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J. A. CAPWELL NAMED AS THE CO. ATTORNEY

ACTION FOLLOWS RESIGNATION OF COUNTY ATTORNEY A. G. COLE AT 10 A. M.

From Friday's Daily— This morning at 10 o'clock, the board of county commissioners in session at the court house received the written resignation of County Attorney A. G. Cole, which it had been rumored would be sent to the board at the present session and which was presented by Mr. Cole in writing to the board.

Immediately after the resignation was received the board took up the matter of the appointment of a successor to the office of the county attorney and the question was tendered to Attorney C. E. Tefft of Weeping Water who declined the position and the board proceeded to take a second ballot on the proposition of naming the successor and the result of which was that Joseph A. Capwell of Elmwood was named as the man for the position.

Mr. Capwell has been active in the county since his return from the service in the world war and was the democratic opponent of Mr. Cole at the last general election in November, 1922, and was defeated for the position.

Mr. Cole stated to the representative of the Journal that his resignation was made at this time as he desires to engage in the private practice of law and is appreciative of the honor that the people of Cass county has given him as he has been in the office since 1915 and there remains three years of his present term yet to serve.

The question of whether or not the position will be filled at the next general election has been raised and it is a matter of divided opinion as to whether or not the office will be placed for the consideration of the voters but the probabilities are that there will be several fillings for the position.

A. L. TIDD WILL SEEK STATE SENATORSHIP

Plattsmouth Attorney Files for the Nomination on Republican Ticket With Co. Clerk.

The lists for the nominations on the legislative tickets have been filled very generally and the final entry to make the republican slate complete was made today when Attorney A. L. Tidd of this city filed for the republican nomination for the office of state senate on the republican ticket for the second district, comprising the counties of Otoe, Cass and Sarpy.

Mr. Tidd is the first candidate to file for the republican nomination for this office and will make a very effective campaign for the office. The new candidate is well known over the county having been several times before the voters and two years ago was the nominee of the progressive party for the position of congressman in the first district against J. H. Morehead and Walter Anderson.

The candidate for senator has been a resident of Plattsmouth for the past twenty-four years and is one of the leading members of the Cass county bar.

SECURES BRIDGE CONTRACT

From Friday's Daily— At the session of the board of county commissioners yesterday the award of the contract for the county bridge work was made and the contract let to the Monarch Engineering company of Falls City, which has been handling the bridge work here in the past few years. The work of the Monarch company has always been very satisfactory to the county in general and their familiarity with the work here will make it easier to handle.

JESS WARGA SICK

Last evening after Jess F. Warga had returned home from the weekly session of the Business Men's athletic club, he was taken quite sick, and it was found necessary to summon medical assistance. The patient was suffering from severe pains in the chest and lungs. Mr. Warga spent a very severe night of it and this morning was but little better. Just what the cause of the illness may be has not been determined as yet.

Business forms of all kinds printed at the Journal office.

OPERATED ON YESTERDAY

From Friday's Daily— At the University hospital in Omaha yesterday, Mark Iles, well known resident of this city, was operated upon for a severe attack of what seems to have been a case of what is sometimes known as "lumpy jaw" and from which Mr. Iles has been suffering some time. The patient has been undergoing treatment for several months and the case not getting better, he was sent to the hospital in the hopes of giving him permanent relief. Mrs. Iles was at the hospital with her husband and reports him as standing the operation in the best of shape.

FEEL WELL PLEASED WITH COM'ITE MEET'G

Democratic Gathering Yesterday One Filled With Great Interest—Delegates Selected.

"The best committee meeting in years," was the comment of Lou F. Langhorst, chairman of the democratic county central committee and candidate for the nomination for state treasurer on the democratic ticket, yesterday afternoon when the meeting of the central committee at the court house was closed.

The members present as well as the visiting democrats from all over the county were filled with the spirit of making the coming campaign one of the greatest interest and the enthusiasm of the persons present was such as to give the chairman the greatest pleasure.

The party will have a full list of delegates to the county convention this year as there were a large number of fillings made in the different precincts of the county and wards of the cities of Plattsmouth and Weeping Water and should insure a real turnout at the gathering of the democrats that will name the delegates to the state convention and the members of the county central committee for the coming campaign.

