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PUPILS HAV MOST DELIGHTFUL TIME

Mark Close of School Year By a Pleasant Picnic Party

One of the pleasantest features of the closing of the school year was the picnic and exercises held by the pupils of the district near Weeping Water presided over during the past year by Miss Mary Fischer. The festivities were held in the pasture of George Wiles' a most choice place for such an event and the afternoon on June 1 will long be memorable in that locality. The twenty-three pupils of the school in company with several of the patrons and residents of the district were present and assisted in making the occasion a most enjoyable and delightful one. Refreshments were served and they were most delicious and appetizing in character, an especially fine feature being the ice cream served and prepared by Reno Moore who proved himself an adept in that direction. The program which was given is published in full below and it was a late hour when the last number was given and the happy pupils and parents dispersed to their several homes.

Miss Fischer who taught the district last year, will not return for the coming year greatly to the regret of the residents. They had grown to love her and her abilities as a teacher and they regret to see her change her place of teaching. She has been desirous for sometime of obtaining a school nearer her home in Weeping Water and this year the opportunity presented itself and she embraced it, taking a school close to that city where she could be with her parents oftener. While her old district is sorry to lose her they are glad to see her advance and trust that the signal success which has followed her the past year continues the coming one and for many more.

It would be difficult to select any one number upon the program by the pupils as calling for special mention as everyone of the students acquitted themselves splendidly and were great credit to Miss Fischer's ability to train their young minds. From the time their voices were raised in the Commencement song until the closing notes of the last exercises, the afternoon was one

thoroughly enjoyable. The program as rendered is as follows:

Program.
Commencement song School
An Address of Welcome Mae Allen
New Kind of a Doll Geneva Wiles
A Sick Doll—Dialogue—Mae Allen, Josephine Griffin, Anna Boone.
Three Little Lads—Teddy Akeson, Albert Benson, Dick Boone.
Grandpa Floyd Ruby
An Every Day Occurrence: Virgil Miller, John Terryberry, Josephine Griffin.
Floy's Letter Lucia Boone
Vacation Song School
Honesty the Best Policy: Dan Terryberry, Clarence Akeson, Albert Benson, Virgil Ruby.
How he Teased Ned: Jesse Terryberry, Albert Benson.
A Little Boy's Speech Herman Boone.
Never say Fail Chorus.
Pulling a Tooth Lucia Boone, John Terryberry, Virgil Miller, Jesse Terryberry, Fred Terryberry.
A Little Girls Dream Anna Boone.
Evening visit: Lick Boone, Fred Terryberry, Virgil Miller, Jesse Terryberry.
Stolen Cat: Mae Allen, Lucia Boone, Dick Boone, Simon Johnson, Dan Terryberry, Fred Terryberry.
Closing Day Exercises Little Folks
The pupils who composed the school of Miss Fischer are as follows: V. Miller; Jesse, Dan, John and Fred Terryberry; Sam Johnson; Al Benson; Dick and Herman Boone; Floyd and Virgil Ruby; Thos., Clarence and Edwin Akeson; Josephine Griffin; Anna and Lucy Boone; Mable and Wilbur Lau; Mae Allen; Geo. Wiles; Grace and Phoebe Spence.
The invited guests who attended included:
Present:
Mrs. Geo. Wiles, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ronne, Mrs. E. Ruby, Mrs. Terryberry, Mrs. Troy Wiles, Mrs. McNurlin, Miss Dora McNurlin, Mrs. F. Pankonin, Miss Minnie Pankonin, Mrs. Boone, Mrs. and Miss Benson, Mrs. J. Miller, Miss Boone, Miss Doty, Mrs. Doty, Mrs. Green.

Citizens Indignant.
The proposed raise in rates to be charged by the Nebraska Telephone Company in this city, has raised a great deal of indignation among the patrons of that company here and a number of them have discontinued their service and transferred their patronage to the Plattsmouth Telephone Company, ordering the phones of the latter company installed. On the face of the new rates proposed by the Bell people the increase is so much greater than seems necessary that the people cannot see the reason therefor. A good many merchants are talking of making a concerted effort to have the Bell phone taken out of their stores as the higher rates will destroy their efficiency. The Bell Company is offering them a sop in the shape of a reduction of fifty cents a month for business houses while they increase the rates for residence service from fifty cents and one dollar a month to one dollar and fifty cents per month. There will be no more fifty cent and one dollar phones in Plattsmouth. As the rate has been so sharply advanced those who have been using the cheap phones have ordered the service discontinued and in most cases have taken the Independent phone. As the old franchise fixed the rates at \$2 and \$1 per month, the new rates are an advance over both the old legal rates. The Bell Company however, had totally disregarded the rates fixed by the ordinance and had been charging \$3 per month for the business service—a rate they had no legal right to make while for residence service their rates were what was fixed by the ordinance or lower. With the taking out of the residence phones, the use for the business phones disappears and these are not worth any price as the number of subscribers they will reach will be too limited. The Independent Company is deserving of assistance in the fight between the two com-

panies on account of the better service they have compelled as well as the lower rates they have forced in the city. This seems to be the consensus of opinion among those merchants and patrons of the Bell Company in this city and the outlook is good for a boom for the Independent Company.

