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NEED OF RE-PAIR TO THE COURT HOUSE

RAIN CAUSES LARGE SECTION OF PLASTERING TO FALL IN DISTRICT COURT ROOM.

DEMANDS IMMEDIATE ACTION

Leaking Roof Causes Plastering to Become Loosened and Does Damage to Braces and Trusses

From Thursday's Daily.
The upper floor of the Cass county court house which has been in very bad condition for the past few years and badly in need of repairs is in even worse condition today as the result of a large section of the plastering on the ceiling of the district court room falling during the night and it is now possible to glimpse the bright sunshine through the ceiling as the slate shingles which covered that portion of the building have evidently long since been broken and out of commission.

The court house is one of the handsomest of its type in the state and cost at the time of its erection \$80,000 but the same building now would cost at least \$350,000 and the manner in which it has been cared for in the years gone by is not a very good reflection of the good judgment of those who were in charge of the county building. It has been only in the past six years that any effort has been made to do anything toward keeping the building up and a number of improvements have been made in the basement and second floor of the building that have made a great change for the better but the years of neglect have caused damage that will require considerable work to replace and the outlay to the county will be much greater than if the work of repairing and keeping in shape had been carried on a little each year.

The district court room is quite large and a beautiful interior was prepared when the building was erected but through the years since 1890 the effects of time have been to wear away the roof the building and the result has been that the water seeping in has caused a great deal of damage to the trusses and also to the plastering and now a great jagged hole in the plastering points clearly to the need of immediate action. The equity court room is also in need of repair with either plastering or modern steel ceilings and walls as this plastering is about to follow that of the district court room.

The board of county commissioners are out of the city today by the matter will be brought to their attention at the meeting tomorrow and some action will probably be taken.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING NOT WELL ATTENDED

From Thursday's Daily.
The meeting of the American Legion last evening was not as well attended as had been hoped for owing to the inclement weather conditions, but a very interesting time was enjoyed. The local post endorsed the position taken by the national executive committee in urging passage of the Morgan land bill as well as added and adequate compensation for the former service men of the nation as represented by the \$50 a month compensation for each month in service of the nation.

The report of the formation of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Legion was received and as the necessary number of signers have been received for the charter, the organization of a post of the auxiliary here will be carried out as soon as the charter is received from the east and the wives, mothers, daughters and sisters of the members of the Legion, or of those men who died while in service will be eligible for membership.

FOR SALE

Some alfalfa hay, also two incubators. Call phone 480-J.

TO ATTEND SCHOOL

From Thursday's Daily.
This afternoon John Bednarik departed for Omaha, from where he will go to New Jersey where he is to enter the government auto training school. John was in the service of the United States during the war, having enlisted in Co. C, 4th Nebraska National Guard, which was afterwards made the 127th Field Artillery and with this organization served in France. On his return he made application for admission to the government school and this has received favorable consideration and he will at once enter on his new work. The course covers a period of eleven months, during which time he is to receive \$72 and all board and other expenses.

DEATH OF FORMER PLATTSMOUTH LADY

Mrs. Parmelia Newland Schooley Passes Away at Home in Co. Bluffs—Burial at Thurman

From Friday's Daily.
The death of Mrs. Parmelia Newland Schooley, who was born and reared to womanhood in this city, occurred on Monday night at the Mercy hospital in Council Bluffs, where the unfortunate lady had been for several days ill with the flu and other complications that made her recovery impossible. The body was taken back to her old home at Thurman, Iowa, for burial, the funeral services being held yesterday.

Mrs. Schooley was a sister of Mr. Will Newland of this city and also leaves to mourn her death the husband and six children, the oldest of which is fifteen years and the youngest six.

WILL BE SOME RIVER CRUISER

New Craft Constructed by Bert Coleman and Fred H. Wynn to be Niftiest Craft on River.

