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SUCCESSFUL CASS COUNTY INSTITUTION

FARMERS' MUTUAL FIRE AND LIVE STOCK INSURANCE CO. ONE OF BEST IN STATE.

MET SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Stockholders Attend Meeting and Are Greatly Pleased Over the Result of the Year's Showing.

From Monday's Daily.

The Farmers' Mutual Fire and Live Stock Insurance Co. of Cass county is one of the leading insurance companies of this portion of the state and its success is largely due to the excellent management of the affairs of the company but the officials selected from among the leading men of the county and the result is that the business of the company has increased each year.

The annual meeting of this company was held on Saturday afternoon at the Taylor school house in Plattsmouth precinct and was attended by a large number of the stockholders who participated in the election of the officers of the organization, the following being selected:

President—Jacob Tritsch.
 Vice President—J. H. Becker.
 Secretary—J. P. Falter.
 Treasurer—M. L. Friedrich.
 Director—H. J. Miller, Alvo; John Albert, Plattsmouth; Henry Horn, Plattsmouth; A. A. Wetenkamp, Myrdal; Adam Hild, Plattsmouth; Charles Heebner, Nehawka; J. H. Becker, Plattsmouth; August Panska, Murdock; and August Engelke-meier, Murray.

The company has had a very successful year in 1919 having written \$377,705 of new business during the year and while the company has sustained quite heavy losses in the year the treasury shows a handsome increase over last year and the outlook for the forthcoming year is very bright.

ASKS DAMAGES FOR DESTROYED HAY

From Monday's Daily.

An action has been commenced in the district court by C. Lawrence Stull through his attorney Matthew Gering, and in which he asks damages in the sum of \$343.75 from the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad and Walker D. Hines, director general of railroads.

The plaintiff in his petition states that on the 13th day of October, 1918, two stacks of hay on the meadow land of the plaintiff on the Platte bottom, north of Plattsmouth, were burned up as the result of a fire which it is alleged was caused by sparks from a locomotive of the defendant railroad company. One of the stacks contained thirteen tons and one consisted of merely one ton. The case will be heard at the next term of the district court.

STATE TAXES MOUNT HIGH

From Monday's Daily.

The taxpayers of the state are to find that the increase in the state taxes for the past year has risen to 70 per cent over that of the previous year and the levy for state purposes has jumped from the appropriation made by the 1917 session of the legislature which called for 6.78 mills to 13 mills under the appropriations made by the 1919 session of the legislature. The increase in the levy has vastly increased the amount each of the counties must contribute to the state for the purpose of running the state government. This increase in addition to the county and local taxes increases the total amount of taxes to a heavy figure. Cass county will contribute to the state this year \$133,350 as against \$32,084 for the last year's appropriations.

If it's in the card line, call at the Journal office.

RECEIVES SAD MESSAGE

From Monday's Daily.

This afternoon J. H. Tams, superintendent of the county farm received the sad news of the sudden death of his brother, Claus Tams, who passed away this morning at his home in Ogden, Ia. This is the first intimation that Mr. Tams has had of his brother's illness and came as a great shock to the family here. Mr. Tams will leave tomorrow morning for Ogden to attend the funeral. The deceased was 66 years of age and has for a number of years made his home at Ogden where he was in charge of the elevator business at that place and was quite wealthy. The funeral services will be held at the late home in Ogden.

INITIAL MEETING WAS SATISFACTORY

The clergy and lay members of the different churches in the city and the one just out of town were eminently satisfied with the outlook for a successful meeting when the time began for the opening of the first meeting last evening at the Methodist church. Considerable preliminary work had been done before the meetings were to begin and the effect was apparent in the large congregation and the interest in the work manifested.

