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## ANOTHER ARREST IN MAIL THEFT CASE

### PHILLIPS IMPLICATES FRED E. POTTENBERGER, 19-YEAR-OLD CO. BLUFFS BOY.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Nov. 17.—Fred E. Pottenberger, aged nineteen, of this city, has been arrested in connection with the mail car robbery here Saturday night. He was taken into custody by federal peace officers and postoffice men and it is said has confessed to having taken part in the robbery. His arrest is said to have resulted from statements made by Merl Phillips.

Pottenberger was arrested late last night and is said to have been hotly questioned throughout the night by government men and today confessed to having assisted in the robbery.

In Pottenberger's confession he states, it is understood, that it was himself who cut open the one stolen mail sack which was found and which is known to have contained approximately three-quarters of a million dollars in government bonds.

Pottenberger refuses to say what became of the returns.

Omaha, Nov. 17.—According to an announcement this afternoon by postal inspectors working on the mail car robbery that occurred in Council Bluffs last Saturday night the unopened registered mail sack dropped by the bandits in their flight contained \$426,000 while the contents of the one recovered sack, which was found with the contents missing, contained \$420,000.

It was the sight of the unopened sack containing the \$426,000 lying along the right of way Saturday night that first led to the discovery of the robbery, which according to a postal inspector today, will rank as one of the greatest mail train robberies ever staged in the United States.

Following an independent investigation of the robbery of the Burlington mail car in Council Bluffs Saturday night, the Omaha World-Herald, an evening newspaper, today published an article containing a conservative estimate of the amount secured by the robbers is \$1,000,000.

"The car," says the article, "was a 'storage' car—that is one sealed in the west at the start of its journey across the continent and was carrying a big shipment of money from a California federal reserve bank to a federal reserve bank in Washington, D. C."

The article adds that it has been learned that the theft was planned in San Francisco and executed in Council Bluffs in accordance with previously arranged arrangements, but does not disclose the source of this report.

## LOUIS C. EICKHOFF DIES IN THE SOUTH

Passed Away This Morning at Home Near Enid, Oklahoma, After Illness of Some Duration.

From Thursday's Daily. This morning a message was received by Herman R. Schmidt, of Murdock, who is one of the jury panel and serving on the jury trying the Taylor-Koukal damage suit, announcing the death at Enid, Oklahoma, this morning of his father-in-law, Louis C. Eickhoff, after an illness of some duration.

Mr. Eickhoff was for many years one of the prominent residents of Louisville, where he possessed one of the finest farms in that portion of the county, and was for two terms county treasurer of Cass county, being elected on the republican ticket the first time in 1891 and re-elected in 1893.

Louis C. Eickhoff was born in Hannover, Germany, April 15, 1847, and was the youngest of the family of six children of Frederick and Mary Eickhoff. In 1855 the family came to America to make their home and spent some time in Chicago, coming to Cass county in 1859 and locating on a homestead. Louis Eickhoff was married in 1867 to Miss Sophia Brunko, who passed away some thirty years ago and is buried at the cemetery near the old home near Louisville. To this union three sons and two daughters were born, only one of whom, Mrs. H. R. Schmidt, resides in Cass county, the remainder of the family living near the father in Oklahoma.

During the years of his residence near Louisville, Mr. Eickhoff was very active in public affairs and served as supervisor and assessor for a number of terms until his nomination for the office of county treasurer. Following his retirement from public office Mr. Eickhoff decided to seek a home in the south and located in Oklahoma, first at Waukomis and later moving to Enid, where he has made his home since that time.

Following the death of his first wife he was re-married and leaves the widow and two sons of his second marriage as well as the children of his first marriage to mourn his loss.

## THE ROYAL NEIGHBORS HOLD SOCIAL

### MODERN WOODMEN HALL SCENE OF LARGE GATHERING LAST EVENING.

From Thursday's Daily. The social meeting of the Royal Neighbors of America held last evening at the Modern Woodmen hall proved one of the most delightful that the organization has held for many weeks and was one of the most largely attended of any gathering held by the order.

The ladies in charge of the social had arranged the hall in a very attractive manner for the happy event, the colors of the Royal Neighbors, purple and white, serving as the chief features of the color scheme, and these colors were festooned over the dance floor in streamers while the American flags added a patriotic touch to the occasion.

The opening portion of the evening's entertainment was occupied with a very pleasing program of music, songs and readings that were most heartily enjoyed by everyone.

Mrs. Jennie Tulene, one of the officers of Maple Leaf Camp, gave a short address of welcome to the members and the guests of the evening, which was very pleasantly received and served as a fitting opening of the happy event. Mrs. O. C. Hudson gave a very pleasing piano number and that was followed by Misses Helen, Minnie and Pearl Hill, with a piano trio that reflected the greatest of credit upon these talented young ladies. Mrs. Allen J. Beeson and Miss Esther Godwin each gave a reading that was much enjoyed and proved a pleasing addition to the well balanced program.

