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Former Pastor Writes of Life in California

Rev. O. G. Wichmann, Now Pastor of Church at Pomona, Calif., Sends Greetings.

Pomona, Calif., Nov. 23. The Journal is coming to me regularly twice a week. I am certainly glad to read it. Even a person like me, who has been living in so many states and localities in a little homelike after leaving Plattsmouth, where so many good and kind people are living.

Over six weeks I have spent by this time in California. I must say it is a wonderful country. Pomona, they say, is the place where the paradise once was. I should not wonder if it is true. It is as near a paradise as any country can be. Its air is soft and balmy. The sun has been shining every day, only once in six weeks the sky was overcast almost all day. Once there was rain, overnight.

The walnuts have been harvested and the trees have been pruned by this time. The oranges have been mostly shipped, so have the almonds and the olives. The grapes are being cut fast. The roses are still in bloom, they are of all colors in which roses appear and are of the sweetest fragrance. The latanas do not smell so nicely, but they are blooming profusely in five or six different colors. Daily the hummingbirds are fluttering around them seeking food.

In the morning it is cool, about 40, but at noon the thermometer climbs up to the seventies and eighties.

Last Sunday a party of former Plattsmouth or Cass county people came out to Pomona on a visit. There is a lovely picnic place in Ganesha Park two blocks from my house. There they gathered. They surprised me by sending a delegation to church where I just happened to be installed as pastor of my present congregation. After the services they stepped forward to greet me. The people that had come to visit were: Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Bridges (Wohlfarth) Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hesse, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Frederick, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lindner, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. James Cunningham and daughter, Kathryn, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rice. They had their lunches with them and had a good time in the park. As there was a dinner also in the church to celebrate my installation, I could not follow their invitation immediately, but went later and stayed over till after supper. How delicious the fruit. I could only eat sparingly, but enjoyed it immensely.

Solemnly and kindly the palm trees waved down to us. We did not need their shade. It was getting cool in the paradise. We all retired to the spacious home of the Hesses, constructed in Spanish stucco style. How cozy those places are. Late we separated and I left happily to my home, gratefully realizing that all these good people counted me as one of their own. It was like an oasis in the desert of loneliness and the self-chosen life of a hermit.

Yet California is the America of the future. With greetings to my many friends whom daily I met on the streets or in the stores of Plattsmouth, some of them every day, some from time to time. A friend of your paper.

O. G. WICHMANN.

LAD TO LAST REST

The funeral services of the late Paul Roessner were held on Sunday afternoon at the late home in Lincoln and the body brought to this city for interment. The Masonic services were held at the grave in Oak Hill cemetery. Members of the family from this city motored to Lincoln for the services there and returned with the cortege for the final service here.

VISIT HERE SUNDAY

Miss Jane Fricke, who is a student at the University of Nebraska school of nursing, was in the city Sunday to visit with her mother, Mrs. Maude Fricke and the sisters and brother. Miss Fricke returned last evening to Omaha to resume her training at the University hospital.

HAVE FINE BUSINESS

One of the leading stores of the city reports that Saturday was the largest sale day that they have had for the past two years, the sales mounting up to a large figure for the day's business. The large amount of extra work that has been promoted in this section in state and government enterprises has started a great deal of money flowing in the community and which has proven what was desired, that this was one means of striking directly at the depression.

Dust and Wind Sweep Over This Part of West

Starting in This Locality Shortly After Noon, Storm Rages for Remainder of Day.

Eastern Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota and Illinois, lay under a mantle of dust Sunday as the result of a severe wind storm that swept down from the northwest, hitting this section of Nebraska shortly after the noon hour.

The skies darkening around noon with the dust hued clouds gave warning of the coming of the storm and which raged for several hours before the wind died down and left in its wake the dust and in many places much damage.

The high wind swept across fields in the country districts and raised dense clouds of dust that at times made traveling on the roads and highways a matter of difficulty for drivers of cars. Several cases of trees and branches being broken by the force of the wind are reported in this city and vicinity.

In Omaha the storm was apparently even more intense and windows in the business section of the city were blown in by the force of the wind, while at Clinton, Iowa, a fatality is reported as the result of the storm, a man working on a scaffold being fatally injured when the scaffold was blown down by the force of the wind.