The music which had been placed under the direction of Rev. E. H. Pontius had found a person capable and willing to care for that part of the exercises. At once it was apparent to the most casual observer that the selection could not have been more appropriately placed. This portion of the campaign will without doubt be well cared for in the series of meetings which began last evening. With the capacity and consecration of the others of the quartet, Rev. H. G. McClusky of the First Presbyterian, Rev. Levi W. Scott of the First Christian and Rev. A. V. Hunter of the First Methodist churches, it is assured that that portion of the services will be well conducted. By agreement no one outside of the ones having the matter in hand is to know until the time comes for the evening services who is to be the one who shall speak on that particular night. The honor fell last evening to the Rev. A. V. Hunter as the services were to be held during the series in the Methodist church. He took for his theme the story of the first revival which was conducted by the Master, beginning at the brink of Jacob's well when he asked the woman of Samaria, "Give me a drink." Rev. Hunter told of how this campaign which lasted only for two days resulted in the conversion of a large number of people, not friends of the Jews for the Samaritans had no dealings with the Jews. Who will make the address this evening you will know as soon as the meetings get under way. Be there on time at 7:30 and you will be well paid for the attendance.

PURCHASES PROPERTY

From Friday's Daily.

Saturday W. E. Rosencrans, the enterprising real estate dealer closed the transaction for the purchase of the residence property of Mrs. A. E. Gass on Vine street as well as the 33-foot fractional lot owned by J. H. Tams adjoining the Gass property. The property is as choice a building site as there is in the city and it is the present intention of the new owner to erect thereon two modern and up-to-the-minute bungalows in the near future. The location of this property is ideal as it is in the main portion of the city and has the advantage of the modern improvements such as walks and paving.

SCHOOLS RESUME WORK

From Monday's Daily.

This morning the holiday vacation of the Plattsmouth high school was brought to a close and the pupils and teachers were on the job at the usual time to carry on the resumed work of the winter term. The schools have been closed since the 19th of December when the Christmas vacation commenced and the young people have had a very enjoyable and pleasant time in the delights of the holiday season.

THE SCHOOLS OF THE CITY REVIEWED

THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO SUCCESSFUL HIGH SCHOOLS IS GIVEN PARENTS.

CO-OPERATION URGED OF ALL

Need of Assistance of Parents With Instructors to Give Pupils Best Education.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Through the columns of the Journal it is our purpose to give something on the aims and work of the Plattsmouth high school.

What should a high school aim to do? First, it should aim to educate the boys and girls. This may appear trite if we understand all that education means we shall see it is a term, though commonplace, needing much elucidation and amplification. To educate, as often commonly understood, is to develop and train the intellect; to enable one to think intelligently and logically. To a great many an education means so much book learning or an accumulation of information and facts on a variety of subjects, more or less useful.

In other words a quantity of stored knowledge in the brain, much as one would store coal in a bin, to draw upon as needed. If education were nothing more it would not be worth getting, for most of this stored knowledge would never be needed. The comparatively many that hold an education is the development of the mental powers are, like the six blind men of Hindustan that went to see the elephant, "partly in the right and partly in the wrong." Right in so far as that is one of the aims of a true education but wrong in holding that is all. Being educated is infinitely more than enabling a human being to think intelligently and logically. There is a physical development necessary in order that the mind may function to the fullest and largest extent of which it is capable. In the high school this part of educating is taken care of in some measure by athletics such as football (which we do not have), basketball, track meets, etc. Yet, if we reflect, we are forced to admit that the few rather than the many receive the individual physical development obtained by participation in these contests. There is room in every high school for an extension of these benefits to a large number of the student body.

Conceding the proper share to both physical and mental development in a complete education, we pass on the third factor—the third in number only, for in amount of importance it is far greater than either of the other two or both together. We are trying to teach our high school pupils to think intelligently and logically, but if that is all we are failing miserably. The third requisite, the all important one, is that we teach them to think rightly. In the words of the immortal Roosevelt: "The things of the body are good, but the things of the mind are better, but the things of the spirit are best of all." And the things of the spirit in one word is Character. Every thing stands or falls before the supreme test of Character.

