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## CITIZEN'S CONVENTION LAST NIGHT ENDORSES THE ADMINISTRATION

### MAYOR C. A. JOHNSON NAMED FOR RE-ELECTION BY A DECISIVE MAJORITY—CLERK AND TREASURER ARE FAVORITES.

From Thursday's Daily.

One of the largest city conventions that has ever assembled in this community was gathered at the district court room in the court house last night to place in the field the United Citizen's ticket for the various municipal offices to be voted upon at the city election, April 4th, there being three hundred and sixty-seven ballots cast on the vote for mayor, and in which almost everyone voted.

The issues were discussed and the relative merits of the candidates advanced as the men and women assembled at the convention held earlier in the evening and the evident desire of the audience was that the present administration be returned to power to complete the paving and other plans they have under way. In fact the only change made was in the fourth ward where the voters selected A. R. Johnson as councilman to succeed John C. Brittain by the vote of 34 to 23. Lindeman in the second ward and Howe in the third also had close calls, Lindeman winning by 32 to 30 over John Gorder and Howe by 34 to 31 over John Wolf.

The convention was called to order promptly at 8 o'clock by C. A. Rawls, chairman of the city committee and Elmer A. Webb acting as the secretary. Mr. Rawls expressed his gratification at the fine turnout and the evident interest taken by the public. The presiding officers were then duly made the presiding officers of the convention and the wheels that would make the next city officials were then set in motion.

James Patek moved that nominations for the various offices be made from the convention floor and hardly had the motion carried than J. Wesley Bookmeyer, the silver tongued orator of the third ward named Mayor Johnson for re-election. He was followed by Frank Shopp, who placed the name of Fred Wagner before the gathering.

The chair named as tellers to handle the ballots, L. F. Pickett, Robert Walling, Lynn Minor, C. C. Smith, C. M. Cavender and L. V. Copenhagen. The vote was taken by ballot and the final result was announced by the secretary as 273 for Johnson and 93 for Wagner, with but one scattering vote cast, which indicated everyone had concentrated on one or the two candidates.

On the nomination for city clerk, L. L. McCarthy nominated A. H. Duxbury, the present efficient clerk and with a great shout the election was made unanimous. On the call for nominations for treasurer the name of the present incumbent, C. E. Hartman, was presented by H. A. Schneider and he was likewise unanimously nominated.

The candidates as they were named were called for and responded with their appreciation of the feelings of the people of the community in giving them a return to the office.

The next proposition taken up was that of naming the two members of the board of education and a very spirited race was given by three of the candidates, who finished in close order, but Don C. York was the highest candidate of the four named. T. H. Pollock and F. E. Schiater were named, declined to run, and this

left the race between A. G. Cole, present member, A. L. Tidd, Don C. York and C. E. Whittaker. The result of the long ballot, which required considerable time to tabulate, was as follows: York, 195; Cole, 169; Tidd, 154; Whittaker, 99. This gave Messrs. Don C. York and A. G. Cole the nomination, and they in turn were called upon and responded with a few words to the electors.

Chairman Rawls then announced that the various wards of the city would caucus for the nomination of the candidates for councilmen, and for some few minutes the air was filled with the different ward gatherings to pick the men they desired to have serve them and as stated before the contests were almost all sharp and interesting.

In the first ward Councilman L. L. McCarthy was named for his second term and defeated H. A. Schneider who had been proposed by his friends, the vote being 45 to 29.

The second ward had a long and exciting contest as they had to take several ballots. On the first ballot there were three candidates, Fred Lindeman, the present incumbent, J. F. Warga and John Gorder, none of which received a majority, and on the second try Lindeman defeated Gorder by a vote of 32 to 30, Warga withdrawing from the contest.

The third ward also developed an interesting contest with Oscar Howe, the present occupant of the position of councilman, and John P. Wolf in the race, and the popularity of Howe who has made an excellent councilman, resulted in his victory by the close score of 35 to 32.

In the fourth ward the caucus decided on a new candidate by naming A. R. Johnson to succeed John C. Brittain who has occupied the position for the past two years. The vote in this ward was 34 to 23 in favor of Mr. Johnson.

