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## LOUISVILLE PRE-CINCT ASKS FOR AN ELECTION

### Petition For Special Election Received Signed by Freholders and Bond For Cost Filed.

From Tuesday's Daily—  
This morning, W. F. Diers, well known merchant of Louisville, and C. E. Noyes, also one of the prominent residents of that locality, came down as a committee of two to take the first step in seeing that Louisville precinct is pulled "out of the mud."

The residents of Louisville and vicinity were among the first in the county to start the campaign for permanent roads in their section, when the first weeks of winter closed up the highways and made travel a matter of the greatest difficulty. As the weeks passed and the roads became worse instead of better and a journey was a sore trial, the sentiment crystallized into a strong demand for some adequate remedy. There followed meetings at Louisville as well as at Weeping Water and Springfield to boost the construction of good roads and from these meetings comes the visit of the two distinguished residents of Louisville.

The decision of the Louisville people to secure permanent roads of crushed rock or gravel, both of which are easy to secure there, has been a long step toward getting good roads in that section.

The resident freholders of Louisville precinct filed today in the office of County Clerk George R. Sayles, a petition asking that the board of county commissioners call a special election in Louisville precinct in a short time for the purpose of voting bonds in the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of surfacing the highways in that precinct.

## BRIDGE OPEN NEXT WEEK

The Platte river auto and wagon bridge which has been out of commission for the past two weeks as the result of damage caused by ice flows, is being given a thorough overhauling by the owner, T. H. Pollock, and will have it in the best possible shape when it is opened for travel for the summer season. The work is being pushed as rapidly as possible but Mr. Pollock, who had been hopeful of getting the bridge in commission by the last of this week, has decided that it will not be possible to use the bridge until sometime the first of the coming week. While the bridge is closed there is extensive repairs being carried out on the structure and which has required more time than was first expected.

## TAKES CHARGE OF POULTRY HOUSE HERE

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Sam a Move, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, who has been interested here in the poultry business for some time through an agency, has taken over the management of the branch here in person, arriving here yesterday and is now in full charge.

## HOLDS PLEASANT MEETING

From Tuesday's Daily—  
The ladies of the W. C. T. U. were most delightfully entertained yesterday afternoon at the pleasant home of Mrs. William Baird, the occasion being the annual membership day and for which there was a very pleasing attendance of the ladies of the society and one new member enrolled in the ranks of this worthy organization.

## WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

From Wednesday's Daily—  
The Woman's club meeting was well attended last evening at the library auditorium and health hints were well responded to by the members. Dr. J. S. Livingston spoke of community health and as a large item in keeping the community well, that if all parents and children as well as doctors would abide by the quarantine laws the effect of epidemics would be very greatly minimized and as a result when children grew up they would be better men and women physically. The next program, "Americanization," is an open meeting and the club will have an out of town speaker for the occasion and hopes to have a very large attendance.

## POSTAL SALARY INCREASE HERE IS 18 HUNDRED

### Increase Under New Bill Signed by President Coolidge will Bring Neat Sum to Employees.

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Through the provisions of the postal salary bill just passed by congress and signed Saturday by President Coolidge, the employees of the local postoffice will receive an increase of something like \$300 a year and which Postmaster Holmes states will mean an increase in salaries at the Plattsmouth office of from \$1,800 to \$2,000.

The bill as signed will mean an outlay of \$68,000,000 in the government expenditures and which will be covered by increases in postal rates on all classes of mail matter which the postal department expects to bring in the sum of \$59,000,000 a year in additional revenue to be applied on covering the cost of the increase in the salaries.

The measure has been before the last sessions of congress and the bill passed last year providing for the wage increase but not the increase in rates, was vetoed by the president and was replaced by the present measure that received the executive approval.

## BIRTH OF LITTLE DAUGHTER

From Tuesday's Daily—  
The announcement has been received here by friends of the birth of a daughter, Mary Wendell, to Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Marvin at Upland, California, on February 22nd, the little Miss sharing the honors of the day with the father of his country. Mrs. Marvin was formerly Miss Lucile Gass of this city, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gass and granddaughter of J. S. Wendell, one of the pioneer residents of this city.

