burlington yesterday morning: Mrs. B. J. McCordle, Mrs. W. P. Bando, Mrs. J. Heidvoel, Mrs. F. C. Coleman, Mrs. E. Barrowman, Mrs. William H. Walker, Mrs. C. F. Hoffman and Mrs. F. M. Coleman, and Robert Bando and Charlotte Corley, babies. The ladies had come prepared for a picnic and a good time, and certainly their fondest anticipations were realized in the pleasant hours spent at the home of Judge and Mrs. M. Archer, to which the jolly party repaired after their arrival in this city, and all came with well laden baskets of the good things to eat that served to form a most sumptuous luncheon, which was served at the Archer home at noon and to which the happy crowd did ample justice, as the trip had whetted their appetites. Following the picnic dinner everyone spent the time in visiting until time for the 4 o'clock Missouri Pacific, when they departed homeward, feeling that the day had been one of the rarest pleasures.

MRS. FRED KAFFENBERGER RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

From Friday's Daily.
Mrs. Fred Kaffenberger, who has been in St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha for some weeks past, has recovered from the effects of the operation and was able to return to her home near this city on Tuesday, being brought down from the hospital in the automobile of J. F. Wehrbein. She is feeling very much improved in health since the operation and is able to be up and around. It is to be hoped that Mrs. Kaffenberger will find complete restoration to health as a result of the operation.

A MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER IN HONOR OF MISS WOHLFARTH

From Friday's Daily.
A very delightful gathering was held last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Cloidt on High School Hill, which was in the nature of a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Clara Wohlfarth, whose marriage to Mr. Frank Downy will occur in a few days. The hostesses for the delightful occasion were Misses Nettie and Jessie Moore and Mrs. Cloidt, and the event was a most happy one for the jolly crowd of young people present. The guests passed the time very pleasantly in sewing and social conversation, which served to make the hours pass very rapidly and with the greatest of enjoyment to all present. The bride to be was presented by her friends with handsome tokens of esteem, and these gifts will serve in future years as most pleasant remembrances of the many dear friends. At a suitable hour dainty and delicious refreshments were served on the large and commodious porch of the Cloidt home, which for the occasion had been decorated very prettily with white syringias and green foliage, making a most attractive spot for the pleasant gathering. As the guests departed homeward they extended to their friend their best wishes for a very happy future.

HOW TO ELIMINATE MAIL ORDER COMPETITION

From Friday's Daily.
Neosho, Missouri, has built up its trade territory, almost eliminating mail order house competition, by the work of the Neosho Ad club. The club has sixty members, including nearly all of the business men of the town, and its chief enterprise is the management of monthly sales days, says the Higginsville Jeffersonian. The club has a double page ad, divided into small spaces, in each of which some special bargain is offered for the sale day. The advertisers do not give their copy to the editors, but to a committee of the club, which investigates and certifies that the thing advertised is to be sold below value. In this way only genuine bargains are offered and the public knows it, and all the business houses in the town co-operate to make the sales day successful. Then the papers carrying these certified advertisements are sent to every home in the county ten days before each sales day. Many of the Neosho merchants either lose money or sacrifice all profit on the leaders they offer, but have found that people attracted by the leader, buy other things, and on the average only 15 per cent of the day's sales is on the leader, and on the other 85 per cent the merchant makes a legitimate profit.
Yet the two full pages of genuine and guaranteed bargains draw people from all over the county to every sales day and the crowds are pleased. The co-operation between the business men is a wonderful thing for the town; every business house in Neosho is doing bigger business than formerly, yet they are not taking business from each other. Instead they are all prospering from the new business they have secured, which formerly went to other towns or to mail order houses.

FIRE AT THE POWER HOUSE LAST EVENING CREATES EXCITEMENT

Last evening about 7:30 the fire alarm called the city fire department to the power house of the Nebraska Lighting company, where it was reported a very dangerous fire was raging, and from a distance the huge clouds of smoke indicated that it was very serious, as it bore all the appearances of being the large gas tank, but on the arrival of the fire boys and a large crowd of citizens, it was discovered that it was the large lighting arrester, which is built just south of the power house, and which was burning quite freely.

Owing to the high voltage passing through the wires it was impossible to do anything with water at the fire, as the turning of the stream on the blaze would have meant the probable destruction of several of the firemen from electrocution and it was necessary to fight the fire by throwing dirt on the portion near the ground, while that in the upper part of the arrester burned itself out without a great deal of damage, and fortunately the light service to the city was not interfered with, as the trouble occurred on the line running east to Iowa points and did not stop the current reaching this city from Omaha.