From Thursday's Daily.
One of the most trim and largest boats that has been prepared for service on the waters of the old Missouri is being constructed by Bert Coleman and Fred H. Wynn and will be put into commission this summer on the river. The boat is being erected at the workshop of Mr. Coleman and will be without doubt the finest piece of work that has been seen on the river for many a long day. The carpenter work has been looked after by Bert and his skill and science has made it an object of beauty as well as service.

The dimensions of the new craft are 26x6 and it is constructed of especially prepared lumber and from plans that were prepared for the use of a wealthy boating enthusiast in the east and having been secured by Messrs. Coleman and Wynn they have adapted them to the new Missouri river cruiser. The boat when completed will be very commodious and comfortable and will be a source of great pleasure to the owners in the hot summer days. It is to be equipped with an eight-cylinder, 40 horse power engine and will be able to show a clean pair of heels to any of the craft on the river. The work is progressing nicely and by the time the river is ready for navigation it is expected to have the new craft hit the water and the owners are now deliberating on the particular brand of grape juice with which to christen the beautiful craft.

VERY PLEASANT AFTERNOON

From Thursday's Daily.
The Loyal Workers of the Christian church were entertained by Mrs. L. L. Wiles and Mrs. George Goodman at the home of Mrs. Wiles yesterday afternoon.

Although the weather was very unfavorable, quite a large number of ladies were in attendance. After the business meeting Mrs. Wm. Baird and Mrs. A. J. Beeson gave some very delightful readings.

The ladies were further entertained by being served by the hostesses, with delicious refreshments prior to departing for their homes.

Read the Journal for all the news.

STATION AGENT IS ELECTROCUTED

R. E. Hickman, of Payne, Iowa, Killed by Contact with Charged Telegraph Circuit.

From Friday's Daily.
A distressing accident was that which occurred at Payne, Iowa, yesterday when R. E. Hickman, station agent at the junction town opposite Plattsmouth was electrocuted while attempting to adjust the switch block leading from his key to the telegraph lines. He was standing on the table reaching over his head to make the adjustment, which normally is not dangerous, but it is evident one of the high tension lines carrying heavy electrical voltage was either in direct contact with or so close to the telegraph lines that the current might have jumped from the one to the other in the humid atmosphere. Hickman called for aid but Roadmaster Perkins of the Iowa division of the Burlington, who was in the station at the time was unable to extricate him from the loaded wire on account of being severely shocked himself and was in the act of getting one of the wooden train hoops to again attempt it when Hickman fell backwards to the floor dead. It was found that one of his fingers had been nearly burned away and others were badly scorched.

Hickman had been agent at the Payne station for some ten years and leaves a wife and 4-year-old daughter. He was a member of the Masonic lodge at Hamburg, Iowa. Burial will take place at Plattsmouth.

STILL SHORTAGE OF HOMES

From Thursday's Daily.
There is still pronounced shortage of desirable tenant properties in Plattsmouth and were we but able to furnish more families living accommodations in our midst, we would be able to attract people in large numbers to Plattsmouth.

The housing problem is one that should be looked into and arrangements made at once to provide more adequate facilities for people desiring to locate in our fair city.

ALIENS NOT TO CAST BALLOT THIS YEAR

"First Papers" Will Not Allow the Aliens to Vote—Only Full Fledged Citizens May.

From Friday's Daily.
Although in the years past the alien voters of the state have been allowed to cast a free and untrammelled ballot, they will find a snag this year as the law has been changed so that only the simon pure "blown in the bottle" brand of citizenship can vote at the election. No matter if the voter has previously voted on his "first papers" this will not go this year in Nebraska and if the would-be voter has not completed his naturalization he will be out of luck in voting for either any candidate for public office or on public questions that may be submitted to the voters.

The law is stringent and plain. Men without final papers, no matter where they were born, cannot exercise the full rights of citizenship. Judges and clerks of election are to be warned that men who have not completed their citizenship shall not be permitted to cast a ballot.