## WINNERS IN SPELLING CONTEST

From Tuesday's Daily—  
On Saturday, Miss Alpha Peterson, county superintendent of schools, held the county spelling contest here, the written contest being held at the local high school building and in which Howard Pool, aged 9 of district 48 was the first, Hilda Mann, 13, of district 46 at Manley was second; Dorothy Brink, 13, of St. John's parochial school of this city, third.

## RECEIVES SAD NEWS

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Anton Hasson of this city was called to Omaha yesterday by the serious illness of his father, who is well advanced in years and whose condition is growing very serious. The aged man has been engaged as a fisherman and was taken sick a few days ago at his home in east Omaha and been steadily growing worse since he was first taken down. Mr. Hasson is also the father of Rudy Hasson, well known wrestler, now challenging Wayne "Big" Munn for the heavyweight championship of the world. Anton Hasson is still in Omaha assisting in the care of his father.

## NATURALIZATION DAY

From Tuesday's Daily—  
This morning at the office of the clerk of the district court it was announced that Monday, March 16th would be naturalization day at the opening of the March term of the district court. The federal examiner will be present on this occasion and examine the applicants for their citizenship. There are sixteen applications for final papers awaiting the action of the court.

Business forms of all kinds printed at the Journal office.

## PLATTSMOUTH HAS A MODERN SCHOOL SYSTEM

### HIGH SCHOOL RANKS DOUBLE A AND IS EQUAL TO ANY IN STATE IN EFFICIENCY.

## OPERATED ON BUSINESS BASIS

### District Finances Well Handled and Sinking Fund Earning Return For the Taxpayers.

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Those things which we are most familiar with sometimes lose their real value in our eyes through common association, and it is with the desire to create a better understanding of Plattsmouth and some of its assets and institutions that the Journal is giving a resume of what we have here that goes to make the city a pleasant place to live in and helps maintain the community as worth while.

The first of these that will be discussed is the Plattsmouth city schools where the youth of the community receive their education that equips them for the battle of life. From the Plattsmouth schools there have gone many notable figures in state and national affairs in various professional and specialized work that speaks well of the educational system.

In the Plattsmouth public school system there is every effort made to keep the schools at the highest point of efficiency, following the plans of education laid down in the leading associations in the country. Plattsmouth schools are enrolled in the North Central association, following the prescribed requirements as to class work, the number of periods and subjects to be followed in teaching.

The high school of this city is graded as double A, as high a rank as any in the state and graduates from this school are entitled to enter any university or college, duly qualified with all preparatory work. There are eleven instructors in the high school and the courses taught are: college preparatory, commercial, normal training, domestic science and manual training. There is also supervision of penmanship in work. Little Miss sharing the honors of the day with the father of his country. Mrs. Marvin was formerly Miss Lucile Gass of this city, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gass and granddaughter of J. S. Wendell, one of the pioneer residents of this city.

The Plattsmouth schools also maintains a junior high school system that is one of the latest features of the modern public school system. The superintendent of the city schools is George E. DeWolf, one of the best known and most capable school executives in the state.

In the business management of the school district there is a board of education composed of five members. Searl S. Davis, president; Mrs. S. S. Chase, secretary; Frank Clifford, Dr. Frank L. Cummins, Mrs. W. A. Robertson.

The general business of the school district is one of the largest items in the city's affairs and is operated on a strictly business basis. In the plant of the Plattsmouth school districts there are eleven buildings, valued at \$225,000, including the high school building erected at a cost of \$125,000; the Columbian and Central buildings, which have both been modernized, and the ward buildings that are in use have been kept in the best of shape. There are being planned all of the school buildings with the exception of the west second ward building.