One of the delightful features of the entertainment was the number on the piano and drama by Helen and Edgar Westcott and which afforded the young people an opportunity of demonstrating their musical talent. Vocal numbers were given by Misses Alota Stenner and Thelma Hudson, which added to the delights of the evening.

Following the program the members of the party who desired to enjoy the dance were given the fullest opportunity as an excellent orchestra had been provided and which played until the home-going hour. For those who preferred to enjoy the evening more quietly cards served as the means of entertainment and much delight was derived at this form of amusement and a large number took the opportunity of enjoying the event.

As the evening was drawing to a close the members of the party were treated to a very dainty luncheon which the ladies had prepared, and which served to complete a very enjoyable occasion and one in which the ladies of the Royal Neighbors demonstrated their skill as hostesses.

## ORGANIZING FOR BASKET BALL

League of Several Teams Will be Formed Among Lodges and Societies of the City.

The coming basket ball season bids fair to be the best in the history of the city and with the greatest interest taken in this sport among the young people of the city. The plans are now under way for the formation of a league that will include many of the lodges and societies of the city and which should provide a series of very interesting games.

The Elks, the Eagles, Knights of Columbus and two teams from the American Legion are among the prospective material from which to form the league and in addition the young men's classes of the Sunday schools may be interested in the organizing of teams, as well as one or more business firms who have declared their willingness to outfit a team playing under their name.

A league of this kind is certain to create more interest than has ever been shown in the city before in this sport as well as provide clean, healthy exercise for the young men of the community.

The high school basket ball team will also help out the basket ball spirit as they have the same team that was so effective last season, and which played in the final class C contests at Lincoln with the Havelock team for the championship of the state.

There is nothing more stimulating than clean athletics and every possible aid should be given to the societies and lodges in getting their teams organized and in supporting the teams by patronage when they are ready to launch the playing season.

Raymond Larson of the Legion organization is one of the chief boosters of the proposition and is one of the expert players of the city as well.

You've heard so much about the famous Culberson Player piano. Why not hear one in your home? Write or phone A. Hoese Co., Omaha, for full particulars. 028 4tw.

## LIBRARIAN BACK AFTER A MONTH'S VACATION

Miss Olive Jones, the efficient librarian at the city library, is back at her desk after a vacation of some four weeks during which time she has been enjoying a visit with her brother, Dai Jones and family, of Chicago, and also at Kansas City with her niece, Mrs. Floyd Ralston and family.

The patrons of the library are pleased to have Miss Jones back at her duties as her long service has made it seem a strange place without the quiet and efficient manner of the librarian in looking after the interests of the subscribers.

## WILL PUT ON CAMPAIGN IN COUNTY

Cass County Will Unite With 20 Other Counties in Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation Campaign

During the week of December 13, the Cass County Farm Bureau and the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation will conduct a membership campaign in the county, which County Agent L. R. Snipes states will be about the biggest thing that has ever been attempted in this section of the state.

Twenty men will come to the county during "Farm Bureau Week" and will assist the local men in putting on a membership campaign, which will be managed by J. A. Crawford of Beardsley, Kansas.

The Farm Bureau Movement is sweeping the country like wildfire and Cass county is fortunate to have an opportunity to hook up with a farmer's organization like the Nebraska and American Farm Bureau Federations.

Everybody in Cass county knows what has been accomplished by the Farm Bureau Agent here, but what will the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation do for the farmers on a larger scale? This question is heard on all sides. The Nebraska Farm Bureau is organized to give them and correlate the work of the county farm bureaus; to encourage and promote cooperation of all representative agricultural organizations in every effort to improve facilities and conditions for the economic and efficient production, conservation, marketing, transportation and distribution of farm products; to further the study and enactment of constructive agricultural legislation; to advise with representatives of the public and farm bureaus in the determination of nation wide policies and to inform farm bureau members regarding all movements that effect their interests.

To judge the possibilities of the Farm Bureau, to know the value of the Cass county and the state of Nebraska should be a member for his own good and his neighbor's good. It is only necessary to study for a minute what the Farm Bureau has done and is doing. Roughly, its work may be divided into national, state, county and township affairs. Again it classifies itself as social and economic. In the national field the Farm Bureau is successfully marketing itself with co-operative marketing of grain and live stock, and plans are under way by which it is hoped to work out a system whereby the farmer will get his cost of production plus a fair profit and will be released from bondage to the big packers and the big gamblers. It is also active in meeting the car shortage problem and has succeeded in getting an equalized rate for grain by rail and water to the eastern seaboard from the Great Lakes, thus releasing to the middle western farmers thousands of cars for grain shipments. In addition it has successfully secured financial aid from the federal reserve bank to help the wool growers hold their clip until it can be marketed at a fair price.