Returns From Sad Mission.
Rev. J. H. Salsbury returned home Sunday from the sad mission of attending the funeral of his brother F. A. Salsbury who recently died at Kalispel, Mont. Mr. Salsbury was in business at Conrad, Mont., at the time of his death and was a prominent citizen of that state. Rev. Salsbury after his sad task was accomplished, remained at Kalispel and Conrad for some time and visited the Flathead Indian reservation, the lands of which are soon to be thrown open to settlement. Some very fine land is in the tract. From Montana he journeyed on to Seattle where he attended the Yukon-Alaska exposition. Later he made a brief trip to Tacoma a few miles from Seattle. It was while in Washington he made a call upon the Twitchells, the Stoughtenboroughs and other Plattsmouth people who live in that section finding them all well and prosperous. He returned from the northwest by way of the O. R. & N. Ry., through Salt Lake where he made a short stop and Denver, Col., where he also put in some little time, arriving here at 3 o'clock Sunday morning.

William Stohlman, one of the best democrats and good farmers Center precinct produces, was a visitor in the city today, coming in to look after some business matters. While here he paid The Journal a pleasant call and made himself agreeable with the editor. Mr. Stohlman is one of the old school democrats and it is a pleasure to take him by the hand and enjoy his good company. He will always be welcome at The Journal office.

A HAPPY OCCASION

Former Plattsmouth Citizens Celebrate Wedding Anniversary

The ties of family relationship are beautifully emphasized in the various festive days of the year, when reunions are held, on the birthday anniversaries of the individual members of the family, and more auspiciously still on the occurrence of the happy day which marked the foundation of another hearthstone, the wedding day of the two heads of the household.

Crowning the various anniversaries of the married life is that one which marks the completion of "a rainbow span of fifty years" of the intimate companionship or daily life. To celebrate an occasion of this kind a happy gathering is being held today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Miller, at 541 D street the honored guests being Mrs. Miller's parents, Captain and Mrs. L. D. Bennett of Long Beach, who came up several days ago that the day might be celebrated with the only one of their children who is a resident of California. A double celebration will mark the day, the son of the house of Miller, Will B., today attaining his majority. A family dinner will mark the day, another guest being Miss Grace Mann, the grand daughter of Captain and Mrs. Bennett, who makes her home with them in Long Beach.

The marriage of Captain Bennett and his wife, then Miss Margaret L. Duke, was quietly celebrated in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on June 6, 1859, at an early morning wedding, and they left immediately on a wedding trip—not in a Pullman, but on a Missouri river steamboat, this being the preferred mode of travel then— from necessity.

For a time they made their home in Iowa, living there at the beginning of the civil war, when Captain Bennett raised a company of men and was assigned to the Thirty-ninth regiment of Iowa, remaining in service until the close of the war. He was appointed provost marshal general, with General Dodge's staff at Pulaski, Tennessee, and later Assistant Inspector General with General Rice's staff, holding this important post until the close of the war. The captain has many interesting stories to relate of the stirring days during Sherman's march to the sea. It was his duty to inspect all confiscated stores, and among the collections taken by the soldiers were rich stores of silver, valuable clothing, silks and jewelry, which the aristocratic families of the South would hide in the swamps, or any out of the way place, with prayers and tears, in the hope of evading the advancing army. Captain Bennett was too conscientious to retain even as souvenirs any of the treasures which passed through his hands, taking to his home but one relic, a half set of silver and mother of pearl knives and forks, and a pair of these will be handed down as heirlooms in the families of each of his six grandchildren.

Thirty-six years of Captain and Mrs. Bennett's married life were spent in Plattsmouth, Nebraska where he was engaged in the real estate and mercantile business. Four years ago they came to California to remain, and at Long Beach are happily situated with a circle of 22 former Plattsmouth families within reach, and ready to participate in a Nebraska reunion at any time.

The captain is a native of Brownsville, Pennsylvania and his sweet and gentle-faced wife of Bridgeport, Ohio. The years have passed lightly over the heads of each. Their ages are 77 and 74, respectively, but both are that many years young, instead of old. That which should fitly accompany old age, "honor, love, obedience, troops of friends," is theirs in plenty.

The years have not stolen "fire from the mind, or vigor from the limb." The captain is as erect as if a military calling had been his all his life, and four years ago concluded to become a bicycle rider, and the wheel is now his companion on many rides.

