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MAKES FINE DISPOSITION OF FUNDS

TOTAL OF 1266 SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTED STATE EX-SERVICE MEN BY "Y"

The educational service work of the Y. M. C. A. in Nebraska has just closed after having granted a total of 1266 scholarships to Nebraska ex-service men in all classes of schools, colleges and universities.

In the granting of these scholarships, according to report received from Col. E. Elliott, of Omaha, state educational supervisor, $58,297.00 of the balance of the National War Work Council's funds which was apportioned back to Nebraska was used for this purpose. In addition to this amount more than $7,000.00 worth of free scholarships were given by the Omaha and Lincoln City associations, which are running night schools in connection with their local Y. M. C. A. program. This makes a total of more than $65,000.00 which has been used directly for aiding ex-service men who were not able to finance themselves in their battle to complete their education.

Outside of Lincoln and Omaha, where no night schools were available, applicants were either awarded scholarships in various colleges over the country or correspondence courses in the Y's own school.

Two hundred and one of the scholarships granted were awarded to Nebraska students who are now attending such colleges and universities as Harvard, Columbia, Northwestern, Beloit, Oberlin, University of Illinois, etc., as well as all the colleges of Nebraska. The other scholarships were granted in correspondence schools, business colleges, technical and automobile schools, as well as in the night schools of both the Omaha and Lincoln Y. M. C. A's.

Aid has been given to ex-service men from 84 of the 93 counties in Nebraska, including a number from Plattsmouth and Cass county. These scholarships ranged from $50.00 to $200.00, excepting in the Y. M. C. A. schools, where the price of courses are much cheaped to students—the average price being approximately $40.00.

This educational work was begun in November, 1919 and extended over the school years of 1920 and 1921, the last grants being made in March. However, the students may claim on these scholarships to the amount of their grant until June 30th, if their scholarships have not been entirely used by that time.

The money in these cases has been paid direct to the schools for the students' tuition, board and room, purchase of instruments, books and other incidentals pertaining directly to their educational needs according to their requirements while in school.

It has been the means of keeping boys, who otherwise would have had to withdraw, in school, and who may never have ben able to return to school, as well as helping others get started who would not have been able to study otherwise, and certainly no more satisfactory use could have been made of the unspent war funds than that chosen and carried out by the Y. M. C. A. Thousands of young men will remember with gratitude the help given them by this worthy organization in furtherance of plans for their life work.

In addition to scholarships granted, several thousand dollars have been used in Americanization work in connection with the American Legion posts and also many educational and industrial motion picture films furnished to various Legion posts throughout the state to use on their Americanization and other programs as well as the famous illustrated "Hills Better America Lectures" which have been furnished free to the posts applying.

PUTTING ON AIRS, SAYS OMAHA WORLD-HERALD

For decades the pretty little hamlet of Nehawka, down in Cass county, where big red apples are raised and sweet cider is squeezed from between compressors in a steady stream for weeks and weeks each year, has gone along and been happy without incorporation, says the Plattsmouth Journal. But now things have changed. It has been incorporated and an election held, at which three nonpartisan councilmen were elected and two independents.

There was only one issue at stake, that being a question as to whether Nehawka should have a pool hall or not. When the votes were counted and the result announced the pool halls were ready to bump into each other, for the nonpartisan members were so pledged.

Nehawka was one of the very few towns in the state that had not incorporated up to a short time ago. Former Governor George Sheldon was a Nehawka man. It is also the home of former Congressman E. M. Pollard. It is located in the midst of one of the richest farming sections of the state and has apple orchards equalled only by those of Otoe, Richardson and Nemaha counties.—World-Herald.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank those who so kindly assisted us at this time of sorrow and grief, the loss of our dear loving wife and mother, especially do we wish to thank the Eagle's, the Burlington shops, B. R. C. of A., the public schools, neighbors and friends, for the beautiful floral remembrances which spoke the deep feeling of the community, and were beautiful in extreme, we cannot fail to appreciate your friendship and kindness, and we wish to assure you your kindness will never be forgotten. Mr. Perry Koons and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hoffman, Oscar, William and Frank Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Steinhauer.