The expenditures of the school district amount to \$70,000, which includes all of the expenses of maintaining the system, salaries, upkeep and interest. In the various items of expense in the past year there was \$50,000 paid out in salaries; fuel, \$2,000; water, \$300; light, \$350; special improvement tax, \$240; insurance, \$1,000; repairs and upkeep, \$2,000; books and supplies, \$3,500.

The school derived \$1,200 from fines and penalties, from the returns from school lands through the state, \$5,000, and from non-resident students the sum of \$5,500. The remainder of the funds are derived from taxation.

The school has enrolled in its various buildings 1,025 students and each year sees the number attending school increasing, more and more of the students completing their high school work instead of dropping out of school at the close of their grade school training. It may be of interest to the public to learn of the operation of the business affairs of the district that is bringing in a return to the taxpayers and assisting in materially reducing the indebtedness of the district, the larger part of which is covered in the bonds for the new high school building. There is outstanding now, \$65,000 in bonds, bearing five per cent interest, which run the period of twenty years, \$50,000 of which

retires in 1936 and \$15,000 retiring in 1937.

The sinking fund of the district now amounts to \$26,000 and of this there has been an investment made by the board of education of \$20,000 in bonds and warrants bearing six and seven per cent. This nets the sinking fund a return of \$100 a month over the amount that is called for by the bonds and in the year \$1,200 is added to the fund to reduce the indebtedness of the district.

There are no registered warrants of the district outstanding at this time which shows up well for the management of the schools.

These facts may or may not be familiar to the public but they represent one of the greatest assets of the modern community—an up to date public school system that offers, free of cost, to the boys and girls of this community an education of real worth and value.

## LINCOLN LINE NOW SUPPLIES ELECTRIC JUICE

### Nebraska Gas & Electric Co. Makes Cut Over Yesterday onto its Own High Tension Line.

From Tuesday's Daily—  
The juice that supplies the electric current for this city over the wires of the Nebraska Gas & Electric company is now coming from the high voltage line of the company from Lincoln.

From the Omaha line the cut-over was completed when the 65,000 volt line started in to supply the people along this line with current. The service here has been secured from Nebraska Power Co. at Omaha and the Omaha line will be through this county taking the current from the West Q street power plant of the power company in Ralston and has given good service, barring, of course, accidents that could not be prevented in times of storm.

The changed wire will be operated as heretofore and supply lines out of this city to the west and in case of emergency could be hooked on to serve as the generator for power and light.

## DEATH OF LORENZ TRILETY OCCURS AT HAVELOCK

### Former Resident of Plattsmouth Passes Away At Home of Son in Lincoln Suburb.

From Tuesday's Daily—  
The death of Lorenz Triletty, former Plattsmouth resident, occurred Sunday evening at the home of his son, Frank Triletty, at Havelock, messages from that place to relatives here this morning conveying the sad news.

Mr. Triletty made his home in this city for a great many years, being at one time an employe in the Burlington shops and later retiring from active work and spending the last few years resting from his long duties.

Mr. Triletty was 72 years of age and was born in Bohemia, coming to this country as a young man and has since made his home in the west portion of the United States. Seven years ago the deceased with his wife moved to Havelock where they have since resided with their son and family. Mr. Triletty is survived by the wife and four children, Frank Triletty of Havelock, Mrs. Charles Matous and Mrs. Roy Wade of Omaha and Mrs. Frank Steppat of Imperial, Nebraska.

The deceased was also an uncle of Anton J. Triletty and Mrs. James Rehal of this city.

The funeral services will be held Wednesday at Havelock and the interment made in that city.

## ROUNDS UP DELINQUENTS

From Wednesday's Daily—  
Tom Svoboda, constable from the court of Justice Weber and also the official truant officer of the county, has been busy the past month rounding up the delinquent school children and his scene of operation has extended from Plattsmouth to Greenwood and from the Platte to the extreme southern portion of the county.

For the month there were twenty-two cases of delinquent children to be looked after, brought here by the school authorities for investigation as to why they had not been in school.

There were several in this city, Mr. Svoboda reports who were rounded up and reprimanded and as several are "hard boiled" cases where he has had a number of complaints, he is going to have them brought to the attention of the county attorney if the delinquency is continued.

