A Good Scheme for Business.

Mayor Gering says that with the assistance of the live business men of Plattsmouth he proposes to arrange a series of entertainments for the ensuing season that will renew life in the old town and bring people here every Saturday who do not now come on an average of once in three months. The manner in which our enterprising and energetic mayor proposes to do this is to have a free entertainment every Saturday that will be worth the coming of many miles to witness. These entertainments will be first class and right up to date in every particular, and will be given upon the streets. Such schemes are adopted in many of the best towns in Illinois and Iowa, and last season they proved so beneficial to the business interests that they will not do without them and the people from far and near expect them. If our merchants will aid Mayor Gering we can try these entertainments this season and if they do not pan out successfully we can easily abandon them. The people will come to town to these free shows, that's one thing certain.

The Same Everywhere.

There are many quibblers in the world, and none meet more than the newspaper man. A man recently called the News up and stated that an isem which had been published was not entirely the truth, and when told we had suppressed part of the facts and knew that the whole story would have been more sensational and that for certain reasons we did not give the whole story, he quibbled and said we should have consulted him about what should have been published. Newspapers do not ask people what they should or should not publish because of the quibblers and therefore publish what they get, always striving to publish nothing but the truth, and if it proves to be wrong, it is because of some quibbler or some persons who lied to them.—Nebraska City News.

Stomach Troubles.

Mrs. Sue Martin, an old and highly respected resident of Falsonia, Miss., was sick with stomach trouble for more than six months. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cured her. She says: "I can now eat anything I want and am the proudest woman in the world to find such a good medicine." For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co., and A. T. Fried.

Back From California.

A. J. Beeson and wife and M. Waybright and wife arrived here Friday from Los Angeles, Calif., where they resided during the past winter. Mr. Beeson will very likely resume the practice of law and make his residence here, which his friends will be pleased to learn. Mr. Weybright will visit here a few days before departing on a business trip to Virginia, after which he perhaps will also locate here again.

—It pours the oil of life into your system. It warms you up and starts the life blood circulating. That's what Hollister's Rocky Mountain does. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Gering & Co.

A LETTER TO MAYOR GERING

Received Money Sent and is on the Lookout for the Other Plattsmouth Boys.

SAN FRANCISCO, APRIL 30, 1909.

DEAR FRIEND HENRY:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th and when I noticed what it contained, tears came to my eyes in spite of me. I want you and the citizens of Plattsmouth to accept my heartfelt thanks for their generosity at this trying time, and I am sure the other boys will feel the same way about the matter.

Roy Eaton has returned home, and so will send him his share tomorrow, and will make every effort to find Geo. Vass and the two McElroy brothers as soon as possible. I put an ad in the Examiner this morning for them and will have a hundred posters printed tomorrow and will tack them all over 'Frisco and Oakland and do all I can to find them and turn over their share of this generous gift.

I started to work again last Wednesday at 10 o'clock, and at 3:15 another shock came that caved part of the office in, so I put on my hat and coat and walked out and home, not returning. This was too much for me.

I will try and tell you how the quake looked to me. I had a Toledo, Ohio, and Toronto, Canada, boy rooming with me in a suite at 610 O'Ferrell street when the shock came. The house just lunged back and forth and we managed to get to the door in our night clothes; from there the streets seemed to wave like the ocean and the buildings were dancing around terribly. After it quieted down we dressed and walked over to the wholesale district, which was all ablaze. While watching the fire we just crossed a manhole when it blew up. The panic was something awful, and never did find out how many were hurt. Our home was blown up at midnight Wednesday night and buried our trunks and took our bed clothes and cases and fled and for three days and nights we lived on cheese and crackers and slept in the streets, and couldn't tell you how many miles we walked. And thus escaped on a government tug boat and arrived to the ferry and then to Oakland landing at a friend's house at 10 o'clock at night, foot-sore and weary; but, thank God, we were alive. Every night since, when my head hits the pillow, I can hear that horrible grinding noise the house made that awful night. I lived at five different addresses since coming here and they are all to the ground.

