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LONG NEEDED AUDITORIUM IS NOW IN SIGHT

Legion Post Takes Steps to Acquire Close-In Lot—Hope to Erect Building Next Year

From Tuesday's Daily— The long-needed auditorium in Plattsmouth bids fair to become a reality.

Backed by offers of assistance from progressive business men of the city and with a nice nest egg of their own accumulated thru several years of endeavor with carnivals and other enterprises, Hugh J. Kearns post No. 56, American Legion, last night at its meeting took the first steps looking to the making of this project a reality, probably within the next year.

A building site committee composed of Elmer Webb, Maldon Brown, Emil Hild, Robert Reed and Frank Smith was named at the post-meeting to investigate various close-in locations and secure options on same, following which a decision will be arrived at and the purchase completed. The prime requirement aside from a close-in location is that any plot of ground considered must be at least 60x140 feet in size. It is the intention to erect an auditorium that will take care of both the present and contemplated future needs in this line and more money will be spent on size than for a highly finished interior appearance of such a building, as that part could be looked after later when additional money became available. The main thought is to secure a well constructed, though not architecturally beautiful building, of commodious size to provide a meeting place for civic and rural gatherings, conventions, etc. and it is with this in mind that the committee will be aided in its consideration of available sites.

After the ground has been purchased an architect will be procured to make rough sketches and estimates of the cost of such a building. When it is completed, the auditorium will be open free to public gatherings of a community nature to which no admission is charged, but inasmuch as a building of this kind must provide revenue to pay for its upkeep, a schedule of rentals for the building will be worked out for the nights it is used for dances, pay entertainments, basketball, political meetings, etc.

In one end of the building beneath the balcony, it is planned to finish club rooms for the use of the Legion, while for the general meetings of the post the main floor will be thrown open.

At the district Legion meeting at Auburn last year attended by more than a thousand Legion members from over the district, Plattsmouth joined with Falls City in its successful claim for the 1925 district meeting with the understanding that Falls City would give us their whole-hearted support for 1926. It now behooves us to provide a suitable place for the holding of such a meeting and with an auditorium like that the Legion boys hope to erect in our midst, the district meeting would be merely the stepping stone to greater ones and Plattsmouth might well look forward to the pleasure of entertaining not only the state Legion convention, but other large and representative gatherings before the year 1930 rolls around.

At any rate the encouragement and co-operation they have met has prompted them to make a start that the Journal in common with every public spirited citizen of Plattsmouth hopes will be successful even beyond their most ardent hopes.

SUFFERS PAINFUL ACCIDENT

From Tuesday's Daily— Yesterday W. F. Gillespie, the grain dealer, was the victim of a very severe accident that will cause him a great deal of inconvenience for some time and as the result of which he will have to get around by the use of crutches.

Mr. Gillespie and Julius Pitz were engaged in loading a box car with wheat at the elevator of Mr. Gillespie and at the time they had a small ladder placed at the side of the car and a board on this so they could get in and out of the car and elevator with ease.

While Mr. Pitz was in the car working with the wheat, Mr. Gillespie was standing on the board which was some three or four feet from the ground. The freight car started suddenly to move, the brakes having evidently not been set and Mr. Gillespie seeing the car start, jumped from the board on to the result he injured his left foot and ankle quite badly. Being a large and heavy man, when he alighted on the left foot with his full force, he caused a very severe sprain to the ankle, which resulted in possible torn ligaments.

The injured man was taken to the office of the Dr. Livingston where his injury was dressed and later an X-ray taken by Dr. J. S. Livingston of the injured member to determine just how severe the accident really had been.

Vote for A. H. Duxbury for county judge. He has the qualifications.

RECEIVE GOOD NEWS

From Tuesday's Daily— Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Knorr here received the announcement of the fact that a fine eight and a half pound daughter had arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Panzer at Ashland on Monday morning at an early hour. The little lady and the mother are doing nicely and Mr. Panzer is accordingly delighted with the little one who has become a part of the family circle and will make her home with them in the future. Mr. Panzer is a brother of Mrs. Knorr and is known to quite a number of the Plattsmouth people, having visited here in the past.

CASS CHAPTER OF DE MOLAY HOLDS A FINE BANQUET

In Observance of Roosevelt Day Local Chapter Entertains Members and Friends.

