

# LOUP CITY NORTHWESTERN.

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## LOUP CITY CREAMERY. Great Increase In Business.

A few days ago we visited the creamery and learned from its manager, Mr. F. M. Henry something of the immense business that has been done this season.

This industry is a branch of The Ravenna Creamery Co. and is under the general supervision of Mr. Clark of that place. Mr. Henry is its local manager. The figures show a very healthy growth in the volume of business and confirm the idea that the dairy business is going to take the lead in all other industries in this western country. Mr. Henry, in his statement, says that the business has more than doubled, the gain being about 90 per cent over that of last year, and he thinks that the company will do a much larger business next year.

The amount of butter that was made from Jan. 1st. to Oct. 31st. is a little over 200,000 pounds.

Butter made during the month of July was 42,000 pounds and the most butter made in one day was 3,200 pounds. The production is of the best quality and found a ready market at an average price of 21 cents per lb.

In May 1900, the first month that the creamery was controlled by the Ravenna Creamery Co., the make was but 7,329 pounds, while in May of this season the make was 23,247 pounds.

The largest amount paid for one can of cream (ten gallons) was \$9.72 and at the present time an average can of cream will bring from \$1.00 to \$1.50 more than the average load of corn. For the heaviest month of the season there was paid out about \$8,000 for cream and all payments were made direct from the company's office in this city.

## LOUP CITY MILLING CO. Soon To Have Mill in Operation.

Mr. J. H. Parshall, the builder and owner of the new grist mill at Loup City kindly showed us over the plant and gave us what information we desired as to the enterprise and when he expected to get it in operation. The machinery, with the exceptions of three rolls is all set in place and ready for business. It is up to date in every respect and he thinks that he will experience but little trouble when it is set in motion. The building is very substantially built. It is a three story structure and well finished and painted on the outside. On the inside everything is in fine order. It has a fine brick foundation and basement in which the large shaftings are located. The wheel pit or power house sets in the mouth of the mill race a few feet north of the mill, and the large barrel through which the water runs just before it reaches the wheel pit, is about twenty feet long and the

filling around it forms a drive way or crossing over the race and takes the place of the old bridge. There are two sets of shaftings in the basement to the mill; one to drive the rolls and the other to run the feed mill. The capacity of the mill is about 100 barrels per day.

To Mr. Parshall is due the thanks of our citizens for establishing this great enterprise, especially after having met with the misfortune of having the entire frame work of the structure leveled to the ground by high winds just before getting it enclosed. Mr. Parshall did not get discouraged as some might have done but proceeded at once to tear away the wreckage and rebuild. He has succeeded and it goes without saying that by doing so he deserves the hearty support of the entire community for miles around.

He hopes to have the mill in operation by the beginning of the new year.

## LODGES ELECT OFFICERS. List of Honored Members.

**D. OF H.**

At the last regular meeting of the Degree of Honor lodge Thursday of last week a new set of officers were elected for the ensuing year. The following is a list of officers elect: Mrs. J. T. Hale, C. of H.; Mrs. Carrie Johansen, L. of H.; Mrs. Geo. E. Benschoter, C. of C.; Mrs. L. J. Holcombe, Rec. and Org.; J. S. Pedler, Fin.; S. N. Sweetland, Rec.; Mrs. J. S. Pedler, Usher; Mrs. L. Bechthold, sr., I. W.; Mrs. M. V. Wharton, O. W. A committee was appointed to arrange for a supper to be served in the near future.

**A. O. U. W.**

The following officers were elected for the coming year at the last regular meeting of the United Workmen: Sam Daddow, Master; Hiram Cramer, Foreman; Will Wharton, Overseer; J. S. Casada, Guide, Geo. W. Hunter, Financier; S. N. Sweetland, Receiver; G. H. Gibson, Recorder; John McDonald, I. W.; C. D. Hansen, O. W.; J. A. Angier, Trustee.

**A. F. & A. M.**

Porter Lodge No. 106 met in their hall Monday evening of last

week and elected the following named persons as their officers for the coming year of 1904: J. S. Pedler, H. P.; R. L. Arthur, K.; Carsten Truelsen, S.; C. W. Conhiser, Capt. of H.; J. W. Landers, Prin. Sojourner; W. T. Chase, R. A. C. and Treas.; L. Hansen, Sec.; W. H. Morris, A. M. Bennett and Wm. Rowe, M. of V.

**M. W. A.**

Last week Thursday, at a regular meeting of the Modern Woodmen lodge of this city the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: W. J. Fisher, V. C.; Jas. Burnett, W. A.; E. A. Draper, Banker; G. H. Gibson, Clerk; P. T. Rowe, Escort; John Lofholm, Secretary; Lew Winkleman, Watchman; Milo Gilbert, Manager; Dr. Kearns, Physician.

**R. N. A.**

The Royal Neighbors met in regular session last Tuesday night and after transacting the regular business made the following selection for officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Jessie Fisher, O.; Mrs. E. E. Ditto, V. O.; Mrs. Huibert, Rec.; Mrs. J. L. Depew, Recorder; Mrs. L. F. Gibson, Chan.; Mrs. John

Lofholm, I. W.; Mrs. T. M. Reed, O. W.; G. H. Gibson, Manager.