Manager Woods of the light company was at the scene of trouble a few minutes after the fire broke out and assisted in fighting the flames. It is thought that the fire was caused by a short circuit. The loss will amount to quite a little sum.

YOUNG MAN PASSES WORTHLESS CHECK AND IS NOW IN LIMBO

From Friday's Daily.
This morning in the county court Vern Long was arraigned on a complaint of the State of Nebraska charging him with having passed a worthless check in this city on Saturday last. In the complaint it is stated that the check was made on the Bank of Cass County and was for the sum of \$7. It was given by Long to Frank Frange, proprietor of the Booster Shining Parlor, and cashed by him. When presented at the bank it was refused, as the young man had no funds there. To the complaint charging the issuance of the check to obtain money with fraudulent intentions, the young man entered a plea of guilty. It is thought that a preliminary hearing will be waived and the case brought to the attention of Judge Begley Monday in district court, when it can be disposed of. The penalty under the new law for this offense is a fine of from \$100 to \$5,000, and from one to five years in the penitentiary. This case is one that is certainly most regrettable in every way, as the young man is a bright, genial and clever young fellow and has always been a favorite here, where he has made his home, and the news of his very unfortunate predicament brings a feeling of sincere regret from those who know him. The county attorney will recommend as light a punishment as is possible under the law.

FORMER PLATTSMOUTH LADY IS MARRIED IN OMAHA

From Friday's Daily.
On Wednesday evening in Omaha occurred the marriage of a former Plattsmouth young lady, Miss Almada Louise Jones, to Mr. Frank L. Hoover. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Charles W. Savidge, in the presence of the members of the family, and was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hoover, 917 North Twenty-fifth street. The bridal couple were attended by Miss Grace Hoover and Mr. Barney Goodwin, as bridesmaid and best man. The bride is a daughter of the late Nelson Jones of this city, where she graduated from the High school, and her many friends, as well as friends of the family, will trust that she may enjoy many years of happy married life. The young people will make their home in Omaha in the future, where the groom has a very lucrative position.

CROP CONDITIONS IN THIS SECTION ARE VERY FINE

From Friday's Daily.
Reports from throughout the county point to a splendid condition of the crops, and the wheat yield in old Cass county gives promise of being a record-breaker, as from every side come the most promising and flattering reports. The wet weather has rather retarded farm work, but nevertheless the farmers have utilized every possible minute in getting their corn in shape, and it looks good to be in line with the bumper wheat yield.

LAST SUNDAY WILLIAM PULS CELEBRATED HIS SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY

From Saturday's Daily.
One of the sturdy and reliable men of the county and one who has had a great deal to do in developing the resources of the county, is William Puls, who has been for many years one of the leading farmers of Mt. Pleasant precinct, and he is now getting ready to enjoy with his worthy helpmate a few years of rest and pleasure at the close of a life of usefulness. Mr. Puls, on Sunday last, celebrated his seventieth birthday at his home near Murray, and one hundred of the relatives and friends gathered to assist this grand old man in celebrating this natal day. William Puls was born June 6, 1845, in Leppé-Detwald, Westphalia, Germany, and there he made his home until some forty years ago, when he came to America and settled near Murray, where the family have since made their home, and where the name of Puls is recognized as a standard of excellence. Mr. and Mrs. Puls, who are now putting up a new home in Murray, were married in Germany in 1875, and are getting ready to enjoy the fruits of their years of labor and care, in taking life more pleasantly, and for this reason are putting up the new home at Murray, which is going to be a dandy in every way.

THE HOLLY ORCHESTRA GOES TO UNION TO PLAY FOR DANCE

From Saturday's Daily.
Last evening the Holly orchestra of this city journeyed down to Union, where they furnished music for the dance given at the Becker hall in that place last night, and to which a goodly number were in attendance. The new hall which Mr. A. L. Becker has opened on the second floor of his new brick building, is one complete in every way for entertainments and dancing and fills a long-felt want in Union, where they have lacked the proper facilities for caring for the public entertainments. Mr. Becker has given Union a fine addition to its business section in his new building, and is contemplating the erection of a new brick building on the north side of the street, where the fire of a few weeks ago swept away the old frame building which he owned, and if he decides to put up a building it can be depended on to be a good one, as he does not do anything of this kind that is not first-class in every way.

