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Contract Let for New \$700,000 Auto Bridge Over Missouri River

Union Bridge & Construction Co to Handle the Construction of the Latest Type Bridge

COMMENCE WORK WITHIN TEN DAYS

Success Due to Hard Work of the Local Boosters—Eastern Capital Is Financing Work

From Wednesday's Daily—

The dream of the past several years in which the residents of this community had visioned the erection of a bridge over the Missouri river at this point that would join the great states of Iowa and Nebraska and give extension to the great national highway systems of the west, is now to be realized and ere the passing of the next two weeks the work of construction will be started on this bridge.

The Plattsmouth Bridge Co., organized through the efforts of Plattsmouth and Omaha business men to erect the bridge which will cost some \$700,000, and is financed by eastern capital, the structure to be a toll bridge until the time that the two states of Iowa and Nebraska and the surrounding sub-divisions near the bridge can purchase the structure and make it a free bridge.

When the first steps were taken for a bridge at this point which is acknowledged to be one of the most logical in the state for a wagon and auto bridge, the sentiment was strong for this structure in Cass county and Mills county, Iowa, and the residents on the east side of the Missouri have awaited as eagerly as the Nebraska residents the time when the bridge would be a reality. Meetings over the county were held in the past three years that have builded the strong support for the erection of the bridge and the news that it is to be an accomplished fact is "a grand and glorious feeling."

At this time it might be stated that the community owes a great deal to the untiring efforts of Henry A. Schneider and Judge James T. Begley of this city who have given unlimited time to the accomplishment of the success of the project and have been on the job for the past year in seeing that it was made a go and interesting the necessary capital that would make the bridge possible and without campaigns among the residents of the community for the financing of the project.

Last winter at the session of congress, Hon. John H. Morehead, congressman of this district introduced the measure for the securing of the necessary permission for the crossing of the river with the bridge, guiding the measure through congress and assisting in its passage in the senate where it was sponsored by Senator R. B. Howell.

With the passage of the bill Mr. Schneider and Judge Begley took up the matter of getting a definite and clear bridge program outlined and in which they were joined by a group of Omaha business men and the articles of incorporation of the Plattsmouth Bridge Co., was made and the officers named for the company that have successful brought the bridge to an actual fact instead of a mere dream. The officers of the company are as follows:

President—H. A. Schneider, Plattsmouth.
Vice-President—R. A. Leussler, Omaha.
Secretary and Counsel—Glen H. Venrick, Omaha.
Treasurer—John W. Towle, Omaha.
Directors—James T. Begley, Plattsmouth and Carl Vogel, Omaha.

As soon as the company was formed the officers took up the matter of the adoption of the plans and in which they secured the services of some of the most eminent engineers of the nation and there offered the plans to the war department of the U. S. government and with the result that the plans were approved and the permission to erect the bridge according to the plans were confirmed.

To secure the financing of the bridge surveys were made by representatives of large eastern financial institutions whose report favored the

bridge and led to the securing of the aid in the bonding of the bridge and the successful handling of the small task of the \$700,000 bridge structure.

In the last few weeks the Plattsmouth Bridge Co., have called for bids for the actual construction of the bridge and the contract for the pier work and the bridge foundations was let to the Union Bridge and Construction Co., of Kansas City, Missouri, one of the leading bridge construction companies in the west. This company now has the equipment necessary for the sinking of the pier and other foundation work loaded and expect in the next ten days to arrive here for the first physical work of the construction program.

The Union Bridge & Construction company will bring with them a force of 126 skilled bridge workers that will be employed in the sinking of the piers and the carrying out of the preliminary work in this portion of the construction program.

The Burlington is now laying side tracks on both the Iowa and Nebraska sides of the river where the material will be handled and assembled on the scene of the work of construction and this part of the work cost the bridge company \$6,000 for the trackage that will be necessary. On the Iowa side the tracks will be placed under the east part of the Burlington railroad bridge and place the material right at the hand of the workmen.

The steel work of the bridge will be handled by the Omaha Steel company and which company will have the material hurried so that they will be no delay in the starting of the steel work as soon as the pier and foundation work is started.

The wagon and auto bridge will be 1,416 feet and four and a half inches in length and will span the Missouri river at a point some three hundred feet south of the present Burlington railroad bridge.

There will be six spans of the bridge to be placed, the structure resting on piers sunk to bedrock and giving the bridge a strength that will carry a great weight necessary in the size of the bridge and the heavy traffic that will pass over the structure.

On the west side of the river where the first pier is placed the bridge will have a height of seventy-three feet and a gradual slope of the structure toward the eastern end of the bridge. The three piers will be placed in the main portion of the river, resting on bedrock will raise fifty-five feet above the water level to conform with the regulations of the war department for the navigation of the Missouri river.

