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LEVIES SHOW REDUCTION OF TAX THIS YEAR

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAKE LEVY OF THREE MILLS FOR THE YEAR 1923-24.

STATE AND COUNTY 5 MILLS

Small Reduction Will Mean a Great Deal to Taxpayers—City Tax Lower Than Last Year.

From Friday's Daily. The board of county commissioners at their session yesterday took up the matter of the making of the annual levy for the year 1923-24 for the purpose of raising funds with which to operate the county government and as the result of the deliberation of the commissioners there will be a small reduction in taxes for the year on all of the property in the county. The state levy of two mills was received a few days ago by County Clerk George R. Sayles and with the levy of three mills by the county board will make the total levy for the year five mills, a deduction of four-tenths of a mill over the levy of last year.

The levy is based on a valuation of \$56,465,004, as shown by the figures of the assessors of the county, and will raise the sum of \$169,395.00 for the purpose of running the affairs of the county in the ensuing year.

The various funds for which provision was made in the county levy show the following figures: General fund, 1.00 mill, raising the sum of \$56,465.00; bridge fund, .99 of a mill, raising \$55,900.35; road fund, .09 mill, raising \$50,818.50; mothers' pensions, .08 mill, raising the sum of \$4,968.92; soldiers' relief fund, .018 mill, raising the sum of \$1,016.37. In the city of Plattsmouth the total of the state, county and school tax will be \$3.93 per one hundred of valuation, a reduction from \$4.12 last year and which shows a pleasing lowering of the taxes and combined with the lower estimates in the running of the city government will make a substantial reduction for the year. This does not of course include the special improvement taxes that may be levied by the city as in paving or sewer districts.

The county board heard the complaints of some twenty-one property owners of the assessed valuation of their property but there was no marked reduction made in the value of the property by the board.

TELEPHONE OPERATION VERY SIMILAR

Declares Lincoln Concern is Model to Well be Patterned After by Northwestern Bell Co.

From Friday's Daily. In an effort to show that circumstances surrounding the operation of the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph company are similar to those confronting the Northwestern Bell Telephone company, H. G. Taylor, chairman, state railway commission, on Wednesday testified before Special Master Dunham in the phone rate hearing in federal court at Lincoln that "the territories of the two firms are very similar and if the service of one company is any better than the service of the other, the superiority is on the side of the Lincoln concern." The testimony of Taylor was meant to supplement that of O. E. Johnson, expert accountant, who last week testified that the Bell concern could save more than \$300,000 annually if it were operated on the same expense plan that the Lincoln firm operates on. Taylor also said a group of five officials of the New York Telephone company had as recently as two weeks ago made a detailed survey of the Lincoln concern's operations and efficiency, regarding that firm as a model of good management and efficiency. The commission believes it would be a salutary thing for the Northwestern Bell to pattern its activities after those of the Lincoln firm, Taylor said.

DEPART ON VACATION

From Thursday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon, Sheriff C. D. Quinton, wife and children, loading into the family auto and discarding the cares of the official life for a few days, departed for Brule, Nebraska, where they will spend a few days visiting with a brother of Mr. Quinton who resides in that locality and enjoy the life in the open for a short time.

MANY ENTRANTS IN STATE TENNIS MEET

From Friday's Daily. When the first round matches of the annual state tennis tournament begin in Lincoln next week, the largest number of entrants in the history of the classic will be listed in the competition. Cedric Potter, secretary of the state association, reports a large response to the call for tournament entries. Ray Larson of Plattsmouth, director of the southeast Nebraska district of the state association, will bring a good sized delegation. Milton Ruggels will head the entrants from Hastings. Charles Patterson of Arapahoe, who is to referee the tournament, will also lead a group to the meet. The junior tournament is also receiving a large entry list. The matches in the junior division will be run off with the senior groups.

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE WEDDED AT GLENWOOD, IOWA

Plattsmouth Couple Journey Out of State to Escape Long Delay Under the New Statute.

From Friday's Daily. Two well known young people of Plattsmouth yesterday hid themselves in a neighboring city of Glenwood, Iowa, to have their life's happiness consummated there and to escape the delays that the new state law of Nebraska attaches to the marriage of anyone in this state.

The parties were Max Pries, Jr., who has been making his home at St. Louis, and the bride, Miss Nettie Kissling of this city. The ceremony was very quiet, the marriage lines being read by Justice Day of Glenwood. The young people were accompanied by Mrs. Fred Kissling of this city, a sister-in-law of the bride, and who witnessed the ceremony that was to unite the lives and hearts of these two estimable young people.

Both of the contracting parties are well known in Plattsmouth where they have grown to manhood and womanhood. The bride is a daughter of Louis Kissling and has a large circle of friends here as has the groom, who is the oldest son of Max Pries, Sr., and the groom has been an employee of the Burlington here for some time prior to going to Missouri, where he has since resided.