From Tuesday's Daily— Last evening, Cass Chapter, Order of DeMolay, held one of the most enjoyable gatherings of the year when the members of the chapter entertained their membership, the members of the Theodore Roosevelt class that is to be initiated this evening into the order as well as a number of friends, at a banquet served in the dining room at the Masonic temple.

The settings of the banquet were most elaborate, the streamers of the national colors of red, white and blue and the DeMolay colors of purple and gold being used in the form of streamers draped from the ceiling of the dining room while from the club rooms leading to the banquet hall there had been an archway made of red, white and blue streamers, each attached to the beauty of the setting. In the banquet hall a large American flag was placed back of the speakers table and on the walls were portraits of Theodore Roosevelt, aggressive American whose birthday was observed as a part of the evening's program. The program was opened by the singing of America by the entire audience and was followed by the opening prayer by Rev. Frank Emory Pfoutz.

The ladies of the Eastern Star served the menu which was all that the most discriminating palate could desire and furnished a repast that was very much enjoyed by the eighty persons who were in attendance at the banquet.

The gathering was presided over by Edw. Olson, who very cleverly introduced the toastmaster of the evening, Glen Henry, present master counselor, who took over the program and handled it in a most pleasing manner.

The members of the party enjoyed several well artistic musical numbers in the piano solos given by E. B. Wescott, the vocal solos by Frank A. Clويد and the numbers of the Masonic quartet.

One of the features of the evening was the short responses made by the past masters, counselors of the chapter, Jack McCarty speaking on "Fidelity Love," Fred Warren on "Sincerity," Raymond Rebal on "Courtesy," Edward Mutschullat on "Comradeship," Raymond Cook on "Fidelity," James Warren on "Cleanliness" and Harley Cecil on "Patriotism." Each of these was well presented and represented the virtues on which the great order of DeMolay is founded and showed that the young men had devoted a great deal of thought to their subjects.

The Rev. H. G. McClusky spoke at some length on the life of Theodore Roosevelt and his remarks showed a great deal of thought and study of the works of the great American leader of the period of 1898 to 1916.

James M. Robertson, grand high priest of the grand chapter of Nebraska, A. P. & A. M., then made the formal presentation of the past master counselor pins to William Mutschullat, Jack McCarty and Leonard Born, who have recently held the leadership in the chapter. Mr. Robertson also presented Mr. Mutschullat with a special decoration given by the grand council of the order for recognition of the fact that he had been selected as one of the leading members of the order in the nation.

The banquet was closed with the benediction by Rev. Pfoutz which brought to a close a most notable occasion in the history of the local DeMolay chapter.

The members of the Theodore Roosevelt class which will be initiated into the order this evening and who were honor guests last evening were: Harley Gordon, Carl R. Keil, Ray Lambert, Willis Hartford.

EXPERTS SUBMIT REPORT ON TAX LIST PUBLICITY

Washington, D. C., Oct. 27.—Experts of the department of justice have completed a draft of an opinion on whether newspapers may publish fact relating to income tax payments without violating the law. Attorney General Stone gave their views some study late today, but was unable to complete the examination of the draft and will give it further attention tomorrow.

FUNERAL SERVICES OF DR. C. A. MARSHALL ARE HELD

Large Number Present at the Presbyterian Church Yesterday Afternoon.

From Monday's Daily— Dr. C. A. Marshall, until very recently a citizen and resident of Plattsmouth, passed out of this life at the home of his eldest daughter, Mrs. Edna Petveys, 4236 Lorimore ave., Omaha, at 10:00 p. m., Thursday, October 23rd, 1924.

Dr. Marshall has been failing for many months and it finally became necessary for him to go to the hospital at Omaha where he has been most of the time since the first of the year. Since the latter part of August he has been at the home of his daughter, Edna at the above address where his wife and daughter and friends, with loving care, administered to his needs and wishes. He has been under the care of Dr. Bridges during all his illness and all that human skill and knowledge could do, was done.

His going was without pain or distress and he retained the possession of his faculties until within a short time of his last hour.

Dr. Marshall was born at Burlington, Iowa, on the 18th day of September, 1856, and has lived in Plattsmouth for forty-one years. He was a graduate of Burlington high school and of the Iowa State university. He came to Plattsmouth as a young man, and at once engaged in the practice of his profession as a dentist and continued very actively in that profession for the entire 41 years of his residence here. Dr. Marshall was a public spirited citizen and was an outstanding character in our community, always casting his influence and efforts in the support of all that was good and noble and for the best interests of his home and fellow citizens. He served continuously as a member of



our school board for twenty-four years and was a member until he resigned because of going to Omaha to seek relief from his illness.