On the east there will be an approach that will lead onto the bridge proper and which will be pushed along with the erecting work on the bridge.

The bridge will have a roadway of concrete that will be wide enough for two lines of traffic and to accommodate the large trucks and heavy traffic that will cross the bridge on the great east and west route.

This bridge will mark a great advance step in this part of the west and will remove the barrier that the Missouri river has created between the states of Iowa and Nebraska and will mark the extension of the Harding highway that at the present time ends at Glenwood and then is detoured to the south and north.

The new bridge will mean to the residents of southwestern Iowa a saving of forty miles in getting to and from the great stock markets of South Omaha, the travel through this city saving the heavy city traffic that is made necessary in going through Council Bluffs and Omaha and with the free bridge over the Platte river will bring this section

of the country that has been handicapped in reaching the large markets into a closer touch.

The new bridge will mean a great deal to this city and is one of the most advanced steps in progress that the community has enjoyed in its long and should be a great boom to the business interests of the community.

Leading to the bridge from this side will be a graveled highway that will skirt the south portion of Wintersteen hill and come into the city on Lincoln avenue and thence north to the main section of the city.

The Iowa boosters are back of the bridge and promise that a graveled highway on the east will be extended to the bridge and connect with the great paved road system at Glenwood.

FIND "HOOTCH" CACHE

From Tuesday's Daily—

This morning while Section Foreman Marshall and his gang were working along the Missouri Pacific right of way they stumbled on what proved a veritable mine of bottled "hootch" that someone had secreted along the right-of-way and with the evident purpose of selling.

The section men first noticed a bottle lying in the grass along the roadway and further investigation showed that there were two or three more of the bottled corn extract and then Mr. Marshall decided to call Sheriff Bert Reed and who with Deputy Sheriff Younger proceeded to the scene of action and after a further search there was found scattered groups of two or three bottles and when the vicinity was finally combed by the searchers there were twenty-two of the pint bottles unearthed and turned over to the sheriff and safely locked in the vault of the county attorney's office.

The large number of bottles and their contents leads to the suspicion that someone was planning a small retail booze business and that they will be about as mad as anyone could well be when they visit the scene of the booze warehouse that was the result of the section disappeared.

The general knowledge of the find that was the result of the section men locating the cache will probably result in the owner of the bottled goods keeping a tight mouth as to the ownership of the wet goods.

HAVE ARMISTICE PROGRAM

From Tuesday's Daily—

At the weekly luncheon of the Plattsmouth Rotary club this noon at the Barclay restaurant, the meeting was given over to a touch of the war days of 1917-1918 with the Armistice atmosphere prevailing the meetings.

The patriotic atmosphere of the meeting was afforded by W. R. Holly, one of the department managers of the H. M. Soennichsen Co. store and who during the war was first sergeant of the headquarters company of the 355th infantry of the 89th division and participating in the St. Mihiel and the Argonne offensives of the American army whose division was near Sedan when the Armistice came. Mr. Holly related many interesting experiences of the camp days as well as the battle front and the days of the army of occupation in Germany. During the meeting Joseph A. Capwell, also a world war veteran was heard in a vocal solo, the patriotic song, "Home Again" being used.

SPEAKS AT HIGH SCHOOL

From Monday's Daily—

This morning at the convocation hours at the high school, the students and members of the faculty paused in the regulation routine of the school to take part in a short Armistice day program which consisted of a short address by Rev. H. G. McClusky. The speaker gave a short historical resume of the world war, the various stages of the great struggle and the results to all of the countries of the world that participated. The speaker also told of the efforts to promote international peace and to remove the causes of war among the nations of the earth.

WILL CONFER WORK

From Monday's Daily—

On Friday evening Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, Masons, will have the pleasure of a visit from the members of the Masonic lodge at Glenwood the visitors coming over and conferring the M. M. degree for the local lodge on the candidates. The Plattsmouth Masons were at Glenwood last week and gave the Nebraska form of initiation and the visitors will now confer the Iowa form on the local candidates at the session of the lodge on Friday evening.

Phone your news to the Journal.

WILL MOVE BUSINESS HOUSE

From Monday's Daily—

The cigar and confectionary of Emmons Ptak which has been located for the past three years in one of the buildings on Main street between Fourth and Fifth streets, is to move on Tuesday to the building on South Sixth street which was formerly occupied by the Martin grocery. The new location will give Mr. Ptak a larger room and where his business can be handled with a great deal more ease and convenience.

The change has been contemplated for sometime as the location of Mr. Ptak does not allow of the expansion of the business and handicaps the owner as well as his customers and for this reason it was decided to locate in the Sixth street building which will take the business house some distance from the present location.

