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GIVE FAREWELL PARTY FOR YOUNG SCHOOL FRIEND

Junior Class Tender Farewell to DeLough Utter Who is Leaving for New Home Soon.

From Friday's Daily.
Last evening the members of the Junior class of the high school tendered a farewell to one of their friends and classmates, DeLough Utter, who is to leave Saturday for his future home at Lincoln.

The event was staged in the high school "gym" which was appropriately arranged for the occasion and here the young people enjoyed for several hours the games and contests planned and at which much pleasure was derived by the young people and members of the faculty who were in attendance at the farewell.

At the close of the evening the committee in charge served very dainty refreshments that were very much enjoyed.

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TELLS OF AMPUTATION

Sam G. Stone, former Plattsmouth resident, who recently was operated on for the amputation of his left leg, has written to the relatives here giving the details of the ordeal.

The amputation was performed by Dr. B. R. McGrath of the St. Francis hospital at Grand Island and consisted of removing the limb six inches below the knee.

Mr. Stone has had trouble with the leg more or less during the last twenty-six years and last September had an accident in which the foot was broken and made necessary the amputation.

Mr. Stone is fifty-seven years of age and at the time of writing was doing very nicely.

FIREMEN RETURN HOME FROM THE STATE MEETING

Plattsmouth Delegation Find that as Entertainers the Westerners Are the Real Thing.

From Friday's Daily.
This morning the Plattsmouth delegation to the state firemen's convention, consisting of Guy W. Morgan, Chief O. Sandin, J. V. Hatt, Fred Lugsch, Louie Kroehler and H. W. Smith returned home from North Platte looking the worse for wear in the strenuous meeting but feeling that they had one of the times of their young lives in the gathering of the fire fighters.

The closing day of the convention was devoted to the election of the officers of the association, the following being chosen: O. W. Rhodes, Scottsbluff, president; Lee Carey, York, first vice president; Rev. W. C. Rundin, Mitchell, sec. v. n. d. C. Rundin, second president; A. G. Webbert, Kearney, secretary; Frank Tobin, Sidney, treasurer; Rev. Hass, Beatrice, chaplain.

The contest for the next meeting place was a warm one and Beatrice was finally chosen for the coveted honor and will entertain the fire fighters the coming year in their most hospitable manner and which their boosters promise will be some event.

A fire exhibit was held on the streets of North Platte Thursday afternoon and was the crown jewel of the state gathering. There were one hundred delegates in attendance at the state meeting.

W. B. Owen Says State Teachers' Association Should Become a "Power" in Politics.

Making the state teachers' association a power for educational advancement was urged by William B. Owen, president of the National Educational association and of the Chicago Normal school, in the address before the delegate assembly of the Nebraska Teachers' association at the Hotel Rome yesterday morning.

Several hundred educators attended this first session of the big three-day conference at Lincoln.

In Illinois we write and introduce the bills. We fight for them. No bill could be passed affecting educational matters in that state that the Illinois State Teachers' association did not approve.

Owen declared that educators would emerge from their "anaemic and clotted life" by becoming a power in politics.

"If we convince our communities that their biggest single expenditure should be for education, that the school is of paramount importance, we'll wake up and find that we are not an isolated people, but a part of the life of the state."

LOCAL NEWSPAPER IS A NECESSITY

Vivian W. Bradbury in the Utica (New York) Herald-Dispatch Gives the Reasons.

There are three most potent factors in the life, growth and development of a community. They are the church, the school and the newspaper, and this is in the order of importance.

It is not our purpose here to eulogize. We will pass over the first two of these factors, and perhaps treat of them later, if the churches were thrown out of this community no self-respecting person could stay here.

With all our material prosperity we would soon drop back to conditions such as ancient Rome witnessed. And if the school were discontinued material progress would also stop.

The church is a public institution and is supported by voluntary contributions. The school is also a public institution and is supported by the state through taxation.

