

The Plattsmouth Journal

Excavation of Building Site is Completed

Steam Shovel Finishes Up Last Night at 6 45 Just Ahead of the Rain and Sleet Storm.

From Thursday's Daily— "Storm wave coming; snow and colder" said the weather man via radio at noon yesterday, and the boys on the steam shovel and dump trucks took him at his word. The old dipper never swung with more rapid regularity than yesterday afternoon, and to the surprise of everyone who had been observing the progress of the work, excavation of the Legion's community building site was completed at 6:30 and the shovel had dug its way out of the hole, replacing the loose dirt thrown up during the last few minutes to provide the roadway over which it traveled. In a quarter of an hour more the boys had snatched a bite to eat and were back heading the shovel toward the Missouri Pacific depot for loading to ship it back to Omaha. They were determined to beat the storm and beat it they did. Slippery, frozen pavement is the hardest obstacle for the capillary-propelled machine to travel and so no chances were taken on getting out today.

The large 60x120 basement, excavated to an average depth of six feet, yielded some 1,500 cubic yards of dirt and but for delay in trucks the first afternoon would have been completed in two days easily. As it was, two and a half days were required to move it—a task that would have required several weeks with teams and dump wagons and proven a great deal more expensive.

The next step in the building program will come as soon as spring opens up, when contract for construction of the walls and placing of the roof will be let. A complete take-off of material is now in the hands of the building committee, including all masonry and lumber requirements. The walls will be 29 feet in height, the roof supported by structural steel trusses and the main floor of hardwood construction to provide for dancing as well as other entertainments and attractions.

The excavation has been one of the problems confronting the building committee and at regular rates it seemed doubtful if basement plans could be included with the amount of money that will be available with which to erect the building.

With this part of the work out of the way at such a low figure, prices on labor and material for the erection of the building can soon be secured and the contract let.

More than half of the money subscribed is now on hand and no concerted effort has been made to collect subscriptions. This will be attended to promptly after the first of the year so there will be no delay in construction when spring opens up.

SECURES CITIZENSHIP PAPERS

From Thursday's Daily— Harry Leosis, proprietor of the Royal cafe of this city, is one of the happiest men in the community over the fact that he has secured his citizenship papers after an effort of a number of years and is now a full fledged citizen of the United States for which he fought in the world war. At the time of the war Mr. Leosis was under the impression that he had his citizenship papers although it later developed he merely secured his first papers, and he neglected to complete his citizenship while in the army. Later he resided at a number of places and had no opportunity of getting his papers until coming to Plattsmouth. Through the efforts of Clerk of the District Court Mrs. Golda Beal and Attorney J. A. Capwell, Mr. Leosis was granted his final papers in Omaha this week.

WILL VISIT FROM CALIFORNIA

From Thursday's Daily— Miss Margaret Maury of San Francisco, California, is expected to arrive here this afternoon on No. 2 over the Burlington and will spend Christmas here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maury. While enroute east Miss Maury stopped at Kearney where she spent some time at the home of Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Todd, the latter a sister of Miss Maury. For the past several years Miss Maury has been engaged at San Francisco and her many old time friends here are very much pleased to welcome her here for the glad Yuletide season.

SUFFERING FROM APPENDICITIS

From Friday's Daily— Earl Hackenberg, one of the employees of the Robb Candy Co., has been off duty at the wholesale house for the past several days and his suffering has been quite intense as the young man seems to be suffering from an attack of appendicitis and he has been kept packed in ice for the past few hours in the hope that his condition may improve and permit his coming through the ordeal without the necessity of an operation.

SELL NEWSPAPER INTERESTS

The many old time friends of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Kirkham, former residents of this city, will be interested in learning that Mr. Kirkham has disposed of his newspaper, the Northwest Post at Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kirkham have been in very poor health for some time. Mrs. Kirkham having been operated on several months ago at the Mayo hospital and they will spend the next few months in travel in order to try and regain their health that has been so badly affected. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkham are planning on visiting Plattsmouth where the parents of Mrs. Kirkham, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Beal reside and also the brother of Mr. Kirkham, City treasurer John E. Kirkham.