Their many friends here will join in wishing them a long and very happy wedded life in the years to come.

GIVES PLEASANT PARTY

From Friday's Daily. Last evening Miss Henrietta Waintroub entertained very pleasantly some twelve of her young friends at a "bunco" party at her home on Pearl street and which was enjoyed to the utmost by the young people in attendance at the gathering. In the game of "bunco" Mr. Robert Painter was awarded the first prize while the consolation prize was awarded to Miss Mable True. Following the enjoyment of a very dainty and much appreciated luncheon at a late hour the members of the party enjoyed a very delightful contest as to the most old fashioned and the most modern lady and gentleman in the party and Mr. Painter was given the prize for the most old fashioned man while Miss Mary Wilson was voted the most modern girl in the party.

SCHOOL DAYS ARE FAST APPROACHING

Plattsmouth Schools Will Open on Tuesday, Sept. 4—Getting Things in Readiness.

From Friday's Daily. The pleasant vacation days that have been enjoyed by the boys and girls of the city are about to draw to a close and the work in the school room resumed after the weeks of recreation. The board of education has set the date for the opening of school as Tuesday, September 4th, following the Labor day celebration and the commission will see the young people getting all set for the winter's work in the educational lines. In the schools here there will be a number of changes in the teaching force, but the greater part of the teachers will be engaged for the coming year with a few exceptions where they have resigned or accepted more advanced positions elsewhere.

STRICKEN ON WEDNESDAY

Grandma Strabel, who is staying with her son, Wm. Strabel in the country was taken with a stroke of paralysis. While her condition is very serious she is reported some better at present. It is the hope of her many friends that she will soon recover. She is near the 80 year mark.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

In Memoriam

Warren G. Harding

1865 1923

By Rev. Francis C. Young
Chicago's Poet Priest

With love divine All Wisdom's hand
Hath led the Chieftain of our land
Away from care and pointed sword
To mercy's home and his reward.

The nation's heart in sadness broke
With pray'r the Heavens doth evoke;
He might have failed, yet tried his best,
Dear Lord, grant him eternal rest.

AUDITOR DEDUCTS INCOME TAX FROM GOODHUE'S CLAIM

State Capitol Architect Puts in Bill for Amount of His Income Tax as Incidental Expense.

From Friday's Daily. State Auditor Marsh will deduct \$795.12 from the last quarterly expense claim of B. G. Goodhue, state capitol architect, as the proportion of the architect's income taxes charged to the state of Nebraska for the first six months of 1923. The auditor holds that income taxes are no part of the architect's overhead expense, which the state is obligated under its contract with Goodhue to pay.

Included in the capitol designer's bill of \$5,200 for April, May and June, covering salaries of his assistants, general expenses and overhead, was an item of \$44.70 under the heading of "taxes." A similar item of \$340.42 had been paid him for the first quarter of the calendar year. Auditor Marsh will take out the total of \$795.12 and issue a warrant for the remainder of Goodhue's claim.

Deputy Auditor F. B. Honza held up the architect's expense claim of something over \$12,000 for the first quarter until Mr. Goodhue sent an itemized statement of the amount charged for "overhead." He listed therein an item of \$1,800 as taxes. About 19 per cent of the entire "overhead" of the New York architect was charged against the Nebraska capitol job, which is occupying his attention and causing the "overhead" along with other jobs over which he has charge. This bill was allowed and paid.

When the claim arrived for the second quarter and another tax item was found on it, Deputy Auditor Honza wrote to Architect Goodhue and inquired whether this was ordinary taxes or income tax. He suggested that the state would not be liable for income tax as part of the "overhead."

In reply, Mr. Goodhue wrote that the item referred to was quarterly installments of income tax paid to the federal government and to the state of New York. He said he considered it a legitimate charge to be made against the state of Nebraska, for its percentage of the whole overhead, but added:

"If you rule to the contrary, it will be perfectly agreeable to us to have you eliminate this item and to reduce the overhead amount proportionately."

The total income taxes in the second quarterly bill were \$2,475.67, of which nearly 19 per cent was charged to this state.

Deduct for This Year. Auditor Marsh will not go back of last January in deducting income tax payments from the architect's bills, for the reason that all claims previous thereto have been allowed and paid in full, and there are no itemized vouchers on file in the auditor's office which show how much was allowed for such taxes. Nobody but the capitol commission has any records pertaining thereto.

In the future, however, the architect will file itemized vouchers with the auditor, and no further income tax payments will be refunded to him.

Business forms of all kinds printed at the Journal office.

