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BRODEGAARD GETS CHARTER

Incorporates His Jewelry Business for \$200,000.

LOCAL STORE SUPPLIES MANY

Uses Omaha Headquarters to Furnish Sixty-Five Branch Establishments in Town and Nebraska.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The trouble which Fred Brodegaard of Omaha has been experiencing in the last two months trying to get the blue-sky department of the state to allow him to incorporate the Brodegaard Jewelry company of Omaha with a capital of \$200,000, has at last come to an end and Mr. Brodegaard will be privileged to incorporate and sell the stock of the company when he has made changes required by the railway commission, which has jurisdiction over the blue-sky department of the state.

The hearing this morning convinced the members of the railway commission and Commissioner Reed of the blue-sky department, that Mr. Brodegaard was entirely honest in his efforts to incorporate and that he was endeavoring to protect those who invested in the stock of the company to the fullest extent.

Growth of Big Business.

Mr. Brodegaard came to Omaha about thirty years ago with but \$25 in his pocket, and invested in a \$500 stock of jewelry in that city. Since that time his business has increased until he now owns a business which covers sixty-five branch stores, situated in towns of Nebraska and Iowa. The Omaha store is a sort of supply house from which the branches receive their goods, and some time ago Mr. Brodegaard decided that he would like to incorporate the business and run it something along the plan of the Woolworth 10-cent stores. He conceived the plan of incorporating in the amount of \$200,000 in stock equally divided between common and preferred stock. He put in the present business, which was estimated to be worth \$50,000, and took the balance of the preferred stock of \$5,000, and \$20,000 more of preferred stock. He drew up a plan in which he guaranteed to the balance of the stock of \$150,000 7 per cent interest, and to secure that amount agreed to deposit with an Omaha trust company a large amount of securities to insure the holders of the common stock that they would be secure from loss.

Plan is Misunderstood.

"I thought I was a hero," said Mr. Brodegaard to the commission this morning, "to put up such a guarantee to the common stockholders, but it seems that my plan was misunderstood by the commission and that it looked too much like I wanted things all my own way, and while I was entirely honest in my efforts to protect the common stockholders, I see now that I went at it wrong, and I believe the plan which we have inaugurated now is better."

The present plan of Mr. Brodegaard in the incorporation of the Brodegaard Jewelry company is to withdraw the proposition of putting up securities with a trust company to guarantee the dividends of the stockholders and in place of that he guarantees the 7 per cent dividend and all over that in profits goes back into the business, the \$50,000 original stock of the company owned by him coming in under the 7 per cent dividends, but the \$50,000 of stock which he holds representing the good will of the company cannot come in on the dividends of the company until such time as the assets of the company have reached the amount of the entire \$200,000 capital stock of the company.

Therefore, while Mr. Brodegaard himself owns \$130,000 of the stock of the Brodegaard Jewelry company, one-half of that stock cannot participate in the dividends of the company until the total assets of the company make the par value of the stock \$200,000 and all profits of the company over and above 7 per cent to be paid to the common stockholders must go back into the business.

Will Increase His Stores.

It is the intention of the company to run the number of branch stores up to 50 just as fast as suitable places can be found in which to place the branches. The sixty-five stores which have been in operation have paid above all expenses \$4,150 for the time operated, the first stores starting March 13, 1913, and the last December 12, 1913, making an average profit of \$16.12 per month for each store. The average stock of these stores is about \$50 and are placed in the store of some reputable merchant in the towns and run as a sort of a side line to the store, so that the expense of operation of the jewelry department is very little.

William Ure, county treasurer of Douglas county, was present at the hearing and gave the commission a general outline of the proposition, assuring the commission that Mr. Brodegaard was responsible in every way and qualified to carry out every contract which he might enter into. Alex Anderson, secretary of the company, was also present.

The commission will grant the application of Mr. Brodegaard to incorporate as soon as some minor changes covering the new points in the articles of incorporation are drawn by an attorney representing the new company.

Notes from Albion.

ALBION, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—A persistent rumor is afloat here in political circles that Dr. Cass G. Barnes, editor of the Albion Argus, will file for congress in this district. He has upon several occasions in years past been mentioned for governor.