The fifth ward had but eleven representatives present at the convention and in their ward caucus, the names of L. E. Vroman and John W. Mauer, the present councilman, were presented, the ballot resulting as follows: Mauer, 8; Vroman, 3. This gave Mr. Mauer the fifth ward nomination.

Ward committeemen and women were named as follows:

1st Ward—F. P. Busch, Mrs. Edna Shear.

2nd Ward—W. A. Swatek, Mrs. John Gorder.

3rd Ward—O. C. Hudson, Mrs. W. R. Holmes.

4th Ward—Elmer A. Webb, Mrs. Frank Gobelman.

5th Ward—L. E. Elliott, Mrs. Wm. Shea.

The convention showed the proper spirit in the interest of the voters, both men and women, and it is certainly gratifying that the citizens are showing such interest in municipal affairs, which usually are left to go by default.

Mr. Wagner who was defeated for the nomination for mayor, states that he is the best loser in the world and has not the slightest intention of trying to appeal from the decision of the convention and is as enthusiastic for the ticket as anyone else.

### MUCH WINTER WEATHER

Henry Zuckweiler and wife, of Miller, South Dakota, who have been spending the winter in California, are here for a few days and report that while they had a most delightful stay in the coast country they found the winter in that section the most severe that they have felt for a number of years. The older residents in California state that it is the coldest weather in the past twenty-five years and which has done a great deal of damage to the fruits of that locality. Mr. Zuckweiler reports that in the section of California where he was visiting there was ice frozen to a depth of several inches. Mr. and Mrs. Zuckweiler were at Hollywood at the home of Charles Lutz, a brother-in-law, the greater part of the time during their stay on the coast.

### NOW DOING NICELY

From Thursday's Daily.

The many friends of John Cory, proprietor of the Perkins House, will be much pleased to learn that Mr. Cory, who is at the Mayo hospital in Rochester, Minnesota, is showing much improvement and his condition is the best that could possibly be expected. It is thought that Mr. Cory will soon be able to return home, and on the highway to complete recovery. Harvey Cory, brother of John, however, is in a very critical condition at his home at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and his recovery is a matter of grave doubt and the family have been greatly worried over his condition for the past few days.

### NINE YEARS AGO TODAY

From Thursday's Daily.

Nine years ago today, March 23, 1912—Easter Sunday—there swept over Omaha the devastating cyclone that has long since become history. Rarely do we hear it mentioned any more, the indicating how quickly new events crowd the older happenings into the background. Although great destruction resulted, the metropolis was quick to regain itself and today scarcely a visible sign of the tornado is to be seen in the storm swept area extending across the city diagonally.

Incidentally the day of the cyclone was the earliest Easter we will have for something like a century to come, the usual date being from one to three weeks later.

### WIPED OUT BY FIRE

From Thursday's Daily.

Mr. C. F. Miller, representing the A. H. Arnold & Brother Creamery Machinery Mfrs., of Chicago, was in the city yesterday conferring with the L. C. Sharp Mfg. Co. regarding the manufacture of another series of hydraulic butter cutting machines. The Arnold company was among the victims of the big Chicago fire last week, being completely burned out, but are now re-established at another location. This is one of the most progressive concerns in Chicago in the creamery machine line.

Tablets, note books, pencils, etc., for the school children, may be had at the Journal office.

### RETURNS FROM FUNERAL

John C. York, who was called to Pawnee City to attend the funeral services of his sister, Mrs. Charles Glasscock, has returned home after the last rites which were held on Wednesday at Crab Orchard, Neb.

Mrs. Glasscock was the oldest sister of Mr. York and was eighty-three years and had with her husband resided in the southern part of Nebraska for a great many years, living for the greater part of the time at Crab Orchard and later moving to Pawnee City to reside with their son, Stephen, and family. The deceased lady leaves the husband and six children as well as a number of grandchildren and one great grandchild to mourn her death.

### VERY PLEASANT BIRTHDAY PARTY

#### John Meisinger of Cedar Creek is Given Surprise by His Relatives and Friends.

From Friday's Daily.

