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## AMERICAN LEGION POST ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1923

### Raymond J. Larson Retained as Post Commander—New Executive Committee is Chosen.

From Thursday's Daily.  
Last evening there was held the annual meeting of Hugh J. Kearns post No. 56, of the American Legion of this city, and despite the fact that sleet covered the ground and made the weather conditions very disagreeable, there was a very pleasing attendance. The members desiring their pleasant friends to come out and participate in the gathering.

For the office of Post Commander it was the unanimous sentiment that Raymond Larson, who has been the commander for the last few months, should continue in the office he has filled so capably and so well, and Mr. Larson was unanimously voted the leadership of the Legion in this city for the coming year.

In the vice-commander position the choice of the meeting was that of John Wickman and E. G. Campbell, representing the army and marine corps, respectively.

In the naming of the members of the executive committee, the following were selected: George Nelson, Albert Janda, Frank Smith, W. G. Keiser, E. G. Ore, Roy Stewart, Frank Hebal, Byron Babbitt and E. J. Hill.

At the meeting it was also decided to continue the present policy that has been in effect since the organization of the Legion post here, that of rendering aid, through the post service officer, to former service men, regardless of whether they belong to the Legion or not, in properly presenting their claims for compensation, vocational training or relief in order to have them acted upon promptly.

This has been one of the big, unselfish acts of the Legion in Plattsmouth and which has borne out the policy of the organization as the protector of the sick, ailing or wanting service men in the nation.

The local post has been fortunate in having Attorney A. H. Chaffin at the head of the department and for more than two years he has given freely of his time to matters of this kind. At present he has claims pending for men residing in the far corners of Cass county, and many of whom are not even members of any post of the Legion. His charge is made either to the individuals aided or the Legion post by Mr. Duxbury for his services, the only expense being a small amount for postage and stationery, which is provided for with post funds.

The commander will name the new standing committee for 1923 at an early date. Also a special meeting of the newly elected executive committee will be held soon, when one of their number will be selected as Post Finance Officer and the appointment of a new Post Adjutant will be confirmed.

## BOY SCOUTS TO BE RE-ORGANIZED IN PLATTSMOUTH

### C. H. Peden of the Teaching Force of the High School will Take Up Work at Once.

After a long dormant period, dating back to practically the time of the removal from this city of Rev. A. V. Hunter, the Boy Scouts of the city are to be re-organized and placed on an effective basis where the youngsters can enjoy to the fullest extent this line of activity.

Mr. C. H. Peden, one of the instructors in the high school, has been selected as the scoutmaster and will at once start in on the formation of his new organization and get everything in readiness for the work of the winter and spring season.

There has been a great need for the Scout work here among the young boys and they have awaited a leader to assist them and have found the right man apparently in Mr. Peden.

### HAVE A FINE TIME

From Thursday's Daily.  
Last evening one of the most enjoyable high five parties of the season was held at the Elks club as a part of the winter tournament of games and pastimes and some excellent scores made in the playing by the members of the party. One of the features of the evening was the oyster supper which the gentlemen furnished and served and the delicious repast is an assurance that the men will have an opportunity later at home to demonstrate their culinary skill as the sample was one that was fully appreciated.

### NAMES PRIVATE SECRETARY

(Omaha News Radio Service)  
Lincoln, Dec. 7.—Secretary of State-elect Charles W. Pool today appointed Hugh Cooper of Tecumseh as his private secretary.

## HELP THE BIRDS

From Thursday's Daily.  
One of the Plattsmouth citizens has offered a word as to the feathered residents of this locality in this sleety and wintry weather as regards their food. The sleet has covered up a large part of the food supply of the birds and with the cold causes a great deal of suffering to them and this kind hearted and thoughtful person suggests that everyone try and throw out some food that can be eaten by the feathered neighbors.

## PLEASED BUYERS SNAP UP SEASONABLE GARMENTS

### Demand for Ladies Fall and Winter Apparel at Sale Prices Quoted by Ladies Toggery.

From Thursday's Daily.  
Yesterday and today have been busy selling days at the Ladies Toggery despite the stormy weather and impossible condition of the roads. The reason is found in the wonderful values in wearing apparel, as quoted by the Toggery to close out the Adam Bonhoff retail stock which was recently acquired by this Plattsmouth retail emporium. Not all the stock has been removed here from Omaha yet, as the roads would not permit trucks to operate, but if the present condition continues, it will be shipped down by express in time for Saturday's selling, when additional price reductions will be in effect, as will be announced in the advertising columns of tomorrow's paper.

