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SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED BY BOARD

Tuesday Afternoon of This Week to Consider Calling Special Election For the Purpose of Voting Bonds in Sum of \$75,000.00 to Build Court House.

ELECTION DAY SET FOR MAY 12

Pursuant to adjournment of the 4th inst., the county board met Tuesday afternoon of this week to consider the question of calling a special election to vote \$75,000 bonds to build a new court house for Sherman county. A number of architects had been notified of the meeting and four were present, one from Omana, one from Grand Island and two from Lincoln, each of whom presented plans to the board for their approval. The board then adjourned till Wednesday morning when they met, discussed and finally accepted the plans of Brinkerhoff & Davis of Lincoln, architects of the Howard and Greeley county

court houses, of which so much has been said and a picture of the former featured on the first page of the Northwestern a few weeks ago. Then came discussion of the date for holding the special election, which was finally fixed for Tuesday, May 12, 1914. The first blood drawn in the court house conflict occurred Tuesday evening when one of the architects, hailing from the would-be capital of Nebraska, and who had nearly talked the arms off the members of the board without any appreciable favorable effect, and feeling somewhat sore, called one of the members unpretty names, whereupon said supervisor handed the visitor a reminder to be more circumspect in his language when away from home.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ASHTON

Albert Anderstrom and wife visited over last Sunday in Loup City.

Johnnie Hansen of Minneapolis was visiting in Ashton, looking always the same, that is happy.

Edward Lukasewski came home Saturday to visit his folks and friends, returning to York Monday, where he is attending college.

Steve Polski and Joe Hruby were Loup City visitors last Friday, in the interest of Home Talent Co., which will give a play there this week Friday night. The Ashton base ball team had its first practice Sunday afternoon, and the way it looks it's a 100 to 1 shot they won't finish where they did last year. Ask Ed Adamski about it.

The times are not so hard as some people think they are, if you hear the farmers talk about automobiles and the trips they are going to take, and so on, and we believe the farmers auto know.

Fridays seem the big days in Ashton since Lent began. Every Friday the town is packed to its limit and the way it looks, Friday has taken the place of Saturday in the way of business and crowds.

As we understand it, the Home Talent company of Ashton will give a play at the Loup City opera house on Friday, March 20th. The name of the play is "What's Next," and if they do as well as they did at home every one will enjoy it to its full limit.

Wesley Peer, B. & M. agent, and Leon Beza took a trip last Saturday to Burwell, returning in the evening, Miss Todd coming with them for a few days' visit with their folks. Johnny Rapp, Jr., did the driving, saying the roads were in good shape.

Last Thursday evening the B. B. club, composed of some of our young ladies, also of Loup City's finest, were enjoying themselves auto riding, also singing "Rah, rah, rah for B. B. B.," till the marshal told them to stop; that night were for people to sleep, not sing and make all kinds of noises.

The way it looks in Ashton, it looks like a new court house for Sherman county. Every one with a pair of eyes can see that we need a new court house and need it bad, and Ashton people surely have a pair of eyes a piece, and know what they are talking about when we say we need a new court house in Sherman county.

HIGH COURT DECIDES CASES

Holds Man Interfering in Dog Fight Cannot Collect Damages.

NO PAY FOR DOG BITE

The man who steps in to break up a dog fight takes his life in his own hands and cannot recover damages from the owner of one of the canine contestants when the party damaged assisted in "sickening" on the combatants.

This is the opinion of the supreme court in the celebrated bulldog case brought from Hamilton county, wherein Myrl Warrick, a Grand Island horse trader, brought suit against John Farley, son of ex-Representative W. I. Farley of Aurora, for damages sustained from being bitten by a bulldog owned by young Farley and known in state university circles as "the fighting Kappa Sigma dog" and a coach dog belonging to Warrick, which had been the winner in many battles.

The court holds that "Where a dog is allowed to run at large and bites the owner of another dog with which he is in a fight and the owner is bitten while negligently trying to separate the animals there is no liability for damages unless the evidence shows that the owner of the dog which committed the injury knew that his dog was accustomed to biting people."

BOUND OVER TO DISTRICT COURT

Fred Kornrumpf Bound Over to District Court on Charge of Rape.

