

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Home of Dave Miller the Scene of a Happy Gathering.

Little Girls of the F. F. E. History Class Hold a Masked Doll Contest—Three Missouri Pacific Cars Derailed—Water Denon Returns From His Sight-Seeing Trip.

A large number of neighbors and friends called at Dave Miller's home last evening to help him celebrate his fifty-first birthday anniversary. The evening was very pleasantly spent in social conversation, and a fine supper was also served.

In a neat little speech Judge Sullivan, on behalf of the guests, presented Mr. Miller with a fine easy chair.

Among the guests present were the following: Messrs. Mesdames L. D. Bennett, H. D. Travis, Asker Clark, W. D. Jones, A. D. Eigenbrodt, Charles Butler, B. Elson, A. N. Sullivan, R. O. Fellows, J. L. Root and Misses Mabel Hayes and Hattie Sullivan.

Masked Doll Contest. The F. F. E. history class, composed of little girls, held a masked doll contest at the home of M. S. Briggs last evening. Mrs. Baxter Smith acted as judge and awarded the prize—a doll parlor set—to Margery Agnew.

Six little girls participated in the contest, and they had dressed dolls to represent the following: Night, Margery Agnew and Mable Leesley; spring, Crete Briggs; "Red Riding Hood," Carrie Unruh; Princess Gorman, Edith Gray; Princess Wilhorma, Stanfield Jones.

Three Cars Derailed. The north-bound Missouri Pacific freight, due in this city at 8:35 a. m., had an accident near the La Platte crossing this morning which resulted in three cars being derailed. No one was injured. A wrecking crew was immediately sent to the scene of the wreck, and the after-noon trains were not delayed.

No. 1, the north-bound passenger, did not go through Plattsmouth this morning, but went to Omaha by way of Weeping Water.

Too Cold For Traveling. Walter, the fourteen-year-old son of Jack Denon, who left home several months ago to see part of the world, got tired of traveling and came home on a freight train this morning. He said he had been as far as Kansas City.

The father, fearing the lad would take a notion to start out again, turned him over to Jailer McBride and will make arrangements to send him to the reform school.

A Pleasant Surprise. A few of the friends and relatives of John F. Hennings of Eight Mile Grove precinct gave him a pleasant surprise one evening last week, the event being his twenty-sixth birthday. He had begun to grow sleepy and had decided to retire early, when the boys walked in with baskets well filled with eatables.

So interested did they become in their games and conversation that they almost forgot to go home. Looking at their watches and finding that it was morning (2:30) they wished their friend and neighbor many happy returns and departed.

The following were present: Jacob Fritsch, Charles Hennings, John A. Hennings, F. J. Hennings, M. L. Friedrich, Jacob Volk, Peter Volk and John F. Hennings.

A few of the young people assisted in serving supper.

The Plattsmouth Soldier Boys. Louis Thomas, one of the Plattsmouth boys who joined company C of the Thirty-ninth regiment, has written a very interesting letter to one of his friends in this city. His letter is dated December 22, and at that time they were camped at San Pedro, on an old rice plantation, where the first Nebraska boys distinguished themselves as fighters.

Among other things, he says that Arthur Searle, another Plattsmouth boy, had the misfortune to dislocate his ankle and that for a time he was in the hospital, but the injuries were not of a serious nature.

Shepard's Minstrel Jubilee. Lieutenant Walter Allen, one of the leading features with Shepard's minstrel jubilee, carries more paraphernalia than any other vaudeville act in the country.

Mr. Allen is an inventive genius in producing new ideas as an adjunct to his natural talent as a mimic.

His walking figures are marvels of ingenuity, and by a clever system of invisible electric wires, the figures move, gesticulate, talk and sing, as true to life as real life characters. Many wisecracks, when they see them, nudge their neighbors and whisper, "nothing but a boy dressed up."