He joined the Presbyterian church when nineteen years of age and has been a member ever since. He leaves surviving him, his wife and two daughters and three sons: Edna Marshall Petveys, 4236 Lorimore street, Omaha; Gladys Marshall Bull, Sonora, California; Ralph I. Marshall, Cincinnati, Ohio; Francis T. Marshall, 4236 Lorimore street, Omaha; A. Marshall, Jr., Dayton, Ohio, and a host of friends in this city where he lived so many years.

The funeral services were held yesterday afternoon from the First Presbyterian church and were largely attended by the old friends and neighbors, and a wealth of flowers attested the high respect in which Dr. Marshall had been held here. The Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the church, conducted the services and musical numbers, consisting of the old hymns, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "The City Four Square," by the male quartet, consisting of Dr. R. P. Westover, H. G. McClusky, L. O. Minor, and Frank A. Clويد. Mr. Minor also sang a solo, "A Perfect Day." The interment was at Oak Hill cemetery.

A Tribute

The year had passed its noon-tide and was swiftly falling down its western sky; autumnal days had come with all the glory and beauty that nature, in its supremest efforts, could paint and bring across our pathway, and with the richest promise of a rich fruitage. At this time of the year when nature, having risen to the height of supreme effort, for the joy of humankind, and is about to pass out into the calendar of years counted gone, it is entirely harmonious and seemingly proper and right, that a life of usefulness and unselfish effort should lay down its burdens and step out into the dawn where there shall be no more twilight.

Dr. Marshall has lived among us for a decade beyond a third of a century, and his life has been open when all could see. His name, his acts and deeds, his life work, his unselfish devotion, his sacrifice for family and friends, are all well known to all who have resided in

our city for even a decade. One of his outstanding services to our community was performed as a member of our school board where he worked and toiled continuously for the interests of the children of several generations, for nearly a quarter of a century, without a penny of salary, but rich in the consciousness of having served his fellow men. He acted during the years of creating and constructing our new high school building. His services were always rendered conscientiously and efficiently and his influence cannot be measured; for the benefits derived, through his efforts and sacrifice, by the young manhood and womanhood of our community, will tinge the stream of life far down the centuries.

All will miss his genial greeting, his happy face and his warm sympathy. The value of a life is not measured by wealth or power or title, nor is it measured by the ticking of a clock nor by rise and set of sun, but rather by worthy thoughts and noble deeds and service given where needed and appreciated. By this standard, Dr. Marshall has lived long. Good friend, farewell. A FRIEND.

POLICE SEARCH FOR SUPPOSED CAR ROBBER

Man Seen Around Car in Burlington Yards and Escapes Before Police Arrive.

From Monday's Daily— Late yesterday afternoon the police were summoned to the Burlington station where it was reported that a baggage car had been entered and burglarized.

The man who is supposed to have broken into the car was seen by two of the switchmen, E. G. Shallenberger and Bob Burkle, but the burglar was more fleet footed than the switchmen and made his getaway and by the time the guardians of the law had been summoned the man had time to put many miles between him and the scene of trouble. Officer Jackson, Chief of Police Hinrichsen, and Constable Tom Svoboda responded to the call but the man was not to be found altho a search was made in the vicinity of where the alleged burglary was supposed to have occurred.

The car that was broken open was a baggage car brought over from Pacific Junction for some repairs and had been switched onto one of the tracks in the yards north of the Burlington passenger station. The door was forced and it was just about this time that the switchmen had appeared and the man made his getaway.

COURT HOUSE IS QUIET

From Tuesday's Daily— The court house for the past few days has been as quiet as the home of a nun just before Christmas altho the quietness is not due to the coming arrival of the Good Saint Nick but rather to the effects of the forthcoming battle of the ballots which is to occur on next Tuesday.

The officers who are candidates for re-election are all very busy this week in attending to their duties and putting the last ticks on the divisive voter ere the opening of the polls and many of the attorneys and others who have a great deal of business at the court house are also more or less interested in the forthcoming battle and therefore have left peace and quiet reigning in the halls of justice and the offices over the building. County Clerk George R. Sayles is busy shipping out the ballots to the absent voters who desire to cast their votes in Cass county and also in getting lined up for the distribution of the election supplies out to the various precincts over the county.

