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Time Table.

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Lincoln, Omaha, Chicago, St. Joseph, Kansas City, St. Louis and all points East and South.

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TRAINS DEPART.

No. 22 Passenger, daily except Sunday. 7:25 a. m
No. 32 Accommodation, daily except Saturday. 4:20 p. m

TRAINS ARRIVE.

No. 21 Passenger, daily except Sunday. 8:50 p. m
No. 31 Accommodation, daily except Sunday. 1:00 p. m

TIME TABLE U. P. R. R.

EAST BOUND, MAIN LINE.

No. 12, Chicago Special. 1:27 a. m.
No. 4, Atlantic Express. 4:35 a. m
No. 8, Columbus Local lv. 6:30 a. m.
No. 102, Fast Mail. 12:22 p. m.
No. 6, Eastern Express. 2:25 p. m.
No. 2, Overland Limited. 5:25 p. m.

WEST BOUND, MAIN LINE.

No. 5, Pacific Express. 6:10 p. m.
No. 11, Colo. Special. 2:04 a. m.
No. 101, Fast Mail. 11:45 a. m.
No. 1, Overland Limited. 12:10 p. m.
No. 3, California Express. 7:00 p. m.
No. 7, Columbus Local. 9:20 p. m.
No. 23, Freight. 6:20 a. m.

NORFOLK BRANCH.

Depart
No. 68, Passenger. 7:10 p. m.
No. 71, Mixed. 7:15 a. m.
Arrive
No. 69, Passenger. 12:50 p. m.
No. 72, Mixed. 7:10 p. m.

ALBION AND SPALDING BRANCH.

Depart
No. 60, Passenger. 2:10 p. m.
No. 73, Mixed. 6:30 a. m.
Arrive
No. 70, Passenger. 1:00 p. m.
No. 74, Mixed. 8:00 p. m.

Norfolk passenger trains run daily.
No trains on Albion and Spalding branch Sundays.
Columbus Local daily except Sunday.

W. H. BENHAM, Agent.

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Surveyor ..... H. L. ROSSITER

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FLOAT REPRESENTATIVE—E. E. Fellers.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CONGREGATIONAL—Sabbath school, 10 a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Junior Endeavor, 3:00 p. m. Senior Endeavor, 7:00 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday, 8:00 p. m. Ladies Auxiliary, first Wednesday in each month at 2:00 p. m. G. A. MUNRO, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN—Sabbath School, 9:45 a. m. Sermon, 11:00 a. m. Senior Endeavor, 7:00 p. m. Evening sermon, 8:00 p. m. Prayer meeting and study of the Sabbath school lesson, 8:00 p. m. WALTER N. HALSEY, Pastor.

METHODIST—Preaching, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school, 12:00, m. Junior League, 3:00 p. m. Epworth League, 7:00 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 8:00 p. m. Ladies Aid Society every other Wednesday at 2:00 p. m. G. A. LUCE, D. D., Pastor.

GERMAN REFORMED—Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Preaching, 10:30 a. m. Endeavor, 7:30 p. m. Ladies Guild, first Thursday in each month, 2:00 p. m. REV. NEUMARKER, Pastor.

BAPTIST—Sunday School, 10:00 a. m. Sermon 11:00 a. m. Junior B. Y. P. U., 3:00 p. m. Sermon, 8:00 p. m. Prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m. REV. E. J. ULMER, Pastor.

GRACE EPISCOPAL—Low celebration, 8:00 a. m. Sunday School, 10:00 a. m. Preaching, 11:00 a. m. Evening service, 8:00 p. m. St. Andrews Brothers, second Tuesday of each month. Daughters of the King, second Tuesday of each month. Ladies Guild, second Wednesday of each month. REV. W. A. CASH, Rector.

GERMAN LUTHERAN—Preaching, 10:00 a. m. Sunday School, 2 p. m. Ladies Society meets one Thursday in each month. REV. H. HIESSLER, Pastor.