The storm caused a general scurry of the Sunday auto drivers for their homes as the strong wind and dust storm swept down on them.

INDIAN SUMMER

Every year, or almost every year, there comes a long spell of mild weather, after the first sharp drop in temperature, which over most of America is known as "Indian Summer." An old saying used to be that Indian Summer never came until after there had been a fall of snow "deep enough to show rabbit tracks." That early snowfall was known to our pioneer ancestors as "Squaw Winter."

This was the hunting season of the Indians, as it is the hunting season for the white folks today. It is a hazy, pleasant interlude between the end of Summer and the onset of real Winter. It is the time of year to take one's gun and one's dog and go out into the woods, after anything or nothing. It is the last, or almost the last chance to be outdoors in comfort until another Springtide comes.

In spite of the haze and the smoke from brush fires, the eye seems to penetrate farther in Indian Summer than in real Summer. The trees are nearly leafless now, and through their bare branches the stroller in the woods sees farther and clearer. Things that were hidden are now disclosed. The whole landscape takes on a new and somewhat sad aspect.

That is Indian Summer as it is known in the North and East. In the milder South, however, it is not unknown. There is that period, nearly every year, between the hurricane season and Christmas, when it seems the perfection of happiness just to be out of doors. Farm work is over for the year. The mosquitoes have gone into winter quarters. The slanting sun peering over the bulge of the earth's girdle cheers without burning. Under the liveoaks, among the pines, wherever one chooses to wander there comes to feeling that it is good just to be alive.

There is nothing like the American Indian Summer anywhere else in the world. European Summers leap right into cold rainy Winter. American Springs are brief; our Summers come early. But our long, lovely Autumns make up for the short Spring.

Urged Macadamized Road to the U. S. Rifle Range

Movement by Seventh Army Corps Heads to Secure Much Needed Improvement to Road.

The commanding officers of the Seventh army corps are strongly urging the construction of a macadamized road from the junction of the paving on highway No. 75 to the U. S. rifle range and through the range to connect with paving on Eighth street.

The proposed road would start from the paving near where the old highway was formerly located and then run east along the road that divides the Stull and Rutherford farms and leading around Swallow hill to the rifle range, thence through the range and army reservation to the paving on North 8th street, giving the troops a fine and up to date highway and that can be in service at any season of the year.

The government is making expenditures of a great deal of money for repairs and improvements at Fort Crook and other army posts and it is felt that the building of this road will be a great advantage to the handling of the troops.

County Commissioner J. A. Pitz and County Attorney W. G. Kieck were at Omaha today where they were conferring with the army officers and to see what the county would be expected to do in the way of helping advance the work to a successful conclusion.

HAS CAR DAMAGED

Deputy Sheriff J. E. Lancaster had his car badly damaged Sunday evening as he was out patrolling the highway in search for bandits that a short time before had held up and robbed a son of County Treasurer Kelly of Otoe county, near Auburn.

The robbers, four in number, were supposed to be traveling in a Chevrolet coach, Kansas license No. 22-3634, and as the deputy sheriff was driving out Washington avenue he saw a car similar to the one the robbers were supposed to be driving. The officers started to try and catch up with the car, a model T Ford being ahead of the cars and the Chevrolet successfully passed the car and as Mr. Lancaster started to pass, the Ford was swung over into the path of his car and while not hitting the car with the front of the machine, the rear portion of the deputy sheriff's car caught the Ford and pushed it from the roadway. In the collision the running board, fender and the rear hub cap was badly damaged on the car of the deputy. He was able, however to continue after the Chevrolet coach, but it was found to be a Missouri car and not the Kansas car that he sought.

The high wind and dust added to the trouble in driving and was the primary cause of the accident.

SPONSOR POSTER CONTEST

The retail section of the Chamber of Commerce of this city is sponsoring a poster contest and which is now open and ready for the participation by the contestants. This contest is for original posters that will convey the sentiment, "Buy Plattsmouth," which wording must appear on the poster. The drawings must be original, no tracings being allowed. The contestants may use pen and ink, pencil, water colors, crayon or other drawing material in the making of the posters, but the poster must carry out the idea of the Buy Plattsmouth spirit.

In the city and parochial schools the contests will be from the fourth to the twelfth grades inclusive, and also the contest will be open to anyone in the city.

