

## SUPERINTENDENT TAMS OF POOR FARM FILES HIS REPORT

From Friday's Daily.

At a meeting of the board of county commissioners this week Superintendent G. H. Tams of the county farm filed his report for the year ending March 1, 1917, showing the receipts and expenditures for the year, and it certainly is one that shows a careful conduct of the affairs of the farm throughout, with strict business like methods of handling the purchase of supplies and sale of the products from the farm. The receipts for the year as shown by the report were as follows: From sales of grain and produce, \$1,437.64; value grain on hand, \$1,720.00; permanent improvements made, \$489.45.

In the expenditures made on the farm there were the following: Groceries and meats, \$503.99; clothing and shoes, \$74.74; hardware, harness and blacksmith work, \$245.15; drugs and paints, \$128.50; lumber and furniture, \$132.90; implements and oil, \$90.60; stock, seed corn and brooms, \$31.60; carpenter and painter work, \$161.65; coal and ice, \$244.82; threshing, shelling, etc., \$80; superintendents salary, \$1,170.

There were during the year twenty-six inmates at the farm and at present there are nineteen kept at the farm, two having died and five removed from the farm to reside elsewhere. This report is very concise and made in a manner that reflects great credit upon the efficient superintendent of Nebraska's model county farm.

## SENIOR CLASS OF HIGH SCHOOL MAKING PLANS

From Friday's Daily.

The young people of the senior class of the Plattsmouth high school have commenced to turn their thought to the day not far away when they will be graduated from the high school and be fitted to take up their duties in life. The members of the class of 1917 have already decided upon a number of the important dates for the final acts in their high school career. The class has selected Rev. H. G. McClusky of the Presbyterian church to deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the members of the class on Sunday evening, May 20th, at the Presbyterian church. The class play will be given at the Parmele theatre on Monday evening, May 21st, and the members of the class are now preparing for this event. The day of days for the graduates will take place on Wednesday, May 23rd, when the commencement exercises will be held at the Parmele theatre.

These occasions are all golden in the memory of those who have passed through them and the boys and girls of the high school class this year will share with those of the classes in the years gone by the recollections of the graduation time from the high school.

## FINE WRESTLING BOUT IN PROSPECT WEDNESDAY

The wrestling fans of the city are looking forward to the forthcoming wrestling match at the roller skating rink on Wednesday evening, March 14th, with much interest, when Bill Hokuf, of Omaha, and Rudy Warner, of Howells, will give an exhibition of the art of wrestling that is promised to be one of the best that has been staged in this city this season. Both men are confident of winning and Hokuf has posted a handicap that he will throw the Howells man two falls in one hour, while Warner is confident of being able to get away with the victory. The management has arranged to have a raised platform at the rink so that all spectators will be able to secure a good view of the match. Joe Spence of Louisville will be the referee of the match and it promises to be a mighty good one throughout.

Charles A. Patterson of Arapahoe was a visitor in the city over Sunday with his brothers and other relatives and friends, departing this morning for the west.

## SHERIFF SECURES WATCH.

From Friday's Daily.

Sheriff C. D. Quinton who has been looking up traces of the robbers who have been operating in different parts of the county has found one of the missing watches taken from a store in Murdock which was burglarized some few weeks ago. The watch was located in one of the pawn shops in Omaha where it had been sold a few days ago by a stranger. The fact that it is such a short distance from Omaha to different parts of this county makes the task of discovering the robbers one of great difficulty, as when they get into Omaha once, they are comparatively safe from the officers of the law, in the underworld of that city that shelters the criminals.

## ESSAY ON GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH- WAY CREATES NOTICE

From Friday's Daily.