ST. BONAVENTURA CATHOLIC—Sunday services, mass and sermon at 8, 9 and 10:30 o'clock. Sunday school and benediction at 3 o'clock. The 9 o'clock mass is given in Polish and the 8 o'clock mass alternately in German and English. Week day mass every morning at 8 o'clock. Fridays at 3:45 o'clock, stations and benediction. Confessions heard from 4 to 6 o'clock Saturdays and from 7 to 9 on Sunday morning. Confessions also Sunday morning before 8 o'clock mass. FATHER THEOBALD KALAMAJA, Priest.

LODGES.

VASHTI DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH, No. 102—Meets in Odd Fellows hall, second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Mrs. Mary Depaul, noble grand; Mrs. Fairchild, secretary.

THUSNELDA No. 12, O. D. H. S. meets the second and fourth Monday of each month in K. of P. hall. Alois Hoier, president and J. H. Johnson, secretary.

H. W. of A. No. 49.—Meets second and fourth Tuesday in K. of P. hall. Louis Reid, V. C., Louis Kumlem, secretary.

OCCIDENTAL LODGE, No. 21, K. of P.—Meet every Wednesday in K. P. hall. J. M. Curtis, C. C., F. J. McCoffrey, secretary.

WILDEY LODGE, No. 44, I. O. O. F.—Meet every Tuesday, Odd Fellows hall. J. E. Paul, N. G., George Fairchild, secretary.

ROYAL HIGHLANDERS, No. 144.—Meet first Wednesday in month, Odd Fellows hall. Carl Johnson, C. C., Peter Lindenberger, secretary.

COLUMBUS ENCAMPMENT I. O. O. F. No. 9.—Meet first and third Friday in Odd Fellows hall. George Fairchild, C. P., J. M. Curtis, scribe.

Comparative Assessment of Platte County Property for the Years 1903-1904

NOT INCLUDING RAILROAD, TELEGRAPH, TELEPHONE AND EXPRESS.

TOWNSHIPS	FARM REAL ESTATE Assessed Val. 1904	FARM REAL ESTATE Assessed Val. 1903	FARM REAL ESTATE Av. Pr Acre 1904	FARM REAL ESTATE Av. Pr Acre 1903	HORSES Number 1904	HORSES Number 1903	HORSES Value 1904	HORSES Value 1903	HORSES Average 1904	HORSES Average 1903
Columbus City					598	436	$ 6044	$2406	10 11	5 51
Columbus	$294752	$142997	$ 8 01	$ 3 22	861	847	7560	5943	8 78	7 00
Bismark	182380	91857	8 12	4 09	605	578	8425	4010	3 94	7 00
Sherman	193889	106627	8 58	4 74	572	496	5568	4162	9 73	8 39
Creston	259645	95867	11 53	4 24	650	646	8076	7276	12 42	11 26
Shell Creek	233710	93916	10 27	4 13	609	440	7637	3261	12 86	7 41
Grand Prairie	230650	76522	10 86	3 36	599	410	8442	3364	14 09	7 96
Humphrey	260555	70812	11 48	3 12	612	463	8354	3622	13 46	7 83
Butler	68740 20	34143	4 96	1 93	329	370	4290	3067	13 42	8 28
Loup	63834 40	39912	2 70	1 69	355	292	2873	3386	8 09	11 60
Lost Creek	269077	125090	9 06	3 98	831	744	8452	5490	10 17	7 37
Burrows	142885	73391	8 61	3 31	606	542	6971 40	3546	11 56	6 54
Granville	215632	68086	9 56	3 09	626	564	8275	4446	13 21	7 88
Monroe	207892	106060	7 13	4 00	868	912	10256	5469	11 81	5 98
Joliet	194607	64915	8 53	2 89	606	605	7511 40	4443	12 39	7 34
St. Bernard	213603	67602	9 54	3 04	750	590	8465 60	4508	11 28	7 64
Woodville	148125	57185	6 73	2 59	659	510	7376	4468	11 19	8 76
Walker	271485	117285	8 13	3 53	833	888	8965	7022	10 76	7 90
TOTAL	3527461 60	1442967	8 38	3 45	11567	10328	133651 40	79783	11 55	7 72

