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## MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA HAVE BIG TIME SATURDAY NIGHT

Class of One Hundred and Ten Initiated Into Mysteries of Woodcraft by Drill Team From Camp No. 120 of Omaha.

Saturday night was sure some red-letter occasion for Cass County Camp No. 332, Modern Woodmen of America, and Plattsmouth citizens generally, it being the date of the great Woodmen rally. The evening train from the south over the Missouri Pacific brought in large delegations from Union, Murray and Myrdar, and a large number were present from Lincoln and Havelock. The members of the different orders gathered at the hall at 7:30, and after several selections by the M. W. A. band, the line of march, headed by Marshal H. S. Barthold, was taken up. The parade moved down Main street to Fourth, then north on Fourth street to the residence of Dr. E. W. Cook, head physician of the state lodge, and who was host to the visiting officers. The lodge acted as escort for the visitors to Coates' hall, where the meeting was held.

Coates' hall was crowded to its utmost capacity by the members of the local Camp and the visitors. Dr. E. W. Cook presided over the meeting and introduced the various speakers of the evening. A quartet consisting of Miss Estelle Baird, Mrs. J. W. Gamble, Mr. Ralph White and Mr. F. A. McElwain, furnished several beautiful selections during the early part of the evening. After the selections by this quartet, Mayor John P. Sattler, in a short and very pleasing address, tendered the visitors a welcome and the freedom of the city of Plattsmouth, and spoke of the great influence that the Woodmen had in this city. Ralph Johnson, state organizer of the order, responded in a short speech for the guests and touched briefly on the advantages of the M. W. A. as a protection to the families and home of its members. Mr. Johnson was in excellent voice and added much to the pleasures of the evening by his timely and to-the-point remarks. Dr. Cook then introduced Mr. Edward F. Burns, of Newark, New Jersey, national lecturer, who during the time of his speech, held the close attention of his auditors. Mr. Burns is a most eloquent and fluent speaker and it was a regret that the members could not hear more of his oratory. He spoke of the wonderful work the Modern Woodmen have done in the years of their existence, of the sorrowing widows and orphans they had relieved and, what is more pitiful than the home where the husband and father is called to his reward, leav-

ing the wife and children without the means to continue the battle of life? They must of necessity be forced to go out into the hard, cold world and, alone, make the fight for their daily bread; this the Modern Woodmen protect against by their plan of fraternal insurance. Mr. Burns touched on the great work done at Colorado Springs, where the tuberculosis sanitarium is located and who in the years to come shall rear its head aloft as the greatest monument to humanity and brotherly love, remembered when the monuments to greed and lust have crumbled into the dust of the years long gone.

Mr. Burns was followed by A. R. Talbot, of Lincoln, Nebraska, the Head Consul of the Head Camp, who spoke at some length on the M. W. A. Sanitarium at Colorado Springs and made a most logical and eloquent plea for financial aid in the upbuilding of this work. He pointed to the case of Wesley Grassman, of this city, who was a patient at the sanitarium and returned home, a cured man and is today working with the Burlington bridge gang, as a most splendid example of what they were doing out there. Mr. Talbot's remarks were well received by the audience.

Henry R. Gering, of Omaha, made a short address, speaking of the work Cass Camp had done toward relieving the wants of the needy members in this city. He also touched on the work that George Lushinsky, Henry Goos, Dr. Cook and the other workers of the local camp had done toward uplifting and sustaining the order.

After Mr. Gering's speech, Venerable Consul Lushinsky announced the presence of several candidates, some 110 in number, and the exercises of adoption began. After the initiation exercises closed, refreshments were served in the banquet room by the Royal Neighbors, to which all did ample justice.

The officers of the local camp, and Mr. William C. James, the efficient deputy, who assisted in getting together such a fine bunch of young men for the order, are to be congratulated on their success.

The splendid drilling of the crack drill team from Camp No. 120, of Omaha, who conducted the floor work, drew round after round of applause from the onlookers. Taken as a whole, it was one of the best meetings Woodcraft has had in Plattsmouth for many a day.

## LEE SHARPE ON HIS FORTY-SEVENTH PATENT

Mr. Lee Sharp, of this city, has just finished the details of securing a patent from the department at Washington, on a labor saving device for manufacturing tin cans, which is styled a "Lap seam can body maker," which is interchangeable and will make cans numbered from 1 to 16 in size.

The machine is so constructed that it can be changed from one size to another in 30 seconds, and the cans made perfectly sanitary. This is the forty-seventh patent Mr. Sharp has put through since his discovery of the principle of sanitary can making, covering the patents of the cans and the machinery to manufacture the same. With the machine just invented, one girl can do the work of 25 men under the old hand process of manufacture. The machine is to be patented in fourteen foreign countries at an expense of about \$1,800. He will commence with Norway, on the north of Europe, go down the line, including Germany, Spain, France, Italy, Turkey, Russia, and many others, including Japan in the far east.

