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## 'UNITED CITIZENS' PARTY LAUNCHED AT MASS CONVENTION HELD LAST NIGHT

### NON-POLITICAL MEETING AT DISTRICT COURT ROOM LARGELY ATTENDED AND MUCH INTEREST SHOWN IN TICKET.

## G. A. JOHNSON CHOSEN CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR

### Aubrey H. Duxbury for City Clerk, C. E. Hartford for City Treasurer and Dr. C. A. Marshall and Mrs. S. S. Chase for Members Board of Education.

### From Thursday's Daily.

#### THE "UNITED CITIZENS" TICKET

- For Mayor  
□ CARL A. JOHNSON
- For City Clerk  
□ AUBREY H. DUXBURY
- For City Treasurer  
□ CHARLES E. HARTFORD
- Members School Board  
□ DR. C. A. MARSHALL  
□ MRS. S. S. CHASE
- For Councilmen  
□ R. F. PATTERSON—1st ward  
□ JAMES P. TACEK—2nd ward  
□ ROY W. KNORR—3rd ward  
□ JOHN SCHULHOF—4th ward  
□ FRANK SEBATKA—5th ward

The "United Citizens" party of Plattsmouth was launched on the political stream last evening at the mass convention held at the district court room and the new party carries with it a strong and forceful city ticket that was selected by the large and representative gathering of people of the community who were present.

Long before the time for the assembling of the convention the citizens began to gather at the scene of activities and while there was no crowd of candidates, the vast majority of the members of the convention were busy in their own minds picking out the logical man to head the ticket, as the greatest interest seemed to attach to the office of mayor.

Attorney C. A. Rawls, who had been one of the signers of the call for the convention, presided over the meeting and stated the reason for the gathering as that of a generally expressed desire for non-political action to secure the best government possible for the city. H. W. Smith was selected as the temporary secretary and the convention was fairly launched and on the way to do business. After the temporary organization was made permanent the question of what the new party was to be labeled arose and the chairman called for a name for the political infant.

Joseph H. McMaken suggested that the party be designated as the Citizens party of Plattsmouth, to which an amendment was moved by M. S. Briggs to make it the "United Citizens party of Plattsmouth" and this was carried by a unanimous vote and the new party formally placed in the running.

The discussion of the manner of picking the candidate for mayor led to the adoption of a motion to take an informal ballot for the nomination of a candidate and this led to the necessity of the chair appointing tellers to handle the vote and T. M. Patterson, Emmos Ptak, L. L. McCarthy and M. S. Briggs were designated to act in that capacity and before the nominations were made the tellers had a good working out.

The first ballot showed a large vote with Mayor Schneider receiving 63 and Mr. Rawls 49 and a large scattering vote among other of the well known men of the city. No one received a majority, a new ballot was ordered by the chairman, Mr. Rawls also stated that he would not accept the nomination and urged that the delegates cast their votes for someone else as they were wasting time in voting for him for the office. Mr. Schneider also urged his friends to omit his name from their ballots as he felt he was entitled to rest from the duties of the office which he has filled for the past three years.

The second ballot was lost as the old votes were mixed in the confusion with the new ones and it was necessary to throw away the ballot and order the tellers to take another. This third one proved true, however, as the friends of Mr. Schneider and Mr. Rawls continued to vote for them, while C. A. Johnson began to develop strength as a candidate.

The fourth ballot gave the nomination to Mr. Johnson of the fourth ward as the candidate for mayor, the final result of this ballot being Johnson, 101, Schneider, 46, Guy Morgan, 23, and a small scattering vote for different candidates.

is a lady well qualified for the office and one who will have the best interests of the public school system at heart.

In the first ward Mr. Patterson, the nominee for councilman, is one of the best qualified men for the office in the city, as he has served for eight years in the council, and was during his time of service chairman of the finance committee of the council and made a splendid record there.

Mr. James Ptacek, who is a candidate for re-election in the second ward is the present chairman of the streets, alleys and bridges committee and president of the council, and is one of the big men of the city legislative body, and his return to office will bring much pleasure to the residents of his ward.

Mr. Roy W. Knorr, the candidate in the third ward, is one of the active young business men of the city, whose nomination will bring a very efficient citizen to the city's service in the legislative body.

In the fourth ward the re-nomination of Mr. Schulhof shows good judgment on the part of the residents of that ward and if elected to the office Mr. Schulhof may be depended upon to continue giving the best possible service to the entire city.