The committee meeting more than anything else was devoted to the discussion of the coming campaign in which the party will enter with renewed vigor and with the desire that the best men of the party be named for the places of trust in the nation, state and county, and the members of the committee were well pleased with the suggestions presented offered many suggestions of merit as to the conduct of the preliminary battle that will occur at the primary on April 8.

It is hoped that at the time of the county convention that a banquet can be arranged for the democrats in which there will be representatives from all sections of the county present and participate in the gathering. The arrangements for this gathering will be announced from time to time as the plans are worked out and it is hoped to have with the Cass county democrats many of the leading figures of the state and nation.

SUFFERS SERIOUS INJURY TO EYE LAST WEEK

George Lutz was in Omaha several days the latter part of last week, being called there to see his little granddaughter, Helen Gobelman, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gobelman of Alliance, who has been brought down to the Methodist hospital for treatment for a serious injury to her eye. She was playing with a box of nails and was pounding them when one of the nails flew up and hit her in the eye, piercing it.

Great fears were entertained for the sight of the eye which seemed gone, but the Omaha physicians give them hope now that they will be able to save her sight.

Mr. and Mrs. Gobelman formerly lived here and the little girl was born in Louisville and their many friends in this vicinity sympathize with them and will hope for the little girl's complete recovery.—Louisville Courier.

EASTERN STAR HOLDS MEETING

From Friday's Daily— Last evening the members of Home Chapter No. 189, Order of the Eastern Star, held a very pleasant session at their rooms in the Masonic temple, and which was very largely attended by the membership of the order.

On this occasion the chapter was given their regular inspection by Mrs. Fetterman of Lincoln, inspector, representing the grand chapter of the state and for the distinguished guest the local officers conducted their ritualistic ceremonies in their usual impressive manner. Mrs. Fetterman gave a very interesting talk on the order and which was enjoyed by the utmost and the committee in charge received many words of praise for their excellent work.

Every novelty in the Easter lines can be found at the Bates Book and Stationery store. Drop in and look them over.

PLATTE MUTUAL INSURANCE CO. HOME SOCIETY

WITH SUPPORT OF THE PLATTSMOUTH PEOPLE COMPANY WILL BE BIG ASSET.

From Thursday's Daily— The Platte Mutual Insurance company held their yearly meeting last evening and the stockholders spent some time in the discussion of the affairs of the company which has for years been one of the big home institutions of the city.

This company is in the position to offer the best possible insurance to the Plattsmouth people at a very low rate that will permit the citizens carrying the proper amount of insurance on their property and the company to be a success in a financial way to the stockholders by the careful management of the risks.

There is a splendid field for the company here to place their risks over the city to insure that they will be so divided as not to place the risks in groups as is sometimes the case of companies and which has been one of the drawbacks felt in the insurance business in cases of fires.

The fire record of Plattsmouth is as low as any city of the state and there is very few instances of any fires that are really heavy losses and with the Platte Mutual company having their risks well placed as they will be there is no reason why they cannot be made one of the most prosperous mutual companies in the state and a just credit to the city and its institutions.

For many years the Platte Mutual company was one of the best in this section of the state and the stockholders are to start at once a campaign to do what is possible in the way of restoring the company to its former strong position by the cooperation of the people of the community who desire to have fire protection at reasonable and just rates and handled by a home institution back of which stands the responsibility of our own people and the success of which company will be a credit to the city.

At the meeting last evening the following officers were named: President, H. M. Soenichsen; vice president, R. W. Knorr; secretary and treasurer, A. J. Tritley; directors, J. H. McMaken, John Vondran, H. F. Goos, R. W. Knorr and A. L. Tidd.

CITY TO HAVE DAY IN COURT ON NEW GAS RATES

Summons Filed on the Mayor and Councilmen Today to Appear in the Federal Court.

From Thursday's Daily— This afternoon a deputy United States marshal, representing the Lincoln branch of the United States district court, was here to serve summons on the mayor, city councilmen and attorney of the City of Plattsmouth in the action that has been started in the federal court, in which the Nebraska Gas & Electric company is the plaintiff and the City of Plattsmouth the defendant.