The expense of introducing Mr. Sharp's forty-six previous inventions in fifteen foreign countries has been about \$12,000, the matter being handled entirely by his correspondent at Berlin.

Mr. Sharp's patent can is now used all over the world. He first intro-

duced it at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, through a firm with a national reputation. Its use soon spread over the eastern part of the United States, and later it was seized upon by the California fruit men, and is almost exclusively used in that state now.

Mr. Sharp has five additional patents pending, which he is working on at the present, and which will be as useful when applied to practical purposes as those already in use.

### Married by Rev. Austin.

A very pretty wedding occurred this morning at the Methodist parsonage, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Austin. The contracting parties being Mr. Albert E. Bostder and Miss Nellie E. Yockey, both of Omaha. The happy couple arrived this morning on No. 4 and quickly sought the office of Judge Beeson and procured a marriage license and inquired for the residence of the Methodist minister.

After the ceremony the young couple got dinner at a hotel and boarded the afternoon train for their home city, having stolen a march on their friends and acquaintances. Mr. Bostder is a traveling salesman for the Oliver Typewriting company, and has been doing a large volume of business for his concern.

Mr. H. D. Coleman, of Greenwood, accompanied by his brother, Mr. N. O. Coleman, were in the city today, looking after business matters in the probate court. Attorney D. K. Barr, of Louisville, was in the city on the same errand.

### Some Fireman.

Saturday night one of our handsome and popular young men decided to try his hand at railroading and accordingly spent the night assisting in firing one of the engines in the local yards. After he had shoveled several tons (2) of coal he concluded that the work was not so "soft" and that he was not a railroad man, but would confine his efforts to the selling of "Quality Clothes."

## WILL HAVE COON FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER

Mr. W. T. Smith had the good fortune a day or two ago to have a good Thanksgiving dinner thrust upon him in a manner he was not expecting. It happened in this wise: About 9 o'clock in the evening he was seated in his home, when his faithful coon dog began making a terrific barking and scurrying about the yard, and soon went under the house, all of the time yelping and barking as if he had Mr. Coon almost in his clutches. Mr. Smith thought at once that the dog had chased O. C. Dovey's Angora cat under the floor, and with no other thought than rescuing the pet, Mr. Smith took the poker and pried up a board in the floor, where the scuffle seemed to be on, when to his surprise, not the cat, but a fine fat opossum struggled through the aperture in the floor. The creature was large, fat and juicy, and one stunning blow on the head laid him low.

Mr. Smith, the next morning, went to the grocery store and ordered a half bushel of sweet potatoes, and on Thanksgiving day will have a feast that would make President Taft smile. Mr. Smith thinks he has caught the chicken thief which has robbed the neighbors' hen roosts during the fall.

### County Option and Trouble.

Hon. George W. Leidigh, the only democrat elected to the legislature in Otoe county, was in Omaha the other day, and in an interview with a World-Herald reporter, made some statements to the effect that he thinks county option will have a rocky road to travel this winter in the legislature.

"I understand," he said, "that there are several members counted as county optionists who would be willing to support a bill that makes a county all wet or all dry, but they are not in favor of the double-ender proposition submitted by the Anti-Saloon League, under which a county may be dry, if it goes dry and dry if it goes wet."

"I see there is considerable discussion as to where Henry Bartling stands. I'm afraid Henry will find himself in something of a pickle this winter. I ran across him several times during the campaign and I know he told German voters that he was against county option, while I am told he expressed himself the other way to dry voters."

Mr. Leidigh might have added that there are several others who will find themselves in the same fix, who peddled anti-option cards in anti-option circles and other kinds of cards in temperance circles. But when the county option measure comes up it will be a true case of you'll be damned if you don't, with those fellows.

### Fall Wheat Looks Bad.

Have you noticed that your fall wheat looks just a little wilted or the blades are turning brown and appear dead? This is the condition of a sample brought to the Journal office today. Upon close investigation it reveals the fact that this condition is caused from a very small bug or insect upon the inside of the stalk just at the first joint above the ground, which evidently eats the heart from the same. Some farmers have attributed this condition of the fall grain to the weather, thinking that it needed rain, but this is not true. If your wheat looks unhealthy investigate it and see if you do not find the bug concealed as stated above.

### Will Quit Newspaper Work.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Withrow of Thurman, Iowa, arrived in the city last evening. Mr. Withrow will give up newspaper work for a year or so and will engage in farming on his farm near Union.—Nebraska City Daily Press.

Read the Daily Journal.

## SPEAKER HOTEL BURNED DOWN

The Loss on the Building and Contents Estimated at From \$6,000 to \$9,500

From Monday's Daily.

