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PAGE COUNTY, IOWA, WILL SPILL FLOOD ON NODAWAY

Big Ditch Which Will Straighten Nodaway River Will Result Badly to Missouri.

FARMERS ARE GETTING BUSY

Burlington Junction Farmers Who Live in the Valley Will Take Steps to Avoid An Overflow in Spring.

The county engineer of Page county, Iowa, estimates that a straight ditch paralleling the main course of the Nodaway river in Page county will carry eleven times as much water away in an hour as will the tortuous and crooked bed of the Nodaway river. This is alarming Missouri farmers who live in the Nodaway river valley.

Further alarm is felt over the fact that the county court of Page county, Iowa, has ordered the county engineer to go ahead and straighten out the Nodaway river in Page county; has laid out the benefit districts and will start work on the big ditch at once. When the work is completed the Missouri farmers will confront a flood of water eleven times as swift and voluminous as that which ordinarily sweeps over the lowlands of the Nodaway river valley.

There is only one solution of the problem as concerns the dwellers in the valley in Missouri. They, too, must drain their land. Several interested parties were in Maryville recently intending to lay their plans before Attorney Fred Harvey, the man who handled the legal phases of the One Hundred and Two drainage district with such success. Mr. Harvey was not in the city at the time, but it is said will be called on at a later date to fix up the legal papers for the west county farmers, who contemplate digging a big ditch extending from the Page county line on the north to the Holt county line, thus doing away with the danger which is so imminent should the Missouri farmers be compelled to submit to the flood waters which would be turned loose on them by the big Iowa ditch.

A Burlington Junction farmer who owns a large tract of land in the Nodaway river valley and who was in Maryville Tuesday, is said to have said that his land now worth $40 an acre, will be worth $100 an acre should the drainage ditch be put through.

CHARITY BOARD IS AGAINST CALEB JOBE

Made Protests Wednesday Afternoon Against the Re-Appointment of Superintendent.

Formal protests against the re-appointment of Caleb Jobe to the superintendency of the poor farm was made by the Charity Board to the county court Wednesday afternoon.

No charges were filed against Jobe. Mrs. B. F. Anderson acted as leader of the remonstrators and stated to the court that they were there not to urge the things which had been said in the past against Jobe, referring to rumors of immorality in the institution, but rather to recommend the appointment of Matt O'Brien. In urging O'Brien's appointment Mrs. Anderson stated that he was a man of good moral character, not addicted to drink, courteous, hospitable and a man of fine executive ability. Mrs. Anderson also informed the court that in case O'Brien was appointed that his sister-in-law, who is matron of an Iowa poor farm, would assist Mrs. O'Brien in arranging a system which would put the new county infirmary on a business basis and under a management which was sanitary and cleanly.

Reference was made to the lobby which appeared in favor of Jobe Monday afternoon. Mrs. Anderson said that as far as she had been able to learn that there were only two tax payers in the crowd, and that the others were the people who congregate at the poor farm of Sunday afternoons to meet Jobe and to have a good social time. Mrs. Anderson stated further that she had had twenty-four years experience in dealing with the poor farm and that if her word as to conditions which had revealed there since Jobe had been in control was not sufficient to convince the court that she would produce other witnesses.

In speaking of the unsanitariness of the methods which the Charity Board said was used by Superintendent Jobe, Mrs. Anderson said that she had advised that when the new building was occupied that all the old mattresses be burned and that the quilts and bedding and clothing of the inmates be given a good disinfecting in order to kill all vermin which might have been a relic of the old poor house, but that Jobe had thought best to buy bed-bug poison rather than ask the county court for new mattresses. Mrs. Anderson also referred to Mrs. O'Brien as a woman capable of attending to the wants of the women inmates. "It is time we had a matron out there," said Mrs. Anderson. "Jobe or no other man is a fit person to attend to the wants and needs of those women."

