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TION IN DRILLING

OIL WELL.

ing Operations.

From Friday's Dally-

NEHAWKA WELL

# PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1924.

# ANNIVERSARY DINNER

From Thursday's Dally-Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pitzer celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary today at their home, 417 North Tenth street, with an infornal dinner this noon. Places were laid for seven guests, among them Mrs. Pitzer's parents, Mr. and Mrs.

John W. Miller, of Tabor, Ia. Mrs. Pitzer came to Nebraska from Lincoln yesterday for the observance and expects to return this evening.

Miss Fern Miller and W. H. Pitz- From Thursday's Daily: er were married at Hillsdale, Ia., diately to Nebraska City, where Mr. which they now live. Hillsdale, Ia., that are to guide the destinies of the departure from the city. is no more. It is a long-lost town, post in the ensuing year. ike many in Otoe county, and was located southeast of Glenwood .- Nebraska City News.

is planning is going to carry with school hill. it a great deal of labor and effort on the part of the membership of the post and the officers and much interest and enthusiasm is evidenced by all of the members in the work that will when completed give the service men a permanent home and the city what it has long neededan adequate auditorium for enter-

From Friday's Daily-

This section of th. west was shiv- plans for the post building. ering last night and today in the For the offices of vice commander, first touch of winter that followed John L. Hadraba was named from the sudden change yesterday when the army and John Fyfe from the the steady wind from the northwest navy as is required to give each brought in its wake a failing tem- branch of the service representation. perature and colder weather. The coldest period was at 5 lected of nine members consisting of bership was present to assist in the clock this morning when the mor- Emil Hild, Henry G. Soenaichsen, proceedings of the evening. cury showed 29 degrees above zero Harrison L. Gayer, Henry Leacock. There has been a great many new but whether or not the technical and for the first time sank below Leibe Niel, Robert G. Reed, C. R. members received into the departfreezing point.

the difference in elevation of cortain beds is between 400 feet and 500 feet. The first unturn of the bads feet. The first upturn of the heds, tify the presence of oil in the core to gather around him a portion of markably warm for this season of as adjutant for the year, Elmer A. next year and will then lay the rethe slight, is at the brick yard be- and that pay sands might have been this world's goods to protect his the year and led many to believe Webb, who has proven such a splen- sponsibility of conducting this imthe single, is at the brick yield is and that pay saids hight the depths how Nebraska City: the second is along a line passing thru Jones Point where showings were made had cable But his Creator has seen fit to re-tion of the west, but this hope was that winter had sidestepped this sec-tion of the mainstays in the conduct and younger members.' cast of Union; the third is at Ne-hawka, and the fourth and highest paint of the deformation is but instruction the earth and from this earth and from the increasing drop in those who loved him dearly. We the mercury yesterday.

ar- ance officer of the committee and were as follows:

From Thursday's Daily-Last evening Dr. and Mrs. Frank . Cummins entertained at dinner a heir pleasant home on Pearl street.

Journal.

TION OF OFFICERS Father and Mrs. W. S. Leete and ladame Lecte, who are soon to leave his city, where they have made their home for the past ten years, for Largely Attended Meeting and In- Evergreen, Colorado, where Father Result of Election There Will Make Leete is to take up his church work

ENTERTAIN FOR FRIENDS.

terest Shown in Naming of in the future. The occasion was marked by the most delightful hospitality that is characteristic of the Last evening there was a very Cummins home The departure of Nov. 5th, 1904, at the home of the large attendance at the session of Father Leete and family from the bride's parents. They came imme- Hugh J. Kearns post of the Ameri- city is a matter of general regret and they are being given a number of can Legion and the members took

Pitzer had prepared the home in up the task of seelcting the officers social entertainments prior to their This evening the Leete family will The projected auditorium and be entertained at dinner by Mrs. J. community center that the Legion M. Roberts at her home on High

FIRE DEPARTMENT **ELECTS NEW OFFI-**CERS LAST NIGHT

> For Ensuing Year-New Members Are Recognized.

