

Commissioners Discuss Deposit of County Funds

State Meeting at Omaha Devoted to Service Charge Question; C. F. Harris, Main Speaker.

Nebraska bankers were not the only persons in the state who were distressed by the action of the last legislature requiring banks to pay 2 per cent to the county treasurer for the privilege of handling the county funds.

Some county commissioners admitted frankly in remarks from the floor at the closing session of their annual convention at the Castle hotel at Omaha, Thursday, that, faced with the reluctance of local banks to handle the county money under this arrangement they wondered what they were going to do with the hundreds of thousands of dollars collected from taxpayers, says the World-Herald.

Commissioner C. F. Harris of Union, Cass county, said he had been served with written notice by the county bankers' association that no county funds would be handled by county banks after January 1 unless the county paid a service charge which would to some extent offset the 2 per cent required by law of the banks.

Sorensen Didn't Help. "The county treasurer can't carry two or three hundred thousand dollars around in his sock," said Mr. Harris. "It wouldn't be wise to leave it in a tin safe. There is no provision in the law permitting us to pay a service charge. If we take the bull by the horns and pay the charge, the first taxpayer who goes to court to object can cut off that way out."

Facing this dilemma, the Cass county commissioners went to the attorney general's office for guidance. A written opinion from that source leaves them as much in doubt as ever, Mr. Harris said.

"We were advised," said Mr. Harris, "that if Cass county banks or outside banks refused to handle our money without the service charge, the situation might come under the head of a public emergency which might justify us in paying a service charge, but that they could give us no assurance what might happen when it was tested in the courts."

Lists Counties Paying Charge. John Weis, chairman of the Sarpy county board of commissioners, touched off the heated discussion by reading a copy of a letter signed, he said, by W. B. Hughes, secretary of the Nebraska State Bankers' association. This letter, dated December 9, 1929, read:

"At the request of Enos Hughes of the Bank of Gretna, I am inclosing a list of counties in which the

county pays the banks a service charge for the work and the risk and other elements entering into the care of the county treasurer's deposits.

"Everything considered, this is a most fair and just and equitable practice, and I sincerely hope that your county commissioners will accede to the request of the banks."

Counties listed as having agreed to pay a 1 per cent service charge were: Perkins, Buffalo, Hall, Washington, Keith, Adams, Clay, Custer, Kimball, Boyd, Frontier, Thayer, Cass Pierce and the City of Grand Island.

Others Negotiating. Counties said to be negotiating included Butler, Cedar, Morrill, Lincoln, Cheyenne and Scotts Bluff.

Platte county was said to have agreed to pay one-half of 1 per cent. Franklin county, according to the list allegedly provided by Mr. Hughes, "had agreed to pay a bank service charge equal to that demanded by the law."

Cherry, Douglas, Dixon counties and the City of Plattsmouth were said to have offered to pay the premiums on surety bonds demanded by law of banks carrying county deposits.

"What I can't understand," declared one commissioner, "is why the banks, who all these years have been profiting from the handling of county funds before this 2 per cent arrangement was fixed up, can's come along with us now for a year or two until this thing is straightened out."

Mr. Hughes, when asked about the authenticity of the letter read by Mr. Weis, said he did not care to make any comment.

Accuracy of the list was questioned by W. A. Cole, Hastings, Adams county commissioner. Adams county had been named as agreeing to pay a 1 per cent service charge. "This had been approached on the matter, but took no action."

"If this service charge goes into effect generally," Mr. Harris asserted, "it may mean that Nebraska counties will pay greater sums to the banks for service than the salaries of their county commissioners."

Cass county maintains a daily bank balance of approximately 300 thousand dollars, Mr. Harris said. The 1 per cent service charge would amount to three thousand dollars a year on that amount.

"That may be a little above the average," Mr. Harris continued but for the sake of getting an approximate figure multiply it by 91—the number of counties in the state—and you will have 273 thousand dollars."

FAIRVIEW SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Fairview school in district No. 9, of which Miss Esther Tritsch is the teacher, presented a very clever program at the school on last Friday evening that was very much enjoyed by a large group of the residents of that section of the county.

The young people that took part in the program more than pleased everybody by their fine offering and which was most cleverly given.

The number which captivated the audience most was "The Wedding of the Painted Doll." Mildred Hell and Mildred Alexen sang this while three dolls danced for a part of it, after which a wedding was performed by the smallest children, Virginia Kafenberg acted as a page, Vivian Terryberry as a flower girl, Marie Alexen as the bride, Phyllis Kafenberg and Arlene Zimmerman were the bridesmaids, James Terryberry was the groom and Dayton Hennings was the groom's best man.

Anna Jane Terryberry, Marie Alexen and Winifred Kafenberg were the three dancing dolls.

Another number which proved to be quite pleasing was a Dutch song and dance. This was given in Dutch costume with wooden shoes, by Vivian Terryberry and Ruth Alexen as Hans and Katrina.

