

## MASONIC ORDER CELEBRATES ST. JOHN'S DAY

Large Number of Local Members and Several Visitors Enjoy the Occasion.

### THEY SPENT AN EVENING OF SPLENDID SOCIAL ENJOYMENT

Speeches About the Banquet Table Source of Great Literary Profit.

Last evening was the date set aside by the Masonic fraternity for the commemoration of one of their patron saints, St. John the evangelist, one of the sons of Zebedee. After the regular order of business had been attended to the lodge was closed and the members repaired to the banquet room where a very inviting repast awaited them. With a vim characteristic of the order they attacked the good things which were at hand.

W. L. Pickett, past master, was toastmaster and visiting brother D. A. Youtzy of Central City who was called upon responded to the toast of the patron saint, in whose memory the occasion was held. In substance Rev. Youtzy said: "St. John, whose character and memory we are here this evening to commemorate, was one of the early disciples of Christ, and was the one who had the distinction of being the one whom Jesus loved. He it was who with Peter was allowed to ascend the mount when the Lord was transfigured and at other times when others were not permitted to be present. John with Peter and James was also taken farther into the garden of Gethsemane on the last night of the Masters life on earth. Long after the death and resurrection and ascension of the Lord this disciple lived and it was of him that Christ intimated was not to die until he had seen the glory of the eternal heavens and which was fulfilled on the Island of Patmos in a vision he saw the heavens opened and what he saw he has given to the world in the book of Revelations. St. John died there about the age of one hundred years.

The next to follow was county at-

torney W. C. Ramsey who responded to Masonry, and its influence on citizenship, and was handled in a way which left no doubt as to what Mr. Ramsey knew about Masonry and the duties of citizenship, which he showed worked hand in hand and each reinforcing the other. He said that good Masons make excellent citizens and good citizens make the best of Masons.

Will Robertson spoke to the toast of Masonry on Land and Sea. "As the Order is World wide there is not the remotest spot where there is not the liability of finding a brother, and whenever one has nothing else upon which to cling in times of trouble, whether it be in the busy marts of men, or on the raging main, there is a chance of turning to that brother mason, whose candid advice or helping hand will assist in making all the rough ways smooth.

The next and last speaker was J. C. Peterson who spoke to the subject of Masonry and Christianity. In this discourse the speaker traced the similarity of the practices and teachings of Christianity, not as exemplified by hard and fast set of rules of any particular creed or sect, but the broader and more enduring characteristics of the life the master lived, and the precepts which He left as a guide for the mortal who travels earth's pathways.

After the repast had been finished and the responses completed, the members repaired to the lodge room where the game of "Slippery Ann" held the boards for awhile. There were at this meeting about forty of the members and visitors.

Brother Poynter still insists that it is all right for country newspapers to print the rot sent out by the brewers and other boozers who are masquerading under the name of merchants and manufacturers association. He (Poynter) says that they (the boozers) believe that prohibition will be injurious to the country, and that therefore they should be allowed to present their "arguments" to the people. If they are honest and represent a legitimate business, why do they try to deceive the people by adopting a misleading name. This stuff which they want the papers to print is also intended to deceive the public. It bears no sign of being an "advertisement" but is intended to carry the endorsement of the paper which publishes it. Along the same line of argument it would be "all right" for a publisher to sell his columns for the promotion of the "white slave" trade or any nefarious scheme to pollute society. "If you can't meet the arguments of these despoilers of virtue," says their champions, "then you must admit that they are sound." Certainly. Why should the farmer object if the seed he sows is full of weeds and mustard seed. Can't he pull up the undesirable plants? Certainly.—*Albion News.*

#### Coldest Yet This Year.

Last night was the coldest record recorded for the season. While the air was quiet and no wind stirring, the mercury sank lower than at any time during the present winter. The government thermometer at eight o'clock this morning showed 12 below, and reports come to us that at some places it was as low as 22 below and all the way from that to 10 is the register. Without degree of chilliness, we can say that it is cool enough to suit us and no changes for lower temperatures need be made on our account.

#### Return Home.

Herman Clugy, wife and two daughters, Blanche and Mila, after having visited in this city and also at the home of Mr. Clugy's brother, J. E., northwest of the city since last week, departed for their home in Clarinda, Iowa, this morning.