Lieutenant Allen's stage settings, furniture, figures and their mechanism cost nearly \$10,000 to build, and during his long run at the London music hall he was truly pronounced by the British press to be "America's greatest living vaudevilleist."

Shepard's great minstrel jubilee will appear at Rockwood hall on Tuesday evening, February 6.

An Expression of Gratitude. To the many kind friends and neighbors, especially Star Lodge, D. of H., No. 4, and A. O. U. W., No. 8, who were so helpful and kind during my recent bereavement, I desire to extend my sincere thanks and assure them that their kindness and words of consolation will never be forgotten.

MRS. FRANK VERMILYEA.

January Dress Goods Sale at Wm. Herold & Son's. 15 per cent discount, without reserve, on any piece of dress goods in our stock during January.

NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD.

Be so to bring the children to hear the dainty songs at Blind Boone's concert.

The Columbian Dancing club will hold another dance at Waterman hall tomorrow evening.

January Clearing Sale of Kid Gloves at Herold's—\$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2 glove of your choice, 98c, \$1 and \$1.25.

A number of Louisville and Weeping Water people came in today to hear the Blind Boone concert tonight.

Public reading room of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Fitzgerald block, Tuesday and Friday, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p. m.

Blind Boone is well supported by Miss Stella May, who sings the old plantation songs in a charming manner.

The Fraternal Union of America will give a supper and entertainment at the G. A. R. hall next Thursday evening.

Miss Florence White's pupils' recital will be given at the residence of Dr. C. A. Marshall next Monday evening, February 5.

Miss Green's dancing class will not meet Wednesday night. Only one lesson will be given this week—Friday night, at 8 o'clock.

January Clearing Sale of Underwear, Blankets and Flannels at Wm. Herold & Son's—20 per cent discount on all goods in this department.

A new case of diphtheria is reported in town. Frank Cameron, who lives on South Tenth street, is suffering from a slight attack of the disease.

Superintendent of Motive Power D. Hawksworth and Chief Draughtsman E. W. Pitt of the Burlington were passengers this morning for Havelock.

Wait for the M. W. A. grand ball, given by the foresters, at Waterman's hall February 23, 1900. All Woodmen are cordially invited. Tickets, 50c.

Blind Boone imitates perfectly any instrument. He has been engaged for a forty weeks tour in Canada next season at \$12,000 clear of all expenses.

County Judge Douglass issued a marriage license today to Frank Vantine, aged twenty-five, and Constance Nelson, aged twenty-five, both of Plattsmouth.

Wanted—Ten men, by Ottat & Koch, managers of the Star Vaudeville Co., to unload two cars of special scenery to be used in their entertainment. Union wages.

Everywhere people are asking the question, "What is a safe chantant?" Such curious people should attend the entertainment to be given at White's hall, February 2.

Call on Attorney T. S. Becker for insurance in old line companies. Collections given prompt attention. Notary public. Anheuser-Busch block, Fourth and Main streets.

Morgan Brown came in from Lincoln last evening for a short visit with his Plattsmouth friends. He has been working for the State Journal company at that place.

Mrs. Stoutenborough's Bible class will meet with Mrs. Hase Thursday evening. Subject, tenth and eleventh chapters of Genesis.

A telegram received late yesterday afternoon from El Fitzgerald announced that the remains of his brother, Will, would be brought to Leavittville this evening for interment.

Judge Archer's court was a rather busy place yesterday. He disposed of three police court cases and four new cases were filed. The judge says if business continues so good it will be necessary to hire a clerk.

Professor F. A. Sneideman of the Chicago Conservatory, teacher of violin, wants amateurs to train for orchestra work. Music furnished for ball, parties and weddings. Now located in Rockwood building.

A force of men were cutting ice out on the river today, and the work of storing it will begin at once. From the present indications it is apparent that the ice men will be able to get all the congealed moisture they need.

Ward Farr was arrested last evening for disturbing the peace by fighting. He was brought before Judge Archer and assessed a fine of \$5 and costs, which amount he was unable to pay, and consequently he will be a guest of J. H. McBride for a time.

