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County Assessors Not Abolished by Legislature

Bill Passed by Both Houses of State Legislature Still Leave It to the County Voters.

Passage by the senate Wednesday of H. R. 58 has given the impression that the legislature, as a stroke of economy, has abolished the office of county assessor, but scrutiny of the bill shows that practically the only change in the present law which already provides for abolishing assessors by a vote of the electors of a county is a new provision that when the people do abolish the office, the duties which devolve upon the county clerk under the present law, shall be performed by the clerk without compensation.

The bill strikes from the present law a provision which allows the county clerk such allowance as the county board may deem reasonable, "until otherwise ordered by the voters at a new election held under the same requirements as heretofore."

"If the bill is signed by the governor there will be provision in the law specifically stating that the county clerk shall receive no remuneration for acting as assessor.

The law remaining provides as heretofore that upon petition of not less than 10 percent of the voters of a county an election may be called to submit the question at a general election, and if a majority shall be against election of a county assessor, then the office shall cease. The term of office is four years.

An amendment attached in the house strikes from the present law the provision that assessors shall not be eligible to more than one term in office. The bill now goes to the governor.

The following thirty-five counties now have no assessors: Antelope, Arthur, Banner, Blaine, Brown, Buffalo, Dawes, Fillmore, Franklin, Furnas, Gage, Gosper, Harlan, Hayes, Hitchcock, Hooker, Johnson, Kearney, Keya Paha, Knox, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, Nuckolls, Otoe, Pawnee, Polk, Red Willow, Richardson, Saline, Thomas, Wheeler, York.

CHILD GOES TO HOSPITAL

John, little son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders, was taken to the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha on Wednesday for treatment. The little one had an operation for the removal of his tonsils a week ago and was apparently doing nicely, but a sudden cold or infection in the throat brought on a fever, causing a great deal of worry. It was decided that it would be best to have him taken to the hospital for treatment and it is hoped that he may soon recover.

NEW CITIZEN ARRIVES

From Thursday's Daily
Last evening at the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha a fine ten and a half pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Grassman, the little man with the mother doing nicely. The occasion has brought a great deal of pleasure to the family circle and especially to the brother and sister who now have a new playmate.

SUFFERS FROM EYE TROUBLE

George J. Jeager, superintendent of the BREX hops, was in Omaha on Wednesday where he was consulting a specialist. Mr. Jeager has had some trouble with his eyes in the past week and the condition has been such that it was thought best to have the eyes cared for by a specialist. It is hoped that the condition can speedily be cleared up and the superintendent relieved of the annoyance.

ARRIVAL OF LITTLE SON

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coffelt, residing five miles west of this city, are rejoicing in a fine little son that has come to their home to reside. The little one was born on Sunday, February 19th, tipping the scales at six and a half pounds on its arrival. All are doing nicely and the occasion has brought a great deal of pleasure to all of the family circle.

ADDS TO FORCE

The Pease Style Shop in this city, one of the large ladies ready to wear establishments in this part of the state, has added to the force of assistants at the shop. Miss Ruth Ferrie has been secured to act as clerk and also attend to the altering department of the store. The store provides for every possible advantage and aid to their patrons and the addition of the new clerk will add to the facilities of the style shop.

Retailers to Sponsor Essay Contest Here

Pupils of Public and Parochial Schools Eligible to Compete in Forthcoming Contest.

From Thursday's Daily
The committee of the retail section of the Chamber of Commerce which has had charge of the planning of an essay contest, last evening decided on the particulars of the contest.

The contest is for an essay on "Why Should I Trade in the Town in Which I Live," and the essays are not to be more than 500 words.

The contest will be divided into four divisions, the first, pupils of the 4th, 5th and 6th grades; the second, 7th and 8th grades; the third, 9th and 10th grades and the fourth, the 11th and 12th grades.

It is proposed that the children of all of the schools, both the public and the parochial schools be eligible and should prepare their essays and turn over same to the committee of the retail section and who will have them placed in the hands of the judges who will be announced later.

The contest will open on March 15th and will continue to March 22nd and those who are expecting to take part should get busy at once on the reasons that they expect to present why they should trade at home.

There will be suitable prizes and which will be given on the findings of the judges of the contest.

MORE BARTER IN NEBRASKA

New evidence of barter in Nebraska was discovered by Mrs. Clara Clayton, state child welfare director, in preparing data requested for submission to a congressional committee on poor relief.