John Chapman was a passenger to Lincoln yesterday where he goes to see about returning to work with the Burlington at an early date.

#### Notice to Stockholders.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Plattsmouth State Bank of Plattsmouth, Neb., will be held at the banking room of said bank on January 6, 1910, at 4 o'clock, p. m. 71-3 62-3 J. M. Roberts, Cash.

#### Will Resume Work Shortly.

John Chapman, who has been off from work for a long time on account of an operation for appendicitis, and from which he has been waiting for returning strength, is doing nicely although not yet strong. He expects to resume his work again with the Burlington the first of next week.

#### Are Seeing Omaha Today.

Mrs. P. A. Barrows, wife of the editor of the Daily News, accompanied by their daughter, Miss Jane L. Barrows of Kansas City who is visiting with her parents and Miss Bertha Brown of Lincoln who is also a guest at the Barrows home, are visiting in Nebraska's metropolis today, being passengers to that city this morning.

Miss Nettie Jelinek departed for Omaha this morning where she will visit for a few days with friends.

#### IN COUNTY COURT.

State of Nebraska, ss.

Cass County.

In the matter of the estate of Mary A. Tucker, deceased:

To all persons interested: You are hereby notified that a hearing will be had upon the petition for the appointment of an administrator of above estate, before this court, at Plattsmouth, in said county, on the 7th day of January, 1910, at 9 o'clock a. m. All objections, if any, must be filed on or before said day and hour of hearing.

ALLEN J. BEESON, County Judge.

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Legal Notice

Alvin Ferris, defendant, will take notice that on the fourth day of August, 1909, Ada Ferris plaintiff filed her petition in the district court of Cass county, Nebraska, against the defendant, the object and prayer of which is to obtain a decree of divorce from the bonds of matrimony, and for the custody of her children, to-wit: Edith, Clara and Kenneth, and for such other relief as equity may require. You are notified to answer said petition on or before the 20th day of December, 1909. Ada Ferris. By her Attorney, M. Archer.

LEGAL NOTICE.

State of Nebraska, ss. In County Court.

Cass County.

In the matter of the estate of Zerah W. Cole, deceased: To all persons interested: You are hereby notified that there will be a hearing upon the final report of the administrator of the above estate and his petition for final settlement, before this court in said county, on the 24th day of December, 1909, at 9 o'clock a. m. That all objections, if any, must be filed on or before said day and hour of hearing. Witness my hand and the seal of said court this 1st day of December, 1909. (SEAL.) ALLEN J. BEESON, County Judge.

LEGAL NOTICE.

State of Nebraska, ss. In County Court.

Cass County.

In the matter of the estate of Jacob F. Stenmer, deceased: Notice is hereby given that the creditors of said deceased will meet the administrator of said estate, before me, County Judge of Cass County, Nebraska, at the County Court room in Plattsmouth, in said county, on the 11th day of December, 1909, and on the 14th day of June, 1910, at 9 o'clock a. m., each day for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination and allowance. Six months are allowed for the creditors of said deceased to present their claims, and one year for the administrator to settle said estate, from the 11th day of December, 1909. Witness my hand and the seal of said County Court, at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, this 13th day of November, 1909. Allen J. Beeson, County Judge. (SEAL.)

In the District Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska

In the matter of the application of Roxanna Hartsook, guardian of the person and estates of Irl J. Sowle and Marguerite L. Sowle, minors, for license to sell real estate.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of Albert J. Cornish, one of the judges of the district court of Lancaster county, Nebraska, made on the 4th day of December, 1909, for the sale of the real estate hereinafter described, there will be sold at the First National Bank corner in the village of Greenwood, Cass county, Nebraska, on the 4th day of January, 1910, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate, to-wit: The undivided two-fortieths (2-40) of the following: Lots two hundred and twenty-nine (229), two hundred and thirty (230) and two hundred and thirty-one (231) in the village of Greenwood, Cass county, Nebraska. The west half of the southwest quarter of section six (6), township eleven (11), range nine (9) in Cass county, Nebraska, except the right of way of the railroad running across said land, containing 58 70-100 acres. Said sale will remain open one hour. ROXANNA HARTSOOK, Guardian of the person and estates of Irl J. Sowle and Marguerite L. Sowle, minors.

