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WILL PRESENT A LOVING CUP TO THE BEST GUARD CO.

Local American Legion Post Will Give Trophy to Successful Company of the Guard.

From Thursday's Daily.

At the meeting of the American Legion post last evening it was decided to have a trophy cup presented to one of the companies of the national guard at the encampment here August 14th to 29th, that is the most efficient in drilling or in general rating. The reward for which the cup will be presented will be left to the decision of General H. J. Paul, adjutant general of the state, to determine, and will be a beautiful trophy for one of the companies of the 134th Infantry. The cup will bear the name of Hugh J. Keenan, post and will be a reward that will be striven for by the various companies that make up the regiment. It is the expectation to have the cup presentation made a part of the general review and field day at the encampment on which occasion Governor Samuel R. McKelvie and his staff as well as thousands of visitors will be here to witness the maneuvers of the Nebraska guard troops and the review of the regiment by the governor and General Paul and the other officers of the staff of the state.

In addition to the cup presentation the local Legion post will hold open house for the members of the guard who are also members of the Legion and if possible various entertainment features will be offered to the visitors in the two weeks that they will be here as members of the guard. The Legion post is appreciative of the honor paid the city in selecting it for the guard camp and the fact that many of the officers and members are former World war veterans makes it very desirable that they do all possible to show the proper hospitality to their friends and fellow members.

The post also at their session last evening filled the vacancy on the executive committee by the removal of John Lyons from the city, by electing Carl Wohlfarth to the position.

OMAHA AUTO CLUB TO BUILD NEW HOME

Purchases Five Acres of Land Just North of Bellevue and Will Expend \$15,000 There.

Officials of the Omaha Automobile club, in which a number of Plattsmouth motorists hold membership, announced yesterday the purchase of five acres of land one-half mile north of Bellevue college on the highway at point of Elk hill overlooking the valley, upon which they will erect a \$15,000 club house to be ready for visitors by next season.

The new grounds and structure will be established for the pleasure and convenience of motorists who care to make the beautiful scenic drive to Bellevue and picnic or dine overlooking the river.

The new building will consist of two stories, will be surrounded by spacious porches on both floors, will contain rest rooms, observation and reading rooms, an assembly room large enough for dances, a big dining room in which cooked meals will be served those who want them, as well as inside and outside conveniences for picnickers who desire to cook their own meals.

Eventually it is the desire of those directly interested in the project to install a large outdoor swimming pool.

The present club and holdings of the Omaha Automobile club now located but a short distance from the Bellevue college site will be disposed of.

Members of the club are confident, says the World-Herald, that another twelve months will see the completion of a macadam or brick road extending from Thirteenth street in South Omaha down to Bellevue and on past the college to the entrance of the Fort Crook grounds.

The new club house and recreation center of the club will be situated just ten and one-half miles from the Omaha postoffice.

ASKS FOR DIVORCE

In the district court an action entitled Elsie Tonack vs. Carl Tonack has been filed in which the plaintiff seeks the dissolution of the bonds of wedlock as well as alimony and the custody of the five minor children of the marriage. The petition states that the parties were married March 17, 1902, and that the plaintiff has conducted herself as a faithful and loving wife since that time and it is further alleged that the defendant has been guilty of cruelty toward the plaintiff at several times and also alleges that the defendant is a sheep herder and has at long periods absented himself from his family in the past seven years.

Blank books at the Journal Office.

LEAVE FOR FALLS CITY

From Thursday's Daily. John W. Falter and family have departed for Falls City where they are visiting at the home of George H. Falter and arranging to make that city their permanent home. It is with much regret that the many friends see these popular young people leave the city where they have spent so large a part in the social life of the community and the good people of Falls City are very fortunate that the Falter family is deciding to locate there in the future.

BIG CUT IS MADE IN STATE LEVY FOR THE COMING YEAR

Largest Reduction of Taxes Ordered in History of Nebraska—In Face of Less Valuation

The state tax levy for the general fund has been cut from three mills to two mills for the year 1922, a reduction of one-third or 33 1/3 per cent. The cut was ordered by the state board of taxation comprising Governor McKelvie, Tax Commissioner W. H. Osborne, Secretary of State Amsherry, Treasurer Cropsey and Auditor Marsh. It was the largest reduction ever made in the state levy in the history of the state. The capitol levy remains relatively the same as fixed by law, at three-fourths of one mill.

