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## L. C. MERC. CO. CHANGES HANDS

William Larsen Purchases the Interest of D. A. Johnson and is Now Sole Owner.

### BIG UP-TO-DATE STORE.

A big deal of importance in the mercantile interests of Loup City has been consummated within the past ten days in which Mr. Wm. Larsen, resident and part owner of the Loup City Mercantile Co.'s big store has purchased the interest of his partner, the merchant prince of Aurora, D. A. Johnson, and become sole factor in that great mercantile business of our city.

While Mr. Johnson has been interested in the business, yet Mr. Larsen has been the active manager of the store for the past number of years and so far as the people are concerned there will seemingly and to all appearance be no change in the business, as Mr. Johnson had only a silent interest, while the resident manager did all the active work in buying and selling and making it the wonder-

ful success to which it has attained today. Our people will heartily congratulate Mr. Larsen on acquiring entire control of the business which has come up from a comparatively small beginning into the largest mercantile business in Loup City, Sherman county and surrounding towns and has become so owing to the indefatigable energy and business acumen he has displayed in the years since he came among us. All honor to him and may success continue to follow in his footsteps. The business will continue under the title of the Loup City Mercantile Co.

Gov. Morehead proceeds to take a fall out of the primary election idea by insisting we secured a better class of candidates by the old convention system. And all will acknowledge that no better ones at secured by the primary system, at least.

Mrs. Alice Bowman arrived from York last week Wednesday and visited till Tuesday morning of this week with her son, Dr. J. E. Bowman.

## CLASS NO. 18 HOLDS PLEASANT PARTY

Over Forty Members Have An Evening of Pleasure in Church Basement.

Last Sunday evening Miss Sweetland's class, No. 18, of the Methodist Sunday school, gave a party in the basement of the church. There were forty members of the class and several visitors present, ten members being out of town. After rendering a short program and indulging in different games for two hours, a sumptuous supper was served.

There being two newly wedded couple present, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Domgard and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barr, Rev. Slocomb, in behalf of the class, presented each couple with a handsome present, after which all departed for their homes with the assurance that this was one of the best social functions ever held by this class.

A surprise party was given at the home of Chris Christensen on the 30th of November in honor of Henry Christensen's 21st birthday. Some thirty people were present. Although the weather was not very pleasant a jolly time was reported. Those present: Geo. Whitaker and family, Nels Jensen and family, Earl Thompson and family, the Misses Vallia and Hester Koeffler of Arcadia and Miss Lillie Brown.

## PRESBYTERIANS NOT EMBROIDED

Possible Wrong Impression Cleared Away.

We have received the following self-explanatory letter from a subscriber of the Northwestern at Litchfield regarding our article of last week in relation to the troubles there:

"Received my copy of the Northwestern last evening. The paper created quite a sensation in town. I would suggest, however, that in your next issue you would correct the impression conveyed that the stunt last Sunday (Nov. 23) was pulled off by the Presbyterian church. The meeting was held in the above-named church, but it was done without the sanction of the Presbyterians, and

## Beautiful Piece of Pen Workmanship

One of the finest specimens of pen work has just been completed by Prof. J. F. Nicolson that has been our good fortune to see in years. The design is intended as a premium to be given to the scholar in our city schools who shall have made the best progress in penmanship in the schools this present year and is worthy of the very best efforts to attain the same. The picture drawn is with off-hand pen work. There is a central design of square penmanship, with a motto, above which is drawn a picture of our public school building, over it all is a banner, with an inscription, the

ends of the banner being held on either side of the central design in the beaks of beautiful scroll work birds, true to life, while beneath the entire central work are two more pictures of birds, also in perfect scroll work penmanship, the whole forming a picture that when framed would prove an honor on the walls of our best homes. The pen picture shows the professor to be an artist par excellence, and should be seen to be properly appreciated, as our word picture does not anywhere near portray its beauty. Prof. Nicolson is certainly to be congratulated on the beauty, excellence and perfectness of his pen work.