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER CHATTEL MORTGAGE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a chattel mortgage, dated the 24th day of February, 1908, and duly filed in the office of the County Clerk of Cass County, Nebraska, the 24th day of February, 1908, and executed by White Bros., Charles L. White and Paul A. White, partners, to E. S. D. Voorhes, to secure the payment of the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-One and 70/100 Dollars (\$2,471.70), and upon which there is now due the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Dollars (\$2,390.00), default having been made in the payment of said sum, and no suit or other proceeding at law having been instituted to recover said debt, or any part thereof: THEREFORE, I will sell the property therein described, to-wit: stock of hardware, furniture, tinware, stoves, shelf goods, everything carried in stock in the store known as Barr Building, in the village of Greenwood, Cass County, Nebraska, also all implements, tools, fencing, store fixtures in said building, and in basement; also all notes and book accounts taken for the sale of said stock, at public auction at the Barr Building, in the village of Greenwood, County of Cass, State of Nebraska, on the 31st day of January, 1910, at 3 o'clock p. m. on said day. E. S. D. VOORHES, Mortgagee.

#### Departs for Creighton.

This morning John Schaeffer who has lived on the Valley place the past year, which place is some three miles west of the city, departed via the Burlington for Omaha, from which place he will go to Creighton where he is looking after some farming lands with the intention of moving there should the facts justify. He will buy if prices and land seem to warrant, and if not will rent for a season until he shall know more about that particular section of the country. Mr. Chris. Tscherrin who has during the past two years farmed the Stephen Wiles place, will farm the place where Mr. Schaeffer has been during the past year. Maxwell Adams will farm the place where Mr. Tscherrin vacates.

#### Returns Home This Afternoon.

Maurice McHugh of South Bend, who with Miss Bessie Bunker of the same place, have been visiting with the mother of Mr. McHugh, Mrs. Dennis McHugh, at Falls City, for the past week, returned last evening over the Missouri Pacific to this place and visited over last evening and today at the home of Thos. Walling departing this afternoon for their homes in South Bend.

#### Returned to Lincoln.

Lynn Cook, who has for some time past been employed with the Nebraska Telephone Co. at Lincoln with the construction gang, of which he has been clerk keeping account of the material and supplies used, was a visitor in this city at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Cook. He returned to his work at Lincoln yesterday.

#### Returns to Home in Crete.

Ed Brill and wife after having visited in Plattsmouth for some time past, his old home, with friends and relatives, being the guests at the home of Fred Michka and family left for their home in Crete this morning via the Burlington.

#### Return to Their Home.

S. D. Smith and family who have been the guests of J. C. Smith near Murray for some days past, and where they spent the holidays at the home of the father of Mrs. Smith, departed this morning for their home in Havelock, where Mr. Smith is in the employ of the Burlington.

#### Two Natives of the Planet Mars.

Elmer Youtzy has proven himself quite a musician, and has added much to the tone of the high school. He is one of the boys that not only can but will, and we appreciate him—*The Fair Play, Central City High School journal for November.* At Coated Hall Thursday evening.

#### A Guest of Friends.

Miss Jessie Barton, daughter of former county treasurer, J. L. Barton, of Lincoln and who is teaching at the city schools at York, came in yesterday from her home in Lincoln and will visit for some days with friends and former school mates in this city.

#### In County Court.

Yesterday was filed a case for probate in the matter of the estate of Mary Morgan, formerly of Nebraska City, but who died some time since at the home, and who left an estate, little less than \$500, in which it asked that W. S. Askwith be appointed as administrator.

#### Visits Little Daughter.

S. D. Smith, who has been working on a farm near Bolekow, Mo., arrived yesterday morning and will spend a few days in the city visiting his daughter, Daisy, who is making her home with her grandmother, Mrs. Jennie M. Scheldknecht.

#### Will Make Long Visit in Mexico.

A. S. Will departed yesterday for a two months' sojourn in the land of the Montezomas, where he with C. C. Parmele and a number of others are interested in some gold and silver mines. Mr. Will will look after the interests of the capitalists while in the sunny south.

#### Departs for Home.

James Gilmour of Ulysses, who has been in the city and at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Gilmour south of town for the past few days called by the death of his sister, Mrs. Dr. A. E. Walker, departed for his home yesterday.

Mrs. D. O. Hewitt of Orleans came in yesterday and is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. B. Hempel.

## TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS REWARD FOR NEW SENATOR

Price Once Offered for Senator Gordon, Dead or Alive. Was a Friend of Assassin Booth.

### THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLICE OF J. WILKES BOOTH.

Was Close Friend of the Man who Assassinated President of United States.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 28.—Sought at one time by the authorities under a \$10,000 reward for his capture, dead or alive, for his alleged conspiracy in the murder of a president of the United States and now appointed as a member of the legislature body of that country, is the strange experience of Colonel James Gordon of Okolona, who has been named United States senator by Governor Noel as successor to the late A. J. McLaurin.

Mr. Gordon was one of several confederate leaders suspected of being in conspiracy with J. Wilkes Booth to kill President Lincoln. He escaped arrest and probably death only by the intervention, it is stated, of a Yankee colonel with whom he had crossed swords in a fight in Virginia.

During the earlier years of the war Colonel Gordon had formed an intimate friendship with Booth, and after the assassination of President Lincoln the reward of \$10,000 was offered for

his capture. Colonel Gordon went to Canada and it was several months after the close of hostilities before he found it safe to return home.

During one of the campaigns in Virginia Colonel Gordon had crossed swords with the colonel of a New York cavalry regiment. Both were wounded in the conflict, but they afterwards became fast friends.

Colonel Gordon wrote a letter to this New Yorker denying that he had any part in the conspiracy and stating that he desired to return home. The former took the matter up with General Dicks, then in command of the army forces in New York, and the latter sent him a passport and an invitation to come to New York and surrender, which he did. He afterwards satisfied General Dicks that he knew nothing of the Lincoln conspiracy.

He took the oath of allegiance and returned to his home in Chickasaw county, where he has since resided.

#### Goes Home Today.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McClannahan of Hickman who have been visiting in the city with friends, guests at the home of Mrs. McClannahan's sister, Mrs. Elmer Taylor, and other friends and relatives departed for their home via the Burlington. Mr. McClannahan is the representative in Hickman of the Clarinda Poultry, Butter and Egg company.

#### Departs for Home.

Lawrence Wiles, son of A. L. Wiles of Schubert this state, who has been visiting in the city for the past few days a guest at the home of his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Wiles, and aunt, Mrs. Hall and family, left for Omaha this morning where he will visit for the day at the home of T. Frank Wiles, an uncle, before returning to his home in the south.

#### Is Building Bank at Havelock.

E. J. Walters departed for Havelock this morning where he is engaged in the construction of a pressed brick bank building for the Citizens Bank of that place. Mr. Walters is a workman of more than ordinary intelligence, and is amply able to do the best of work in whatever kind may be required.

#### Returns From the South.

Last evening Glen Cline, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cline who has been making his home in the South for some time, and recently having lived in Kansas City, came in last evening and will visit with his parents for some time as well as other relatives and friends in the city.

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## SLEEPS IN SILENT CITY

Plattsmouth Pays Last Sad Respects to Former Respected Citizen.

FUNERAL HELD TODAY OF WASHINGTON SMITH

Burlington Shop Foremen Act as Pall Bearers.

The remains of the late Washington Smith, arrived at this city last evening over the Burlington and were conducted to the Masonic hall, of which order he was a member, where they laid in state until 10 o'clock this morning. The funeral was held at the Presbyterian church, and was conducted by the Rev. J. T. Baird, who had been a friend and neighbor to the deceased for more than half their life time. The pall bearers were from the Burlington shops where Mr. Smith put so many years of his life, a majority of which were spent in the city of Plattsmouth. They were W. C. Tippins of the plaining mill, J. E. Barwick, for many years chief clerk at the shops under the master mechanic, W. D. Smith for years chief foreman of the Burlington paints shops, Wm. Budig, who has been employed with the Burlington for nearly a quarter of a century, M. Mauzy, foreman of the blacksmith shops who has put in nearly his life time with the Burlington, and Robert Hayes general foreman of the shops at this place.

Those of the friends from out of town attending the funeral were, Mrs. Washington Smith and Mrs. W. E. Coolege and daughter, Mr. Coolege not being to get away as his partner in business was selected as a juror and court was in session, J. C. Scott and family, Mrs. Scott formerly Louise Smith, Glen Smith and wife, of Omaha, the former a son, Mrs. C. M. Butler a sister, of Lincoln and Henry Smith, a brother, of McCook.