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## AMERICAN LEGIONAIRES HOLD SMOKER

MEETING LARGELY ATTENDED BY FORMER SERVICE MEN OF THE COMMUNITY.

### HEAR OF THE ORDER'S WORK

E. E. Kiplinger, of Omaha, Addresses Members of Local Post in Regard to Accomplishments

From Friday's Daily.

Last evening the members of Hugh Kearns post of the American Legion enjoyed a very pleasant meeting and smoker at the A. O. U. W. hall, the building having been kindly offered to the service men by the Knights of Columbus for the use of the meeting. The formal business session was followed by a social session of several hours.

The members of the post had the pleasure of hearing a very interesting address by E. E. Kiplinger, of Omaha, who has been active in the work of the Legion in the metropolis and he brought to the attention of the meeting many interesting facts in regard to the work of the organization in the nation and state. Mr. Kiplinger, in his remarks, told of the fight made by the Legion for the Sweet bill in congress which increases the disability benefits for the men who had been wounded in the service of their country and of the results that the bill had brought in relieving the needs of the men who had been incapacitated from labor as the result of their service. He also spoke of the stand taken by the society on the bonus proposition in which the sentiment of the national convention had been in favor of the \$1.00 a day for the service men during their time of service and which proposition would be supported by the Legion and while the convention had left this up to congress their sentiment had been expressed that this was the fairest one that could be made to insure the men receiving a just recompense for their sacrifices during the time they had served. The speaker also outlined the independent position taken by the organization for a square deal for all classes of the citizenship and denounced the stories and propaganda that had frequently been circulated in an effort to injure the Legion by representing it as a strike breaking organization, when such was not the case, and that it had no part in the disagreements of the classes aside from their stand for law and order in the nation. One of the matters in which all former service men are interested is that of the land and homestead laws, and Mr. Kiplinger explained in detail the Morgan bill that provides a loan of \$4,000 to former service men for home building purposes, whether they make their homes in the cities or on the farm.

Following the address of the evening, a very enjoyable musical program was given by the saxophone jazz orchestra composed of Dr. Caldwell, E. H. Schuifhof and Richard Avard, saxophones; Clarence Ledgeway, trombone; Anton Bajcek, trap drums and Peter Gradoville, pianist. The members were treated to a luncheon consisting of sandwiches and coffee, which came as the climax of the evening and the remainder of the evening was spent in visiting until a late hour.

A large number of new members from the service men of the community enrolled themselves in the Legion at the close of the meeting and will hereafter assist in the helping and protecting the interests of the men who served their country in time of war.

## INSTALLING NEW FURNACE THIS WEEK

From Friday's Daily.  
The firm of C. E. Wescott's Sons is having a new furnace installed in their store at the corner of Fifth and Main streets, and while the new furnace is being prepared for use.

the proprietors and employes are enjoying (?) a touch of life in the polar regions and their work of taking the yearly inventory is considerably handicapped. During the enforced heatless condition of the store the employes are displaying the latest styles of cold defying garments and giving a practical demonstration of them for the customers. The new furnace is of the latest type and much larger than the one formerly in use. It is being installed by J. F. Wurga and his force of employes.

## LIG B. BROWN DYING IN DENVER, COLORADO

Message Received Here This Morning Tells of Near Approach of the End for Cass Co. Pioneer

From Saturday's Daily.

This morning a message was received by Mrs. John Cory of this city announcing the fact that her aged uncle, Lig B. Brown, was lying at the point of death at the home of another niece, Mrs. Effie Thrapp, at Denver, Colorado, where for the past few weeks he has been visiting. Mr. Brown was stricken yesterday afternoon with a stroke of apoplexy, which has brought on his present critical condition. The very advanced age of Mr. Brown gives but little hope of his being able to rally as he has been in poor health for some time.

Lig Brown for many years has been one of the best known figures in this portion of Cass county and for a long period resided on a farm in the old Kenosha neighborhood, where he was affectionately known as "Uncle Lig" to the residents and to these old friends the sad news of the approaching end will come as a great shock. He came to Cass county at an early day and spent the best years of his lifetime here laboring for the upbuilding of the community. In late years Mr. Brown has made his home in Plattsmouth with the family of Mr. and Mrs. John Cory, with frequent trips west to visit his niece in Denver, and it was while on one of these visits that he was stricken down.

## LARGEST MEETING OF UNION SERVICES

Rev. McClusky, Presbyterian Minister, Occupies Pulpit at Services Last Evening.