NEW BOY COMES TO THE R. C. JAHRIK HOME

From Saturday's Daily.
This morning the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Jahrik was made brighter by the arrival of a fine nine-pound son and heir, who made his appearance with the new day and announced his intention of abiding with the proud and happy parents. The mother and little one are doing nicely and the father is very proud of the addition to his family. The good fortune of Mr. and Mrs. Jahrik will be most pleasing to their many friends here in this city.

M. Tritsch, refracting optician, at Gering & Co.'s Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Examination free. Wall Paper. Gering & Co.

NEHAWKA'S NEW AUDITORIUM IS A FINE STRUCTURE

An Enterprise That Would Grace Any Town Five Times as Large as Nehawka With Great Credit.

From Saturday's Daily.
There has been a great deal said of the enterprise of the citizens of Nehawka in putting up in their town the new auditorium which now graces that place as a testimonial of the spirit of energy and push, but it is really necessary to see the new building to appreciate fully what the good people of Nehawka have added to their town.

Yesterday the writer was in Nehawka, and through the courtesy of Mr. Frank P. Sheldon was shown through the beautiful building that stands at the head of the principal street of the town, a monument to the enterprise of the citizens. The structure is of red brick and trimmed with gray stone in a very pleasing taste, and one mounting the steps finds himself in the hall, on one side of which is a well arranged ticket office and cloak room, while on the opposite side of the hall is found a most commodious and pleasant rest room which the ladies of Nehawka are fixing up and which will be open every day to the visitors to this thriving little city, and easy chairs and soft cushions have transformed this room into one that will prove a most restful spot to the ladies who come to Nehawka to trade or visit. Large swinging doors lead from the hall into the auditorium of the building and here seats for several hundred have been provided.

The main auditorium has been provided with splendid lighting facilities, as the electric lighting equipment consists of the reflected lights placed near the ceiling which casts a soft and pleasing glow over the auditorium. There are several rows of windows on the south and north sides of the hall that in the daytime give a splendid light, as well as affording good ventilation to the theater. The stage is a very large one and is equipped with all facilities toward assisting in a first-class theatrical performance. The main auditorium, as well as the rest of the building, is finished handsomely in light colored woodwork, while the walls and ceiling have been finished in soft tints that prove very restful to the eye.

From the main lobby stairs lead up to the balcony of the auditorium, where there has been arranged seating capacity for a large number. The upper floor of the building is taken up with a large and commodious lodge room where the different fraternal and secret orders of Nehawka hold their sessions and there is hardly a night that this part of the building is not in use in the session of some of the orders who find in this beautiful auditorium a very pleasant home. On this floor is also located a large and well arranged banquet hall, which is connected by a small hall with the lodge room and also a kitchen that is modern in every way and fitted up so as to give facility to the preparation of the small banquets that are held quite often by the members of the different orders.

The building has been arranged throughout with the idea of being an ideal place for the different entertainments and public meetings of the people of Nehawka, and rest and toilet rooms are placed on each floor of the building. The structure is heated by a large heating plant in the basement of the building, and here is much space that can be utilized as the citizens desire, and the growing needs of their town demand for meeting places. With this basement and the two stories above there is a great deal of space covered in the building and it is one in which every resident of Nehawka has a right to be proud.

Just now the work of putting in the concrete walks leading to the building is in progress, and the officers of the association that has put up the structure propose to see that it is kept up in the best of shape. There has been several good dramatic companies there in the last few weeks since the auditorium was thrown open to the public, and J. M. Palmer, who has charge of the booking of the attrac-

tions, is alert to secure the best he can for the residents of that place. The Elks' minstrels have been booked for Nehawka in the near future and a record-breaking crowd is looked for on that occasion.

Speaking of the building enterprises at Nehawka, it might not be out of place to state that Mr. J. M. Palmer is somewhat in the building line himself and keeping in line with the progress of his live home town by erecting a fine new residence on his property in the west part of town. This home is to be strictly modern and will cost in the neighborhood of \$5,000. The work of erecting the house has been let by Mr. Palmer to Peters & Richards of this city, who are now right at work there getting the concrete foundation of the house ready. The new residence will be 34x38, and is to be strictly modern, with furnace, water, electric lights and every detail that can possibly add to the convenience and comfort of the family.

See picture of auditorium on sixth page.