This case is one growing out of the recent action of the city council in passing an ordinance changing the gas rates and which lowered the rates now in force by the light company. The Nebraska Gas & Electric company has sought in the federal court a restraining order to prevent the placing in effect of the new rates and the city officials are commanded to answer the summons for the hearing.

This action was foreshadowed following the recent meeting of the city council when the new rates were adopted and will probably mean a sharp legal battle over the question of whether the rates proposed are confiscatory or not under the law. The plaintiff company has contended that the rates are lower than they could be asked to charge and secure a reasonable return on their investment.

ASSISTING IN CLUB WORK

From Friday's Daily— In addition to the list of names of the members of the different circles into which the work of the Plattsmouth Woman's club is to be divided for the coming year, appearing in the Journal last evening, the following ladies are assigned to the circles as announced: Circle No. 3—Miss Florence Balser, Mrs. C. L. Wiles. Circle No. 2—Mrs. J. F. Wolff, Mrs. E. A. Wurl, Mrs. Streight, Mrs. F. G. Morgan, Mrs. Leist, Mrs. O. C. Dovy.

Jennings Seybert, who has been making his home at Los Angeles, California, for several months past has returned to his home here and this morning was a visitor in Omaha to spend the day.

ENJOY SOCIAL EVENING

From Thursday's Daily— Last evening the members of the Sunday school class of George L. Farley enjoyed a very pleasant social meeting at the home of their teacher on South 6th street. The young men spent the time in playing games and enjoying themselves informally following the business session. Those attending the gathering were: Edward and Will Matshullat, Raymond Meisinger, George Ebersole, George Schmidtmann, Fred Tritley, Covert and James Jean, Herbert and Elmer Johnson, John and Rudolph Peterson, Glen Kruger, Glen Henry, Paul Vandervoort, Mayron Birdsley, James Mitchell, Forest Schrader, Roy Olson, Lloyd Todd.

DEATH OF FORMER RESIDENT HERE ON THE WEST COAST

Mrs. Asher Clark Passed Away Yesterday at Her Home in Los Angeles Following Illness.

From Thursday's Daily— The message was received here this morning by old friends of the death yesterday afternoon at her home in Los Angeles, California, of Mrs. Asher Clark, for many years a well known resident of this city, and to the host of friends here the news of the death came as a great sorrow as the memory of Mrs. Clark and her years spent here are very dear to the large circle of old acquaintances.

The deceased lady was seventy-five years of age and came from her native state of New York to Plattsmouth as a bride many years ago and made her home here for a long period of years, covering a period of something like thirty-five years. Mr. Clark located here and established a grocery store and during the years of their residence here the family was very prominent socially and in the religious life of the community, as the family were active in the St. John's Catholic church in this city for many years.

In the year 1904 the family removed to Los Angeles where they were very prominent socially and enjoyed the society of so many of the former friends who had come from the old home in Nebraska.

To mourn the loss of this estimable lady there remain the aged husband and three children, Mrs. Charles Weckbach of Crete, Mrs. George Clark of Los Angeles, and Miss Loretta Clark, one of the leaders in the educational work of the Los Angeles public school system in the teaching of visual training and who made her home with the parents.

Mrs. Clark was a member of the Knights and Ladies of Security lodge of this city and her death brings a great regret to the membership of this city.

Mrs. Weckbach, one of the daughters, has left for Los Angeles to be with the family on the sad occasion and it is expected that where the family will have the deep sympathy of the many old friends here in Cass county.

EAGLES TAKE OVER HALL

The Plattsmouth aerie No. 365, Fraternal Order of Eagles, has taken over the control of the Contes hall and expect in the future to maintain the lease on the hall and have full charge of the place. The order will at once start giving their social dances and desire to have the hearty co-operation of the public in the making of the dances a success.

The order will see that the dances are the very best that they can provide and that the best of order is maintained at all times and nothing that will offend the most discriminating persons will be permitted at any of the dances.

The Eagles formerly were in charge of the hall before removing their lodge rooms and with their well known reputation for good, clean dances, should provide real entertainment for the dancing public of the city and the surrounding community.

DOINGS OF COUNTY BOARD

From Thursday's Daily— This morning the board of county commissioners took up the matter of the application of the Cass County Agricultural society for the appropriation of \$2,000 for the coming year to help defray the expenses of the county fair and on motion the sum was appropriated as asked for.