The court asked few questions of the Charity Board. Judge McGettigan seemed to be the most interested of the court members, as the case had never been thrashed out before him on any previous occasion as it had with Judges McClurg and Campbell. At 3 o'clock the board was still in conference with the county court. It is probable that a decision will be reached tonight. John Aley is a fourth applicant for the position of superintendent, having filed Tuesday afternoon, so it was said, in the county clerk's office.

A. S. Robey, chairman of the Democrat county committee, accompanied the county court to the poor farm Tuesday. It is rumored that the county committee fearing that a political issue might be made of the poor farm in the future thought best that Chairman Robey take a look over the situation. That he was thoroughly satisfied with the condition of affairs as they existed at the poor farm might be inferred from his talk Tuesday night.

CLICK OF IVORIES TO BE IN EVERY HAMLET?

County Court is Grinding Edge of Wave of Morality Which Followed Folk's Reign.

POOL TABLES TO EVERYONE

No Trouble to Get a License Under the New Court Just So Long as You Have a Lengthy Petition at Hand.

The new county court is grinding the wire edge of the wave of morality which submerged Nodaway county following the election of Governor Folk.

So high was the moral barometer at that time that it finally became impossible to secure a pool room license in Nodaway county outside of Maryville and residents of the county not privileged to reside in the favored county seat had to come to Maryville if they desired to engage in the gentleman's game.

Now it is different. After the closing of the pool rooms in the small towns of the county and particularly after the "drys" at Parnell had freed the "wets" on the pool room proposition, the other pool room men lost their nerve and began to fail to show up the first of every month with a petition asking for a reestablishment of their business. The Parnell "wets" finally broke the ice when the new court came in and the Pfeiffers secured a license and the foes of the Folk idea took courage. Now Burlington Junction, Clearmont, Parnell all have pool rooms.

Feeling that it should not be left out in the cold Skidmore wants a pool room. Floyd Linville, a young man who under the good and palmy days when the county was wide open run a pool room at Skidmore, was before the county court Tuesday with a petition asking that the court grant him a license. The court at that time was at the county poor farm and Linville was forced to wait until their return.

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MADE GROOM DIG UP FOR LIVERY RIG HIRE.

Barnard Couple Were Wanted on Not More Serious Charge Than Account Payment.

George W. Kopp and Pearl M. Cox, both of Barnard, who were hurriedly married Tuesday by Probate Judge Conn, and who were being pursued by Tom Cox, the angry brother of the bride, and J. W. Patton, an irate liveryman of Barnard who hired the rig to Kopp in which the bridal party and Miss Ola Clawson came to Maryville, were, so it developed late Tuesday, wanted for nothing more serious than not paying for the rig which they had secured from Patton. Tom Cox told Sheriff Tilson that his sister had given a check on him prior to her elopement with Kopp. On being questioned young Cox admitted that he had previously given his sister the privilege of checking on his bank account. After a heated argument in the sheriff's office Kopp paid the livery bill and the entire matter was dropped.

AN ENOCH ARDEN TO FIND HOME WITH SON

Once Rich Horse and Mule Buyer Now Poverty Stricken Leaves the County Farm.

WIFE TOOK ALL HE CLAIMS

John Rossa Sold to General Nathaniel Lyon the Horse From Which General Lyon Was Shot in Bloody Battle.

Poverty stricken, poor as the proverbial church mouse, although once rich, John Rossa was Monday furnished a ticket from Maryville to Parker, S. D., by the county court.

For the last ten years Rossa has been an inmate of the poor house. By going to Parker, S. D., he will find a home with a son who in the last few years has grown wealthy, wealthy as his aged father was at the time when he furnished mules for the United States government, mules which drug wagon trains across Dixie during the rebellion, or horses which were ridden by army officers with high titles.

But back of the poverty of old man Rossa is a story. It is a repetition of the story of Enoch Arden. Rossa went South one time with a drove of "cotton" mules and was gone a year. During those primitive days it was difficult at times to have letters promptly posted, and like General Grant, Rossa was a better fighter than a writer. During the year that he was gone Rossa's wife heard that he was dead and married another man. Rossa returned to his home, learned of the facts in the case and settled down in Astoria, Ill., where for two years he lived within two blocks of the home of his wife and the husband who usurped his place. Rossa claims that his wife acquired a 320 acre farm from him and several thousand dollars.