In our day, as in other days, some things seem to stand without it, but sooner or later, will cause them to fall if not built on righteousness. The question might rightfully be asked: "Are we building character (in our schools)?" The question is just as pertinent now as it ever has been—probably more so. Are we leading the boys and girls under our charge to think rightly? Then, right living will follow right thinking. To inculcate right principles of thought and action is the one great purpose of the high school as well as the graded school which precedes it. Not only by example but by precept must this be done. As a means to this end rules and regulation are sometimes formulated. Whether formulated or not there must be proper emphasis on conduct which often goes by the term of discipline. Of course, discipline has not entirely to do with right or wrong actions. There are

many actions in the school room which are apparently neither good or bad. Yet persistent disobedience of rules made for the good of the school is on the same plane as like disobedience of the laws of state or nation. If respect for authority, law and order is not enforced in school, where characters are being formed, when and where should it be? Discipline is everything for no school work can be successful without it.

To secure discipline most effectively at school the co-operation of the parents with the teachers is wholly essential. Especially in the matter of absence and tardiness the support if the parents or guardian has to be depended upon. For, if the rule of the school requires that every pupil bring a written excuse from parent or guardian for absence or tardiness and the parents says: "I don't want to be bothered to write one," or "I don't see the necessity of it," etc., the school is hindered in maintaining a good record for attendance and punctuality. And if the parent does not act as if being absent or tardy were sufficient cause to furnish a written excuse the child is likely to think it is not of great consequence. Written excuses avoid the deplorable condition of the parent not knowing whether his boy or girl was in school or not. If properly signed, dated, and cause for absence given, it is practically a certain check on truancy.

The average high school student does not take seriously enough the matter of regular attendance. Why is this? It is largely the fault of the parent. So long as the father considers it sufficient reason, to keep his boy out a whole or half day because there is a little extra work to do, or the mother keeps the daughter out to look after the small children while she goes visiting or does some entertaining just so long will the boy or girl regard staying out as not a great loss. The student may plead before the parent or teacher that "he will make up the work." But, making up work is not like having it in class under the supervision of the instructor. The fact of the matter generally is that the work missed is not all made up and often the pupil gets a higher grade than really deserved. Out of an enrollment of 191 for the third month we had 214 half day absences. It would seem within reason to believe that this number could be cut down to half that number. Many of these absences were caused by staying out to work, several to meet a train. A large number of them were caused by sickness which is always a good and sufficient excuse. All others generally more or less insufficient. As a school we are desirous of having a fine record in attendance and punctuality but even more so are we anxious to secure an excellent record of scholarship. Of course, discipline and regular attendance that we have just considered are necessary helps toward this end.

Still, we may have both these and not have the first class scholarship. For high standing in studies pursued can be attained only by diligent persevering effort—briefly, by "hard work." Here and there some student may secure high grades by little effort but for 90 per cent or more it means earnest, patient application. It means a great deal to average 90 per cent or above, in four or five subjects for a nine weeks' period. The comparatively small majority will always be in this honored class in all high schools. Just how large this minority should be is difficult to state. We do say that during the first quarter of school it is far too small in the Plattsmouth high school. However, we are hoping to show an increase at the close of the first semester. The records are carefully examined and when a pupil shows a falling off in his work, a statement of the subjects below 70 is sent to the parents, requesting their co-operation for better grades. If the student is below 70 per cent in one or more studies, the cause should be ascertained and removed if possible. In most cases "the cause" is simply lack of sufficient study and the remedy more study. To get some students to study more is no easy task for either parent or teacher. Encouragement and making conditions favorable at home will go a long way toward this end. All students carrying four or more studies will need considerable time for home study. If they have to work all the time out of school of course they can not have their lessons. Nor can they if

the streets, the movies, or social functions of one kind or another claim a large share of their time outside of school hours. If all concerned would only fully realize that the high school student's business is "going to school" and other things are subsidiary to this main thing, what wonderful results would be accomplished if student and parent acted alike upon this principle! It might help if both parents and teachers would impress upon the youthful learners the value of their time. But youths are so slow to appreciate that which is so plentiful with them, time. Tell them that every school hour if properly used is worth \$10 for them in after life and they will look at you in dumb amazement. To some it never will be because the time was wasted rather than used.