In addition to providing for the expenses of the state the new levy will provide in advance for the expenses of the next session of the legislature estimated at \$190,000. Many counties over the state have decided to cut down their budgets this year and in many cases their levies can be reduced, so that taxpayers are not only promised a reduction in the state levy but in local levies as well.

The board equalized the assessed values of counties and found the assessed value of all property in the state to be \$3,191,804,071, which is \$121,000,000 less than the total of last year. It found from figures presented by the finance department that it will be necessary to raise \$5,856,294 by taxation to pay expenses of the state government.

With the capitol levy included, a total of \$7,341,149 will be raised by the 1922 levy.

PLATTS LOSES GAME

From Thursday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon the Merchants of this city journeyed down to our neighboring city of Weeping Water to engage the fast team of that village in baseball and as the result of the journey the locals returned home with a defeat of 6 to 3 chalked up against them. The game was a good one, barring two innings when the playing offensive of the locals cracked and allowed the Weeping Water team to secure a lead. Joe McCarthy did the mound work for Plattsmouth and was in good form and up to the seventh inning the score stood 3 to 1 in favor of Plattsmouth, but in that stanza, Gradoville, the fast backstop of the Weeping Water team, connected for a single and on a home run by Russell scored and this tied up the game and in the succeeding innings the dwellers along the sobbing waters succeeded in annexing enough more runs to make their victory decisive. Klepser did the pitching for Weeping Water.

TO BROADCAST ADDRESS

The address of National Commander Hanford MacNider of the American Legion, which will be delivered before a public gathering at Omaha tonight, will be broadcasted from the Omaha grain exchange station, it is announced and owners of receiving sets are cordially invited to "tune in" and listen to the message of the Legion head. MacNider is returning from a tour of the northwest, where he visited many posts and attended the Wyoming department convention at Torrington, a few miles from the town of Yoder, where Harvey, Hensger and Harold Daley, two Plattsmouth Legion members are located. He will be back in Nebraska the middle of September to attend the department convention at York.

TAKES CHARGE OF STORE

The merchandise store of John Kopia, at 15th and Main streets, which he has owned and operated since 1896, has been sold to Mr. Joseph Kvapil of South Side, Omaha, who arrived here Wednesday to take over the management of the store. The new owner is an energetic young business man and should give the residents of the west part of the city a real up-to-date business house. Mrs. Kvapil is a former Plattsmouth lady, having been Miss Mary Novatney prior to her marriage and her many friends are pleased to have her return home. Mr. and Mrs. Kopia have removed to the Svoboda property at 14th and Main street and will remain there for the present until they make more permanent plans for the future.

DEATH COMES TO OLD RESIDENT OF CITY

JONATHAN HATT PASSES AWAY THIS AFTERNOON AT 2:30 AFTER LONG ILLNESS.

From Friday's Daily. This afternoon at 2:30 the life of Captain Jonathan Hatt, one of the oldest business men of the city, was terminated when after an illness of the past two weeks he was called to his final reward.

The death came as the result of the gradual breakdown of his health and in the past two weeks his condition had been gradually growing more serious until the last few days when his death was apparently the matter of only a few hours.

Jonathan Hatt was born December 12, 1848, near Leamington, Canada, where his father, Anthony George Hatt, had been a settler as an early day, and the youth of Mr. Hatt was largely spent on a farm in his native province until he reached his sixteenth year when seized with the spirit of adventure, he shipped as a sailor on one of the vessels plying in the lake trade. He followed the life of a sailor for several years and was in the latter part of his career a captain of a steam vessel on Lakes Huron and Erie. He was later captain of one of the large steamers on Lake Michigan and remained in that service until 1883 when he came to Nebraska where his father had located at Plattsmouth and here he took charge of a meat market that had been founded by his father, Mr. Hatt and J. W. Mathias, buying the interest of the elder Mr. Hatt and continuing the business under the firm name of Hatt & Mathias, and they put up the building on Main street that is still occupied by the Hatt store.

Mr. Hatt was married in February, 1885, to Miss Elvira Sharping at Milwaukee, Wis., and to this marriage four children were born, one of whom a daughter, preceded him in death and of this marriage there survives three children, John V. Hatt, Mrs. George South of this city and Miss Verna Hatt of Shenandoah, Ia. Mrs. Hatt passed away in Plattsmouth in 1893, and some three years later Mr. Hatt was married to Miss Emma Warfield, who with four children and of this marriage there survives three children, John V. Hatt, Ralph, Sterling and Genevieve, all living at home and are left to mourn the death of the departed. One son, Edgar, died of the flu about four years ago.