STATE OFFICIALS WELL PLEASED WITH SHOWING

The law enforcement department of the state at Lincoln has some good words for the work of the Cass county law enforcement officers, headed by County Attorney A. G. and Sheriff C. D. Quinton in their work of handling the cases of violation of the prohibition law that have come in their sphere of action.

In speaking of the work of the Cass county men, the State Journal of today has the following:

"Word has been received at the office of the state law enforcement bureau of the good work that has been done in Cass county during the last thirty days by Sheriff C. D. Quinton with the co-operation of County Attorney Cole and Federal Agent William Hanks. On one occasion they siezed an automobile with three men in it from Omaha, which contained a five-gallon keg of moonshine. County Attorney Cole confiscated the automobile and George Mansmell and one other man were fined $100 and costs each. The third man was released.

"On Monday night the sheriff and federal agents captured two stills eight miles south of Plattsmouth at Rock Bluffs on the Missouri river. Stanley Hall and John Eldrige were each fined $100 and costs. The two officers went across the Missouri river and picked up part of two stills on the Iowa side and also made a purchase of liquor while across the river. Sheriff Quinton had been informed previously that the people on the Iowa side had been supplying some for the Nebraska thirst.

"One of the peculiar things about the officers going on the Iowa side, according to the officers, is that they purchased the liquor from Mrs. James Travis, from whom Sheriff Quinton got a still last fall with 150 gallons of mash, and who is a sister of the notorious Iowa bootlegger, Harry A. Vanderpool, who has been convicted of bootlegging in Iowa, and is wanted by the federal officers.

"At Rock Bluffs over 100 gallons of mash were ready for the still, the fire was made and the whiskey had just began to pour out when the officers arrived on the scene and took possession.

"County Attorney A. G. Cole, of Plattsmouth, is the original owner of the prohibition amendment which was passed by the legislature and upheld by the supreme court, and which permitted the confiscation of automobiles regardless of any mortgage clause."

OLD RESIDENT VISITS CASS COUNTY RELATIVES

From Thursday's Daily.

Peter P. Vallery, one of the members of a pioneer family of Cass county, is here today enjoying a visit with his brother, T. W. Vallery and family of near Murray and looking over the sights in Plattsmouth, where as a boy he had lived. Mr. Vallery is now located near Belle Fourche, South Dakota, and has very extensive interests in that section of Dakota, where he has resided for the past forty-six years.

Mr. Vallery left Cass county in 1876 and has made his home in Dakota since that time and is at present engaged in stock raising as well as farming and is also one of the parties interested in the Belle Fourche irrigation project that promises to be a great boost for that part of the country. In fact, Mr. Vallery was largely instrumental in preparing the plat and papers that were sent to the interior department to open up the matter of securing irrigation.

Mr. Vallery had come to Omaha to look after securing some machinery for his artesian well drilling machinery and while looking over the stock market in that city saw Frank Vallery, of Plattsmouth, whom he recognized, but his nephew was not aware of the identity of the uncle until he was struck by the resemblance to his father, T. W. Vallery, and approaching him asked what his name was, as he was surprised at the resemblance to his father and was then informed that he was speaking to his own uncle. Mr. Vallery accompanied Frank back to this city and will enjoy a short visit here before returning home.

SEED CORN

Extra early white seed corn, with red cob, for sale. Telephone 4022.
C. C. BARNARD.

ISAAC WILES HAS PLACE IN STATE RECORD

DESIGNER OF PRESENT STATE SEAL WAS REMARKABLE FIGURE IN STATE HISTORY

House Roll No. 571, introduced by Representative George A. Williams, of Fillmore county, at the request of the Nebraska Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, provides that the governor shall appoint an unpaid commission for the purpose of procuring designs for a new state seal and for a state flag.