PLACED UNDER \$500.00 BONDS

Tuesday afternoon of this week a warrant was issued for the arrest of Fred Kornrumpf of this city on charge of rape, the complainant in the case being a young girl named Anna Kowalski, aged about 16 years. Kornrumpf had evidently gotten wise to the fact of his being wanted as he was trying to make his get-away, taking the noon freight east, but was held at Ashton till Sheriff Williams could get there, the sheriff driving down and bringing the wanted man back about 5 o'clock, when he was placed in the hands of the sheriff to appear for hearing before the county judge at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. At that hour, the court room being in use by the county board, adjournment was taken to the office of R. P. Starr, where the hearing was held, taking up the balance of the morning hours, resulting in binding defendant over to the district court in the sum of \$500. The girl in the case occupied the stand most the time with her story very salacious in detail, for the most part unfit for publication. In it she alleged her ruin occurred in October, 1912, and she had through fear and coercion been under defendant's power ever since. Last Saturday Sheriff Higley of Howard county, found the girl at the Kornrumpf home and took her to St. Paul, where to keep herself from going to the reformatory she agreed to become complainant against her alleged betrayer. The defendant is the head of a family of wife and seven children, ranging from 14 years down to 13 months. It is a nasty case at best, and has a history run-back two or three years.

Johann Frederick Wilhelm Jaeschke of Rockville visited over last Sunday with his friend, Jurgen Plambeck on route 2 over last Sunday, returning home Monday morning. Mr. Jaeschke leaves next week Tuesday for his new home in Texas, where he recently purchased two sections of land. Jurgen says Mr. Jaeschke is highly pleased with that country, and that he (Jurgen) is going down there some time later to take a look at the country himself.

SUFFERS BROKEN COLLAR BONE

Last Sunday morning as the children of Bert Morris, the motorman, were romping on their bed and having a good time, little Francis, aged some 8 or 9 years accidentally tumbled to the floor breaking his collar bone. It was not, however, till in the afternoon when the little fellow complaining about his arm and the Drs. Bowman were called, that the full extent of the injury was found out and the broken bone attended to.

Did you see the partial eclipse of the moon last Wednesday evening? It was advertised to be total and several Loup City young couples in anticipation of that and who could not spoon satisfactorily under bright moonlit skies got busy with dates for the evening, only to find Luna had one on 'em, as she solemnly winked and kept an eye open a fraction to enjoy the discomfiture of the swains. Luna began to hide her face about 8:30, and pulled a veil steadily over it until only a fraction was visible. Then the curtain of the eclipse began to be drawn until by 11 o'clock the stuff was all off.

PROTESTS COURT HOUSE ELECTION

Voters of Elm, Harrison and Scott Townships Hold Mass Meeting.

FEW ATTEND FROM HERE

Last Saturday there was held a mass meeting at Litchfield of the Elm, Harrison and Scott townships to protest against the proposed special election to vote bonds for building the new court house. A couple of auto loads from Loup City, composed of Chairman Long and Secretary Waite of the court house committee, Supervisor Welty and Brown, Rev. Stocumb and a reporter for the Northwestern, went over to attend the meeting, understanding it was a general invitation for both sides to be present and discuss the proposition pro and con. However, such proved not to be the case, as besides a motion made and carried that the meeting was composed of those who opposed the special election, and another motion carried to appoint a committee of three to serve an injunction on the board restraining the calling of a special election, nothing was done of moment. Supervisor Land was chairman and Geo. Slote was secretary, while P. Brundage, T. C. Chamberlain and Frank Eastabrook were the committee selected to mandamus the board, but as

MEEKER'S MOTHER NEAR DEATH

Every Effort Thus Far Put Forth to Locate the Missing Man Has Ended in Failure and Officers Have Hardly a Clue

REWARD RAISED TO \$500.00

With the mother of Howard L. Meeker of Leawellen lying at home in a critical condition, the reward for the discovery of the whereabouts of the young man who mysteriously disappeared from Grand Island several weeks ago has been raised to \$500. Chief Arbogast of Grand Island in a letter to Chief Malone urged that every effort be put forth to find the young man.

Every effort so far put forth to locate the missing man has ended in failure and the officers have hardly a clue to work upon. Meeker was last seen in Grand Island. His grip was found at that place. He had been to Chicago with some cattle and was said to have had several hundred dollars on his person. It was rumored that he had been seen in the company of a young woman at Grand Island. Later reports were to the effect that he had been drugged and taken to Kansas City by two women. His disappearance still remains as much a mystery as ever.

Word was received here last Saturday of the death of Mrs. Paul Johansen that morning at her home near Grand Junction, Colo. She was a sister of Jos. Cording of Litchfield, and her husband is a brother of Herman, James and Chris Johansen of this city. Later, the following account of her life and death from a Grand Junction paper was received. The many relatives and friends of deceased and husband here will receive the deep sympathy of our entire community.

DEATH OF MRS. PAUL JOHANSEN

Mrs. Paul Johansen of Fruitvale died Friday morning at 3 o'clock at St. Mary's hospital, following an attack of peritonitis. She had been at the hospital one week, having been removed from her home, when it was seen the attack was serious. She was a most lovable woman and her death is sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends.

