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THE ROAD OF BEAUTY TOPIC OF SPEAKER

DR. CHARLES M. SHEPHERD, OF LINCOLN, SPEAKS ON THIS SUBJECT AT SUPPER.

ADDRESS ONE OF REAL BEAUTY

Other Excellent Features Mark Session of the Chamber of Commerce Gathering.

From Wednesday's Daily—

Last evening the parlors of the First Methodist church were the scene of a very pleasant gathering when the December supper of the "Happy Hundred" was staged with the usual number of the men of the community in attendance and the greatest interest shown in the proceedings.

The supper was prepared by the ladies of the Methodist church and served most charmingly by the Social Workers of the church and was a real treat to everyone in the splendid menu and careful and pleasant manner in which this part of the program was carried out.

Rev. H. G. McClusky of the First Presbyterian church offered the invocation. The "Happy Hundred" had as their guests for the evening two of the prominent business men of Union, Hon. W. B. Banning and D. R. Frank who were greeted by their Plattsmouth friends in an enthusiastic manner.

Others of the guests present were greeted with the songs of cheer by the singing chorus of the "Happy Hundred" and among those were Dr. O. Sandin, the hard working and faithful chief of the five department, Mr. Wind, who is in charge of the construction of the new infirmary at the Nebraska Masonic Home, the Masonic Home was recognized when W. F. Evers, the superintendent of the Home, with two of his "Boys," C. C. Despain and J. M. Wolf, both aged 85 years, were called upon and satiated by the audience standing.

One of the surprises of the supper to both the audience and the speaker as well as when Toastmaster Earl Davis called upon Attorney J. A. Caswell for a vocal solo, as Joe had thought himself safe in declining earlier in the day only to be called on unexpectedly at the supper hour and he responded very graciously to the request of the toastmaster and delighted the audience with a number.

The speaker of the evening was introduced very briefly by Mr. Davis and in his address, Rev. Shepherd gave the fulfillment of his reputation as a speaker and left with his audience a real message of truth and beauty that will be remembered by those who heard it.

The speaker in his opening remarks touched on the present day disregard of property, of life and of the finer things of life and the need of the race to proceed along the straight way, the everlasting reward of mankind.

The subject of the address of Dr. Shepherd was that of "The Road of Beauty" and along which mankind moves to the infinite by their journey, finding along the way the rarest beauty in the dark places and the search for the beauty that the human soul and life contains. Many of the great beauties of character, and the achievements of mankind had been unearthed after searching in the rough places that are met with in life's journey and brought to light in the trying fire of the test of real manhood and womanhood.

The meeting was closed with the benediction of the Rev. Frank Emory Proutz of the First Methodist church.

Advertising will pay you.

SCRATCHING ORDER OF DAY

From Tuesday's Daily— The children of the city have for the past few days been suffering from a new form of itch that has spread very generally and caused a great deal of scratching among the young folks as well as alarming the parents who have had visions of a more serious malady. The trouble has been figured out as the "winter itch" and while not dangerous it is quite annoying and in some cases causes some sickness to the patient. The city authorities are urging that parents that have children in school that develop the itch to have them remain at home and receive medical attention in order that the itch may be cured up properly as allowing the child to run any length of time makes it that much more difficult to handle and annoying to the little folks. Unless the disease is checked it may be necessary to close some of his rooms in the school where the malady seems to be the worst, but the co-operation of the parents can have a great deal to do in checking the disease and preventing making this action necessary.

ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICES TO BE HELD SUNDAY

Annual Memorial Services Will Be Held at 2:30 Sunday Afternoon—Public Invited.

From Wednesday's Daily— The memorial services of Plattsmouth lodge No. 739, E. P. O. E., will be held at the Parmele theatre on Sunday afternoon, December 7, at 2:30.

This annual observance of the tribute to the departed members of the order of Elks is one of the beautiful customs of the lodge and keeps green the memory and virtues of those who have gone from the activity of the lodge here to the beauties of the great beyond.

The program of the exercises arranged by the committee is as follows: Piano solo, "Largo," by Handel, Miss Catherine Flynn. Initial services, E. P. O. E. officers, Invocation, Chaplain. Vocal solo, "The City Four Square," by Danks, Mrs. E. H. Westcott.