Twenty high school contestants competed Tuesday night for the honor of representing the school at the district contest to be held at Norfolk. William Hinman won the position.

District Court Convened Here Yesterday.

Judge Thomas presiding. A number of important cases are on the docket.

Insurgent Woodmen Talk.

YORK, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Dr. J. V. Behtol of Hastings, Edgar Howard and G. W. Phillips of Columbus and J. Wilson of Geneva addressed fifty Woodmen Tuesday evening, explaining the Chicago rates, and telling why the Modern Woodmen of America should change all the officers.

Mrs. McClain's Experience with Croup.

"When my boy, Ray, was small he was subject to croup, and I was always alarmed at such times. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy proved far better than any other of his troubles. It always relieved him quickly. I am never without it in the house, for I know it is a positive cure for croup," writes Mrs. W. R. McClain, Blairville, Pa. For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

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Farmer Who Observes Business Methods is Coming to the Front

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The farmer who uses business methods is coming to the front. The other fellows are being weeded out. So declared F. A. Sberzinger of Nelson, who is both an editor and a farmer. For twenty-five years he has been a close student of agricultural conditions in Nuckolls county.

After admitting that he was a "crank on businesslike farmer," Mr. Sberzinger continued: "Men who use their heads make money in the farming game and this state cannot be beaten. The shiftless, the unobserving and unprogressive are being lost in the shuffle. This applies to both landowners and tenants."

"When a tenant does not get results nowadays he is soon informed that the owner wants possession on March 1. Land has increased in value from the old fixed price of \$20 an acre to \$100 and over. It is hard to set a limit, for new methods and new markets and new crops will increase values."

Mr. Sberzinger has taken considerable interest in the Lever bill. He believes that the metropolitan press pays too little attention to agriculture. He also asserted that the live, progressive farmers read the country weeklies with an interest in the reports of agricultural development in their own neighborhood.

EIGHT WOLVES ELUDE FIVE HUNDRED FARMERS

FAIRBURY, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—A gigantic circle wolf hunt was held in the rough hills in the southern part of this county Tuesday and approximately 500 farmers, living in Antelope precinct and the northern part of Kanasa, participated in the wolf drive. The farmers formed four lines, each six miles long, and thoroughly beat the whole country. The north line was in charge of Captains Floyd Catlin, Lester Sparks and James Simmons; the west line in charge of George Gregory and James Lardner; the south line in charge of W. Smith, Ben Harris and Frank Lantz; the captains of the east side included Olen Nutter, Andy Belding and W. Welsh.

The farmers were armed with shotguns and had the dogs leashed. When the circle closed in nine wolves were seen, but owing to the hills and poor formation of the south line, eight escaped. C. G. Catlin of this city brought the only wolf down as he was making a run.

Several hundred jack rabbits were slaughtered in the roundup. The farmers were permitted to kill the rabbits without a license on a recent ruling by the game warden.

HALL COUNTY REPUBLICANS WILL HAVE A BANQUET

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Chairman E. R. Root, of the Hall county republican central committee, has decided soon to call the committee together for the purpose of arranging for a banquet of the Hall county republicans interested in the future of the party. At this meeting there will be discussed the speaker desired for the event, the place of holding the banquet and the visiting republicans to be invited as the guests of the committee.

Local republicans will be invited without regard to previous affiliation or position in the party, as so much per plate, as may be decided upon. Chairman Root thinks Hall county more than ordinarily fortunate in view of the fact that no third party organization was perfected in this county in 1912, though efforts were set on foot in that direction, but abandoned. The work of getting together is, therefore, not considered quite as difficult as ordinarily, though the attempt to bring conciliators forced to bear among individuals will be none the less earnest.

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NEGRO CONVICTED OF SHOOTING JAPANESE

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—District court convened in this city Monday morning and the jury began its work Tuesday. The first case to be tried was that of the State of Nebraska against Silver Kine, a negro, charged with assaulting U. Inenaza with intent to kill. The trial of this case was concluded yesterday and the jury returned its verdict just after dinner, finding the defendant guilty as charged. The crime was committed on the night of November 11, 1913, at the home occupied by U. Inenaza, an aged Japanese laborer, in this city. According to the testimony the negro went there to rob the Jap. The Jap was upstairs and hearing a noise went down with a lantern and when he ran across the negro in his house the negro fired several shots at the Jap, one of which entered his mouth and went through his jaw, breaking the bones. The defendant took the stand and denied any connection with or knowledge of the crime.

