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## MODERN WOODMEN HAVE BIG INITIATION

### LARGE CLASS IS TAKEN IN BY CASS CAMP NO. 332 AT ITS MEETING LAST NIGHT

From Thursday's Daily.

Last evening Cass camp No. 332, Modern Woodmen of America, held a very largely attended and enthusiastic meeting at their lodge rooms in the M. W. A. building, and which was one of the most pleasing that has been enjoyed for a great many months.

The camp had as guests of the evening, E. E. Kester, state deputy of the order and William James, the rustling deputy, who has been one of the big factors in recruiting members for the large and progressive camp of the order in this city, and both of these gentlemen took part in the initiatory ceremonies in which the new members were received into the order last evening.

The class which was adopted was one of the largest that has been taken in for several months and many and varied were the adventures that beset the initiates as they advanced through the forest to take the full responsibility of Woodcraft and the lessons taught will be long remembered by the members.

Following the conferring of the degrees on the candidates a number of the members were heard on the good of the order and attested their faith in the organization that has proven such a tower of strength in helpfulness to its member and in protecting the widow and orphan when the "Woodman" is taken to the great beyond.

Mr. Kester gave a rousing address on the work of the Modern Woodmen and the many good features of social activities that might be secured by the members of Cass camp in the future and which would tend to bind the fraternal ties of the members and make each closer to the other in the work of the order.

J. L. Stamp, a member of the local camp, who has had experience with the usefulness of the order to its membership as is shown in the great sanitarium at Colorado Springs, spoke briefly of his experience there and what the order had done to bring him back to health and his tribute to the value of the order was one that was much appreciated by everyone of the members present.

At the close of the session the members were invited to the dining room where the committee composed of Carl Kunsmann and A. F. Braun had a fine luncheon in waiting that had been prepared by Mesdames Braun and Kunsmann and Miss Anna Haasler, and the ladies are sure receiving the heartiest of commendation for their part in helping out the hungry members of the craft by providing the dainty luncheon.

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## NAMES NEW DIRECTORS

The announcement is made by President John P. Sattler of the Chamber of Commerce of the members of the board of directors of the organization that is to strive for the building up of community spirit and the best interests of the city and its people. The list of members announced for the board is as follows: Frank M. Bester, Guy W. Morgan, Frank H. Smith, S. S. Chase, E. A. Wurl, H. F. Goos, W. A. Robertson, Dr. R. P. Westover.

## NEHAWKA HAS A REAL CAMPAIGN

### Local Offices in the Rustling Little City of Southern Cass Will Not Go Begging.

A peculiar condition is manifest in the political arena of Nehawka, where with no one considered as aspiring to holding city office, two complete tickets are in the field and a third one may be placed in nomination at any moment.

True, the town must have officers and on some of its citizens will devolve the duty as well as the honor of so serving. The clever hand of friends has thrust on tickets the names of persons who do not aspire to act in the capacity to which they have been nominated, but who cannot well refuse to stand for the position once they have been placed on the slate.

At a meeting of representative citizens of mixed political complexion, held at the Nehawka auditorium last Tuesday night there was brought into being the "Non-Partisan" ticket, headed by V. P. Sheldon for mayor or chairman of the village council, while Dr. Thomas, N. Klaurens, Frank P. Sheldon and Scott Norris are named as candidates for aldermen.

The make-up of this ticket not meeting the approval of all concerned, a second caucus was later held, the outcome of which was the placing in nomination of the "Independent" ticket, which includes candidates as follows: For mayor, F. A. Boedaker; for aldermen, J. W. Magney, J. H. Palmer, Delbert and Chalmers Switzer.

The question of pool hall or no pool hall, it is claimed is figuring in the nominations. This matter will also be submitted to the electors on the ballot, so opportunity may be had for expression of the will of the majority. There is much argument being indulged in both pro and con as to whether the pool hall is of benefit to the town or not. Some talk is also being indulged in of placing a third ticket in the field.

The town clerk in villages of this class is selected by the councilmen themselves from among their own number following the holding of the municipal election.

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## SPRING CLEAN UP SEASON IS NOW AT HAND

### RESIDENTS OF CITY GET BUSY WITH WORK OF MAKING THE DEBRIS FLY

The song birds of the springtime, whose songs are heard in the early morning hours proclaiming the fact that the dreary days of old winter are passing away, have brought with them the spirit of clean up and improvement to the residents of the community and the homes of the city are all being treated to a general cleanup these days.