From Saturday's Daily.

One of the most interesting of the series of meetings held by the evangelists of the city was held last evening at the Methodist church and the attendance was the largest by far that has been present at any of the week night services. Rev. H. G. McClusky was the presiding minister and gave the sermon of the evening and gave as his sermon the folly of following of the false ideals of life. The address of the minister was a very strong statement of the principles of the Christian faith and a very eloquent appeal for a higher standard of thought and living and of making the highest attainments in life possible. The special music of the evening was that of a male quartet, composed of members of the Presbyterian and Methodist choirs. The usual choir numbers were given and added to the pleasure of the meeting.

The fact that the ministers selected to deliver the sermons are not announced at the service has served to create a great deal of interest as the attendants do not know in advance which one of the excellent speakers will be present to deliver the sermon.

### FEELING MUCH BETTER

From Saturday's Daily.

James W. Holmes, who has returned home from the Methodist hospital in Omaha, is now feeling greatly improved although he is still quite weak from the effects of his operation and stay at the hospital. Mr. Holmes has made very rapid progress toward recovery and his stay at the hospital was limited to two weeks and since returning home he has been continually improving.

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

## ADJUSTMENT OF DISTRICTS BIG PROBLEM

REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE HAS FACED ONE OF THE BIGGEST OF PROBLEMS

### FINALLY UP TO THE VOTERS

After Hearing of Remonstrances in Regard to It, Matter Will be Left to the Ballot.

From Friday's Daily.

The hearings on the proposed public school districts as outlined by the redistricting committee of the county, which will be held at the court house in this city beginning on January 12th, will undoubtedly bring in a great many of the residents of the various consolidated districts to be heard on the proposition that has been submitted to them.

In many of the districts and especially in the district in which this city is to be a part, a great deal of the objection is found in the difficulty in getting the pupils to and from their homes and especially the smaller children as the distance to be traveled in many instances will require at least two hours and necessitate a great deal of trouble as the condition of the roads at the present time makes it very difficult to get through and this condition may become worse during the winter months.

The consolidated school proposition as a whole is a very satisfactory one and in communities where the best of roads and facilities for handling the transportation of the children is to be had it is a measure that will greatly increase the effectiveness of the schools of the county and advance the standard of school work, but in the minds of many the conditions in the country districts in regard to roads makes this a difficult problem to be handled.

However, the law has put the matter up to the citizens of the various districts and the commission will, after hearing the various statements from the different districts, proceed according to law in the matter. After the hearings are had at the office of the county superintendent, upon the petition of twenty-five per cent of the school electors living in any of the proposed districts, the county superintendent shall order an election to be held, giving twenty days' notice of the election. If the result is favorable the superintendent may proceed and within ten days call a meeting of the directors of the district and organize the new district. If the result of the election is not favorable to the new district then the matter is closed and the district remains as formerly constituted.

County Superintendent Miss Alpha Peterson has had the copy of the law passed by the last legislature printed in the papers of the county for the benefit of the citizens and they can readily find by reading this the process necessary to carry out the law.

The redistricting committee, as previously stated, has had one of the biggest and most disagreeable jobs in the county in preparing a redistricting measure that would divide the county on as fair a basis as possible and it is now up to the residents of the various districts to take action on the matter if they see fit.

## MASONS CONFER DEGREES ON BIG CLASS

Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 Held Session Yesterday Afternoon and Evening Conferring Third Degree.

From Saturday's Daily.

The Masonic temple was the scene of much activity yesterday afternoon and last evening when the lodge conferred the third degree upon a class of seven members and untold to them the veil of Masonry. The work was commenced at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and the conferring of the degrees continued until 10 o'clock last evening when the last

candidate was fully received into the mysteries of the order.

The lodge held a recess at the dinner hour last evening and a very enjoyable feast was held by the members in the dining room of the temple, the serving being in the hands of a very efficient committee and this feature of the initiation was one thoroughly enjoyed by all the members of the lodge present.

A large number of the members of the order from Murray and neighboring towns were in attendance at the meeting last evening.

## RECEIVES WELL DESERVED PROMOTION

Ralph W. White, Formerly of This City and Son of A. W. White, Has Important Position.

From Saturday's Daily.

The news has been received in this city of the advancement of Ralph W. White, former manager of the Nebraska Telephone Co., in this city and a son of A. W. White, of Plattsmouth.