## CHURCH NOTES.

Methodist—Services as usual. Morning Subject, "Joshua and Jericho." Evening Subject, "Deceptiveness and Disappointment of Sin".

German—Dec. 7 at Kelson. 10:30 a. m. service. 11:30 a. m. Sunday school.

Presbyterian—Don't forget the interesting Sunday evening Series on the Ten Commandments, "The Second Commandment, "Spirituality in Worship", or, "Can We Worship God in a Wrong Way?", is the evening theme. Morning sermon, "Duty and Privilege of Bonfessing Christ Before Men."

Tonight, December 4th, interesting papers at the Teachers Training class at 7:00. Bible study and prayer services at 8:00. Preaching at Austin Dec. 7, at 3:00 p. m.

Between autos and airships there seems no lack of filling cemeteries.

## RAILROAD ACCIDENTS INCREASE

Hundred and Forty More Killed Than in Same Quarter Last Year.

### FIFTY THOUSAND CASUALTIES

The Inter-state Commerce commission's accidents bulletin issued for the quarter ended June 30, 1913, shows that as compared with returns of the corresponding quarter of 1912, there was a total increase of 140 in the number of persons killed and of 8,283 in the number injured in railroad accidents of all kinds in the United States. There was an increase of 124 in the number of train accidents.

Defective roadway and defective equipment caused more than 39 per cent of all derailments reported, 15.1 per cent being caused by broken rails.

The total number of casualties in all classes of accidents incident in railroading during the quarter was 2,535 killed and 49,011 injured. Of these totals, 2,286 were killed and 15,868 injured in other than train accidents, including accidents to employes while at work, to passengers getting on and off cars and to trespassers.

The total number of collisions and derailments reported for the quarter was 8,596, of which 148 collisions and 202 derailments affected passenger trains. The financial damage caused by the accidents was \$3,334,289, a material increase over the returns for the corresponding quarter of 1912.

## LET 'EM EAT EACH OTHER UP

F. M. Currie Says This Nation Should Stand Aloof.

### SAYS LET MEXICAN AFFAIR ALONE

"I think the only way to handle the Mexican situation is to throw down the gauntlet, let both sides plenty of arms and give them fight it out."

This is the view of F. M. Currie of Broken Bow, formerly chairman of the Taft republican state committee, and ex-state senator. Mr. Currie spent much time in Mexico prior to the revolution that caused the downfall of President Diaz. He had extensive mining holdings in the southern republic, and because of the unsettled condition of political affairs lost heavily.

"The United States has no business to intervene in that turmoil," continued Mr. Currie, while in Lincoln a day or two ago. "One of our American boys is worth more than the whole country down there. I have no patience with those who say that American property should be protected at all hazards. They went in there and made their investments just as I did. They were tempted by the chance of large returns. They knew, just as I knew, that the chance of a turn of fortune's wheel was great, and that if Diaz was ever forced out they stood to lose. They invested anyway."

"As to protecting American lives in Mexico, I say that they have had plenty of time to leave if they wanted to. I got out and left my investments behind me. Thousands of others did the same thing. Anyone now there has stayed because he was willing to run the risk.

"Huerta will never be able to bring peace. He is a butcher. He can't cement the factions together. So far as I can see no one has appeared above the horizon who is big enough. I thought for a time the younger Diaz would be the man of the hour, but he proved a lamentable failure."

## DREAMLAND CHANGES HANDS

This week A. C. Ogle sold his interest in the Dreamland Theater to Oscar Bechtold, who has been film operator in the same for some time, who, with Homer Ogle, will own and operate the same. The Dreamland is a favorite place of amusement, has been doing a good business since its inception and Oscar is to be congratulated on acquiring an interest in the same.