## FOR SALE

For Sale—R. C. Rhode Island Red and White Wyandotte cockerals, \$1.50 each.—Julius Reinke, South Bend.

## NEW MASONIC HOME INFIRMARY BUILDING

### STRUCTURE WILL BE PART OF FINE PLANT HERE BEING ERECTED BY MASONS.

## OF FIRE PROOF CONSTRUCTION

### Three Stories and Basement Arranged in Most Up to Date Manner For Care of the Sick.

The newest unit to the Nebraska Masonic Home in this city—the infirmary building—the cornerstone of which was laid last June by the grand lodge of the A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, is now reaching a stage where an adequate appreciation of the beauty of the structure as well as its splendid equipment can be secured. The building is one that is a credit both to the great Masonic order and to the constructors of the edifice, as well as being something of which the city of Plattsmouth may feel a pardonable pride in numbering among the great institutions of the city.

The exterior of this building, the first of the new units arranged for the final Masonic Home that will some day occupy the spacious grounds, is now completed and presents a most imposing appearance to passersby along the streets or Webster boulevard and is one of the first objects to catch the eye of the traveler as he comes from either the east or the north along the new boulevard. Constructed of natural Bedford, silvendale and carriage stone, it is striking in resemblance to an ancient castle with its turreted stone trimmings of the roof. The main entrance to the building when completed will face the new John R. Webster boulevard and the sunken gardens that are to be created between the east and west ends of the building, lying between that structure and the boulevard. The entrance way is of the Gothic type and formed of the white Bedford stone.

While the building has three stories there is also a large basement that makes practically four stories of structure, being complete in every minute detail for the purpose that it is intended as the place to care for the sick and ailing. At the south end of the basement will be the kitchen, large and commodious in every way. Here there are permanent ice boxes large enough to care for a large array of provisions and so arranged that they may be filled without bringing the ice into the kitchen. One side of the kitchen will be flanked by large ranges capable of caring for all the future cooking needs of the infirmary. There are also placed arrays of the sink, dish washing machines and steam table that will be needed. Adjoining the kitchen to the north is a large and pleasant dining room that will be arranged for the nurses and others employed at the new building. Through this section of the building there is a large hall and opposite the kitchen will be found the store rooms and lavatories for the cooks and kitchen force. Starting from the basement are elevators for handling food for the patients, it being arranged so that the food may be prepared in the main kitchen, placed on the elevator and taken to any of the upper floors on portable steam tables, which, on reaching their destination, are connected with steam, keeping the food warm. The tables are so arranged that they may be used for any of the diet kitchen or dining rooms on the upper floors.

The passenger elevator in the building is large enough that it will accommodate a bed and the patients may be easily transported to any of the rooms in this manner or taken to the operating room on the third floor of the building.

There is also magnificent stairway that connects all three floors and the basement, this being arranged with concrete and iron banisters while the steps of the stairs as well as the floors in the halls and part of the rooms are composed of Terrazzo composition of chipped white marble highly polished. The walls of the interior as well as the ceilings are finished in white, the smooth finish being used in all save the living rooms of the nurses and attendants which are completed in sand finish plastering. In the halls the concrete base of the floors have been laid in steel frames which have a border of the Terrazzo finish and the center of the halls will be covered with the heavy Inoleum that is laid into the six foot space provided, making a solid portion of the flooring. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that in the whole building there is no wood, save in the window and door frames and the structure throughout is all fireproof.

The partition wall are of the hollow tile, the floors of concrete and composition, while the entire structure is supported on gigantic concrete and steel trusses and pillars

that reach thirty and forty feet to the bed rock. There will be ample accommodation to care for forty patients in the rooms of the infirmary in addition to those for the nurses and employes in the administration department.

On the three floors there runs a long corridor from which opens the rooms that will be occupied by the patients, each of these rooms being arranged with a large double window that insures plenty of sunlight and ventilation. In heating these rooms the radiators are fastened to the walls so that no dirt can possibly gather under them and they are also automatically controlled, maintaining an even temperature in the building at all times. On reaching the required amount of heat they shut off and on the lowering of the temperature, open up.