GOLDEN RULE CLASS BANQUETS FRIENDS

Methodist Church Parlors Scene of Very Pleasant Gathering Last Evening

From Thursday's Daily.
The parlors of the Methodist church which have often witnessed many a very pleasant social gathering has been the scene of no more delightful event than that held last evening when the young ladies of the Golden Rule class entertained members of the young men's class at a most delightful banquet.

The parlors were very tastefully decorated and made a charming set-

ting for the enjoyable event, the banquet table being arranged in the shape of a large letter "U" and with its snowy linen, sparkling silver and brightened by the glow of the attractive red candles made a most bewitching scene and especially when the store of the dainties of the banquet were served by the young ladies.

Miss Mable Lee Copenhaver extended to the gentlemen the address of welcome on behalf of the ladies' class and in which the gentlemen took occasion to return their appreciation of the dainty and delectable banquet that had been prepared and served in their honor by the ladies and their teacher, Mrs. E. H. Westcott.

DEATH OF BARTON COLVIN IN COLORADO

Born in Plattsmouth in 1863 and When a Lad Was Taken to Arapahoe, Neb., With Parents.

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The death of Barton Colvin occurred at Akron, Colo., yesterday morning, a message to that effect having been received in this city last evening by relatives of the deceased. The death of Mr. Colvin came very suddenly and was quite a shock to his relatives in this city who had not been informed of his illness.

Barton Colvin was born in Plattsmouth in 1863, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George W. Colvin, and when about 10 years of age, he, with his parents, moved to Arapahoe, Neb., where he grew to manhood. At the time of his death he was engaged in the banking business in Akron, Colo., where he has been located for a number of years. The deceased was a cousin of Dr. F. L. Cummins and Miss Kittle Cummins and Mrs. Rasmus Petersen. Another aunt, Mrs. Emily Drew, resides in Omaha.

ANDREW P. MORAN WOULD BE DELEGATE

Well Known Republican Attorney of Nebraska City to File for Delegate to National Meeting

From Friday's Daily.
The friends in this city of Andrew P. Moran, the well known Nebraska City attorney, will be pleased to learn that Andy will seek to represent the republican voters of the first congressional district at the big political pow-wow at Chicago. Mr. Moran is having his petitions circulated and in the course of time they will be filed at Lincoln with the secretary of state.

The Nebraska City Press has the following statement from Mr. Moran relative to his position and which seems to be one that should be acceptable to the voters:

"In seeking to be a delegate to the republican national convention I am mindful of the fact that it carries with it the same duties and responsibilities of any other office and when one seeks to serve the public he should carry out the will of the majority, insofar as the same can be ascertained, and if I am chosen a delegate to the national convention I will vote and work for the nomination of the man who receives the endorsement of the voters of this state for presidential preference."

FILES SUIT IN PARTITION WEDNESDAY

Heirs of Late Stephen Wiles and Elizabeth C. Wiles Ask Court to Determine and Confirm Shares.

From Thursday's Daily.
An action was filed yesterday afternoon in the office of the clerk of the district court by Attorney A. G. Cole, representing Thomas Arthur Murray, et al. in which partition and determination of the amount of interest of the heirs in the estate of the late Stephen Wiles is asked.

In the petition of the plaintiff it is stated that Stephen Wiles departed this life November 29, 1895, leaving a last will and testament in which he devised to Elizabeth C. Wiles, his wife, a life interest in his real and personal property that was not otherwise disposed of in the will and that in February, 1920, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Wiles departed this life and that the life interest held by her in the real and personal property was divided among the heirs of the estate. It is asked in the petition that the court find and determine and confirm the various shares of the heirs and that if the property cannot be divided in a fair and equal manner among the various heirs that the court order the same sold and the proceeds thereof be divided among the heirs in keeping with the amount of interest held by the court to be fair and just.

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GIVES VERY INTERESTING LENTEN ADDRESS

The Rev. James A. Tancock, Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Omaha, Gives Address at St. Luke's Church.