In an interview many interesting facts of his first trip to California in 1852, when he accompanied his father from Pennsylvania by way of Central America, to the coast, living in Eldorado county four years, among all sorts of fortune seekers, Indians and Chinamen of which there were many in northern California at that early time.

Captain and Mrs. Bennett have one other daughter, Mrs. Carrie L. Wil-

son, living in Lincoln, Nebraska. Three daughters blessed their union, Mrs. Elberta Mann having passed beyond four years ago. Six grand children and one great grandchild will revere their name and memory, and are the pride of the serene and beautiful twilight of their life.

Will Miller, who has just graduated from the Belmont Military academy, and who will participate in the celebration today, will be with home-folks until June 16, when he leaves for Berkeley to attend the summer school of the university. In the fall he will enter a university not selected as yet for a thorough course in civil and mining engineering in which he has already had considerable work and experience.—San Bernardino, (Cal.) Sun.

I. O. O. F. Observe Memorial Day.

The memorial day of the I. O. O. F. was duly observed in this city yesterday by Platte Lodge No. 7 and Rebekah Lodge No. 49 in the manner prescribed in the ritual of the organization. The several lodges met at their hall on lower Main street at eight o'clock a. m. and after the services are prescribed in the ritual and by order of the Grand Lodge officers, the entire body formed in procession and marched to Oak Hill cemetery. The order of the procession was as follows:

Woodman band.
Platte Lodge No. 7.
Rebekah Lodge No. 49.
The members of Platte Lodge made the journey to the cemetery on foot followed the Rebekahs in a carryall, Mayor Sattler driving a carriage after them containing the venerable Wm. Wynn, sr., and L. C. Anderson for whom the long journey on foot would have been too tiresome. Councilman F. H. Steimer also drove to the cemetery following the carryall of the Rebekahs.

The procession of the Odd Fellows was under command of M. L. Johnson, the several officers of the lodge bringing up the rear of the marching members. The Woodman band which headed the procession, played music appropriate to the occasion. The procession was a handsome one and highly creditable to the organization, the members turning out in large force with flowers in profusion, and forming a handsome sight as they marched up Main street. At the cemetery the ceremonies prescribed by the ritual were gone through with, the entire procession then reforming and returning to their hall.

After the hall was reached refreshments were had for those who had become tired with the long march, Brother Emil Ptak furnishing the male members with cigars which were much appreciated.

The day was an ideal one, not being too warm nor either chilly, the sun shining brightly and all conditions uniting to make the occasion a complete success.

The Odd Fellows have a large number of members sleeping in Oak Hill cemetery and they were all kindly remembered yesterday by their brothers, handsome bouquets gracing every grave and flowers in profusion being strewn about as a tribute from their brothers. The roster of the dead is as follows:

W. M. Stowe, B. C. Kerr, M. Schnellbacher, Jesse Fox, A. Johnson, Charles Becker, M. McElwain, Samuel Chapman, Shepherd Duke, John Thompson, Harry Howland, Henry Martens, W. B. Shryock, A. H. Hager, O. C. Smith, Joel Pitz, N. C. Aagaard, Chris Gabler, Wm. Herold, S. H. Fisher, M. V. Gibson, Elam Parmele, John Whalen, Ed. Stamm, John Gyger, Ed. Busler, John Shafer.

Resigns From Force.

Officer Anton Nitka last Saturday evening placed his resignation as night policeman in the hands of Mayor Sattler. During his brief period as policeman Mr. Nitka served the city faithfully and well and was a matter of regret to Mayor Sattler to accept his resignation.

For sometime past Mr. Nitka had not been satisfied with conditions and finally concluded to sever his connection with the force. It is not definitely known what he will engage in as he has several different matters in view, among them being stock raising, he figuring now on purchasing several carload of animals for fattening purposes. Another matter which he has in mind is the starting of a picnic ground upon the island below the big bridge, an ideal spot for such a place providing a boat line can be arranged for. This would be a fine spot for picnics both in the daytime and at night. He is looking into the latter matter now.

IN EARLY HISTORY

An Incident That Occurred When Dr. A. E. Donelan, of St. Joseph, Was Mayor of Plattsmouth

From C. Schlater's Scrap Book.

