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## JOHN F. CROOK SPEAKS ON THE ROAD PROBLEM

### DELIVERS VERY ABLE ADDRESS AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING.

From Thursday's Daily.

The meeting of the chamber of commerce last evening at the public library auditorium was one that, while not as largely attended as had been hoped for, was filled with much interest and many good things for the city disclosed. One of the matters brought up was that of the increase in water rates proposed and on motion of H. A. Schneider the chamber of commerce went on record as opposing the rates and urging the city council to oppose by injunction if necessary the putting into operation of these rates at this time.

As this was the first public meeting of the year the election of officers was brought up and despite the efforts of John P. Sattler, the present efficient president, to decline the office, he was unanimously re-elected and agreed that he would do all he could to assist in the development of the city with the co-operation of the members of the club. H. A. Schneider was named as the vice president by the same vote, and Secretary Guy W. Morgan and Treasurer R. W. Knorr were also re-elected to their offices and the gentlemen had evinced a desire to lay aside the cares of office in favor of someone else.

One of the matters that is of the greatest interest is the decision of the club on the motion of E. H. Westcott to make the dues for the business men \$5 per year but to place the fee for the laboring men and others not actively engaged in business at \$1 per year and to authorize a strong campaign committee to act in this matter.

Rev. John Calvert also secured the co-operation of the chamber of commerce in a movement to give some place for the boys of the city from 10 to 14 years of age to play during the summer months.

As had been noted in these columns the chamber of commerce had as their guest, John F. Crook of Denver, the head of the Monarch Engineering Co., and who is now a resident of Denver and an enthusiastic good roads booster for the west as a part of the development of the transportation power of the nation. The subject of the address was that of "Transportation," and the speaker took the subject from the time the cave man of the Stone Age first evolved the idea of moving stones and the making easier the transportation of these stones for his use and led the thought down through the succeeding periods of history of the Romans with their great highways, the Spanish kingdom at its best with great fleets and the building and growth of the maritime power of the British empire. The speaker pointed out that in France with their great system of highways in 1913 the cost per ton had been 10c against the Spanish kingdom in this and other countries and the value that these roads had been in rapid transport of men and supplies in the world war. Mr. Crook also pointed out the two great forces of the world, land and labor, the first that brought forth the raw material that labor develops into the highest perfection and which the transportation of the nations brought to the use of civilized society. He cited the greatness of the Standard Oil company as controlling the means of power and advancing transportation. As a point of his argument he showed the creation of the roads along the least grades for the overcoming of gravity and the construction of hard surfaced roads to overcome that of friction, which had been since the beginning of time an important part of the transportation problems. Omaha, Kansas City and St. Louis had been located on the banks of great rivers because of the water level for transportation and this phase of the problem was strongly stressed by the speaker as being the cheapest and most economical means of transportation known to man. In this respect he pointed out the commercial greatness of Japan and England, which nations were, by means of their great fleets, able to make competition for the trades of the nations of the earth. Relative to the good roads Mr. Crook pointed out that they rendered the hauling cost far less per mile and made possible a greater mobility of the transportation of the country and argued the building of the permanent roads to the large railroad centers where they might reinforce the rail transportation. In regard to the water transportation the speaker cited the proposed St. Lawrence waterway that would permit the shipping of grain direct from Duluth or Chicago to Liverpool and other foreign parts at much less cost than it would otherwise as a load of wheat shipped from Chicago to England found more than half of the cost of transport under the present methods, in handling the grain from Buffalo to the ship in New York harbor and loading it. Mr. Crook also pointed out that there were two groups of the good roads boosters, one of which was for the federal

control of roads and others for the states to control the roads and stated that in his opinion the farther the functions of government were taken from the people the more expensive and less efficient they become as the federal government had usurped many of the states' privileges while in turn the states had taken from the counties a great many of their rights.

### FREE CAMPING GROUNDS

John Richardson, the jolly ferryman, has just fixed up a fine place south of the Burlington bridge and near the ferry where he has fixed up benches and tables as well as a furnace that can be used for cooking purposes. Mr. Richardson states that the camp grounds are free to everyone and he wants the public to avail themselves of the opportunity of using this fine shady spot for their gatherings.

## YOUNG PEOPLE WED AT NEBRASKA CITY

### Miss Katherine Blotzer and Mr. Howard Wiles Joined in Wedding in Otoe County.

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Yesterday afternoon at Nebraska City occurred the marriage of two of the popular and well known young people of this portion of Cass county, Miss Katherine Blotzer and Mr. Howard Wiles. The wedding was very quiet, the bridal couple being accompanied by the sister of the bride, Mrs. Fred Hinz of this city, to the Otoe county capital. The marriage service was read by County Judge Bishop at his office and at its conclusion the newly weds motored back to their home and to receive the well wishes and congratulations of their relatives and friends.

