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RUMORED U. P. R. R. EXTENSION

Line Supposed to Run From Loup City to Long Pine, The Division Point of The Northwestern on the Eastern Line of Brown County.

LOOKS LIKE A GOOD FEEDER FOR U. P. PEOPLE

A few days ago, a reporter of the Northwestern scared out from under cover a rumor to the effect that the Union Pacific had had men quietly looking over the country from Loup City north, with a view of finding an outlet to some point on the Northwestern road and possibly later on up into the Dakotas, and that they had let leak out the fact that they had found a perfectly feasible route from Loup City north through Myra Valley to Long Pine, division station on the Northwestern, on the eastern line of Brown county. The proposed line, if it took a bee line from Loup City to Long Pine, would pass up through Myra Valley, a few miles east of Arcadia, some 12 miles west of Ord, about half way between Burwell and Taylor, the county seats of Garfield and Loup counties, up through the center of the south part of Rock and angling north through that county to the division point. As the points we have received regarding this proposed extension came from railroad men

in the employ of the Union Pacific, who are said to receive their information only second hand from official or officials of the road who have been here and over the country to the north for the past few weeks, sub rosa, there are many other things more strange and uncertain than that of the Union Pacific intends to strike the Northwestern main line to the north and thus tap a section of the country with no present railway facilities and looks like a good feeder for the U. P. people.

Another good point favoring such extension would be that it would greatly shorten the time and distance for the people of the north central part of the state. Now the people along the Northwestern line, in order to get to other portions of the state have either to go to Fremont on the east or Alliance on the west to get down into the state. Should the above branch line from Loup City to Long Pine become a fact it would lessen the distance from the north central part of the state to the central part fully one half, and a great saving in mail, passenger and freight distances.

WHAT THE SCHOOL BELL TOLLED

On Tuesday afternoon last occurred the first public program given by the High School this year. It is a pity the outside public did not know of the program, for there is a great deal of talent in the personnel of this year's high school, talent which can be exercised outside of the mere pedantic learning of books. The program was given over to an observance of the birthdays of two great Americans—Washington and Lincoln. The numbers consisted of readings, selected by the superintendent, of articles bearing on the life and character of these two great men. The high school pupils who took part were selected by the superintendent, two from each grade. The music consisted of an opening piano duet by Misses Klea McNulty and Marie Cooper, which proved to be a double number, as the young ladies graciously responded to an encore. The remaining musical numbers were patriotic songs by the high school. The singing of these selections revealed excellent singing by the high school as a whole, and some very good individual voices. At the close of the program, President and Mrs. Washington and President and Mrs. Lincoln were announced, but only three appeared, the Father of His Country being absent. Mrs. Washington, however, was represented by Miss Eva Watt, in pink and white colonial costume, most charmingly. President Lincoln was ably represented by Carl Dieterichs, and Mrs. Mary Todd Lincoln by Miss Minnie Woods who, after being seated by her distinguished husband, despite the distraction of hoop skirt and coquettish curls, listened to the Gettysburg Address. At the close of the program, the distinguished personalities held an informal reception in the recitation room to their admiring fellow students and a few visitors.

When we reflect that the High

BREAKS LEG WRESTLING

Jay Pray Meets Painful Accident While in Friendly Scuffle

WILL BE LAID UP FOR SOME TIME

On Monday evening of this week, while Jay Pray and Louie Waskowiak up in Logan township, were wrestling and scuffling in the snow at a neighboring farm, in a good-natured test of strength, young Pray slipped in such a way that in falling he broke one of the bones in his left leg between the knee and ankle. While the young man felt the hurt to his leg, it was not till next day that the injury was so severe as to need a physician, when Dr. Main was called and found the leg broken as above mentioned. At last accounts the young man was getting along nicely, but it will be some time before he will be able to engage in another engagement of this kind.

YOUNG COUPLE MARRIED AT G. I.

Miss Ethel Bullock of Boelus, who had been making her home with Mrs. Coral Zimmerman for the past year, was married Tuesday of this week at Grand Island to Fred Anderson of Rockville. May happiness and prosperity follow them through life.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Krow gave them a surprise party Wednesday evening, February 18. The hours were spent in playing games. Delicious refreshments were served, at a late hour. All report a pleasant time.

Boy Denies Shooting Richards and Wife

Last week the Northwestern spoke of the dastardly attempt to murder a man and wife named Richards near Kearney and the suspicion resting on a 16-year-old boy named Wilcox, living with them, and who was missing. Last Saturday at Council Bluffs, the boy's former home, young Wilcox was picked up by the police on some vagrancy charge and recognized as the supposed would-be murderer of the Richards family. He stoutly denied that he had attempted to murder the man and wife, and knew nothing of the

School has the training of our future citizens, not only in geometry and Latin, but also in public speaking, debate and such other branches as will fit them for useful members of our civic institutions, we can only express the hope that such occasions may come oftener and that the public may be made aware of the ability and training of its educational wards to the mutual benefit of both.

