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WOULD MOVE LOUISVILLE PLANT TO CITY

PLAN TO MOVE KAHLER POTTERY WORKS TO COUNCIL BLUFFS RESENTED.

A MASS MEETING WAS HELD

And Plans Laid to Buy Mr. Richey's Interest and Retain Plant—To Reorganize Company.

From Friday's Daily.

Louisville people awoke the other morning to the realization that their only manufacturing plant, the Kahler flower pot factory, was about to be moved to Council Bluffs. The majority of the stock is owned by C. A. Richey of Omaha, who believed that the plant had outgrown the little country town and that there was a greater future for it if located in the city. As to whether Mr. Richey is right or wrong the Courier will not attempt to discuss, but it is plain to see that Louisville would be the loser in such an arrangement and it did not take long for the business men and other citizens to arrive at a like conclusion. Accordingly, last Wednesday evening a meeting was held in the Bank of Commerce and sufficient stock subscribed to purchase Mr. Richey's interests and the pottery will remain in Louisville.

The company will be reorganized. Mr. Kahler will remain in charge as general manager of the plant, an additional kiln will be erected as soon as possible, a side track put in and a number of needed improvements made.

With proper management, the future of this plant is assured. The territory extends for hundreds of miles in either direction and at present there are orders enough booked to keep the plant running day and night for six months. The pay roll at present is no small item and with additional equipment for turning out more material it will necessarily be increased.

The company owns two clay banks and it is estimated that there is clay enough in either of them to operate the plant for fifty years. The ware turned out is unexcelled by any plant in the United States and the rich, red color is just what is desired by florists.

The plant began business Thanksgiving day seven years ago. It was organized by its present manager, P. F. Kahler, who came here from Denver on the solicitation of the Courier after considerable correspondence. Mr. Kahler learned his trade in Louisville when a boy in the old Louisville Pottery, long since gone out of business through mismanagement. At that time all kinds of earthen ware was manufactured here and found ready sale all over the United States. Mr. Kahler saw a great future for a flower pot factory in this territory. He realized that it would have a territory extending in any direction almost 500 miles. The company was capitalized for \$5,000. The machinery put in to begin with was not just what was desired but with the small amount of money on hand to pay operating expenses it was necessary to proceed slowly.

In the beginning molds for the different sized pots were manufactured by Mr. Kahler personally of plaster of Paris. This necessitated a great deal of labor yet the very first kiln burned proved most satisfactory and spelled success for the new concern. It did not take long to see that the old fashioned method of making flower pots from molds was too slow a method to take care of the trade. T. E. Parmelee of the Bank of Commerce accompanied Mr. Kahler east on a tour of inspection of different factories and as a result the plaster of Paris molds were scrapped and machines installed with a capacity of molding tens of thousands of pots where hundreds were molded in the old way. From that day the business began to increase. Instead of trial orders for a dozen by florists, they began to come in car lots. There was need for further improve-

ments and C. A. Richey purchased a chunk of the stock and the capital stock was increased to \$50,000. Then came the report that the plant was to be moved to the city. We are pleased to state, however, that citizens of the town came forward and purchased the stock owned by Mr. Richey, thus making it possible for Louisville to retain its factory.—Louisville Courier.

TO SAIL FROM FRANCE

Word has been received in this city from Elmer Spies, announcing that he expects to sail for the United States after New Years, having completed his work for the government in France and is now coming home to be discharged. Mr. Spies has been in France for two years and for the past several months has been assigned to moving picture work under the supervision of the government. It is needless to say that the news of his soon arriving home has been very pleasing to his parents as well as the other relatives and friends.

DEATH OF FORMER CASS CO. WOMAN

Mrs. Ellen Stafford, Sister of D. A. Young of Murray, Dies at Clarinda, Ia.

From Friday's Daily.

David A. Young of near Murray departed this morning for Clarinda, Ia., in response to a message announcing the death of his sister, Mrs. Ellen Stafford, which occurred yesterday at her home in Clarinda, where for a great many years the Stafford family has resided. The message did not give the particulars of the cause of the death of this estimable lady. Mrs. Stafford was a daughter of the late William Young, one of the earliest pioneers of Cass county and she made her home here for a long period of years and is well known to all the old residents of Rock Bluffs and Murray and who learn with the greatest of regret of her death. The departed lady was 65 years of age and has for a number of years made her home in Iowa. She is a half sister of Mrs. Henry Boeck, formerly of this city but now residing at Los Angeles, and a cousin of J. M. Young of Plattsmouth.