In the same field, but in a political activity, it has succeeded in repealing the daylight saving law, and delivered a body blow to the Nolan tax bill. It advised with the platform farmers of both national parties and secured greater recognition for the farm industry in the national platforms than has ever before been given.

The Farm Bureau movement is the outgrowth of plans set in motion by the United States Department of Agriculture several years ago to stimulate organization and co-operation among farmers. It continues as a state and federal movement, receiving some aid from both the state and federal governments.

The present activities of both the state and national organizations have now entered many fields in order to provide practical service for their members.

What the Farm Bureau has done for other states it can do for the farmer in the state of Nebraska and Cass county.

Girl for general housework. No washing, good wages. Call Mrs. John W. Falter, phone 327. tfd.

Blank books! Yes you can get most any kind at Journal office.

## SECURING OF CITY DELIVERY BEING URGED

MANY RESIDENTS OF CITY AND BUSINESS MEN ARE ENTHUSIASTIC OVER PROPOSITION

The proposition that has been broached several times of free city delivery of mail in Plattsmouth has been discussed by a large number of the residents of the city and they are enthusiastically in favor of getting after the matter and having it placed before the postal authorities to see if it is not possible to place this modern method of handling the mail in the reach of the residents of this progressive little city.

The postoffice here has grown so that the receipts now reach the \$10,000 mark that is required by the postoffice department for cities having free delivery and also the extensive campaign of public improvement among the residents and home owners has resulted in many miles of new permanent walks being installed in all parts of the city that will permit a carrier getting over the city with speed and dispatch.

The advantages of the city delivery are so manifest that a discussion of them would be unnecessary and especially among those who have lived in the cities where they have enjoyed this advantage of modern handling of the mail. As it is at present it is necessary for some member of the family calling at the postoffice for mail and in many cases several members of the same family will call during the day and make a large amount of unnecessary work for the clerks as well as making it annoying for the patrons and this would all be eliminated in handling the mail by carriers as two deliveries a day over the city would give a prompt and much appreciated service to the community.

The installing of the delivery system would also give at least two additional employees at the postoffice and add materially to the progress of the city.

To secure this service there should be a concerted movement of the citizens, business men and patrons of the office to see that it is placed in the hands of the postal department for their action and there is little doubt but that there will be some favorable action taken in the matter.

Many places much smaller than Plattsmouth enjoy this feature of the mail service and have had it for a number of years and it is time that it was taken up earnestly in this city and out across.

## RED CROSS DRIVE STILL IN PROGRESS

Those Who Have Not Yet Helped Their Dollar in Cause of Helpfulness May Do So Now.

The Red Cross drive for the fourth roll call is still on and will continue until Thanksgiving day, so that those who have not opened their hearts and donated the much needed dollar in the cause of humanity may have the opportunity of so doing by calling at the Plattsmouth State bank or the Cass County Monument Works.

In the fourth roll call the work of donation has been purely voluntary and what funds have been subscribed through the sale of the 1921 memberships have come from those who have studied and realized the full scope of the work of the Red Cross in peace and in war and which shows that in the hour of disaster or suffering the Red Cross has responded nobly to the call made on them.

In this city of over 4,000 inhabitants, there has been 200 enrolled in the membership for the coming year and this does not reflect very credibly on the city as other communities have swung into line with large list of memberships.

During the fourth roll call Mrs. F. H. Dunbar, the secretary, has been unable to have active charge of the work and the greater amount of the work has devolved upon Mrs. H. W. Smith and the credit for the work of the campaign has been due to her efforts and those of the ladies assisting in the work.

Those who have failed to subscribe should get busy and be enrolled before Thanksgiving day in the army of helpfulness.

## MEETS WITH SEVERE ACCIDENT LAST WEEK

Mrs. Wesley Davis of Weeping Water last week while looking for eggs at the barn at home, slipped and fell while ascending the steps leading to the basement, falling some eight feet and bruising herself quite badly. So serious were her injuries that she could not get around for a few days, but is now able to be about although not feeling very good. It is hoped she will soon regain her former condition.

## MAY MAKE SETTLEMENT

From Friday's Daily. The case of the Bank of Union vs. Cary L. Stotler, et al, which was to have been placed on trial immediately following the completion of the Taylor vs. Koukal case, is in the process of settlement and by agreement among the parties will probably be dismissed and will at least not go on trial at this time.