The newspaper is a semi-public institution but receives no public support, but has to earn its livelihood through the regular channels of competitive business.

It is of the newspaper that we now wish to speak.

If all of the newspapers and other periodicals were discontinued today the effect would be somewhat like that of a mighty plague sweeping over the land.

Darkness would creep in, the darkness of intellect, as people would remain in ignorance of the happenings in localities only a few miles distant.

Business would slow down and telegraph communication would soon fall into disuse because no stimulus would come from newspapers.

Even the postoffice receipts would dwindle for much of its revenue comes in direct response to advertising.

The newspaper is the third great agency in the advancement of civilization, yet it is undervalued more often than the first two.

Few people seem ever to get the vision that the true-blue editor has in using the business to advance the interests of a whole community.

The teacher has his job to teach; but the editor, if he be true, has a triple job—and that is to preach, to teach, and hardest of all and with it all, too, to meet his weekly pay roll, pay the other costs of production, and try to get a comfortable living—and we all have a right to that.

Omitting the church and the school, we can make claim without exaggeration that a true newspaper is of more real importance, does more good with less money, gives more for less money than any other business in a community.

It is true that some will point to large industrial plants that flourish in the community and say that those concerns with their big pay rolls form the life of the community.

CAUSES MUCH ANNOYANCE

The composition that was poured on the new brick paving as a filler was all right as far as it went but the composition that remained on top of the paving is proving the "bunk" for the pedestrian and the housewives who are seeing their rugs and carpets growing dirtier and dirtier every day in every way.

The surface is peeling off and every person crossing the streets carries a large part of it off on their shoe soles and this in turn is wiped off on the family rug or carpet. If there is any way of remedying the annoyance it certainly should be looked after.

ELKS BAND DANCE IS GREAT SUCCESS

Large Crowd Present and the Occasion One Long to be Remembered by Merrymakers.

From Friday's Daily.
Last evening the Elks band gave a very pleasant dance at the Eagles hall that was in the nature of a carnival ball and one that was both novel and entertaining to the large number in attendance.

The hall was arranged in decorations of purple streamers and with the purple light shades that added a pleasing touch to the scene and cast over the scene a most charming coloring.

There were the attractive paper hats, horns and confetti that made the occasion one of real carnival aspect and with these features the young and old enjoyed themselves until a late hour.

The orchestra was composed of ten musicians under the leadership of W. R. Holly and furnished a program of the latest and most popular dance music and which served to keep everyone in a delightful spirit until the approach of the morning hours.

WOULD MAKE A CHANGE IN THE COUNTY OFFICES

Senate File 56 Would Make County Clerk Ex-Officio Clerk of District Court Some Places.

Among the many bills that have been buried into the legislative hopper at Lincoln is one in which a change is proposed in the manner of conducting the office of clerk of the district court in counties of 25,000 or less.

The measure is known as Senate File No. 56 and was introduced by Senator Rickard and provides that in counties of less than 25,000 the duties of the office of clerk of the district court shall devolve on the county clerk instead of the present method of separate offices.

In the smaller counties where there are only small populations as in the western part of the state, this plan might be very acceptable but in a county the size of Cass county, which is under the limit and would make the law applicable here, there is ample need of both offices and a consolidation would mean no saving.

It is the necessity for additional clerks would become necessary in the county clerk's office and only add to the duties of that position and with the tax records and general business of the county the office force is kept on the go as it is and to add the district clerk to the office would not only be a great burden but an inconvenience to those who have business in the district clerk's office and with the records of the office.

If the legislature desires to clip offices they should start in on the other side and not try to organize the operation of the offices in the various counties.

OLD RESIDENT VERY ILL

The many friends over Cass county of O. M. Straight of this city, will regret very much to learn that Mr. Straight is now in very serious condition at his home in this city and that for the past several days his family has been very apprehensive of the outcome of his case.