TOWNSHIPS	CATTLE Number 1904	CATTLE Number 1903	CATTLE Value 1904	CATTLE Value 1903	CATTLE Average 1904	CATTLE Average 1903	MULES AND ASSES No. '04	MULES AND ASSES No. '03	MULES AND ASSES Value 1904	MULES AND ASSES Value 1903	MULES AND ASSES Average 1904	MULES AND ASSES Average 1903
Columbus City	245	187	1624	$ 930	6 63	4 97	11	13	$816	$869	$19 64	$ 6 38
Columbus	3985	3218	12205	10908	3 31	3 39	58	85	563	661	9 68	7 77
Bismark	3066	3149	10161	10972	3 31	3 48	9	10	165	80	18 33	8
Sherman	2890	2258	7574	8609	2 62	3 81	11	4	85	42	7 63	10 50
Creston	1537	1394	5071 90	5952	3 33	4 20	36	31	405	360	15 58	11 61
Shell Creek	2460	1820	7334 40	4974	2 98	3 26	39	13	574	110	14 72	8 46
Grand Prairie	1619	1184	4757	4308	2 94	3 54	9	8	129	63	14 30	7 72
Humphrey	1933	1588	7144	6153	3 69	3 87	29	21	375	153	12 93	7 24
Butler	1316	2116	5199 60	6414	3 60	3 03	11	9	167	69	15 20	7 66
Loup	1628	1234	3918 20	4670	2 41	3 78	7	8	48	90	6 86	11 25
Lost Creek	1992	2165	6111 20	6968	3 07	3 17	78	47	876	359	11 23	8 13
Burrows	1819	1145	5367	4690	2 95	4 10	26	20	338	138	13	6 90
Granville	1305	1041	4349	4304	3 33	4 13	26	21	486	133	17 32	6 33
Monroe	2875	2181	9828	8068	3 24	3 70	86	26	774	215	13 34	8 27
Joliet	1855	1675	7087 40	6431	3 79	3 84	20	16	241	167	12	10 44
St. Bernard	1834	1257	6513	4728	3 54	3 75	15	13	168	291	11 06	7 13
Woodville	1664	1418	5896	4060	3 21	3 31	18	15	157	124	8 72	8 26
Walker	3928	3644	15690	13569	3 99	3 63	69	59	865	436	12 83	8 72
TOTAL	37871	33374	125120 70	117120	3 34	3 62	522	428	6849	3551	12 74	8 30

TOWNSHIPS	HOGS Number 1904	HOGS Number 1903	HOGS Value 1904	HOGS Value 1903	HOGS Average 1904	HOGS Average 1903	OTHER PER. PROPERTY 1904	OTHER PER. PROPERTY 1903	CITY or VILLAGE RL. EST. 1904	CITY or VILLAGE RL. EST. 1903
Columbus City	123	2	$ 114	$ 941	$ 94	$1 00	$274435 20	$ 78745	$308714	$288324
Columbus	8616	2772	3362	1817	92	65	30019	14825	2080	
Bismark	3780	3043	3929	1852	1 05	60	25599	4567		
Sherman	3972	2996	4787	2543	1 20	86	18421	3960		
Creston	2911	1721	3688 28	1418	1 27	82	33377 78	14383	15576	14000
Shell Creek	3637	1884	3927 60	984	1 04	52	17306 97	4630	1171	637
Grand Prairie	2768	1886	3032 60	1392	1 09	74	17098 30	3617		
Humphrey	3074	2356	3377	1382	1 20	59	36457 34	10068	11520	5800
Butler	1261	974	1245 80	586	1 00	60	18044 40	6053	1587 20	901
Loup	963	478	803 80	370	83	77	4046 40	1556		
Lost Creek	3104	1961	3347	1287	1 05	65	40306 66	16145	26640	16698
Burrows	2181	1710	2163 60	1112	99	65	18501 50	3894	21440	1333
Granville	2140	1658	2315	1275	1 03	77	71097 40	22316	68550	20571
Monroe	3171	1964	3523	1701	1 11	86	25364 98	11119	10150	8893
Joliet	1806	2035	2481 60	1633	1 37	80	10276 20	2567		
St. Bernard	2408	2272	2620	1931	1 08	85	54703 49	19057	21253	10932
Woodville	2004	1742	2904	1497	1 11	86	14471	3434		
Walker	5342	4044	7046	4039	1 32	90	23439 65	5120		
TOTAL	48034	33737	53637 28	26821	1 12	80	726635 27	226056	488681 20	368089

MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE

James Kelly Found Guilty of Killing Arthur Snowden—Motion for New Trial.

James Kelly, charged on three counts with the murder of Arthur Snowden near Humphrey on March 29th, was found guilty of murder in the second degree. The jury was out from noon on Thursday until 8:30 Friday morning. A motion for a new trial, made by the defendant's attorneys, is being argued before the court as we go to press.

The state closed its case shortly before noon on Wednesday, after having established a strong chain of circumstantial evidence against the accused, as published in last week's Journal. Attorneys for the defense asked that the court instruct the jury to bring in a verdict for the defendant, on the ground that the state had not shown any connection of the accused with the killing of Snowden. The motion was overruled, and the defense commenced their case by putting Kelly himself on the stand. He occupied two hours and a half with his story, giving a complete account of himself from the time of his release from the Fremont jail until the time the body was found in the deserted house near Humphrey. The defense introduced practically no evidence besides that of Kelly himself, the several witnesses who were called merely corroborating certain unimportant points of his story, relating to his whereabouts at different times. On the one crucial point—the matter of his whereabouts on the night of the 28th and the morning of the 29th of March—he not only was not corroborated by other evidence but was directly contradicted by the testimony of Sam Kavich. Kelly asserted that on the night of the 28th he walked alone from Columbus to Oconee where he got the shoes which he had stolen from a store in Tarnov and concealed in an old elevator at Oconee. With these he said he walked back to Columbus, arriving about three o'clock on the morning of the 29th at the house of Sam Kavich. He was admitted to the house and staid there until 6:30 when he took the train to Humphrey. This was the alibi on which the defense relied to establish Kelly's innocence. However, Kavich positively denied that Kelly was at his place on either the 28th or the 29th.

On Wednesday afternoon Judge Sullivan opened the argument for the state and was followed by W. M. Cornelius for the defendant. Thursday morning W. A. Prince of Grand Island continued the argument for the defense and Judge Sullivan for the state. The argument on both sides was able and each side made the most of its evidence. The court instructed the jury as to the competency of circumstantial evidence and the nature of the different crimes against the defendant. The information contained three charges, murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree and manslaughter. The case was submitted to the jury at 12:30 p. m.

It was said, after the verdict had been returned by the jury, that eleven jurymen stood for conviction and one for acquittal from the start. The jury was out 20 hours before the one juror was won over to the position taken by the others.

Orpheus Picnic.

One of the most successful of the picnics ever given by the Orpheus society was held at their hall last Sunday. The event was for members of the society only. The attendance was up to the usual standard of the Orpheus, and the good time was ahead of anything they have ever experienced in this line. There was music by the Orpheus orchestra and the young people danced while the heads of the families looked on at the festivities in the hall or amused themselves with games under the trees. Foot races were run by the boys and girls, and there were plenty of chairs, tables, swings and refreshments. The Orpheus society is only eight years old, having started with 16 members. Today they own their own hall, with one of the best dancing floors in the city, and the lawn surrounding it filled with fine shade trees. Their membership has grown to 32 and includes many of the best business and professional men of the city.

Teachers' Institute Closed.