The good citizens of Louisville were aroused from their peaceful slumbers this morning about 1 o'clock by the alarm of fire, when it was discovered that the Speaker hotel was in flames. The fire had gained such headway that it was soon seen that it would be an utter impossibility to save the building with simply a bucket brigade, and the work of saving as much of the contents as possible was commenced, and many articles were removed ere the building went to pieces. It is said by many eye-witnesses that with the proper facilities for fighting fire the building could have been partially saved.

It took desperate hard work to keep the flames from communicating with the livery barn across the street, and the Christian church, adjacent to the burned hotel. A bucket brigade was formed, and the water carried from the livery barn and a well back of the Courier office. The hotel was a frame building, and was built about 27 or 28 years ago. John Ellers who runs the hotel for the past two years, recently sold the furniture to a man by the name of Vandercove, who also had traded for the building, and had occupied the same but a few weeks. The loss on building and contents is estimated at all the way from \$6,000 to \$9,500.

The fire is said to have originated in the kitchen, but just how, we are not informed. But suffice to say, it was a narrow escape from a general conflagration, which the town would most assuredly have had had the wind been blowing hard and in the proper direction.

This disaster should be a warning to the business men and citizens generally to prepare for such occurrences as they are liable to come at a time when least expected. The Courier has been advocating waterworks in Louisville week in and week out for years, and but little attention seems to have been paid to the appeals of its editor, L. J. Mayfield. And, of course, there will be some talk now for a few weeks about fire protection, but what the people of Louisville want now, is action, and that quickly. No town should be without fire protection, and Louisville has simply had a taste of the folly of doing without it.

### Funeral of Mrs. Tom Janda.

The funeral of Mrs. Tom Janda, who died in Omaha, occurred this morning from the Bohemian Catholic church, being conducted by Father Vleck, pastor of the church. The deceased leaves surviving her husband and three children, ranging from five years to six weeks old. She also leaves a father and two sisters to mourn her untimely death. The pall bearers were Frank Slovcek, John Libershall, John Novacek, Joseph Zitka, Joseph Hadraba and Frank Janda.

### In From Nebraska.

From Monday's Daily.

Henry Knabe and son Edward, Henry Vantine and Edward Miller, all good farmers from near Nebraska, were in the city a few hours today, coming up in the automobile from the Knabe place. They had some business matters to look after at the county seat, and while here Mr. Knabe found time to pay this office a brief call, renewing for his paper. Mr. Knabe has been a reader of the Journal for many years, and the kind that the country publisher is mighty proud of. They returned home this afternoon.

### Very Best of Crops.

Our excellent friend, Henry Hilbert, residing just north of the cemetery, was in the city last Saturday and called at the Journal office to renew for his paper. Mr. Hilbert is another one of Cass county's farmers who raises corn whether it rains or not. He tells us that this season his corn will run fifty bushels to the acre, and having in about thirty acres. He says this is the best crop in all his years of farming.

If you want help or have anything to sell, advertise in the Journal.

Mrs. Henry Mockenhaupt, who came in from Sterling, Nebraska, Friday evening for a visit with relatives and friends in this city, was a pleasant caller at this office Saturday afternoon, renewing her subscription to the Semi-Weekly for another year, which was very much appreciated by us. Mrs. Mockenhaupt went out to Cedar Creek yesterday for a short visit with relatives and friends in that vicinity, returning to this city this morning. Mrs. Mockenhaupt returned to her home at Sterling this afternoon.

## FUNERAL OF THE LATE A. E. GASS YESTERDAY

From Monday's Daily.

The funeral services over the remains of the late A. E. Gass were held at the family residence on Vine street yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock and were conducted by Rev. L. W. Gade, of the First Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Gass was a consistent member during his life time. During the hour of holding the service, a large number of old time friends and neighbors thronged the lawn and paved street in front of the residence, having come to pay a last tribute of respect to a man whom all admired for his many kindly traits.

The music consisted of favorite songs of the deceased and were rendered by a quartet of ladies, all of whom had often sung for Mr. Gass, the singers being Mrs. Wiggendor, Mrs. Holyoke, Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. C. E. Wescott; the numbers rendered were, "Abide With Me," "Softly Now the Light of Day," and a solo, "Flee As a Bird," sung by Mrs. Wiggendor. The singers were accompanied with piano, played by Mr. C. E. Wescott.

The floral tokens, consisting of huge white and yellow chrysanthemums, and other beautiful autumnal flowers, were banked in profusion over the piano, under and upon the casket, silently speaking of the pure admiration of the life and character of the deceased held in the mind and hearts of the donors.

The Masonic order attended in a body, and formed on either side of the walk, as the casket was borne to the hearse, and acted as an escort to the cemetery, where the Masonic burial rites were observed, the services at the grave being conducted by Master of the lodge, Mr. O. C. Dovey. The pall bearers were: Dr. T. P. Livingston, Mr. Fred Murphy, George Dovey, Carl Frickie, C. C. Parmele and Bert Pollock.