It is remarkable that the introduction of a bill for a new design, and the death of the man (Capt. Isaac Wiles, of Plattsmouth) who introduced the bill which created the first seal should occur at nearly the same time. It was fortunate for Nebraska history that Mr. Wiles survived in the full possession of his faculties until the present year. In a long interview last summer in the Nebraska Historical Society rooms he gave very interesting details of the creation of the first Nebraska seal.

A few of those details are here given: Mr. Wiles was strongly of the opinion that the motto "Equality Before the Law" did not refer to slavery nor to equal civil rights for white and black in this state. His impression was distinct that it originated from the early controversies over land locations in the Missouri River counties and was inspired by the frontier sentiment in favor of giving every man an equal chance to secure a home on the public domain. He may have been mistaken in this idoea, but he certainly was tenacious in holding it.

According to his recollection he conceived the idea of introducing a bill to provide a state seal unaided. As he was not a lawyer, he invited Elmer S. Dundy, afterward judge of the U. S. court for the district of Nebraska, to confer with him. The two met in Judge Dundy's room in an Omaha hotel and discussed the drafting of the bill. The main elements of the picture Mr. Wiles brought to that conference in his own mind. He wished to have the Missouri River, the mountains, growing crops on the farm, and a blacksmith to represent the mechanic arts. Judge Dundy gave, in part at least, the descriptive order to these parts of the picture was made the final draft of the bill which Mr. Wiles introduced in the legislature.

As Mr. Watkins says, it was Mr. Wiles' recollection also that he conceived the idea of the motto and proposed variant forms for it to Judge Dundy, who selected the one which has been the Nebraska state motto for the past half century.

Efforts to determine who made the design for the present seal have failed. Mr. Wiles' impression was that an Omaha jeweler, whose name he did not remember, was the designer and that the twenty-five dollars provided for payment was thereby kept in Nebraska. A thorough search of the vouchers of the early period of the auditor's office may yet disclose the designer of the present state seal.

Isaac Wiles was a truly remarkable pioneer. His mind even in his 90th year was keen and logical and his recollections full of detail and overflowing with human interest. Whatever may be done to secure a more artistic design for our state seal—and there is room to do much—it may well be doubted that a better motto for seal or flag can be devised than the one of 1867.

LATE APPLES NOT DAMAGED

Former Congressman Ernest M. Pollard, one of the largest apple producers in the state is the authority for the statement that the late apples in this portion of Nebraska have not suffeerd greatly from the two cold snaps that have visited this locality. Mr. Pollard has a very extensive orchard at Nehawka and his opportunity of observing the effects of the freeze of the last month has been such as to give him authority to speak on the subject. From the present indications Mr. Pollard believes that the apples that mature late will produce a larger crop than it did last year when it was about one-fourth normal. The Jonathan apples especially have with stood the cold weather in fine shape and have shown but little damage.

Q. Z. SOCIETY MEETS

From Thursday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon the ladies of the Q. Z. society of the Presbyterian church were very pleasantly entertained at the cozy home of Mrs. H. F. Goos, who was assisted in entertaining by Miss Clara Weyrich and the occasion proved one of more than usual pleasantness to all who were present. The afternoon was largely given over to the regular business of the society and the needlework of the ladies which served to pass the time very pleasantly. At a suitable hour dainty refreshments were served while selections from the Edison served to enliven the occasion by some very delightful musical numbers.

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DANCE IS PLEASING

From Thursday's Daily.

The dance last evening at the Knights of Columbus hall for the benefit of the Knights and their friends was very well attended considering the inclement weather and the crowd present enjoyed themselves very much. Cards served to amuse those who did not care for the dance and the Holly Syncopators served to entertain the dancers until the midnight hour with their pleasing numbers.

The K. of C. will give another of these pleasant dances on Wednesday evening, May 4th and the event is being looked forward to with much pleasure by the members and their friends.

