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PREPARING TO ERECT NEW RESIDENCES HERE

First Residence Built in Plattsmouth Being Removed to Make Room for Several New Cottages.

From Tuesday's Daily.
In the removal of the old residence on the O'Neill property, south of the shops, to make way for a number of modern cottages, one of the old landmarks which has stood for over sixty years, will have vanished into the past.

This building has stood as long as memory of the oldest inhabitant can recall and from the nature of its construction would have bid fair to have withstood the ravages of time for a hundred years. Black walnut and oak have formed the timbers constructing the house and all of these were secured just across the river in Mills county, Iowa, and these were sawed and hewed from the virgin forests that in the early fifties lined the bank of the Missouri river. This house was constructed by James O'Neill, who had come west in the rush of the California gold seekers and had established himself as the owner of a ferry operating across the Missouri river just east of where this city now stands, and the location received the title of Plattville, but has long since passed into the dim past.

The wife of this good man one day while watching the ferry boat plying between Iowa and the then unsettled territory of Nebraska, was visited by an inspiration that in the hills and bluffs on the west side of the river could be founded a city that would possess all the natural beauty and facilities that so appealed to the early settler. This desire to plant a new home in the new territory west of the river was communicated by Mrs. O'Neill to her husband, and in the spring of 1855, in company with his partner, Mr. Martin, Mr. O'Neill came to what is now Plattsmouth and erected the first house that occupied the site of this city and proceeded to get busy and invite others to come here to dwell. It is this house that is now being torn down and which marked the first dwelling in the city, and the work commenced by Mr. O'Neill has been carried on since that time most faithfully by the succeeding settlers until it is now a thriving city. Mrs. William Herold of this city is a daughter of the founder of Plattsmouth and enjoys very much the distinction and honor.

THE JOURNAL FAVOR-ED WITH A LETTER FROM H. A. SCHNEIDER

From Tuesday's Daily.
The Journal has just received a letter from our former fellow townsman, H. A. Schneider, who for a number of years was one of the boosters for the city while he was a member of the Commercial club here. Mr. Schneider has decided to locate in Los Angeles for the winter at least before making a dip back into the business world. He still retains a deep interest in this city and is well pleased to learn through the Journal of the progress that is being made here in all lines. He is of the opinion that the Commercial club has did a great deal toward developing the spirit of confidence in the future of the city, which was badly needed for several years past. Henry is also an enthusiastic Pollard booster and is strong for the Cass county man as the occupant of the executive chair of the state.

Old-Fashioned Spelling School.

There will be an "Old-Fashioned Spelling School" and Box Social held at the Eight Mile Grove school, District No. 25, on Saturday evening, February 12th. Everyone is cordially invited. Spelling will begin at 8 o'clock. The ladies are requested to bring boxes and the gentlemen the coin. Mae Barker, Teacher.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN REGULAR SESSION TODAY

From Thursday's Daily.
The board of county commissioners are engaged today in their regular session at the court house to take up a number of matters demanding their attention and to audit the claims against the city which were presented to the board. The commissioners have been engaged in the work of checking up the books of the different officials during the last week and seeing that they are in proper shape.

FORMER PLATTS-MOUTH GIRL AND HUSBAND HERE

From Monday's Daily.
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Becker of Osmond, Neb., arrived here Saturday evening to enjoy a short visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhoden of near Murray. These two young people were united in marriage on last Tuesday at Osmond at the Catholic church in that city, when Miss Maggie O'Brien was united in the bonds of wedlock to Bernard Becker. Following the wedding the young people were entertained at dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave O'Brien, parents of the bride, and spent a few days with their relatives in that locality before coming here to enjoy their honeymoon for a short time. Miss O'Brien will be well remembered in this city, where she was born and reared and where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave O'Brien were for a number of years among the prominent residents, and her friends will extend their best wishes for her future happiness. The young people will make their future home at Osmond, where the groom is engaged in the mercantile business.