**I. O. O. F.**

The annual election of officers in the Odd Fellow hall was made last Saturday, week, as follows and they will be installed at their first meeting in the new year: James A. Burnett, Noble Grand; Fred Kornrauff, Vice Grand; Geo. W. Hunter, Treas.; Geo. H. Gibson, Sec.

**L. OF G. A. R.**

Last Saturday afternoon the Ladies of the G. A. R. met in Society hall and after transacting general business named the following officials for the coming year: Mrs. L. J. Holcombe, Pres.; Mrs. J. A. Converse, S. V.; Mrs. Clema Conger, J. V.; Mrs. Isabelle French, Chap.; Mrs. L. Bechthold, sr., Com.; Mrs. Val. McDonald, Guard.

## LADIES BREAK RECORD. Feed Multitude of People.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church held a fair and served supper to a very large crowd of people at Pilger's opera house in this city last Saturday evening. It was the largest and most successful undertaking which they have ever engaged in. Between two and three o'clock in the afternoon all arrangements for opening the fair were completed and the many useful articles exhibited, found a ready market at very profitable prices. About half past five o'clock the tables were spread and the waiters were kept busy for several hours before there was any sign of the appetites being satisfied. It looked for a time to those who were not aware of the amount of reserve in store that the supply would soon be exhausted, but not so. It seems that

the women had anticipated something of the kind and had prepared to meet every emergency. The supper was excellent. There was everything in the line of eatables and everybody to eat them.

When supper was over the things that remained at the booths were put up at auction and sold to the highest bidder. In this way many articles brought more than retail prices and when the things were all gone, the money bags were full to bursting. \$139.80 was realized. This breaks all past records.

Mrs. A. P. Culley, of Los Angeles California sent \$5.00 in cash to be equally divided among the several committees who were in charge of the booths and Mrs. W. R. Mellor now at Chicago sent articles to the value of \$5.00 which were put on sale at the booths.

## NEW TELEPHONE LINE. Down Middle Loup Valley.

W. G. Raish, a representative of the Central Telephone Company of Broken Bow was in the city last week Thursday and interviewed the city authorities in regard to running their line into and through Loup City. This company has already connected a large number of the towns in Custer, Valley and other counties north and west of here. They have just effected an exchange at Arcadia and are establishing a

line from that town towards Loup City. They are asking the village board to pass an ordinance granting them a franchise to come into the corporate limits. If this is done it will give us direct connection with our sister town north of us. They have finished the line out of Arcadia about seven miles and are putting in phones for quite a number of farmers along the line. Let the good work proceed.

## COUNTY BRIDGE WORK, Big Sum Expended.

County Bridge Contractor, W. T. Gibson has kindly furnished us with a report of the amount of work done in Sherman county during the past year, and a statement of costs of each bridge including all work and material used. The bridges, Mr. Gibson says, are much better than any that have been built in the county heretofore. The piling and all timbers used in these bridges are of the best material and they are all high water bridges. The following is Mr. Gibson's report:

120 feet on Rockville river bridge \$1069.90.

Bridge on line between Custer and Sherman counties, 82 feet long \$603.40

Lang bridge on Clear creek, 80 feet \$576.80.

Chapman bridge on Clear creek, 80 feet \$576.80.

Hobert bridge on Muddy creek, 64 feet long \$461.44.

Bridge on line between Buffalo and Sherman counties, 80 feet long \$576.80.

Rapp bridge on Oak creek, 80 feet \$576.80.

Arthand bridge on Oak creek, 64 feet \$461.44.

Ashton bridge, 88 feet \$630.00.

Wilson bridge on Oak creek, 64 feet \$461.44.

The total number of feet is 804 and the total cost, \$5994.82.

## FOLLANSBEE AT OPERA HOUSE. Subject: "Genius and Gumption."

Prof. Lucian Follansbee gave one of his able lectures at the opera house last Friday night and to say the least it was the finest lecture that has been listened to by our people for many years. His subject was "Genius and Gumption" and Mr. Follansbee handled it in a forcible and eloquent manner. He drew many illustrations that were instructive and morally elevating. Such lectures are worthy of the patronage of all our citizens and should be encouraged and patronized everywhere. The house was well filled and everyone expressed

great delight for the opportunity given them to listen to such an able speaker. The lecture was the third of a series of five entertainments arranged for by the M. E. church with the Midland Lyceum Bureau of Dea Moines, Iowa. In about a month the fourth of these series of entertainments will be presented by the Midland Concert Company and we are assured that they are one of the best that will come here this season. All who enjoy a first class musical entertainment should not fail to come out and here them. The date will be announced in good time.