Buyers have been well pleased with the wide variety of selections and the splendid values and the first two days' selling has been wonderfully successful in view of weather conditions, declared Mr. Busch, the Toggery manager, today.

Tomorrow and Saturday a representative of the Fine Fur company of New York will be here to conduct a display and sale of fur pieces of every description.

Watch tomorrow's paper for announcements of some big Saturday specials.

## SLEET AND SNOW BRINGS ANNOYANCE TO MANY

### Slippery Walks Prevent Pedestrians from Venturing Out—Damp, Poor Day for News.

From Thursday's Daily.  
Commencing yesterday noon this city suffered the first real touch of winter weather that brought with it a number of annoyances to the pedestrians and those who were compelled to be out in the open to any extent.

The sleet storm left the walks and ground covered with a coating of ice that made travel almost impossible and caused a great number of minor accidents in all sections of the city.

Auto drivers felt the effects of the storm that even the cars did not entirely relieve, and only those who were really compelled to be out, ventured out in their gas wagons.

The only persons who derived any enjoyment out of the sleet were the youngsters who were out sliding and skating around on the icy streets and enjoying themselves to the utmost in the delights of winter.

The bad weather served to slacken up business somewhat and also made the usual grist of local meetings and happenings decidedly slim in every way.

## ELECTROLIER LIGHTS MAY SHINE WITHIN A FEW DAYS

The work of placing the electrolier posts is going good now and the prospects are very favorable for the illumination of the new district with these fine lights within the next few days unless further delays are experienced.

The city has yet to complete a lighting contract with the Nebraska Gas and Electric Company for the juice for the new lamps and this also may serve to cause a slight delay.

The new system is certainly going to add to the general appearance of the business section and will be an agreeable change from the old style lamps that have swung over the intersections for the past years shedding but little light.

## PURCHASES HOME PLACE

From Thursday's Daily.  
This morning L. L. McCarty purchased the residence property known as the Gorder home on North Third street where the McCarty family have resided for the past few years during the lifetime of Miss Louise Gorder, aunt of Mrs. McCarty, and assisting in the care of this lady during her long illness. The home is a very sightly one and also close to the Burlington yards where Mr. McCarty is employed and in every respect makes an ideal home.

## HYERS TO TAKE UP A NEW LINE ON JANUARY FIRST

### Retiring State Sheriff Says He Positively Will Not Be Detective Work in Any Capacity.

Gus A. Hyers, county and state agent for a string of nine years, is through with detective work, says the Lincoln State Journal. He will enter the real estate, insurance and loss adjustment business on his own account in Lincoln about the middle of January. He made this definite announcement Wednesday, which puts to rest rumors that he would go with the Burlington, that he would go to Washington in the secret service department and that he would go various and sundry other places.

"I haven't selected an office," said Mr. Hyers. "I am looking about and expect to be permanently located within ten days or two weeks after I close this office for the last time. I want to take a rest of a few days. My decision was not reached hastily. I like the real estate and insurance business. Adjustment of automobile, fire and burglary losses will not be entirely foreign to me."

He was associated with C. H. Morrill for three years as Havelock representative of the Lancaster Land Co. He was twelve years a mechanic, five years county sheriff and four years state sheriff. He has received several offers, acceptance of any one of which would keep him at the sort of work he is most familiar with, but apparently he desires something a little less strenuous.

"I positively will do no detective work, either officially or in a business way," he said. "I want to get out of that line."

Mr. Hyers has received considerable kidding from persons who humorously intimate that Governor-elect Bryan will want to retain him. The state sheriff has enjoyed the kidding and has retaliated with interest.

"I have watched the mails for days," he said Wednesday. "I have waited nervously each morning for the mail man. Surely there would come a letter from Mr. Bryan demanding that I remain in the job. But the letter never came."

The rent on the offices of the state sheriff is paid up until 15 o'clock noon, January 1st.

"Unless I receive further instructions, the office will be closed at noon on New Year's day," he said. "I have notified the landlord that he will receive no more instructions from me."