The Platte county teachers' institute which closed last Friday afternoon was, according to the statements of Superintendent Leavy and the teachers in attendance, the most successful in the history of the county. Praise is on every tongue for H. R. Pattengill of Michigan who was the special lecturer. It is no exaggeration to say that Mr. Pattengill has no superior in the United States as an institute lecturer and educator. One Columbus citizen who heard his lecture "Nancy Hanks and the Nineteenth Century," said it was the best he had ever heard in Columbus. To speak thus highly of Mr. Pattengill is not to detract from the praise due the other instructors, Superintendents Fulmer of Beatrice and O'Connor of Norfolk, who held the interest of the teachers throughout the institute and were heartily applauded when they made their farewell talks. There is no flattery in the statement that great credit is due Supt. Leavy for planning such an institute. There is much truth in the motto that "a republic's chief business is its public schools." And that "business" gets its greatest inspiration from teachers' institutes properly planned and conducted. What goes out from the institute affects indirectly the thought of every child in every home in the land.

At the close of the institute, the Platte county teachers association was duly organized. The officers for the coming year are: F. S. Lecron, president; Emily Cook, vice-president; Mary Cronin, secretary.

Meetings will be held in the following towns in the order named: Monroe, Humphrey, Columbus.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the teachers at the close of the institute:

We extend the thanks of the association to the Board of Education of Columbus for the use of the model high school building; to the janitor for the efficient service; to the citizens for their hospitality in opening their homes to the visiting teachers; to the Auditorium orchestra and others who contributed toward entertainment; to the pianist, Miss Hughes, for her willing and skillful assistance; to our worthy and competent instructors for the earnest manner in which they have presented their work; to our county superintendent who has so carefully guarded the interests of our schools during the past and provided so acceptably for the profitable session of the institute just closed.

Lizzie M. Knight
Ora Moore
Anna Person
S. A. Mahood
J. L. Alcoch
Fred S. Lecron.

Government Aid to Agriculture.

German papers state that the government aid to agriculture per annum amounts for Russia to $34,000,000; for France, Austria and Hungary, about $8,500,000 each; for the United States, about $6,000,000; and for Japan, over $2,500,000.

In proportion to the area of the cultivated soil, Austria pays the highest amount and Hungary nearly as much; then follows France, Russia and the United States.

If the amount for Austria be given at 30, the figures for France would be 20, Russia 8, and the United States less than 3.

In proportion to population Hungary contributes most—about 85 cents per capita—followed by Austria and France, with a much smaller amount from the United States.

Russia has 102 agricultural experiment stations, the United States 60 and Belgium 15 (a very high figure proportionately). Germany and France are said to have a larger number of such stations in proportion to population than the United States, where, as these papers say, complaint is made of late that agriculture receives a disproportionate share of governmental aid.

Auditorium Orchestra.

The concert given by the Auditorium orchestra last week received its usual good patronage, the orchestra netting a neat little sum on the occasion. Prof. Sike sustained his reputation as one of the best directors in the state of Nebraska, his orchestra playing in perfect tempo and with excellent expression. Several musicians from other cities assisted in different parts. Local talent who aided in making the program a success were Misses Hockenberger and Kramer, and Mr. Green.

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

In Session as Board of Equalization Listen to Complaints on Assessment Returns.

The county supervisors, sitting as a board of equalization, are having their share of trouble these days. Numerous complaints of excessive assessment have been filed and argued before the board, practically all of which have been referred to the committee on complaints. The committee will examine the merits of each case and report its findings with recommendations to the board. The committee on complaints consists of Supervisors Ernst, Clother and Held. There is also a committee on equalization of assessments, composed of Supervisors Held, Bender and Diedrich. The committee on levies for the ensuing year is made up of Supervisors Kiernan, Bender and Ernst. All the committees were appointed by Chairman Goetz.