AGITATING A COAST-ING CARNIVAL FOR PLATTSMOUTH

From Tuesday's Daily.
A number of the residents here in Plattsmouth, with the memory of the years gone by in their minds, have suggested the advisability of holding a coasting carnival some evening soon, as the conditions all seem favorable for the success of such an entertainment and the pleasures of the sport of coasting would certainly be enjoyed by the younger residents of the city, and a large number of those who still have youthful outbreaks occasionally. The affairs of this kind held in the past were all very successful and enjoyable and on one occasion in particular a large number from Omaha were here to enjoy the sport and the thrilling rides down High School Hill on the old "bob" are fond recollections of a great many of our now sedate and middle-aged men and women. The young men of the city might take this matter of a coasting carnival up and see if it could not be possible to have the idea tried out for one evening. Of course since the last very successful sliding party the hill leading up Main street has been cut down a great deal and the ride down there will not be near as fast and thrilling, but there are a great many other locations where this might be held with equal success and quite as enjoyable as on High School Hill. Before at the time these coasting carnivals have been held the track led over the Burlington tracks to the river bottom, but this has been changed in the progress of time and if this track was used it would be necessary to use the subway, which, however, would prove more safe to the coasters.

FREE CATALOG.

It will pay you to drop us a card for our descriptive catalog of Garden and Field Seeds, with special prices and free offers. Sent only on request. Johnson Bros. Seed Co., Nebr. City.

FARM LOANS, at 5 per cent and 5 1/2 per cent. No delays. T. H. Pollock.

CLARENCE MASON AND FRIENDS CELEBRATE HIS BIRTHDAY

From Tuesday's Daily.
Friday evening at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Clemons Koke, seven miles from Plattsmouth, was celebrated the eighteenth birthday of Clarence Mason. The evening was spent in games, music, both vocal and instrumental, and dancing and at a suitable hour a three-course luncheon was served by Violet Koke and Alice Lister. Clarence received many very beautiful and useful presents to remind him of the happy and joyous occasion in the days to come. As the clock was striking the hour of 1 the merry crowd wended their way homeward in their bobsleds over the beautiful white snow, wishing Clarence many more happy birthdays. Those present at this joyous occasion were: Louise, Rose and Lily Schiessl, Dora Nolting, Dora Meisinger, Tillie Holmes, Violet Koke, Alice Lister, Henry Nolting, Fred Hanna, George and Louis Schiessl, John Holmes, Louis Buechler, Frank Hilbert, Theodore Lister and the guest of honor, Clarence Mason.

ANOTHER OMAHA COUPLE MADE VERY HAPPY TODAY

From Tuesday's Daily.
Another Omaha couple have been made happy in this thriving little city, as Harlan L. Jones and Mrs. Addie M. Jones journeyed down from the metropolis and seeking the office of the county judge, were united in the bonds of matrimony. This couple have been married before, but later separated and now seek to again take up their voyage on the matrimonial sea under more favorable circumstances. Following their wedding Mr. and Mrs. Jones returned to their home in Omaha.

CASS COUNTY HOSPITAL PATIENTS ARE DOING NICELY

From Tuesday's Daily.
The Plattsmouth sick people in the Omaha hospitals are all reported as doing very nicely, which has proven most pleasing to their friends and families in this city. Mrs. Allen J. Beeson, who has just undergone an operation at the Immanuel hospital, is doing fine and has begun to show the first real gain since being operated on and now seems on the highway to recovery. Miss Gladys Kaffenberger is also showing signs of improvement and despite her long and wearing sickness it is now thought that she will be able to recover if the present improvement continues as it has in the last few days.

Harry Horn of near Cedar Creek, who is at the hospital taking treatment, is still suffering from a severe cold that will not permit of his being operated on, and as soon as the cold and cough can be mastered it is expected to operate on his right leg.

New Manager at the Riley.