In the fifth ward Frank Sebatka, the nominee, is one of the active young leaders of the city and is a gentleman who will do his utmost to give the people of the community the best service that lays within his power. He is in the employ of the Burlington shops and has been active in the labor circles of the city.

Taken as a whole the new party has nominated an excellent fusion ticket on which is represented all classes of citizens and which should meet with general approval of both political parties which have heretofore had tickets in the field.

The difficulty of securing a nomination through the means of an informal ballot led Chairman Rawls to suggest that the nominations be made from the floor of the convention and a formal ballot for nomination then be made and this was adopted as the best method of selecting the other candidates for positions on the ticket.

For the office of city clerk the names of Aubrey Duxbury and B. A. McElwain, the present incumbent, were presented to the meeting and the result of the ballot was the naming of Mr. Duxbury as the candidate by a vote of 120 to 40.

For the office of city treasurer, the name of Charles Hartford was presented, and were also the names of H. M. Soennichsen and H. F. Goos. The result of the ballot was that Mr. Hartford received 84 votes, Mr. Soennichsen 41 and Mr. Goos 14.

For members of the board of education three names were presented to the convention, Dr. C. A. Marshall, Mrs. S. S. Chase and Frank E. Schlatter, and the result of the ballot gave Marshall 94, Chase 75 and Schlatter 74, making the two nominees Dr. Marshall and Mrs. Chase.

The residents of the various wards of the city were divided into their ward caucuses for the purpose of selecting nominees for members of the city council and the result was that the following were named:

First ward—R. F. Patterson.  
Second ward—James Ptacek.  
Third ward—Roy W. Knorr.  
Fourth ward—John A. Schulhof.  
Fifth ward, Frank Sebatka, Jr.

In the ward caucuses there was not much contest save in the third, where Roy Knorr won over W. H. Mason, the present councilman from that ward by a majority of one. Of the candidates, Messrs. Ptacek and Schulhof are the present councilmen from their respective wards.

The ticket named is one that promises much for the cause of good government in the city in the future and the candidates are men who will make an earnest and sincere effort to serve the best interests of the people of the community without a dog in the ring and they enter their offices free of any political strings that might interfere with the full and free discharge of their duties.

Mr. C. A. Johnson, the nominee for mayor, has served the people of the city for eight years in the city council and was one of the strong men of that organization and during his term of office was vigilant in watching for the best interests of the taxpayers of the community. He has resided here for a great many years and has been in the employ of the Burlington and is held in the highest esteem by those who have had the opportunity of knowing his sturdy honesty and integrity.

For the office of city clerk the nomination has named one of the brightest and most efficient professional young men of the city in Attorney Aubrey H. Duxbury, who is exceptionally well qualified for the position and he has been named.

C. E. Hartford, the nominee for city treasurer, is one of the active business men of the community and one who will make a splendid official for the city as he has had a long experience in the lines of book work and business affairs that will make him a worthy successor of the present city treasurer, Mr. H. M. Soennichsen, who is retiring after having served some eight years in that capacity.

For the board of education there is nothing that need be said of Dr. C. A. Marshall as he has served on the board in a most efficient manner for a long period of years and is at the present time president of that body. Mrs. Chase, the new nominee,

## OLD RESIDENT OF CASS COUNTY DIES

### Jess Livingston, For Many Years a Resident of Near Louisville, Passed Away at DeWesse.

Jesse Livingston, one of the old time residents of Cass county, who has for the past ten years been making his home near DeWesse, Nebraska, passed away at his home there on Monday evening, after an illness of a short time.

Mr. Livingston came to Cass county at an early age and for a number of years before the advent of the railroads in the west was engaged in freighting across the plains to the west country and later located on a farm near Louisville, where he resided for a great many years, later moving to the vicinity of Weeping Water and near where three of his children, Cyrus and Harrison Livingston and Mrs. Clara Sacks, still reside.

Mr. Livingston was, at the time of his death, seventy-three years of age and his death is learned with great regret by the old friends in this county where he is so well known.

The body was brought to the old home at Weeping Water and the funeral will be held there Friday afternoon at 2:30 on the Christian church and the interment had at the Glendale cemetery near Louisville.

## MISS AGNES EDGERTON MARRIED SUNDAY

### Plattsmouth Young Lady is Joined in Wedlock to Mr. Lee Catherton, Prominent Young Farmer.

The news has been received in this city of the marriage on Sunday at Reliance South Dakota, of Miss Agnes Edgerton of this city and Mr. Lee Catherton, a prominent young farmer of that locality.