The city evidently has money to throw away—reference is made to a gas light on Main street which was burning nearly all day. Several citizens suggested that it would be a wise plan to save the light for dark nights, as it is a well known fact that the city is not too well supplied in this line.

A notice in regard to the sudden disappearance of Emil Pressler from the Northwestern depot at Council Bluffs, about three weeks ago, was put up in the postoffice today. At the time of his disappearance the young man was on his way from Chicago to San Francisco. His mother is anxious to know his whereabouts, and offers a liberal reward for any information leading to the same.

WANTED—Several persons for district office managers in this state to represent me in their own and surrounding counties. Willing to pay yearly \$600, payable weekly. Desirable employment with unusual opportunities. References exchanged. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope, S. A. Park, 320 Caxton Building, Chicago.

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SOME EXCELLENT MUSIC

Second Concert By the B. & M. Band Proves Successful.

Waterman Hall Crowded With Music-Loving People and the Boys Receive Many Heart Encouragements—Dr. Barnes Gets Into Serious Trouble Down at Auburn.

From Monday's Daily.

An excellent musical program excellently presented, sums up the concert given by the B. & M. band in Waterman's hall Saturday night before a large and discriminating audience. Under the baton of its efficient director, E. H. Schulz, the organization gave each selection with a good appreciation of its musical worth. To be sure, the band has not reached the height of perfection, yet, with the splendid foundation already laid and the latent enthusiasm of each of its members, the outlook for the future of the band is, to say the least, rosy.

The program Saturday night was a popular one—there being an absence of trashy music, commendable in the program maker—and several numbers were of sufficient grade to tax a much older and more elaborately equipped organization. Among these were the "Poet and Peasant" overture by Suppe, a composition of many intricate and technical difficulties, yet withal, given a remarkably clear and worthy rendition, and another was the pretty descriptive piece, "The Mill in the Forest," by Eilenberg. Another selection that tried the ability of the band perhaps more than any other was the serenade, "The Old Church Organ," in which sustained tones and general choral simplicity called for smoothness and equality of interpretation.

A pleasing interpolation was the piano number by Miss Antonia Kessler. She played Gottschalk's "The Dying Poet" so well that she was twice recalled. C. L. Currier also scored a hit with the audience in his cornet solo, the "Honey-suckle Polka," by Casey, and responded with "The Last Chord," by Sullivan. A. D. E. Gorman furnished a comical touch by a metrical history of the band, sung to the famous tune "Listen to My Tale of Woe."

The song, "Open Thy Window Love," sung by The News quartet, called forth vociferous applause and paved the way for three encores. The quartet has good timber in it, and, with practice, will accomplish much in the future.

With the energy and enthusiasm manifested by the men comprising the personnel of the B. & M. band and under the intelligent leadership of so good a drill master as Mr. Schulz, together with the hearty and appreciative support of the people of Plattsmouth, no tangible reason exists why this organization should not become widely known over the state.

Dr. Barnes in Trouble. The following from the Auburn Herald in regard to Dr. A. B. Barnes, the veterinary surgeon, will be of local interest, as he is well known in this city, having resided here a number of years:

"Last November a veterinary surgeon, A. B. Barnes by name, came to this city and engaged rooms in the Horrum building, over Thompson & Peery's store. About the same time a woman came also, Barnes representing her to be his sister, and the two lived together until Tuesday evening, when their domestic relations were suddenly interrupted by officers of the law, who arrested them on the charge of adultery, a warrant having been sworn out that day by John W. Rice, of Elmwood, who said the woman was his wife. There was sufficient evidence to establish their guilt.

"The preliminary examination took place Thursday before Police Judge Cuiwell, who bound them over to the district court, and being unable to procure bail, they are now in jail.

"Mrs. Rice is the mother of three children, who live with the father at Elmwood."