Want Farm Demonstrators.

OHIOWA, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Prof. Anderson of the extension department of the State Agricultural school addressed a meeting of farmers here Tuesday on the subject of "Scientific Farm Management and Farm Demonstrators." He showed why a farm demonstrator was an invaluable aid and argued for the employment of one in Fillmore county. He cited instances of how rolling wheat increased the yield by five or more bushels per acre. He gave several such concrete illustrations.

Notes from Craig.

CRAIG, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Mrs. John Entzkin of the Bertha, neighborhood drank wood alcohol yesterday with suicidal intent. Despondency is supposed to have been the cause. The attempt was unsuccessful.

Community Banquet in Seward.

SEWARD, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The first community dinner was given at the Young Men's Christian association yesterday. Covers were laid for fifty men. W. T. Souders talked on "The Benefits of Advertising"; County Superintendent W. H. Brokaw talked on "The Community Spirit"; and H. A. Graff discussed "Our Need of a New School Building."

Two Weddings in Madison.

MADISON, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Married, at St. Leonard's church at 9 o'clock this morning, Rev. Father Muenich officiating, Frank Kolehd and Miss Eleanor Otterpohl both of Madison. The bride is the daughter of Bernard Otterpohl.

Marriage Licenses at Seward.

SEWARD, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—County Judge Norval has issued the following marriage licenses: William Whitnack and Miss Grace McBride of Seward; William Martens, Surprise, and Miss Augusta Stalenzburg of Ulysses; Louis Carl Geis and Miss Helen Orth of Beaver Crossing.

Postoffice Fight at Albion.

ALBION, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The democratic political pot is boiling over here as a result of the postoffice fight. Ex-Senator James T. Brady, Charles E. Jones, D. K. Phillips and J. W. Wallrick have this far announced themselves as candidates. Doubts still exist as to the manner in which the office will be filled, as Congressman Stephens has not yet made public his intention.

DAHLMAN OUT FOR CONGRESS? Declaration Mayor of Omaha Intends to Make the Race.

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BLAIR MAN SECURES PAPERS

Arguments Heard in Case from Saline County Where Taxpayers Object to School Being Used for Religious Services.

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Miss Muldoon to Kearnsey.

Miss Mamie Muldoon has gone to Kearnsey today to attend a meeting of the volunteer firemen in that city, representing Fire Commissioner Ridgell, who was called to Scott's Bluff to investigate a suspicious fire in that city. Miss Muldoon will deliver an address on fire prevention. Miss Muldoon is rapidly coming into the limelight as a public speaker and the demands for her presence at public gatherings are coming in frequently.

New Omaha Firm.

The Biltz-Schuler-Baum company is a new firm in Omaha filing articles of incorporation with the secretary of state with a capital stock of \$5,000. The company will do a general merchandise business and the incorporators are Christian M. Schuler, Bruno G. Biltz and Clyde C. Baum.

Charges Made Withdrawn.

Complaint made by Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Carnes of Seward against the management of the Girls' Industrial school at Millford, involving the care of infants in charge of the superintendent, Miss Lena Ward, have been withdrawn. The trouble first started when the Carnes took a child from the home for the purpose of adoption. Under the rules of the home four months are given to parties desiring to adopt a child to become acquainted with the child and their temperament and thus discover whether it was satisfactory. At the same time the superintendent of the institution made investigation as to the responsibility of the parties taking the child and their fitness to bring it up right. When the Carnes made application to make final papers in the way of adopting the child, Miss Ward refused to allow them to take it and they made complaint to the board. They intimated that the institution was not run right and that the children were not properly cared for and the child in question was not a perfect child.

Board Informed the Parties that the Matter was Entirely in the Hands of the Superintendent, Miss Ward, but they would, however, investigate the matter thoroughly. However, the charges have been withdrawn, but the board will look the matter up and visit the home.