In the rooms set aside for the patients (Continued on Page 6)

## WEEPING WATER WILL HAVE NEW PAVEMENT SOON

### Enterprising Little City Will See that the Main Thoroughfares are Fitted with Paving.

From Wednesday's Daily—  
The citizens of Weeping Water with their usual progressive spirit are preparing a program of street improvement this year that will be the most extensive they have undertaken and will give them what has long been needed there, a system of paved streets.

It is the decision of the city government and the citizens in general to have six blocks in the main portion of the city paved with concrete of the type that has been used so successfully in Plattsmouth, including the curb and gutters that will afford the proper amount of drainage.

There are a large number of the streets in the residence section of Weeping Water that will be arranged with a coating of gravel, which has proven very successful where it has been tried out and entirely adequate to the needs of the less traveled streets of our neighboring city.

This improvement will place Weeping Water in the front ranks of the small municipalities and prove a most pleasing addition to the general plan that has been adopted of making that city modern in every way, which is the goal the enterprising citizens there have been pushing for the past several years.

## SUFFERS SEVERE FALL

From Wednesday's Daily—  
Asbury Jacks, one of the old veterans of the civil war, is not in the best of shape the last few days as the result of an accident that he sustained in Omaha on Friday. Mr. Jacks, in company with Carl Dooley, had gone to that city to look after some matters of business, and as they were walking in the main section of the city, Mr. Jacks caught his foot on a raised portion of the sidewalk and was hurled to the concrete walk, suffering a very severe injury to the left side of his head. A gash several inches long was cut that required medical attention to dress and proved very painful. The injured man was able to return home unassisted, but still carry the marks of the accident for several days yet.

## FIST FIGHT CREATES CONSIDERABLE STIR

### Youth Calls to Battle and Conflict Draws Out Spectators as Well as the Law.

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Saturday evening the usual peaceful atmosphere of our attractive little city was rent asunder shortly after 9 o'clock and which called out the local gendarmerie to participate in the excitement and adding to the storm and turmoil.

Earlier in the evening two young men of the city had become somewhat strained in their relations as the result of some remarks made which, it is claimed, were intended jest, but which one of the party took up seriously and invitations were exchanged to retire to some spot far from the maddening crowd where the affair of honor could be settled with man's primitive weapon—the unarmed fist.

As the principals moved out to the location selected—Washington park, just west of the O. K. garage—they were followed by several of the youths of the city who had secured information of the proposed "mail" and when the party was opened after the usual preliminaries, the crowd had grown to proportions of a very nice "gate" if the promoters had thought to collect admission. Whether or not there was a knockout or any blows struck will never be known definitely, as those who attended the affray are not "putting out" any information concerning the battle, but reports received indicate that only two blows were struck, one of which was effective.

The boys were just going good when the local gendarmes in full force arrived at the scene and added more tumult than the fight itself, as the spectators commenced to flee in several directions toward the exits from the park, the retreat being as terrifying as the fight of the clown prince, the retreating party stumbling over holes and pitfalls in getting away from the vicinity. The scene was one of terror, the darkness of the night, the cold wind blowing, the cries of the departing spectators as they struggled on in the dark, to which was added the shouts of the "law" made the occasion one that will long linger in the minds of those present. It is reported that one of the officers who had drawn his revolver, was charging the right flank of the retreating column when he fell in a small hole and the weapon was hurled some distance away, where it was found by one of the boys and restored to the officer in question.

A number of those who were on the scene were rounded up and brought to the city jail to give their names and were then released. Ball of the two boys, alleged to have been the principals in the battle, was set at \$15 and they were released, going on their way rejoicing. This morning the aftermath of the affair took place in the chambers of Judge William Weber when Walter Vanderpool was fined \$10 and costs, while George Wright received \$5 and costs for the charge of disturbing the peace.

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