The bond of Ralph Meisinger as road overseer of Eight Mile Grove precinct was approved as was also that of Alex Campbell, who was appointed to the position of road overseer at Rock Bluff precinct.

This afternoon the board is opening and tabulating the bids for the county bridge work in preparation for the award of the contract for the year's work. The letting of the contracts attracted much attention from the contractors in this line of work. Guy and John Crook of the Monarch Engineering company of Falls City; Robert McCreary, of Weeping Water, and J. H. McMaken of this city being present at the opening of the bids.

LOUISVILLE SHOOK BY FORCE OF EXPLOSION

DYNAMITE MAGAZINE EXPLODED LAST NIGHT AT 7:30—ALL WINDOWS BROKEN.

From Friday's Daily— Last evening there were two distinct shocks felt in this city that caused residences and the business houses on Main street to shiver and tremble and the startled inhabitants had visions of an earthquake and it was some little time before the cause of the tremors was ascertained and it was learned that they were the result of the explosion of a magazine of dynamite at Louisville, fourteen miles west of this city.

The explosion broke every window in what is estimated at 500 residence properties and business houses in the town, and despite its force no person was injured as far as could be ascertained which is certainly a most lucky incident in connection with the blast.

The dynamite that exploded was stored near the stone quarry of the Hugh Murphy Construction company. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

The magazine, located nearly a quarter of a mile from the main street of Louisville, contained dynamite and high explosives. The explosion took place shortly before 7:30 p. m. and literally swept residences of their feet. All plate glass windows in store fronts were broken, and many buildings were shaken out of shape.

No casualties were reported, but many were said to be badly shaken. Firemen were abroad shortly after the shock to examine chimneys and make repairs for fire prevention.

Fear More Danger

The magazine is the property of the Atlas Powder company, and the powder was for use at the quarry. No one ventured near the exploded magazine for some time after the explosion for fear another in the same neighborhood would explode. Corrugated iron used for roofing on the magazine was picked up at a distance of a mile from where it was located.

The blast came just after the dinner hour, and caught many people either sitting in their homes or preparing to go out for the evening.

When the houses shook with the shock they rushed into the streets in panic, unable to comprehend what had happened. Prompt and thorough inquiry by the cooler members of the community, however, made it virtually certain that not a single person was hurt, but many were later reported suffering from shock and subsequent exposure.

Even locked doors were forced open by the explosion, being literally torn from their frames, while windows vanished and dishes either were hurled into their shelves or shaken as the houses trembled.

Many Ill in Bed

At the home of C. J. Frankonin, a fine residence in the eastern part of the city, the 10-year-old daughter, Eldora, was confined to her bed with illness. The child suffered no harm, however.

Likewise Mrs. Frank Tyo was bedridden at her home in the same section of town, but escaped unscathed.

"Grandma" G. W. Mayfield, a Nebraska pioneer, aged 88, was rescued unhurt, but somewhat nervously upset in her own home by a grandchild, and T. C. Mayfield, III with his wife, who reside on the premises, watched the windows smash from the explosion while the house rocked on its foundations.

"We did not know what to think," said Mrs. L. J. Mayfield. "I was preparing to go to a club meeting down town when the whole house seemed to leap and shudder, while the noise of the explosion was deafening. There has been some dynamiting in the river near here, and it occurred to us after the first shock that perhaps some of the dynamite stores had blown up. But we soon realized that this explosion was too great for any ordinary supply of blasting material.

Terrified Groups Gather

"Groups of terrified people gathered in the streets of the residence section, asking each other what had happened. It soon developed that none knew of any injured, so the people began at once setting their homes in order.

"It was found almost without exception that windows were blown out of every house, while many suffered structural damage. Only emergency measures were employed to patch up the broken windows, old canvas, blankets, quilts, bed spreads and table cloths being pressed into service, while those ill in bed were reassured and made comfortable.

"Business Houses Hard Hit" "Downtown it was observed that hardly a single plate glass window in business establishments had escaped. The Hotel Drake was badly damaged, as were the Stander & Stander hardware store and the W. F. Diers general store, where not a

single pane of plate glass remained. "The Diers store suffered a loss of ten thousand dollars in the flood at Louisville the night of September 28th last, which also exacted a toll of twelve lives from that community as well as heavy property damage."

