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### KNIGHTS TEMP-LAR TO AID IN NEW INFIRMARY HERE

Nebraska Grand Commandry Elects New Officers—J. M. Robertson Grand Senior Warden.

The fiftieth annual meeting of the grand commandry of the Knights Templar of Nebraska, closed at Omaha yesterday with the election of the new officers for the year and among whom is James M. Robertson of this city, who was made grand senior warden of the commandry for the ensuing year. About 150 members of the order were in attendance at the meeting, which was held at the Masonic temple. Arthur C. Stem of Chadron, was named as grand commander and Hon. Francis White re-elected as grand recorder. The grand commandry also voted the sum of \$5,000 to be used in the aid of the erection of an infirmary at the Nebraska Masonic Home in this city and which is projected for the near future.

The action of the Knights Templar will be very pleasing to the Plattsmouth people in the fact that this great branch of the Masonic fraternity is to aid so materially in the improvement of the Masonic Home here as well as in the honor paid to Mr. Robertson, one of the leading Masons in this portion of the state and who is held in the highest esteem by every man, woman and child in Cass county.

### Pasture for Rent!

I have good pasture with running water for a few head of cattle on my my farm, two miles east of Murray.

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No matter what shade, shape or pattern of a tweed cap you may want for Spring, we believe we have it for you.



## WILL DRAFT MR. NORTON TO RUN FOR GOVERNOR

Petition Filed Reinstating Him in Race and Assurance Given He Will Make the Race.

The democratic gubernatorial draft struck J. N. Norton, president of the Nebraska farm bureau, Friday noon. At that hour a petition was filed with the secretary of state naming him for that position. R. C. Roper, who wrote a letter Thursday to C. W. Bryan asking him for his aid in getting the way cleared for Norton, did not wait for an answer. He made the filing in person. The petition contains the names of a number of Lincoln democrats, a number identified in the past with the Bryans. Among them were C. W. Pool, W. H. Smith, T. S. Allen, C. J. Campbell and E. S. Snavely. Mr. Allen is a brother-in-law of C. W. Bryan.

At the same time the necessary filing fee was paid at Osceola, Polk county, wherein Mr. Norton resides, and the way is thus cleared for his acceptance. Mr. Roper said Friday that he had assurances that Mr. Norton would accept. Some weeks ago he declined to enter the race, when urged to do so as a progressive. He paid no attention to the petition filed for him as a democrat, and these expired by limitation on Mar. 25. Mr. Norton will make a statement on Monday or Tuesday next. Mr. Roper says that this will solve the question of how to prevent the republicans from occupying the state house for the next two years, because it will mean the withdrawal of Wray as a progressive candidate for governor. He said repeatedly in the past that he would do so. It is supposed that Norton will be entered as a progressive candidate for governor.

The Skiles candidacy, sprung a week or so ago, seems to have progressed no farther. At the time the political wise men guessed that it was an effort to smoke out somebody presumably C. W. Bryan, and this latest move in the Norton interest, coupled with the Roper letter to Bryan, is suspected of being another of the same kind.

It is regarded as probable that this may be followed by another swift turn of the political kaleidoscope. At any rate this is what has been talked about: Switch Wray to the progressive list as a candidate for senator, and then if Howell loses out in the republican primary there will be a candidate behind whom the progressives of all parties may be massed leaving Jeffers to divide the conservative vote with Hitchcock. This is impossible with Bigelow as the progressive candidate for senator. If Howell is elected as senator, Mr. Portelido of a party that is expected to poll a small primary vote, could gracefully drop out.

The one thing that it is pointed out may deter this from being attempted is that it would place Norton in an embarrassing situation towards the candidacy of Hitchcock for senator and possibly of other democratic state candidates. One reason why no democrat has been brot out against Hitchcock is that the candidates for other offices want him because he has the money to make a most aggressive campaign for the whole ticket.

### STORE IS NOW AN OBJECT OF BEAUTY

Newly Redecorated Interior of Weyrich & Hadraba Store Adds Much Attractiveness.

One of the firms of the city that is a firm believer in the clean up and dress up for spring idea is that of Weyrich & Hadraba, the druggists and also the Edison agency for this part of Cass county, and these gentlemen have just had their store redecorated in a manner that makes it more than usually attractive to the eye.