From Thursday's Dally-The Plattsmouth Volunteer Fire department last evening met at the the bonds then it has carried. city hall to take up the task of se-

Holcomb, M. D. Brown and Fred ment from the young men of the ity of replace the older members

The officers selected last night

**CLOSE RESULT ON** MURRAY GRAVEL-ING PROPOSITION

NO. 80

Necessary Opinion as to Legal Outcome of the Bonds.

From Friday's Daily-

The question of the submission of the proposition of voting bonds in West Rock Bluffs precinct for the graveling of the roads seems to have been defeated on the face of the returns but the proposition involved is one that will probably make necessary an opinion from the attorney general's office on the exact number of votes that are required to carry the bonds. The hitch in the election s on whether it requires a threefourths vote on the number that voted on the proposition of the issuance of the bonds or a three-fifths of the total vote cast.

At the election there were 206 oted in favor of the bonds and 77 egainst them but where the rub omes is in the fact that there were 251 votes cast in the precinct and some 68 of the voters failed to cast John V. Hatt Heads Fire Fighters a ballot either for or against the bonds.

> If the law is construed to mean that the bonds must receive threefifths of the total vote cast then the graveling bonds lose by some eleven votes but in case it merely requires the three-fifths on those voting on

The interest has been very great lecting the officers for the ensuing over securing the graveling of the The executive committee was se- year and a large number of the mem- road west through Murray and from the appearance of the vote there is a large majority for the proposition proposition remains to be seen.

# INTERESTING CONTEST CLOSES

From Friday's Delly-

For the past four weeks there has been an interesting contest waging at the First Methodist church in this city between the Philathea class, a branch of the married ladies of the

ABANDONING HOPE YET tween Union and Nehawka or more preferably a mile or two northwest of Nehawka or southwest of same. Geological Survey by G. E. Condra covery in the northwest flank of grew to manhood. Gives Details of the Drillthe vicinity of Weeping Water. W. H. Ingersoll reports a showing of oil and gas at a depth of about The Amerada Petroleum company. Glen Ruby, geologist for one of the

beds like those in which drilling was

The Saint Peter was penetrated

on the Nehawka structure between

1.522 feet and 1.560 feet, which

means if the correlation is correct

for the Nebraska City well, there

Silurian and Devonian beds in the

east limb of the structure between

These rocks which produce in

a considerable thickness of the

abandoned at Nehawka.

Nehawka.

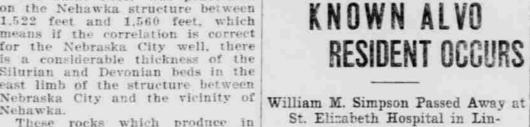
of Tulsa, Okla., has abandoned the oil and gas test on the Nehawka structure at a depth of 1,828 feet. Much interest has been shown in this test. by the public in general and by the people of Nehawka in particular. Some now say that a good test was made and others are somewhat doubtful. A complete core of the well, secured by the state geological survey, is doing studied in detail, after which a definite statement showing the results of these investigations will be made. The survey reports its preliminary findings and interpretations as follows:

A test here, if successful, would tized when a child in the Presbyteralso evidence some chance for dis- ian church of Barnard, where he the structure which extends in a On September 7, 1917, he answernortheast-southwest direction thru ed the call of his country and en-2,700 feet in the Nebraska City well, ment

quite high in the Nehawka structure, and child he leaves to mourn his de-Mr. Kerr, who represents one of parture a father, mother, three sisthe companies interested in the Ne- ters, two brothers and grandparents hawka structure, and who is well of Barnard. Kansas," besides other acquainted with drilling methods, relatives and a host of friends. claims that the odor of oil and gas He was a member of the Knights of was observed by himself and others Pythias lodge of Alvo and of the L