Attending Meeting of the Bridge Committee Today

Secretary W. G. Davis and Attorney W. A. Robertson to Meet With Interstate Committee.

From Thursday's Daily— This afternoon at Lincoln the members of the committee of the Interstate Bridge association meet at the capitol with Governor McMullen and State Engineer Roy Cochran, to discuss the matter of the bridge program over the Missouri river and which includes among the sites approved, that of the Plattsmouth bridge.

The Plattsmouth representatives at the committee are Attorney W. A. Robertson and Secretary W. G. Davis of the chamber of commerce and who will present this city's bridge advantages to the state head and to the engineer.

The representatives of the state and other who have visited the various sites where it is hoped to have the new bridge erected have all expressed the opinion that the site proposed here would be one of the most economical that can be found at any place for the shortness of the bridge and the character of the structure that would be erected.

The logical crossing to aid a large territory that is now without bridge facilities is that at Plattsmouth as it opens up a new line of travel from the east and west through either Lincoln or Omaha and touching the large and handsome cities of the south central parts of Iowa and Nebraska.

The whole bridge program is one that will eliminate the line that has long separated the neighbors of Iowa and Nebraska and will be a distinct step forward in the right direction.

SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

From Thursday's Daily— The many friends of Miss Alice Lorenz will be very much pleased to learn that this lady is showing the very best possible improvement at the St. Joseph hospital in Omaha where she has been for the past week under the care of Dr. Dishong, nerve specialist at that great institution. Miss Lorenz has been very poorly for the past few months and in order to give her any measure of relief from her illness it was decided to have her taken to the hospital where she has been placed under the care of the specialist. While her case is one that is very severe and will require probably considerable time to successfully treat it is progressing very nicely and the patient seems to be rallying very nicely from the illness and the patients and members of the family are very much encouraged over the outlook for her recovery.

MAY NOT ACCEPT POSITION

From Thursday's Daily— The gossip at the court house covering the changes that will occur at the seat of the Cass county government after the change in offices at the new year, states that Miss Ethelyn Wiles, who was named as clerk in the office of Treasurer-Elect John E. Turner, has decided that she will remain in her present work as secretary to the city superintendent of schools, as the board of education has voted to give her an increase that makes the office more attractive and as it is less exacting than the grind of the treasurer's office she has decided to remain a part of the Plattsmouth city school administration. The vacancy in the office of the county treasurer it is expected will be taken by Miss Ruth Patton, at the present time clerk in the office of the register of deeds.

HERE FOR HOLIDAYS

From Friday's Daily— The home of Mr. and Mrs. George Luschnsky is the scene of a very delightful family gathering during the holiday season when the children are gathered home for the happy Christmas time with the parents, Mrs. Ralph Mullis and seven children of Alliance, Nebraska, are here to spend the season and Mr. and Mrs. George Knox of Denver, the latter formerly Miss Ruth Luschnsky, came in today to enjoy the holiday season.

Phone your Want Ads to No. 6.

Urges Give and Take in Settlement of Affairs

Secretary of Chamber Has Observations of Many Needs of the Present Day.

Will M. Maupin uses his little column to sell his poems. Thru ours we try to sell Plattsmouth, Cass, county and Nebraska! To whom? Well, FIRST, to ourselves. You can't sell others what you can't sell to yourselves.

The Farm Journal quotes one little boy as saying: "Don't let nobody tell yuh there ain't no Santa Claus cuz I betcha I seen 40 of 'em last Christmas with me own eyes!" It's a wise child that knows it's Santa Claus.

We notice the Omaha Bee is attempting to keep good roads for Nebraska a political party, or clique, rather than the good of the state. Until our roads, and our state road officials are taken out of politics, we may expect confusion, delay, indifference, and the usual muddy, slick, sloppy, rotten road, expensive, disgraceful dirt roads.

If this information is correct, Iowa farmers have to raise \$4.02 for every acre to meet tax and debt charges. The bulk of this coming from school bonds, road bonds, and bonds voted for the Iowa soldiers—all good, acceptable and not out of the way. Then remains the entry of money borrowed to carry on business, a trifle less than one fourth of the value of Iowa farms. To this is added the current expenses of farming. This explains why the Iowa farmer is anxious to get his business on a new footing where he will not have to compete with Argentine competitors.