The board has done very little so far in the way of adjustment of assessments that are complained of. So much time has been taken up in listening to the complaints and discussions that no opportunity has been given them for deliberation. The principal applicants for reduction of assessment so far are the two telephone companies operating in Platte county. The Nebraska Telephone company was represented by Judge A. M. Post who filed a detailed statement of their case, asking for sweeping reductions of their assessment in each township. In some cases the reduction asked for is as much as 50 per cent. Attorney Post was given a hearing before the board and examined County Assessor Galley as to his opinions of the value of the telephone company's property. County Attorney Latham not being present, on account of illness, the board retained Judge Albert to represent them, and he instructed Mr. Galley not to answer any questions as to the methods by which he computed the value of the tangible property, on the ground that this was a judicial act on the part of the assessor and he could not be required to give reasons or explanations. This position was upheld by the chairman of the board, though the assessor was allowed to explain how he would arrive at a present estimate of the value of the tangible property. Judge Post also called G. T. Everett, manager of the Independent Telephone Company, to the stand and examined him as to the actual value of telephone property after it was once placed. The matter was referred to the committee on complaints and has not yet been reported on by them.

The Platte County Independent Telephone Co. also presented a detailed protest against their assessment, complaining that their property had been assessed pratically double the amount as given in to the assessor by the manager of the company. C. J. Garlow represented the company and put Manager Everett on the stand to testify to the real value of poles, cable, telephone instruments, etc. Their case is likewise in the hands of the committee on complaints.

The Burlington railroad, through their tax agent, R. D. Pollard, protested against the local assessment of all property outside of the 50-foot right of way, saying that all the property had been listed with the state board and local assessment would be doubling up on them. From the letterhead on which the communication was written, it appears that the Burlington has a special officer whose title is Tax Agent.

The land owners along Lost Creek who are interested in constructing a drainage ditch to carry off the flood waters of that unruly and uncertain stream were before the board in force Friday afternoon, and a lively discussion was indulged in. The farmers are willing to contribute toward the construction of the ditch, and only want the board to make provision for having the work done. They will be given another hearing this afternoon, when they will be prepared to tell the board what they are willing to do.

Of the few complaints that have been passed on are the following:

The assessment of Chas. Blazek on a lot in Humphrey was reduced from $600 to $435; that of L. Gluck on a lot in section 24-19-3 was reduced from $300 to 200; the land belonging to C. H. Sheldon in the north half of 10-17-1 and 11-17-1 was reduced to $35 per acre to conform to the valuation of adjoining land.

City Council.

The council meeting was taken up with routine matter, numerous reports being approved, bonds filed, etc. The water commissioner presented his semi-annual report, showing that the expenditures of the water department for the last six months were in excess of the receipts by $408.63. He explains this by the fact that coal has cost 75 cents more per ton than for the preceding period, and that $235 was expended for repairing hydrants and should be paid out of another fund.

A number of sidewalks were condemned and ordered repaired or constructed. A petition signed by J. F. Borney and 52 others was presented, remonstrating against the live-stock trespassing ordinance which was passed at the last meeting. Discussion was indulged in by the members of the council and signers of the remonstrance, and the petition was finally laid on the table.

J. G. Reeder, W. M. Kern and Mrs. M. Brugger were re-appointed to the library board to second themselves.

The committee on public property was directed to solicit bids for the construction of a cement sidewalk in Frankfort park to take the place of the present gravel walk, also to get bids on brick walk.

Several bills were allowed and two rejected.

Kensington.

One of the most pleasing social events of the early summer occurred at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gray last Thursday afternoon, when Mesdames Sidney Gray, George Lehman and Arthur Gray entertained ninety of their lady friends at an elaborate and delightful Kensington, given in honor of Mrs. Kahler of Des Moines, Iowa. The guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Sidney Gray and Mrs. Lehman, and Mrs. Arthur Gray introduced them to the guest of honor in a very happy manner. The spacious rooms were beautifully decorated with a profusion of flowers, pink and white predominating. Chairs were arranged all about the rooms and veranda and grouped on the lawn. The guests divided their time between their fancy needle work and promenades about the lawn and flower beds. The young ladies of the party served delightful refreshments in courses, each table accomodating four. The gathering broke up shortly after six o'clock and the ladies took their several ways with many expressions of compliment for Mrs. Gray and her coterie of assisting entertainers.

Rural Letter Carriers Meet.