## VISITS OLD HOME. Depew and Family Go East.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Depew and two daughters, Mable and Florence, started last Monday for a month's visit at Mr. Depew's old home, Auburn, Indiana. No man in town has attended closer to business and no one here deserves to have a few weeks rest from the cares of business life than Mr. Depew. He came to Sherman county in 1887. On the 28th day of February of that year he left his old home in Indiana and started west. He came directly to Loup City and landed here three days later. It was not a very pleasant time of year that he set foot on Nebraska soil, but he resolved to stay and face the Nebraska blizzards that were at that time frequent visitors and at once set to work to establish himself as a useful citizen and as soon as possible open up a business for himself. He first went to work on a farm and then engaged in whatever he could find to do. Later he entered the blacksmith shop of J. S. Pedler as an apprentice, but soon acquired a

knowledge of the business to such an extent that he was able to command good wages. He finally bought the plant and has enjoyed an ever increasing business. The purchase was made in the spring of 1890 and since that time his business has so increased that he has materially improved his plant. In 1901 he erected a fine brick blacksmith shop 26x80 which is the finest building of the kind this side of the Platte river. It is equipped with all the modern machinery, which is run by a four horse power gasoline engine.

Mr. Depew is one of the leading business men of the town and holds several positions of honor and trust. For several years he was a member of the Board of Education and for the last six years he has been, and is now an active member of the Village Board. It has been ten years since Mr. Depew visited his parents and the NORTHWESTERN wishes him and his family a most pleasant visit and a safe return.

## COURT IN SESSION. Duesterhoft On Trial.

District court for Sherman county was called to order last Monday at 1:30 p. m. with Judge Guttersen on the bench. Several minor cases were considered and disposed of and the docket gone over during Monday afternoon and evening and cases set for trial.

state of decomposition. The facts which developed at the inquest seemed to warrant the arrest of the husband and a warrant was sworn out by county attorney J. S. Pedler and placed in the hands of Sheriff Edward Snyder to serve. He was arrested, had a preliminary hearing in Judge Angier's court and bound over to the district court for trial.

On Tuesday morning the work of impaneling a jury in the Duesterhoft murder case was begun, but it was 11:00 a. m. Wednesday before a jury was secured and the examination of witnesses began. Tuesday afternoon the regular list of jurymen was exhausted and the town was scoured for tailsmen. When night came on there were but nine qualified jurymen found and the sheriff was ordered to go into the country and summons others to appear forthwith. As a result a jury was soon obtained and the case proceed to trial as above stated. The following is a list of the jury who have been impaneled to bring in a verdict:

John Zochal, John Dickerson, Fred Berck, Sylvester Krance, Frank Bonezynski, Wallace Peters, R. H. Gibson, Gus Lorentz, Benson Parkhurst, Albert Snyder, H. W. Brodock, Vincent Bogacz.

Karl Duesterhoft is charged with having, on or about August 21st of the present year, beat and bruised his wife, Lena Duesterhoft, with murderous intent, and because of such treatment she came to her death. Her body was found in a draw or ravine about a half mile from the Duesterhoft home by a searching party some two or three days later. It was in a terrible

As we go to press witnesses for the state is being examined and the case will not likely go to the jury before Saturday. County Attorney J. S. Pedler and H. M. Mathew are counsel for the state and A. Wall and Robt. P. Starr are attorneys for defendant.

Up to date there has been 18 witnesses summoned by the state and 8 for the defense.

The regular jurors in attendance to court are: Frank Bonezynski, J. W. Zimmerman, L. N. Smith, Eugene Hickman, John Beck, Ferdinand Schroll, Fritz Bickel, Joseph Eckel, Stewart McFadden, Sylvester Krance, Fred Burk, George Herrin, Edwin Manchester, Wallace Peters, Frank Kaschlon, sr., Geo. Knzak, John Dickerson, John Otlewski, Will Peterson and Wright Reynolds.

The following is a list of tailsmen summoned to complete the panel in the Duesterhoft case. Herman Peddicord, R. H. Gibson, Wm. Bowman, Frank Dietz, Chas. D. Hill, Wm. Newmann, Henry Wilson, A. L. Gilbert, James Bennett, Gus Lorentz, Carsten Truelsen, Carl Anderson, Will Zimmerman, Wm. Rowe, W. S. Waite, Chas. Johnson, John Ohlsen, B. W. Parkhurst, Albert Snyder, Clark Alleman, H. W. Brodock, N. Daddow, W. A. Arthur, Geo. Brock, L. G. Gross, Vincent Bogacz, W. S. Salyard, John Biemond, and Will Dunker.

## MET ON THE ICE. Serious Accident Happens.

While a number of young people were out skating last Sunday a very unexpected and quite serious accident occurred when Arthur Inks and Joe Cording came together like two freight engines. To say that a total wreck of both heavy weights was the result would be putting it as it occurred. It seems Inks, Cording, John O'Bryan and Charley Bennett were cutting a figure 8 on the ice when at a high rate of speed the

two met on the crossing. Inks had two front teeth knocked out, and Cording had his upper lip badly cut and was thrown violently on the ice. His head struck with such force as to render him unconscious for a while and it was feared that his injuries might prove fatal, but after a time he regained consciousness and we are glad to say that he has quite recovered and is able to be on duty at Chase's drug store.