From Wednesday's Daily.
The Hotel Riley in this city has a new manager, Mr. Joseph Grippen, who has taken up his duties and is now in charge of the active management of the hotel for Mr. W. F. Kinslow, the owner. Mr. Grippen comes to this city very highly recommended from the Millard hotel in Omaha and has had experience in several of the leading western cities in this line of work and should prove a real live, wide-awake man for Mr. Kinslow in the conduct of the affairs of the hotel.

For Rent.

The Cobb place, 56 acres, north and east of the M. P. station; 25 acres in alfalfa, 20 acres farm land and balance pasture. Inquire of Payne Investment Co., 17th and Farnam Sts., Omaha, Neb. 2-3-2tkwly

LADIES AUXILIARY, PRESBY-TERIAN CHURCH ENTER-TAINED AT STREIGHT HOME

From Wednesday's Daily.
The Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church held their regular meeting yesterday afternoon and were very pleasantly entertained by Mesdames W. J. Streight and Kate Minor, at the beautiful new home of Mrs. Streight. In spite of the very cold weather, the attendance was very good. A portion of the afternoon was devoted to the usual business session, at which time various plans were made for the future, and it was arranged to hold another all-day session on February 23, with Mesdames Elizabeth Travis and A. G. Cole as hostesses. After the business session the ladies indulged in social conversation, playing the busy needle and various other amusements, which made the afternoon's entertainment a most delightful one. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, which was most thoroughly appreciated by the guests. A little further social time and then the ladies dispersed, very much indebted to the hostesses for their kind hospitality.

HENRY KAUFMAN, MARKET GARDENER, WILL GO TO MONTANA

From Wednesday's Daily.
Henry Kaufman, who resides south of this city a few miles, and who has been quite successful as a market gardener, has decided that he will in the spring remove to Montana, where he thinks, and he will locate in the Lewistown, Montana. Mr. Kaufman was out in Montana this fall and the general appearance of the country was such as to be most attractive and the result of the crops has encouraged him in locating there in the future and making his home there. This is a new country and the opportunities there are such as cannot be passed up, he thinks, and he will locate in the Judith basin, a distance of several miles from the town, and in one of the fertile valleys that are numerous in that state. Eddie Vallery, a son-in-law of Mr. Kaufman, resides in that locality.

Taken to Omaha Hospital.

From Tuesday's Daily.
Mrs. Mary Parsons was taken to Omaha Sunday afternoon, where she will be placed in a hospital there for treatment and possibly an operation. Mrs. Parsons has been in poor health for some time and Sunday morning her condition became such as to demand medical aid.

PRISONERS TAKEN TO THE PENITENTI-ARY THIS MORNING

From Wednesday's Daily.
This morning Steve Hazeska and James Burns, the two young men who plead guilty in district court last Thursday to the charge of burglary in breaking into a bunk car in the Burlington yards, were started to Lincoln, where they will commence serving an indeterminate sentence of from one to ten years in the state penitentiary. The two men were escorted by Sheriff Quinton and Chief of Police Barclay, and will be turned over to the custody of Warden Fenton to start serving their sentences.

Card of Thanks.

To our kind friends and neighbors who by their sympathy and comfort aided us in our hour of grief at the death of our little babe, we desire to express our deepest appreciation of their many kind deeds and words. We also desire to thank the Woodman Circle for the beautiful flowers at the funeral. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Timmis.

A. S. WILL RETURNS FROM A BUSINESS TRIP TO MEXICO

He Says the Money of That Country Is Hardly Worth the Paper It Is Printed On.

From Wednesday's Daily.
A. S. Will, who has just returned from Mexico City, where he was called to look after his business interests in that trouble-ridden republic, gives a number of very interesting facts concerning conditions prevailing from the border to the capital city, and states that to really appreciate them a person should be three and actually see for themselves what condition of want and misery prevails.