SUFFERS SLIGHT INJURY

From Friday's Daily— Yesterday Kirk Saltz, one of the employes at the Burlington shops, suffered a rather severe injury when a large block of wood with which he was working flew up and struck him on the right side of the nose inflicting a gash that was very painful and required two stitches to close up and as a result Kirk will wear a bandage on his map for a few days.

BURLINGTON MAKES CUT OVER THE LINES WEST

Order For Reduction of Shop Forces Will Mean Some Eighty-Nine Men in This City.

From Friday's Daily— This morning in pursuance of the order from the headquarters of the system, notice was posted in the local shops of the Burlington announcing the reduction of eighty-nine men in the working force of the shops. The reduction is made largely in the steel car shop of the company and is a move following the sudden drop in the coal and oil traffic of the lines from the western fields and which leaves the company with large supplies of steel car equipment all over the system and particularly on the lines west where the falling off in the freight business has been most pronounced.

Since the first of the year the amount of coal handled has dropped to a large extent and the usual amount that is stored at the large terminal points have all been placed and leaves a large amount of equipment in first class shape available to handle the business and eliminated the need of repairs that keep the various shops going. On the lines west the layoff will affect some 500 men, divided among the different points where there are railroad shops located.

UP AND AROUND AGAIN

From Thursday's Daily— William D. Wheeler, well known resident of Cass county, and who has for several weeks been laid up by sickness, was in the city today for the first time since his illness. Mr. Wheeler had been anticipating his coming to the city to visit the old friends and added to the lure of the meeting of the democratic county central committee, as a session of the democrats without "Billie" Wheeler would hardly be complete.

DEATH OF YOUNG LAD

From Thursday's Daily— Last evening John Sietz, the eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sietz, residing on Lincoln avenue, passed away following an illness of a short duration from pneumonia. The funeral of the little lad will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the First Methodist church.

EXPLOSION LIKE MINIATURE EARTHQUAKE IN THIS CITY

Louisville Dynamite Explosion Last Night Shakes Windows and Buildings Here.

From Friday's Daily— Last evening when the stored explosives at the Murphy quarry near Louisville broke loose, the residents of Plattsmouth had a touch of the feeling that comes to the residents in the earthquake belt as the force of the shock was distinctly felt in all parts of the city and in the territory surrounding the city.

There was hardly a residence or business structure that did not feel the force of the shock and it was something that caused a great deal of wonderment to the people for a long time and conjectures were rife as to whether the Missouri valley was having an earthquake or an oil gusher and gas well had been struck in the oil fields near Murray.

The force of the explosion caused a great deal of air vibration as well as earth shock and was distinctly felt all over the city in varying force. The large plate glass windows in the business houses shook and vibrated with the force and it seemed that some would certainly break or crack with the force of the shock, but so far as can be learned there was no real damage in the business section or the resident portion of the city.

In the residence section many who wondered at the shock, rushed to their doors and porch lights could be seen turned on all over the city for some little time afterwards.

It was some little time before the cause of the disturbance was learned here and then excitement became intense as to the possible fate of the town of Louisville and its people and it was with great relief that it was learned that the community there that had been so sorely tried by the flood of last September, had escaped this time with only a small property loss in the breaking of windows in the city and no persons were injured.

DEMOCRATS COMMITTEE MEETS

From Thursday's Daily— This afternoon at 1:30 at the equity court room in the court house the members of the democratic county central committee met to take up the matters preliminary to the opening of the county and state campaign and in the atmosphere of the gathering was felt the optimistic feeling that this year was one in which the party should strive to give the people of the county, state and nation the best men of the party to handle the affairs which from the developments of the past few months have been apparently grossly mismanaged as is shown by the Teapot Dome scandal and other of the conditions that are being unearthed in Washington.

Chairman L. F. Langhorst of Elmwood presided and urged that the democrats take steps at once to see that there were delegates filed for the county convention of the party and the members of which must be selected at the coming primary election.

The meeting also discussed a number of questions of importance relative to the coming campaign and to see that the ticket was properly covered by good competent men in every instance.

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