They will make their home in the future on the farm that the groom is in charge of, south of this city. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blotzer, Sr., and is a lady of much charm and held in the highest esteem by a large circle of friends in her home near Cedar Creek as well as in this city where she is a frequent visitor. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wiles and is numbered among the progressive young farmers of this part of the county and a young man of the highest standing in the community.

## MACABEE LADIES HAVE BIG MEETING

### Class of Candidates are Initiated by Team From Omaha, Review No. 6.—Social Also.

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One of the most interesting meetings that the local review of the W. M. B. A. of the Macabees of this city has held was given last evening at their lodge rooms in the Woodmen building and attended by a large number of the members and their guests from Omaha. To assist in the work of initiation the team of Omaha Review No. 6 with Miss Louisa Meyers, state deputy, was present and the local ladies turned the initiatory work over to them and to see that the new members were given the proper working out in the secrets of the order. The team made a very handsome appearance with their blue and gold uniform and were certainly experts in the work of the different degrees.

The Omaha ladies brought a great deal of pleasure in their jolly personalities and after the lodge work the time was spent socially in visiting and the enjoyment of a fine luncheon that had been prepared by the Plattsmouth ladies.

### FOUND LOTS OF WATER

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W. E. Rosencrans, who returned home last evening from Texas, reports that in the northern part of that state there has been very heavy rains and the rivers and streams are swollen and out of their banks and auto travel is almost impossible. Mr. Rosencrans drove from San Antonio as far as Bartlett, Texas, and waited several days, hoping to be able to get through with his car, but finally was compelled to leave it there and come by train. He states that much damage was done by the rains and high water in Fort Worth and Dallas, where the Trinity river is overflowing.

### ENJOY FINE PICNIC

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Yesterday afternoon the H. F. class of young ladies of the Presbyterian church with their teacher, Miss Clara Weyrich, enjoyed a picnic party with their fellow member, Miss Stella Lister at her home west of the city. The time was spent in gathering the beautiful spring flowers and the opportunity of spending a few hours in the glorious Nebraska spring day and as the evening approached the party proceeded to build a campfire and cooked their repast in real camping style.

Blank Books at the Journal Office.

## OVER THE HILLS AND FAR AWAY

### Journal Field Man Speeds to Northwestern Part of County—Visitor at Many Homes.

The field representative of the Journal made a trip last week to the northwestern portion of Cass county, and while the territory was too large to cover in the one day, visited many of the farmers of that vicinity whom we found were all very busy.

Julius Reinke was just beginning to plant corn last week and was the first whom we have noticed. At the home of J. L. Carnice, he and the hired man were busy preparing the ground for corn, but he found time to show us around over the place, and especially were we pleased with the excellent herd of four and short horn cattle which he is breeding. The black Poland China hogs, which with but a year's growth weighs away over 500 pounds, he speaks some science in farming.

John and Charles Campbell were busy in the field and getting the grain into the ground.

W. E. Palmett was getting alfalfa in and setting out cabbage and strawberry plants. W. J. Leddy was discing and getting ready for listing. W. M. Richards was also doing the same and building stalk, and preparing for the corn crop. He had just shelled his corn from last year.

At the home of P. F. Deuer, all were busy and happy, notwithstanding that they had had a bridge out over Pawnee Creek for the past three years and have to drive nearly four miles farther to get to their land which is in portion located on this historic stream. Besides this they are paying \$208.00 in taxes on one piece of land, which in 1918 cost but \$74.68. With this increase in the rate of the taxes, it looks like they should be entitled to have the bridge restored which has been out for three years.

John Kirker, who had gotten his ground ready, was to begin the planting of his corn the following morning.

John S. Livingston was busy as was the entire family, and with that smile which is like the rising of the sun, he greeted us, as well as did the family. A place had been provided for the representative at the supper table which was a meal greatly appreciated after the long day over the hills. With an urgent invitation to call again, we left their home just as it was getting dark and we had to turn on the lights. At Harry V. Bricker, the breeder and raiser of some of the finest hogs in this portion of the state, when we arrived at his home, it was so dark we had to make out his subscription receipt by the auto lights, and as it was looking like rain, we turned the nose of the "Dark Demon" towards Plattsmouth and tore over the country roads to the highway, in an endeavor to beat the storm. We won.

### NAME ACTING JUDGE

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This morning the board of county commissioners took up the matter of the appointment of a special county judge to preside at the hearing on May 11th of the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Chas. C. Parmele. As the greater part of the Cass county bar has or had been connected in some way with the parties in the case the board had some difficulty in finding a suitably qualified judge and decided that Hon. William Deles Bernier of Elmwood would be the proper man for the place and he was accordingly named to act in place of Judge Beeson.

### SHOP BASEBALL PLAYERS START THE SEASON

### Locomotives Win Game from Blacksmiths by Score of 11 to 6—Well Played Contest.

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The real fun and excitement of the baseball season of 1922 was launched last evening in the twilight ball game between the Locomotives and the Blacksmiths of the local Burlington shops, and which the Locomotives annexed by the score of 11 to 6.