Roll Call of Departed Brothers, Secretary. Tokens of Remembrance at Altar. Violin solo, "Bereave," by Grieg, Mrs. A. D. Caldwell. Memorial Address, Brother N. C. Abbott of Nebraska City lodge No. 1039.

Vocal Solo, "Just For Today," by Abbott, Mrs. James T. Begley. Closing Services. Benediction, Chaplain. The public is cordially invited to be in attendance at the services and to assist in the observance of the tribute to the departed friends and neighbors.

EASTERN STAR HOLDS ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Home Chapter No. 189 Has Election of the New Officers at Their Meeting Last Evening.

From Wednesday's Daily— Last evening at their lodge rooms in the Masonic temple, Home chapter No. 189 Order of the Eastern Star held their annual election of officers and with a very large attendance of the membership present to take part in the session.

The officers selected for the ensuing year were as follows: Worthy Matron—Mrs. Ella Wolf. Worthy Patron—William F. Evers. Associate Matron—Mrs. Carrie Clouid. Conductress—Mrs. Henrietta Gorder. Associate Conductress—Mrs. Grace Chase. Secretary—Miss Clara Weyrich. Treasurer—Mrs. Elizabeth Burnie. The newly elected officers together with the appointive officers that are to be named later by the worthy matron, will be installed in their office in January when the new year opens up.

MISS JONES ILL

From Tuesday's Daily— Miss Olive Jones, the efficient librarian, has for the past few days been confined to her home suffering from a very severe cold that has made it impossible for her to look after her duties at the library. Miss Verna Leonard, assistant librarian, has also been having a struggle with the grippe but so far has been able to be on duty and see that the Plattsmouth reading public is supplied with the books from the library.

A. B. Smith was in Omaha today to spend a few hours attending to some matters of business and visiting with relatives and friends.

HUSBAND DEMANDS FARM GO WITH WIFE

PETITION IN DAMAGE SUIT ALLEGES SON-IN-LAW WANTS IT FROM WIFE'S FOLKS

FORMER CASS COUNTY PEOPLE

Defendant is Frank H. Stander Formerly of Near Louisville; J. A. Kelly Is the Plaintiff.

From Wednesday's Daily—

Less than a year after his marriage Joseph A. Kelly, mining promoter of Dubuque, Ia., asked a 160 acre farm of his father-in-law, Frank H. Stander, 135 North Fortieth street, Omaha, as the price of returning to the family circle as a son-in-law, according to assertions Mr. Stander made Tuesday in his petition, answering Kelly's 50 thousand dollar suit for alienation of his wife's affections. The farm the son-in-law wanted before he would consent to live with his estranged wife, Bertha Stander Kelly, was then considered one of the best 160 acre tracts in Nebraska, according to D. M. Murphy, counsel for Mr. Stander.

Kelly filed the alienation suit after his wife had sued him for separate maintenance. In it he alleges Stander is worth 3 hundred thousand dollars. Kelly is president of the Yampul Onyx Mining company of Dubuque.

Separated After Few Months

Kelly and Miss Stander were married July 22, 1913. After several months they separated and, according to the father-in-law's allegations, Kelly wrote him from St. Louis under date of March 29, 1914, setting forth the conditions under which he would return to live with his wife.

Mrs. Stander's petition quotes the letter as follows: "In my last letter to Bertha I stated that since I had completely lost all the affection I ever had for her and Mrs. Stander and yourself, I thought it only proper for her to leave me alone. But Bertha has failed to abide by my decision and leave me alone and so it is that I am writing to you to ascertain if you will comply with the following: "Privilege to Dispose of Land.

"To deed to Bertha Stander Kelly and Joseph A. Kelly 160 acres of land situated in Cass county, Nebraska, the value of which shall not be less than 10 thousand dollars, with the privilege of selling, or to do with the said 160 acres of land whatever it may please us to do heretofore."

"Now, Mr. Stander, the above is positively what you will have to do if you ever hope to have me begin again where I left off. It's you and Mrs. Stander mostly who can assist in making Bertha happy for the rest of her days. You will no doubt say, 'What assurance have we that you will not waste this in foolish ventures, etc., and in reply to the question I have only to say, Mr. Stander, that you will have taken the risk of finding out whether I am or am not a great deal better than you had ever hoped to find me. If I live with Bertha again I would positively have to have funds with which to get into something suitable to taste, and in so far as I am personally concerned, I can get along very well by myself as I can earn enough to enjoy life."