The money of the republic is hardly worth the paper it is printed on and for an American dollar one can secure twenty pesos in the new Constitutional coin. The prices of everything in that country are very cheap and this is especially so in the way of railroad fare. A traveler can ride five miles or eight kilometers for 6 cents in constitutional money, which is about one and one-half cents in American money. To travel 100 miles first-class costs \$9.50 in Mexican money, which is less than an American half dollar. The railroads in Mexico are operated by the government and at present are in very poor shape, owing to the continued war, but the new administration is trying to put them in better shape as the country quiets down. The passenger trains during the daytime in making their trips run at a good rate of speed and at times get to fifty and sixty miles an hour, but at night the trains stop and do not attempt to travel, owing to the dangers of robbers and bandits, which have been in the habit of making the passenger trains an object of prey. It is quite difficult to secure a berth on the train, and often after purchasing one it is found that someone else has appropriated the berth of the purchaser and he is compelled to get along as best he can. While at Monterey on the trip back to the states, Mr. Will was on the train that had the honor of having one of the officials of the railroad with his military escort as passengers in their private car, and the party were accompanied by quite a number of the barefooted soldiers, who stood the trip riding on the platform of the train, although the weather was extremely cold.

In speaking of the people of Mexico, Mr. Will states that they are certainly the victims of misfortune from the day of their birth, and the result of years gone by of the fugitives from all other countries on the globe coming to Mexico bred under these conditions and a very low standard of intelligence and morality prevails, but if one treats the people right they will generally try and act with the same spirit, but that years of oppression and abuse from the ruling class, as well as Americans coming there, makes the work of getting their confidence very difficult.

The greater part of the population in the country is on the verge of starvation and this has caused a great deal more deaths than the war, Mr. Will states, and especially in Mexico City is this condition noticeable. To those that can afford it the price of food in the restaurant and hotels seems very reasonable, as a few prices are given in Mexican money and one peso is worth only 5 cents in American money: Bread and butter, 40; tenderloin steak, 2.50; bacon and eggs, 3.00; one-half spring chicken, 3.00; pork sausage, 2.50; steamed potatoes, 50; green peas, 1.00; coffee, tea, milk, 60. These prices are taken from the menu card of the American club in Mexico City.

In Tampico, one of the ports of entry of the country, the prices are not quite as high as in the capital, as the following will show: 2.00, or 10c; red snapper, whole fish, 1.50, 7 1/2c; cold roast beef, 1.00 or 5c. For a few cents in American money it can be seen that one can procure a good meal, but the natives of the country are not able to secure the wherewithal to enjoy a feed, and consequently are suffering greatly.

ENTITLED NOW TO ENJOY LIBERTY AND PEACE IN U. S.

From Wednesday's Daily.
This morning Gaspar Rapavey, an employe of the stone quarry at Louisville, was a visitor at the court house seeking to make his declaration of intention of becoming a citizen of the United States of America and renouncing all allegiance to the emperor of Austria and king of Hungary. He was born in Hungary July 7, 1881, and came to America in 1912, embarking from the port of Havre, France, and arriving in New York in September, 1912. He has been employed at the quarries for the past few years and feels that he is now entitled to become a full-fledged citizen of this country.

ABSENT MINDEDNESS LOSES A GENTLEMAN A PAIR OF OVERSHOES

From Wednesday's Daily.
A very amusing story is related on one of our fellow citizens a few days ago which shows what absent-mindedness will do for a person, and as a result of the experience of the gentleman he is shy a pair of perfectly good overshoes for which he had only the day before squandered two hard-earned dollars. It seems that he arose a little later than usual and consequently was hurried in his dressing and grabbing up his overshoes in one hand and a bunch of waste paper in the other he proceeded to rush out on his way to the dining room, stopping only long enough to drop the papers and rubbers on the floor near the stove, and just before eating he thrust the papers and rubbers together into the stove and did not realize even then that he was a child of misfortune until on returning from the dining room he glanced around and hurriedly pulled open the stove door and gazed within, where the gleaming ashes of the overshoes stared at him. Hereafter he will not remove the rubbers from his feet until he retires for the night.