Mr. White has, since his removal from the city, been located in the state of Texas as manager of the Bell telephone interests at Victoria, one of the important points in the line of service of the company. He has just been appointed manager of the Bell telephone lines in northern Texas and will be located at either Fort Worth or Dallas, the company not having fully determined as to which city to make their headquarters. The new position is one of great importance as it covers the management of the lines all over the northern portion of the great state of Texas. Mr. White has proven one of the valuable men of the company and his handling of the business interests of his company has demonstrated his ability.

The success of Mr. White will be pleasing news to the hundreds of old friends in this city and county and they look forward to his still further advancement along the lines of his chosen field of operations.

## RETURNS FROM MEETING OF POSTMASTERS

Nebraska Delegation Appearing Before Congressional Committee at Kansas City is Back

From Friday's Daily.

The committee of the Nebraska first and second class postmasters, consisting of D. C. Morgan of Plattsmouth, J. H. Grosvenor of Aurora and N. J. Ludi of Wahoo, returned home yesterday from Kansas City, where they had appeared before the special committee of the United States senate and house of representatives which is looking into the matter of the salaries of the postal employees of the country.

Mr. Morgan states that this meeting, which is the first to be held by the committee, was quite largely attended as all branches of the postal service had committees present from the various states to lay their cases before the committee. Congressman Bell, of Georgia, presided over the meeting of the committee and each of the several classes of employees was heard on their appeal for increase in salaries.

The employees of the postal service have claimed that their salaries are inadequate under the present condition of the high cost of living and that they are unable to continue with the salaries now in force. There will be several sessions of the committee held in the west before any definite report is made to congress on what relief is necessary for the several branches of the service.

### FOR TRADE.

Ten shoats, ages from eight to 12 weeks. Will trade for corn. Call M. B. Allen, telephone 248-J.

### RHODE ISLAND RED HENS

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

Mrs. Joe Bullin departed this afternoon for Bellevue to visit over Sunday with relatives and friends in that city.

## NEBRASKA IS WAKING UP TO GOOD ROADS

THREE MILLION IN CONTRACTS UNDER WAY IN STATE—MORE TO FOLLOW.

### REPORTS OF STATE AID WORK

Show Four Million More to be Expended During Current Year—Building Bridges.

From Friday's Daily.

Nearly 1,500 miles of roads to be constructed through state and federal aid have been surveyed; project statements have been submitted in 106 and projects approved in eighty-two. All of these, says Secretary Johnson of the department of public works, are for earth road construction except a six mile paving project in Dodge county, three graveling projects and one bridge.

Forty contracts representing 845 miles of roadway and costing \$3,281,700 have been let to date. Two have been completed, the 9.5 miles roadway west out of Lincoln being more than half paving.

To this the state and federal government gave \$76,400, the remaining \$125,600 being paid by Lancaster county and property owners. Miles of road put to grade are 395, representing roads completed, but not finally accepted until the whole project is approved. He says:

### Construction Program for 1920

Projects, 48; miles, 905; cost, \$3,884,300.

Amount to be expended from county funds under the direction of this department with state and federal aid, \$1,500,000.

Amount for maintenance for three-fourths automobile tax, \$2,000,000. Total for the biennium, \$10,666,000.

In addition to the above construction work, we will survey and prepare the plans for one thousand miles of work to be contracted in January for 1921. All of these plans are being prepared, including all data necessary for the complete paved road, so that all engineering work that is being done at the present time will be of use when any of the present grading projects are finally paved.

"Logging" has been completed on about two thousand miles of the state highway system and same is being platted on specially printed cardboard sheets to be laid in hinged frames so as to be accessible for quick reference. This data will show the condition in all detail of every mile of state highway. Also will show all improvements on the road, culvert, bridge and railroad crossings as work is done. In the early spring, logging will be completed on the entire system and the organization completed to maintain each mile of the road.

In addition to the equipment listed in this report, there has been a large amount of equipment assigned to us and on my trip to Washington in December, I received assurance from the department of agriculture that we would get at least one hundred more trucks in this consignment and numerous other small equipment. We will retain all the large tractors and other construction equipment excepting a part of the trucks. We will retain fifty trucks for construction purposes and the balance will be assigned to the counties for maintenance work. We will request the counties to pay the state the freight and other incidental expenses that we have had in placing these trucks in condition to use.