Miss Flora Ohlsen's pupils will give a dramatized "Story of Our Flag" next Friday afternoon. The children are thoroughly enjoying their preparation for this event.

Miss Southwell's arithmetic class takes up percentage next week.

The First Grade, under direction of their teacher, Miss Frieda Ohlsen, are making booklets on the story of "The Little Red Hen."

The Fifth Grade have on display in their school room a great deal of work in map drawing, col-

oring, etc., of really excellent quality.

Misses Frances Sweetland and Meroe Outhouse visited the school last Friday.

Several of the High School Normal Training Class took the state teachers' examination at Supt. Currier's office last Saturday.

February has a host of famous birthdays—Lincoln, Frances E. Willard, Wendell Phillips, Washington and Longfellow. The latter's birthday occurs on the last Friday of the school month.

T. E. Youngquist, the popular proprietor of the Exclusive Shoe Store, was taken very ill last Saturday with a severe case of la grippe and for a few days a very sick man, but happily you can't keep a good man down and Elmer is getting along finely. At the time Elmer was taken ill, Mrs. Youngquist was just recovering from a severe illness, which made double and deep trouble for a season at that estimable home.

Mrs. Hards of Central City was called here Tuesday by the illness of her brother, W. H. Morris, whose condition warrants serious apprehension. Mr. Morris went to Lincoln for treatment this morning, accompanied by C. J. Tracy.

WING PROPOSITION BEATEN

Third Attempt to Vote Bonds to Build New School House Defeated.

LAST PROPOSITION LEAST LIKED

Last Friday was held the third attempt within a year to vote bonds for the erection of a new school house. The proposition was defeated by 31 votes, the results showing 205 for to 118 against, thus lacking the 31 votes of having the necessary two-thirds majority. The first attempt to get a new school house was some months ago, when a proposition was up to vote \$30,000 worth bonds to build a high school building which was defeated by only three votes. The second proposition was a little later for a \$25,000 school house. This was defeated by perhaps a dozen votes. This last proposition was for bonds in the amount of \$12,000, to build east and west wings on the present school house, and was downed by even a greater number, though the proposition was so little advertised that a great many, both for and against, did not vote at all, not having their think-box tickled by enough publicity of the matter. The first proposition was thoroughly advertised in both local papers by the school board, and said papers worked over-time in free publicity of the coming election, hence the large vote out. At the last two elections the board saved all advertising and the public was less informed, hence the smaller vote. But, candidly, what common sense or justice is there in a law making a two-thirds vote necessary to carry an election for a new school building? Such a law is manifestly unfair. When the people of this district voted for the proposition for a \$30,000 high school building, there lacked only 3 votes of being twice as many votes for the new building as were against it. In a country where in most instances the majority is supposed to rule, why in the name of common sense must an exception be taken in educational matters when the people want the very best facilities for the education of the coming men and women of this nation? There is not a man in this school district who does not spend twice as much per month for utter foolishness—tobacco, booze, candy or chewing gum, as he would pay out in additional taxes each year for a new \$30,000 school house. Let that soak in.

Gus Lorentz and family enjoyed a visit over last Sunday from his brother, Carl Lorentz of Aurora, and his sister, Miss Emma Lorentz of Denver.

ADDITIONAL COURT HOUSE PROMOTERS

A baby boy came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathew Tuesday of this week. Its a pretty tough proposition for Robert to have to attend district court and tussle with law problems at such a momentous period. Congratulations.

A baby boy was born last Saturday, Feb. 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Walker, a few miles east of this city. Mother and son doing nicely. May he live to be the joy and pride of the young father and mother, who are rejoicing over this their first-born baby.

A little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Holmes on Route 2, last Wednesday night or Thursday morning, and Don has been so excited and happy since, that all days look alike to him and he is not capable of serious second thought so far. But he will recover, just as we all do under like happy circumstances. Congratulations to our big, good-natured friend, who hereafter will be third in importance in household.

DISTRICT COURT IN SESSION

Judge Hostetler Had On His Running Harness.

CLEAR DOCKET IN RECORD TIME

District court convened Tuesday noon of this week and closed about 11 o'clock last evening, also holding a Tuesday evening session. There was quite a little equity work, but no cases of moment save perhaps the Quinn case, which the judge took under advisement and will render decision later. The alleged booze cases from Litchfield were carried over to the April term, defendants renewing their bonds and bound over. Judge Hostetler had on his sprinting harness, as usual, and made better than record time in clearing up the docket. Will give the court findings next week.

LOWEST BIDDER AT RED CLOUD

'Rah for Ohlsen. A telegram was received here Wednesday of this week by Henry Ohlsen, from his son Herman, at Red Cloud, Neb., to the effect that their bid for building the new court house for Webster county was \$350 less than any other. Hence the probabilities are that Henry Ohlsen & Son have contract on hand for another fine court house building.