Royal Arch Masons Hold Their Election

Henry F. Nolting Is Named High Priest of Nebraska Chapter No. 3 at Meeting Last Night

Last evening Nebraska chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons, held their annual election of officers at the lodge rooms in the Masonic temple and with a large number of the members in attendance to participate in the selection of the new officers for the coming year. The following were the elected officers:

High Priest—Henry F. Nolting.
King—Raymond C. Cook.
Scribe—L. W. Niel.
Secretary—W. F. Evers.
Treasurer—Frank A. Cloidt.

The elective and the appointive officers will be installed at the chapter meeting in December following the session of the grand chapter of Nebraska which will be held in Omaha in the early part of December. Nebraska chapter No. 3 is planning on having a large initiation in the next few weeks and at which there will be the guests—members of the chapters at Nebraska City and Omaha and to witness the work of the local Royal Arch Chapter in the degree conferring.

FUNERAL OF MRS. GODWIN

From Monday's Daily—

The funeral services of the late Mrs. Ralph Godwin of Omaha were held Sunday afternoon at the Satter funeral home at Fourth and Vine street and attended by the old friends and neighbors who came to pay their last tributes of love and esteem to the memory of this excellent lady that had been called to the last reward.

The service was conducted by Rev. H. L. Grassmuck of the First Christian church, who paid a tribute to the memory of the departed and spoke of her life as a doer of good deeds to others, scattering the flowers along the pathways of others rather than the awaiting of death to send the flowers.

During the service Mrs. Hal Garnett and Frank A. Cloidt gave three of the well loved hymns and which had been requested by the departed lady to be given at this last sad service, "Rock of Ages," "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus."

OBITUARY

Sarah L. Russell was born near Albion, Monroe County, Iowa, March 9th, 1854; and passed away at her home south of this city, November 10th, 1928 at the age of 74 years, eight months and one day.

She was united in marriage to Isaac N. Gocheour at Glenwood Iowa, July 15th 1872. To this union were born six sons: Samuel of Missouri Valley, Iowa; Walter, Claude Harry and John all of Plattsmouth, Neb.; and George who died in infancy. Besides the children who mourn the loss of this precious soul, there are also two brothers and one sister who are N. J. Russell of Pacific Junction, Iowa; S. S. Russell of Lincoln, Nebraska; and Mrs. C. W. Barker of Decatur, Nebraska.

Also three half sisters and 4 half brothers, twenty-five grand children and ten great grand-children, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

She was united with the Baptist church when a young woman and was a true and faithful worker. She also was an active worker in the W. R. Corps. The family moved to the farm south of the city over 30 years ago having moved here from Mills county, Iowa. And after the death of her husband she still continued to make her home here until she willing answered the call to the home of eternal rest. Loving and kind; beautiful character.

When on my new fledged wings I rise
To tread those shores beyond
What object first shall strike my eyes?
And where shall I begin my joys?
I'll run thru every golden street,
And ask each blissful soul
Where is the God whose praise you sing?
Oh! Lead a stranger to your king.

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WINS BY ONE VOTE

The result in the contest for road overseer in Plattsmouth precinct has been one of the closest in the county with Charles W. Stoehr, democrat knocking out Charles C. Barnard, republican, and the present overseer of the highways by a one vote margin. This one vote lead was the result on the count made in the precinct and the fact that there were four mail ballots from Plattsmouth precinct in the office of the county clerk at the time made Saturday afternoon it was found that Mr. Stoehr and Mr. Barnard each received one vote in the mail result, two of the ballots not showing any vote for overseer and accordingly Mr. Stoehr will have the job of handling the road work for the next two years.

Greenwood Precinct People Want Graveling

Petition Filed Asking for Graveling of Road Five Miles North From Alvo to Precinct Line

The residents of Greenwood precinct in which the village of Alvo is located, have filed a petition in the office of the county clerk in which a large number of the freeholders of that precinct ask the board of commissioners to make a levy not to exceed 2.2 mills for a period of one year on the taxable property of the precinct for the purpose of graveling highways in that precinct. The highway which it is asked to have gravelled is that which extends five miles north from Alvo to the precinct line and will enable the residents to make a connection with the highways leading to the D. L. D. at Greenwood.

This petition is filed under the agreement recently made by the board of county commissioners in which they agreed to meet fifty-fifty any levy or donations made by the residents of any precinct in the county for the purpose of securing gravelled roads.

The wish of the residents of Greenwood precinct will probably have a favorable action given by the board of commissioners and if so the levy will be made on the 1929 taxes in that precinct for the one year period and which will raise the necessary amount for half of the cost of the graveling that will be done on the highway.