The governor-elect has let it be known that he will be the big chief of law enforcement. He will appoint deputies and the work presumably will be conducted as was the case under the Neville administration.

## AGED RESIDENT OF LOUISVILLE SUFFERS VERY SEVERE FALL

### Theodore Heim, Aged 92, Sustains a Fractured Hip Today—Rushed to Omaha Hospital.

From Thursday's Daily.  
This morning at his home in Louisville, Theodore Heim, one of the oldest residents of Cass county and one of the grand old men of this portion of Nebraska, sustained a fall that may prove very serious to the aged gentleman.

Mr. Heim was hurried to the hospital at Omaha, where the fractured hip sustained in the fall will be set and the patient cared for until he is strong enough to return to his home.

In November, Mr. Heim celebrated his ninety-second birthday and which was one of the notable events of Louisville and vicinity where this splendid old man has made his home for many years.

The friends over Cass county, who are legion will join in the wish that Mr. Heim may have a speedy recovery from his accident and live to enjoy a full century of life.

## BONUS BILL INTRODUCED

Washington, Dec. 6.—A soldiers' bonus bill similar in many respects to the one vetoed by President Harding, was introduced by Representative Foster, republican, Ohio. It would provide optional plans for adjusted service certificates, vocational aid and a farm home aid to the veterans, based on \$1.50 a day for overseas service and \$1.25 for service at home.

## MISSISSIPPI GOVERNOR DENIES CHARGES OF STENOGRAPHER

Oxford, Miss., Dec. 6.—Lee M. Russell, governor of Mississippi, today denied in federal court here, allegations of wrongs made by Miss Frances Birkhead, stenographer, the basis of a suit for \$100,000 damages against Mr. Russell, now on trial.

Farm loans now made at 5%.—Searl S. Davis, 201 Plattsmouth State Bank Bldg.

## CARD OF THANKS

In our recent bereavement we have received the tender sympathy of a host of dear friends in this community and to these we desire to express our heartfelt appreciation of their many acts of kindness to express which words are seemingly inadequate. We also desire to thank the friends for the many beautiful flowers and the choir of the church for their beautiful music.—Mr. Everett Noble; Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Noble and family; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sedlak and family.

## EMMETT D. STONE HAS EYE DESTROYED

### Injured During Charivari at Dawson when Double Barrelled Shotgun Suddenly Explodes.

Emmett D. Stone, well known Plattsmouth boy was the victim of a very serious accident at Dawson, Nebraska, Tuesday night, which resulted in the tragic ending of a charivari in which the young man was a member of the party of celebrators.

A gay party of young people had been serenading Mr. and Mrs. Dan Riley, who were married on Thanksgiving day and in the jolly party of young people were a number of young men armed with shotguns which were used to produce the noise for the occasion.

Mr. Stone was engaged in firing his gun, a double barrelled shotgun, when it suddenly exploded, tearing out the left eye. He was hurried to the hospital at Falls City where the wound was dressed and the lacerated eyeball removed.

Mr. Stone has been visiting his brother, H. Floyd Stone, at Dawson and the news of this serious accident comes as a great shock to the many friends in this city where he has spent the greater part of his lifetime. The parents have recently moved from this city to University Place, where they are now making their home.

## CHICKEN THIEVES ARE VERY ACTIVE IN THE COUNTRY

### Vicinity of Eight Mile Grove Seems to be Spot Favored by Purloiners of Chickens.

The Oxford neighborhood in Eight Mile Grove precinct seems to be the favorite resting place of a gang of chicken thieves and the latest place to report their activities is the farm of Harry Fornoff, and in this instance the thieves were repulsed by the quick action of Mrs. Fornoff.

During the course of one evening this week, Mrs. Fornoff who was at home with her small son, Mr. Fornoff being absent at Louisville, heard a noise at the chicken house and started out to investigate the matter. The lady found thieves in the act of pilfering the roots of their feathered occupants and without any hesitation opened fire with a revolver and which frightened the night crows into a hurried flight. They quit at the noise of the gun and started out to investigate the matter. The lady found thieves in the act of pilfering the roots of their feathered occupants and without any hesitation opened fire with a revolver and which frightened the night crows into a hurried flight. They quit at the noise of the gun and started out to investigate the matter.

A few doses of shot from the farmers will soon check the practice of robbing the chicken roosts in a most effective manner.