The George Washington Highway association, that is planning the great transcontinental highway from Savannah, Ga., to Seattle, Wash., recently decided that to create interest in the highway and to give its aim and purpose a clearer position before the general public, that they would offer to the scholar in the seventh or eighth grade of the schools in the cities through which the high passed a \$5 paid-up stock certificate in the highway for the best essay covering the subject of the highway. The association sent out maps of the highway and outlined the subject, "Why the George Washington Highway is destined to be the Leading Highway in the United States." These notices of the prize were sent out to all the schools and the Plattsmouth city schools were given an opportunity to participate as they are located on the highway, and accordingly, the teachers in the seventh and eighth grades invited their pupils to join in the contest and submit essays on the story of the highway. In this city twenty-four of the pupils prepared papers and submitted essays to be passed upon. The judges in the local contest selected the first four papers as follows: First, Ida Patton; second, Fern Noble; third, Theodosia Kroehler; fourth, Carl Wurl. One of the papers that is considered the best will be sent to Omaha to be submitted in the general contest, and that of Miss Patton was selected as being the one covering the subject in the clearest and most concise manner and will accordingly be turned over to the directors of the George Washington Highway association.

## TALKING PRELIMI- NARY STEPS FOR BASE BALL

The near approach of the spring days has brought to the minds of many the question of whether or not we are to have a base ball team this season and if so that it is nearing the time when the first preliminary steps toward securing a proper start were taken. Several players who were with the team last season have removed from the city and this makes it necessary to secure others to fill their places as well as to provide for taking care of the weak spots in the team. Last season the Red Sox enjoyed a good patronage from the fans and made a very good record in the games played throughout the season, and also tangled with some of the best teams in the Greater Omaha League, as well as the fast organizations from the surrounding towns. It is not going to be many weeks yet until the call of the umpire will arouse the fans from their winter meditation and this city certainly should have a team to represent them and furnish the entertainment for the lovers of this sport. A base ball team deserves the hearty support of the residents of the city and from all prospects this year should be the most successful in the history of the city for a first class base ball team.

F. J. Hennings, wife and sons, Herman and Albert, were in the city Saturday to spend a few hours trading with the merchants and calling on their friends.

## BLOWING UP OF HILL NEAR FERRY YESTERDAY

Large Number Witness the Firing of Explosives That Trimmed the Hill Down.

From Saturday's Daily.

The blowing up of the face of the hill just south of the ferry landing on the river road attracted a great deal of attention yesterday afternoon and a large part of the male population of the city that could be on the scene were present to witness the unusual spectacle. The drilling for the holes for the explosive had been going on all day and at 3 o'clock a number of small shots were set off to enlarge the holes in the shale rock to permit putting in the charges. Ten of the drilled holes were made and into each of these seventy-five pounds of blasting powder was placed with a stick of dynamite and to this an electric wire was attached forming a circuit. After the loading of the holes the workmen sought points of safety where they would be out of the danger zone and the charge was fired by electricity by W. J. Patridge, who has had charge of the work, Mr. Patridge being situated on the hill some 350 feet south of the section that was to be blown up. The explosion was delayed somewhat by a short circuit in the wire, but on this being repaired it was certainly a success. A loud crash announced the firing of the explosives and in an instant the air for a radius of several hundred feet was filled with dust and particles of small rocks that were hurled high in the air by the force of the explosion. The greater part of the spectators sought places of safety from the effects of the blast on the hillside on the farm of William Ferguson, just north of the scene of operation, the only ones defying the effects of the blast were Emil Weyrich and Leonard Meisinger, who desired to secure a good picture of the discharge of the explosives and they were not in any danger although the rock flew quite lively within fifty feet of them. The force of the discharge seemed to more toward the river side of the hill and a number of large rocks could be seen dropping in the river before the curtain of dust hid the hill for a few minutes. The discharge caused the ice which was blocked on the river bank in the vicinity to move out into the river and float on down the stream. The holes made by the effects of the discharge were quite deep, and huge chunks of rock and dirt were all that was left of that portion of the hill. Mr. Patridge who did the shooting of the blast had the nearest chance of injury as the rocks were quite numerous that lit in his vicinity and the trees were the only thing that protected him.

## CHILDREN GATHER TO SPEND DAY WITH MOTHER

From Saturday's Daily.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Higley in the south portion of the city was the scene of a very pleasant family gathering on Thursday when the children of Mrs. Higley gathered to assist her in the celebration of her fifty-eighth birthday anniversary in a most appropriate manner. The occasion was one that will long be very pleasantly remembered by both the mother and children as one of the greatest joy and happiness. The day was spent in visiting and in the evening a sumptuous dinner was enjoyed by the members of the family, who did ample justice to the store of good things prepared for them. It was a late hour when the members of the family parted wishing Mrs. Higley many more years of happiness. In attendance were Jack Elledge and wife of Council Bluffs; Ira Homan and wife, Omaha; Mrs. John Brandt, Omaha, George Barr, wife and family, Grover Elledge, wife and family; Haywood Elledge, wife and family. Two daughter, Mrs. Lee Johnson, of Stella, Nebraska and Mrs. Gladys Harris of Schubert, Nebraska, were unable to be present at the happy gathering on account of sickness.