During the winter months there is always a greater or less amount of debris that accumulates around the homes and business houses and that must be banished with the coming of spring. This is now being done away with by the industrious inhabitants of the city. The lawns over the various parts of town are all being cleaned up and put in first class shape for spring and the flower beds and gardens are being arranged for the offerings of the season, while every indication points to a period of rejuvenated life being at hand.

The city authorities are very anxious that all possible steps be taken to have the city cleaned up in good shape by the time warm weather arrives, and especially in the business section of the city, where there are a number of places where the debris of the winter season, including accumulations of ashes, are in need of removal before warm weather.

The chief of police has issued a request to the citizens to get busy with the spring cleanup and his request should be heeded not only to avoid trouble but to show a desire of entering into the general municipal housecleaning that is planned for the season.

The weather in the past weeks has been ideal to get things cleaned up and a large number of the residents are getting busy on their homes with new paint and improvements that will help in making the city more beautiful than ever in this glad spring time.

Three young men claiming Weeping Water as their residence are reported in the Omaha papers as having enjoyed a very exciting time in that city Tuesday when they visited the south side, long known as the green oasis in the great dry desert of Nebraska, and to which point the residents of the state not of the camel tribe, are wont to gather to indulge in the cup that cheers as well as illuminates.

The present officers of the town are V. P. Sheldon, mayor; J. H. Steffens, clerk; Dr. Thomas, R. C. Pollard and George C. Sheldon, remaining members of the board.

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## YOUNG MR. REBAL

From Friday's Daily.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rebal is one of the happiest places in the city today over a very pleasant event that occurred last evening when a fine nine pound son and heir made his appearance at their home and announced his intention of making his home with them in the future. The young Mr. Rebal and the mother are doing nicely and Frank is without doubt the proudest man in the city and with just cause, too. The many friends will join in wishing the little one many years of happiness and success in the years to come.

## EAGLES CONVENTION TO BE A BIG EVENT

### The Time is Fast Approaching When This City Will Be Host of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

The city of Plattsmouth will within the next two months have the pleasure and honor of entertaining the state convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the local aerie are making the preparations for one of the best state conventions that has ever been held in the state of Nebraska.

In their efforts the Eagles are deserving the hearty co-operation of every resident of the city to give the visitors the fullest appreciation of the city and its people. The committee in charge of the preparation are busy now on the final plans and in consultation with the state officers as to what form of entertainment would be most desirable for the gathering of the Eagles.

It is hoped to have a full delegation from each aerie over the state and special plans for entertainment will be perfected in the next few weeks that will insure the event being one of pleasure to all those who attend.

One of the suggested features of the convention is a great class initiation which will be an occasion of pleasure to every one of the Eagles who attend the state convention and special entertainments will be provided for the ladies of the visiting delegates. The local committee has urged the ladies to attend the coming state convention with their husbands and they will be royally treated by the Plattsmouth Eagles and the community in general.

From now on there will be renewed activity in the preparation for the convention and all those who can should get in touch with the committee to co-operate in putting over the state meeting in fine shape.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE IN SESSION TODAY

From Friday's Daily.

The county commissioners, C. F. Harris, of Union, F. H. Gardner, of Weeping Water and G. L. Farley of this city, held a session today to take up several matters regarding the road work of the county and particularly that of the road north of this city near the Stull farm.

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## ADDRESSES LADIES ON CITY GOVERNMENT

### MAYOR H. A. SCHNEIDER GIVES VERY CLEAR TALK ON MUNICIPAL NEEDS.

From Friday's Daily.

There were a large number of the women voters of the city present at the parlors of the Methodist church yesterday afternoon to hear the very able address given by Mayor H. A. Schneider on the form of city government and the needs of the city in the way of a good business-like administration of the affairs of the city.

Mr. Schneider gave an unusually clear and careful explanation of the form of government of the cities of the class of which Plattsmouth is a part and how the duties of the various offices are divided up in the transaction of the business affairs of the municipality that proved a revelation to the ladies who had had little experience in the conduct of city affairs. He also pointed out the importance of the various offices and particularly of the city council, which is the real governing body of the municipality and which has the expenditure of the city funds in its hands.

Each year Mr. Schneider explained, the city spends in the neighborhood of \$50,000 in the conduct of its affairs and the average citizen has given but little thought as to how or where this money is expended and the results secured.

The mayor, as one of the points of his address, discussed the bond question that has been an important matter during his administration as a large amount of the city bonds were due at the opening of the present year and it required the refunding of \$95,000.00 of the bonds which was made for one year and therefore will require refunding at the close of the present year.

