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WILL CONTINUE WORK OF COUNTY HOME AGENT

CAMPAIGN WILL BE MADE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE REQUIREMENTS.

DOES NOT COME FROM TAXES

Appropriation From Federal Government Available if Other Funds Needed Are Raised.

From Friday's Daily—
The stormy and disagreeable weather yesterday served to detain many from attending the meeting of the Cass county farm bureau held at the court house but despite this fact a very enthusiastic number were present from in and near the city to take up the discussion of whether or not the home demonstration department, including the boys' and girls' clubs would be carried on in the next year.

The meeting was presided over by Hon. W. B. Banning, of Union, president of the bureau, and attending the meeting were Prof. Lawrence of the extension department of the state farm and Miss Ida M. Wilkins, the county home agent, who has been so successful in her work in the past in the county.

There was some discussion of the work of the home extension department and it was the general sentiment that this branch of the bureau activities was too valuable to let go by default and should have the support of the people of Cass county and particularly in the work of the boys' and girls' clubs which have reached a very high standard under the efficient work of Mr. L. R. Selnes and Miss Ida Wilkins. In addition to these clubs Miss Wilkins has established a number of sewing clubs for the ladies of the rural districts over the county and these have been very strong features of the activities of the year and brought out some very pleasing results in handling many of the problems of the home.

In relation to the conduct of the home extension work which has been carried on by Miss Wilkins, there is none of the tax money of the county used in the work but that the appropriation made by the government for the work is supplemented by the same raised over the county by individual efforts to care for the expenses such as salaries and traveling expenses necessary to the successful handling of the work. Under the provisions of the Smith-Hughes bill for the extension of farm home extension work, the United States government appropriates \$900 for Cass county to carry on this work and the residents of the county are required to raise the other amounts necessary to see that the work is carried out successfully. If the sum is not taken advantage of by Cass county it will be used elsewhere and makes no difference in the appropriation of the money but means the loss of this advantage to the people of this community.

The chamber of commerce of Plattsmouth sent to the meeting a message of approval of the excellent results of the home extension work and the hope that it would be continued this year.

It was finally decided upon to take up the campaign to see that this important branch of the farm bureau work was continued and it is hoped to have the funds available to meet the requirements necessary to secure the federal appropriation for the year.

CITY COUNCIL HOLDS A SPECIAL SESSION

Passes on the Assessment of Taxes on the Property in the Sewer District on Gold Street.

From Friday's Daily—
Last evening the city council held a short special session for the purpose of adopting the schedule of assessment on the property in the Gold street sewer district.

There were two objections to the assessment and the schedule, one being by Fred Sydebotham, whose property had been listed with too large a part of the cost and which it was decided to have changed to make the schedule more fair. Another objection was also filed by G. W. Homan claiming that the property was below the grade of the sewer and received no benefit from the sewer. This was laid over and the council proceeded to adopt the schedule of assessment and levy of the taxes. The average cost per lot in the district is placed at \$35.

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CLASS ENTERTAINS

From Friday's Daily—
Last evening the Young Men's Class of the Presbyterian church, of which George L. Farley is the teacher, acted as the hosts to the young ladies' classes of the Sunday school which are taught by Misses Clara Weyrich and Pearl Staats and the occasion was one of the greatest of pleasure to an of the thirty-five young people who were in attendance. Owing to the fact that a number of the young ladies' classes are away at school this served to limit the attendance but those who were present will long very pleasantly remember the occasion.

The time was spent in the playing of games at which a great deal of enjoyment was derived and at an appropriate time the refreshment committee composed of William Matschullat, John Iverson, Willis Hartford and Fred Triley, took over the meeting and served a most delicious repast that was the fitting climax of a pleasant evening.

JEAN BRADY WINS A PRIZE IN 'BABY PEGGY' CONTEST

Five-Year-Old Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Brady Awarded 2nd Place and \$35 in Gold.

From Friday's Daily—
During the past week the Sun and Muse theatres in Omaha have been conducting a contest among the children as to their likeness to "Baby Peggy," the winsome little star of the movies and the contest resulted in hundreds of the charming little ladies of Omaha and vicinity being entered for the honors.

It has rained for one of the attractive little girls of Plattsmouth to carry off one of the chief prizes in the event and this is Jean Brady, the winsome five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Brady of this city.