LARGEST CONGREGATION YET ATTEND SERVICES AT ST. LUKE'S

The largest congregation of the Mission week was present last evening at St. Luke's Episcopal church, and one of the most interesting sermons and instructions of the week was delivered by Father W. S. Leete, who took as the subject of his sermon "The Prodigal Son," and spoke of the decision of the prodigal to turn from his ways of error and return to the home of the father, and of the father's reception of the young man, who shorn of his wealth and youth by the world, was ready to heed the voice of the father in guidance of his footsteps. This sermon carried its lesson home to the hearers and the thought of the sermon was further carried out in the instruction on "Repentance," which moves the soul to seek its Maker and to accept the aid and guidance of the Father in its life. The clearness of the sermon and the instruction given by Father Leete added to the interest manifested by the members of the parish who are realizing one of the greatest awakenings in recent years in the thoughts of what the church means to them and their relation to the church. The services were somewhat handicapped by the fact that the lights used in the church were out of commission and the church was illuminated by candles in the windows and upon the altar, but the spirit of the Mission inspired the congregation in their work for the cause. The old familiar hymns sang by the congregation aided very much in the meaneity of the services. This evening the missioner will give instruction on "Sacramental Absolution" at the services at 7:45, and another of the series of strong sermons will be given, which will be helpful to the church members in their Mission.

WHAT THE COM-MISSIONERS HAVE BEEN DOING

Appointment of Physicians, George Olive, Assessor of City of Weeping Water.

The county commissioner at their meeting this week have taken up quite a number of matters on the letting of the contracts for supplies and the county physicians for the ensuing year.

In the naming of county physicians in the different commissioner districts Dr. J. H. Hall was selected in the First district, Dr. B. F. Brendel in the Second, and Dr. J. W. Brendel in the Third district.

These contracts were let by bids and awarded to the lowest bidders in each instance:

In the contract for the burial of the pauper dead the contract was let to M. Hild, as his bid was the lowest.

For the work of printing the commissioner's proceedings, the bar docket, road notices, contracts and calls for bids, the Plattsmouth Journal was given the contract as the lowest bidder.

The resident of Weeping Water city presented a petition to the board asking that George H. Olive be appointed city assessor to take the place of E. B. Taylor, resigned, and on motion the petition was granted unanimously and Mr. Olive appointed.

A large number of the residents of Liberty precinct petitioned the commissioners for the appointment of James Wilson as constable in that precinct, and he was appointed without a dissenting vote to the office.

The board then proceeded to elect a county physician for the ensuing year and Dr. B. F. Brendel of Murray was selected as the county physician, and the county board of health organized by the selection of Charles E. Heebner as chairman; Henry Snoke, vice chairman; Dr. B. F. Brendel, physician; F. J. Libershal, secretary.

County Judge A. J. Beeson filed his report for the fourth quarter of 1915 of fee collected, showing that \$1,098.70 had been collected in his office.

A SHACK ON THE POLLOCK LAND CAUGHT FIRE YESTERDAY, SOON IN ASHES

Yesterday afternoon a small shack on the Pollock land east of the Plattsmouth Water company's pumping station caught fire from some unknown cause and for a few minutes made a very lively conflagration which could be clearly seen from the Burlington station. The shack had been occupied up to the last few months by a bachelor who was engaged in working around on the river bottom, but is supposed to be unoccupied save by occasional drifters who stopped there to rest from the cold, and it is likely that some of these caused the fire that destroyed the building.

THE YOUNG FOLKS ENJOY THE FIRST COASTING PARTY

Last evening a large number of the young folks attending the High school decided to avail themselves of the opportunity of enjoying a coasting party, and accordingly, with several bobsleds coasted down High School Hill for several hours and a great deal of merriment was derived from this sport by both the boys and girls. While the hill was not in the best of shape, one of the sleds was able to reach the subway coming down the hill and set the pace for the other sleds.

L. H. Puls and wife came up this morning from their home at Murray and attended the funeral services of the late Fred Engelkemeier, an uncle of Mr. Puls.

The "Eagle" cigar, a good 5c smoke. Try one.