In that matter the mayor pointed out the wisdom that had been shown by former Mayor Sattler ten years ago in providing a sinking fund for the city indebtedness and which had retired \$23,000 of city bonds in 1918 and made possible the easy handling of the refunding bonds of that year.

Had this policy been started many years ago to pay off the city debt, there would have been a clear slate now, but as it was the present city government had been compelled to clear up the matter to preserve the city credit at the cost of a premium to secure the sale of the refunding bonds of the issue, owing to the unstable condition of the present bond market.

These facts were given as an example of the reasons why every resident of the city should take a keener interest in city affairs and the selection of the city officials.

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## CAME TO NEBRASKA 50 YEARS AGO MARCH 8TH

On March 8th L. B. Cunningham was 65 years of age. In speaking of this Kirk said he came to Nebraska 50 years ago with his parents, coming from Ohio and landing at Nebraska City journeyed over near Weeping Water and on the way was overtaken by a severe snow storm and they had a tough time reaching their destination.

## PLATTSMOUTH GOING TO THE LEAD

### Basket Ball Team Secures Second Victory Over Genoa Indians by Score of 17 to 12.

From Friday's Daily.

The Plattsmouth basket ball team continued their march toward the class "B" championship at the state tourney this morning when they defeated the fast Genoa Indians by the score of 17 to 12 and entered in the final laps of the race for leadership in the ball tossers tournament.

While the Plattsmouth team was winning from the Indians the Benson and Central City teams were clashing with Central City leading by the score of 6 to 2 in the first half.

The Plattsmouth team will play this evening with the winner of the Benson-Central City game and will, if winners, be in a position to enter the final stages of the championship race.

The result of the game today aroused the fans of this city to the highest enthusiasm and a number are planning on driving out to Lincoln this evening to witness the game and tomorrow an unusually large crowd will be present to witness the game if the locals stick in for the final game, which now is almost certain.

## HAD ENJOYABLE TIME

From Friday's Daily.

There was a large crowd at the Elks dance last night and a fine time is reported by those present. The usual good music was provided and dancing continued until a late hour. Members of the lodge and their families have enjoyed the series of dances given for their entertainment during the past season, and it is probable a number more will be held before the coming of warm weather.

## ASKS FOR JUDGMENT

From Friday's Daily.

An action was filed in the district court yesterday entitled N. E. Carter & Son, a co-partnership, against Dietrich Koester and Lena Koester, and in which the plaintiff asks for judgment for the sum of \$1,002.72, which is claimed in the petition of the plaintiff, is due as the cost of material furnished in the construction of a residence. The plaintiff is a corporation of Omaha.

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## ADOLPH RHODE ATTEMPTS TO TAKE HIS LIFE

### SHOOTS SELF WHILE ON TRAIN EN ROUTE FROM OMAHA TO ST. JOSEPH, MO.

From Saturday's Daily.

Adolph Rhode, a former resident of this city, and who has for the past three years been employed as a linotype operator in the office of the Omaha Bee, shot himself early yesterday morning on a train en route from Omaha to St. Joseph, Missouri, with probable fatal results.

Mr. Rhode left Omaha Thursday night over the Burlington for St. Joseph, supposedly for a visit in that city with a printer friend, and while en route committed the rash act that will in all probability result in his death. The friends of Mr. Rhode had had no intimation of his intention of attempting to end his life and while he was in the compartment on the train, he drew a revolver and fired the probable fatal shot, the bullet entering the breast just below the heart and passing out through the back.

The injured man, as soon as the train reached St. Joseph, at 4:30 in the morning, was hurried to the Ensworth hospital, where he was given treatment and the surgeons in attendance gave as their opinion that his chances of recovery were very doubtful.

The unfortunate man was the youngest son of Mrs. Helen Rhode of this city and was here two weeks ago for a visit with the mother, at which time he was in the best of spirits and apparently had no thought of his self-destruction. He has in the past few years been treated quite often for mental trouble and a re-occurrence of this malady is thought to have been the cause of his rash act. Mr. Rhode was forty years of age and a man of unusual brilliancy in his line of work, being fitted with a splendid faculty in newspaper work and literature, and in his profession found a great pride and pleasure.

He was started on his newspaper career in this city at the office of the Evening News and was for some time with the Evening Journal as a linotype operator.

The many friends of the family and of the young man learn with much regret of the unfortunate affair and trust that Mr. Rhode may recover from the effects of the shooting.

A message from St. Joseph at noon today stated that Mr. Rhode had spent a reasonably quiet day, but was still in critical condition, and preferred to keep the aged mother and brother, Gotthard Rhode, of this city in touch with the condition of the unfortunate man.

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