The posters can be in any size or color. The prizes are as follows: Prizes shall be 50c for a first and 25c for a second, in each of 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades; \$1 for first and 50c for second in the 9th and 10th; and the same in the 11th and 12th. All may participate in this contest including post-graduates and adults in the city. \$1 prize, no second. Judges will grade the work 50% on originality, and 50% art. Start at once. Contest closing date to be announced later.

HERE FROM HAVELOCK

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Vallery, accompanied by Peter J. Vallery, father of Will, came down from their home at Havelock Sunday for a few hours visit. They spent some time visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Waga south of the city, cousins of Mrs. Vallery and also with friends in this city. The Vallery family are former residents of this city and the father of P. J. Vallery was one of the pioneer residents of Cass county.

National Book Week Observed in This City

Public Library Is Making Display of Books at Several Places Over the City.

National book week is being observed here by displays of books of all types in several places over the city. The windows of the E. A. Wurt store have a fine showing and the window of the Dwyer building also has a nice array of books that have been placed by the public library.

Book week shows the splendid advantages that this community enjoys by reason of the public library which permits the circulation of books into the homes of the city and gives the students in the city school the opportunity of a fine reference library that otherwise would entail an added cost to the schools.

The local library has filled a large field here and for years has been an unending source of cultural advancement by reason of their large and well selected array of books of all kinds. In the local library the old masters of the literary world, the best of the modern fiction writers as well as histories and general reference works are to be found. Through the local library homes are supplied with good wholesome reading matter that otherwise they might not be able to secure.

This book week should bring a keener realization of just how much the city of Plattsmouth and its people owe to the library that they are fortunate to possess.

NEBRASKA CITY FRIDAY

The Platters are to have as their opponents at the local Athletic park Friday, the purple and gold warriors of Nebraska City, in what is usually one of the most interesting games of the annual schedule.

The Plattsmouth and Nebraska City high schools have long maintained athletic relations and their games both in football and basketball have been hotly contested struggles and which have attracted larger crowds than any other game on the schedule.

This year Nebraska City has not had as large or heavy a team as in the past years but have been able to give a good account of themselves and were nosed out by one point in their game last week with Auburn with whom Plattsmouth had a scoreless tie. Nebraska City also suffered the loss of several of their backfield men in the Falls City game and who will be out of the game here.

The Platters are in good shape as far as injuries are concerned and all will be able to get in the game Friday and may be counted on to do their stuff against the Otoeans.

HERE TO ATTEND COURT

With the calling of the docket for the November term of the district court there were a number of the attorneys from nearby cities here to attend the calling and the assignment of cases for the jury term which is to open on November 20th. Judge Jesse L. Root, former member of the supreme court commission and for many years a member of the local bar, being county attorney and state senator of Cass county for several terms, was one of those present as well as Attorney T. F. Wiles of Omaha, former Plattsmouth man, Attorney Carl D. Ganz of Alvo, Attorney C. E. Tefft of Weeping Water, Attorney Guy L. Clements of Elmwood.

The Journal aims to print all the news and will appreciate your assistance to that end. Call No. 6.

Cases Assigned for Trial Before the Petit Jury

Term Will Open on Monday, November 20th When Jury Arrives to Take Up Regular Term.

The calling of the docket and the assignment of cases for trial before the petit jury of the November term of the district court was made by Judge James T. Begley Tuesday in the district court.

The members of the jury panel for the term will comprise the following: J. L. Carnicle, South Bend; Charles Jacobson, Eagle; J. H. Stefens, Nehawka; William Rueter, Wabash; Elmer Taylor, Wiley Sigler, Plattsmouth; Peter Olson, Weeping Water; Louis Rehnack, Plattsmouth; Louis Roebber, Ashland; Eugene Gelbert, Wabash; George Tartsch, Plattsmouth; Fred Berner, Avoca; Andrew Schliefer, Manly; Herman Schweppe, Wabash; Herman Hough, Plattsmouth; Ralph Murphy, Weeping Water; August Osenkop, Louisville; William Kief, Plattsmouth, John Vallery, Mynard; John Hopkins, Weeping Water; T. G. Klum, Plattsmouth; L. R. Rhoden, Elmwood; August Keil, Plattsmouth; C. E. Pool, Weeping Water.