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ENTERTAINS FOR FRIEND

From Saturday's Daily— Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Ralph Petring was hostess to some twelve of the lady friends in honor of Mrs. L. Turpin who is leaving Saturday for her future home in Omaha. The home in the Herold apartment was very prettily arranged in the decoration of the holiday season, the bright red and green of the yuletide being featured in the decorations. The afternoon was spent in bridge and in which Miss Mae Murphy was the winner of the first prize while Mrs. Turpin was the winner of the second honors and as well was presented with a very pretty and attractive remembrance as the guest prize. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Sidney Bell, served a very delightful luncheon in the course of the afternoon.

ANNOUNCE WEDDING

The friends of the W. W. Coates family in this city have received the announcement of the marriage of Mr. William W. Coates, Jr., to Miss Florence C. Weber, which occurred on December 7th at Tulsa, Oklahoma. The young people will make their home in Kansas City, Missouri, however, where the groom is interested in business with his father, a former well known merchant of this city, and also handles the Omaha business of his company. The many friends here will be very much pleased to learn of the marriage and extend to the young people their heartiest well wishes.

Burlington Men to Aid in Care of the Children

Shop Employees Raise Sum of \$100 to Be Used in Caring for Defective Children

The employees of the mechanical department of the Burlington shops have responded in a splendid manner to the appeals sent out by W. G. Kleck as head of the city welfare and associated charities, to aid in the securing of funds for the treatment of defective children of the community.

The shop employees responded in a manner that has gone a long way toward making it possible to aid children who may be suffering from eye, ear, nose, throat, or other defects that makes it difficult for them to keep up their school work, which it is the purpose of the committee in charge to have relieved, there being quite a number of these cases found by the nurses that have checked over the schools.

The contribution of the shop men to this cause will be \$100 and which has been turned over to the committee to go ahead with their work in aiding the children. The committee that will have charge of this work is headed by Mrs. Fred Lugsch, former army nurse, Dr. R. P. Westover, Mrs. William Baird and William A. Robertson.

This is a fine demonstration of the shop employees and who will make it possible for a large number of the children to be properly cared for and placed in condition to attend their school work.

A STRANGE CASE

Sheriff Bert Reed has at the county jail a strange charge, an aged man who is suffering from a partial loss of memory, recalling only that his name is Allen Crawford, that he at one time lived in Texas.

The aged man came here a few days ago to the office of the sheriff and entering the office greeted the force there with the statement, "Boys I have lost my memory," and proceeded to tell his story. He faintly remembers starting from some place, he thinks some eighteen miles away from this city, and he thinks that he fell in the roadway, he next he recalls being when he arrived in this city having apparently been given a lift by some passing autoist. He did not remember how he had come here but he faintly recalls that someone had given him \$10 and started him some where but where it was he cannot remember. Since staying here the aged man was able to recall two sons living in Texas, but whom he had not seen for twenty-five years.

The authorities telegraphed to El Paso, Texas, to the sons but they were declined to aid the father.

The aged man is now on the hands of the sheriff and his disposition will be up to the commissioners to err for in some way as he is not in shape to be turned loose.

HAS FINE VISIT

From Saturday's Daily— Mr. and Mrs. Malz and son returned to their home at Battle Creek, Neb., today after a pleasant visit at the home of Mrs. Malz' brother, W. N. Brink and family.

Mr. Malz, who owns and operates the Elk Horn Valley Hatcheries, one of the oldest and largest in the state, while here superintended the new mammoth incubator at the Brink Hatchery.

SUBURBAN BANK IS ROBBED

Kansas City, Mo.—Armed with a sawed off shotgun, a young unmasked man Wednesday robbed the Blue Valley bank of Leech, a suburb of approximately \$5,000. The robber locked five persons in the vault and escaped.

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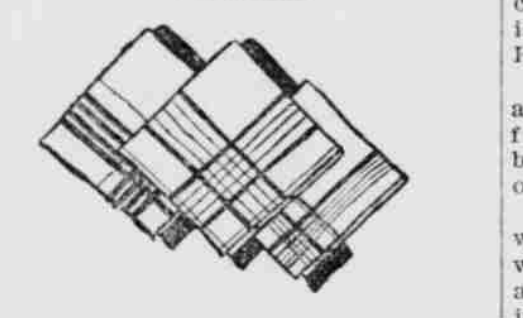
Charles Hartford, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hartford of this city, a former Plattsmouth boy and graduate of the local schools, has been

called to fill the important position of superintendent of the Maizewood Insulation Board Co., of Dubuque, Iowa, and is taking over his new work at once in directing the plant operation of this large cornstalk products company.

Mr. Hartford is a graduate of the Iowa State college at Ames, and has been with Prof. Sweeney, who originated the idea of the converting of the cornstalks into use in many lines of industry, building board, paper, rayon silk and a large array of by-products of the cornstalks and which is fast revolutionizing many lines of manufacturing, the service of Mr. Hartford in the research work and application of the manufacturing methods of handling the cornstalks having given him a great experience under the direction of the originator of the cornstalk products. The work of Mr. Hartford was recognized by the Dubuque company who after some months effort secured the services of Mr. Hartford for their plant and he will now have the full charge of the plans and improving the methods of handling the cornstalks and increasing the output of the factory.

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