Church in School House.

School district No. 13, in Saline county, or at least some of the people living therein, do all want religious services held in the school house out of school hours, and have so notified the school board. The case was argued in supreme court yesterday, ex-Governor Aldrich appearing for the school board. It appears that occasionally someone had held services in the school house, but not often, and John W. Gilbert and John Simmons, two taxpayers of the district, objecting, stating that the constitution says that no one shall be taxed to support any place of worship. The case has been taken under advisement.

Pawnee Primary School Closed.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—In order to prevent the spread of diphtheria in this city, no school is being held in the four primary grades of the public schools while the rooms are being thoroughly fumigated. The case of a girl in the fourth grade who took sick with the disease Tuesday night was called to the attention of the Board of Health and the children were dismissed for the remainder of the week. No epidemic is feared, but preventive measures seemed advisable.

State W. C. T. U. Meeting.

YORK, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the Nebraska Woman's Christian Temperance union opened yesterday afternoon, with the president, Mrs. Mamie Claffin of University Place, presiding. All the state officers and a large number of delegates were present. Dr. Shreckengast, vice-chancellor of Wesleyan university, lectured on the liquor question in the evening. Mrs. Hunter of Broken Bow will give a stereopticon lecture tomorrow night.

Courts Must Decide the Status of Notes

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Whether the state of Nebraska will lose because of \$10,000 in notes held by the State Savings bank of Superior run in connection with the closed national bank of that place depends upon the action of the courts, according to Secretary Royce of the State Banking board.

The officers and stockholders of the two institutions were practically the same and the two banks occupied the same room. When the national bank failed and the grand jury indicted the cashier of the national bank, A. C. Felt, it was found that the savings bank held \$4,000 in notes which had formerly been the property of the national bank, but which the savings bank held as an investment, having purchased them from the national bank.

National Bank Examiner Floyd Seybold is in charge of the closed bank, but the savings bank is being run as formerly the failure of the national bank to open not interfering with the savings bank, a partition being erected between the two business offices. Until the courts decide the matter Secretary Royce says he will be unable to determine the status of the savings bank regarding the notes in controversy.

FARMER RECEIVES FATAL INJURED IN FLY WHEEL

MADISON, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Peter Kraftka, residing eight miles southeast of Madison, was fatally injured yesterday by becoming entangled in the belt and fly-wheel of a gasoline engine attached to a corn sheller, and died early this morning. While attempting to adjust the belt his coat sleeve was caught. He leaves a widow and five children, the eldest of whom is 14 years. He carried \$1,500 accident insurance. The funeral will take place at St. Leonard's church tomorrow at 9 o'clock, Rev. Father Munich officiating.

Brakeman Injured.

EDGAR, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Thomas H. Montgomery, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Montgomery of this city, was severely injured last night, just east of Carlton, by falling from a fast moving freight on which he was brakeman. He was brought to the home of his parents here by Dr. Birdsall of Carlton, where, with the assistance of Dr. Anderson of Edgar and Dr. Spotts of Fairfield, his wounds were attended to. He sustained many bruises and contusions about the body.

Farmers' Institute in Peru.

PERU, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The Farmers' institute at Peru was a success in every way. Many of the state's best lecturers were present and gave splendid addresses. The address given by Prof. Shirley, the last night, on "The Possibilities of Nebraska," was a masterful effort. In it he paid a special tribute to the State Normal school here. There was a good attendance both days. On the last night, after the lecture the farmers were invited to the state normal gymnasium to witness and to take part in a game of indoor base ball.

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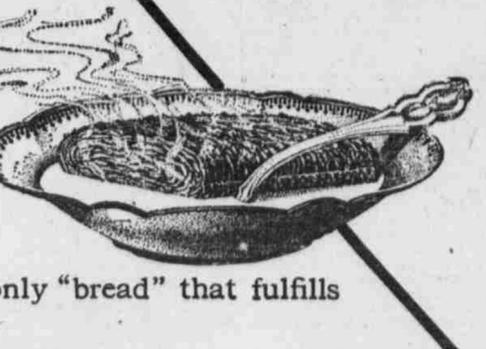
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