A very pleasant gathering assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Meisinger in Cedar Creek on Thursday, March 16th, to celebrate the seventy-fifth birthday anniversary of Mr. Meisinger. The party was a surprise and was planned by Mr. Meisinger's children and other relatives and friends.

Everyone brought in well filled baskets with good things to eat and the evening passed in cards and other amusement with conversation about experiences of early days mingled with the present. Mr. Meisinger received a number of gifts as a token of the esteem in which he is held by his relatives and friends. A few weeks ago his wife was bereaved in the same way, the party being given at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Gauer and it was deemed proper to honor the father when his birthday came.

Mr. Meisinger was born in Germany but has lived in Nebraska since 1859 and has been in the case country long enough to be counted among our pioneer families and he is highly respected by all.

Those present to wish the guest of honor many more years of health and prosperity were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jardine, Mr. and Mrs. John Gauer, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Meisinger, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Salsberg, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meisinger, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hill, Mr. and Mrs. George Meyer and Mr. and Mrs. John Busche, while the younger folks who helped to enliven the occasion were Messrs. Myrtle and Lena Jarman, Helen Meisinger, Frances, Fred, Mildred and Joyce Gauer, Messrs. Earl and Leroy Meisinger, Elmer Salsberg, Willie and Raymond Jardine, Floyd Gauer and Donald Meyer.—Louisville Courier.

### HOLD FINE MEETING

From Friday's Daily.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church were entertained most delightfully yesterday afternoon at the church parlors at one of the largest meetings of the season and which was much enjoyed. The hostesses, Mesdames C. R. Frans, Roy Cole, C. P. Crum, A. Christ and John T. Lyon, had arranged a fine program for the occasion which consisted of a very delightful piano duet by Mrs. Charles C. Barnard and Miss DeEllie Verner as well as a reading by Miss Bernese Newell, given in her accustomed pleasing manner. The ladies have decided to purchase two Brussels rugs that will be added to the furnishings of the church parlors and as well arranged for a Reilec day on Thursday, afternoon and evening, April 6th. Anyone who has articles of age or historical interest and would like to allow the use of them for this occasion and a number of family heirlooms will probably be placed on exhibition that will offer an interesting and unique showing.

The hostesses at an appropriate time served a very dainty and delicious luncheon that was much enjoyed.

### WILL LOCATE HERE

The Louisville Courier is the authority for the announcement of the fact that William Stohman, Jr., one of the most popular and well known young men of that city, was to come to Plattsmouth to make his home and to enter the fine and up-to-date hardware store of Bestor & Swatek as salesman. Mr. Stohman has been interested in the hardware business at Louisville with his father, William Stohman, until recently and should prove a valuable addition to the Plattsmouth firm.

### NEW BARBER IN TOWN

From Friday's Daily.

This young man, however, has not reached the stage where he can cut the elusive whiskers and clip hair, but is a fine, bouncing young American boy that arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fullerton at an early hour this morning. The young man is doing nicely as is the mother and it is thought that the proud father will be able to be back at work in a few days, although he is very much up in the air today.

Blank Books at the Journal Office.

## CITY ASSERTS TITLE TO LAND ALONG RIVER

### ACTION FILED IN THE DISTRICT COURT BY CITY REOPENS CASE ON RIVER LAND.

From Friday's Daily.

The controversy extending back over a period of several years and covering the right and title to the lands formed by the accretion of the Missouri river for the past thirty years was re-opened yesterday when the City of Plattsmouth filed an action in the district court asking that the title of the city be quieted and that the court hold the right to ownership of the land to be in the aforesaid city.

The title of the case is that the City of Plattsmouth vs. the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, and others and included in the defendants are August Bach, Jr., John Cory, Frank H. Johnson, Eli Manspeaker, Adolph Geise, Grover Elledge, and a number of others, who were in the last few years platted on the land on the river bottom and engaged in the cultivation of the land.

In the petition of the plaintiff it is asserted that the town site was platted in 1858 and in April, 1859, was by patent of the United States conveyed to the City of Plattsmouth by the Wheatley Micklewait, its mayor, being in extent some 200 acres.