Lincoln Gets State Fair. At a meeting of the State Board of Agriculture in Lincoln last evening it was decided to accept the proposition of the Commercial club of that place, and Lincoln will be the place of holding the next state fair. The Lincoln business men agreed to raise \$3,000 to be expended under the supervision of the board.

There was some discussion as to the program for the speed ring. Mr. Macfarland was named a delegate to a meeting of racing men at Hastings on February 6, at which a circuit of sixteen cities in the state will be made up, including Council Bluffs. The desire is to get a date in this circuit and to make the races a feature of the fair.

The members of the board have determined upon some of the improvements to be made at the grounds with the money furnished. First of all a new roof will be put upon the mercantile hall. The horse and cattle stalls will be repaired and some work will be done upon the hog pens. The amphitheatre needs repairing, as does the fence about the grounds. The buildings will be painted and whitewashed and placed in a presentable condition. The board desires to get the race track in the best possible condition and some of the money will be expended in this way.

Tablet's Buckeye Pile Ointment is the only remedy for blind, bleeding or protruding piles, endorsed by physicians; cures the most obstinate cases. Price 50 cents in bottles, tubes 75 cts. F. G. Fricks & Co.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

George N. LaRue was up from Union today.

Dr. Hull of the Burlington Relief was in town today.

The Blind Boone company came in on No. 4 this morning.

R. B. Windham went to Omaha this morning on legal business.

Attorney J. L. Root was a passenger on the early train for Lincoln.

George Sayles and Dr. Morrow of Cedar Creek were in town today.

Mrs. C. C. Parme returned this morning from a visit at Lincoln.

J. F. Calfee of Unadilla, Neb., was a business visitor in the city today.

Gustave Nelson and Frank Vantine were in town today from Nchawka.

Charley Richey came in from Louisville this morning, enroute to Omaha.

Lyman James, the Greenwood grain buyer, was a county seat visitor today.

Mrs. Peter Welsh and children, who have been visiting the former's parents in this city for several days, returned to their home at South Omaha this afternoon.

DEBATING CLUB MEETING.

The Boys Arraign One of the Members On a Charge of Assault.

The regular meeting of the Ciceroonian Debating club was held last evening in the A. O. U. W. hall, with a very large attendance. The meeting was called to order by the president, W. P. Ramsey, and the secretary read minutes of previous session, which were approved. Quite a number of visitors were present—it having been previously announced that a trial would take place.

A solo by Miss Edna Marshall, accompanied on the piano by Verna Cole, brought forth the applause of the entire audience.

The president then announced that the next business was the trial of Edward Kunsman, charged with assault and battery with attempt to do bodily injury. A motion was made that a committee be appointed to go out and find Kunsman and escort him to the court room. But before it could be considered, the defendant appeared amid ringing cheers. Hon. R. B. Windham was chosen judge of the court. Prosecuting Attorney Thomas Murphy selected jurors as follows: C. Guthmann, Earl Travis, Carl Humphrey, Edna Marshall and Blanche Sullivan. After examination the judge decided to dismiss Mr. Guthmann, who was succeeded by Wade Windham. Two bailiffs, Joe Rawls and George Clark were selected by the judge. Attorney Murphy examined five witnesses for the state, who were cross-examined by Don C. Despain, attorney for the defense.

At this stage of the trial Judge Windham suggested that, as it was already after 10 o'clock, the trial be continued at the next meeting. Attorney Murphy protested violently, calling to mind the fact that if the trial was not continued until the next meeting the jury would have forgotten considerable of the evidence that had already been taken, and would undoubtedly decide against him. A motion to adjourn, though hissed by Murphy, was made, seconded and passed. Before adjourning, six new applicants, as follows, were admitted to the club: W. D. Burton, E. R. Barstow, Edmund Spies, R. Spies, Clara Weber and John Sherman.

NEED SUPPLEMENTS NATURE.