Campaign Organized For New Court House

Loup City, Neb., Feb. 23.—By request of the mass meeting held in Loup City Monday, Feb. 16, for the purpose of submitting a proposition for calling a special election to vote \$75,000 worth of bonds to erect, equip and furnish a new fire proof court house and jail, I, as chairman, was authorized to appoint a General Committee of Citizens and Taxpayers, from the different localities of the county for the purpose of organizing a campaign to procure and disseminate all the information possible regarding the proposed new court house and to make recommendations concerning same to the county board, and in pursuance with said authority, and in compliance therewith, I hereby appoint the following as members of said committee:

Washington Township—Andrew P. Malm, A. E. Charlton.
Elm Township—Chrst Zwink, Adam Zahn, Andy Coppersmith.
Harrison Township—D. W. Titus, Frank Richmond, Henry Beck.
Hazard Township—Carl de la Motte, C. W. Trumble.
Scott Township—Myers Benson, J. J. Eise.
Clay Township—Clarence Burt, Ira Daddow, James McBeth.
Webster Township—C. J. Nordstedt, R. D. Hendrickson, F. A. Pinckney.
Logan Township—George Zeigler, Hans Johnson, Andrew Kowalski.
Loup City Township—S. E. Galloway.

FIERCE BLIZZARD SWEEPS WEST

Sherman County the Center of the Worst Blizzard of the Present Winter Accompanied by High Winds and Below Zero Weather

RAILROAD TRAFFIC BLOCKED

Last Saturday night brought the worst blizzard of the present winter, accompanied by high winds, way below zero atmosphere and plenty of snow. By Sunday morning it had arrived at the apex of its power and so remained all day Sunday, growing if anything colder, and so continued till Monday morning when the wind went down, the sky cleared and Old Sol ventured forth to view the havoc wrought. Everywhere could be seen great drifts of snow, showing the effect of the tornado character of the wind. The temperature was many degrees below zero from the first to the last of the storm, going down, some say, as low as 17 below, yet we rather opine 10 below would be nearer. All day Monday and even up to Tuesday morning, the thermometer ranged from zero to 8 degrees below. Of course, there were no trains over either the Burlington or Union Pacific on this branch till late in the evening, when a snow plow came up over the Burlington and cleared the track to Sargent, allowing an engine and caboose to come from Sargent carrying what passengers cared to go east thereon. There were no trains from the east over the Burlington Monday nor any from Sar-

gent save as noted above. On the Union Pacific, there were no trains till about 7 o'clock in the evening, when a freight engine brought in the mail from the east. However, Tuesday morning, all lines were opened and freights and passengers on both branches were running as usual.

A CHAPTER OF ANCIENT HISTORY

Cashier Willard Paul showed us a letter Monday morning from parties out in the western part of the state, regarding a draft that one J. Burns had purchased from the St. Paul National Bank way back in 1886 and which had never been presented for payment. The draft was drawn upon the Chemical National Bank of New York and was signed by A. U. Dann at that time cashier of the St. Paul National Bank. That was nearly 30 years ago. Time passed and in 1897 the bank was changed to a state bank. All the time that balance had been carried in the Chemical National to pay the draft. The amount was \$30. The balance was carried there for some time after the bank was changed to a state bank and after business connection had been established with another bank, but finally the balance was transferred to the Omaha National and was carried there until a few days ago when the above mentioned letter came with the old draft attached, with no marks showing that it had ever been paid, N. J. and Willard Paul went and hunted up the old records and traced the matter out, and promptly paid the draft, nearly thirty years after it was issued. It was sent here by the administrator of the estate of the parties to whom it was issued. The draft was drawn in favor of the firm of Presson & King of McCook, Neb. The Pauls know nothing about the firm, but the man King of the firm was John A. King and the administrator is Aaron G. King. While this is simply a very unusual incident in the business day, there is a lesson in it, which we might many of us heed with profit, if not to ourselves then to our children, and that is that it always pays to do business with a bank and have a record of every transaction. If the bank does your business they have records that are always available. St. Paul Republican.

PLEASANT SURPRISE ON C. H. KEE

On last Tuesday his friends together with his wife planned a surprise on C. H. Kee, the occasion being his birthday anniversary. During his absence in the morning they arrived making the surprise complete. A bountiful dinner was served to which all did justice and the afternoon was spent in social conversation and games. Chore time arriving they all departed for their homes wishing him many returns of the day. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Kee, Wm. Landon, B. F. Tiffany, Floyd Fowler, Ira Timson, and Mr. Geo. Leatherman and Mesdames Anderson, Emma Kee and Rachael Piatt—Arcadia Champion.

BAPTIST REVIVAL MEETINGS CONTINUE

Owing to the extremely disagreeable weather Sunday night (and that is about as nice as we can express) the evangelist, Rev. Bukoutz, who is holding forth at the Baptist church postponed his lecture on his conversion till a more opportune time, stating that evening that he might give the same at the opera house this coming Sunday night, if the weather and interest seemed to demand. This is the second week of his meetings here. His wife is here with him and assisting in the musical part of the series. He appears to be a very earnest, devoted young man, and he and his wife are said to render most excellent music. Just how long they will continue in our midst we are not informed.