We started to write about the Plattsmouth high school. We have written much that will apply to high schools in general. The reader can make the application for himself. Much more could be written than we have in mind to write. Perhaps later something further along these lines may be given. May every parent, teacher and student work together for the good of the Plattsmouth high school.

FREDERICK OST, VETERAN OF '65, CALLED

Death Came Suddenly Day After the Celebration of His Seventy-Second Birthday.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Frederick Ost, a well-known member of Rawlins Post, No. 23, Grand Army of the Republic, died suddenly Sunday, the day following the celebration of his 72nd birthday.

Mr. Ost enlisted May 18, 1864, to serve 160 days and was mustered out at Camp Fry, Chicago, May 31, 1864. He served in Company K, 134th regiment of Illinois volunteers.

On February 18, 1865, he was mustered into the service again having volunteered earlier in the month to serve for the duration of the war and was assigned to Company I, of the 157th Illinois volunteers, and was discharged January 20, 1866. During his military service he participated in many encounters with marauding bands and guerrillas. When the war broke out he was but 15 years of age and entered the service before his 17th birthday.

He was married to Annie Schultz at Lincoln, Nebraska, May 11, 1871. Eight children blessed their happy union and the bride of his young manhood survives to cherish his memory. Mr. Ost was born in Germany November 23, 1846.

Other survivors are six daughters, two sons, two brothers and a sister; Mrs. Herman Reicke, Mrs. A. A. Saylor and Mrs. Joe Lindsey, all of Nehawka; Mrs. F. Wheeler, Mrs. G. M. Crawford and Miss Lucy Ost, all of Stockton and Henry and John Ost, of Nehawka. The brothers and sisters are August Ost, of Nehawka and Carl Ost and Mrs. E. Regner of Illinois.—Nehawka News-Ledger.

TO UNDERGO OPERATION

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon W. F. Moore of near Murray in company with Dr. B. F. Brendel and his daughter, Miss Frances Moore, passed through the city enroute to Omaha where Miss Frances is to enter the hospital to undergo an operation for appendicitis from which she has been suffering for some time. The many friends of the young lady are anxiously awaiting word from her and trust that the operation may be successful in giving her relief from her suffering.

MOVING INTO THE CITY

From Tuesday's Daily.

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Beverage on Chicago avenue has been sold by the owner to Walter Propst, one of the prominent farmers of the precinct who is soon to move in and occupy the home. Mr. and Mrs. Beverage have purchased the Manford Craig home on West Pearl street and will make their home there in the future.

For bay's croup, Willie's daily cuts and bruises, mother's sore throat, grandma's lameness—Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil—the household remedy. 30c and 60c.

OPPOSE ANY CHANGES IN DIST. NO. 1

COMMERCIAL CLUB DIRECTORS GO ON RECORD AT MEETING HELD TODAY.

CLAIM THE CHANGE IS UNJUST

Resolutions Express Opinion of the Members of Board of Directors as to School Matter.

From Tuesday's Daily.

This afternoon the members of the board of directors at their meeting expressed in the following resolution their disapproval of the proposed school district changes:

Resolved by the board of directors of the Commercial club of Plattsmouth, Neb., that we are opposed to proposed consolidated district No. 1 as proposed by the redistricting committee of Cass county, Nebraska, because the same is unjust, inequitable and unfair on account of present inadequate condition of the highways and transportation facilities, and we respectfully request the co-operation of the citizens of Plattsmouth, Neb., in defeating said plan as now proposed for said reasons.—Frank M. Bestor, J. P. Falter, W. A. Robertson, Guy W. Morgan, Roy W. Knorr, Jesse F. Wurga, E. J. Richey, E. H. Wescott, H. A. Schneider, T. H. Pollock, L. O. Minor, E. A. Wurl, August Clويد, Board of Directors of the Plattsmouth Commercial club.