CAUSED ARREST OF OLD PLAYMATES

Boyhood Chums of Gus Hyers Fall Before State Agents Here, Says State Journal.

From Friday's Daily.

Chief State Agent Gus Hyers caused the arrest of a number of his playmates at the old home town of Plattsmouth the past week. Fines aggregating \$1,200 and costs were assessed following a roundup by the state agents.

Instead of going to the place of his childhood to spend Christmas, the head of the state law enforcement division sent several of his aids with instructions to banish booze. The chief never dreamed that the clean-up would involve men with whom he played leap frog and one-old-cat in the days of spelling and arithmetic.

It was something of a shock to him when agents returned and presented a list of the men convicted. He wasn't sorry that they had been caught; he was sorry only that they had strayed from the path between the strict pines and poplars. They were good lads as he remembered them. He still believes that the deviation from the blazed path was but a temporary slip. The men were fined for engaging in the sale of intoxicating liquor. The roundup covered two days.—State Journal.

CHAMBERLAIN'S TABLETS.

These tablets are intended especially for indigestion and constipation. They tone up the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. They act gently on the liver and bowels, thereby restoring the stomach and bowels to a healthy condition. When you feel dull, stupid and constipated give them a trial. You are certain to be pleased with their effect.

CHRISTMAS DAY FETED IN PLATTSMOUTH

DAY IS QUIETLY OBSERVED WITH HOME GATHERINGS AND SERVICES AT CHURCHES.

HOME COMINGS WERE HELD

Weather is Mild and Pleasant and Makes Conditions Pleasant for Enjoyment of Everyone.

From Friday's Daily.

The Christmas day in Plattsmouth was one that was signalized by quietness and the enjoyment of the many pleasant home gatherings among the families and the children returning home for the day from distant points to spend the day with the old folks at home.

At the various churches the services were very beautiful and impressive in commemoration of the birth of the Savior and quite largely attended by members of respective congregations. At the St. Luke's Episcopal church a midnight observance of the holy eucharist was celebrated Wednesday night at 11:30, the choir of the church furnishing the music for the impressive service and the eucharist was administered by Rev. W. S. Leete, rector of the church to the members of the parish.

At the St. John's Catholic church Christmas mass was celebrated at the church at 5:30 Christmas morning by Rev. Fr. M. A. Shine, rector, and the communion celebrated for the members of the faith who were present. Special musical numbers were given by the choir of the church that added to the impressiveness of the beautiful Christmas mass. The interior of the church was very handsomely decorated with the use of flowers and the candles that made the scene one of great beauty.

On Wednesday evening a number of the Sunday schools of the city held their Christmas festivities which included a visit from good Santa Claus who left with the youngsters some remembrance of the pleasant event. At the Methodist Sunday school there was a very large attendance present to enjoy the program prepared by the talented young people and following which came the visit from the kindly patron of the Christmas season who distributed to everyone some of the good things with which the large Christmas tree was laden and making the evening one of great enjoyment.

The Presbyterian Sunday school Wednesday evening held their Christmas entertainment "Santa Claus' Vision" in which the little folks of the school took part and gave a very delightful playlet that led up to the visit of the distributor of the little gifts that had been provided for the children.

Taken as a whole the day was one of the most pleasant Christmas days that have been observed in the city and in many homes those who were overseas last year were able to be with the home circle.

'FRISCO PETE' JUMPS FROM CAR WINDOW

Henry Wedgeworth Being Brought to Omaha from Oklahoma, Escapes Near Here.

From Friday's Daily.

Wednesday evening as the fast northbound Missouri Pacific flyer No. 107 was racing across the Platte bottoms north of this city, Henry Wedgeworth, known in the police circles of a number of the large cities as "Frisco Pete," made his escape from the custody of Deputy Sheriff Johnson, of Douglas county, by jumping from a window of the train and getting away in the darkness.

Johnson was bringing the prisoner from Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Omaha to answer a charge of robbing the home of Charles Storz about three months ago.

Following the alleged robbery of the Storz home, "Frisco Pete" was

arrested and held to the district court under bond. When his case was called for hearing a couple of weeks ago, he did not appear, and a capias was issued for his arrest. He was arrested in Tulsa several days ago.

According to a telephone message from Deputy Sheriff Johnson to Sheriff Mike Clark, "Frisco" asked permission from the deputy to go to the lavatory on the train. He was not handcuffed at the time, Johnson said. Johnson followed him to the door of the lavatory, but "Frisco" suddenly jumped inside and locked the door. Johnson immediately notified the conductor and the train was brought to a halt and backed up to the spot where the prisoner is supposed to have jumped from the train. No trace of him could be found. Notice was wired to all towns within a radius of 100 miles of Omaha to watch for the fugitive.