Dawson Will Fix It.

## MACK-MAE STOCK COM- PANY IS RETURNING

From Saturday's Daily.

The amusement loving public of city will recall with pleasure the engagement of the Mack-Mae stock company in this city last summer and their return to this city for a five night engagement at the Parmele theatre commencing Monday evening, will be a treat to the lovers of good, clean entertainment. The company has been strengthened since its last appearance here and is one of the best stock organizations on the road. In speaking of the company the Atlantic (Iowa) Telegraph says:

"The Mack-Mae Stock Company opened their week's stay at the opera house last evening with a clever little three act comedy drama entitled 'Pretty Peggy O'Neil' with Miss Mae playing the leading role of Pretty Peggy. Miss Mae delighted her audience with her characterization of the little Irish miss, whose promise to her father before leaving Ireland that she would not speak a word to anyone on the way over got her in the dilemma of being suspected of smuggling by the customs officers. Mr. Hilliard in portraying the character of the old rich uncle did some character work that would 'get across' credibly in bigger cities than Atlantic. The company presented a good clean bill last evening and their play was on the whole considerably better than the average stock production."

## PAST CHIEFS MEET WITH MRS. HARRY JOHNSON

From Saturday's Daily.

The ladies of the Past Chiefs society were entertained in a very pleasant manner yesterday at the hospitable home of Mrs. Harry Johnson in one of the most enjoyable meetings of the season. The earlier portion of the afternoon was taken up with a business session in which the ladies discussed plans for the "parcel post" sale which the D. of H. are expecting to conduct on Thursday evening next, at the A. O. U. W. hall, and which is expected to be most interesting in every way. Following the business session a delightful social time was enjoyed in visiting and in the plying of the busy needle. At a suitable hour a delicious two-course luncheon was served by the hostess assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Grybsky, that served to lighten the pleasures of the afternoon. The guests of the organization for the afternoon was Mrs. E. L. Spies of Cadroni, Colorado.

## CHARLES BARNARD SUFFERS DISLOCA- TION OF SHOULDER

Charles C. Barnard of Mynard and one of the best known young men in this section of the country, suffered a dislocation of the right shoulder early this morning in a very peculiar manner. Mr. Barnard on retiring last evening had not noticed anything wrong with the shoulder and his surprise may be imagined this morning on awakening to find that he was suffering from a dislocation of the shoulder and was unable to use the member at all. Dr. E. W. Cook was called from this city and the injured shoulder set and Mr. Barnard made as comfortable as the circumstances would permit. It is thought that in his sleep Mr. Barnard placed his arm over his head in such a position as to cause the dislocation. This is the third time the shoulder has been out of place and this fact may have had a great deal to do with the fact that it was dislocated so easily. The friends of Mr. Barnard will learn of his misfortune with regret and trust that he may be spared further experiences of this kind.

Henry Egenberger came down from Omaha Saturday evening and visited in this city over Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Egenberger, and with his many friends.

## NEW TELEPHONE COMPANY IS ORGANIZED

For some time a movement has been on foot to establish an independent telephone company at Elmwood. Several things led to this movement. Chief among these were the increased rates from \$1.00 to \$1.25 on the farm lines, 1.00 to \$1.50 on resident phones and \$2.00 to \$2.50 for business phones. Also there is considerable dissatisfaction on farm lines having a number of subscribers. Some of these lines having more than twenty subscribers.

The advantages of the new company as proposed by its organizers are the lowering of the rates to \$1.00 per month to all classes of subscribers, business phones included, increasing the number of lines so as to lessen the number of subscribers on each one, such number not to be more than twelve to each line, the establishing of free tolls between Elmwood and towns having independent systems. These towns are Alvo, Eagle, Avoca, Palmyra, Unadilla and Murdock. Other than this, the company proposes to meet the quality of service furnished by the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Company in every respect together with the above named improvements.