"In one town of 1,100 inhabitants," she said, "merchants had accepted corn in exchange for groceries and rent, with the result that about 40,000 bushels of corn was stored on vacant lots to be disposed of later.

"One county reported that citizens were paying taxes with wood, and in two counties merchants were permitting payment of old bills in corn, valued at 50 percent above the market price.

"Potatoes and hogs were exchanged for fuel in a few counties and old obligations settled by giving livestock in exchange. Hospital and doctor bills have been paid in produce in many communities."

Despite exceptional incidents, Mrs. Clayton said that in general there is no indication in Nebraska of any extended program of exchange. Such methods always have been used more or less in this state.

GIVE FRIENDS SURPRISE

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ulrich were given a very pleasant surprise on Tuesday evening at their farm home west of Mynard, the friends gathering to welcome them to the new home. The affair was arranged by the neighbors of the young married couple and who came prepared to spend the evening in a most delightful manner. The time was spent in cards and other social features that made the evening pass most pleasantly. At a late hour the neighbors and friends returned to their homes after the pleasant housewarming.

COMPLETE NEW APPROACH

William Kief, local contractor, has completed the new approach to the first floor of the city hall, used for the fire department. The new approach will make it much better for getting the fire fighting equipment to and from the building than has been possible heretofore.

Local Stores Combine Effort in Unique Sale

Petzzer Shoe Co., and the Ladies Toggery Join in a Customers Benefit Sale.

Sale starts Saturday, March 4th and ends March 25th. The Petzzer Shoe Co., a pioneer store of the town was established in 1896, has a very commendable record in Plattsmouth and is now the only exclusive shoe store. Mr. Goos, the manager, has been connected with the store during all these years and every acquaintance is a friend. The Ladies Toggery, while not having the long operating term of years to its credit, is today one of our most popular stores and is pointed to with pride by all the ladies that have longed for distinctive, dressy apparel. Mr. Busch, the manager, wears a permanent smile for everyone.

The two stores are featuring this campaign as a United Customers Benefit sale and in connection with it are giving away \$100.00 in cash. There will be two prizes, \$50.00 will be given to some church or organization in Plattsmouth and \$50.00 to some church or organization from out of town receiving the most votes in the friendly free voting community game. This is a copyrighted plan and has been used in many larger towns in Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska and in every instance it has been received with enthusiasm.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Brooks of Wichita, Kansas, are the managers of the campaign and their pleasing personalities will insure the success of the event in Plattsmouth. The plan is not primarily for immediate big business but for the purpose of gaining new friends and building good will for all time to come. Plans are now being made by the churches of the town to get an early start in the voting contest and a lot of spirited friendly rivalry will be aroused. Many novel entertaining stunts in the voting contest will furnish a lot of fun for all.

BYRL KIRK DIES IN PRISON

Byrl Kirk of Omaha, who served nine years in the Nebraska penitentiary in connection with the murder of an Omaha police detective, died in the penitentiary at Fort Madison, Ia., the warden there revealed. The body has been sent to Omaha, where Kirk has relatives, for funeral and burial.

Kirk was released from the Nebraska penitentiary on Jan. 12, 1928, when the board of pardons granted a commutation of his twenty year sentence. His release came after a nine year fight in which he maintained that he was innocent of any connection with the detective's murder. Kirk was released once by Acting Governor Bushie, but the order was revoked later. He sought release by habeas corpus proceedings in 1924 but it was denied and the supreme court affirmed the ruling of the lower court.

HAVE PLEASANT MEETING

The ladies aid society of the Methodist church met Thursday afternoon at the church parlors where a very delightful program was enjoyed following the business session of the society.

The ladies were favored with several numbers by the boys' high school quartet and the girls' sextette, both organizations furnishing a fine program of song. Miss Cora Williams, their instructor, being the accompanist.

During the afternoon refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Adelaide Boynton, president of the society.

HAS TONSILS REMOVED

Miss Dorothy Farmer departed Thursday for Omaha where she was operated on for the removal of her tonsils, which have for some time, been giving her a great deal of annoyance. The patient was operated on at the Methodist hospital and came through the ordeal in fine shape and is now doing nicely. It is expected that she will return home Saturday or Sunday.



A RECENT PORTRAIT OF OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Death of Mrs. Morgan Waybright on West Coast

Long Time Resident of This City Passes to Last Reward at Long Beach, California.

Mrs. Elizabeth Waybright, 85, a resident of Plattsmouth for a half century, died on Tuesday at the family home at 1142 West 24th street, Long Beach, California.