After we recovered somewhat and could return, we looked for our trunks and succeeded in locating them but couldn't touch them for fear of being shot, and when we were allowed to touch them, some one got there first and stole one and broke the locks off the other two and took everything but the pictures. So we practically lost everything. I managed to save one good suit—that is all.

I might write you all day and then could not tell you half of this terrible disaster, so will close. I am coming home for a short stay as soon as I can arrange transportation. Roy Eaton can probably give you the best description of the quake. Again accept my hearty thanks for yourself and others so generous, and would like to hear from you again.

Sincerely Yours,
ROY MCELWAIN,
No. 412, 65th St., Oakland, Calif.

A Fascinating Performance.

The beautiful and thrilling production of Carmen was presented Friday night to a well filled house, by the Wolfe Stock Company, who acquitted themselves in every particular of the prophesy that this would be one of the best of the series of performances that they have given during their week's engagement at the Parmele. Frank G. Long as Don Jose Libengoa, Grace Huff as Carman, and Nellie Long as Delores, deserve more than passing notice, for they demonstrated their remarkable abilities in the every detail of their acting and for well selected costumes. The third act—a ravine in the mountains, was especially sensational and exciting, with the wonderful electrical effects.

No Smooth Sailing.

It is said there will not be altogether smooth sailing for the Avoca saloons this spring. It is true they elected the right sort of village trustees to grant a license, but no attention has ever been paid to the signers heretofore, and this year it is given out that there must be a valid petition with the regular number of property holders signed, or the saloons will be out of business. It takes thirty freeholders to sign in order to make it a legally granted saloon.—Weeping Water Herald.

Mail Order Medicines.

If we had the cash that goes through the Plattsmouth postoffice every thirty days in money orders to buy all the advertised fake medicines, we would have an income that would be the envy of the town. It is almost impossible to make an estimate, but certainly thousands of dollars go yearly. Think of it, with all the preparatory medicines handled in Plattsmouth that thousands of dollars should be sent to the fellows who manufacture these fake medicines. These fraud concerns secure the names of people and send them secret advertising of their worthless stuff, which the makers would not dare to advertise in the papers as legitimate manufacturers do, but send out confidential letters and circulars to the ailing and thus impose upon them. The ailing, however, should know they are worthless, by the manner in which they go about to hoodoo them.

THE DEAD MAN IDENTIFIED

J. G. Mason Drowned in Missouri River Near Rulo Thursday Afternoon.

Rulo, Neb., May 4.—A brother of the drowned man found floating down the river yesterday arrived here late last night, and identified the dead man as his brother, J. G. Mason of Brownville. The body was prepared for burial last evening, and on account of its badly decomposed condition would have been buried last night had not some of the citizens here been strongly opposed to it. They thought someone might identify it, which was done soon afterward. The coroner from Falls City came to view the body, and decided an inquest unnecessary.

It seems now that the drowned man and his associate, Mr. Coffman of Brownville, Neb., have been here a good many times, and that they, on the evening of April 21, attempted to cross the river here in a skiff in the night, and both were drowned, as neither one of them had been seen or heard of until the body of Mason was secured yesterday.

Mason's head was not broken, as was first reported. His coat was pulled partly off, as if he attempted to remove his clothing in the water.

Many are of the opinion that he was drowned near here, and his body lay under the water about twelve days before it became loosened from its fastenings. His face was still white when found, but on exposure to the air it soon became jet black.

Republicans Scared.

The recent democratic landslide in Omaha seems to frighten the republicans of the state, and they begin to realize that the rottenness and corporation domination of the party is causing a reaction which will overwhelm them in defeat. The Lincoln Star, like all the other republican papers and the republican president, pleads for decency only when it becomes fearful of the result to the party. These time-serving politicians care nothing for the people nor for good government, but are only apprehensive for the republican machine. They call upon their party to "clean house" only when they think the people will not stand for any more graft and corruption. Here is what the Star said in yesterday's issue:

Possibly the republicans of Nebraska may be awakened by this Omaha election to a full comprehension of the weakness that exists in their ranks by reason of factions, with the accompanying bitterness and strife. If the Republican party is to continue in power in Nebraska it must clean house. The many scheming one-horse politicians that, like camp-followers with a victorious army, follow the party for graft must be run off. The few disreputable and crafty people who seek to control nominations by means of press bureaus or other such agencies must be soundly rebuked and only the best attainable men put before the people. The result in Omaha is a fair warning to the republicans. Will it be heeded?