Platte Center, Nebraska.—(Special Correspondence.)—The Rural Letter carriers of Platte county held a meeting in Platte Center, June 19, and organized a Platte County R. L. C. association. The following officers were elected for one year: H. B. Reed, Columbus, president; L. T. Hitchcock, Platte Center, vice-president; Mrs. Ruth Keynon, Monroe, secretary; W. D. Benson, Columbus, treasurer; Frank T. Klobba and H. T. Glindorf, Humphrey, appointed as executive committee. H. B. Reed and Mrs. Kenyon were elected delegates to the state convention at Lincoln, July 4. Besides those above mentioned, those at the meeting were: G. M. Hall, Columbus; and Geo. D. C. Edgington, Humphrey.

Omaha Visitors.

Tomorrow morning the South Omaha Stock exchange and the Omaha Commercial club will visit Columbus. They will arrive in Columbus at 10 o'clock a. m., remain half an hour and then go to Oconee, Platte Center, Humphrey and Madison. Returning over the same route they will make the towns up to Spalding and come back to Columbus at 10:40 p. m. to remain over night. The special train will carry besides the business men, the Thirteenth Infantry band from Fort Crook and the Mendelssohn male quartette, who will give selections of music at all stops. The object of the trip is to distribute advertising matter and get acquainted with business men over the state.

Mrs. Thomas M. Pethick visited in Columbus Thursday. . . . Mrs. J. J. Hanks made a trip to Columbus Wednesday. . . . . Mrs. Levi Hoy is visiting relatives in Columbus, having taken the train from here Wednesday. —Silver Creek Sun.

A Letter From J. H. Reed.

Riverside, Calif.—To the Journal:—I have just been quite vividly reminded of good old Columbus, her people, scenes, and interests. A very pleasant visit with Mrs. M. Brugger took me back to the time of the little barren Congregational church over on the "east side", when two bright, independent, thoughtful girls came to my bible class, the life and activities of one of whom has been so intimately connected with her material and social interests, the other, with those of a city on this far off coast. They interested me then as have their active lives all these years since.

Of the and occasion of Mrs. Brugger's visit to California, people of Columbus already know. Since the death of her mother, she has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. DeFord of National City, and came up to Riverside to spend a few days with her early Columbus friend, Mrs. A. C. Pickett, and was kind enough to give Mrs. Reed a part of her time. We were pleased to see her so well preserved,—her same quick step, frank manner, and cheerful voice. It was easy to think of her as being married the other year, and of the bright little girl with her as her first born, and I had to stop and pull myself up when told that she had a son in a distant college, and two daughters nearly grown, at home. Ah me! the years, how they do get away, and what unexpected things they do bring about! Well, we are glad to see Mrs. Brugger and hear direct of Columbus, of her good people, her prosperity, of the surrounding prosperous farming country, of lands that I remember of changing hands at $10 an acre, now requiring, nearly or quite, an added cipher to express their value. But that did not surprise me. From the time my old friend, Mr. North, first drove me over the grand, beautiful, but mostly unoccupied acres stretching along to the north of the little village, I have had great faith in the outcome of those rich prairies and the story of their possibilities is not yet told. Thanks to the splendid work now going on in our state and federal agricultural stations, improved farming in progessive countries is going to enhance land values in the near future as much as natural conditions have in the past, and if Platte county does not advance as much in the next decade as she has in the past, it will be the fault of the farmers and not of her natural advantages.

Of the Columbus contingent over here,—Mr. Pickett is busy with his orange and lemon groves which are now in full bearing and doing well. But after all, a little hankering after Nebraska friends and farming will occasionally pat out.

Mrs. Pickett, the younger, though busy with her family of four children, finds time for the same church and social activities her Columbus friends gave her credit for.

The elder Mrs. Pickett is carrying her years well, and is intelligently interested in the world's affairs, as she used to be when on the old Columbus farm.

Rev. Rice, several years pastor of the Columbus Congregational church, is now state superintendent of the Orphans Home Work of California, and is proving efficient and successful.

Mrs. Rice has been prominently connected with educational life. The daughter, Nina, the bright little girl many will remember, developed into an active and efficient woman. She has been recently sent by the American Board to a prominent missionary position in China.