The automobile registration department was reorganized after the 1st of August with the assistance of Mr. Jacobs, and instead of having forty to forty-five people at this time of the year we now have ten. And instead of having only numerical index, we now have a numerical index, an alphabetical index and a card index so that we can locate any car registered in 1920 by engine number. This new method of indexing cars will aid materially in the location of stolen cars and the

reorganization will save us approximately \$8,000 per year.

**State Aid Bridges**  
During the year, 1919, we have completed the Mitchell, Mitchell Valley, Bartley, West Point and North Platte state aid bridges. The state's share of this construction was \$115,495.97, the counties paying the balance. In every case, the county paid half or more than half of the cost of construction.

We also purchased the Ashland toll bridge for \$23,000.00, of which the state paid one-half the cost.

State aid bridge contracts let in 1919, Morrill, Minature, Grand Island, Central City and Henry bridges, cost \$49,473.00. The state's share of the cost is \$14,350.00. The three bridges let in Scottsbluff county are largely being paid for from county bond issues, the state furnishing \$8,000 each and supervision. Copies of all these contracts are being filed in detail with the department of finance.

The bureau of roads and bridges has been divided into five divisions with a division engineer at the head of each division, headquarters being located as follows: Division No. 1, Lincoln; division No. 2, Norfolk; division No. 3, Hastings; division No. 4, North Platte; division No. 5, Scottsbluff.

Division engineers have direct charge of projects under construction, co-operate with county highway commissioners on maintenance, give aid to counties on their internal construction and make weekly reports to the secretary, department of public works.

## ICE IS 12 TO 14 INCHES THICK—OF GOOD QUALITY

From Friday's Daily.

The ice harvest got well underway yesterday when McMakens laid two tiers of 12 to 14-inch ice in the ice house of Guy W. Morgan, at the rear of his confectionery store. The ice seems to be of very good quality, and has not attained sufficient thickness to insure it lasting without so heavy a loss from melting as is the case with the thinner cakes.

Numerous other ice houses over the city will be filled in rapid succession, McMakens having a large force of workmen engaged in harvesting the crop.

### RECORD OF DIVORCES

From Friday's Daily.

The record of divorces filed in the year 1919 in the office of the clerk of the district court shows that the average number of releases for the unhappily wedded is maintaining a fair average as this year there were twenty-one cases filed as against twenty-two in 1918 and twenty in 1917. The divorce figures as compared with the number of marriages in the county in the past year shows that the divorces run on an average of one divorce in every six marriages so that the record in this matter is one to give food for thought to those who are contemplating matrimony.

The popular line of Dennison stickers and cards at the Journal office.

## CONSIDERING FORMATION OF A HOUSING CO.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMERCIAL CLUB TAKE UP PROPOSITION THIS WEEK.

### MATTER IS NEARING A HEAD

Much Interest Shown in Proposition and Company Will Probably Be Launched Soon.

From Friday's Daily.

The Commercial club of the city has been considering seriously for the past week the forming of a housing company to look after the erection of a number of houses to relieve the congested condition of the city in regard to providing the proper homes for those who are desirous of locating in Plattsmouth, and in this movement they have met with the greatest of encouragement from the citizens and business men.

While the plans have not been fully completed a large amount of stock has been promised in the company that is to be formed and it is thought that in a very short time it will be possible to incorporate the company and get started on the building program by the opening of the spring months and aid in the securing of modern homes for those who desire to locate in the city.

This proposition is one that has been confronting a number of the towns in the eastern portion of the state and in several of them companies composed of local business men have been formed and are preparing to deal with the problem of more and better homes.

To assist the growth of a community it is necessary to provide adequate houses and especially for those who are not in a position to have their own homes erected at this time, and with the Burlington shops here as the principal industry of the city, it is impossible to provide houses for the men who move into the city to be employed in the shops.

The movement is one that should meet with the fullest co-operation from the citizens as it is for the upbuilding of the community and the men who are backing it are preparing to do their best for the betterment of the city and the securing of more families to add to the population of the city.

F. W. Young, of Union, came up last evening to spend a few hours here looking after securing some printing for his big public sale that is to be held at his farm in the coming month, prior to his removal to Colorado.

Miss Teresa Hemple was a visitor in Omaha today going to that city on the early Burlington train.



## If You Want Business Credit!

A good way to create business credit is to open a checking account at a bank of established business reputation.

A check book from the First National Bank gives you recognized business standing. Each check received by your creditors strengthens your credit with men who appreciate a sound banking connection. Moreover, acquaintanceship with our officers may be valuable in an emergency.

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