Several days ago Mrs. W. E. Rosenkrans was at Omaha and attending the movies was attracted to the film of Baby Peggy by the fact that the little actress was very much like little Jean and on her return home she strongly urged the parents to enter their little daughter and they finally consented and at the Muse yesterday the contest was decided, and the second prize \$35 in gold, was awarded to Miss Jean. This is very pleasing to the charming little lady as well as to her parents and friends in the marked resemblance to Baby Peggy, one of the highest paid stars of the movie world.

TAX AUTOS BOUGHT UP TO FIRST OF JULY

State Law Provides For Listing Property Brought Into the State After April 1.

From Friday's Daily—
State Tax Commissioner Smith has revised the personal property tax schedule to be used by county and precinct assessors. He has incorporated a printed statement which indicates that it will be difficult this year to escape taxation of automobiles or other property purchased after April 1. Although the law provides for the listing of property as of April 2 it also provides that county assessors may list property up to July 1 that has been brought into the state after April 1 and in addition the county assessor may change assessments to conform to law. Property undervalued or improperly omitted may be listed by the state board up to December 1.

For the purpose of ascertaining how many tractors and threshing machines are in the state the new schedule contains a separate paragraph for each of this class of property. Formerly these machines were scheduled with farm machinery.

A new item on the personal property schedule this year is postoffice equipment. It was formerly covered by office fixtures and equipment.

MULLEN IS A CANDIDATE FOR PARTY COMMITTEEMAN

From Friday's Daily—
Arthur P. Mullen has announced that he had consented to be a candidate for democratic national committeeman at the primaries next April.

Numerous requests have come from "over the state," Mr. Mullen said, "asking me to be a candidate. Petitions will be circulated in a short time."

Mr. Mullen was national committeeman from 1916 to 1920. He is recognized as one of the leading political strategists in the democratic party of Nebraska. His advice was often sought in the national field, where he succeeded in winning recognition for the west in a manner that had not been done before.

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C. E. WESCOTT PASSES AWAY LOS ANGELES

DECEASED WAS EIGHTY-THREE YEARS OF AGE AT TIME OF HIS DEATH.

GLD PLATTSMOUTH RESIDENT

Founder of Present Firm of C. E. Wescott's Sons in 1879 and Retired in 1907.

From Saturday's Daily—
This morning the sad message was received here by the Wescott family of the passing away of the father, C.



MR. AND MRS. C. E. WESCOTT

E. Wescott, at 5:30 this morning at Los Angeles, California. The death came following more hopeful messages received during the night and was a distinct shock to the members of the family here.

For the past week Mr. Wescott has suffered quite a serious illness following the last few years of failing health and the family here have been in constant touch with Earl C. Wescott, the son residing at Los Angeles and last evening the message came that Dr. Miller, the attending physician, had deemed an operation necessary and this by a second message that the condition of the aged patient was now serious. A later message was more reassuring as it reported Mr. Wescott as coming out of the operation very nicely and favorable indications for his recovery, but these hopes were dashed a few hours later when the word of his passing was received.

E. H. Wescott of this city had been arranging to leave for Los Angeles and departed this morning just a short time before the death message was received and was in Omaha awaiting his train to the coast when reached by the messages from the other brother, C. E. Wescott of this city, telling of the passing of the father.

Clarence Edgar Wescott was born October 14, 1841, in Cheshire, Mass., and spent his boyhood in that pleasant section of New England in the Berkshire Hills and where in the years later the deceased loved to go to renew in memory the scenes of his youth in the beauties of this attractive locality. In his early days he engaged in school teaching in the vicinity of his home and in the late fifties he yielded to the lure of the gold excitement in California and journeyed to the Pacific coast to spend a short time seeking his fortune but decided that life there offered no greater opportunities than were to be found in the "states" and later returned to his New England home to remain for a few years until again he turned his face westward and left the old home to make his permanent home in the heart of the great new western country that was just being opened up to the advancing forces of the white man's domination. He first located at LaPorte, Indiana, where he was engaged in

the mercantile business with the firm of P. King in 1867, and was married there in 1869 in that place to Miss Mary Louise Collin.