These inter-shop games have always proven most interesting to the fans and the personal interest that the ball lovers feel in the teams has aided the sport. It is to be hoped that all of the shop departments will organize teams and a series of games played for the season and some suitable trophy secured for the winner of the league games. Some of the best ball seen on the local lot has been in the shop team games and just enough fun enters into the games to keep everyone up and going from start to finish.

In the battle last evening Sandy did the tossing for the Locos and Tom Rabb, the veteran catcher, was placed back of the bat for the receiving end. The game was exciting as the Blacksmiths pinned their Faith to Slim Miller and this battery served to make things lively for the Locos. The Blacksmiths were threatening for a time to their opponents, but the hitting of their foes brought in the runs that put the big lead for the locomotive repair men.

Another game will be played with the shop teams and will be a real treat for the fans.

## SEEKS OFFICE OF COUNTY SHERIFF

### Adolph Geise of This City Files for the Democratic Nomination for the Office This Morning

Adolph Geise this morning entered the political limelight, when he filed his name in the office of County Clerk George R. Sayles, for the republican nomination for the office of sheriff. Mr. Geise, who has heretofore been of the republican persuasion, has evidently seen the light and is seeking his way into the ranks of the great unwashed, as the followers of Jefferson, Jackson, Cleveland, Bryan and Wilson are sometimes known.

This is the first filing that has come in the democratic ranks for the office of sheriff and the only one in the race heretofore has been Rex Young, who is a candidate for the republican nomination. There has been a number suggested for the office but none have so far stepped out into the open, except the two above named gentlemen.

Mr. Geise has been in business here for a number of years and is well known in the city and while not caught with it in their acquaintance in the county will get out and meet the voters between now and the 15th of July, when the primary election is to be held.

### THEY ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

While preparations are under way for the observance of Memorial day in every village of the land, those comrades of the World war who continue to sleep beneath foreign soil, are not to be forgotten. Following its usual custom, the national headquarters of the American Legion is raising a fund among its 11,000 posts to be used in the decoration of these graves overseas. Last night at its meeting, the executive committee of the local post voted to contribute \$5 to this fund and the money is being forwarded today.

Among the Nebraska soldiers whose remains repose beneath the poppled fields of France is Hugh J. Kearns, from whom the Legion post here derived its name, and it is very gratifying to know that even though his grave is many, many miles away, it will not be barren of flowers on this day when the nation pauses to pay tribute to its honored dead.

### LEAVES FOR THE WEST

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This morning James K. Pollock and Buford Godwin departed for the southwestern portion of Colorado, where Mr. Pollock has a fine ranch located near Durango and Pagosa Springs. They are making the trip in a Ford and will enjoy camping along the road as they travel toward the mountain country. A specially constructed tent is carried that can be used on the rear of the car to make a good comfortable sleeping quarters at night and the gentlemen will also do their own cooking on the road. From here the party drove to Manhattan, Kansas, where they will remain over night and from there will take the old Santa Fe line toward the west, going through Dodge City, Kansas, and to La Junta, Colorado, and from there to Trinidad, and thence to Gallop, New Mexico, where they take the trail over the mountains for the ranch. The gentlemen will be gone at least for the summer and may decide to remain there permanently as Mr. Pollock has disposed of his insurance business here to A. H. Duxbury and is now foot loose to enjoy the life in the home in the mountains.

### RECOVERS STOLEN CAR

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Last evening Sheriff Quinton was called out to the John Elliott farm north of the city near where a large touring car was reported to be stalled along the roadway. On the arrival of the sheriff he found the car a large Hudson Super Six, abandoned and no trace of the parties who had caught with it this far south from Omaha from where the car had been apparently going. The gas tank was dry and the caps taken off the tank and apparently the drivers of the car decided to abandon it rather than take the chances of being caught with it in their possession. Sheriff Quinton at once made inquiries in Omaha as to any missing cars and gave the number, 13161, to the Omaha police and was informed that the car was the property of a Mr. Jacobson of that city, who had been stolen Monday night from the Jacobson home. The car will be held here until the owner returns to Omaha from a business trip in Iowa, and will then be turned over to him.

Lost anything—found anything? Try a Journal ad. "They satisfy."

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There were four bidders for the work and in all lines the Monarch company was the lowest.

## ENTERTAINS YOUNG MEN

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Last evening the Sunday school class of George L. Farley was very pleasantly entertained at the home of the teacher on south Sixth street, and the event proved one of the greatest enjoyment to the young men as well as their genial teacher. The evening was spent in games of various kinds as well as musical numbers and at a suitable hour the party was treated to some very dainty and delicious refreshments that served to make the occasion one of the rarest enjoyment. Those in attendance were: Donald Dickson, Karl Wurl, Ed and "Billie" Matchabott, Stewart Chase, Charles Hartford, George Schumann, Joe Atterbury, Charles Richards, Rev. H. G. McCluskey was also present to join in the pleasant occasion.



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