## FALLS AND SUFFERS A FRACTURED ARM

### Will Rice Slips on Sidewalk Near Herold Apartments and Sustains Severe Injury.

This morning while Will Rice, who has charge of the work around the Coates block, was coming down town he had the misfortune to sustain a severe fall on the sidewalk near the Herold apartments and the residence of Waldemar Soennichsen, and as a result suffered a double fracture of the left arm that will put him on the retired list for some time.

The walk was quite icy and as the unfortunate man fell he alighted on the left forearm fracturing it in two places. After the accident he continued on down to the business section of the city, where medical aid was secured and the injured arm dressed and made as comfortable as possible under the circumstance. The accident will cause Mr. Rice to carry his arm in a sling for a number of weeks and will cause him to have an enforced rest from his duties as custodian at the Coates block and the Herold apartments.

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

## THINKS EARLY RESIDENTS HERE WERE CANNIBALS

### Dr. Robert E. Gilder of Omaha Delving in Mounds Along Missouri to Establish Old Timors.

In an effort to obtain evidence to support his belief that Nebraska was inhabited 4,000 years ago by cannibalistic tribes of cave men, Dr. Robert E. Gilder is engaged in work of making excavations at places along the Missouri river in the vicinity of Bellevue and is making an effort to have the owners of land near their homes in the hope of securing some real evidence of the lost tribes.

Dr. Gilder is one of the most eminent workers in the west in the research work and well known all over the state for his work. At one time Dr. Gilder was here to investigate the finding of a large number of bones of human beings at the W. D. Jones home when an excavation was being made.

The present work is being carried on by the eminent scientist in the hope of settling forever the question of what manner of people at one time made their homes in this part of the American continent.

The site of the excavations is marked by several eroded mounds which the scientist believes were community houses of the Omaha or Pawnee Indians. It is his theory that these mounds were built upon the foundations of the houses of the earlier tribes, possibly ancestors of the midwest Indians. In support of this belief he has discovered that the upper structure—declared by him to have been built with mud and stone—has been covered with thatch—and an entrance on the south, whereas the lower excavations clearly show entrances from the east.

Using the Darwinian accumulation theory—one inch of earth to each century—Dr. Gilder calculates that he has reached the 4,000 year ago surface level and there he has discovered portions of human skulls, horns and foot bones.

Excavations have also revealed the remains of what he believes to be human bones. From this he evolves the theory that the early inhabitants were cannibals. Some thirty or forty implements of bone and wood he has found are almost identical with creations unearthed by European archaeologists who have described their era as preceding the historic.

## YOUNG PEOPLE WEDDED NEAR NEHAWKA

### Miss Pearl Young and Mr. Lorenz Miesbach Joined in Bonds of Wedlock Last Tuesday.

Tuesday, December 5, 1922, at high noon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Young, occurred the marriage of Miss Pearl Young and Lorenz Miesbach. The bride was attired in a lovely white gown and carried a shower bouquet. The groom wore the conventional blue serge. The attendants were Miss Mary Young, sister of the bride, and Mr. Leonard Miesbach, brother of the groom. The bridesmaid wore a tan crepe messaline and carried a bouquet of roses. Little Margaret Young, a niece of the bride, carried the ring on a satin pillow, and wore a dainty pink organdie. The Rev. Moehring of Otos performed the ring ceremony which united the young couple. After the ceremony the guests sat down to a three course dinner. The table was handsomely decorated in pink and white, surmounted by an arch. Only the immediate relatives were guests. The young people, after a wedding trip through the west, will be at home to their friends on a farm near Unadilla.

Miss Young has lived near Nehawka in her life and is a most charming and accomplished young lady. Mr. Miesbach is to be highly congratulated on securing this young lady for his help meet. She is the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Young, one of the well to do and highly respected farmers. She will be greatly missed in her neighborhood, but will make a valuable addition in the community in which she will make her home.

Mr. Miesbach is a worthy and industrious young farmer and comes from one of the best families in the community where he resides.

## CARD OF THANKS

To the many kind friends and neighbors who desire to express our deep appreciation of their many kind acts and words of tender sympathy to us in our bereavement and to the members of the choir who sang at the funeral and the friends who placed their cars at our service, we wish to thank as well as to the De Molay Chapter, B. P. O. E., Sheet Metal Workers, B. R. C. of A., Holly Orchestra, Cosmopolitan Club, Women's Auxiliary of Shoprats, Teachers and Children of Columbian school and the neighbors for the beautiful flowers at the funeral.—Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith and Family.