It was in the year 1879 that Mr. Wescott arrived in Plattsmouth and established himself in business and which business firm is still here, the oldest in the mercantile houses of the city, altho the founder has since retired from the active management of the business. Here the young man engaged in business with Charles Powell for a short time and later took over the institution and ran it under the name of C. E. Wescott until in the late nineties when with the eldest son, Charles C. Wescott, was taken into the firm and later E. H. Wescott, the second son, became a partner and in 1907, the father and the founder of the firm, retired, turning over to his sons the active management of the store. In 1910, Mr. and Mrs. Wescott, who had made frequent visits to the Pacific coast where their youngest son, Earl C. Wescott, was located, decided that they would spend their last years there and left the old home in Plattsmouth for Los Angeles where they have since resided.

In his early days Mr. Wescott at

PAINTING BY ONE OF THE OLD TIME MASTERS HERE

Dr. J. S. Livingston of This City Possesses Painting of "Madonna of the Rose" by Raphael.

From Thursday's Daily—
For the past few years, Dr. J. S. Livingston of this city has possessed a painting of a Madonna which he has valued very highly for its beauty of workmanship, which has in the last few months been reviewed by a number of the leading art critics of the United States and every indication points to the fact that the painting is one of the old masters, either by Raphael, the great Italian artist of the fourteenth century or his pupil, Urdine.

The painting was taken to New York by Dr. Livingston and submitted to the leading judges of art work in that city and a number of whom have a world wide reputation in judging the works of art and with these critics the painting is acclaimed as that of the world famous "Madonna of the Rose," one of the paintings of the great Raphael, whose art works are treasured in the galleries of the old world and a number of whose religious paintings are a part of the noted gallery in the Vatican at Rome. The picture has all the appearances of great age and is now in New York where it is being cleaned by experts who hope to restore it to the original beauty, as it had apparently been frequently varnished and treated in the past years before it came into the hands of Dr. Livingston.

"The Madonna of the Rose" was reported as last being shown at Christie's in London in 1854 and since that time has been little heard of, and it is not beyond the possibilities that in one of the mysterious cases of the disappearance of famous paintings, the picture was brought to America years ago and from several hands was finally secured by Dr. Livingston. The history of the painting as far as known dates back twenty-five years ago when it was presented to Frank Warren by George H. Huntington, a musician and painter. Mr. Huntington being an old friend of Mr. Warren, who was then engaged in the theatrical business at Denver and when the Huntington family left that city they presented the old picture to Mr. Warren, it not then being considered of any great value aside from its beauty as a work of art. It was brought here by Mr. Warren and a few years ago was presented by the Warren family to Dr. Livingston and has been greatly treasured by the doctor for its wonderful workmanship. Sometime ago the attention of the doctor was called to the fact that the picture might be the work of one of the old masters and he made a number of inquiries that resulted in very favorable replies and a more thorough investigation gave encouragement to the theory that the picture was one of the early art works of the great Raphael. Whether the painting is finally decided as the work of Raphael or his pupil, Urdine, it will have a great value and compared with other of the paintings by this great artist should be worth from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

THIRTEEN BELOW ZERO AT SEVEN THIS MORNING

From Thursday's Daily—
Real ice making weather was experienced in this locality last night and the mercury scaled down to 13 degrees below zero at the Burlington station at 7 o'clock this morning and established the cold record so far this winter and one that has made the task of getting around on the streets very snappy and sharp.

The cold weather at night has served to keep the streets very clear of cars and only one or two are to be found parked on the streets after 8 o'clock and the auto owners are finding some of the disagreeable features of automobilism in the handling of the cold and frozen-up cars.

A continuation of this weather for a few days will result in the freezing of ice of sufficient thickness to be stored profitably and it is expected that by the first of the week the ice harvest will be on in earnest.

ANOTHER SMALL SNOW

From Friday's Daily—
The eastern part of the state last night was visited by another small snow that added to the wintry appearance of the landscape and brought with it delight of those who enjoy sleighing or coasting and is the first real snowy weather of the season and added to that of last Monday covers the ground very thoroughly. Travelers report the east and west roads as being drifted some but not serious enough to effect travel very much by auto.

C. A. Miller, or "Whitey," as he is known to the old timers in this locality, came in yesterday to spend a short time here visiting the old time friends and made the Journal a very pleasant call and advanced his subscription for another year.