The loss of his wife and real estate was the blow which broke the old man's spirit. These were not his only losses, however. At Bird's Point, near Cairo, Ill., Rossa was one of the victims of the wreck of the noted old river steamer "Ben Jones," which was blown up on the night of June 25, 1860. The number of persons killed in this famous wreck were 165. That Rossa escaped with his life is a miracle. He was blown from one of the forward berths into the wheel house. A solid leather trunk in which Rossa had $10,000 in gold, the proceeds of a sale of mules to southern cotton raisers, was blown to kingdom come and found a cache in the muddy waters of the Mississippi river.

During the Civil War Rossa was engaged in buying mules at St. Louis. He sold to General Nathaniel Lyon the famous iron gray charger from which General Lyon was later shot at the battle of Carthage. Reverse after reverse Rossa nearer to poverty until thirty years ago he migrated to Northwest Missouri, finally to Nodaway county, and then to the poor farm. Rossa is 82 years old, is active, with unimpaired hearing, and writes a clear, concise hand, and has a wonderful memory for dates and names.

NODAWAY COUNTIAN TELLS OF JOYS OF FLORIDA LIFE

Still He Misses the Bracing Blizzard Air of Northwest Missouri in Southland.

Far away from the blizzards which in imitation of the post bellum winters have been sweeping over Missouri, J. A. Yarnall writes of the joys of life in Jacksonville, Florida, and says:

"I landed in Florida a few days ago and find the weather warm and balmy; the kids all barefoot and the darkey women serving luncheons to the laborers on the wharves under canvas shades. The St. John's river is several times wider and deeper than the Missouri river at Kansas City. Ocean steamers land here every day. The state fair is in progress here to hold sixty days, and on yesterday a bold attempt was made to kidnap the Russian midget on exhibition at the fair. A man with a huge overcoat seized the midget and shoved him head first into an inside pocket, and make a break for an automobile in which he planned to make his escape, but just as he reached the auto he was seized by half a dozen persons and compelled to surrender the midget. The little prince was greatly excited when released and made more noise than a band of chickens, and declared if he had had a piece of dynamite while down in that deep inside pocket he would have blown the kidnapper clear across the St. John's river.

"A great number of steamers which come to this port are loaded with oranges, bananas, cocoanuts from southern Florida and Cuba. Each train from the North brings northern tourists, and this is the gateway at which they all stop to take a rest and see the sights before going on to the southern peninsula and Cuba.

"This is the busiest city I have seen in the South and claims to have 50,000 negro population and about the same number of whites. The industrial exhibits at the state fair are very creditable and are a surprise to most northern tourists, but there is no comparison between this section and the soil of Northwest Missouri.

"Blue grass and clover amount to but little here. If you get off the paved streets here you will conclude that your feet are getting wonderfully heavy, but just peep at your shoes and you will see that they are filled with sand. The people here lack the cool bracing air of the North to give them vim and vigor. Ostrich farming pays well, but if you desire a business in stock raising where the increase will be ten fold and then some start an alligator ranch. If you go into a hotel in Jacksonville and call for potatoes they will shove a yam under your nose, but I draw the line at yams. Among other interesting things tussocks, or little floating islands of water lillies, which float up the river one day and down the next, as the tide ebbs and flows."

Resumes Studies Here.

C. A. Peterson, who is attending the Northwest State Normal, returned Tuesday from a visit at Worth and St. Joseph.

YOEMAN FEASTED AND TOASTED TUESDAY NIGHT

Large Attendance at First Annual Banquet of Order Given at the HotelReam.

MORE THAN FIFTY PRESENT

Principal Address Made by Rev. Roy Youtz, Pastor of the Christian Church at Burlington Junction.