Several meetings have been held, by-laws adopted, the articles of incorporation filed with the county clerk, secretary of state, the state railway commission, and the movement is now thoroughly under way. The new company will have a capital stock of \$50,000.00, \$8,000.00 of which is to be paid up. More than this amount has already been subscribed. The stock is divided into 1,000 shares of \$50.00 each.

Several meetings have been held with the state railway commission, the company automatically coming under this commission as a matter of law.

A meeting of the subscribers to stock and organizers and all persons interested will be held at Fitch's hall Tuesday p. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

## STRANGER CAUSES EXCITE- MENT IN THE COUNTRY

Last evening Sheriff Quinton was called out to the neighborhood of the Jacob Tritsch farm, west of the city, where a stranger was reported as wandering over that locality and acting in a strange manner. On the arrival of the sheriff he found the man to be Tom Muldooney, a gentleman of Irish extraction and with a pronounced accent that made it hard for anyone to understand him. The man was also crippled up by rheumatism, that made it hard for him to get around, and he was seeking a place to spend the night. The sheriff brought the man on into town, where he was kept over night. He had no intention of harming anyone, but owing to the difficulty in understanding him and his actions he greatly frightened the families in that locality.

## A NEAR ACCIDENT.

Quick thought followed by quicker though dangerous action averted what might have proved a fatal accident Tuesday morning when Charles Earls was bringing his daughter, Nellie, and Eunice Berry to school in the auto. Workmen near the Wiles home west of town had felled a tree across the road, thus blocking the passage for a time. A car ahead of Mr. Earls had stopped just around a sharp curve to wait until it could get past. Mr. Earls came around the bend at about fifteen miles an hour and did not see the car until within a very few feet of it. He either had to crash into the car which was loaded with people or plunge into a ditch. He chose the latter, with the result that the young ladies in his auto were thrown violently into the front of the car. No one was seriously hurt but the car was somewhat damaged. Mr. Earls is of the firm belief that where persons are obstructing the road sufficient warning should be given to prevent such accidents.—Weeping Water Republican.

A want ad will bring you a buyer.

## VERY PLEASING BIRTH- DAY PARTY TUESDAY

From Saturday's Daily.

Tuesday being the birthday anniversary of Miss Mary Richter, a number of her friends gathered at her home to participate in a birthday frolic and assist her in celebrating the happy event in a proper manner. An hour or so was devoted to various games and diversions, which furnished the jolly company with plenty of amusement and produced much merriment and frolic. At a convenient time a delicious birthday supper was served to which all did ample justice. A little further romp and frolic and then the guests wished Miss Mary many more happy birthdays and departed for their homes, declaring they had had a most delightful time. Those in attendance were: Nellie Richter, Frank Godwin, Artine McCrary, John Gravett, Hazel Covert, John McDaniel, Leona Lillie, Glen Hale, Mary Richter, Faye Rummerfield, Ellen Richter, Eddie Richter, Tillie Renner, Teddy Renner, Louis Ault, Ester Richter, Charley Richter, Mabel Gravett, Bennie Rummerfield, Donice Vroman, John Hale, Gertrude McDaniel, June Rummerfield, Goldie Sitzman, Allen Renner, Leona Rummerfield, John Richter, Clarice Cunningham, John Lamphear, Marie Stokes, Glen Allen, Mary McDaniel and Jessie Blunt.

## JAMES SAGE LOSES A VALUABLE HORSE

From Saturday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon James W. Sage suffered quite a severe loss when the valuable white carriage horse that he has driven for the past several years dropped dead on the Platte bottom road north of town. This horse has been a familiar figure on the streets of Plattsmouth for many years and was a beautiful animal, and one that Mr. Sage could have sold for many times what he had originally given for it, but all offers were refused. The animal was thirty years of age.

## AUTO RUNS INTO CURB.

Yesterday while Ben Windham was driving a Ford roadster down Sixth street, he had a very exciting few minutes in controlling the machine. The car has had a bent front axle and although this had been repaired made the handling of the car very difficult, and Ben was driving very slowly with the car, hoping to get it down to the garage to have it looked over and repaired. When near the residence of H. H. Cotton the car made a very sudden turn into the curb on the west side of the street and proceeded to put the axle clear out of commission as the result of the impact with the concrete curb. The accident was not one, however, that did much damage but attracted quite a number of the residents of that section of the city.

## MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT.

From Friday's Daily.

Friends in this city of the Walter Scott family will be pleased to learn of the announcement of the forthcoming marriage of Mr. Glenn Frank Scott and Miss Ida Kristine Hansen, which will occur on Wednesday afternoon, March 14th at 3 p. m. at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Hansen, 5221 Parker street, Omaha, Nebraska. The young people will be at home after April 1, 1917, at Gifford, Nebraska. Mr. Scott was born and reared in this city and his many friends will extend to him their best wishes on the forthcoming happy event.

## HAS PATENT

F. J. Fitch has received a patent on an inner liner for auto tires that is a puncture proof protection for the inner tube. He has recently put on several demonstrations by running over block driven full of spikes. The demonstrations were successful. Mr. Fitch has a genuine good thing and one which warrants his going ahead and placing the same on the market at once. We would like to see him manufacture these tubes right here in Elmwood.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

Dawson Will Fix It.

## PLEASANT EN- TERTAINMENT AT M. W. A. HALL

Members of Seva Lodge, No. 297, and Families Enjoy a Pleasant Time, Saturday Night.

One of the most pleasing entertainments of the season was held Saturday evening at the Modern Woodman hall when the members of Seva Lodge No. 297, A. O. U. W., gave a social evening for the benefit of the families and the membership of the lodge and the occasion was one of the rarest of enjoyment to everyone fortunate enough to be present. The hall had been pleasantly arranged for the event and the dining room where the luncheon was served was especially attractive with the tables glittering with silver and snowy linen and beautiful bouquets of cut flowers added a touch of charm to the scene. Here the wives of the members of the lodge served a feast that certainly was enjoyed, and nothing was omitted that might serve to add to the delight of the inner man, and this portion of the entertainment will be long remembered by the members of the party.

During the evening two readings by Mrs. O. Sandin of this city and Miss Seva Johnson of Omaha, were two especially entertaining features of the evening and these two talented ladies were given a very flattering reception by the auditors for their pleasing selections. The Plattsmouth orchestra, under the direction of Tom Svoboda, furnished the music for the evening and to the fascinating strains of music the members of the party enjoyed the dancing until a late hour. It was the universal sentiment of those in attendance that this occasion was the most delightful in the history of Seva Lodge, and one that will be long pleasantly remembered.

## MIGHT HAVE BEEN SERIOUS.

While Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rehmeier were motoring last week from near Avoca to the Mrs. J. H. Davis farm east of town, they experienced what might have been a very serious accident. Mrs. Rehmeier was driving a team with a load of wood and when coming down the Miller hill the foot-board of the wagon box gave way, letting Mrs. Rehmeier fall on the double trees while the team ran down the hill. Still in her perilous position Mrs. Rehmeier held to the lines, but unknowingly pulled harder on one than the other, which guided the horse to one side of the road into a ditch, which turned the wagon over taking the horses with it. Just how Mrs. Rehmeier escaped with only a few scratches is a miracle but no doubt she will long remember her ride down the hill. The feeling of Mr. Rehmeier when the team passed his team with his wife in the perilous position and to see them all piled in the ditch must have been agonizing.—Weeping Water Republican.

## ICE MOVING ALONG NICELY.

From Saturday's Daily.

The ice in the Missouri river at this point is going out in nice shape and not causing the danger and damage that was feared at first from the gorging of the ice. The ice on the smaller streams is also commencing to move and in the Platte especially is great care being taken to have the ice move and not form in gorges as is its habit when breaking up. At several points along the river from Fremont east, watchmen have been kept on the different bridges to dynamite the ice at any time it appeared to start a gorge, and by this means the ice has been kept moving. The fact that the Missouri river opened up so nicely has aided the clearing of the way for the ice flows from the smaller streams emptying into it.

## RECOVERING FROM GRIPPE.

Mrs. Rose Krivanek, who has been under the weather for the past week with a very severe attack of the grippe, is showing some improvement, although still in a very serious condition. Her friends will be pleased to learn that she is showing more favorable indications of recovery.