## DEATH OF OLD RESIDENT NEAR NEHAWKA

### Henry Balfour, Aged 69 Years, Passes Away After Illness of Only Two Days.

From Friday's Daily.  
One of the old time residents of the vicinity of Nehawka passed away on Wednesday afternoon when Henry Balfour, after a two days' illness was called by death. The deceased was sixty-nine years of age and thirty years of this had been spent in the vicinity where he passed away. His sickness was of short duration as he was taken two days ago with inflammation of the bowels and from the start his condition became quite serious until death relieved his sufferings.

Mr. Balfour was born in Waukegan, Illinois and resided in that locality until thirty years ago, when he came west to make his home with his older brother, William Balfour, on the farm near Nehawka. He has since made his home there and being of a very quiet and retiring disposition has quietly spent his days doing many acts of helpfulness for his relatives and close friends and assisting in any way possible the interests of his loved ones.

The deceased leaves to mourn his loss the brother, William, aged eighty-two as well as a large number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held this afternoon from the Balfour home, conducted by the Rev. W. A. Taylor, of Union, and the interment made in the cemetery nearby and the last rites were attended by a large number of the friends and neighbors.

## ASKS FOR DECREE

From Friday's Daily.  
This morning an action was filed in the district court entitled Urvin L. Barnard vs. Fred E. Bodie, receiver of the Bank of Cass County. The plaintiff sets forth that on November 8, 1919, he purchased a residence property of William Hall and wife costing not more than \$1,500, and that since that time the defendant had secured a judgment of \$1,000 against the plaintiff personally, on a note not covered by mortgage on the property but that the judgment interferes with the desire of the plaintiff to clear up his home that he may purchase a smaller place and he therefore asks that the property be declared his homestead and cleared of all cloud on the title. A. H. Duxbury appears as attorney for the plaintiff.

Books for every member of the family at the Journal office.

## EXPLAINS BLOWUP OF STEAM COOKER

### Lieutenant Governor Barrows Says His Own Inexperience as Dishwasher was Responsible.

Lieutenant Governor P. A. Barrows lays the blame of an explosion from a steam cooker to his own inexperience as a family dishwasher, and not to the cooker. He has been busy answering telephone calls regarding the explosion. He now remembers that the cooker did not whistle while it worked, an indication that the valve was clogged, and thus the governor was deprived of a very good chicken in the pot and a lid to the pot.

### Here's the Explanation

Mr. Barrows declines to answer questions in regard to where he got the explanation. He made the following explanation of the affair:

"Since I have been out of employment, my salary as acting governor has not been sufficient to allow us to keep our domestic help, so the cook, maids, butler, chauffeur and refrigerator superintendent have had to be dispensed with and I have taken over the more scientific duties of the house, such as occasionally washing the dishes, running the 'Hoover' and looking after the furnace. Tuesday I took over the duties of washing the supper dishes and right here is where the plot begins. Our steam cooker has a little steam valve with an iron ball which goes over the valve. I had neglected to see that the hole through the valve through which the steam escapes was clear, as I should, and the result evidently was that the valve had become stopped. To make matters worse, I had put the ball back on the valve instead of leaving it off to dry inside and this must have allowed the hole in the valve to become more firmly clogged because of the pressure of the heavy ball. As a result when the steam could not pass off in the usual way, the cooker exploded. I remember now that I did not hear the cooker whistle as it always does when the steam escapes, which is the way it has of letting the cook know that everything is all right.

"We are not at all alarmed over the incident and shall continue to use the cooker as soon as I can get a new cover for it and another chicken to take the place of the one which was scattered over the premises when the thing exploded. We would not think of keeping house without our cooker. Some of the inquiries made of us has been as to where I got the chicken. I will simply say that as I understand it, there is no law that will compel a man to incriminate himself."—State Journal.

## REACHES HOME SAFELY

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steinhauer have received word from their daughter, Mrs. H. J. Henger, announcing that she and her little son Jack Hinford Henger, had reached home safely on the farm in Wyoming. They had a very pleasant trip and it is needless to say that their return was a very pleasant occasion to Mr. Henger.

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