With fifty guests and members present at the Hotel Ream Tuesday night, the Yeoman held their first annual banquet. W. F. Smith presided as toastmaster. Responses were made by Rev. Roy Youtz of Burlington Junction, the chief speaker of the evening, by T. J. Parle, who was prior to the date elected as supreme representative of the state grand lodge of the order, John Aley, Dr. A. B. Allen, Ben Litts and others. Rev. Mr. Youtz spoke on fraternity and the fraternal features of Yeomanry, and paid a high tribute to the work which the order is doing. Ben Litts spoke on the financial and numerical strength of the lodge, and spoke of the work which the local lodge contemplates. "I believe in one thing particularly," said Mr. Litts, "that is, that we should have a banquet at least every month. Let's cut up that $1,000,000 reserve fund that the grand lodge has laid away for benefits, and the payment of policies."

Doctor Allen, who has been medical examiner for the local lodge since its organization nine years ago, advised the banqueters that if they overate themselves that he was at their immediate service. Dr. H. H. Wolf, a veterinarian, said that if Doctor Allen could give no relief to try his services, that he thought he might have some efficacious remedies at hand.

Mention was made in the speech of John Aley of Byron Condon, a charter member of the local lodge, the only member who has died in the nine years' existence of the Maryville lodge.

The menu was splendid and well served, the banquet being one of the neatest which has been given at the Ream this year. Music was furnished by the Elite orchestra.

Those present were: Rev. and Mrs. Roy Youtz, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Parle, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Litts, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Pinnell, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Riggs, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Chappell, Mrs. Bert Wray, Miss Clara Wray, Mrs. Frank Barrock, Mrs. Warren L. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Smith, Mrs. Alice R. Perrin, Mrs. H. J. Oman, Mrs. Frank Terhune, Miss Eva Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wadley, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Wadley, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Maier, Miss Katie Connely, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Aley, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Harrison, Mrs. E. J. Kissinger and son, H. A. Kinder, C. W. Stafford, C. A. Aley, George Chappell, Elmer Wing, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Gaugh, Jackson Walker, Dr. A. B. Allen, F. M. Petty, H. H. Wolf, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Swan.

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Goes to St. Joseph.

Miss Elizabeth Ashford left for St. Joseph Monday on business.

A. STAUBLE CALLED AT MIDNIGHT HOUR

Aged Swiss Died at Home in East First Street at 12 o'Clock Saturday Night.

SEVENTY-THREE YEARS OLD

Had Resided in and Near Maryville for Forty Years, and Came to America in 1853 From Switzerland.

A Stauble, for forty years a resident of Nodaway county, a native of Switzerland, died suddenly Saturday night at midnight at his home, 504 East First street, death probably resulting from heart failure.

Mr. Stauble was born at Sulz, Switzerland, in September, 1826, and came to America when seventeen years old. In 1853 he came to Nodaway county and settled on a farm five miles east of Maryville where he and his family continued to reside until eight years ago when he moved to Maryville.

Surviving the dead man are his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Jonathan Stack of Tecumseh, Okla. A son, Lorenz Stauble, died fourteen years ago. Mr. Stauble was married April 19, 1864, to Miss Rosana Foutz, of Hagerstown, Ind.

Funeral services will be held at the home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock conducted by Dr. Homer M. Cook, president of the Northwest State Normal. Burial will be at a cemetery five miles east of Maryville, near the old rural home of

charge of the Masons.

VERNON WILL HAVE CAR OF HIS OWN IN OKLAHOMA.

Registrar of the Treasury Will Thus Escape Jim Crow Car Law in Travels.

Register of the Treasury W. T. Vernon, the noted Kansas negro, passed through Topeka, Kan., Tuesday, on his way from Washington to Oklahoma, where he is to make some speeches on the race question.

In order to avoid the humiliation of the Jim Crow car law in Oklahoma the negroes there have chartered a special car for Mr. Vernon, which he will use in all his travels in the new state. He will take the car at Caldwell, Kan., and keep it until he hits the Kansas line again next Monday. He will speak at El Reno, Oklahoma City, Guthrie and Muskogee.

WILL GUARD GRANT TOMB EVERY HOUR OF THE DAY.