Mrs. Waybright had not been in the best of health in the last few years and since the death of the husband, Morgan Waybright, four years ago, has been gradually failing.

Elizabeth Brantner was a native of the state of Virginia, where she spent her girlhood days and where she was married at the close of the civil war to Morgan Waybright, then a young soldier of the southern army. With the close of the war Mr. and Mrs. Waybright as well as many of the neighbors of that part of Virginia, came west to Nebraska to establish their home. The parents of Mrs. Waybright, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brantner also came west and located in this city where they resided until their death.

Mr. Waybright was engaged in farming near here and in business here for a great many years, retiring later and some twenty years ago removing to California where they have since resided.

Mrs. Waybright is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Allen J. Beeson of Long Beach, California and a number of nieces and nephews. The funeral services were held at the Ivy Overholzer funeral chapel at Long Beach, the Rev. Ronald of the Methodist church officiating. The interment was at the Forest Lawn cemetery at Long Beach.

MISS JONES ILL

Miss Olive Jones, librarian of the city library, is ill at her apartments at the Val Burke home, suffering from a severe cold and flu. Miss Jones has been unable to carry on her work this week and the task has been cared for by Miss Verna Leonard, assistant librarian. Miss Jones' absence has been felt by the many patrons of the library who have for so many years been used to her presence, and while Miss Leonard in her efficient manner is handling the transfer of the books, the public has missed very much Miss Jones.

Miss Jones has the honor of being the oldest librarian in point of continuous years of service of any librarian in the United States and her long and faithful service here has covered more than forty years.

State Wide Bank Holiday Proclaimed

Notification by Wire Sent to All Banks for a Three Day Holiday—Effective at Once.

From Saturday's Daily
This morning Governor Charles W. Bryan declared a three day holiday for the banks of the state, the notification of the holiday being sent to each bank by wire.

The holiday came as a surprise to local bankers as the banks were open as usual and engaged in the transaction of the usually large Saturday business when the message came from the office of the governor.

The action will cause a great deal of inconvenience to many of the business houses who were unaware of the action decided on by the governor and had not prepared to care for their needs in change for the business of the three days, but many were able to secure relief from the banks at least for the Saturday business rush.

The action of Governor Bryan follows that carried out in several of the other states and which was decided on at a conference of the national banking officials held in the east as a move in some thirty-five of the states to give this holiday to the banking interests, especially in the large centers.

HOLDING QUILT SHOW

The H. M. Soennichsen Co. is staging at this time a quilt show at their large department store, an event that is a real treat to the eye, bringing here one of the largest collections of this kind that has ever been shown in Cass county.

The quilts are in many designs, all of the best of the art of the quiltmaker and divided into four groups, applique, pieced, embroidered and antique quilts.

There are many of the quilts that are heirlooms and handed down through several generations and whose value cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. In others can be seen the painstaking care of the seamstress in the preparation of the quilts and the piecing and artistic designs.

It is a real treat to visit the store and look over this wonderful collection as already there are fifty-eight in place and fully 100 are expected by the close of the week.

To protect the wonderful collection the firm has taken out several thousand dollars additional insurance against theft or fire loss.

HAS ARM TREATED

Miss Leona Hudson was taken to Omaha Friday where she had her arm, injured some time ago, treated. Miss Hudson, who is attending the Peru state teachers' college, fell recently and suffered the displacement of her left arm. The arm has not progressed as it should and it has been found difficult to keep the member in place. The arm was X-rayed and dressed and it is thought that the healing will now continue rapidly.

Prepare Acreage for Produce for Packing Plant

T. H. Pollock Will Have 160 Acres Planted to Crops Suitable for Use of Packing Plant.

With the plans of the Norfolk Packing Co., to enlarge the output of their plant here by the addition of several lines of vegetables to be canned, there is need for a greater acreage that will be devoted to vegetables in the community.

T. H. Pollock, who owns several farms in this section, has contracted to turn 160 acres of his farm east of this city on the Missouri river bottoms into a vegetable acreage to assist in providing a part of the needed crops for the packing plant.

The vegetables that will be needed for canning use by the plant will be string beans, peas, beets, spinach, cabbage, pumpkins and sweet corn and these will be planted on the Pollock farm to help supply material for the new Plattsmouth industry.

Mr. Pollock has also secured a family from the western part of the state experienced in handling crops of this nature who will assist in the care and cultivation of the crops and will reside on the farm in the home near the pumping station while Mr. Oliver will remain at the farm residence just east of the Burlington station.