The deceased was of a quiet and reserved nature and as a business man and family circle mingled little in the affairs of his fellowmen, and was a gentleman universally esteemed by those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Mr. Hatt was, socially, a member of the Knight & Ladies of Security lodge of this city.

URGE MORE IMPROVING

A number of the residents along Washington avenue have been remarking on the fact that the tourist park on that thoroughfare does not seem to be as popular as it should be and among other reasons ascribes the cause to the fact that the weeds are quite high and the fact that there is a water hydrant on the park site is hard to discover as it is obscured in the weeds and this alone has had a tendency to check the use of the park by the travelers. Whether or not the park is used very extensively, the residents of that part of the city feel that the weeds should be kept down at least.

MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

From Thursday's Daily. Last evening County Judge Allen J. Beeson, the side kicker of Cupid in Cass county, was called upon to unite in marriage Miss Mathilde House and Mr. William Nitter, both of Omaha. The young people were accompanied by a few friends who witnessed the ceremony and after the words of the judge that made them as one, the newly weds departed for their home.

HAVE REAL WRESTLE

One of the old time wrestling matches was held a few days ago at the farm of C. C. Barnard, when a number of the men working there decided to try out their strength and Charles Fulton and Marshall Lawson were pitted in a wrestling match. The result of the match was that Lawson secured two straight falls and which were real ones too, if the spectators can be believed.

HAS TONSILS REMOVED

From Thursday's Daily. Everet Noble, one of the switching crew of the Burlington in the local yards, was operated on yesterday afternoon for the removal of his tonsils and is now doing nicely. "Wuz" is feeling very fine after the operation and will be back on the job again in a short time.

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IN SERIOUS CONDITION

From Thursday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon Walter Towers, who has been in serious condition for the past few days as the result of an infection of the throat, caused from bad teeth, was taken to the Nicholas Senn hospital in Omaha by John Bauer, in his car, and will be given treatment there. The condition of Walter has been such as to cause not a little apprehension to his family and friends and it was decided to be best to have him taken to the hospital to be cared for.

WILL OPEN I. O. O. F. CANTONMENT AT WEST POINT

Brigadier General J. H. Short Leaves Tomorrow to Open up Camp of Patriarchs Militant.

The annual cantonment of the Patriarchs Militant of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Nebraska will be opened the first of the week at West Point where the permanent camp grounds are located and the cantonment this year promises to be one of the largest and most successful in the history of the order.

Brigadier General James H. Short of this city, the department commander of the Patriarchs Militant, will leave tomorrow for West Point accompanied by Mrs. Short and Miss Louise Short, and the general will at once start in on making the camp a very successful one. Mr. Short has been one of the most earnest workers in this branch of the Oddfellowship and it was due largely to his work that the camp was made the annual event that it is now.

When the cantonment is organized it will be operated strictly along military lines and the various regiments will be given a workout in the military drills and other regular army work that will be found very beneficial to them in the work of promoting their organization.

It is expected that Major General McSweeney of the state of Iowa will be present at the West Point camp as well as representatives from Missouri and other western cantonments to look over the splendid Nebraska camp.

One of the features of the cantonment will be the conferring of decorations on various leaders in Oddfellowship and the Rebekahs of the state and among these will be Mrs. T. E. Olson of this city, past noble grand of the Rebekah lodge here. Mrs. Olson has been the recipient of noble grand for three terms and will leave on Friday for West Point to have the Decoration of Chivalry conferred upon her.

SOME CORNSTALK

The largest stalk of corn that has been exhibited here this season can be seen in front of Westcott's store and measures some twelve feet in height. The cornstalk is from the farm of T. H. Pollock, located near the pumping station of the water company on the Missouri river bottom. The fact that the stalk this year has not overflown on the land has resulted in a great corn crop all over the bottom land and the yield this year should help make up for the previous wet seasons. Corn of this size will make it necessary for the pickers to bring their ladders if they want to do business with the tall Nebraska corn.

NEW FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

Washington, Aug. 3.—President Harding may announce the new federal reserve board appointments tomorrow, it was indicated today at the treasury. Secretary Mellon is expected to discuss the question with President Harding at the cabinet meeting tomorrow. Mr. Mellon was understood to look with favor upon the reappointment of W. P. G. Harding of Birmingham, Ala., as governor of the board. J. R. Howard of Marshall City, Ia., president of the American farm bureau federation, was said on official circles to be under serious consideration as the new or "dirt farmer" representative.