Grand Army of the Republic Calls Attention to Its Unguarded Condition.

Considerable mystery was thrown around an order issued by Police Commissioner Bingham of New York to the effect that hereafter Grant's tomb in Riverside drive is to be guarded by policemen day and night.

It was said that members of the Grand Army of the Republic had complained of the unguarded condition of the tomb. The three policemen who went on duty Monday will work on eight-hour shifts, so that during the entire twenty-four hours of the day there will be one policeman on guard at the door leading into the vault.

PECK GETS GOOD PLACES ON EIGHT COMMITTEES.

State Senator J. W. Peck of this senatorial district was given good places on eight committees on the state senate announced Tuesday. Peck will serve on the ways and means, railroads and internal improvements, banks and banking, education, text books and public schools, agriculture, university normal schools and agricultural schools, constitutional amendments, federal relations and seat of permanent government, township organization, county boundaries, swamp land ditches and drains.

JANUARY SHOWED AN INCREASE IN WEDDINGS.

The records in the recorder's office show that a material increase in weddings in Nodaway county during January, 1909, was made over January, 1908. In January, 1909, 19 licenses were issued while in the corresponding month of 1908 only 14 licenses were issued.

GUY CARMICHAEL OF PARNELL TAKES BRIDE.

Guy Carmichael of Parnell and Miss Nettie Cole of Belgrade, Mont., were married Wednesday by Probate Judge W. H. Conn in his office.

Harvey Foutz and sister, Mrs. Harris of Kansas, and David Foutz of Hagerstown, Ind., came in Wednesday to attend the funeral of Adolph Stauble, who died suddenly last Saturday night.

Wall Paper

New Spring Patterns Now on Display at
Leet's China Store

BAD FIRE CHECKED IN ITS INCEPTION

Originated in Basement of South Side Butcher Shop and Soon Had An Ugly Start.

What gave promise of being an ugly fire was discovered about 10:35 o'clock Tuesday night in the basement of the John Shonley butcher shop in the Dooley building on the south side of the square. An alarm brought the fire wagon. A line of hose was taken up the alley at the rear of the building and Chief Critchfield and his men soon had a stream of water playing on the flames which were burning in a smothered way in the basement. The hose line was run through the rear door while the fire seemed to be in about the center of the basement. Smoke in dense volume filled the first floor and came pouring out of the cellar in choking clouds. Grease on the cellar floor added to the fear of the fire which was extinguished within five minutes after the arrival of the fire company.

The blaze is said to have started from a superheated stove near which was standing a cot. A hole was burned through the floor. The damage to the building will be small. The loss on Shonley's meats will be quite heavy, possibly $250 or more.

BIG LAND SALE IS AGAIN CONSUMMATED.

Irvin Gill Sells Old Gill Farm in Southwest of Maryville to T. O. Peter Monday.

One of the largest land sales of 1909 was made Monday when Irvin Gill sold the old Gill farm of 179 acres five miles southwest of Maryville to T. O. Peter, for $70 an acre. Peter resides four miles southwest of Skidmore and owns a large tract of land in that vicinity. Gill is said to have purchased a big ranch in the Texas Panhandle country.

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MAYOR OF HOPKINS TO BUILD FINE HOME.

Will Be Thoroughly Modern Large Frame Two-Story Structure. Costing About $3,500.

Architect A. A. Searcy is just completing plans for one of the most palatial homes in the county for Mayor Charles Donlin of Hopkins. The plans contemplate the erection of a twelve-room, two-story frame structure, thoroughly modern and will cost complete about $3,500.

CARD OF THANKS—We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to our many friends for their kindness and help during the sickness and burial of our dear husband and father. We also desire to thank the many contributors of the beautiful floral offerings.
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Will Give Box Supper.

The box supper which was to have taken place at the Mt. Vernon school house on January 29 has been postponed on account of the stormy weather until Friday, February 5.

Form Partnership.

A. L. Nash and W. W. Glass have formed a partnership in the real estate business with office over Nusbaum's clothing store on the north side.

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