POTATO MOVEMENT NOW AT ITS PEAK

Many Carloads Being Shipped From Hemingford Over Country—Go Out in Three Grades.

Hemingford, Neb., Jan. 17.—The trucking seed potato movement is usually at its peak in January and on account of the mild weather the car loading is heavy at this time.

Potatoes are going out in three grades this year, as this seems to meet the trade requirements.

The highest grade is the certified Nebraska seed grade and those are bringing \$1.35 to \$1.40 per bushel sacked, f. o. b. Hemingford, United States No. 1, except size, Nebraska seed, brings from 85 cents to 95 cents per bushel, f. o. b. Hemingford, depending on how true to shape and seed size the stock runs.

A much lower grade is finding a rather ready market at 75 cents to 50 cents per bushel, f. o. b. Hemingford this year, which is shipped out as United States No. 2 which is a table stock grade, but meets with some favor in the south where a cheap grade of seed is demanded by some growers.

Louisiana trade demands the certified grade and a large part of the stock of certified seed is going to that state. The Nebraska seed of the higher grades is an unusually good quality and is in strong demand where its high yielding merits are well known which is in the commercial sections of the south.

The trade known as the "garden trade" use inferior seed from other sections but the commercial sections by experiment have decided for the Nebraska seed and hardly anything else can be sold in these sections.

The table stock market is now 60 cents per 100 f. o. b. Hemingford and a large number of cars are being loaded at this point and the adjoining sidings, Berea and Girard.

Owing to the low price of table stock an unusual amount of table potatoes have been lost by lack of attention to the potato pits.

OTOE COUNTY TO HAVE A NEW JAIL

County Commissioners Prepare to Replace Old Jail That Has Been in Use for Many Years.

Otoe county will probably have its much-needed and greatly-to-be-wished-for county jail and sheriff's office before the end of 1923.

In the annual estimate of expense the sum of \$15,000 is included for the purpose. Since Otoe county owes no man a dollar it is not necessary to vote bonds for a jail and the commissioners may declare an emergency and levy the money with which to construct a jail without "stretching" taxes to any extent, and through economy in other ways a jail may be built, it is said, and the burden would not be felt.

Otoe county's "cellar bastille" in use since the days of the Civil war, has been declared unsafe and until the firm of H. M. Soennichen is by the State Board of Health, it has been the custom of jail inspectors to condemn the jail annually, and little attention was paid to the condemnation proceedings until a short time ago when a more severe structure against "stretching" holdover was pronounced by the Board of Health, and the commissioners began to sit up and take notice.

Nothing definite has been decided yet as to what sort of a jail Otoe county is to have. It will probably be built south of the court house, the lower part to constitute a sheriff's house and office and the upper floor to contain modern, sanitary cell blocks. No effort will be made to build now.

Anyone who has visited the present jail realizes just how unsanitary and unsafe it is. It is impossible to keep clean and it is unhealthful to the extent that men confined there more than a month or so always show the effects of the confinement in a damp cellar. The proposal to construct a new jail, following several years of discussion, has the endorsement of taxpayers who have knowledge of the real conditions.—Nebraska City Press.

CHRISTIAN LADIES MEET

From Thursday's Daily.
Yesterday afternoon the Ladies Aid society of the Christian church were entertained at the home of Mrs. Jesse Cahoon on Lincoln avenue, and who was assisted by Mrs. M. B. Allen in entertaining. The afternoon was spent in a business session and with the ladies spending a social hour in visiting and the plying of the busy needle. At a suitable hour dainty refreshments were served by the hostesses.

CHURCH FOLK CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Christian Church Edifice at Weeping Water Two Years Old—Hold Jubilee Celebration.

From Friday's Daily.
The Christian church observed the second anniversary of the dedication of the church last Tuesday evening, when a large number of friends met in the basement where an informal luncheon was served by the ladies of the Dorcas Circle.

After the luncheon a program of speeches and music was given. Earl Towle acted as toastmaster. Brief speeches were made by the presidents of the different organizations of the church.