DECLINES HIS OFFICE

Dave Babington, who was elected by the republican voters of the first ward as the committeeman from that precinct on the O. P. county committee, has declined the honor and states that someone else must be picked for the burden bearer of the party in that ward. Dave has so far escaped the political whirlpool and does not propose at this late day to get mixed up in the affairs of the political medicine makers.

VISITING RELATIVES HERE

Mrs. G. S. Kasser of New York and Mrs. E. Miller of Waterloo, Ia., are here to enjoy a visit at the Gerling and Henry Herold homes for a short time. The ladies have been visiting in California and are now on their way to the east, making the journey by automobile and have had a very pleasant trip so far toward their destination in the east.

CORN CROP GIVES PROMISE OF NEW RECORD IN STATE

Burlington Report Shows It Came Through Critical Period O.K.—Big Wheat Yield.

Corn that promises to set a new record, potatoes increased in acreage and about to yield the biggest crop in the history of the state, together with a wheat harvest that shows a better yield to the acre than anticipated, combine to make the semi-monthly crop report of the Burlington covering the Nebraska district, rosy with optimism.

Superintendent Flynn's report, gathered from statistics furnished by station agents and official observers over the whole district shows that the corn came through the trying period of the last two weeks in its splendid condition and that with anything like ordinary weather during the month of August, the 1922 corn crop will nearly if not surely set a new record for the state.

The ground is found to be in excellent condition with only a few spots in the district reporting any lack of moisture. The general average of corn in the four divisions is nearly 102, with the Omaha division rated at 102, Lincoln division 102, Wynome division 106 and McCook division 97. The McCook division shows a gain of 12 points in the last two weeks and the Lincoln division a loss of 10 points in the same time. Omaha division gained 2 and Wynome division 9 during the two weeks from July 15.

Plenty of Moisture

The report continues that the estimates are considered conservative. The corn, except that planted very late, is in silk and tassel and the most critical period of fertilization is past. There is enough moisture in the ground now to carry the corn for fifteen days. The weather can still make or break the crop, it is said, but it will take exceptionally hot weather with no rain to do much damage.

The wheat harvest is reported as surprisingly good in yields from the various divisions and the Burlington believes that agents have been too optimistic in estimating the crop. The total yield is as good or better than anticipated when it was cut, but below the expectations held before the wet weather in June.

The yield division reports an average yield of 26 bushels, Lincoln division 19 bushels, Wynome division 22 bushels and McCook division 17 bushels. This shows a total average of 21 bushels over the state, which is thought to be much better than the government experts figuring the Nebraska average at 14 1/2 bushels per acre.

Fall plowing is making good progress. The soil is in good condition for this work.

Grain shipments are heavy on the Burlington lines, with four to five hundred cars loaded in Nebraska daily. The high mark for the season and one of the high marks on the Burlington records was Friday of last week, when 509 cars of grain were loaded on the Burlington lines in the Nebraska district.

Oats, as stated in other reports, is not making a good crop, the average yield being about 55 to 60 per cent of the normal. Potatoes, however, are exceedingly promising, with increased acreage and promise of a tremendous yield. The expectations are for a record breaking crop in Nebraska.

Fruit Prospects Good

Fruit prospects continue good and the apple crop is to be the best in a number of years according to present indications. Sugar beets are doing unusually well and promise an exceptional crop. Pastures and meadows, considerably damaged during June, have recovered to a very great extent and were seldom in better condition on the first of August than they are this year. The temperature varied in the state from 70 to 100 degrees during the two weeks period.

Rainfall over the state for the 15 days is reported as follows: O'Neill, 3.00; Schuyler, 3.32; Ashland, .79; Plattsmouth, .90; Lincoln, 2.35; Grand Island, 1.24; Holdrege, 1.28; Orleans, 4.15; Oakland, 7.50; Hastings, 1.53; Columbus, 3.15; Seward, 4.00; Tecumseh, 1.27; Red Cloud, 1.15; Edgar, 1.50.

COMPLAIN OF BAD TURN

The jog in the "O" street highway, two miles south of Elmwood, at which point a number of accidents have occurred this season, is attracting more or less unfavorable criticism from the traveling public who have driven over that highway and have had close calls from serious accidents. Recently a party of Nebraska City tourists drove off the bridge at that portion of the road and as a consequence a number were hurt and this week a second accident occurred there that has added to the long list of injuries and damaged cars. This had place in the Cass county highway system should be made more passable and less dangerous.