The ceremony occurred at the home of the bride's sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lester, a few miles west of Reliance, Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. The Rev. S. C. Cadle, pastor of the Methodist church read the marriage rites.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Edgerton of Plattsmouth and was born and reared in this city, where she received her education and graduated from the local high school and in the old home she possesses a large circle of friends who will learn with pleasure of her new happiness. Since her graduation from school Miss Edgerton has been engaged in teaching and has been employed in and near Reliance and is at present teaching at the Brule school north of Presho, S. D. The bride will finish her school work and then join her husband who is engaged in farming near the town of Presho.

The groom is a young man who has been brought up in the community in which he is now residing and is highly respected by a very large circle of friends.

## MEN PROVE TO BE ADEPT AT SERVING

### Demonstrated Skill Last Evening by Acting as Hosts to the Ladies Who Enjoyed the Feast.

From Thursday's Daily.

For the past six weeks the members of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church have been enjoying a weekly mission study class and on each Wednesday evening there has been served at the church a supper to the members present. These pleasant feasts have been prepared by the ladies of the church and have been much appreciated by the congregation.

With the approach of Easter the men of the church have been engaged in study sessions have drawn to a close and the ladies decided that it would be no more than fair that the men of the church show their metal in the way of preparing a supper and accordingly hurried a bomb, figuratively speaking into the ranks of the men a few weeks ago by announcing that on the night of Wednesday, March 23, the men would be called upon to provide the feast.

A hurried conference of the men was held and it was decided to accept the challenge and a search of the members revealed the fact that they possessed real chefs in the person of Fred Wagner, proprietor of the Hotel Wagner and he was accordingly given the main job of preparing the supper and from all reports of the gathering last evening the men more than covered themselves with glory as entertainers.

Mr. Wagner had the direct work of preparing the supper and it was "some feed" everyone concedes. As assistants to the chief chef, J. K. Pollock, C. A. Rawls, G. L. Farley and J. W. Marquette were on the job and the boys had the good things to eat on hand last evening at 6:30 for the enjoyment of the ladies as well as themselves. In the dining room, J. W. Holmes, Rev. McCluskey and J. W. Tritsch assisted, while Dr. H. C. Leopold and D. C. Morgan prepared the "Java" for the supper.

The only unfortunate feature of the affair is the fear entertained by some of the gentlemen that in revealing their skill in the culinary line and their adaptability to household work they may secure more of this pastime in the future.

## LADIES AUXILIARY MEET

From Thursday's Daily.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church, was entertained by Mesdames W. H. Mann, C. L. Cremer and H. G. McCluskey yesterday afternoon in the church parlors.

The rooms had taken on the appearance of spring, for it had been abundantly decorated in apple blossoms, pink roses and blue birds—reflecting the artistic ability of the ladies entertaining.

An unusual amount of business was transacted.

Mrs. C. E. Pratt delighted the ladies with two beautiful solos, both of which bore the sentiment of the spring time.

Catherine McCluskey played very tastefully an instrumental solo, and responded to the hearty encore.

Edith Quinton and Helen Wurl played an instrumental duet that a delight to hear.

Refreshments reflecting the Easter tide were served, yellow being the color scheme.

The ladies present felt they had spent a very pleasant afternoon.

## CHIMNEY BURNS OUT

From Thursday's Daily.

This morning the burning out of a chimney at the residence of F. H. Adams in the south part of the city near the Columbian school called the fire department to the scene of action, but their services were unnecessary as the fire soon died out and did no damage to the building. The fire department made a record breaking run to the scene of the fire as it was but a few seconds from the time alarm was sounded until the truck was under way to the scene of the fire.

## TO BATTLE MEEHAN

From Thursday's Daily.

A wire from Louisville, Neb., yesterday announced that Andy Schneider, the coming light-heavyweight champion of the world, and his bride, have just moved into their new \$10,000 bungalow. Andy, feeling extra good, will be up here next Tuesday night and show us what he can do with the Rolly Polly Willie Meehan in ten rounds.—Sandy's Dope in Omaha World-Herald.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING

### Attendance is Not Large But Number of Matters of Importance Taken Up and Discussed by Members

From Friday's Daily.

The regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held last evening at the auditorium of the public library and during the session quite a number of matters of interest to the community in general was taken up and discussed by the membership.