During the forty days of observance of the Lenten season, the St. Luke's church of this city each Tuesday evening at 7:45 have in addition to their evening prayer an address by one of the clergymen of the Nebraska diocese and in keeping with this series of addresses they were given a very pleasant and forcible address on Tuesday evening by the Rev. James A. Tancock, dean of the Trinity cathedral at Omaha. The subject chosen by Dean Tancock was that of "S in" and the matter covered thoroughly by the able churchman who pointed out the aid and strength that the Christian received in his belief and which stood him in good stead in the struggle against the sins of the world.

GOES TO KEARNEY SCHOOL

From Thursday's Daily.
This morning Sheriff C. D. Quinon departed for Kearney, taking with him Con Lakota, the young lad who was sentenced to the state reformatory in that city on an indeterminate sentence for breaking into the store of H. Waintroub in this city a few weeks ago. The prisoner is very young and boyish looking and looks seven younger than the 17 years that he claims as his age. This is second visitation to the state institution for Lakota as he received a sentence there from Omaha a month before he was picked up here and was paroled to the Salvation Army but broke his parole and came down to Plattsmouth with the result that he is receiving another trip to the big school in the western portion of the state.

FUNERAL OF MRS. IVON S. WHITE

Services Held Yesterday Afternoon from the Late Home East of Murray, Well Attended

From Friday's Daily.
The funeral services of Mrs. Ivon S. White were held yesterday afternoon at the old home where for a period of over half a century she had lived and reared her family, nesting among the bluffs that crown down upon the Missouri and from this scene of peaceful home life she was taken to rest in the cemetery at Rock Bluffs beside the body of her husband who preceded her in death. Rev. A. V. Hunter, pastor of the Methodist church of this city, was in charge of the service and in a

AN ADEQUATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM IN VIEW

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OUTLINING PLAN TO GIVE BETTER RESULTS

From Friday's Daily.
One of the things that has long been lacking in Cass county and which has been badly needed has been a systematized method of handling the county highways so as to give every section of the county the best possible roads that the resources of the county would permit and to see that they are kept up in the best of shape for travel.

This matter is now being taken up by the board of county commissioners and the outlines of the system prepared. Under the plans made by the commissioners it will be possible to get over the county with ease and the intersecting roads will provide good traveling for the automobile owner or the driver of horse vehicle alike. The board has prepared the roads so that every town can be reached from any direction with ease and traveling from one portion of the county to the other will be made much more pleasant and satisfactory than heretofore.

PLANNING REPAIRS TO COURT HOUSE

County Commissioners Considering Plans to Put Building Back in Shape Again.

From Saturday's Daily.
The necessity of repairs to the county courthouse, which has been so strikingly demonstrated by the falling of the plastering in the district court room has been given consideration by the board of commissioners and it is expected that as soon as possible the work of making the necessary repairs will be commenced, as the failure to immediately repair the damage will only result in a greater cost to the taxpayers of the county.

It seems that the starting of the leakage that eventually caused the falling of the plaster occurred years ago when the copper flashing that was used on the waterways of the roof became loosened and this gradually allowed water to leak through onto the trusses and timbers and to eventually cause the ends of these to rot and the ceilings then dropped several inches with the result that the slates of the roof became loosened and the water found an easier means of entering the building and this finally led to the soaking of the plastering and its final falling.

It is thought that it will be necessary to have the old plastering replaced with a steel ceiling as this is the most practical and the cheapest in the long run for the county.

DOINGS IN COUNTY COURT

From Saturday's Daily.
Petition of determination of heirship in the estate of Anna Penterman, deceased, has been filed before Judge Beeson by E. H. Penterman as petitioner. Attorney J. A. Capwell appears for the petitioner.

The last will and testament of Elias Peck, deceased, was offered in the county court late yesterday afternoon by Attorney C. L. Graves, of Union. The petition for the appointment of administrator will be presented later.

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