GIVE SURPRISE FOR FRIEND

From Friday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon a number of the friends of Mrs. Betty Beeson-Hawkesworth motored out to "Clover Lodge," the Beeson country home, and gave their friend a most delightful surprise on the occasion of her birthday anniversary. The event was a most complete surprise to the guest of honor and it was an occasion that all will very pleasantly remember. The tables arranged were in a color scheme of pink, flowers and the dainty rose nut cups furnishing the attractive decorations.

After the enjoyable 1 o'clock luncheon the ladies spent the time in playing bridge, the first prize being won by Miss Nora Livingston, while the consolation prize was awarded to Miss Elva Hartford. In honor of the occasion the guest of honor received a number of very beautiful gifts from the party of friends.

Those attending were: Mesdames Waldemar Sonnenichsen, Henry G. Sonnenichsen, M. D. Brown, Robert Reed, C. A. Rosenkrans; Misses Eleanor Burnie, Nora Livingston and Elva Hartford.

MRS. JULIA NEWTON PASSES TO HER REWARD

Death Occurs at the Home of Mrs. H. J. Newton Following Illness of Some Duration.

From Thursday's Daily—
The death of Mrs. Julia V. Newton occurred yesterday afternoon at 3:30 at the home of Mrs. H. J. Newton in this city following an illness of some duration and the end was very quiet and peaceful as the aged lady sank into the last sleep. The deceased lady was born in Illinois seventy-two years ago and for a number of years made her home in Plattsmouth, later going to Wyoming where for seven years she resided with her son, Dayton Newton at Moorecroft, returning to Plattsmouth a short time ago to make her home and here she remained until death called her to rest.

To mourn her death there remain four children, Mrs. Lucy Lee of Pacific Junction; Mrs. Ida Kinnaman and Dayton Newton of Moorecroft, Wyoming; and Orville Newton of this city and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. H. D. Newton. There are also seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren to share the sorrow that her death has brought.

There has been no arrangements made as to the funeral, the family here awaiting word from the relatives in Wyoming.

TOWNLEY SAYS CHARGES ARE DUE TO POLITICS

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 3.—A. C. Townley, former head of the National Nonpartisan League, for whom a warrant was issued at Fargo yesterday on a charge of embezzlement, declared here today "that politics and venom of a discharged employe" were responsible for the charge against him.

Townley, now head of the National Producers' Alliance, with offices here, was at first reported to be in Nebraska or Kansas doing organizational work for the alliance.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION NOT SO FAR AHEAD OF US

This Spring City Officials Will be up For Choosing at the Hands of the Voters of City.

From Friday's Daily—
The matter of the selecting of the city officials for the next two years will be up this coming spring and the time for the nominations is but sixty days away and not too soon to begin to figure who are to be the men at the helm of the municipal craft in the coming two years. At this election there will be chosen the mayor, clerk, treasurer, two members of the board of education and one councilman from each of the five wards of the city.

While in recent years it has been the policy to have a general mass city convention to choose the candidates for the city offices, there has been more or less dissatisfaction over the fact that there was not more interest taken in the selection of the men for this year there would probably be more competition shown for the offices and whether or not this will be expressed in the two old political conventions or in conventions formed largely in the bloc system, which has generally marked the citizens' meetings of the past few years, is a matter of conjecture.

The officials whose terms expire this year are: C. A. Johnson, mayor; C. E. Hartford, treasurer; A. H. Duxbury, clerk; Dr. C. A. Marshall, Mrs. S. S. Chase, members board of education; L. L. McCarty, councilman first ward; J. H. McMahon, councilman second ward; E. O. Howe, councilman third ward; John C. Brittain, councilman fourth ward, and L. E. Vroman, councilman fifth ward.

None of the present city officials have signified their intentions as to their attitude toward re-election, preferring, probably, until the time for the battle draws nearer.

THORNE BROWN IS NEW CHAIRMAN

Petitioners Take Announcement to Definitely Dispose of Norris as a Candidate.

Lincoln, Jan. 3.—Charles H. Sloan of Geneva, former congressman from the Fourth Nebraska district, will be a candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator, it was definitely announced at noon today by Frank Corrick, former chief clerk of the Nebraska house of representatives, who filed the petitions of Mr. Sloan.

Over the long distance telephone Sloan informed Corrick that he accepted the filing and that he would send the filing fee to the secretary of state by Saturday. He will also announce his platform at that time, he said. Sloan's filing was taken in political circles here to mean a definite settlement of the fact that Senator Norris will not again be a candidate.

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