DEATH OF ELMWOOD YOUNG MAN MONDAY

Thomas W. Burrill Died at His Home After Several Weeks of Sickness.

From Friday's Daily.

On Monday morning about four o'clock, Thomas W. Burrill died at his home south of town after an illness of a week or two with measles and pneumonia.

The community was shocked and saddened to learn of the death of Mr. Burrill. While it had been known that he had been seriously ill it was hoped that a turn in his condition for the best would be made. He was one of our best and finest young men, an industrious farmer. He had just reached the prime of life and then had to leave his wife and two little children whom he dearly loved. It is indeed sad and it will be hard for them to bear and there will be a big void in their lives that can never be filled.

Thomas W. Burrill was born in Otoe county, Nebraska, September 28, 1885, and departed this life at his home near Elmwood, April 11, 1921. He was united in marriage to Edna L. Miller, December 24, 1908.

To this union was born two children, Orlin Kenneth and Clarice Edna, who with their mother are left to mourn his death. He also leaves an aged father, one brother and three sisters: Fred Burrill of Council Bluffs, Ia.; Mrs. Fred Bunch of Unadilla; Mrs. Waite Hall, Elmwood, Neb.; Mr. Carroll, who lives with his father on the home place, with many other relatives and freinds to mourn his loss.

His mother preceded him to the great beyond just a few months ago. In early life he attended services at the United Brethern church, near his home, where he consecrated himself to God in 1911. He with his wife united with the Methodist church in Elmwood to which he has always been faithful. He was devoted to his family and spared no effort for their comfort and happiness. Not only in his home, but everywhere, he exhibited the true christian spirit. Those who know him best, love him for his patient and generous life, and his ability to see the good in those about him.

During his illness he was patient and cheerful and appreciated so much the kindness shown him. He will be greatly missed in his home and community.

The services were held from the Methodist church in Elmwood and were in charge of his pastor, and the remains were laid to rest in the Elmwood cemetery Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Those attending from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burrill of Council Bluffs, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Roy Warren of Trumbull, Neb., and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bunch of Unadilla, Neb.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

FUNERAL OF MISS MEISINGER

From Thursday's Daily.

The funeral services of Miss Sophia Meisinger was held yestreday at the Glendale church near Louisville and very largely attended by the friends of this charming young lady who had been so suddenly taken from the circle of her family and friends.

At the home a short srevice was held at 1 o'clock by Rev. H. Kottich of the St. Paul's church of this city and the funeral cortage proceeded to the Glendale church where the service was held. The church was filled with the sorrowing relatives and friends of this estimable lady and the wealth of floral remembrances spoke silently of the love that she had commanded in her lifetime in the large circle of friends.

During the service the choir from Louisville gave a number of the well known hymns which had been such favorites of the deceased during her lifetime.

SHOWING SOME IMPROVEMENT

Philip Thierolf, Jr., who was so severely injured last week by falling from a wagon near Cedar Creek, is now reported as being somewhat improved, but is still in quite serious condition. While he suffered no broken bones it seems that he has had a severe strain in the groin and near where he was wounded while in the army and it is thought that the accident in falling has aggrevated the old injury and caused to bring on renewed suffering.

Blank Books at the Journal Office.

FAMILY HEIRLOOM GOES TO LINCOLN

C. C. Despain of This City Will Present Old Money Box to State Historical Society.

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday, C. C. Despain, one of the old residents of this city, was down town with a very unique money box that has been an heirloom in his family for a long period of years and which Mr. Despain is arranging to have Hon. R. B. Windham place in the collection of the state historical society at Lincoln.

The money box is made of walnut and represents hours and days of labor to perfect as it was made in an early pioneer day in the nation and when the revolutionary war was still raging as the colonies struggled for their independence. The wood is fastened together with wooden plugs which represents hours of work and the lock is one that shows required much labor of the part of the workman constructing the box. A trip lock is arranged which is opened by a wooden key and is really a very clever arrangement and one that shows required much thought.