In February, 1866, it is asserted by the plaintiff the charter of the City of Plattsmouth was amended so as to set the city limits at the center of the Missouri river and in 1887 this was so declared by an ordinance passed and approved by the city council. In the year 1889 the Missouri river began to shift its channel and moved eastward toward the Iowa side and as the result there was an extensive tract of land formed by the accretion of the river on the west bank of the stream and joining the land named in the town site of the aforesaid city.

The plaintiff also alleges that by reason of part of the defendants settling or having the land platted that title was lost to the city and that the title of the city to the land and this the plaintiff desires to have removed.

### SEEK FOR SHELTER

The night police force have served as the guardians of a large number of travelers in the last few nights at the city jail where the sleeping accommodations of the classic city building have been greatly in demand. The number of those who are traveling via the side door Pullman in these Harding times, seems to be increasing as far as observation goes and to these unfortunate the city bastille has afforded a much appreciated flop from the chill of the early spring nights. Officers Chandler and Elliott take in their guests and allow them to rest until morning when they go on their way feeling much better. This is not only an accommodation to them but also to the public as sometimes there are not very desirable characters prowling over the city and this method keeps them under observation for the night.

## 'PLAY BALL' IS SOON TO BE HEARD IN PLATTSMOUTH

### Meeting Last Night Elects John F. Wolf as Manager and Lays Plans For Season.

From Thursday's Daily.

Despite the great gathering at the city convention of the United Citizens' party last night, a number of the baseball fans who preferred the sweet sound of the bat of the ball rather than the political medicine mixing, gathered at the Eagle hall. The meeting was in the nature of a preliminary organization of the fans for the coming season to boost the baseball team. John F. Wolf was named as manager of the team for 1922 and a committee appointed to interview the merchants relative to having signs placed on the uniforms and each business house assisting in the securing of the suits for the team this year.

Another meeting will be held on Friday evening at which time more definite plans will be made.

### TAKEN TO OMAHA FOR A THIRD OPERATION

Henry Gaebel took his little daughter Lenora to a specialist in Omaha last Monday for a swelling on her jaw about the size of a hazelnut and the physician advised an immediate operation. Mr. Gaebel would have liked to have his wife present, but the doctor advised prompt attention, which has been in her system since her last operation.

After the operation, she was taken to the home of her mother's grandfather, August Thimgan and will come home the latter part of the week with her mother who went on Monday and remained with her, leaving her little son with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Stohman.—Louisville Courier.

### INFANT DAUGHTER DIES

At a late hour Sunday night death claimed little Helen, the eleven-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Countryman of North Spruce street. The little one had always been a very hearty child, but contracted a cold a couple of weeks ago, which gradually developed into pneumonia.

At that loving care and trained assistance could render was given, but to no avail. Had she lived till the next day she would have been just eleven months old.

Services were held from the home on Monday afternoon at 3 p. m., Rev. Scott pronouncing words of cheer and comfort to the distressed parents and brothers.

A selected choir of the Methodist church sang "Face to Face" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere."

Interment was made in the Ogallala cemetery. Mr. Countryman's brother from Lewellen was present.—Keith County News.

### MRS. MARY COONEY DEAD

Mrs. Mary Cooney died last night at 8:30 o'clock at the family home, 250 Fifth street, of an illness of one week's duration. Death was due to influenza. Her condition was very critical yesterday afternoon and fear was entertained for her recovery.

She was born in Iowa, November 25, 1871, where she grew to young womanhood. She was married to Henry Cooney and the following year the family came to Nebraska City where they have since made their home. She was a kind and loving wife and mother, and devoted to her family. She was a good neighbor and a friend to all. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church of this city as well as the Royal Highlanders. She was held in high esteem by all and her death will be sad news to her hundreds of friends.

She is survived by the husband and four children, Mrs. Mark Burton, Nehawka; Misses Georgine and Catherine Cooney and George Cooney at home. Three sisters and three brothers also survive.—Nebraska City Press.

### RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

From Thursday's Daily.