VISIT LINCOLN CHURCH

From Monday's Daily—

Yesterday some twenty of the members of the choir of the Methodist church of this city motored to Lincoln where they attended the services at the Westminster Presbyterian church and to hear the Cappella choir of that church, one of the finest in the city of Lincoln and which has a nationwide reputation. The service was of added interest from the Plattsmouth visitors as Edgar Wescott is a member of this choir. The service was in honor of Armistice day and the pastor, Rev. Paul Covey Johnston had his sermon along the thought of the abolition of war.

While the M. E. choir was at Lincoln Sunday the members of the Platteville class of the church some eighteen in number with Mrs. Wiley Sigler as pianist, gave the musical portion of the worship hour.

MRS. HERGER POORLY

From Monday's Daily—

The many friends of Mrs. C. L. Herger, one of the old residents of the city, will regret very much to learn of the fact that Mrs. Herger has been quite seriously ill for the past several days and on Sunday her condition was not so good and the patient suffered a great deal from the effects of her illness and caused a great deal of apprehension to the friends in the city. Mrs. Herger has not been in the best of health for some months and her present condition has caused some apprehension to the many friends in the community.

CONTINUES IMPROVEMENT

From Wednesday's Daily—

Mrs. W. P. Siltman who is recovering from a very severe operation at the University hospital at Omaha is reported as showing marked improvement and her condition is very pleasing to the attending physicians and members of the family and it is hoped that the present excellent condition of the patient will continue until she is able to return home.

PAY FOR ROAD GRAVELING

From Monday's Daily—

At the session of the board of county commissioners the board received the report of the collection of \$2,441.66 for the purpose of graveling the road from the "O" street road to Weeping Water and also \$869.04 received for graveling the road from "O" street to Avoca. The commissioners voted the remainder of the amount under the 50-50 basis for the payment of the road graveling.

Older Boys Conference will be Held Soon

Plattsmouth High School will be Represented in Meetings to be Held Over State

Plattsmouth High school boys are looking forward with great interest to the 13th annual Older Boys' conference which will convene in three Nebraska cities—Auburn, Norfolk and Grand Island—Friday, November 16th and continuing through Sunday, December 2nd. That the conference for this section of the state will be held in Auburn this year is of especial interest to our local boys, as it will be possible for more to be in attendance than were able to make the journey out to York last year.

These conferences are held yearly under the auspices of the Nebraska state Y. M. C. A. in recognition of the accepted fact that a nation's "greatest asset is the character of its sons," and it brings together for inspiration, instruction and information, boys and young men from fifteen to twenty years who are capable of genuine Christian leadership in their several communities. It is absolutely non-sectarian in its purpose and organization and appeals to all creeds as a real effort to stimulate sturdy character and high ideals in the everyday situations in a boy's life.

The theme of the conference this year is: "Finding Ourselves in the Changing World." Nationally known men of years of experience in boys' work and problems are on the program and the people of the conference cities have pledged their unstinted hospitality to make the sessions as pleasant as possible. The registration fee of \$5 covers all expenses including the banquet on Saturday night.

Plattsmouth was well represented at York last year and an even larger delegation promises to be present at Auburn this year. Prin. Simon is the adult leader of the local group. Any movement which has for its purpose the training of our boys for community leadership of the right sort merits the moral and material support of our entire citizenry. Parents who are interested should get in touch with Prin. Simon immediately in order that transportation plans may be completed.

Additional information in regard to the program will be forthcoming within the next ten days.

MRS. MURRAY AT REST

Sunday afternoon a large number of the friends and neighbors of the late Mrs. Chris Murray gathered at the First Christian church to pay their last tributes to this lady whose death early Friday morning came as a great sorrow to the community where she has so long resided. The services were presided over by Rev. H. L. Grassmuck, pastor of the church and the sermon was delivered by Rev. Murray of Alva, Oklahoma, a brother-in-law of the deceased lady and who paid a tribute to her life and gave words of comfort to the sorrowing relatives.

During the services Mrs. John Alvin and Mrs. Hal Garnett gave two of the songs that were written by the departed, "Does Jesus Care," and "Whispering Hope."

Nana Speck was born at Plattsmouth, September 24, 1887, and her girlhood was spent in this community and at the age of fourteen she was converted and baptized in the church of her faith and in which she has been a very devout member until death. On October 22, 1910, at Plattsmouth, she was united in marriage to Chris Murray. Mrs. Murray have made their home on the farm near Weeping Water and where there came to bless the home three daughters, two of which have preceded the mother in death and one, Clarice Jane, with the father, survives the passing of this good woman. There are also three sisters and five brothers to mourn the death of Mrs. Murray.

The interment was at the Oak Hill cemetery.