The money box was made by and was the property of Peter Despain, grandfather of our townsman, C. C. Despain, and dates back for more than 145 years. Peter Despain was born in Virginia in 1750 and resided there during the early childhood days and was just growing into manhood when the rumbling of the coming war of independence swept over the colonies and when the break between England and the colonies occurred he entered the revolutionary army. He served with distinction throughout the struggle and was one of the personal bodyguards of General George Washington in the dark days of the struggle and served until the final triumph of the army of the soldiers of his country. When the war was closed this soldier of the war of independence came westward to the country then known as the "dark and bloody ground" and located in the present state of Kentucky and in that portion that was afterwards known as Green county. Here on March 19, 1813, a son, William J. Despain was born, and who was the father of C. C. and Albert Despain of this city. The family was quite prominent in that portion of the country and the sturdy pioneer soldier, Peter Despain, lived amid the pleasant Kentucky scenes until he had reached the advanced age of 115 years, dying just as the civil war was closed. The son, William J. Despain, moved to Illinois in 1833 and settled in Sangamond conuty, near the city of Springfield and resided there until 1855, when he with his family removed to Iowa and in the year 1865 came to Nebraska, settling at Plattsmouth, where they made their home.

On the death of William D. Despain the money box, which had been cherished as a remembrance of the brave founder of the family, was given to the son, Albert D. Despain and kept by him until his death when it passed to the other brother, C. C. Despain, who is having it placed in the state collection of relics as a memorial to his brother.

CANDIDATE FOR POSTMISTRESS AT JACKSON, MISS.

The Cass county friends of the George Lawson Sheldon family, will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Sheldon has become an active candidate for the position of postmistress at Jackson, Mississippi, where the Sheldon family are now residing.

The fact that really able representatives in the republican party in that state are hard to find owing to the overwhelmingly heavy democratic predominance in the white population, makes it very fortunate for the people of Jackson that Mrs. Sheldon is to become a candidate and assures them of a capable and efficient person at the head of their postoffice. The president could find no one beter suited to name for the position than the gracious lady, whose ability is so well known over Cass county and the state of Nebraska.

The result of the case will be watched with interest by the many friends here and with the hope that Mrs. Sheldon is named for the position.

LADIES AID MEETS

From Friday's Daily.

The ladies aid society of the Methodist church were very pleasantly entertained yesterday afternoon at the church parlors by Mesdames William Howland, V. T. Arn and J. R. Jahrig. The time was taken up with the business matters of the organization as well as in a very delightful social hour. At an appropriate time the hostesses served very dainty refreshments which proved an added feature of pleasure to the occasion.

BRING BABE HOME.

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Max Vallery returned from Omaha bringing with them their little child who has been at the hospital in that city for treatment. The little one is still in quite serious condition.

ELECTED AS SUPERINTENDENT

The many friends in this city of W. C. Brooks, former superintendent of the city schools of this city, will be pleased to learn that Mr. Brooks has been re-elected as superintendent of the city schoools of Nebraska City by the board of education of that city. Mr. Brooks has proven one of the ablest men that has filled this position in our neighboring city and has brought to the school system there a marked ability and skill in the management of school affairs.

The Nebraska City schools are also making a departure in their school methods by the securing of a man as principal of the high school for the coming school year which is the first time in twelve years that a man has occupied this position.

FORMER LOUISVILLE MAN IS SERIOUSLY INJURED

A few weeks ago word was received here of a serious accident that befell William Wade, of Two Harbors, Minn., but formerly of this place, but no definite particulars were learned at the time. This week E. C. Twiss received a business letter from Mr. Wade in which he relates how he was injured.