There will be a demand for a very large acreage for the vegetables and the company is anxious that as large a number of farmers as possible join in the raising of vegetables so that the plant can be kept under steady operation in the summer. This should give the opportunity for the farmer or owner of small acreages the opportunity of raising a crop that would bring better returns than the grain crops which have been at a low figure for the past two years.

DECORATES STORE INTERIOR

The H. M. Soennichsen Co. store presents a very attractive appearance as the result of the general redecoration of the rooms occupied by the dry goods and the men's and shoe departments of the store. The interior has been repainted and is now spic and span for the opening of the spring season. The work has been looked after by F. R. Gobelman and force of workmen.

The new paint of light cream shades sets off the stocks nicely and especially at this time when the quilt show is filling the store with the bright colored and varied quilts.

A FALSE REPORT

There is a rumor going over the country saying that on Friday night, Oct. 21, 1932, a car was seen driving out of Herman Leutenchen's west driveway. That night Mr. Leutenchen had chickens stolen from his farm and the report is out I am the one who has taken them. I want it understood that this is a false report, as I can prove where I was that night at the same time this car was seen going out of the Leutenchen driveway. And I wish hereafter everyone would please tend to their own affairs.

HENRY FORNOFF.

FARMERS GETTING BUSY

Spring work is commencing to start on the farms in this locality, the fields being cleared for the spring plowing and all activities of the farming season opening up. A great many are moving this year over the county to new locations, and the farm sales have been numerous as the farmers close out or sell out to seek other locations.

Platters Close Season without Single Defeat

Win from Wahoo Last Evening by Score of 36 to 24 in Hard Fought Struggle—Lag at Half.

From Saturday's Daily
The Plattsmouth high school basketball team last evening closed their schedule for the year 1932-33 without a defeat, a record that will long stand in the annals of the athletic department of the school as an outstanding record and one that future teams can only hope to tie. Last year the team, a part of whom are members of the present year's quintet, suffered but one defeat.

The Platters found one of their hardest opponents last night in the Wahoo team and while Wahoo was turned back 36 to 24, the Saunders county champs had the Platters trailing 14 to 13 at the half.

The game opened with the Wahoo team giving the locals plenty of trouble as the height of their players handicapped the Plattsmouth quintet not a little and enabled the Wahoo men to tip in several baskets despite the efforts of the local guards, Kellgreen and Beggerstaff led the Wahoo scoring throughout the game while Rummel and Porter were the boys that made the larger share of the baskets for the locals.

In the opening half Rummel connected for three baskets, McCleary and Hinz one each, Ronne with a free counter and Rummel with two completed the scoring for a total of thirteen.

The Plattsmouth team played a brilliant offensive in the third period of the game when heartened by the appearance of Arn back in the game, they ran their score from thirteen to twenty-seven. Porter was a bright and shining star in the last half as he amassed five field goals, Rummel four, Arn one, McCleary one and a free toss. Wahoo was held scoreless in the third period. With the Platters in a safe lead they did not falter but swept on to add to their scoring in the last period, nine points being added while Wahoo made ten. The box score:

Plattsmouth—				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Ronne, f	0	1	1	1
Arn, f	1	0	0	2
Rummel, f	7	2	0	16
Porter, c	5	0	2	10
McCleary, g	2	1	1	5
Hinz, f	1	0	3	2
	16	4	7	36

Wahoo—				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
W. Johnson, f	0	2	0	2
Kellgreen, f	5	1	1	11
Beggerstaff, c	3	2	2	8
A. Johnson, g	0	0	3	0
Gustafson, g	1	1	1	3
	9	6	7	24

MERCHANTS ELECT OFFICERS

The United Merchants Association, comprising merchants in the states of Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri, have just closed their meeting at Omaha.

The association at their annual election of officers named R. W. Knorr of this city as the president and Carl Panzer of Ashland as the secretary-treasurer.

The association comprises variety store owners in the various states and is one of the large buying groups in this section of the west.

Mr. Knorr has been the president the past year and his administration of the office was so pleasing that the members insisted that he accept the office for another year and assist in carrying on the program in the coming year when indication in the business world are for a much more successful season in all lines of business.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

From Saturday's Daily
Last evening John Sattler, Jr., was given a very pleasant surprise by a large group of his friends, the occasion being the birthday anniversary of Mr. Sattler. The members of the party enjoyed the evening in a general social good time and at a suitable hour a delicious luncheon was served that aided in the completion of an unusually pleasant evening.

Phone the news to No. 6.