in the core taken from the Nehaw- O. O. F. of Barnard, Kansas, which The Nehawka anticline is well ka well at the following depths: bespeaks well of his loyalty to mandefined. It extends from near Ovenp- \$30 feet, 1,130 feet, and 1,270 feet. and fidelity to the trust imposed upolis past Nehawka to near Avoca. Specimens of the core were sent to on him. It is needless to say that The beds exposed along the river at Mr. Ruby, who confirmed the pres- "BHI" will be missed alike by rela-Nebraska City are domed upward once of oil. Mr. Kerr belives that tives, friends and fraternal brethren very high on the anticline. In fact, the high pressure of water and mud for his straightforward manly deal-

point of the deformation is between points raised by Mr. Kerr. It would



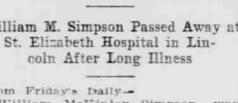
some fields have a favorable position here for the accumulation of oil and gas. To test them would From Friday's Daily-

PASSNG OF WELL

require a location probably on the William McKinley Simpson was second, third or fourth upbend of William McKinley Simpson was the structure, which would be be-11. 1897 and died November 2, 1924. at Lincoln, Nebraska, aged 27 years, 7 months and 22 days. He was bap-

oil companies, is of the opinion that stranger, but rapidly made friends a showing of oil was had in a deep well drilled several years ago hetween Omaha and LaPlatte. The Alvo, where he went into business person in charge of the drilling gave for himself, soon after uniting in effect. The geological horizons at Elmwood. To this union a son, Kenwhich showings are reported occur neth Dale, was born. Besides his wife

the difference in elevation of cortain necessarily carried in core drilling ings with mankind. A lover of home



tered the Signal Service Corps, being stationed at Camp Meade, Md., until honorably discharged by the Govern-

In 1920 he came to Elmwood, a

can but say, "God's will be done." The weather reports are for



WINTER BREEZES

HIT EASTERN NE-**BRASKA LAST NITE** tainments and meetings.

Mercury to 29 Above.

The post in view of the hard work him the positive statement to this marriage with Mabel G. Wilson, of First Real Cold Weather of Winter and the great interest that has been shown by Commander W. R. Holly in the projected auditorium, insisted that he retain the office for another year and to ald in further car-

AMERICAN LEGION

POST HOLDS ELEC-

the New Officers.

rying to a successful conclusion the

two and three miles northwest of seem, however, that there may be Nehawka. The beds class down some foundation for his statement. gradually on the south, west and The parts of the core secured at Wednesday, conducted by Brothers and warming up of the conditions in north, making a closed structure.

# Pennsylvania Beds.

The lowest Pennsylvania beds exposed in the anticline near the point drilled as deep as justifiable at their where drilling was done are the location. Dr. Sidney Powers, chief Intan limestone and Weston shales, geologist of the company, was in These, with others, dip southward favor of abandoning the well as From Friday's Dailybelow the Missouri river level to soon as quartzitic beds were encountrise again in northwestern Missouri ered below the Saint Peter sandand northeastern Kansas. Some of stone, but we urged him to continue homa. Also the structure is better any known to produce oil. defined than most of those producing face geology, there was good reason Nehawka anticline is not known. for drilling the structure to the Ordi The test recently completed does not vician beds especially because they fully condemn the flanks of the and Oklahoma and it seemed that prospecting, if it is done, should be at a comparative shallow depth in grated to it; the Silurian and Devonthis structure caused the geologists jan beds probably would be incountsome fear, because they had been en- ered, and the structure is well sealed. countered below a depth of 609 feet in the tests made at Table Rock.

The Nehawka test has shown that the thickness of the carboniferous (Pennsylvania and Mississippian beds' is about what the survey had supposed, the devonian and silurian rocks seem to be absent on the part of the structure that was drilled and the ordivician beds are nearer the surface than had been expected. Althe the carboniferous beds tise four hundred to five hundred feet between Nebraska City and the well. there is a rise of about 1000 feet for the ordivician beds, which may mean that they were not only folded. upward but that they probably were falled along a northeast-southwest tine between the well and Nehawka. If so, the faulting would have cut off the migration of oil from the southeast Himb of the structure.