PLEASANT HALLOWE'EN SURPRISE GATHERING

Last Saturday night a number of prominent people drove down from Omaha and surprised Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gradoville at their home in the west part of the city with a Halloween party.

The evening was spent in numerous games and bridge. Mrs. Peter Gradoville carried the honor of winning the first prize in the peanut contest and was awarded a fine dining room suite. Mr. J. J. O'Donnell, yardmaster on the Union Pacific, was comical enough to win the booby prize which was a baseball as large as a bushel basket.

The entertainment of the evening was closed with a very dainty luncheon served by Mrs. Gradoville. Those who attended the pleasant occasion were Messrs and Mesdames Edward Anderson, J. J. O'Donnell, Oscar White, Teddy Chelborad, Harry Patterson, Harry Jewell, Harry Pitner, J. C. O'Donnell, George Patterson and Peter Gradoville; Mesdames Mary Rossiter, Pat Patterson, Mayme Myers and Ward Clark; Misses Charlotte Jewett, Ethel Pitner and Blanche Clark; Messrs Harry Meyers and Harry Pitner, Jr.

Vote for A. H. Duxbury for county judge.

MRS. JOHN LIBERSHAL PASSES TO HER LAST REST

Death Comes to One of Best Beloved Ladies of the City Sunday Morning.

From Monday's Daily— The community was profoundly shocked yesterday morning to learn of the death of Mrs. John Libershal, which occurred Sunday morning at 2:15 at the St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha, following an operation Saturday morning.

Mrs. Libershal has not been in the best of health for some time and departed last Thursday for an examination and an operation was advised by the specialists. The patient was found to be suffering from gall stones and also appendicitis and the operation was of a severe nature and proved too severe for the patient who gradually sank into the last long rest and when the first hours of Sunday morning came the last flickering of the lamp of life was gone.

The host of friends here were greatly affected by the sad news as Mrs. Libershal has been a resident here all of her lifetime and as who knew her were numbered with her friends and mourn her passing with the members of the family circle.

Josephine Vetersnek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vetersnek was born in Plattsmouth, February 8, 1883, and has spent her lifetime here in this city, attending school and some eighteen years ago was united in marriage to John A. Libershal, who with one daughter, Miss Helen, remains to mourn the death of the wife and mother.

Ten years ago the mother passed away and of the family of Mrs. Libershal there remains the aged father, Joseph Vetersnek, who is now in his eighty-fourth year, two sisters and five brothers, who are as follows: Joseph Vetersnek, Great Falls, Montana; Mrs. Joseph Holly Plattsmouth; Frank Vetersnek, Edgemont, South Dakota; John, Anton and Mike Vetersnek of Plattsmouth and Mrs. Joe Libershal of Plattsmouth. The funeral services will be held on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock from the St. John's Catholic church, the services being held at this date to permit the brothers and their families from a distance to reach here.

SKATING THIS WINTER

From Monday's Daily— The lovers of ice skating will have a most pleasing place to indulge their desires this coming season according to the plans being perfected by B. A. Rosencrans, and which will provide a place where skating can be indulged in with safety and freedom from the lures of the skating on the old Missouri river. Mr. Rosencrans is preparing a skating pond on a part of the land of Walter Probst that will make a real skating place.

Mr. Rosencrans is having a large dam constructed at the east end of the draw that will aid in the formation of an artificial lake that will provide plenty of good ice for the use of the skaters in the winter season. The pond will extend well back and toward the higher land and from the plans will make a skating pond equal to any in this part of the state.

Water for the pond will be secured by pumping from wells and also if necessary from the city water mains and will make, when it is completed a place that will be safe for those desiring to indulge in the great winter sport.

SOCIAL WORKERS CLUB

The Social Workers' Flower club met at the home of Mrs. Julius Pitz, Wednesday, Oct. 22nd. The nature of the meeting being installation of officers. The retiring president, Mrs. Fred Spangler, was presented with a lovely crystal cake receiver in appreciation of her good work. The meeting was largely attended and the hostess served a dainty two-course luncheon, after which all departed for their respective homes.

OBSTACLES IN WAY OF GRAVELING AT GRETNA

The Greater Omaha committee, working for the graveling of eight miles of highway near Gretna, on the Omaha-Lincoln road, is finding its path a rough one.