PLANNING FOR STADIUM DAY AT STATE UNIVERSITY

New Structure to be Opened October 20th with Kansas Jayhawkers as the Opposing Team.

From Friday's Daily. The new stadium at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln will be dedicated on October 20, when Nebraska Cornhuskers will meet the Kansas Jayhawkers.

"Among the laborers on the force of the stadium contractors," says the statement issued by the university stadium committee, "are candidates for the 1923 football team. They have selected to labor on the new stadium to harden their muscles for the contest for a place on the Cornhusker eleven."

No matter in what part of the stadium a spectator may be seated he will be able to see all of the field and every corner of the running track. More than 30,000 seats will be provided. The steam shovel working on the excavation removes more than 700 cubic yards of dirt each day. It has been removing that amount every day for more than two months, and there is still a large amount of excavation to be done.

The playing field of the new structure will be eight feet below the surface of the old field. The total amount of dirt moved and to be moved is 6,000 cubic yards.

Ten thousand cubic yards of concrete will have been poured into the new structure when the coming football season opens. This does not include the concrete which will be used in the colonades which will enclose the end. For the oval ends and the four towers, 6,000 cubic yards will be used.

The weekly payroll of the construction company having the contract is \$5,500. This material will be used in the structure: 128,000 gallons of water; six hundred cars of sand; 350,000 feet of lumber; 18,400 barrels of cement.

It is planned to dedicate the new stadium October 20, home coming day for Nebraska alumni, when the Cornhuskers thrash the Jayhawkers from Kansas. Last year when Kansas dedicated its stadium Nebraska was the guest of honor and won the game 28 to 0.

MRS. RAU RECOVERING
W. J. Rau, the Manley banker, passed through town Sunday, enroute home from the Clarkson hospital, where he is spending most of his time lately with his wife, who has been seriously ill and he reports Mrs. Rau making splendid progress toward recovery. She had been able to partake of a little watermelon that day and was feeling very comfortable.

CITY PAYS A TRIBUTE TO FALLEN CHIEF

SOME 500 OF CITIZENSHIP ASSEMBLES AT GARFIELD PARK FOR THE PROGRAM.

JUDGE JAS. T. BEGLEY SPEAKS

Pays Tribute to the Late President and Touches on Some of the Problems of the Day.

From Friday's Daily. This afternoon at 2 o'clock there assembled amid the quietness and beauty of Garfield park some 500 of the people of Plattsmouth to pay their tribute to the memory of Warren Gamaliel Harding, the fallen leader of the nation, and the simple and impressive services were in fitting keeping with the solemnity of the occasion.

The citizens assembled at the park came from every walk in life, the business man had laid aside his tasks for the day, the farmer his labor in the field and the professional man his duties to gather under the brightness of the summer day to pay their tribute to the nation's honored leader and mingling with these were large numbers of the ladies of the city.

The Eagles band occupied the platform at the park where at the opening of the service a short program of appropriate music was given ending with the inspiring notes of "The Star Spangled Banner" as the audience stood in reverent silence, and followed by the invocation by the Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

On the platform were also members of the G. A. R. and the W. R. C., Legion Auxiliary and the representatives of the American Legion, who carried with them their standard and colors.

The Masonic Male Quartet, composed of Dr. R. P. Westover, Frank A. Clout, L. O. Minor and H. G. McClusky sang the comforting hymn, "Lead Kindly Light," preceding the address of the afternoon.

The speaker of the occasion was District Judge James T. Begley, who as the chairman of the afternoon, Davis, remarked, was most ably chosen as the highest representative of the judicial department of the government in this county to pay the tribute to the highest officer of the executive branch of the federal government.

The speaker gave briefly an outline of the life of President Harding from his birth in modest surroundings in Ohio on November 2, 1865, to the day when he was called by his countrymen to the office of president of the United States. His trials to earn his way through college, his struggles as an editor and publisher in his home town of Marion were touched upon by the speaker at the opening of his remarks.

Touching on the great tasks of the present day that makes of the office of president a task far more severe than the average citizen realizes, the speaker touched on some of the problems that the departed president had attempted to solve including the disarming of the nations, the enforcement of the eighteenth amendment to the constitution, the world court, and paid a tribute to the great work of the fallen leader.

One of the most striking portions of the speech was the tribute paid to the personal life of the late president, his devotion to his wife and she to his care in the last days of his life; his warm devotion to his friends under all circumstances which had won him the lasting love of all who knew him.

Judge Begley also called the attention of his audience to the fact that many of the questions of the day are such that the electors of the nation should express themselves in a clear and decisive voice upon them and aid in the settlement of these questions that concern them instead of leaving purely to the executive head of the nation the great task. A higher appreciation of the citizenship of the nation, he said, would aid in solving many of the questions of the day that have arisen as the result of the world war and the reconstruction questions that had affected our own country in common with the world.