## DANGEROUS BUT LUCKY ACCIDENT

Monday forenoon of this week as Carpenter Wm. Engle was finishing up the work on Gene Miller's big barn west of this city in Webster township, he met with a peculiar yet fortunate accident which might have caused him the loss of an eye and possible loss of life. He was handling a 20-foot, 2x12 oak plank, and in throwing it to one side it rebounded, the end of the plank, which had three prongs, striking him in the face, one prong hitting the cheek bone, one penetrating clear thro' the fleshy part of the cheek between the upper and lower jaws, and the third striking the lower jaw bone. The impact knocked him down but not unconscious and he continued his work, after going to the house and bathing his face in turpentine. He later had his physician dress the wounds and is getting along all right. Had the blow been a little higher nothing could have saved the eye, if even his life would not have paid the forfeit.

## EARLY SETTLER PASSES AWAY

John Oltman Succumbs to Illness of One Year Duration at Omaha November 27th

### SETTLED IN THIS COUNTY IN 1879.

At 5.30 o'clock, Thursday evening of November 27th, 1913, occurred the death of John Oltmann, Sr., at the home of his daughter, Mrs. O. F. Beach, in Omaha, Nebraska, at an advanced age. For the past year Mr. Oltmann had been in failing health till death claimed him on the above date. Deceased was born at Bremen, Germany in 1843. He was married at Bremen, Germany, in 1865, to Miss Johanna Patrick. With his wife he came to New York in 1869. They lived there until 1879, when they came to Nebraska and took up a homestead in Sherman county. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in New York City. About two years ago he lost his wife, whose death occurred in this city. There were born to this union seven children, six boys and one girl, all of whom survive him, save one son, Henry, who died in Omaha about two years ago at the age of 38 years. His surviving children are John, Will, George and Edwin, all of Loup City and Gustav and Mrs. Johanna Beach, both of Omaha. The body was brought to Loup City from Omaha Thursday evening following his demise, accompanied by his son, Gustav, and daughter, Johanna, and the funeral was held from the M. E. church in this city, the Sunday following, Rev. Slocomb, pastor of that church had charge of the services, after which all that was mortal was laid to rest in our Evergreen cemetery. Deceased was one of the older residents of

## FORMER CITIZEN GETS CONTRACT

Carsten Truelson Formerly of this County and Now of Hemet, California, is Given Contract to Furnish Trees for Lakeview Section.

### CONTRACT CALLS FOR 83,000 FRUIT TREES

Through the courtesy of Messrs. Jacob Albers and C. W. Conhiser we are in possession of copies of the Hemet (Calif.) News of Nov. 14, containing an extended account of a big contract for over eighty thousand fruit trees sold to a single land company by our former townsman, Carsten Truelson, who is in the nursery business in the great Hemet fruit valley in that state. From the News we take the following excerpts from the lengthy account given therein:

"Eighty-three thousand fruit trees sold by one Hemet nurseryman to a single land company—and the papers in the deal signed, sealed and delivered. "To Carsten Truelson, whose Loup City and Sherman county, where he had continued to reside until a year or so ago, when he moved to Omaha, where he had employment until his health compelled him to give up active work. To the sons and daughter who are left to mourn his loss, our people will give of their heartfelt sympathy in their hour of sorrow.

nurseries are located at Florida avenue and Cornell street, it has been given to consummate this great deal and then only upon the demonstrated merit of product and the carefully investigated record—a record made during the years of his activity in securing results in causing trees to bring forth an abundant and gratifying fruitage.

"The trees that Mr. Truelson disposes of are for the Lakeview Irrigated Farms section, lying five miles east of Peris, this county, a section that is, in fact, but an extension of the great Hemet valley and is soon to be made like it through the action of the Nueva Land Co., who own 6500 acres for years one of the great grain ranches of the state.