"I see no excuse for Johnson's letting that man get away," said Sheriff Clark Wednesday night. "The next one of my deputies who lets a man get away from him without a good excuse, will be looking for another job," he said.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS SUNG AT EARLY HOUR

Young People of Methodist Choir Observe Ancient Christmas Morn Custom.

From Friday's Daily.

At an early hour Christmas morning when the majority of the householders were wrapped in deep slumber, a large number of the young people belonging to the choir of the Methodist church stole out to observe the ancient and pleasing custom of the singing of the Christmas carols.

The party visited a large number of the homes in the different parts of the city and with the sweet songs of gladness and rejoicing awoke their friends to the realization that Christmas day was with them.

This custom has been followed by the members of the choir for a number of years in visiting the members of the church on the morning of the day of gladness.

LARGE CROWD WAS PRESENT AT DANCE

Given for Members of B. P. of Elks at Their Club Home Last Night—Good Music.

From Friday's Daily.

One of the largest crowds present at a dance at the Elks club in a long time, was in attendance at the mid-holiday dance arranged by the committee for members of the order and their families.

Dancing started at 9 o'clock, but due to other Christmas-time amusements, many of those present did not arrive until nearly an hour later.

Music was furnished by a four-piece local orchestra, composed of Messrs. Gradoville, piano, Rucker, saxophone and clarinet, Ledgeway, slide trombone, and Burbridge, on the drums and xylophone. The boys put up a snappy brand of music that would be exceedingly hard to beat, and their efforts to please were appreciated by the dancers and spectators.

A pleasurable feature of the occasion was the presence of a large number of young folks, home from college for the holidays, and they enjoyed the opportunity of renewing home-town acquaintances through the medium of the dance.

At 12:30, when the regular time of the orchestra was up, there were still a considerable number who desired to continue dancing for another hour or more and who were willing to stand the added expense of the orchestra and accordingly the mirthful amusement was continued until an early hour this morning.

Among the numerous out-of-town guests present were J. C. Thygeson and wife of Nebraska City, who are well known to a large circle of acquaintances here, Plattsmouth having been the former home of both Mr. and Mrs. Thygeson. Mr. Thygeson is engaged in the drug business at Nebraska City, where he is enjoying an excellent trade and has a well stocked store.

UNION CHURCH SERVICES ARE TO BE HELD

PRESBYTERIAN, M. E., CHRISTIAN AND UNITED BRETHREN UNION MEETINGS.

TO LAST FOR TWO WEEKS

Ministers of Local Churches Will Occupy Pulpit at Methodist Church—Meetings Each Evening.

From Saturday's Daily.

The arrangements have been completed for the holding of a series of union meetings in this city for a period of two weeks commencing on Sunday, January 4. The meetings are joined in by four of the local denominations, the Presbyterians, Methodists, Christians and United Brethren, and the work of the meetings will be distributed among the ministers and members of the various congregations. Rev. L. W. Scott, Rev. H. G. McCusky and Rev. A. V. Hunter are to occupy the pulpit during the series of meetings and each evening one of the divines will deliver the sermon for the meeting. Rev. E. H. Pontius of United Brethren church south of the city is to have charge of the chorus choir work and direct the musical program of the series of meetings. This feature of the services will be one of the strongest and will combine the best of the talent of the four church choirs.

It has been decided on account of the central location and facilities to hold the series of meetings in the Methodist church at the corner of Seventh and Main streets and the preparations are now going on for the opening of the first of the series of meetings.

Through the union meetings it is hoped to awaken the spirit of the evangelical churches of the city and create a new strength and vigor in the work that is being done by the several churches. The ministers of the churches interested in the meetings are all very able men and fluent and forceful speakers and the sermons are certainly going to be well worth hearing by everyone regardless of their religious belief.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

From Saturday's Daily.

To the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps I desire to publicly express my deep appreciation of the beautiful flag presented to me by these two patriotic societies. Nothing has been more pleasing than to receive this flag under which for the time of the civil war I was permitted to serve and whose stripes and stars represent the loftiest ideals of mankind. The flag will be cherished as long as life shall last and the kind act of the friends be always remembered.—Justus Lillie.

SURPRISE IS GIVEN REV. HUNTER FAMILY

Number of Neighbors and Members of Congregation Gather to Spend Evening at Hunter Home.