As the speaker drew to the close of his address the audience arose and with the band playing the accompaniment sang "America." Mrs. E. H. Wescott leading the singing, a fitting close of the simple service that constituted Plattsmouth's tribute to the executive head of the national government.

The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. H. G. McClusky.

Mrs. Charles Shurtliff, who has been visiting at Sidney, Iowa, returned home this morning on the early Burlington train and was accompanied back home by her sister, Mrs. Joe Elicott of Council Bluffs who will visit here for a short time.

READY FOR PAVING

Mayor C. A. Johnson and City Clerk A. H. Duxbury have affixed their signatures to the paving contract between the city of Plattsmouth and Bert Coleman, and with the filing of the necessary bond as required, Mr. Coleman is now ready to get into the work of paving as soon as the weather conditions will permit and allow the work to be prosecuted to a successful conclusion. The same jinx that pursued Mr. Coleman on the Main street paving seems to be showing up, as it has rained almost every day since he received the contract.

The paving work should provide the means of employment for a considerable number of the men of the city who are not otherwise engaged and will aid materially to the prosperity of the community.

FIRST NIGHT MAIL PLANES MAKE TEST FLIGHT AUGUST 21

Eight Specially Constructed Machines Ready for Chicago-Cheyenne Service.

From Friday's Daily. First night flying planes will arrive in Omaha at the Fort Crook air mail field the night of August 21 from Chicago.

Shortly afterward another squadron of planes will leave the Fort Crook field, lighted by the days of two giant searchlights, and begin their nocturnal journey to Cheyenne, Wyo.

These preliminary experimental flights will continue for three days, 10 ships participating.

All the beacon lights along the route are now in working order.

Air mail officials will probably make the night flight other officials coming to Omaha to witness the landing and departure of the planes.

All night flights will be made between Chicago and Cheyenne. Plans are under way to attain 28-hour transcontinental service in all weather.

Eight specially constructed planes have already been shipped to officials in Chicago and Cheyenne, according to word received here. Approximately 50 planes will be used when contracts are filled.

These new planes are single seated affairs constructed to carry 500 pounds of mail. Their normal speed is 100 miles an hour.

A 20-minute stop will be made in Omaha to and from the west.

RECEIVE GOOD NEWS

From Wednesday's Daily. The M. S. Briggs and W. J. Hartwick families have received the good news of the arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Briggs at Winder, South Dakota, of a fine little daughter. The little one arrived just the day previous to the observance of the birthday of her granddad, M. S. Briggs, and the new birthday present that the family has received has been a very pleasant one to the genial grandpa and he has hastened out after the items and sheekles for the Journal with renewed enthusiasm since the good news was received.

WILL VISIT IOWA TOWNS IN FEW DAYS

PLATTSMOUTH AD CLUB WILL PAY ADJOINING TOWNS A CALL VERY SOON.

FREE FERRY ON BARGAIN DAY

Desire to Meet and Get Acquainted With Neighbors Over the River—Will Invite Them Here.

From Thursday's Daily. The members of the Plattsmouth Ad club are planning to enjoy an auto trip to the territory east of the Missouri river which will include the towns of Pacific Junction, Thurban, Bartlett, McPaul and the surrounding territory and on which the members of the party expect to enjoy themselves in meeting the good people of the Iowa side of the river and become better acquainted.

It has been arranged by the Ad club that the next Bargain Wednesday on August 15th will be in the nature of Iowa day and in order that as many of the residents of that locality as can will be here to enjoy the feast of real bargains there will be a free ferry over the Missouri river for their benefit, the Ad club having arranged with Mr. John Richardson, the owner of the ferry for this service. Thus it will be an easy and inexpensive matter for the Iowa residents in Mills and Fremont counties as well as points farther east to motor over and get acquainted with Plattsmouth and its people on this occasion.

The usual array of fine buying opportunities will be offered the public on matter where they may come from and the visitors from outside points will have a hearty welcome in Plattsmouth on next Wednesday or in fact any other day that they may come, and especially the Iowa delegations.

This city in the last few weeks has been having many visitors from the Iowa side of the river and those who have come here have been very expressive in their appreciation of the city and its splendid business houses and kindly and friendly people.

The meeting of the Ad club this noon the details of the excursion to Iowa were taken up fully and everything arranged for the big trek to the east side of the river.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express to our many kind friends and neighbors our sense of appreciation of their many acts of kindness and words of comfort in the time of our bereavement and sorrow and the death of our brother and uncle—Jess N. Elliott and Family; John W. Elliott and Family.

F. G. Egenberger will write you a policy in the New York Life Insurance Co., and look after your New York Life business. 12-17w

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