The steel ceiling has been painted in a soft tint of old ivory that is most effective and the walls papered in a darker shade of the gray that softens the light and makes the store much lighter and pleasing. To add to the new decorative features, new lighting fixtures of the latest type have been installed, the lamps being the large 200-watt lamps with the bowls that reflect the light onto the ceiling and thence the illumination is spread over the store uniformly and makes it not only lighter but far more convenient and pleasant for the sales force employed in the store. The improvement is one that certainly adds much to the appearance of the interior of the store and makes it one of the nicest in the business section of the city.

#### FOR SALE

8-room modern house except heat, 2 lots, cherry, pear and apple trees. 1/2 block west of high school grounds. Priced to sell.—L. F. Pickett, phone 601-J a10-2aw

#### FOR SALE

Poland China boars, September farrow, weight, 250 pounds. R. W. PORTER, a10-4fw Weeping Water, Neb.

How a Rat Nearly Destroyed Mrs. L. Bowen's (R. L.) House

For months we wouldn't go into the cellar, fearing a big rat. One night it set our whole kitchen on fire by chewing matches. The next day, we got the ugly thing with Rat-Snap—just one cake. Rats dry up and leave no smell. Three cakes, 65c. \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by Bestor & Swatek Weyrich & Hadraba F. G. Fricke & Co.

### BIG STOCK SALE

This morning L. J. Hall departed for Omaha where he will look after some matters connected with the dispersion sale of the fine Holstein herd of Sophus Nebel, of that city, and which embraces some of the finest strains of Holstein stock in this part of the country. Mr. Hall states. The sale will be held at the South Omaha pavillion on Tuesday, April 11th and will be one of the biggest events of its kind in the state.

### WITTSTRUCK MADE GOOD IN MINNESOTA

Warden Fenton Has Good Word for Young Man Returned to the Nebraska Penitentiary.

Warden W. T. Fenton of the Nebraska state penitentiary returned to Lincoln Thursday night, bringing with him Edward Wittstruck, who has been a respected citizen of Walker, Minnesota, for five years past and who is now married and established in a home in that place, from which he was taken to satisfy the demand of the law in Nebraska for his escape from the state prison in 1917. The warden, who is a prince among men, feels little satisfaction in the return of the prisoner and there was no smile on his face as he returned with the young man.

"You know I wish I hadn't known where he was," said the warden, "for he certainly had made good."

Wittstruck, after his escape, fled to the lumber camps. There he found work and worked continually for five years for one man. A year ago he fell in love with a girl. He told her of his past and her love was strong enough to forgive, if neither of them could forget, the haunting thought of officers seeking him.

When Wittstruck learned of approaching fatherhood, he couldn't suppress the temptation to write to his parents here, to tell them of his happy life, bright future and inform them he had made good. For five years officers had watched for just such a letter. It was his undoing.

"When I arrived he had bade farewell to his wife," the warden said, "and urged me to hurry back with him, so he could get out in as short time as possible to return to his home, his wife and the baby, which will be born in a few weeks."

Wittstruck had served only six weeks of a one to 10-year sentence for burglary committed here in 1917 when he escaped. Warden Fenton declared last night he would ask the board of pardons and paroles to parole Wittstruck when he had served his minimum.

"Everyone up there had a good word for him," the warden said.

### NEW POINT RAISED BY CRAWFORD MAN

Attorney J. E. Porter Says Commission Can Control All Utilities—Commission Not Sure.

Attorney J. E. Porter of Crawford insists, in a letter to the state railway commission, that all that body need do to acquire full and complete jurisdiction over all public utilities in the state, gas, electric light and power, is to just take them over. The commission is reluctant to concede that it possesses this power. In a letter to Mr. Porter, who raised the question some time ago, he was told that the part of the new constitution that is cited was not self-acting and that until the legislature acts it can do nothing. It also took the position that under the constitution no power existed in the commission to make rates and service.

But Mr. Porter is not convinced. He cites the new constitution which says: "Every public utility or common carrier organized or doing business in the state shall, under oath, to the state railway commission, when required by law or the order of said commission." He says this is plain. The commission need not wait for the legislature; all it need do is to act on its own motion.

Mr. Porter's interest is not casual. He is attorney for a number of electric light companies operating in the cities of the second class. The town councils have refused to give them increased rates, and they have taken the matter into court. Mr. Porter wants to be sure of his ground. He is fearful that the jurisdiction of the court is merely secondary, and says that this does follow from the fact that the constitution says the commission may assume jurisdiction at any time.