LAST OF THE LOUISVILLE ROBBERS GOES

Receives Sentence Saturday for His Crime Committed on October 13th at Louisville.

From Monday's Daily.

On Saturday afternoon in the district court, C. G. Thompson, the last remaining member of the trio of Louisville burglars to remain unsentenced, was given his sailing orders and left in custody of the sheriff to await being sent to the state prison at Lincoln. The prisoner, who was brought from the Douglas county general hospital at Omaha, on the 1:15 Burlington train Saturday afternoon, was at once taken to the court house, where the complaint was prepared by County Attorney A. G. Cole and the prisoner at once arraigned before Judge Begley. Thompson entered a plea of guilty to the charges preferred against him and under the law was sentenced for a term of from one to ten years.

The sentencing of Thompson ends the story of the series of daring robberies that were committed at Louisville and which culminated in the attempt to rob the F. H. Nichols store, and which came so near being successful.

Had it not been for the fact that one of the Louisville young men was

returning home at a late hour and saw the light in the store, the three men would have made their getaway. As it was, in the battle with the citizens, the robbers received the worst of it and the man Thompson received wounds that resulted in the amputation of his lower left limb.

The settlement of the cases has been very efficient and the county saved a great deal of money by the prompt and effective manner in which the case was handled by County Attorney Cole and Sheriff Quinton has not only saved the county quite a neat sum but the sheriff was also able to recover for W. F. Diers, one of the sufferers from the visitation of this same gang of robbers, a large part of his stolen goods.

SECURE THEIR CITIZENSHIP

On Saturday at the office of Clerk of the District Court Robertson Thomas Wracka and Stephen Tenka, two of the residents of Louisville made their declaration of citizenship and expressed their desire to become full fledged citizens of the United States. Mr. Wracka came to America in 1909 and Mr. Tenka in 1914, both being citizens of what was then Austria-Hungary but which is now the Czecho-Slovak republic.

MEXICANS ARE STILL KEPT AT THE JAIL

Immigration Officials Have Failed to Show Up to Relieve Quinton of Unwelcome Charges.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The dark hued guests of Sheriff C. D. Quinton, who hall from the land of Villa are still lingering at the county jail and awaiting word from the United States immigration officials which will send them to their childhood home in the land of the snakes and revolutions. It had been hoped that before this the county might be rid of the men but the long and tedious course of red tape that it is necessary to go through with before the men can be shipped out has delayed their going. The two men who so near cleaning out the ladies ready to wear departments for the Plattsmouth stores are taking their future very calmly and cheerfully awaiting their forced return to the home of their youth and doubtless figure that it will be easy for them to slip back to the United States at the first opportunity.


MRS. KENNEDY ILL

From Monday's Daily.

Mrs. R. P. Kennedy, one of the old residents of the city, is quite ill at her home in the second ward, and her advanced years has caused a general breakdown of her health that makes her condition very unfavorable. Mrs. Kennedy is one of our oldest residents and her host of friends over the city will regret very much to learn of her failing health.

RHODE ISLAND RED HENS

Several hundred Rhode Island Red hens for sale at reasonable price. Mrs. C. R. Todd, phone 3102. 3sw14d



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When you pay a bill by check you have positive proof that you cancelled the debt. Each check issued contains a complete record of the transactions involved, and when endorsed is an undisputed receipt.

Your bank book, balanced each month, verifies your income and expenditures every 30 days, and enables you to keep a satisfactory tab on all your financial transactions. May we have the pleasure of furnishing you with a check book so that you can pay your bills the modern way—the checking account way?

First National Bank
 "The Bank Where You Feel at Home"