We wonder if a good tariff on foreign grains, and beef, with free trade on farm implements would help any? Let us have your ideas in this? Never could see why the farmer should not be as well protected in a tariff for his products, as the manufacturer. What is your idea? Come in and let's talk it over. There is just enough republican blood in me, to appreciate the value of a tariff in some matters, and plenty of democratic mingling to feel that free trade offers many advantages in other ways. As long as a man makes a hide-bound republican or a full-headed democrat regardless of the common sense requirements of the farmer, we'll get no where.

Buying feeders, is a great gamble as growing cotton, or depending entirely on wheat, or oats or corn for profit. Many a farmer looks back with the eyes on the feeder game, where he not only lost on the actual cost of his feeders, but had exhausted his entire crop in feeding. It is tragic, to say the least.

Also, interview many of our merchants—you will find them having to sell thousands of articles at less than cost, due to fluctuating markets, and changing styles. O yes, Mr. Farmers, there are sleepless nights put in by our merchants, over the same problems you have. What can we do to get a hundred Cass county farmers lined up with the Chamber of Commerce, see them along with our merchants stick their feet under the same table, and draw closer together in a broader spirit of mutual helpfulness.

Many a man whom we have thought cold, selfish, and indifferent, we have found, when we knew him well enough to call him "Jim," and exchanged mutual confidences, that his heart was as big as the other fellows—but he didn't know how to let you know it.

Maupin doesn't need to think he can beat us. The stingiest man we ever seen. Was grouchy Alexander Bean. He'd bury his money in the well— And tell his City to go to —? (ROBERT BURNS.)

However, before we bring this sequel to a close, we can't refrain from admitting that traveled roads, the dairy cow, fluffy white Leghorn, round Poland Chinas, apples, berries, and other fruits, in Cass county, to take up a few of our big farm acres, would return the farmer such a profit per acre, that his problems would be speedily adjusted, and he would have more time and cash to go to Washington and see that progress, not politics, is obtained from the men he sends to congress. And such a program, would not interfere with his hog, cattle, and corn farming.

W. G. DAVIS, Secretary.

When entertaining, use Dennison goods. Bates Book and Gift Shop carries the entire Dennison line and materials.

HOLD SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR

From Wednesday's Daily— The Sunday school of the Eight Mile Grove Lutheran church held a very successful Christmas bazaar at the church on Monday evening, the event being staged in the new basement of the church building.

Here there was a very wonderful display of fancy work and many pretty articles that found a ready sale from the large crowd that braved the bad roads and weather to come out and enjoy the fine treat that had been prepared. An informal program was given by the young people and which added to the interest of all of the members of the large party. The fine pony offered as a prize was secured by Henry Hild of Mynard and the doll by John Koll of Cedar Creek.

New Receiver for First National Bank Arrives

Fred Buerletta of Lincoln Named as the Official to Handle the Bank Affairs.

From Thursday's Daily— The newly appointed receiver of the First National bank of this city, Mr. Fred Buerletta of Lincoln, arrived here last night and is today taking up the work of getting the bank affairs in shape so that they can be handled with a view of closing up the bank and making settlements as rapidly as possible of the claims and liabilities of the bank.

The receiver is a well known young lawyer of Lincoln and is known to a large number of the local people as he was a student at Nebraska university with a number of the Plattsmouth people.

The work of checking up the bank has been looked after by William Wilson of Omaha, bank examiner and who will assist the receiver in getting the bank matters in shape so that some idea of the final results of the liquidation may be known to the large number of persons who have interests in the closed bank.

WIFE SETS RECORD

From Thursday's Daily— A new sensation is going the rounds of the Plattsmouth golf club according to Clate Rosenkrans, the real winter and summer golfer of the city. No wonder, the sensation is not what you think.

A few days ago when the balmy weather prevailed over this portion of the United States, one of the veteran members of the club who has often had his number sold at the city tournaments for large and weighty sums of money, decided that he would enjoy a little golf and instead of challenging Clate or other members of the club who are much sought after opponents, he decided that it would be a good time to teach friend wife a lesson in golfing that she would not forget and to impress the fact that while women have invaded politics, the men's formerly exclusive circles and are now even being suggested for the presidency, he would show the wife that the domain of golf was still the proud possession of man as far as championships was concerned.