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VISITS AT OLD HOME

From Friday's Daily. Con Sears, for many years a resident of Cedar Creek and vicinity, was here yesterday enjoying a visit with old friends in this portion of the county. Mr. Sears is now located at Moorefield, Neb., where there are a number of the old time residents of the county located and he reports them as all doing very nicely and prospering. While here Mr. Sears renewed his subscription to the Journal to keep in touch with the doings in the old home county.

FAILS TO IDENTIFY MEWHORTER AS MAN

Wanted for Alleged Assault that Resulted in Death of Mrs. Geo. Lutz at Louisville.

From Friday's Daily. Yesterday Sheriff C. D. Quinton and County Attorney A. G. Cole, were in Lincoln where they took Romain Maier of Louisville for the purpose of determining if possible whether the man Mewhorter, who was recently captured in Kansas, after his escape from the state reformatory, was the man suspected of having committed the assault on Mrs. Geo. Lutz of Louisville and administering poison to her from the effects of which she later died.

Mr. Maier was taken over to the penitentiary by Warden Fenton and shown the various inmates and among whom was Mewhorter, but failed to identify him as the man he claimed to have seen at his garage on the day previous to the attack on Mrs. Lutz.

This was the strongest clew that the authorities had as to the identity of the man who could have committed the crime and with the failure of Mr. Maier to establish the connection of Mewhorter with the assault the matter is still one of the deepest mystery and the unraveling of which will probably never be possible.

At the time of his arrest in Kansas Mewhorter denied ever having been in Louisville and the fact that Mr. Maier was unable to identify him makes his story look good.

PUBLISHERS IN SENATE TO KEEP HANDS CLEAN

Washington, Aug. 2.—Following the theory that a senator should not vote upon a bill in which he is personally and pecuniarily interested, the newspaper publishers in the senate today announced that they would refrain from voting on the wood pulp and paper schedules of the tariff bill.

These schedules, if passed, will mean additional dollars that every publisher must pay in increased print paper prices, but the three newspapermen determined not to follow the trail of the "wool senators."

The three publishers in the senate are Senators G. M. Hitchcock, of Nebraska, publisher of the Omaha World-Herald; Arthur Capper of Kansas, publisher of the Topeka Capital, and other papers, and Carter Glass of Virginia, publisher of the Lynchburg, Va., Daily News and Advance.

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URGES FARMERS TO HOLD UP GRAIN FOR HIGHER PRICE

Head of Chicago Company Says Upward Movement in the Market is in Prospect.

Chicago, Aug. 3.—President Geo. Marvy, of the Armour Grain Co., issued a signed statement tonight urging farmers to hold back their grain for reasonable prices, and saying that as prices for grain go up better business conditions throughout the whole country will follow. He says: "An upward movement in grain prices is in prospect, and that situation promises to be of such financial benefit to the American farmer that he in turn will be in a position to materially improve general business conditions."

"An orderly and gradual marketing of existing wheat stocks will end the present depressed price conditions, and there are tremendous economic factors at work to force more stable marketing."

"Settlement of the coal strike will result in decreased amount of rolling stock capable of moving grain to terminals and expected improvement in general business conditions should further affect the amount of equipment available."

"On the other hand, the demand promises to get constantly better. The American farmer holds the key to the situation. With the farmer wisely holding back his grain, with economic conditions working toward the same result, the end of the present low level on farm products seems to be in sight, and as prices for grains go up better business conditions throughout the whole country will follow."

STILL TRYING TO HOLD ONTO LAND

Indian Attorney Chase Keeps Up Fight Against Government To Maintain Land.

Omaha, Aug. 3.—Another chapter in the long battle of Hiram Chase, full-blooded Omaha Indian attorney, to maintain possession of forty acres of land on the Omaha reservation, was written Wednesday when Assistant United States Attorney Geo. Yessier filed and secured an order of forcible entry and detainer against Chase and handed the same to the United States marshal for service. This amounts to a forcible ejection of the Indian lawyer from the land he is attempting to hold.

The federal court here and the United States supreme court have both ordered him to leave the property and turn it back to its rightful owner, Rose Wolf Seiter, also an Indian. He has been cited for contempt by federal court here and at Washington.

This legal battle has been going on between Hiram Chase and the government since 1908.

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