### Cass County Couple Wed.

Judge W. W. Wilson, assisted by John Cupid (copyright) Miller, tied the knot which will bind for life Fred Douglas, aged 21, and Miss Lola Van Winkle, aged 18, of Union.

The young couple approached the judge's office yesterday afternoon and announced their willingness to embark on the stormy sea of matrimony in spite of the high cost of living and the terrifying statistics of the divorce court. As Judge Wilson was not in the court house at the time John Cupid (copyright) rang the court house bell and the judge came to his marriage parlors on the lobe.

Note: We fix the word "copyrighted" after Mr. Miller's new name for the reason that we have really "copyrighted" this appendage and insist that the same be not infringed, defringed or decorated with any other kind of fringe.—Nebraska City Press.

### Has Finger Badly Injured.

Miss Katie Hess, an employe of the M. E. Smith factory, met with quite a serious accident last Saturday afternoon, which resulted in her sustaining a painful cut on the finger of one hand. Miss Hess was busy about her machine, at the time oiling and cleaning, the machinery being in motion, when in some unaccountable way her finger got entangled with the moving parts of the machine in such a manner as to inflict the cut. She hurried to a doctor and had the injury dressed, it requiring a stitch to close the wound.

Although Miss Hess was unable to work today, she thinks that by tomorrow she will be able to operate a machine again.

Ben Harrison, former principal of the high school, came down from Lincoln Saturday and attended the funeral of the late Mr. A. E. Gass, Sunday.

## SMALL FIRE AT COUNTY JAIL

Prisoners Confined in the Venerable Ruin Badly Scared

From Tuesday's Daily

The fire alarm was turned in last evening about 6:45, notifying the department that its services were needed at the county jail.

Grant Blunt, who was in the cage awaiting to be taken to the penitentiary to begin his seven-year sentence, gave the first alarm by tapping on the water pipe, which furnishes the flow of water for the living rooms above. Mrs. Manspeaker accompanied by Mrs. Schlater, went below and opened up the jail and discovered that the mattress in the city department of the jail were ablaze. She hurried back upstairs to the telephone and called for Mr. Manspeaker at the barn, and the fire alarm was turned in. When Mrs. Manspeaker returned to the jail, city prisoner McDonald, the only other occupant of the jail aside from Blunt, was standing in the middle of the city compartment with the broom in his hand, the broom being on fire, McDonald was swinging it to and fro apparently thinking he was extinguishing the flames. Mrs. Manspeaker and Mrs. Schlater got water from the front part of the jail and put the fire out, and by the time the department was on the scene, there was nothing left of the fire but the smoke, which permeated every corner of the building. Convict Blunt had quite a scare, as he was locked in the cage with no means of escape, and it appeared to him for a few minutes that he might be cremated.

McDonald is an insanity suspect, whom the city authorities apprehended last Friday, and the man being a member of the Eagle lodge, interest enough in his case was taken by some of the members here to have the authorities try to find some of his friends, before having the board send him to the asylum. There were some expressions of regret that the old hulk did not go up in smoke, as there is not much prospect of getting rid of the old rattle in any other way.

### Make Fast Time.

From Tuesday's Daily

Harry Graves, J. B. Roddy, Ed. Leach and G. W. Cheney, of Union, motored to Plattsmouth last evening in 28 minutes, being approximately a mile each minute and a half, which, considering the hilly condition of the road, is making some speed. The party met Charles L. Graves, of Union, and Charles Peck, of Elmwood at the Burlington station to give them a ride home. Before starting Attorney Graves made an oral will directing his near friends what should be done with his remains, and, displaying a vast amount of nerve, stepped into the auto with the speedy driver, and clinching his teeth, got hold of the seat in front and stated that he was ready.

We have not heard from C. L. since, but as the press dispatches are silent as to fatalities from Union, we presume he yet lives.

### George Harshman Here.

Mr. Geo. W. Harshman, of Avoca, who has been spending a year traveling through the different states, returned to his home last week and paid Plattsmouth a visit yesterday. Mr. Harshman has spent some time in Kansas, where his son Floyd is farming, and where Mr. Harshman owns a large tract of land. He reports crop conditions very good in Kansas. Wheat that was sowed in September was looking fine, that which was sowed later had not come up yet, and the farmers there were wishing for a good snow to moisten the ground.

### Notice.

To all owners and parties interested in lots located in the Horning cemetery: There will be a meeting held at the Horning school house on December 3rd, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing trustees for said cemetery. Also to transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

Geo. W. Snyder.  
Will T. Adams.

Mrs. Jacob Vogel, of Clarkson, Nebraska, who has been a guest of Mrs. Augusta Martins for a short time, returned to her home this morning.