As pending litigation is affected, he is anxious to have something done about it. He thinks that the one power carries with it the power to fix rates and regulate service. The commissioners show no disposition, however, to reach out with clammy hands for more power.

### Used Fords!

I have a few good used Ford Touring Cars and Roadsters. Also two Ford Trucks. See me for some good bargains. ELBERT QUEEN or T. H. POLLOCK, Phone No. 1 Plattsmouth, Neb

### AN OLD TIME STATE PAPER OF THE CITY

Message of Mayor of City in 1860, When City Was 3 Years Old, Sounds Interesting.

The village of Plattsmouth was brought into existence in 1857, yet the permanent form of government was not established until 1858 and Wheatley Micklewaite was the first chief executive of the city and was followed in office by Mayor W. B. Warbritton. The following proclamation of Mayor Warbritton is reprinted from a copy of the Platte Valley Democrat, the only paper in the city at that time:

"Gentlemen of the Council: It has not been a custom for the mayor, on assuming his official duties, to deliver a message, however, the present incumbent of that office, with a due sense of his experience, asks your indulgence on this communication, believing as we do, that there are some things not inappropriate to the interests of the citizens of the city of Plattsmouth.

"We would call your attention to a certain donation heretofore made of land of this city, in trust for the B. & M. R. R. Company about which there is a dissatisfaction on the part of the residents of this city on account of a disposition partially made of that grant. We are not familiar with the question, but would wish it to be disposed of with harmony to all possible and an recommendation to your consideration, and that a thorough investigation be had of it as early a day as practicable. Further, it appears that the liabilities of the city after the taxes for 1859 is paid will be \$1,500 or \$1,800, and this amount of indebtedness is drawing from 10 to 15 per cent per annum.

"It is not wise to be under a cloud of this character, and I therefore recommend that this matter merits your careful consideration. It will be difficult to emulate the previous councils in granting licenses for the sale of malt, spirituous and vinous liquors to charge only \$25, which sum by provisions of the statute is paid into the hands of the city treasurer for school purposes, and we would recommend that an additional to the aforesaid be laid of \$75 in city scrip on said licenses for the purpose of defraying city expenses.

"We recommend a billiard table kept for gain, to merit your consideration that it be found for or against it whether it comes under the requirements of the license law.

"If we expect ever to rid ourselves of this debt which hangs over us, we must keep up the corners. "Out of a sense of our duty and with respect towards all men, we deem it fit to go into the harvest and as city fathers we are called upon by our constituents to look well to the interests of the city.

"There was an ordinance passed in regard to shooting with deadly weapons within the corporation which has never been put into force, and it would be under the provisions to remain a dead letter, be repealed.

"Lastly, to secure the respect for ourselves during the sittings of this honorable body and to merit it by semblance to the attracted method of doing work by congress at Washington City and the legislature at Omaha, we recommend for their consideration that the regular form of legislation be adopted.

"Leaving the above facts to your consideration, I remain, etc., H. W. ABBOTT, Plattsmouth, N. T., Jan. 5, 1860."

### DECLAMATORY CONTEST DRAWS A LARGE CROWD

Gold Medal Won by Hazel Clugey and Silver Medal by Gladys Elliott in Contest.

The auditorium of the high school was well filled last evening by the pupils of the school and the friends of the young contestants to enjoy the program prepared for the declamatory contest.

In addition to the numbers in the contest a musical program was given by the pupils of the school consisting of a very charming piano duet by Misses Marguerite Wiles and Marvel Whittaker, one of the pleasing whistling numbers by Miss Alice Louise Wescott, a flute solo by DeLaugh Uiter and a vocal number by Misses Harriett Peacock and Helen Farley that added much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

The declamatory contest was judged by Miss Josephine Earl of the department of expression of the Nebraska Wesleyan University, and with the nine excellent numbers given the judge found a great abundance of very clever rendition and dramatic art from which to make her selection for the medal winners. The first prize, a gold medal, was awarded to Hazel Clugey, whose subject was "Camera Clicks" and the second prize, a silver medal, was awarded to Miss Gladys Elliott, who spoke on "Pro Patria."

The winner of the gold medal, Miss Clugey, will represent the Plattsmouth schools in the declamatory contest to be held in Omaha on next Friday and in which the schools of this district will participate.

### NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING

The citizens of Elmwood are soon to realize one of their fond desires of the past few years in having an appropriate community building that will be a credit to that progressive little city. The building was projected through the activities of the American Legion post of that city and the residents of Elmwood soon took hold of the old tow line and pulled it across in splendid shape with the donations for the purchase of stock and which is now sufficient to warrant the commencement of the work. The structure is to be one that will amply accommodate the legion post and its activities and will also be in readiness at any time for the public gatherings of the community and it is to the progressive people of Elmwood that the building is to be dedicated.

### NEW POSTMASTER AT LOUISVILLE

Ex-Postmaster Ossenkop and Wife to Take Several Months' Needed Rest This Summer.

The Louisville postoffice changed hands April 1st, Fred H. Ossenkop retiring and A. A. Jackman taking charge. Mr. Jackman has served as rural mail carrier for a number of years and now has been called up higher. The Courier trusts that his administration as postmaster will be satisfactory to the patrons of the office and while it will require some time for him to familiarize himself with the duties of the office, we believe he will exert every effort in an endeavor to become proficient in as short a time as possible. He has appointed as his assistant, Mrs. Axel Johnson, a most capable and trustworthy lady, who no doubt will prove a valuable and competent assistant.

Mr. Ossenkop, whose term has expired, has set an example of competency and alertness in the interest of the patrons of the office that will be difficult to emulate. His previous experience in the railway mail service and his pleasant and agreeable disposition made him almost an ideal postmaster and but for the change in the administration of the government he would have retained the position indefinitely. He was most ably assisted by Mrs. Ossenkop, deputy and together they kept the affairs of the office in excellent condition. Mr. and Mrs. Ossenkop have made no definite plans for the future other than that they expect to rest and take life easy for a time. Eight years in almost solitary confinement in the service of Uncle Sam has surely earned for them the privilege of a vacation which their many friends trust they will enjoy to the fullest extent.—Louisville Courier.

### MRS. JOHN BINGHAM IS CALLED TO REST THIS MORNING

After Long Period of Suffering Mrs. Bingham Called to Her Final Reward This Morning.

From Saturday's Daily. This morning after a long period of suffering, Mrs. John Bingham passed away at her home in the north portion of the city, the death messenger coming to bring her relief at 9:30.

The sickness of Mrs. Bingham covers a period of fifteen years, although it was not until the last year that her condition has grown serious and for the past few months she has steadily grown more feeble. For some time she was taking treatment with specialists in Missouri but returned home three weeks ago with little hopes of her recovery and has since been gradually sinking until her death.

Eliza Bingham was born November 28, 1859, in Carroll county, Illinois, and has made her home in this state for the greater part of her life. At an early age she united with the Methodist church and until her death remained firm in this faith, and in her days of trial bore with Christian fortitude the burdens of the flesh and with the firm conviction of the glories of the life everlasting entered on her journey into the portals of death. She was married in her native state to Mr. John Bingham, who with one daughter, Mrs. Fred P. Busch, remains to mourn the passing of this good woman. Eight years ago the family came to Plattsmouth and have made their home here since that time, and the deceased lady has made a number of close friends who most sincerely will mourn her death. Two children, dying in infancy, have preceded the mother to the better land.