They hastened to the links and when the breeze that swept from the southwest was a trifle cool it was the kind of weather that puts a snap into even the golf players and after the preliminaries both the husband and wife drove the ball over for the first hole. The wife, it may be stated had not played golf for a year and was somewhat out of practice, but her boy, now shot the white ball over the greens and at the close of the round the score stood: Wife 39; Husband 42. It is claimed that the defeated member of the twosome stated after the game that he should have used his first judgment and taken Clate on for the game to insure a victory instead of backing up against the skill of his wife.

RECEIVES PLEASANT NEWS

From Friday's Daily— The many friends here of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Andrews of Omaha will be interested in learning of a very pleasant Christmas gift that arrived yesterday afternoon to brighten their home in the yuletide season in the person of a fine son and heir. Mrs. Andrews was formerly Miss Alice Kerr of this city and the many friends are pleased to learn that both Mrs. Andrews and the little son are doing very nicely.

PURCHASES NEW CAR

From Friday's Daily— One of the new type two door Pontiac coupes is now the proud possession of Fred Ahrens, one of the enterprising young farmers of west of Mynard and which was sold by the Chilton Sales Co., the local representatives of the Pontiac car in this territory. The car is a beauty and one that will give the new owner a great deal of pleasure.

Bank Officials Have a Plan to Clear Up Bank

By Pooling Real Estate Holdings First National Bank Officials Hope to Save Losses.

From Thursday's Daily— Officials of the First National bank which has been closed for the past week, have been laboring in an effort to get the affairs of the bank closed up in a manner that would give the depositors as good a settlement as possible and save them the expense of the long and costly proceedings of receivership that would be necessary otherwise.

The officials have had interviews with a number of the depositors relative to handing paper that might be in the bank and which could be accepted as settlements for the claims against the bank and in this they have met a very pleasing reception from a great many of those who are interested.

The plan that the officials have now adopted is in addition to providing for the paper that might be held by the bank is to pool the real estate holdings of the bank which they have listed at \$81,000 into a pool and the placed in the hands of a trustee who will have charge of this part of the liquidation proceedings. The real estate would be covered by a bond issue of \$70,000 tax free securities and the depositors would be paid fifty per cent of their claims in these bonds and fifty per cent of their claims in cash that would give them, it is believed by the officials, a much better chance of securing a large sum on their claims than they would otherwise be able to secure.

It is desired that the depositors who can, come in and discuss the matter and give their views on the proposition that it is desired to float in the event of its failure the entire proceedings will be forced into the hands of the receiver.

G. O. Dovey, cashier of the closed bank, states that this is the best proposition that the depositors could find in a speedy settlement of the claims and that within a very short time the depositors could secure settlements.

The real estate held in the trusteeship would be administered by the trustee and as fast as possible the bonds on the real estate be taken up and the depositors given an opportunity of realizing on their claims.

DENMARKK EXPLAINS

Copenhagen, Denmark, Dec. 27.—Denmark's formal resumption of the gold standard yesterday will not mean the introduction of gold as ordinary currency, but only for export purposes.

In resuming the gold standard by adoption of a measure permitting the conversion of Danish notes into gold, beginning January 1, Denmark is following the example of Great Britain and Sweden to avoid fluctuations on the international rates for Danish currency which has been quoted at parity for some time.

The Danish national bank has from the last four times larger gold reserves than it had before the world war and has assured the government that it is capable of meeting any gold demand without government assistance.

Resumption of the gold standard also is desirable by all political parties as a medium of bringing the price index in conformity with the international value of the Danish krona.

DO MUCH DAMAGE

From Friday's Daily— Some persons have in the last few days been doing a great deal of damage to the residence property northwest of the Missouri Pacific railway station, formerly occupied by Louis Kostka and family. Mr. Kostka recently purchased the small farm owned by Sheriff Stewart north of this city and the house that he formerly occupied and which is known as the John Koukal place, was left vacant. Mr. Kostka had occasion later to return to the house he had vacated and was shocked to find that some person had deliberately broken a large number of the windows of the house and created considerable destruction around the place. The matter has been reported to the authorities and the parties who have been engaged in the work of destruction had better watch their step in the future or suffer the consequences.