Judge Beegly this morning excused all the jury panel save those who were out in the Taylor-Koukal case and they were allowed to go to their homes. The jury panel is excused until Monday, November 29th, when they will report for duty as the Webber case will be tried before them.

## THE NEW STONE QUARRY STARTED

Plant of Myers Crushed Stone Company Began Operations the First of the Week.

The hum of industry was going on here right merrily the first of the week when the Myers Crushed Stone Company's plant was started up under its newly acquired electric power. A representative of the machinery equipment company was here to test out the plant to see that everything was properly installed and found that nothing could have been more perfect.

For this winter no large amount of crushing will be done. That part of the plant which is producing the ground lime stone will be run 24 hours a day from the very start and at least enough crushed stone will be gotten out to keep it going.

The opening of this big quarry with its splendid plant is a big thing for Weeping Water and we should all hope for its success and prosperity. In equipment the plant is not surpassed by any we know of in the state. Its big crusher heads—a No. 8 and two No. 5's of the gyratory type, and a No. 4 of the jaw type; its six big electric motors of a total of some 320 horse power; its steam shovel in equipment the plant is not surpassed for efficiency and success—Weeping Water Republican.

## YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE A PLEASANT TIME

Boys Intermediate Class of Christian Church Entertains the Girls' Class Last Evening.

From Friday's Daily. Last evening the Christian church was the scene of a very pleasant social gathering when the boys intermediate class of the Sunday school acted as the hosts of the evening to the girls of the church and the pleasant evening will long be a delightful recollection to all those who were in attendance.

Throughout the evening games of all kinds were enjoyed and much merriment was derived as the young people whiled away the hours and the event was topped off with a very dainty and delicious luncheon served by the members of the party.

The pleasing event was planned largely by Cassius Carey and Miss Aleta Stenner, two of the members of the entertainment committee, and their excellent work was shown in the exceptionally delightful entertainment.

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## RHODE ISLAND REDS FOR SALE

Males for sale at \$2.00 each. White Wyandottes, Rose and Single Comb Rhode Island Reds, and Roman ducks.

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## RE-ORGANIZING THE CITY'S FIRE FORCES

DEPARTMENT WILL SOON HAVE ACTIVE ORGANIZATION TO FIGHT FLAMES

From Friday's Daily. The fire department of the city is being re-organized following the resignation of all but three of the membership and already a number have signed up and Mayor H. A. Schneider has assurances that will enable the department to enroll twenty-five in the membership, this being the number that it is thought will be sufficient to handle the work of fighting the flames.

The fire department has been in more or less of an unsettled condition since the adoption last winter of the new ordinance governing the fire department and which in a number of cases took away privileges that had heretofore been enjoyed by the members of the fire department and among these was the election of chief of the department which was made appointive under the terms of the ordinance.

With the securing of the new fire truck and chemical engine there was more feeling engendered in the securing of a driver for the truck and dissatisfied with the manner of handling the matter, all but three of the members had placed in the hands of Mayor Schneider their resignations.

It was to overcome this condition that the chief executive of the city proceeded to get busy and had plans for a rejuvenated department soon under way. The matter of enlisting the business men on Main street in the department was undertaken and with very pleasing success and almost every business house in the city will have at least one representative in the new department. This relieves what has long been a very disagreeable feature to the work of the firemen and this is the getting away of the firemen from their work in the shops.

While the firemen have responded in splendid shape when called upon, they have been compelled to make heavy personal sacrifices, as they lost the amount of their wages during the time they were absent from the shops as well as damage and injury to their clothing and as a result to belong to the department was a detriment rather than anything else while the members were employed in the shops.

In the new department Emil J. Weyrich will be placed in charge of the chemical work on the new fire truck and his experience in this line will prove very valuable to the department. All of the new members will be instructed in the use of the chemicals and placed in a position to fight a fire with the most modern methods.

Yesterday, L. J. Lanktree, representing the Nebraska Inspection bureau of Omaha was here looking over the situation as regards fire insurance risks and was much pleased over the plans for the new department and also in the fact that the city has a modern fire truck. This fire truck will probably result in the city securing a much better rate for their insurance risks as soon as the rates can be adjusted as it tends to make the loss by fires much less.

Under the supervision of the city engineer, the new fire truck will be placed in a position to fight a fire with the most modern methods.

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## THREE HUNDRED YEARS!

It was three hundred years ago that the Pilgrims landed upon the rock-bound coast of New England. This added significance will result in a notable celebration of Thanksgiving day throughout America.

As a nation and a people we may well be thankful for what three centuries have wrought and can confidently look forward to the future knowing that progress and security will be recorded so long as we maintain the principles for which our forefathers fought.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK THE BANK WHERE YOU FEEL AT HOME PLATTSMOUTH NEBRASKA