"I will never again have anything to do with you or, in fact, with anyone related to you if you fail to comply with this last wish of mine."

"JOSEPH A. KELLY."

Says Compromised on \$3,000 Mr. Stander said Kelly followed the letter to Omaha and verbally insisted on getting the deed. Mr. Stander said he refused the request, but compromised with a 3 thousand dollar cash settlement and the couple left together for Torrington, Wyo. More requests for money came from Torrington, Mr. Stander asserted. Then came letters from neighbors, urging him to go out there as his daughter and family was destitute. Stander says he went out there and found Kelly gone.

Another letter in the petition, written in August, 1914, is quoted as follows: "In the past I have asked you for aid because I believed then, as now, that if you didn't owe it to me, you owed it to Bertha for the hard labor she performed to help you accumulate what you possess."

On practically every occasion that he met his son-in-law, a request was made for money, Stander asserts. If none was forthcoming, his daughter would be treated cruelly, alleges Stander.

The Kelly's married life has been marked by frequent separations, the father-in-law asserts and each time he has effected reconciliations, generally by financial contributions. Kelly has never taken his wife and four children to a public gathering. Stander alleges, asking dismissal of the son-in-law's suit. — Omaha World-Herald.

SEES STRANGE ANIMALS

From Tuesday's Daily— Down in Otoe county there come strange tales of the various animals that have been glimpsed by residents in the western portion of that county and the inhabitants there have reported seeing lions and, also deer in various parts of the county. This is a new departure to find the wild African lion and the shy and elusive deer in this section of the country and the residents of Cass county have had no reports of any such animals as the worst that the Cass county people have to report are snakes of various kinds. By the way of explanation the story is circulated that the lions and deer supposed to have escaped from a circus that traveled through that county some months ago. The lion is going to find the Nebraska winter decidedly hard, however, if it does not seek some winter quarters more congenial.

SUPREME COURT HEARS PARMELE CASE MONDAY

Former Wealthy Resident of This City Accused of Failing to Account For \$1,500.

From Tuesday's Daily— The appeal of Charles C. Parmele, former Plattsmouth banker and at one time one of the wealthiest residents of Cass county, was argued and submitted in supreme court Monday morning.

Parmele was convicted in the lower court on a charge of embezzlement. The state claimed that he embezzled a note for \$1,500 entrusted to him by Luke Wiles to be applied upon a note of \$5,000 that he owed Mrs. Daisy Douglas. The state says that neither the note nor the proceeds reached Mrs. Douglas and was never credited on the note Wiles owed her.

Parmele insists that the transaction involved no turpitude on his part. Mrs. Douglas was a woman client with money to loan. She asked him to get a mortgage in which she could invest \$3,500 cash she had on hand. He could not find any of that amount, but conceived the idea that if he could get Wiles to give him a note for \$1,500 he could add this to the \$3,500 cash and invest it in a \$5,000 mortgage secured by a man named Latham. He says he claims he could not find any of that amount, but conceived the idea that if he could get Wiles to give him a note for \$1,500 he could add this to the \$3,500 cash and invest it in a \$5,000 mortgage secured by a man named Latham.

The state's theory is that Mrs. Douglas refused to accept the Latham mortgage when she found that it was a second mortgage, and that that is why the endorsement of a payment by Wiles does not appear on his note. — State Journal.

ELECTS CLASS OFFICERS

From Tuesday's Daily— The eighth grade pupils of the Junior high school are not taking a back seat for the members of the high school and have perfected an organization of the classes that compose the 8th grade A and B, and which will next year comprise the freshmen class of the high school. The officers selected are Jack Hatt, president; Thurston Turner, vice president; Robert Hadra, secretary; Marie Valley, treasurer. The eighth graders have selected red and black as their colors and will proceed to let the rest of the school know that they are on the map in the future.

HOBOS ARE PLENTIFUL

From Wednesday's Daily— While the newspapers are filled with stories of the great boom that has been sweeping over the country, the number of drifters in this locality does not seem to diminish and each evening there are large numbers of the wanderers seeking shelter at the city jail for the night and the next morning seeking their way to other more congenial climes. Last evening the night police had eleven of these wayfarers lodged in the jail and at the coming of daylight they were released by Officer Clyde Jackson and departed for the southland.