At the opening of the session the president, Mr. J. P. Sattler, read the resignation of Secretary Claude Smith and on motion Guy W. Morgan was elected to the office and at once commenced the discharge of the office.

President Sattler announced the names of the following committees of the chamber of commerce for the ensuing year:

Publicity—C. C. Westcott, Frank H. Smith, Dr. R. P. Westover, Rev. A. V. Hunter.

Good Roads—Frank M. Bestor, T. H. Pollock, G. L. Farley, J. H. McMaken, J. F. Wolf.

Hallways—H. A. Schneider, W. A. Robinson, S. S. Chase, J. P. Falter, E. J. Richey.

Entertainment—H. F. Goos, Guy Morgan, J. F. Wurga, E. A. Wurl, F. A. Fricke.

Mr. Sattler also stated that although the members of the committee that have been solicited for the purchase of the land belonging to Edward Fitzgerald near the Masonic Home, was not present, the committee had practically raised the full amount asked for, \$660, and that it would be ready by Friday evening to turn over to the owner of the land and the matter closed up.

Mayor H. A. Schneider explained briefly the situation there and which the Masonic Home association wishes to have improved in order to make the surroundings of the home more attractive and also the fact that the Grand Lodge of the Masons of Nebraska will be here in June and the work is desired to be completed by that time.

J. H. McMaken offered some objection to the closing of Sixteenth street for a block as proposed, but was favorable to other changes that might be necessary.

The general sentiment of the meeting seemed to be in favor of the proposition of doing all that was possible in the way of improving and Messrs. W. A. Swatek and J. V. Hatt were both of the opinion that the changing of the roadway and the widening of the present roadway between the Home and the Fitzgerald property would tend to better roads.

Mr. Reed was present at the meeting and offered the lyceum course proposition for next year, but no definite action was taken at this time to await further consultation on the matter of talent and the practicability of the securing of the needed support for the proposition.

Mayor H. A. Schneider, who has been one of the boosters for the lyceum in the past and also one of the few persons who have taken on their coat and put in some hard licks for its success in the years past, reported that the last season, while the talent had been the best ever shown here, the attendance and support had been the poorest. The lyceum this season has had a deficiency of \$150 which was necessary for the patrons of the course to make good.

There has been no question that this entertainment in the season of 1920-21 was the best in its way that has ever been shown here, but the seeming indifference of the public to the matter has not been very encouraging to the men who have labored and stood the cost of the bringing of the attractions to the city.

Mr. Schneider also told of the prospects of legislation in the way of free bride and his report was very pleasing to all of the members present.

## GIVES HOUSEWARMING

During the past summer and fall Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spangler have erected on their farm south of the city a very attractive home and this pleasant place of abode was given a fitting dedication a few evenings ago. Mr. and Mrs. Spangler had been informed that their neighbors and friends were planning the housewarming and true to their announcement the friends arrived at the home with well filled baskets of dainties and prepared for an evening of the rarest enjoyment. The time was spent in games and music and a general period of social enjoyment that lasted until a late hour, when members of the party wended their way homeward feeling that the Spangler home had been given a thorough "warming."

## DR. CALDWELL IMPROVING

Dr. A. D. Caldwell, the dentist, who was operated on Tuesday at the Nicholas Sem hospital in Omaha for appendicitis, is now reported as doing very nicely and has shown the most favorable improvement since his operation and his speedy recovery is being looked forward. That he is doing nicely will be pleasant news to his many friends in this city.

## CHINA WEDDING

### Mr. and Mrs. Peter Spangler celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary Sunday, March 29, at their country home with a fine dinner and sixty relatives and friends to assist in the occasion. Eighty-four relatives and other reasons only fifty-six relatives and friends were present, which with the family made a total of sixty-five people in the gathering who were all in a spirit for a good time, which they proceeded to carry out. Pete was a little naughty when asked to make a speech, but he finally mounted a chair and did splendidly.

Among those who were privileged to be present for the splendid good time and make the acquaintance of relatives not seen for so long were: George Stander and family, Hugh Stander and family, and Russell Stander, all of Plattsmouth; Vale Gobelman and family of Union; Henry Stander and wife, South Bend; James Stander, Peter Stander, and family, Arthur Stander and family, Mr. and Mrs. Will Cleghorn, Mrs. Bedella Stander and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Will Stander, Mr. Chester Eagan, John Spangler and family, of Louisville; Frank Spangler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gobelman, Cyrus Livingston and family, Mrs. Elizabeth Spangler and Robert Sands, of Weeping Water; J. D. and Ella Gerbeling, of Wabash.—Weeping Water Republican.