He said a runaway horse overtook him on the road and knocked him out of his sled and he fell on his head, the horse running over him. He was taken to the hospital and it was found that he had concussion of the brain. This occurred on February 5, and he is just now beginning to feel that he is making good progress towards recovery. He says he feels older and slower and things look a little hazy to him even yet. His many Louisville friends will be sorry to learn of the accident, but will expect to hear soon of his complete recovery and will not think it strange that he has felt the effects of such a nerve racking experience.

Mr. Wade reports that all the Louisvillians up in that part of the country are getting along fine except Mrs. Clem Mayfield, who has been in poor health for some time. Mrs. Mayfield was formerly Miss Ida Ragoss of Louisville and her many old friends will hope to hear a more favorable report from her in the near future.—Louisville Courier.

SUIT TAKES SOME TIME

From Thursday's Daily.

This morning and the greater part of the afternoon was occupied in county court with the trial of the case of Paul H. Roberts and the Cedar Creek Lumber Company vs. J. R. C. Gregory, arising over the dispute over an account aggregating the sum of $808.85, which it is claimed is due the plaintiff company from the defendant. Mr. Roberts is represented by Attorney C. H. Taylor of Omaha, while the interests of the defendant are being looked after by A. L. Tidd and A. H. Duxbury.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to extend heartfelt thanks for the kindly acts and for the sympathy of our friends and neighbors during the late illness and at the time of the death and funeral of our beloved daughter, Sophia. Also to those who furnished flowers and music at the funeral. Geo. P. Meisinger, Jr., and family, Mrs. Jacob Meisinger, and also Uncles and Aunts.

GILLESPIE BROTHERS GET 10 YEARS

Tried in District Court of Fremont County, Iowa, for Robbery of Store at Percival.

The career of the Gillespie brothers, Felix and Virgel, in a criminal line has been checked for some time as the two men were tried this week at Sidney, Iowa, and drew a sentence of ten years in the state penitentiary. The offense for which the two men were sentenced is that of breaking into the Parkinson store at Percival, shortly before Christmas time and for which they were surrendered to the Iowa authorities by Sheriff Ed Fischer of Otoe county, Nebraska.

These two men have been very prominent in the criminal history of the last few years in Nebraska and western Iowa and their activities have brought them to the attention of the authorities of Cass and Otoe county as well as the police of Omaha. The family resided at one time near Weeping Water, but the greater part of their activities were in Nebraska City and Omaha, although they were implicated as members of an organization that had pillaged a great many small stores in Cass county in the past year. They were first arrested in Omaha and turned over to the sheriff of Otoe county for their part in the robbery of a garage at Nebraska City, but as they were wanted for a more serious offense at Percival, Ia., they were turned over to the sheriff of Fremont county. They made their escape from the jail at Sidney and were for a short time at liberty, but were later captured in Omaha by the police of that city and sent back to Iowa for trial.

The aged mother of the two men is the one pathetic figure in the story of their wrong-doing as she has been blind for a number of years and while hardened in the ways of crime the two men were always very attentive in looking after her welfare.

HAS "SOME" EGG.

From Friday's Daily.

Harry Johnson brought to the Journal office yesterday a hen egg that for size is hard to beat. The egg measures six and a quarter inches around and seven and a half inches in length and Mr. Johnson states was one of a great many similar ones that were gathered at the farm of his son-in-law, Edward Grybsky near Mynard. The eggs come from the Rhode Island chickens and are certainly real eggs, a few of which will go a long way toward making a meal.

SALE ATTRACTS ATTENTION

From Wednesday's Daily.

This morning Sheriff C. D. Quinton did the auctioneer act at the court house when he had the Ford touring car that was taken last Saturday as the property of George Mansmel of Omaha, and which was confiscated as a carrier of contraband liquor, placed on sale.

There were a large number of interested spectators at the sale and the bidding was quite spirited with many endeavoring to secure the car at a bargain price. The car was finally sold to Sebastino Patavana of Omaha, who held a mortgage on the Ford and the car was taken back to Omaha by the purchaser.

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