Students of natural history are well aware of the fact that most animals have arrived by a process of evolution at their present state—that necessity has endowed them with certain traits that nature primarily denied them. One of the closest of observers has reached the conclusion that all such phenomena may be explained on the ground of atavism. Thus he claims that the horse of our day derives his swiftness and power of endurance from the fact that his ancestors in former days were obliged to flee from and frequently to defend themselves against their enemies, the wolves. In like manner he claims that the reason why the horse shies is because his ancestors were forced to be constantly on the alert against hidden enemies, and that the reason why he rears and plunges is because only by pursuing such tactics could his forefathers shake off wild animals who had leaped upon their backs. Sheep when frightened immediately run off to the highest point they can reach. The reason, says the same author, is because all sheep originally inhabited mountainous districts. And this, he claims, is also the reason why they wear a thick fleece of wool all the year through, the summer temperature in mountainous districts being almost as cold as that of winter. Finally, we are assured that the reason sheep invariably follow a leader is because their ancestors were obliged to go in Indian file through the narrow mountain passes. Pigs have also engaged the investigator's attention. He was puzzled for a good while as to the cause of their grunting, but now he thinks he has discovered the real reason. The pigs of today, he says, evidently grunt because their ancestors made their homes in thick woods, and only by making this sound could they keep track of each other and guard themselves against going astray from the common herd. Commenting on this latter explanation, a scientist suggests that Dr. Robinson might now do well to spend some time in trying to find out why the horse neighs and the dog barks.

Natural Gas Falling. The state geologist of Indiana, Prof. Blachley, reports that the supply of natural gas in the state is decreasing constantly, and that the end of its use for manufacturing purposes will soon be at hand. He suggests that factories in the gas field can use petroleum in liquid form, can make petroleum gas, can ship coal from the Indiana field or manufacture gas in the coal field and force it to their furnaces.

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Notice to Creditors. STATE OF NEBRASKA. In County Court. County of Cass. J. S. In County Court. In the matter of the estate of Fredrick Latham, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the creditors of said deceased will meet the executor of said estate before me, County Judge of Cass county, Nebraska, at the county court room in Plattsmouth, in said county, on the 24th day of March, A. D. 1900, and on the 24th day of August, 1900, at 9 o'clock a. m. each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Six months are allowed for the creditors of said deceased to present their claims, from the 24th day of February, 1900. Witness my hand and seal of said county court at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, this 29th day of January, 1900. J. E. DORRANCE, County Judge.

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Serenely calm towards the skies The wooded hills of Plattsmouth rise: To eastward, turbulent and wild; Missouri pours her turbid tide; To westward, like a shallow sea, The prairies stretch out endlessly.

Between the bluffs of yellow clay The straggling highways wind their way. And here and there, on rounded domes, Are perched, high up, palatial homes. While in the valleys circling round The humble cottages are found.

Amidst the scenes of hurrying life—Ignoble aims and sordid strife, On hill, in vale the church spires high Point solemnly to the sky. On fingers, showing those who plod, The path to the heights of God.

—WILLIAM REED DUNROY. Plattsmouth, Neb., January 26, 1900.

ALVO ITEMS.

C. J. Vincent has his new implement shop completed and the stock in. Three cases of typhoid fever and one of black diphtheria are reported in this vicinity.

A great many farmers took advantage of the good roads and pleasant weather last week to shell and market their corn.

Rev. Sholle is holding revival meetings at the M. E. church, and an increasing interest is manifest. There has been several conversions, and the meetings will prove a source of great good.

As James Rouse was taking his two little daughters home from school Wednesday night the team became frightened and ran away, throwing all three out and injuring the spine of the younger child. Mr. Rouse and the other child escaped with a few bruises.

The pupils who are attending school at Elmwood from here speak very favorably of the new superintendent, W. R. Bose. They say he secured the confidence and good will of both pupils and patrons right from the start, and is proving himself a very efficient instructor.

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