IMPROVING BARBER SHOP

From Tuesday's Daily— The interior of the Triletty barber shop on Main street is being given an overhauling and re-decorating that will place it in first class shape and make it the object of beauty and attractiveness. The shop is being re-papered and decorated by Harry Kruger and his workmen and when completed it will give Mr. Triletty a very neat place of business and one that will add very much to that section of the city.

FIRST STATE BANK OF BETHANY STUCK UP TUESDAY MORN

Two Unmasked Bandits Who Participated in Robbery of Normal Bank Did the Job.

Two unmasked yeggs robbed the First State bank of Bethany at about 11:30 a. m. Tuesday of \$2,545 in cash including \$500 in gold, kidnaped the cashier and his assistant and escaped in a new Ford touring car bearing license numerals 2-1186. This is a Waverly car, owned by a reputable citizen and had probably been stolen.

The officials of the bank, though unharmed, were necessarily delayed in reporting the holdup, but within fifteen minutes officers were closing in on every section of Lincoln where the men were believed to be in hiding.

The two yeggs boasted to Cashier and his assistant that they robbed the Normal State bank some six weeks ago. They further admitted that the bandit car in use on the Bethany job was stolen in Lincoln and would be returned to Lincoln. With three daylight robberies within a period of six weeks pulled in Lincoln suburbs, state, county and city officials were grouped into small bands with instructions to comb the city.

O. E. Heiliger, cashier of the Bethany bank, stepped to the window to wait on two supposed customers. Two men with overcoats and caps drawn well down but without masks, stood before him. One tossed a dollar bill before the cashier. He asked for twenty-five pennies and ten nickels. After counting the smaller change the banker handed out a quarter to complete the transaction and as he looked up, he saw the barrel of a gun pointed at him.

"Hands up!" This command from one of the yeggs was the first warning to Harry Heiliger, assistant cashier and brother of the cashier, that the bank was being robbed. He was standing at a window with back to the men. As the command to stick 'em up was issued, the bandits climbed over the rail or netting. But one gun was in evidence but this weapon was constantly trained on the cashier and his assistant who were backed into a corner.

The yeggs rifled the cash drawer of an amount estimated at \$2,545 in currency. Driving the bankers ahead of them, they then entered the vault and took in gold, \$500. The cashier Heiliger, one of the yeggs then went out to put the car in order. The other, with gun pointed at the backs of his victims, started them on a quick march out of the institution. They were deposited in the back seat. The bandits climbed to the front seat and drove to Fifty-sixth and Randolph. They stopped the car in a draw and the bankers were released. The yeggs then drove south over the raise but when the kidnaped men reached the crest of the hill, the car had disappeared.

Say They Pulled Normal Job

The bandits boldly admitted that they robbed the Normal State bank some six weeks ago. While rushing toward Lincoln with the bankers, one yegg said: "Remember the Normal bank job? Well, we're the guys."

According to the cashier, the bandits admitted that they stole the car from the Lincoln streets. State Sheriff Carroll and other officers are convinced that the Normal bank and the Bethany bank were looted by the same pair. The same tactics were used on the two occasions. Both jobs were pulled at approximately the same time of day. In each instance, the yeggs resorted to kidnaping.

"Did you ever see me before?" said one of the robbers to Harry Heiliger, assistant cashier. "I don't believe so," was the reply. "Well, you ought to. I was in your bank here about a month ago," the bandit said.

A hasty tally made by State Sheriff Carroll, Sheriff Hensel and Police Chief Johnstone between the descriptions of the robbers furnished by the Heiliger brothers Tuesday, and that of the robbers who looted the Normal bank recently, shows a possibility that they actually may be the same pair. Both of the Bethany bank robbers were good looking, well dressed and mannerly, the bankers said. Both of about the same height, five feet nine or ten inches and appeared to weigh about one hundred and sixty pounds. One was of a dark complexion and the other was light complexioned, which tallies with part of the description of the Normal robbers. Both were dressed in overcoats and wore caps. One of the overcoats was of a brown leather color.

RAISES SOME CORN

From Tuesday's Daily— Luther Meade of Union, has just finished picking corn. He picked 10,335 bushel from 250 acres, making an average of 42 bushel. The way some corn has turned out, he is well pleased with his crop. He has raised 55,000 bushels in the last five years. He is farming the L. G. Todd farm north of Union. Mr. Meade is one of the men who know how to farm, and is not afraid of the work necessary to make a real corn crop.