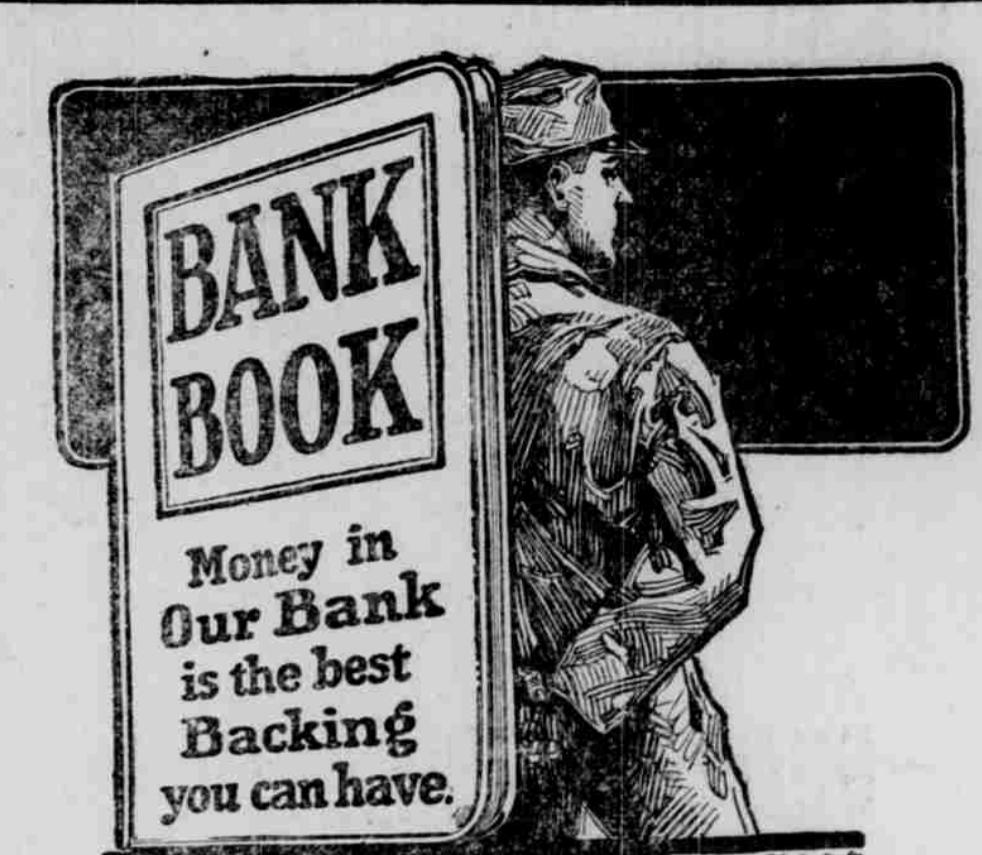
The funeral services will be held on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the Methodist church, conducted by the Rev. John Calvert, pastor of the church.

In the loss that has come to them the family will have the deepest sympathy of a large circle of friends.

### BURLINGTON WILL BUILD 2,000,000 SHOPS AT DENVER

Lincoln, April 6.—General Superintendent E. Flynn of the Burlington railroad announced that it had been decided to build a 2,000,000 shop plant at Denver to serve the western lines of the Burlington and the Colorado and Southern, work to start within two weeks. Superintendent Flynn returned today from Denver, where he held a conference on the project with President Hale Holden and General Manager Thiehoff.

Philip Balsar was in Omaha today for a few hours visiting with his wife who is at the Clarkson hospital recovering from an operation and doing very nicely at this time.



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## Farmers State Bank

PLATTSMOUTH NEBRASKA

### INSISTS CATTLEMEN MUST BE FINANCED

Secretary Flannigan Declares This is Next Task for Finance Board in Interest of Public.

Secretary John M. Flannigan of the Nebraska agricultural loan agency of the war finance corporation, during a visit to the Washington headquarters, says that the next task is to finance the cattlemen. In his opinion they must get a minimum of 8 1/2 cents a pound for range stuff, or there will speedily be a big shortage of beef. The corn belt has been financed, but the cattlemen have not, he adds. Conditions forced many stockmen to sell practically all the cattle they had. They took big losses. Now they have little to build up their herds again, and because they have no security to offer the banks they cannot get the necessary credit.

Experts tell him that it costs \$21 a year to run a steer, and at 8 cents a pound that leaves him holding the sack for a dollar. Corn feeders demanded that grass steers be sold at 5 and 6 cents last fall, but that merely spells future trouble and means a forthcoming scarcity of available feeding stock, which will act as a boomerang on the feeders themselves. No one will continue range feeding at a loss.

Cattlemen must have long-time loans. The general opinion of stockmen is that cattle can be marketed profitably only at long age maturity, which means three and four year old steers. At the present time the shortage in Nebraska is about 50 per cent, and in some counties it is as high as 70 per cent. Thousands of acres of hay land is idle as the result.

"Where the ranchman has his outfit and where the stock can be placed upon growing grass, so that every day their value is enhanced, and where expenses are kept at a minimum, it seems probable that some form of assistance can be extended to them in this dilemma," says Mr. Flannigan. "Unless this is received, the cattleman is in a bad way."

Mrs. James H. Herold of Minneapolis is in the city for a short visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Tidd and other old time friends and from here will go to Lincoln and Columbus for a visit before returning to her home.

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