HERE FROM CHICAGO

From Friday's Daily— Harley Becker of Chicago who is employed by the Marshall Fields company of Chicago, is here for a visit over the Christmas holidays and is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Becker. Harley is well pleased with his job at Chicago and enjoys the work there.

A few of the Cass county maps showing every man's farm are left. You can get one at the Journal office for 50c. Hurry, before they're gone.

CALLED TO CALIFORNIA

From Friday's Daily— Mrs. Glenn Perry yesterday received a message from Los Angeles, California, announcing the very serious illness of her brother, Sam Pitman, at his home in that city. Mrs. Perry left last night for the west and will be at the bedside of her brother in the next few days. The message did not give the nature of the illness of Mr. Pitman, but merely stated that he was in serious shape and urging that the sister come and which sent her speeding westward. Mr. Pitman was a former resident of Murray where he was born and reared and where he was engaged in business before going to the west coast where he has since resided. The many friends here will anxiously await word from his bedside as to his condition.

Former Bank Cashier Admits He Embezzled

Glenn Benter Gets 10 Years for Taking Five Hundred Dollars From Failed Richfield Bank.

Papillion, Neb., Dec. 23.—Glenn F. Benter, 30, former cashier of the First State bank of Richfield, four miles south of here, who was arrested at Schuyler, Neb., on a warrant charging embezzlement, which was sworn out here by County Attorney Collins, pleaded guilty today at his preliminary arraignment before County Judge Wheat.

He was sentenced this afternoon by District Judge James T. Begley, to a term of one to ten years. Benter, a cousin of E. C. Goerke, missing former president of both the Papillion State bank and the First State bank of Richfield, both of which failed last summer, left the latter institution before it was taken over by the state guaranty fund commission. It failed simultaneously with the crash of the Papillion State bank.

When the Harvest festival of the Plattsmouth Legion was held here in the middle of November, Mr. Benter was brought here by the Legion and the Ad club and made a real feature of the festival as his hog calling drew the eyes of the entire county here and many of the best hog callers in the west were developed in the week of the carnival and the genial hale and friendly Nebraska champion made a host of friends who will learn with pleasure of his acceptance of the vaudeville contract.

We can only warn Fred of the perils of the great white way whose glittering lights are calling him to Broadway and to avoid the pitfalls of the night clubs, Gilda Grey, the Follies and other features that make up the amusement centers of the United States' greatest city.

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At the time the Richfield bank was closed, it was understood that it had a shortage of funds of approximately thirty thousand dollars. Benter after leaving the employ of the bank went to the home of his parents in Burke, S. D., and later went to Schuyler. When County Attorney Collins learned of his whereabouts he immediately signed the complaint on which the warrant was based. In his plea of guilty before Judge Wheat, he had no comment to make. Sheriff Olerog of this county returned Benter to Papillion at 1 a. m. today from Omaha where he took him in custody from the sheriff at Schuyler.

PEACHES, DADDY MAY REUNITE

New York, Dec. 23.—Reconciliation between Frances (Peaches) Browning and her millionaire husband, Edward W. Browning, realtor and adopter of girl children was predicted Wednesday by Frances Dale, Browning's attorney.

Mrs. James W. Holmes departed this morning for Omaha to spend the Christmas season and will be joined there by Mr. Holmes Christmas day.

Under State Supervision—Deposits Protected by State Guaranty Fund

One Thing We will Not Do!

As a matter of fact, there is no limit to the honest, whole-hearted co-operation of the Farmers State Bank.

But—THERE IS ONE THING WE WILL NOT DO. And that one thing is merely this: We will not go beyond the limits of safe and sound banking practice nor the banking laws of the good State of Nebraska, to serve even the largest depositor in America, but we will extend our honest co-operation and loyal support to even the smallest depositor as long as he is honest with himself and the community.

On This Basis Your Business is Invited

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