NEW HARNESS SHOP

Charles L. Bates is opening a new harness shop in the building west of the Donat soft drink parlor which will be in readiness in the next few days for the handling of any line of harness making or repairing. Mr. Bates is well known over this section of Cass county and will be able to handle all kinds of work in his line that may come to him.

W. C. T. U. HOLDS VERY INTERESTING MEETING

Gathering at Methodist Church Well Attended and Great Deal of Interest Shown.

From Tuesday's Daily— The members of the local Woman's Christian Temperance Union met yesterday afternoon at the Methodist church and with a very large number of the ladies in attendance at the meeting and which was particularly interesting as celebrating the 50th anniversary of the society in the United States.

Many of the older members of the union recall distinctly the early days of the organization when the small band of praying women started their long crusade against the liquor traffic that forty-five years later was to bring them a great nationwide victory. In those days the life of a member of the W. C. T. U. was one filled with trials and difficulties and this organization practically conducted the fight for many years for prohibition and while other organizations may have taken the credit for the success of the movement, the women of the W. C. T. U. are the ones who deserve the real credit for the steadfast purpose that finally won them the victory.

At the meeting yesterday, Miss Olive Gass was called upon to give the history of the organization and particularly of the local union for the past half century and did this in a very pleasing manner and which brought forth a great deal of interest from the assembled members.

SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

From Monday's Daily— The many friends of Mrs. Thomas Svoboda will be pleased to learn that she is now showing improvement and is able to be up and around the house following her recent attack of flu and a very severe cold, but she is still far from well and it will be some little time before she is restored to her former good health.

All the home news delivered at your door daily for 15c a week.

WOMAN'S CLUB HAS A VERY FINE MEETING

Session at Library Well Attended and Members Hear Miss Kaufmann.

From Tuesday's Daily— Last evening the Plattsmouth Woman's club met at the auditorium of the public library with a very large number of the members in attendance and the greatest of interest shown in the proceedings. The roll call was had on "The Places I Would Like to See," and in this America had the largest preference over all other sections as the ladies expressed their desire to visit Miss Kaufmann in attractive spots in our own wonderland in preference to any other place in the world.

The members of the club enjoyed a letter from Mrs. Perryman, state president, complimenting the Plattsmouth club on the manner in which the social committee had carried out the luncheon and program here on the occasion of the visit of Mrs. Perryman to this city. After the adjournment of the regular business session the members of the club had the pleasure of hearing from Miss Kaufmann on her recent trip to Europe and in which she gave very vivid descriptions of the places of interest that were visited and the general descriptions of the people and the countries was most interesting and very enjoyable to all of the ladies. Miss Kaufmann in her three months' tour of the principal nations of the old world was most observing and brought from the trip many happy memories and her extensive travels in Switzerland particularly was a real treat to the auditors as she took them over the scenes of the little mountain republic. Miss Kaufmann also had with her many mementoes of the trip that added interest to the lecture.

The social committee of group No. 1 consisting of Mesdames C. A. Rosencrans, L. L. Turpin, Frank L. Cummins, H. F. Goos, Robert Reed, James G. Mauzy, C. A. Rawls, F. G. Egenberger, H. A. Schneider, A. H. Duxbury and Misses May Murphy and Margaret Hallahan will have charge of the next meeting which will be held on December 12. The place of the meeting will be announced later.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

From Tuesday's Daily— Word has been received here from Mr. and Mrs. John W. Chapman of near Willard, Montana, announcing that their seven-year-old daughter, Mary Agnes, had been taken with a very sudden and severe attack of appendicitis and that her case had been so severe that it was necessary to have her hurried to the hospital at Baker where an operation was performed at once. This case has been a very serious one and the many friends here of the family are anxiously awaiting word from the bedside of the little girl and trusting that she may have a speedy recovery from the sickness and be restored to her former good health.

Mrs. Ed Thrall departed this morning for Omaha to spend a few hours attending to some matters of business.

The Bank for YOU and YOURS. It Will Pay You. To Talk to Us About Farm Mortgage Loans. Favorable terms and the best of service right here at home, make The First National Bank the logical place to go if you are considering placing a mortgage on your farm. Come in and talk over your plans and needs with us. Our rate is most reasonable. THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK PLATTSMOUTH NEBRASKA "The Bank Where You Feel at Home!"