Last evening Mrs. Roy James, who has been at the hospital in Omaha for the past four weeks recovering from an operation, returned to her home in this city, being accompanied home by Mr. James. She is feeling much improved since the operation and it is thought will derive permanent relief from the treatment and operation.

### FOR COUNTY TREASURER

A number of J. M. Teegarden's friends circulated a petition this week urging him to become a candidate for county treasurer. A goodly number from over the county placed their names on this petition in the hope that he would see fit to accept the nomination. If he will accept, it is claimed he will be elected by his booster friends.—Weeping Water Republican.

### DINING CAR PRICES REDUCED

Chicago, March 27.—A reduction of 25 per cent in dining car prices was announced today by Burlington railroad officials who also stated that table d'hote service will be introduced in the dining cars. The table d'hote service will include six club breakfasts ranging in price from 40 cents to \$1 a luncheon and a \$1.25 dinner. A la carte service will be continued.

Decrease in the price of food is responsible for the lower prices, the management said.

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### FUNERAL OF DR. JOHN B. DUFF OF CEDAR CREEK

#### Held Yesterday Afternoon From the Church at Cedar Creek Where Mr. Duff Made His Home.

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon at the Cedar Creek church was held the funeral services of Dr. John B. Duff, pioneer physician of Cass county and who has for the past forty years been one of the well known figures of that section of the county. Rev. H. G. McClusky of the Presbyterian church of this city gave the sermon, paying a tribute to the life of the deceased physician and of his work in the community. During the services a number of the old and well loved hymns were given by the quartet consisting of G. L. Parley, Miss Baird, Miss Fae Chase and Rev. McClusky. At the conclusion of the services the body was laid to rest in the Glendale cemetery near Cedar Creek. The service was attended by a very large number of the old friends, neighbors and associates who in the years past had known the deceased so well and held him in such deep respect and affection.

### BUSINESS IS BETTER, SAYS FEDERAL REPORT

#### Commerce Department Sees "Marked Improvement in Backbone of Industry" Today.

Washington, March 22.—Business is gradually approaching normal, according to figures compiled by the department of commerce up to last Monday, and while the favorable movement has not been evenly distributed among the different industries, the improvement in those industries which "constitute the backbone of American business," has been "very marked" over conditions of a few months ago.

The outstanding change in conditions during recent weeks, the department's report said, has been the "substantial increase" in prices of agricultural products. Compared with December, last, the improvement has been still more marked.

In the principal food commodities the following notable increases have occurred:

Hogs, 45 per cent in two months; sheep and lambs, from 40 to 70 per cent, and wheat and corn, 20 per cent, while cattle and minor cereals showed substantial gains. Cotton, while slightly higher than in January, was still below the price prevailing in the last quarter of 1921.

Production of pig iron in February amounted to 1,630,000 tons compared with 1,639,000 tons the previous month and 1,377,000 in February, a year ago. Steel ingot production during February exceeded 2,000,000 tons for the first time in twelve months, but prices of iron steel, in common with all metals, declined last month, and many metals are now below the pre-war level.

Coal and gasoline production increased during the month, and there was an increase in building operations throughout the country of \$11,000,000 despite the shorter month.

### OPERATED ON AT OMAHA

From Thursday's Daily.

Robert Rebal, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Rebal, of this city, and who is the prescription clerk at the Brown Park pharmacy in Omaha, was operated on Tuesday afternoon at the St. Joseph hospital in that city for a case of chronic appendicitis. The condition of Mr. Rebal is reported as very satisfactory and his early recovery is looked for by the attending physicians.

### AMERICAN RAILROADS KILL 5,587 PERSONS IN YEAR

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### LOSE ANYTHING? FIND ANYTHING? TRY A JOURNAL WANT-AD.

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From Friday's Daily.

This afternoon M. R. Beaver, representing a dictagraph company, and enroute from Omaha to Nehawka, suffered the loss of his large chummy roadster Oldsmobile by fire while on the highway south of this city. Mr. Beaver was driving along when near the Alvin Ramge farm discovered the fact that his car was ablaze and despite all his efforts as well as those of the passersby the car was destroyed and is now a complete wreck.

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