Pirating Foley's Honey and Tar.

Foley & Co., Chicago, originated Honey & Tar as a throat and lung remedy, and on account of the great merit and popularity of Foley's Honey Honey and Tar many imitations are offered for the genuine. These worthless imitations have similar sounding names. Beware of them. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar is in a yellow package. Ask for it and refuse any substitute. It is the best remedy for coughs and colds. Sold by F. G. Fricke & Co., and A. T. Fried.

It Ain't a Fair Deal.

It seems hardly a fair deal for traveling grocery agents to be allowed to sell goods in town and pay no occupation tax when local grocery stores must put up their cash for the same privilege. They evade this tax by taking orders in advance and then delivering the goods afterwards. The Courier does not know what the law is on this matter but a law thrt will discriminate against the home merchant and favor the traveling faker is not just.—Louisville Courier.

—Why take a dozen things to cure that cough? Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar allays the congestion, stops that tickling, drives the cold out through the bowels. Sold by F. G. Fricke & Co., and Gering & Co.

HOLD INITIATORY EXERCISES

Eight Members are Introduced Into Mysteries of Lodge 739 B. P. O. E.

ACCEPT INVITATION TO ATTEND THEATRE

An Elaborate Banquet is Spread and One of the Best Social Times of the Season Enjoyed by All.

At the initiatory exercises and banquet which followed Friday night the local lodge of Elks surpassed all previous records of social events and of good brotherly spirit that has been accredited to them, and it is seldom, if ever in the past, that such a jollification was held as that of last night, when they admitted eight new members to their fold.

By a special dispensation the local lodge 739 of the B. P. O. E., held a meeting last night at eight o'clock and voted upon the names of eight applicants for membership—seven of these were members of the Wolfe Stock Company, and the eighth a traveling man, Mr. I. Shriever. All of these gentlemen have made many friends in Plattsmouth during their visit here. After the regular business meeting the entire lodge was invited by Mr. Wolfe in behalf of his company to attend the performance, "Carmen," which was played at the Parmele. This kind invitation was accepted by all those present and they had the pleasure of witnessing an excellent rendition. After the play the newly acquired members of the lodge assembled at the rooms and prepared for the ordeal of initiation, and the greatest merriment was derived by the spectators when attempts were made by the eight new members to solve the mysteries of Elkdom. By the aid of the silvery thread they were guided safely from the labyrinth and then received the hearty congratulations of their life long brothers, who hastily conducted them to the banquet hall, there to restore the energies exhausted by their excited efforts during the initiatory exercises. Here through the thoughtful foresight of Messrs. Soper, Hawksworth and Schneider, a most elaborate and sumptuous repast was revealed, to which they were invited to do justice. Mr. Burton presided as toastmaster, and amusing and appropriate toasts were rendered extemporaneously by Messrs. H. R. Gering, W. W. Coates, T. L. Murphy, E. J. Richey, Henry Schneider, and the new acquired members also responded with interesting toasts. Everyone enjoyed one of the best social times of their lives, and it was with many regrets that they departed for their homes.

A Successful Operation.

Several years ago a horse, the property of Jake Buechler, had the sight of an eye destroyed by being kicked near the orb. A tumor joined since then, and had threatened to cause the death of the animal, when it was taken to Dr. A. P. Barnes about a week ago. The doctor treated the animal until yesterday when an operation was performed and the tumor successfully removed from the afflicted member. Now the horse is recovering and bids fair to live to see many more useful days, thanks to the veterinary skill of Dr. Barnes.

—Have you weakness of any kind—stomach, back or any organs of the body? Don't dope yourself with ordinary medicine. Hollester's Rocky Mountain Tea is the supreme curative power. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Gering & Co.