When in San Diego last winter, I met Rev. Griswold who will be remembered by many of your readers as a former pastor of the Columbus Presbyterian church. He has a pleasant home in an orange grove some distance out of the city. He with others in that section has met with some hindrances by lack of water, but has recently put in a steam pumping plant, and I see no good reason why he may not now have a valuable paying property in that most delightful climate.

As some of our old Columbus friends may be kind enough to ask about ourselves, will add that Mrs. Reed, as some of them know, has been unfortunate with her eye sight, being obliged to have one eye removed, and the other serves her very dimly. Yet, practically without sight, she retains entire management of her household affairs, and with help of others, keeps intelligent and interested in what is going on in the world, and insists that even blindness does not shut out many of the best things of life. As for the author, he has got to be proud and lazy. Proud of a very delightful and interesting little city to have a home in. Lazy because his own Fred M. is yet at home unmarried and has taken the principal responsibilities from his father's shoulders. Excepting a single late variety, he has finished harvesting our oranges and the bulk of the lemons are off.

Riverside has shipped about 5,000 carloads of lemons and oranges this season, and has about 1,000 more to ship. Our crop this season, had it been shipped at one time, would have made a train of about 20 cars. But early in the season the extreme cold blocked usual sales and the margin of profit was pretty narrow. I noticed that the Grays for a time were selling oranges by the peck instead of by the dozen. Some day when transportation is fair, Mr. Gray or some one else will buy the carload from the growers, and you will get cheap oranges as a rule. Very respectfully,

J. H. Reed.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Rev. Halsey will take his vacation this summer in installments. Next Sunday there will be no preaching services at the Presbyterian church. Every two weeks the pastor will hold the regular service and every two weeks will take a vacation from his duties. Prayer meeting services will also be abandoned in the same way during the hot weather. The regular Sunday School and Christian Endeavor society will have the regular meetings. Rev. Smith of Leigh preached Sunday morning and evening in the Congregational church in the absence of Rev. Munro, who delivered the baccalaureate sermon at the Neligh college.

The Sunday school of the Episcopal church will hold the annual flower service Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The collection taken will be given to the Clarkson hospital of Omaha. Flowers will be brought to the church for decoration purposes and afterward taken to the St. Mary's hospital in Columbus, to help cheer the patients in the building.

The regular morning prayer service Sunday in the Episcopal church will be held at 10 o'clock instead of 11 o'clock.

The ladies auxilary of the Episcopal church will meet with Mrs. F. A. Schroeder Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Miller, the diocesan president, will be present and a good attendance of the society is desired.

The Childrens Day program at the Methodist church was attended by a large crowd, many being unable to gain admittance to the building. The music and literary program was, as usual well rendered by the little people, under the supervision of Mrs. J. E. Erskine and Mrs. E. S. Newlon, with Miss Emily Ragatz as organist.

Rev. Luce went to Omaha yesterday to attend a meeting of the board of the Methodist hospital.

Funeral of Mrs. Morrissey.

Mrs. J. C. Morrissey of Lincoln, whom the Journal mentioned last week as dying in a hospital in Lincoln Tuesday night of last week, was brought to Columbus on Thursday and buried from the Catholic church in this city Friday. The remains were laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery beside those of her two children who had preceded her years before. Mr. Morrissey together with all the living children were here to attend the funeral. The children are: Fred, of Los Anegles, California; Harry, of Sheridan, Wyoming; Gertrude, a teacher in Montana and Helen, a student in the state university. One son Carl, died while serving duty as a soldier in the Philippines. The Morrissey family were residents of Columbus about ten years leaving here for Lincoln in 1879 where they have since resided.

Assessment Notes.

The assessed valuation of all school districts having no railroad property within their borders has been sent to the directors by Supt. Leavy. Those districts having railroads will have to wait for their valuation until the state board of assessment reports the valuation of railroads in the county to the county clerk.

C. L. Lund the proprietor of the Columbus Planing mill is successfully competing with Omaha manufacturers in his line, and the citizens hardly realize the capacity of this industry. Apr. 27 tf

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