From Saturday's Daily.

Last evening Rev. and Mrs. A. V. Hunter were very pleasantly surprised by a number of the neighbors and friends of the Methodist congregation who came in unexpectedly and assisted in making the evening one of rare enjoyment. Rev. Hunter and wife were unaware of the conspiracy among the friends and were quietly enjoying the evening in reading and sewing when a knock came on the door and in came two of the neighbors and in a few minutes this was repeated and repeated arrivals of the friends brought the knowledge of the fact that there was something doing and all members of the party at once proceeded to enjoy a very delightful evening. The time was spent in a very informal manner with each member of the company being called upon for some stunt and a very interesting program of musical

numbers and recitations were given by the members of the jolly party. Refreshments of apples and pop corn had been brought by the members of the surprise party and these served to add to the enjoyment of the evening.

ASKS FOR CERTIFICATE

From Saturday's Daily.

The naturalization department of the office of the clerk of the district court has received application from John Frederick Baumeister of Seattle, Wash., asking for a certificate of naturalization from the local office. The applicant was born in Germany but was a minor at the time of his father's naturalization and therefore seeks to have his papers confirming this fact. Until just a short time ago it has been necessary for the office of the district clerk to secure permission from Washington to issue these certificates in cases prior to June, 1906, but under the latest ruling of the department of labor and immigration it has allowed the local naturalization offices to issue certificates in all cases of this nature.

TAMPERING WITH MAIL SERVICE

Residents South of City Having Packages Rifled—Will Investigate.

From Saturday's Daily.

The rural route patrons south of this city are experiencing some trouble with persons who have begun to tamper with mail left in the route boxes and as a result the person committing these outrages may be made to pay the penalty of the law. Last Tuesday Urwin Barnard, carrier on route No. 1 delivered a good sized package from one of the big mail order houses to the mail box of C. E. Allred and on Christmas afternoon this same package was found by one of the residents of the neighborhood in an adjoining field near a haystack where it had been opened up by someone. It had evidently been thought to be a Christmas package by the person taking it as the contents were all there when found and the person taking it had evidently failed to find what he had hoped for in the box. From the facts in the case the residents of the neighborhood seem to think that it is the work of some child or young persons and a careful watch will be kept in the hopes of locating the party who has formed the habit of "othering the mail. The offense for an act of this kind is very severe and includes sentence to the federal penitentiary for the person who is convicted of tampering with the mail.

DO YOU ENJOY YOUR MEALS?

If you do not enjoy your meals your digestion is faulty. Eat moderately, especially of meats, masticate your food thoroughly. Let five hours elapse between meals and take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper and you will soon find your meals to be a real pleasure.

You will find a nice line of popular copyright books at the Journal.

MACHINISTS WOULD STRIKE IF BILL PASSED

BRANCH OF RAILROAD WORKERS TOOK ACTION IN NOVEMBER, SAYS OFFICIAL

EMPLOYEES MUST BE LEFT FREE

With the Return of Roads to Private Ownership—Anti-Strike Bill Cause of Dissention.

From Saturday's Daily.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Ninety-eight per cent of the 125,000 union railway machinists voted in November to strike with other trades in the event congress enacted the Cummins railroad bill with its anti-strike provision.

In making this announcement today, William H. Johnston, president of the International Association of Machinists, said the vote was taken before the senate interstate commerce committee reported out the Cummins measure, and the result was not officially published because the association did not want to appear in the attitude of attempting to threaten congress.

The machinists' membership is around 500,000, but not more than 125,000 of this number are employed on railroads.

President Johnson explained that the strike vote stipulated that union railroad machinists would quit work if the Cummins bill was passed by both branches of congress, not by one.

"When the roads were taken over by the government the employees were free," Mr. Johnston said, "and we propose that if they are turned back to private ownership the employees shall be equally free. There will be no necessity for such drastic legislation as is provided for in the Cummins bill. There never has been a general railroad strike and there never will be, in my opinion."

So far as labor officials are advised, they will not be given another hearing by senate or house committees, but will keep up the fight against the anti-strike section, it was said, and appeal finally to President Wilson to veto the bill if it should be enacted with that clause intact.

President Johnson said that no other trades that would be affected by the anti-strike section of the bill had taken a vote, so far as he had been advised.

FOR SALE.

I have for sale several good milk cows, tuberculin tested. Will be fresh soon and are good heavy milkers. See Neil D. Cameron, Bellevue Blvd., block north of Childs road, Telephone South 3517, Omaha.

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