## RETURNS FROM IOWA

From Friday's Daily.

This afternoon W. S. Wetenkamp, the local representative of the Hart-Parr tractor company, returned home from a few days stay at Charles City, Iowa, and was accompanied by a number of the residents of Cass county, who have been enjoying the time in looking over the large Hart-Parr factory in the Iowa city. The members of the party journeyed to Omaha on Tuesday and were given special cars over the Illinois Central for Charles City. On their arrival at the factory the members of the party were given the opportunity of seeing the operation of the Hart-Parr plant from the time the castings are made in the foundry to prepare the metal for the tractors up to the time the completed piece of machinery is placed on the market. The boys were royally treated and given banquets and social entertainments galore until they were ready to return home. The party was composed of Jake Lohnes, Fred Beverage, Phillip Hild and Roy Howard as well as Mr. Wetenkamp, and there was nothing in the plant that they failed to enjoy.

The Hart-Parr plant covers twenty-eight acres and at present there are 1,800 men employed although in the rush seasons there are several hundred others carried on the payroll.

## SECURES MARRIAGE LICENSE

From Thursday's Daily.

This morning a marriage license was issued in the office of County Judge A. J. Beeson to Mr. John Frans of Union and Miss Lena Klaurens of Nehawka. The groom is one of the young farmers of near Union and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frans, while the bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Klaurens, two of the prominent residents of the Nehawka neighborhood.

## FOR SALE

Three or four good milk cows. Telephone 4022. C. C. BARNARD.

## A WORLD OF BOOKS FOR THE KIDDIES

And grown-ups are on sale at the Journal office.

## Blank Books at the Journal Office.

## CAMPAIGN GETTING A GOOD START NOW

### General Satisfaction of United Citizens Ticket Among Rank and File Party Conventions Tonight.

From Friday's Daily.

The general expression of the citizens in regard to the citizen's ticket placed in the field Wednesday evening is one of satisfaction and the nominees are all men in whom the people at large have the greatest of confidence that they will serve to the best of their ability the interests of the city.

The two old parties, the democratic and republicans, meet tonight at the friends of Councilman, but it is thought in view of the excellent ticket already named by the citizens and which represents both parties, that there will be no opposition to the candidates already in the field.

In the first ward the citizen's candidate, R. F. Patterson has notified Chairman Rawls that he does not care to make the race for the office of councilman and it is now up to the new city committee to fill the vacancy. For the office the name of Mayor A. Schneider is most prominently mentioned and if the present efficient executive of the city can be induced to accept the office it will be a great aid in making a splendid city council as Mr. Schneider has demonstrated that he is on the constant watch to aid the betterment of the city and its interests.

The friends of Councilman William H. Mason of the third ward are very anxious that he enter the race for council by petition and a move is on foot to have a petition filed for his candidacy. Whether or not Mr. Mason will accept the nomination if made, however, has not been made known.

Petitions are being circulated today for John Cory, who announced himself as a candidate for mayor several weeks ago. Mr. Cory has been urged by his friends to enter the race and will remain in the contest.

## LADIES AID MEETS

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon the ladies of the Methodist aid society were very pleasantly entertained at the parlors of the church by Mesdames J. V. Hatt, J. M. Lloyd and A. V. Hunter and the occasion one of more than usual pleasantness to the members of the society and their friends. After the usual routine business of the society the members were given a very interesting address by Rev. H. G. McCluskey on the life and work of Rev. Higgins, a Presbyterian missionary, who had labored in the lumber camps of Minnesota and whose work stands out as one of great achievement in the lines of christian teaching.

At a suitable hour the members of the party enjoyed dainty and delicious refreshments that were prepared by the hostesses.

## STRENGTH SERVICE

### Getting Back to Normal!

That we are rapidly getting back to normal is clearly seen in recent Federal Reserve figures.

Last October the Tenth Federal Reserve Bank at Kansas City, to accommodate its member banks, had borrowed more than \$44,000,000. By January 28 this debt had been entirely wiped out.

This is most encouraging, and thanks to the operation of the Federal Reserve System in acting as our great financial shock absorber, we shall soon be on the up grade.

**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
THE BANK WHERE YOU FEEL AT HOME  
PLATTSMOUTH NEBRASKA  
Member of Federal Reserve System