The director of the survey does not wish to critize the location of the test which was made on what is supposed to be at the high point on the structure. Those in charge received 9 and Troy Davis 27 which of the drilling made an honest attempt to prove or disprove the oil and gas possibilities, but it seems and gas possibilities, but it seems a slight gain as he received 22 while now that the well does not fully J. A. Capwell received but 14 and condemn all of the anticline.

There is some evidence, shown in well, that faulting extends thru near the location drilled. Just how much From Friday's Dallydisplacement there is, if any in the Pennsylvanian bed, can be determined by comparing parts of the core test feature of the Elks' carnival, creeks southeast of the well. At interest shown by the young ladies above.

Deep wells drilled in western when it closes on Saturday, Novem- will be kept in operation. He will Iowa, at Forest City, and Nebraska ber 22nd. City are thought to have penetrated the Silurian and Devonian rocks that will be awarded to the two the period of his receivership, but between the Ordivician and Missis- maids of honor who will be named said he had to promise his wife to Nebraska City well as furnished by from the second and third of the stay strictly at home as soon as he and studies by the Iowa geologists, with the Queen of the Carnival the ter Republican. has a consderable thickness of these honors of the event. These prizes wells above the Saint Peter sand- will be well worth contesting for stone which was reached at a depth and the committee feels that the laof 2.763 feet, and below which were dies who are in the contest are defound reddish limestones and arkose serving of this recognition.

depths studied indicated by Mr. Kerr Sohl, Carter and Hay, and the ser- the next two days. are being studied for such evidence vice at the cemetery was conducted

of oil and gas as may be retained. by the I. O. O. F. lodge of Elmwood. The Amerada Petroleum company

SMALL FIRE TODAY

This morning the fire department was called out at 5 o'clock by an alarm turned in from the residence the beds exposed in the Nehnwka drilling. However, the core became of Lee Jennings in the north part of anticline extend southward to some more and more arkose. At any rate the city where the house was reof the oil fields of Kansas and Okla- the rock at 1.828 feet is older than ported to be in danger of destruction by the fire demon. When the fire-

to check the further spread of the

and Mrs. Heil, the grandparents of

the baby, a gave a dinner at their

home for the christening party at

APPOINTED RECEIVER

Our local banker, C. E. Butler has

Just how much chance remains men arrived after their early morn oil in these states. So, based on sur- for discovery of oil and gas in the ing spin they found that the biaze been extinguished and that their dash had been for naught.

The fire originated when the are important producers in Kansas structure. This being true, future stevepipe on the kitchen stove fell and scattered sparks and burning there might be some chance for dis- to the south or southeast of the re- soot over the kitchen and caught covery in the silerian, dovonian and cent test. This location would be the paper on the wall and ceiling of our prizes and the sumission to the carboniferous beds above. The more favorable because there is no the room and which was soon blazprobable occurence of igneous rocks surface faulting; oil could have mi- ing as the fire spread. The flames walls and ceiling and then died out. -State Journal. woodwork as the members of the

blaze.

MAKING OFFICIAL CANVASS

From Friday's Dally-

The task of making the official canvass of the vote cast in the election Tuesday was taken up today at Mr. and Mrs. Paul Heil took their the court house under the direction little daughter, who was born Ocioof County Clerk George R. Sayles. ber 8th, to the Evangelical Lutheran The canvassers of the vote are J. P. Falter, democrat, and L J. Hall, re- church last Sunday to have her publican. There are only two of christened by the pastor, Rev. T fices in which there is any close- Hartman, who performed this solness that might be affected by the emn and beautiful service in his usofficial canvass which includes the ual impressive manner. The little girl was named Darline mail votes and a check of the results Elizabeth. Her sponsors were Mrs. of the returning boards, and these

are state representative, where Earle Lloyd Group, sister of the father, Towle, democrat, is leading Troy L. and W. H. Heil, grandfather of the Davis, his republican opponent, by baby. After the church services, Mr. 25 votes, and the county attorneyship, where W. G. Kieck, republican, has a lead of 42 votes over J. A.

which time little Darline Elizabeth Capwell, his democratic opponent. came in for a good share of the at-The mail votes opened this aftertention .- Louisville Courier. noon disclosed that Earl Towle had reduced Mr. Towle's lead to 17. For county attorney. W. G. Kieck made been appointed receiver for a large will increase his lead to 50 votes. corporation located at Waterloo, Ia.