"It was during one of their joy rides through their property that the Nuevo capitalists came to know and appreciate Mr. Truelson, his enthusiastic and intelligent work as an orchardist and nurseryman so impressing them that he was eventually settled upon as the one man qualified to give them the quality of trees desired in their bringing to pass the Lakeview paradise.

"The order for 83,000 fruit trees was the result, and the further contract for shade trees along the street of this new principality, as soon as the number and variety can be fully determined."

The paper goes on to state that Carsten further demonstrates his faith in that country by securing additional holdings of a 20-acre which is to be put in olives, apricots and peaches and in the spring will erect a handsome new residence. The write up contains a good picture of our former Loup City man. The hosts of friends Carsten Truelson and his estimable family will join us in heartiest of congratulations and best wishes.

## Wiggle Creek Holds Model Institute

One of the most interesting farmer's institutes of the season, and one which might serve as a model for other communities, was held at Wiggle Creek church in Sherman county recently. In a report to Prof. H. J. Gramlich, Secretary Clarence Burt says:

Our institute was a decided success this year. The weather was good, the roads excellent and the attendance and interest gratifying.

We had a nice exhibit of grain and products and a superb exhibit of canned fruit and pastry by the ladies. Artistically printed ribbons were awarded as prizes.

This church has long been a center of social life in the Wiggle Creek section and many clever entertainments have been given there. The rural life investigators found that this community had practically solved the problem of rural entertainment.—Omaha Bee.

## DEATH OF LITTLE HAROLD TAYLOR

Five Year Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. Bid Taylor Victim of Diphtheria.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bid Taylor of this city and Council Bluffs are grieved over tragic death of their idolized little son, Harold Lawrence, whose death occurred at Council Bluffs last week Wednesday, Nov. 26, 1913, from a blood clot on the heart just as he was recovering from a case of black diphtheria. The little body was brought to Loup City for burial the following evening and taken from the train to the cemetery, where with a few consoling words from Rev. Tourtelot of the Presbyterian church, the loved form was laid to rest. Words are inadequate to express the genuine sympathy of our entire people for the young parents in their hour of deepest sorrow, and also the poignant grief of other near and dear relatives. Little Harold Lawrence was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Sept. 26th, 1908, his death occurring just five years later on his birthday anniversary. He was an unusually bright boy and gave great promise for future years, but the Grim Reaper is no respecter of persons and he was called from earth into the Great Beyond, we know not why; the future can only know.

## SCHOOL NOTES

Miss Leola Burt spent Thanksgiving at her home at Valley, Nebr.

Alberta Outhouse was absent from school Wednesday to Monday. She visited her sisters Misses Winnie and Orpha who are attending the State University at Lincoln.

Elmora Spencer was a High School visitor Wednesday.

If you have a grouch on or you have been out late the night before or your mother-in-law is cantankerous or in fact if there is anything the matter with you, that a good two hour and fifteen minute laugh will cure. Just go and sit through a performance of "McCarthy's Mishaps"; at the opera house Dec. 8th. One of the best known humorous writers of the American stage is the author of "McCarthy's Mishaps." It is a rollicking musical farce. The cast embraces some of the most prominent and pleasing comedians and a large proportion of the organization are vivacious dancing and singing girls. In fact, it can well be termed a veritable whirl of girls set to music and the poetry of grace and motion.

## UNCLAIMED LETTERS

Remaining in the post office at Loup City month ending Nov. 30.

Ladies  
Mrs. D. H. Rohrer, Mrs. J. L. Fort, Mrs. Jennie Paul, Inez Swanson, Miss Margethe Sanburg, Miss Magrete Sunberg, Mrs. Josie Sharbon, Mrs. Mary Clark.

Gentlemen  
Peter Gancas, Jesse L. Fort, Gerge Hapke, Geo. L. Roberts, Floyd L. Richardson, C. D. Stanton, W. E. Gates, Peter Reuland, H. Hanaseen.

Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this List.  
Mrs. Ed. Jones is improving nicely and is on a fair road to recovery.