Cyrus Livingston, superintendent of the Bible school, outlined the goals and the needs of the Bible school for the coming year. Mrs. Jake Lohnes, as president of the Dorcas Circle, told of the plans of the women's organizations for 1923.

Harrison Livingston spoke of the work of the Christian Endeavor. He stated that the Endeavor society had increased 100% during the past year. There are now 79 enrolled.

S. R. Bradley, representing the church, spoke of the heroism of the small group that made possible the dedication of such a splendid edifice, and urged that there be a renewed consecration to the ideals for which the church stood.

Several musical numbers were keenly appreciated.

Miss Margaret Towle played a piano solo. A male quartette sang a group of three songs. Mr. Harmon played two violin solos that were enjoyed very much. Mrs. Harmon accompanied him. Twenty from the Plattsmouth and Avoca churches were present and enjoyed the fellowship.—Weeping Water Republican.

FINE LITTLE SON

From Saturday's Daily.
The good news was received here this morning by Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Dovey announcing the fact that a new son had arrived at the home of their son, Dr. E. G. Dovey and wife of Chicago. The little son will be named Henry Nelson Dovey, and the many friends of the family here will extend their best wishes to the young man for a long and prosperous career.

WINS FINE PRIZE

From Friday's Daily.
This noon Ed Steppat was awarded the kitchen cabinet given away by the firm of H. M. Soennichen in the contest for the one who held the lucky number and as the result of his good fortune Mr. Steppat will receive a fine prize and one that will be very much appreciated by the whole family.

WOMAN'S CLUB HEARS A FINE ADDRESS ON LAW

District Judge James T. Begley Addresses Ladies on Laws of the Land Last Evening.

From Saturday's Daily.
Last evening one of the largest meetings that has ever been held by the Plattsmouth Woman's club, met at the public library auditorium to hear a very interesting program, the chief feature of which was the address of District Judge James T. Begley on laws and which was very complete in its outline of the laws of interest to the majority of the residents of the state of Nebraska.

Preceding the address of the evening a short musical program was given consisting of a vocal duet by Misses Olive Bonge and Marjett Peacock and a violin duet by Mrs. A. D. Caldwell and Miss Grace Linder, which was very much enjoyed.

The leader of the evening was Mrs. E. A. Wurl and who introduced the speaker of the occasion to speak on "Laws of Interest." The distinguished speaker with his usual thoroughness took up the foundation law of the nation, the constitution, and discussed that for some time and then entered on an explanation of the laws of the state that are of more than usual interest and with which the residents come in more or less contact with in their ordinary affairs of life.

Among the laws discussed was that of the juvenile courts, the parole system and indeterminate sentence law, the divorce law, the laws governing the manufacture and sale of tobacco, the prohibition law and many other of the laws that are of more or less of the greatest common interest. Judge Begley also discussed a number of the proposed measures before the present legislature that proved of the greatest interest, including that of a gasoline tax, state income tax and cigarette tax.

Informally, the speaker told of the workings of the courts and related many of his experiences as county attorney, county judge and district judge and which illustrated how the system of law enforcement is carried on in the state.

The meeting was one that every member felt was certainly educational in every way and one that gave everyone a clearer insight into the laws of the state and their operation and the ladies felt deeply indebted to the judge for his splendid address on this subject.

GOES THROUGH OPERATION

From Friday's Daily.
Yesterday at the Immanuel hospital in Omaha Mrs. Fred H. Wynn of this city underwent a very severe operation that required more than an hour to perform, but the patient last evening was reported to be coming out of the effects of the ordeal in very good shape and apparently the operation was successful as far as could be determined. Mr. Wynn and Mrs. C. S. Forbes, mother of Mrs. Wynn, were at the hospital and Mrs. Forbes remained there for the night with the daughter and assisting in her care.

Business terms of all kinds printed at the Journal office.

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