This company is undertaking a proa ravine about one mile east of the WILL GIVE ADDITIONAL PRIZES cess of reorganization, and the eastern bankers holding the first bond

issue got together with the other The members of the committee and agreed upon Mr. Butler as a having in charge the popularity consort of compromise candidate for the with certain local exposures along have decided that owing to the great position of receiver. It will take about six weeks time any rate, it seems now that the test who are in the contest and their to accomplish the reorganization should have been made a little far- friends, that they will offer two ad- during which time Mr. Butler will ther south or eastwards, as noted ditional prizes for the ladies stand- be in charge of the five million doling second and third in the race lar concern and its factories which

have to divide his time between Wa-There will be fine prizes selected terloo and Weeping Water during

lip Hirz Plattsmouth.

The funeral services were held at ing skies and raising temperatures will serve in that capacity for the the Christian church at Elmwood on in the states of Iowa and Nebraska year.

The members clic were enter tained by a few remarks from Couny Judge-elect A. H. Duxbury and Clerk of the District Court-elect C. L. Beal, both of whom are old members of the post, Mr. Duxbury being one of the charter member At the close of the regular sesdon the members enjoyed a lunch of

hot dogs and coffee that was ar-DRAWING NEAR ranged by the refreshment committee and brought to a close a most pleasant and profitable evening.

HAS NARROW ESCAPE

escape from what might have been

stpe and walked off, and tripped and

NOT TO LEAVE STATE

to be made of the Beeson family and

the statement from the judge that

at the expiration of his term he ex-

SUFFERS BAD FALL

Cause is a Worthy One and Should Have Support-Ticket Sellers Urged to Get Busy. at the Hotel Drake, had a narroy

From Friday's Daty-The opening date of the Elks' har-

**CARNIVAL IS** 

ELKS HARVEST

serious burns last Thursday mornest carnival is now but a little over ing during the time the Tom Schma- fact that the number of really seri- work as was shown by the fact that week away and those who are sell- der garage was burning on North ing tickets for chances on the vari- hill

There was an electric light pole carnival are urged to get busy and back of the garage which suported complete the work of getting these the high tension wires and the lights fires. burned all of the loose paper on the into the hands of the public before of the town were turned off as the the opening date so that there will water could not be turned on the fortunately not catching any of the be a large representation for the pole because of the danger of elec Irawings and everyone have a turned off. Consequently the citizen family with their efforts were able chance at the fine array of prizes were obliged to use lamps and Miss that being offered by the Elks. There Wise was coming down the stalr all the information that he can on Weidman, returned this morning to should be at least one ticket in the steps leading into the office, carrying a lighted lamp. In the darkness

hands of everyone in the community to aid in the success of the car- she thought she had reached the last CHRISTENED THE BABY nival.

threw the lighted lamp to the floor. As has been stated before, the Elks will devote a part of their re- Fortunately it was extinguished as it fell or another more disastrous ceipts to a fund, the interest on fire might have occured, and the which will be devoted to the upyoung lady as well as Landlord keep of Oak Hill cemetery which has ong been in need of some material Drake and his household are conissistance to make it a well kept gratulating themselves upon their place that will be a credit to the narrow escape .- Louisville Courier.