The deceased was born 39 years ago in Holland and came to this country when a little girl. Going to Loup City, Neb., in 1894; she came to this valley in 1905. She is survived by her husband and daughter Adriana, aged 13 years. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at the German Lutheran church with the Rev. Baltzer in charge.

YOUTH DIES AFTER ARM IS AMPUTATED

Byron Forbes, 17 years old, son of J. A. Forbes, a rancher living near Palmer died at his home early Saturday morning from loss of blood following the amputation of his right arm. Young Forbes accompanied by Frank Peck was hunting on the Loup river last Friday night when he accidentally discharged a shotgun, the charge

striking him in the right shoulder. His companion carried him to his home where a surgeon was called and the arm amputated. The boy's mother who was visiting another son in Omaha was notified of the accident, but did not arrive in Palmer until four hours after her son's death.

NEWSY ITEMS FROM OUR CITY SCHOOLS

The school has received a revised edition of the statutes of Nebraska, presented by the Secretary of State.

Miss Lena Smith is laid up with tonsillitis this week, her position being filled by her sister, Miss Bessie.

The Senior class having finished bookkeeping, have taken up "Scott's Ivanhoe" using the inductive questions. Gen. Lew Wallace said that Ivanhoe was one of the six important novels that most influenced his life.

One morning last week during the chapel hour a special program was rendered. It consisted of Scotch songs, a reading by Miss Sweetland and a Scotch solo by Fay Galloway.

The Supreme court decided that Sunday school may be conducted in a public school house under certain conditions. The Supreme court has affirmed this judgement of the district court of Saline county in the suit of the State ex rel. John M. Gilbert and John Simmons against the directors of school district No. 13. The syllabus of the courts opinion is as follows, Holding Sunday school or religious meetings in a country school house so infrequently as not to exceed four times a year and while do not interfere with the school work does not constitute the school house place of worship within the meaning of Section 4, article 1, of the constitution.

County Treasurer Henry has been suffering from an aggravated case of la grippe for the past number of days.

MRS. MARTIN PLACEK, LIVING A FEW MILES NORTHEAST OF LOUP CITY, WAS TAKEN TO COLUMBUS, NEB., LAST SATURDAY MORNING, WHERE SHE WAS TO UNDERGO AN OPERATION FOR A TUMOR IN THE ABDOMEN. SHE IS 52 YEARS OLD AND WAS IN SO SERIOUS AND ENFEEBLED A CONDITION THAT SHE HAD TO BE TAKEN ON A COT. IT WILL BE REMEMBERED THAT HER HUSBAND, MARTIN PLACEK, WAS KILLED ABOUT A YEAR OR A LITTLE OVER AGO, AS HE WAS TAKING HOME A LOAD OF LUMBER, FALLING FROM THE LOAD AND BREAKING HIS NECK. HOW TRUE IS THE OLD SAYING THAT MISFORTUNES NEVER COME SINGLY.

Petitions have been filed for the re-election of Mayor Outhouse and Councilmen French and Ohlson, with no opposition candidates. The people are well satisfied with the present city administration, so far as we can learn.

A CONTINUED STORY LAST CHAPTER SOON

It will be remembered that a lost handbag was advertised last week in the Northwestern. That was the first chapter. Now comes the second. In the said handbag was a check. Chapter two. The check was presented to a bank. Chapter three. The check was not paid, as the bank had been notified of its loss. Chapter four. The person who presented the check is known. Chapter five. The lost handbag has not been returned. Chapter six. Will the person who found the handbag please return same to owner and thus close the interesting story?

RATHER EARLY FOR SNAKE STORY

Marshal James Burnett this week furnishes the first snake story of the season, and Jim does not generally "see things" of that sort. He found a little green snake on the streets of our city last Sunday morning, and to prove the fact to the unbelieving had the delirium tremens affair bottled and it can be seen at Young's barber shop.

Frank Robbins came over from Greeley county last week Friday, and Saturday morning left for Omaha, accompanied by his father, A. M. Robbins. Frank went down to consult a specialist regarding stomach trouble from which he has been suffering for several years with no relief. Believing the trouble is caused by cancer of the stomach, from which his grandfather died, and from which his father is ailing at the present time, Frank expects to undergo an operation while in Omaha. We sincerely trust he will escape the dreaded ordeal, or if not that he may come safely through.

Charley Snyder was up from Ravenna last week looking after his farms. He has recently purchased residence property in Kearney and will move there from Ravenna in a short time. Friend Snyder is very much interested in the success of the court house proposition, is enthusiastically for it, is a large tax-payer, and is sorry he can not be here and vote in favor of it.