A PARTY OF TENNIS SHARKS IN PLATTS-MOUTH YESTERDAY

From Saturday's Daily.
Yesterday a number of tennis "sharks" motored over from Springfield and spent a few hours playing on the courts of the Plattsmouth Tennis club on Chicago avenue. The party included E. M. Christainson, Leon Stack, Lloyd Wright and Mr. Dare, all of them expert in the playing of the fascinating and scientific game of tennis, but they were more than satisfied by the reception accorded them here and were delighted with the manner in which the local courts are maintained and cared for by the boys of the Plattsmouth club. In the sets played yesterday the Plattsmouth representatives, Rev. F. M. Drulliner, Ray Larson, Rev. H. G. McClusky and Tracy and Harold Drulliner, were able to carry off a majority played and the boys all showed good form for so early in the season. The tennis club this year expects to have many interesting contests staged and much interest is being manifested in the work of the organization and the courts will be kept in the best of condition by the membership of the club.

PAST CHIEFS ARE ENTERTAINED BY MRS. L. B. EGENBERGER

From Saturday's Daily.
Yesterday afternoon the members of the Past Chiefs of the Degree of Honor gathered at the beautiful home of Mrs. L. B. Egenberger, on lower Main street, to enjoy one of the most pleasant times they have had for some time. The rooms of the Egenberger home were arranged very prettily with bouquets of the June roses, which made a very pleasing feature of the decorations. The ladies spent the afternoon most pleasantly in their business session, as well as in social conversation, while several very pleasing musical numbers, both vocal and instrumental, were given by Misses Opal and Marie Fitzgerald, which added greatly to the pleasures of the afternoon. At a suitable hour a very dainty luncheon was served in a very charming manner by Mrs. L. B. Egenberger, jr., Miss Helen Egenberger and Misses Opal and Marie Fitzgerald, which was enjoyed to the utmost by the ladies present. There was a large attendance of the members of the society present at this meeting and all enjoyed the gracious hospitality of the Egenberger home to the utmost.

Miss Florence Vallery, who has been visiting friends in Omaha for the past several days, returned to this city last evening. She visited relatives here over night and departed for her home near Mynard this morning, where she will spend the summer months, she having resigned her position at Dovey's store for the summer.

J. H. McMaken wants two good drivers. No cigarette smokers need apply. 6-12-tfd

VERN LONG IS ARRAIGNED IN THE DISTRICT COURT

Young Man Pleads Guilty of Charge and County Attorney Cole Recommends His Parolment.

This morning in district court Vern Long was arraigned on the charge preferred by the State of Nebraska, charging him with drawing a check for money on the Bank of Cass County where he had no funds. On the reading of the information by the county attorney the young man entered a plea of guilty to the charge. Attorney A. L. Tidd stated that while he was not representing the young man, he desired to say a few words in his behalf and stated that Mr. Long had been held very highly by the citizens here and had been employed up to some six months ago in one of the stores of the city, but through a disagreement with his employer had been discharged. The young man had recently purchased the residence where his father and mother were residing and had been paying on that through the building and loan association, and he thought that it was to meet the payments that the young man had committed the act he did. He recommended that Vern be given another opportunity to make good.

County Attorney Cole, in making his recommendation, stated that the defendant had heretofore or in the last few months, been looked upon as an excellent young man and he court ask that he be paroled by the court and that he had secured Mr. W. A. Robertson, who would take the parole of the young man and look after him. Mr. Robertson agreed to this and stated that he would do his best to help him with advice and in securing a position.

Judge Begley, in addressing the defendant, gave some good advice as to his actions in the future in avoiding the causes that might lead to his getting in trouble again and urged him to conduct himself in the manner that would place him in the right position in life. He held the defendant in the sum of a bond of \$100 for his appearance at the next term of court and stated that he would not pass sentence at this time.

This is a pleasing solution of the unfortunate case and everyone will do their best to aid the young man in his efforts to keep in the straight and narrow path.

MRS. FRED HILD SUFFERS SERIOUSLY FROM CAT SCRATCH

A few days ago while Mrs. Fred Hild, who resides southwest of this city, was engaged about the house she started to play with the cat, which is one of the pets around the home, and the animal becoming annoyed in some way, scratched Mrs. Hild on the first finger of the left hand in a very painful manner, but nothing was thought of the matter at that time and the wound was merely wrapped up. A day or two later the cat suddenly sickened and died and this aroused the fear that possibly the animal had been suffering from the dumb rabies of which a great deal was prevalent through this section last summer and fall, and it was decided to send the head of the cat to the state medical authorities to have it tested, but this was without success, as the cat had been dead too long to fully determine the fact whether it had the rabies or not. Saturday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Hild and Henry Wulff, of Avoca, the father of Mrs. Hild, departed on No. 2 for Chicago, where they will have Mrs. Hild treated at the Pastuer institute in that city to prevent any danger if the case should develop into rabies, as it was feared it might.

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