The cases assigned for trial will carry over into the middle of December, and the cases and dates will be as follows:

November 20, 10 a. m.—State of Nebraska vs. Louis Lohnes.
November 21, 9 a. m.—State of Nebraska vs. Ernest Melbern.
November 22—Rose Wark vs. Terrace Hennings, Pitman estate.
November 23—Inger D. Primann vs. Estate of Terrace H. Pitman.
November 24—Mary S. Cheval vs. Estate of Terrace H. Pitman.
November 27—James V. Pitman vs. Estate of Terrace H. Pitman.
November 28—Nebraska State Bank vs. W. M. Philpot, et al.
November 29—Fred Lugsch vs. Mildred Carlburg, et al.
December 1—Bank of Logan County vs. Charles H. Dill, et al.
December 4—Joseph B. Dawson, et al vs. Elmer C. Philpot, et al.
December 5—John Deere Plow Co. vs. Lloyd Holman, et al.
December 6—Securities Investment Co. vs. M. A. Krejcl.
December 7—Lawrence Erhart vs. Roy Steinkamp.
December 8—C. C. Cartney vs. Emma Schlapoff, et al.
December 11—Lloyd P. Wolcott vs. Isaac Wiles, et al.
December 12—Abraham L. Tidd vs. C. Lawrence Stull.
December 13—Clarence Hansen vs. Elmer Wessel.
December 14—Farmers State Bank vs. Alma Rainey.
December 16-18—Relocation of public highway No. 75.

WOULD IMPROVE ROADWAY

The proposal of the military authorities at Fort Crook to create a macadamized road from highway No. 75 east and around Swallow hill through the rifle range grounds and thence to North Eighth street, is one that should be taken advantage of by the residents.

The road would furnish a surfaced highway to the residents of that section and one that will cost them nothing and give them a permanent roadway.

The government will furnish the cost of the surfacing and labor while the county and city will co-operate with grading and other small details of the road work in order that the highway may be secured.

The military authorities however, will not make purchase of any land or offer damages, as the roadway will be over the present authorized roads and no additional roadway will be made. Demands for damages or protests against the road will mean that the work will not be done and this section lose the chances of getting a good road for practically nothing and which will be extensively used in getting to and from the rifle range.

WILL PLAY AT HARVARD

The town football team is expecting to journey to Harvard, Nebraska, Sunday to engage the town team of Coach Fred Rother's home community. The Harvard team is rated as one of the best in that section of the state and should give the local warriors plenty to worry about, if the Harvard players are the same as our athletic coach and Kenneth Armstrong, local high school tackle, both of these hailing from Harvard.

ATTEND BANKERS MEETING

From Wednesday's Daily
The Nebraska Bankers' association which is meeting for the next two days at the Hotel Fonteneille, is attracting to that city members of banks from all parts of the state. This morning H. A. Schneider, president of the Plattsmouth State bank, was in Omaha to represent his bank, which T. H. Pollock, president, and R. F. Patterson, cashier of the Farmers State bank, were representing that institution.

Murdock will Remain in the Dry Column

Water Bonds for \$10,400 Lack Necessary Majority and Beverage Sale Loses in Vote.

The voters of the village of Murdock at their special election Tuesday decided to remain dry, rejecting both a proposition for water bonds and also voting against the sale of 3.2 beer in the village.

The proposition of voting the \$10,400 bonds for the erection and maintaining of a municipal water works, received a majority of the vote, 73 for the bonds and 60 against the proposition, but lost owing to the fact that the bonds required sixty per cent of the vote cast to allow it to carry.

On the proposition for legalized sale of 3.2 beverage the voters gave a majority against the proposition, 51 voters favoring the sale of the beverage and 73 desiring to prohibit its sale in the village.

The water works bond election created a great deal of interest and meetings to explain the proposition were held prior to the election while opponents of the bonds were active in opposing the issuance of the bonds.

The beer or anti-beer campaign did not attract the attention that the bond issue did and several failed to vote on this proposition.

GREGG CLUB MEETING

The Gregg club held its first meeting Monday evening at the high school. The program was as follows: Mr. Socrates Snooks, Virginia Trively Selections on Guitar, Glen Puls What I Expect of My Secretary.