The Elks are offering an exceptionally large array of prizes, one of

which will be drawn each evening From Thursday's Dallyof the carnival and culminating in The friends of County Judge Beethe drawing of the capital prize, the son and family over the county have Oldsmobile touring car on Saturding. been more or less aroused over the statement printed in the Nehawka November 22nd

Those who have the ticket cam-Enterprise a few days ago of the paign in charge are urged to get fact that Judge Beeson at the close usy at once and see that tickets are of his present term would leave the lisposed of and all is in readiness for city with his family and remove the opening of the big event on from the state. The statement in Monday, November 17th. print caused a number of inquiries

# RED CROSS GOING OVER BIG

### From Thursday's Dafly-

pects to enter on the practice of law here and has no intention of remov-Two years ago there were less ing from the state. Judge Beeson than a dozen members reported in has been county judge here for a our county. Last year there were great many years and feels that he three houdred fifty-three members. bondholders and general creditors What will it be this year? should take up his own interests now and get back into the practice Every preparation is being made to of the law. Judge Beeson requests have a thorough canvas made in the the Journal to state that he and his county so that an opportunity is family will continue to make their given every one to enroll as a memhome here in the future as in the ber. The clergy of the different churches have been asked to support past.

the Red Cross and preach a Red Cross sermon on Red Cross Sunday. which is Nov. 9th. just two days

before the campaign commences. From Thursday's Daily-Moving Picture Theatres have con-Wednesday, while Fred Mumm sented to show slides portdaying the was stepping from the surb in front several activities of Red Cross in of the Donat building at Fourth and their local picture houses. Some of Main street, he slipped and fell, W. H. Ingersoll, driller in charge, contestants and who will share ter Republican The Knowing Gnome, a health enough to break the lens of one of and Hygiene film: The Spirit of Serv- his spectacles and caused the broken ice and Every Swimmer a Life-Saver. glass to cut a gash over one of his These are free shows. Volunteers are eyes. The wound was such as to ne-A few choice boars for sale .- Phil- working in almost every locality in cessitate the services of a surgeon to n3-2sw the county assisting in this Roll Call. | close.

resident-John V. Hatt. Vice President G. E. Brubacher. Secretary-Claude C. Smith. Treasurer-Harley F. Cecil. Assistant Chief-Louis Krochler. Chemical Engineer-E. J. Weyich

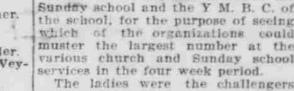
Truck Driver-D. K. Ebersole. Foreman Hok and Ladder-E. A 'ricke. Assistant Foreman-H. G. Soen-

lichsen. The fire department also unaninously voted to recommend to the Sandin as the chief of the fire de- meeting.

partment for the ensuing year and which recommendation will doubtess will be accepted and the name Miss Grace Wise, who is employed of Mr. Sandin accepted.

very flourishing condition for the near future The contest has created past few years and fortunate in the a great deal of interest in the church ous fires in the city have been very at the prayer service on Wednesday few and scattered and given the city there were 112 in attendance The a good record among the other towns contest has stimulated a great deal of the state for the small number of

The department will send three representatives to the state convention at Hastings in January and will elect one of the younger and new the art of fire fighting.

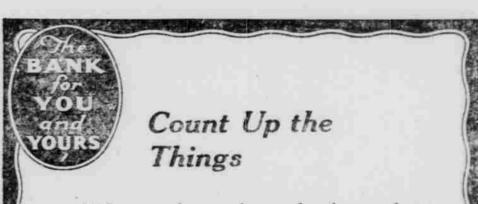


and also have proven the winners in he contest by a good safe margin. The rules of the contest were to see which class could have the largest number present at Sunday school and the two church services on Sunday ity council the naming of Dr. O. as well as at the mid-week prayer

The men held their own very nicey on the Sunday services, but slipped on the mid-week meeting and therefore they appear to be bound to The fire department has been in provide a feed for the winners in the of interest in the church activities and it is hoped to have this interest

continued in the future

Mrs. Fred Kroehler of Havelock, who has been here visiting at the nembers to make the trip to gather home of her mother. Mrs. Emma her home.



which you keep about the house but which, because of their value or the difficulty of replacing them, should really be kept in a strong, fire-proof vault.

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