The other day as the writer was perusing an interview with the reha with Dr. E. A. Donelan, president of the school board of that city, in the mention of his name, our mind reverted back to the early days of Plattsmouth, when that gentleman was a prominent citizen. Doctor Donelan with his cousin, Dr. William Donelan, came to Plattsmouth in 1856 and began the practice of medicine and also entered into the drug business. He is a brother to Doctor James Donelan of Glenwood, Iowa, and also a cousin of Mrs. Margaret Schulhof and Mrs. Conrad Schlater. The subject of this sketch is a lifelong democrat and always took an active part in politics. He was a member of the lower house of the Nebraska legislature and also served one term in the senate while the capital was still in Omaha. He served with Doctor Miller and the late lamented J. Sterling Morton. In 1859 he was elected mayor of Plattsmouth. It was during his incumbency as such that the Pikes Peak immigration to the gold mines of Colorado occurred and thousands of emigrants crossed the Missouri at this point on their way to the mines. It was then that the citizens of Plattsmouth had the big scare and great excitement prevailed for a while on account of the stampede of one large company of those followers of the star of the empire, who had turned their faces homeward. They had been told by some homesick tenderfooted followers whom they met returning eastward that no gold was to be found in the Rocky Mountains; that it was only a fake of the river town merchants who had published the stories that had induced them to go west in order to sell their outfits. I was at Elm Creek, 150 miles west of Plattsmouth, where the party held a meeting and resolved to return and burn the towns on the banks of the Missouri river. Many of these emigrants were left in a distressed condition, having invested every dollar they possessed in buying teams and outfits and were stranded, so to speak, in a wild country. It was hard for some of them of course. The towns people heard of their declaration and made preparations to meet them. The mayor ordered all citizens to arm themselves for the purpose of defending their homes. This was done and when some 150 stamperers marched into town, headed by a life and drum, they saw the people with guns in their hands and ready to use them if necessary, they gave up the idea of burning the town of Plattsmouth right then and there, and thought best to compromise matters. This was done by the citizens having them taken across the river by a ferry boat free of charge. Some months later Dr. Donelan left Plattsmouth for St. Joseph, Mo. He served several terms in the Missouri legislature in both of its branches. He also takes great interest in educational affairs and has been chairman of the board of education of that city. The pioneer settlers all remember Dr. Donelan with pleasure and will be pleased to learn that he is in good health considering his age.

Buy New Machine.

Two more fine automobiles were added to the list of machines in this city this morning, Messrs. J. W. Crabill and Dr. E. D. Cummins receiving two fine Ford machines. Mr. Crabill's machine is a runabout with seats for three persons, a double seat in front and a single seat behind. Dr. Cummins' machine is a two seated touring car with a capacity for four persons. Both machines are excellent and high grade, and considered among the best machines manufactured. Both of these are handsome and artistic machines, well and neatly finished and quite attractive in every respect. They were much admired as they stood at the freight depot and while they came up the street.

Quiet Wedding.

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Pretty Church Wedding.

The Methodist Episcopal church was the scene of a very pretty wedding Saturday evening, the contracting parties being Miss Nettie Whelan and Mr. Charles Carlson The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, a color scheme of pink, green and white being carried out by a generous use of ferns, roses and asparagus, the work of the Epworth League, was crowned to its utmost capacity by the many relatives and friends of the contracting parties.

At the appointed hour, Miss Nettie Hofmann took her place at the organ and as she played the familiar strains of Lohengren's Wedding chorus, Mrs. E. H. Wescott and Miss Estelle Baird stepped to the choir loft and sang as the bridal party entered.

The ribbon bearers, little Misses Mabel Lee Copenhaver and Jessie Whelan, sister of the bride, attractively dressed in white, entered first, followed by the ushers, Messrs. Don and Russell York, Charles Freese and George Morrison. Then came the four bridesmaids, Misses Mabel Carlyle of Omaha, in white; Mabel Freese, in white; Bessie Edwards, in green; and Alma Larson in green. Following the bridesmaids came the groom accompanied by Mr. Ed. White as best man, the maid of honor, Miss Carrie Baird, in green; and the bride. The bridesmaids carried elegant bouquets of pink roses and the maid of honor, red.

The bride appeared very charming in dainty white, while a misty veil and a large bouquet of bride's roses completed her costume.

Dr. J. T. Baird performed the ceremony, using the pretty ring service, which united them for life after which the wedding march was again sounded as the wedding party left the church.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Jennie Whelan and has grown to womanhood in our city. Is a graduate of the Plattsmouth High School, being a member of the class of '01. Has attended the state Normal at Peru and Wesleyan University and taught in our city for a number of years.

The groom is an energetic and exemplary young man and at the present time holds a lucrative position in the Burlington local shops. Their many friends join The Journal in wishing them a long and happy married life among the familiar scenes and faces of their youth.

Many handsome and useful gifts were showered upon the happy young couple, testimonials of the esteem in which both are held.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlson left on No. 13 the same evening for a week's wedding trip to Denver. After July 14th. they will be at home to their friends at their residence on South Seventh street.

The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Chase of St. Joe, Mo., Miss Frances Mitchell of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Dutton of University Place, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Foster of Union and Miss Emma Roegner of Louisville.

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