Mr. Devoe's discussion, very effectively disclosed the situation that exists in the commercial field today, and very forcibly showed the greater proficiency required of the modern stenographer than that which was required in past years. He indicated that due to present employment conditions that the stenographer who expects to receive employment must be prepared with a greater knowledge and stenographic skill if she hopes to secure a position under present conditions.

During the course of his speech he gave a spelling test of 150 most commonly misspelled words. The following members of the group made a very good showing along that line: Helen Messersmith and Madge Garnett had a perfect score.

Games were played until refreshments were served.

At a previous meeting the following officers were elected for the first half of the year:
Lillian Sedlak, President
Marion Fricke, Vice President
Madge Garnett, Sec.-Treas.

The Gregg club meets every month during the school year. Some interesting features and demonstrations will be taken up during the school year.

STEAM SHOVELS HERE

Two new steam shovels arrived here Saturday and will be placed at work on the Gilmour farm southeast of this city where the Cass County Quarries are turning out rock to be used in the river work at this point. The shovels will expedite the work of clearing off the earth surface and getting at the rock. Manager Ole Olson of the quarries is of the opinion that the rock is some of the best that he has uncovered in this section of the state. With the shovels working it is hoped to greatly increase the output of the quarries.

Praise Service Held at the Presbyterian Church

Woman's Missionary Society Enjoys Splendid Meeting and Illustrated Lecture.

The Annual Praise Service of the Woman's Missionary society of the Presbyterian church was held yesterday afternoon, in the Fellowship room, and was well attended by the women of the church.

The service of praise and thanksgiving was led by Miss Friedda Hughes and was most inspiring and helpful. Mrs. John Figley led the congregational singing and rendered two beautiful solos, appropriate to the theme of the afternoon, "Grateful, O Lord Am I," and "This Is My Father's World." Mrs. H. F. Goos served as accompanist.

Stereopticon slides entitled, "New Camp Fires Along New Trails," were shown, and very clearly explained by Mrs. H. G. McClusky.

These pictures gave a splendid insight into the Indian life in our country, and of the work conducted by the Presbyterian church, among them. The women enjoyed a social hour together during which time delicious refreshments were served by the committee of the day, Mesdames John Wolff, C. E. Hartford, Glenn Vallery, H. A. Schneider, George Forno, Phillip Hirtz, and Miss Carrie Baird.

The Thank offering received bespoke the abiding of the grace of gratitude in the hearts of those in attendance of this service of praise and thanksgiving.

In the evening the pictures were again shown and enjoyed by the Westminister Guild girls. Both the missionary society and the Westminister Guild appreciate the service of Miss Marie Kaufmann in using her lantern to show these picture slides for them.

ROTARIANS AT OMAHA

A number of the members of the Rotary club and their wives were at Omaha Tuesday evening where they were in attendance at the intercity party arranged by the Omaha club and which included representatives from many of the cities of western Iowa and eastern Nebraska. The members of the party had dinner at the Hotel Paxton and later attended the horse show and rodeo at the Ak-Sar-Ben. Among those from this city to attend were Judge and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Devoe, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walling, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rosencrans, Mr. and Mrs. William Baird, Mr. and Mrs. George Jeager.

HOLD PLEASANT MEETING

From Wednesday's Daily
The home of Mrs. Everett Gooding was the scene of a very pleasant gathering last evening, the members of the W. B. A. meeting in regular session for a combined business and social session.

After the business of the order the members enjoyed the remainder of the evening at cards, the prize winners being Mrs. John Bajcek and Miss Mary Holy, who proved the most skillful in the game.

During the evening the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Miss Evelyn, served dainty and delicious refreshments that were much enjoyed.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. John Bajcek and at which time there will be initiation and election of officers and all members are urged to be in attendance.

LEARNS OF DEATH

Announcement has been received at Louisville of the death on Tuesday at Sutton, of Mr. M. Figi, father of Mrs. Sarah Breeden, well known Louisville lady. Mr. Figi was one of the prominent residents of Sutton, being engaged in the banking business as well as an extensive land owner. Death came very suddenly, the brief announcement received at Louisville, states. He is survived by two sons and three daughters, one son being Dr. Fred Figi, member of the staff of the Mayo clinic at Rochester, Minnesota.