A week or so ago members of the committee went to Gretna, where a mass meeting was held to arouse enthusiasm for graveling. Petitions for the improvement were freely signed. A hint of future storms came, however, when one farmer at the meeting arose and asked amid great applause:

"And now when are you going to invite us farmers to Omaha to tell you how to run your business?" Joe Kelley, doing good road promotion work for the greater Omaha committee, visited the Gretna neighborhood last week and discovered that many who had signed the petition for the graveling were signing other petitions asking that their names be taken off the first one. In spite of this unexpected opposition, however, the Omaha men believe the improvement will be made.

RETURN FROM HONEYMOON

From Tuesday's Daily— Benard Rakow and bride, who were married last week at Sidney, Iowa, have returned from their honeymoon and are now getting settled down as permanent residents of this city. The many friends of the young people are delighted to extend to them a most cordial welcome home and their well wishes for the future years of happiness and success. Mr. Rakow is one of the rural carriers operating out of the local postoffice and his patrons and friends will be pleased to greet him when he resumes his activities on the route again.

MILLARD KLEIN IN SOIL RECLAMATION ON PACIFIC COAST

Former Plattsmouth Man Now Busy in California Delta Country Reclaiming Soil.

From Tuesday's Daily— The old time Plattsmouth friends of Millard A. Klein, former resident of this city, will be interested to know that Mr. Klein is now engaged in the far west in the development of what is known as the delta country in San Joaquin county, California, in the vicinity of Stockton.

Mr. Klein, who is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, and also a student at Cornell and later instructor at the University of California, has been for the past several months engaged in the development of the western country and increasing the efficiency of production in the delta country.

The agricultural expert is planning large acreages of celery farms in the west and by rotating crops, having the drainage of the lands and the latest scientific methods is bringing to that country a great revival of the farm interests. Potatoes and onions as well as celery are being raised along the delta country and under the careful work of Mr. Klein is developing a great efficiency.

The man in charge of these enterprises, Millard Klein, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Klein, old time residents of this city, and the young man was graduated here in the Plattsmouth schools in the class of 1904 and has since been pursuing his educational work in a number of the leading schools of the country and is now getting real results from his training.

CLASS REMEMBERS PASTOR

From Monday's Daily— Yesterday was the commencement of the third year of service here in the Methodist church of the Rev. Frank Emory Pfoutz and in recognition of that fact he received a very pleasant remembrance from the members of the Philathea class at the Sunday school hour. This class, composed of the young married ladies of the church, joined in presenting Rev. Pfoutz with a handsome bouquet as an expression of their appreciation of his work for the church. The token was one that was very appropriate and was greatly appreciated by the pastor and his family.

REAL SENSATIONS FOR COMING SUPPER OF HAPPY 100

Committee in Charge Will Have a Real Entertainment Program For Coming Feast.

From Tuesday's Daily— When the November gathering of the "Happy Hundred" takes place on next Tuesday evening at the parlors of the First Presbyterian church there is going to be some decided and novel features that will lighten the occasion and make it one of the rarest enjoyment for the members of the banquet party.

There will be election returns for one thing that will keep the members of the banquet party apprised of the progress of the battle of the ballots as the returns roll in and which will be one of the big features of the evening.

The addresses of the evening will give a few appropriate remarks on the occasion and make it one of the greatest entertainment and all of the trimmings that have characterized the previous gatherings of the men of the community will be in evidence. The visitors will be from Elmwood and will add to the features of the evening as this is the first time the representatives of this thriving city have been the guests of the Chamber of Commerce here.

There are several sensational features that the committee in charge has been keeping in the dark and will be brought to light only when the supper guests are gathered around the festive board.

A HAPPY OCCASION

From Tuesday's Daily— Those who have visited the court house today have noticed that Hans Seiver, the genial custodian of the building, was in the very best of humor and smiling every moment of the day despite the trials and tribulations that mark his duties and it was only after careful investigation that the cause was discovered. Mr. and Mrs. Seiver are now proud grandparents as a fine son and heir was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sanford W. Short at the Swedish Mission hospital in Omaha on Sunday evening. The occasion has also brought a great deal of joy and delight to the happy father and the other relatives of the little son. The many friends join in wishing the young man happiness and success in the years to come.

Mrs. J. B. Higley and daughters, Mrs. Lee Johnson of Stella, and Mrs. W. H. Elledge, were among those going to Omaha this morning to visit there for the day with friends and look after some matters of business.

A new hotel is being proposed for Superior.

Advertisement for The First National Bank, featuring 'SPOOKS!' and 'The Bank Where You Feel at Home!'